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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.

MODERN WORK.

RINGERS AND WAR LOAN.

The decision of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham to invest a portion of its reserve funds in the great national War Loan will be read by many with much interest, and we think it is a step which might well be taken by other associations with advantage to themselves and in the interests of the nation. Birmingham is a city of intense patriotism, whether in regard to its own domestic affairs or in matters of national or imperial import, while even in connection with ringing one is able to see the same spirit animating the members of the Exercise who reside in the Midland capital. We are drawing no invidious distinction when we say that there is not an association in the kingdom in which the members as a whole take more pride in their parent organisation than do the Birmingham members of the St. Martin's Guild.

An opportunity has now arisen to apply their patriotism to wider ends, and very quickly they seized it. The conditions of the issue of the new War Loan had not long been made known before the officials of the Guild were called together by the enterprising honorary secretary, and the result has been an investment in the great popular issue. The example is one which other ringing societies with a reserve capital might well follow. Four and a half per cent. is, we have no doubt, a better interest than most of the societies are now receiving, so that, as was pointed out when the St. Martin's Guild came to their decision, prudence would go hand in hand with patriotism. From the point of view of investment there can be no question as to its value. Many societies are not getting more than two and a half per cent. for their invested money, and that additional two per cent. is really worth having. But in the present time of crisis, when, as has been over and over again impressed upon us, the silver bullets are as important as the other forms of ammunition, there is a double incentive for everyone to help provide the sinews of war.

Since the news of the action of the St. Martin's Guild came to hand we learn that the Herts Association has taken a similar course. Purchase through the Post Office is open until December 1st; but it is advisable that there should be as little delay as possible. It is, of course, impossible for the various associations to hold general meetings to discuss the subject, but committees might meet or, by postal vote, give the necessary power to the executive officers, in order that funds might be invested. If such a step were taken we have no doubt a subsequent general meeting would endorse the action, for the patriotism of ringers has been amply proved to be no jot behind that of any other class of the community. If, therefore, societies are in a position to give financial help to the nation, we hope there will be no hesitation in following the example of Birmingham and Hertfordshire.

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

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SIDNEY POCOCK Treble
JAMES ARTHUR 2
WILLIAM LEBBON 3
ARCHIBALD GARRETT 4

GEORGE BARNES 5
WILLIAM J. REED 6
MATTHEW ELLSMORE 7
WILLIAM BUTLER, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ARTHUR.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival. W. Lebbon and M. Ellsmore hail from Portsmouth.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2
ERNEST PYE 3—4
GEORGE R. PYE 5—6

WILLIAM PYE 7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9—10
FRANK I. HAIRS 11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. T. COLES.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of G. R. Pye.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Monday, July 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

FRANK SMITH 1—2
JAMES HUNT 3—4

EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5—6
WILLIAM T. POWELL 7—8

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Witness: MR. W. A. GREENING.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces: Wheeler A. Roberts, of Stoke-in-Coventry, A.S.C., now at Woolwich.

Tpr. G. R. Ladd, of All Saints', Gainsborough, Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry, now at Swaffham, Norfolk.

Cpl. Albert Streeter, of St. John's Society, Redhill, Surrey, 9th Batt. Royal West Surrey Regiment, now at Colchester.

Pte. Harold Dennis, of St. John's Society, Redhill, 3rd Batt. Royal West Surrey Regiment.

Pte. John Fishwick, of St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, 2/5 Batt. Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (T.), now in France.

Tpr. Henry Wright, and

Tpr. Thos. Merriman, of Clifford, Montgomeryshire Yeomanry, now at Aylsham.

FIVE SOLDIER BROTHERS.

Mr. S. R. Roper, who is a well-known Croydon ringer, has five brothers (two of them also ringers) serving with the colours.

Sub-Conductor L. J. Roper, of St. Mary's, Dover, A.O.C. in France.

Staff-Sergt. P. C. Roper, of Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmund's, R.E., in France.

Farrier-Sergt. F. Roper, R.E., in France.

Staff-Sergt. R. W. Roper, A.O.C., in Egypt.

Pte. H. M. Roper, 3rd Suffolks, at Felixstowe.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET. — Bath and Wells Association. — At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes): S. Wyatt 1, H. J. Creed 2, E. Lloyd 3, A. Wyatt 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Burge (composer and conductor) 6, I. Creed 7, F. Sadd 8, W. White 9, S. Phillips 10. Arranged for Pte W. White, who is serving in His Majesty's Forces at Plymouth, and who was home on short leave.

ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS. THE FIRST CENTURY REACHED.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

Our special appeal last week that ringers should make a big effort to raise their contributions, sent through "The Ringing World" to the National Relief Fund, to the sum of one hundred guineas by the anniversary of the first appeal made through our columns, has resulted in this amount being at once raised. Numerous small and very acceptable sums came in, but the achievement has been due to the ready and extremely generous gift of Mr. Robt. Warner, head of the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, who has sent us a cheque for twenty-five pounds. This handsome donation will, we are sure, encourage ringers to swell their own particular fund still further, and to make a real effort to raise the second hundred guineas for the Prince of Wales' Fund.

Mr. Warner sent us the following letter:—

Dear Sir,—In answer to your appeal contained in the leading article of your issue of last Friday, the 2nd inst., I have much pleasure to enclose cheque for twenty-five pounds to complete "The Ringing World's" first hundred guineas instalment of the Prince of Wales' Fund.

No doubt you will have received other contributions this week, and, therefore, should there be any balance, perhaps you would kindly carry forward the surplus amount as the first contribution to "The Ringing World's" second hundred guineas instalment to the National Relief Fund.

Wishing you every success,

I am, yours faithfully

ROBERT WARNER.

The Bell Foundry,
Spitalfields,
5th July, 1915.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following amounts are acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	80	1	6
Bushey Society (June collection)	0	4	6
All Saints' Society, Hertford (per Mr. D. Dye)	0	5	0
"Wanderer" (June contribution)	0	2	0
Mrs. "Wanderer" (June contribution)	0	2	0
Mr. James George, Birmingham (second contribution)	0	2	6
Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield	0	5	0
Collected at meeting of Bolton Branch, Lances Association (per Mr. P. Crook)	0	4	0
Ringers of Eccleston, Chester (per Mr. H. W. Wilde)	0	2	6
Ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Goole (per Mr. C. W. King)	0	5	0
York Minster Society, June contribution (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	3	6
Mr. Robert Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London	25	0	0
Total	£106	17	6

In case the impression may have been gained from our article last week that we intended to stop when we reached

a hundred guineas, let us say at once that this is not the case. We want to raise as much as possible for this splendid cause, and so show that those ringers left behind are doing their share. Mr. Robert Warner's generous contribution to the fund should give a stimulus to "The Ringers' Collection," for the terms of his gift make possible a start with the second hundred, and those shillings which we asked for last week are still needed, and will be just as welcome as if we were still striving after the first goal which has been so speedily reached since we made the special appeal.

There was a "whip round" at a Lancashire Association meeting at Newchurch last Saturday, and we should like to be able to acknowledge the receipt of further donations obtained in the same way. But we want more individual towers to contribute, and we do not think we shall be disappointed.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

In the pretty village of Tettenhall there assembled on Saturday week upwards of 80 members and friends to attend the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Favoured with ideal weather, and amidst such picturesque surroundings, one was inclined to forget all about the terrible war that was raging not so very many miles away.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Cox (in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Harrison, who had contracted a rather severe cold), and he also gave an interesting address. Tea was provided at the Rock Hotel; after which the general meeting was held in the open-air, within the grounds. The Tipton veteran, Mr. Wm. Rock Small, was voted to the chair.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Knight) read the committee's report, which showed the enrolment of 49 resident members, five non-resident life members, and one honorary member during the year, and also stated that over 10 per cent. of the resident members were serving in the army, a "Roll of Honour" being attached to the report. The number of peals rung during the year was 16; more than half of which were rung half-muffled to the memory of departed members. The balance sheet was considered very satisfactory, in view of additional expenses having been incurred.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in nearly all those who had been serving being re-elected, except that the Rev. J. Arthur Price, Vicar of Coseley, fills the position of clerical secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Wm. Fisher that of representative on the Central Council, in the place of the Rev. E. V. Cox, who has recently moved out of the district.

Twelve new members were enrolled, and the following places were selected for the forthcoming meetings: September, Great Barr; January, Bloxwich; April, Sedgley; June (annual), Tamworth. Cycle runs are to be arranged for July and September, which will be advertised a week in advance.

It was agreed that the names of those members who are serving in H.M. Forces be retained on the books without payment during their absence.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents, the organist, and the chairman brought a successful meeting to a close.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. E. V. COX

On the occasion of the committee meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs at Wednesbury, advantage was taken to present the Rev. E. V. Cox (who has recently accepted a curacy at Bampton, Devon) with a revolving tilting office chair and a barometer-thermometer, together with an "Onoto" fountain pen, subscribed for by members of the Society.

Mr. Wm. Rock Small, in a felicitous speech, asked the reverend gentleman's acceptance of the gifts, with the hope that he would have a very happy time in his new home. He also assured him that he would carry away with him the best wishes of all.—Messrs. W. Brittan and J. Rowe also testified as to the kindly spirit of the recipient.

The Rev. E. V. Cox, in reply, thanked all the subscribers for the very kind and generous manner in which they had expressed themselves. He had received nothing but unstinted and loyal support from all members. He regretted to sever his official connection with the society, and with ringers generally in the Midlands. He expressed wishes of the very best to the society, urging the attendance of ringers in church, as well as in producing good change ringing hands.

An inscription on the gift reads: "Presented to the Rev. E. V. Cox by members of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, to commemorate his six years' faithful service as clerical secretary and treasurer. June 12th, 1915."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

About 50 ringers attended the meeting of the North East District of the Essex Association, held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday week, the towers represented being Halstead, Earl's Colne, Braintree, Bocking, Great Totham, Maldon, Sible Hedingham, Great Yeldham, Great Bardfield, Felstead, Lavenham, Greenstead Green, Little Waldingfield and Gestingthorpe. Prior to service, which was held in the Parish Church, ringing took place, and in addition to the ringers, a number of parishioners attended the shortened form of Evensong. The service was conducted by the Rev. Denys C. Hoey, priest-in-charge of the parish, and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. H. Townsend, warden of the House of Mercy, Great Maplestead, who also gave an appropriate and eloquent address, based upon the words, "As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness but as the servants of God," 1 St. Peter, ii, 16. He reminded them that they were recording the 700th anniversary of the great charter of English liberty, and of the fact that at present they were living in sad and anxious times of war; their country was fighting for the liberty of all nations, whether small or great; they were fighting for the liberty to be true and honest, and to keep their plighted word. It was no new thing for Christian people to have to fight, and indeed, they must fight to keep true liberty. Liberty was the essence of Christianity, and Christianity the essence of liberty. No one, he said, could know what freedom was until he was a Christian. A Christian was free from his past—his sins and iniquities are remembered no more. The true Christian was also free from death. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." There was true comfort as they thought of their dear brothers who had laid down their lives for their country and the cause of liberty—for their sake and His sake. They had found true life through death, and their noble and willing sacrifice is accepted of God, so that they were still one with us, though lost to sight awhile in paradise. The Christian was also free from self and free from the world. How, continued the preacher, are we using our liberty? Are we consecrating all our powers, privileges, and hopes to the service of God and our fellow men? Are we witnesses for Christ? Or are we sitting with folded hands, satisfied with our own serenity, and indifferent as to what may befall our fellows? And is not this "using liberty for a cloak of maliciousness"? Every free man should be a liberator of others, "as the servants of God." Our God, concluded the rev. gentleman, is not a God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto Him, and in Him is a liberty which, if we be true servants indeed, makes us free; for only His service is perfect freedom from sin and death, and self, and the world. Let us, therefore, go forth determined to cleave unto Him, and so will your bell ringing and the sound of the bells ever remind you and those who hear them that we must ever stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free—the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

After the service, the ringers were entertained to a substantial tea by the Misses Webster, the meal being served at the White Horse Hotel. The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary), Mr. B. Ridgwell (district secretary), Mr. H. S. Barnes, etc. It was a matter of regret that the Misses Webster, who have done so much for bell-ringing in the parish, were unable to be present, and also the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Warburton, who is away from home.

After tea a short business meeting was held, at which it was decided that the October meeting of the district be held in the Stebbing or Bardfield district if possible.—Mr. G. W. Cartmel, of St. Albans (hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association), was elected a non-resident life member of the Essex Association; the Rev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar of Felstead, was elected an hon. member, and eight other members from Felstead, the prospective new band of ringers, were elected probationers.

The Master mentioned that the new bells that had been added at Felstead Church would be dedicated on Saturday, July 17th, and said that event had been specially fixed for a Saturday so that as many ringers as possible might attend. Those who could go would be sure of a hearty welcome from the Vicar and churchwardens of that parish.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre expressed the hearty thanks of the company to the Rector of Sible Hedingham for the use of the bells, and also to those responsible for the very enjoyable service in the church, and to the preacher for the excellent address. Their best thanks were also due to the Misses Webster for their kindness in entertaining them to tea. Last year those ladies gave two new bells, and upon the day they were dedicated also invited the members to tea, when they had the pleasure of their presence amongst them. But this year they could not be present, owing to delicate health. They all wished they could have been with them (applause).

Mr. Hoey expressed his pleasure at being present, and, with regard to the service, said that he thought no sermon could have been more appropriate. He was delighted to see such a large gathering, and it was evidence that the officials and members had got their hearts in the work.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM'S PROGRESS.

Mr. Howard also expressed his thanks as Master of the Essex Association to the Misses Webster for all they had done for the art of bell

ringing. The thanks, not only of that parish, but of the whole of Essex, were due to those ladies for the way in which they came to the rescue and rehung the bells in the parish church, and also for providing two new bells. Mr. Barnes, too, took a very great interest in the ringers, and he only hoped that there was someone in every parish to bring about such a good feeling among ringers, and be productive of such a happy state of affairs as existed at Sible Hedingham. He should like also to thank the Rev. C. H. Townsend for his very able address. In regard to bell ringing in Sible Hedingham, Mr. L. Wiseman was worthy of all praise for the way in which he kept ringing the old bells year by year in hope that some day they would be rehung and repaired. During part of that time they were almost unringable. Since the bells were rehung Hedingham had come up to the high expectations of the Association, and had become a centre of ringing in the district. Indeed, when in Chelmsford a short time ago he heard the Cathedral bells being rung, and upon going into the belfry he found Mr. Wiseman and several other ringers from Hedingham ringing in such a manner as to give the impression that they had been used to a peal of twelve bells for years. He hoped also one day that the Association would link up Castle Hedingham, but he understood that the Vicar of that parish was away from home that day. He hoped, however, that that parish would one day assist them in their work of spreading the art of change ringing.

During the evening, touches in a variety of methods were rung on the bells, and brought a very enjoyable day to a close.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended and enjoyable meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Bridgend on Saturday last, when, in addition to the local band, two of whom were in his Majesty's uniform, ringers attended from Aberavon, Caldicot, Cardiff, Llandaff, Llantrisant, Newport, Newton Nottage, Penarth, etc. The bells, which are a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor, were available for ringing all the afternoon and evening, and thanks to the local ringing captain (Mr. R. Evans), who welcomed everyone on arrival, were raised, and kept going until the business proceedings claimed attention. The meeting was held in the schoolroom. The Vicar of the Parish (the Rev. David Phillips, B.A.) presided, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Bridgend. He encouraged the members to continue the good work they were doing, remarking that he was always pleased to hear the bells. He was very grateful, and he thought the whole of the inhabitants within hearing of a peal of bells should be grateful also, to a band of voluntary ringers who ungrudgingly gave their services, and thus provided them with the pleasure of hearing the music of the bells.

Instructors' reports were presented, and the report of the representative to the Central Council meeting (Mr. J. W. Jones) was read, and Mr. Jones was accorded the thanks of the meeting.—New members were elected from Aberavon and Newton Nottage.

The place for the next Glamorganhire quarterly meeting was left to be decided at the annual meeting, which takes place at St. Woolos, Newport.—The next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting will be held at Machen.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the business to a close, the Vicar remarking, in reply, that it gave him and would continue to give him the greatest pleasure to do at all times what he could for the ringers. He took that opportunity of thanking especially his own ringers for their perseverance in acquiring the art of change ringing, for they were now, he considered, a really first class band. He then threw out an invitation to everyone to accompany him to the leading restaurant in the town, where he had already arranged tea, and opportunity is now taken of thanking him, through "The Ringing World," for his kindness.

The bells were afterwards kept going during the evening, Granisire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob being rung. An hour was subsequently spent with the local men to whose efforts, in a great measure, the pleasant and successful meeting were due.

RINGERS' VISIT TO BIGBY.

For their annual outing, the Holy Trinity Guild, Barrow-on-Humber (Lincs.), visited Bigby for a half-day, where, by permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Ed. Perry), the new peal of six lately installed by Messrs. Warner and Co. were at their disposal. The party travelled by brake, and the weather was everything that could be desired. After the bells had been raised a 720 Bob Minor (42 singles) was successfully brought round with excellent striking, in 25 mins., by: R. Pratt 1, A. Hoodlas 2, H. E. Dannate 3, J. Barrick 4, P. Hoodlas 5, J. W. Crowder (conductor) 6. Other touches were rung, in which Hy. Ebbatson and J. Parkin took part. The visitors then adjourned to the schoolroom, where tea had been provided, and full justice being done to all the good things. In the evening some of the party visited the hamlet of Somerby, and viewed its ancient church, while the others again visited the helfry, where some of the local ringers awaited them, and another 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) was rung by: E. Leadam (Bigby) 1, H. Rusling (Bigby) 2, H. E. Dannate 3, J. Barrick 4, A. Peart (Bigby) 5, A. Hoodlas (Barton), conductor, 6. Home was reached at 9.30, after a most enjoyable outing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD BUYS WAR LOAN.

A specially convened meeting of officers of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at headquarters on Tuesday week to consider the question of buying some of the new 4½ per cent. War Loan.

The Guild's presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., was in the chair.

After reviewing the Guild's financial position, the Secretary proposed that a sum not exceeding three-quarters of the invested funds be withdrawn from the bank, and put into the War Loan. In making the proposition the Secretary pointed out that on this occasion patriotism went hand in hand with prudence. He was sure that while they would feel a pleasant sense of having done their duty to their country, even in a small measure, they would at the same time be making an extraordinarily good investment, and one which was likely to appreciate in value as time went on.—This proposition was seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, supported by the chairman and Mr. W. H. Godden, and carried unanimously.

RINGERS AND THE WAR LOAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As most Ringing Associations have a "nest egg" in the shape of a balance at the bank which, as far as interest is concerned, remains "in the slow," might I suggest that now is a favourable time for Associations to invest any spare funds they have in the War Loan as an evidence of patriotism. Many individuals cannot afford a £5 note, and the investment of their funds would help ringers to realise that they had a share in their country's appeal for financial help in the present crisis. I may say that the Herts Association is taking the opportunity of investing. Cannot the Central Council use some of their balance to better advantage?—Yours truly,

G. W. CARTMEL,
St. Albans.

July 6th.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My friend Mr. Trollope disagrees with me in his article in your issue of June 18th, and I am sorry. Still I have hopes that he may see the error of his ways, and acknowledge that my contention has something in it. Briefly my contention is this, that the Methods Committee is trying (and we gladly acknowledge and appreciate all the work they have done) to draw up Rules (not laws) of method construction, by which methods of a certain "standard of excellence" may be produced. Unfortunately Mr. Trollope mixes up the production of methods with "change ringing," which is a different matter altogether. The result is that the uninitiated ringer has the idea that the Council has pronounced that certain qualities are necessary in a method to make it "legitimate," and that there is something almost immoral in ringing any method which does not conform to the standards set up. This idea tends to belittle the Council in the minds of some. Of course it may be said that, if anyone is fool enough to have such an opinion, he may be ignored. But we have been trying, ever since its formation, to get the Exercise in general to look up to the Council as a body whose opinions are worth having and considering.

Mr. Trollope's expression, "Standards of Excellence," is a very good one; but the standards he names are not standards of excellence of change ringing, but of method construction according to the ideas of the committee, which may be right or wrong. We see this confusion between change ringing and method construction in the second paragraph of Mr. Trollope's article. Change ringing does not lay down any such standard as described. Standards of excellence in change ringing are quite different, as we all know. In his paragraph A ii, from the same cause, he has made a statement which is not true.

Will Mr. Trollope tell us what law there is to prevent a band ringing Place Major, if they want to do so, or that excellent, though "illegitimate" method, Union Triples; and what is the penalty for breaking the law? A law which cannot be enforced ceases to be law. We have heard of "natural" laws in this connection, but natural laws enforce themselves, and bring their own punishment to those who try to break them. We have been told lately that Stedman's is "illegitimate." If the Committee were to decide that they agreed with this idea, would peals of Stedman cease to be rung, or even show a falling-off in numbers for that reason?

I would very humbly suggest that the Methods Committee should give up the expression "Change Ringing," and use "Method Construction" instead.—Yours truly,

Boothby Rectory, Grantham.

E. W. CARPENTER.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—After divine service, on Sunday evening, June 20th. 720 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chaplin 1, Corpl. G. H. Gale 2, G. Playle 3, Pte L. H. Moore 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6. Rung to oblige Corpl. Gale and Pte Moore, of Easton-in-Gordano, stationed with Somerset Light Infantry at Purfleet.

SOUTH KIRBY, YORKSHIRE.—On June 19th. 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: B. Hall 1, B. Hale 2, W. Pearson (conductor) 3, H. Walters 4, A. Walker 5, A. Gill 6.

THE BELFRY KEY.

Church bells in Austria are being devoted to a use in war which may be an indication of some shortage of materials in our enemy's camp—they are going into the melting pot for the casting of guns.—Vide "Ringing World," July 2nd.

There is a realm of mystic sense
Where fancy wings her way,
Where reason and the memory sleep
The silent hours away.
In dreamland thus, the ether night,
The War Lord shadowed me,
And shouted in my slumbering ears,
"Unhand the belfry key!"
"Your ringing days are numbered now,
Your fanfares things no more;
We want your bells for melting down,
We're short of iron ore.
Arise at once!" he cried aloud,
"And at your peril know,
We've captured all those famous bells
You had at Great Baddow.
At Snorham they were fast asleep,
At Boreham praised the dead,
We found all Burnham on the Crouch,
To Battlesbridge they fled.
We came on here to Chigwell Row,
The last place God gave birth,
Bestir thyself, how canst thou sleep
While thunders spake the earth!"

I soon donned my apparel in
Great terror and affright,
And led the Kaiser and his men
Along the road at night;
The village slept profound and still
Nor dreamed outside the foe,
Intent to purloin the sweet bells
We have at Chigwell Row.
I soon unlocked the steeple door
Up ladder we all went,
The length of which was forty feet
By which we made ascent.
We opened all the apertures
And hauled the tackle through
Released the ropes from off the wheels,
And hurled them down below.
Says Bill to me, "You go and see
If Kitchener's about."
Just then an awful gust of wind
Had blown their lantern out.
I slid the ladder like a cat,
And landed on my feet,
I hauled the ladder, dropping it
Full length into the street,
While, up above, I plainly heard
The Germans shriek with rage,
"God punish England!" cried poor Bill
"We're fairly in a cage!"
No ready means could they devise
To safely reach the ground,
Meanwhile I woke the villagers,
Who placed Bill in the pound.

But oh—alas! when I awoke,
There hung the belfry key,
And sad to find that Kaiser Bill
Had still his liberty.

G. F. MARGETSON.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering branch of the Central Northants Association was held at Rothwell on Saturday last, about 30 members being present representing Desborough, Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Geddington, Isham and Stoke Albany. Tea was served in the Church House by the Rothwell ringers, their wives and friends, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Morley) presiding, supported by the Rev. R. Copland (curate), Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), etc.

At the business meeting, which followed, the resignation of the district secretary, Mr. J. Stratford, of Wellingborough, after ten years' service, was received with regret.—The election of officers resulted as follows: Vice-president, the Rev. R. Copland, Stoke Albany; district secretary, Mr. R. F. Turner, of Kettering; committee, Messrs. D. J. Nichols, H. Peat, J. E. Chapman, W. Wilson and R. Black, the two first-named to serve on the Central Committee.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rothwell ringers for providing tea, and the Vicar suitably replied.

The bells were afterwards kept going to Grandioso and Stedman Triples, Superlative and Double Norwich Major.

A CLERICAL SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.

REV. E. V. COX LEAVES ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFS.

The Rev. Ernest V. Cox, the subject of this sketch, has just relinquished the post of clerical secretary to that thriving organisation, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, a post which he held with conspicuous success, and in which he commanded the esteem and loyalty of the members. He has now taken a curacy in the Devonshire parish of Bampton, and has consequently severed his official connection with Midland ringing. As we record elsewhere, his colleagues in the society have shown their appreciation of his services by making a presentation to him.



THE REV. E. V. COX.

It is no flattery to say that the Rev. E. V. Cox is in the forefront of the ranks of clerical ringers, not only for the enthusiasm with which he has entered into the Art, but also for his ability as a practical exponent of it. The commencement of his ringing career may be attributed to a visit to the belfry at his home (Stockland, Devon) on New Year's Eve, 1899, for, at the suggestion of his father, it was then and there arranged that the leader of the local band should teach him to handle a bell. His first lesson took place a few days afterwards without the occurrence of any untoward incident. Call changes were the order of the day until January, 1902, when a chance remark to Mr. B. L. C. Newhouse (now Vicar of Buckland, Berks) in one of the rooms of Keble College, Oxford, eventually led to the resuscitation of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, which had been dormant for many years. Mr. Cox was honorary secretary of the society from

October, 1902, to June, 1903, when his residence terminated. It was during this residence in the University city that he gained his first real insight into the mysteries of the Art, and, as he himself says, he will ever be grateful to the Oxford City and Kidlington ringers of that day who grounded him in the rudiments of change ringing. Many were the happy evenings that were spent in Mr. Alfred Fox's Coffee Tavern in St. Giles with the handbells.

Mr. Cox scored his first peal on December 10th, 1902, at Kidlington, one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who kindly invited him to ring several peals with him subsequently. The total number of his peals now stands at 129, and these have been rung in 100 different towers. The list is as follows:—

Grandsire Triples	31	Conducted 19*
Grandsire Caters	5	
Stedman Triples	43	
Stedman Caters	9	
Stedman Cinques	5	
Minor (7 methods)	1	
Bob Minor	3	Conducted 1
Bob Major	7	Conducted 1
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Double Norwich Major	6	
Superlative Surprise Major	6	
Cambridge Surprise Major	4	
Bristol Surprise Major	3	
London Surprise Major	2	

*Includes a non-conducted peal.

Three of these peals are especially noteworthy, viz.: On November 20th, 1909, a silent peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), at Christ Church, West Bromwich; on October 11th, 1910, the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Mary's Warwick, and on April 22nd, 1912, the first clerical peal in any Surprise method, Superlative Surprise Major, at Prestbury (Glos).

Mr. Cox has visited many parts of the country in pursuit of his hobby, and has taken part in ringing in 351 towers, ten of these being 12-bell towers, and ten cathedral towers. His secretarial experience has also been considerable. In addition to filling the office for a time with the Oxford University Society, he was, from 1906 to 1908, clerical secretary and treasurer of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stoke, and during the years 1909-15, as has been mentioned, held a similar official position in the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, which he has only just relinquished on leaving the diocese of Lichfield. Staffordshire will be the poorer for his departure, but Devon will receive a valuable addition to its change ringing strength.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON BRANCH AND MUFFLED RINGING

The monthly meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Newchurch on Saturday, but, owing to the inclement weather, there was only a moderate attendance which included members from Bolton, Tyldesley and Eccles, in addition to the local ringers.

The Vicar presided, and the "Ringing World's" appeal for the Prince of Wales's fund was discussed, and practical action taken by a "whip round," the hope being expressed that success would attend the special effort that was being made.

Another question was raised on a suggestion which was published in the "Ringing World" of the 19th ult., with regard to "muffled ringing," and it was unanimously decided that the towers in the Bolton branch should ring with the bells muffled on the 1st August as a token of respect to our fallen heroes, and it was hoped that all other towers would act similarly.

Deane was fixed for the next meeting on August 7th.

Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob Minor brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday week at Berkswell, and proved to be an unequalled success, members to the number of 26 attending from Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Chilvers Colon, Nuneaton, Stoke-in-Coventry, Solihull, Stoke Golding, and Warwick, while Mr. W. Worthington, of Nethersale, was also present. The afternoon was an ideal summer one, making a visit to such a delightful spot at Berkswell a real pleasure. Interest centred in the meeting, as the newly-elected President, the Rev. H. C. A. Back, is Rector of Berkswell, and a right royal welcome was accorded to the visitors. The bells are a pretty ring of six, and were kept going in various methods from 3.30 till 8, with intervals for service and tea. The service, which was used for the first time, was composed and conducted by the President, and the members appreciated his efforts by attending in force, not one of the visitors being absent. It is active men such as the Rev. H. C. A. Back that ringers appreciate, and the Guild are to be congratulated in their President. Tea was provided at the Rectory, and presided over by Mrs. Back, and, needless to add, ample justice was done.

After tea, the Master (Mr. James George) thanked the Rector and Mrs. Back for their kindness in entertaining the Guild. Mr. George was in his best form in discharging this duty, and everyone forgave him for trying to dodge with the organ in a 120 of Stedman Doubles.

The President has staying with him 20 wounded soldiers from the front, and a chat with these heroes was much appreciated. Grandsire Triples, Doubles, and tunes were rung to them on handbells, and were much to their liking, for, like Oliver Twist, they asked for more. A much respected member, in the person of Mr. A. Roberts, was much missed at this meeting, he having joined the A.S.C.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

New Romney was the rendezvous for the July meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, which took place on Saturday last. Appledore, Hawkhurst, Fairfield, Iye, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower were represented, and the ringing consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, also Bob Minor on the back six.

At the business meeting, Appledore was selected for the next assembly. This will take place on Saturday, 24th July, the idea of holding two meetings in one month being to make up for lost time. An effort has been made in recent years to try to arrange twelve gatherings a year, and, as the meetings for the current year do not quite average one a month, putting in an additional one during the month of July, would bring the total up to seven. Then, if it is possible to meet during each of the remaining months, the twelve gatherings will have been held.

The only other business was the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. G. South) for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for making the arrangements for the meeting, especially Mr. H. S. Humphery. Early in the evening the Rector visited the tower, and cordially welcomed the party. On their way through Romney Marsh, and when nearing New Romney, the visitors noticed two airships, which appeared to be patrolling the coast. A splendid view of the ships was obtained from the roof of the church tower.

SUNBURY RINGER KILLED AT THE FRONT.

By the death of Lanco-Corpl. Lionel Alford, who has been killed at the front, the Exercise has lost another promising young ringer. Serving with the 5th Middlesex Regiment, he was shot through the head by a sniper, and was buried by his comrades about a mile from the trenches.

Joining the Sunbury-on-Thames band of ringers, which his father has been connected with for many years, he soon mastered the trouble 'o Grandsire Doubles and then to Triples, but as with many more bands of ringers, progress at Sunbury was slow owing to many difficulties, and this hampered him as well as others. However, he succeeded in scoring one peal of Grandsire Triples, the last peal rung on the bells. The adjutant informing his parents by letter of the death of their son, said the regiment were sorry to lose so good a soldier and so true a comrade.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday a meeting of the Bedford district was held at Stevington, but the ringers who attended took the opportunity of visiting other towers as well. Members from Bedford, Sharnbrook, Kempston, Elstow and Clapham, met first at Oakley, where several six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. They then made their way to Stevington, where the bells were raised in peal, and Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Slow Course were rung. Tea was partaken of at the White Lion, and was followed by a short business meeting, at which one new member was elected. A course of Grandsire Caters was tapped off by: H. L. Harlow 1-2, W. Stapleton 3-4, E. Duffield 5-6, C. W. Clarke 7-8, H. Tysoe 9-10, and then the party moved on to Fehmersham, where more six-scores were rung, and two courses of Grandsire Triples on handbells. The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells and the local ringers for meeting them. The excursion was a most enjoyable one.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH ENJOYABLE OUTING.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Fittleton on Saturday last, and through the kindness of the Vicars of Netheravon and Upavon, those towers were also placed at the disposal of the Guild. It being a fine afternoon, a good assembly mustered, 15 from Devizes doing the journey of 14 miles in a large pair-horse brake, supplied by Mr. W. Hawkins, jobmaster, of New Park Street. Others arrived on bicycles, some coming from Westbury, about 23 miles away. Ringing commenced at the grand old tower of All Saints', Netheravon, where the bells had been rehung in 1911, and are now in excellent ringing condition. The 4th bell bears the date of 1585. It was cast by John Wallis, of Salisbury, and has the following inscription upon it: "O man be meeke and Lyve in Rest." After some good ringing, the company went on to All Saints', Fittleton, where an excellent tea awaited them, kindly provided in the schoolroom by the Rector (the Rev. V. J. Dale), and to which 20 sat down, thoroughly enjoying the repast.

After tea, a short business meeting took place, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, and supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. secretary, together with ringers from Trowbridge, Westbury, Fittleton, Southbroom, Netheravon, Chirton, Devizes, and Bishop's Cannings.—One new ringing member from All Saints', Westbury, was elected, and the next three meeting places were decided upon as follows: August 7th, Edington, with Erlestoke and Bratton; Sept. 4th, Hilperston; and October 2nd, Devizes.—Hearty votes of thanks to the Rector of Fittleton for so generously providing the tea, and for the use of the bells, and also to the Vicars of Netheravon and Upavon for the use of their bells brought the meeting to a close, and the ringers then adjourned to the Fittleton tower, where some good touches were rung on these six sweet-toned bells.

The brake was then again mounted, and the party moved homeward, stopping for a while at St. Mary's beautiful church at Upavon, where the "go" of the bells is excellent, and where some more good ringing was done. The church clock showing something considerably after 8 p.m., caused the hon. secretary, in charge of the outing, to call for a general muster, and a move for home. The vehicle was, therefore, once more loaded up, and after a capital run, Devizes was reached about 9.20 p.m., the company dispersing after a most enjoyable outing.

A RINGERS' OUTING.

The Selby Abbey ringers had their outing on Saturday week, when they visited Tadcaster and Collingham Bridge. Tadcaster was reached shortly after 10.30. The weather was not very nice for the holiday-makers, and, as the ringers were not able to ring on the tower bells until one o'clock, the handbells came to the rescue to pass the time away, tunes and touches of Grandsire Triples being rung. After dinner the tower was visited, and the local band having everything in readiness good use was made of the hour for which permission had been granted. Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were rung. A waggone then conveyed the visitors to Collingham Bridge, several Tadcaster band joining in the drive, which was enjoyed by all. Arriving at the church, touches of Stedman Triples were rung until time for tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar at Manor House Farm. Tunes were rung before and after tea on the handbells, and were enjoyed by all present. On returning from tea, a call at the Vicarage, where tunes on the handbells were played on the lawn, and for which the Vicar thanked the party. A return to the tower was then made, and ringing was kept up till 8 o'clock, and brought a very enjoyable outing to a close.

A "STRAWBERRY" MEETING.

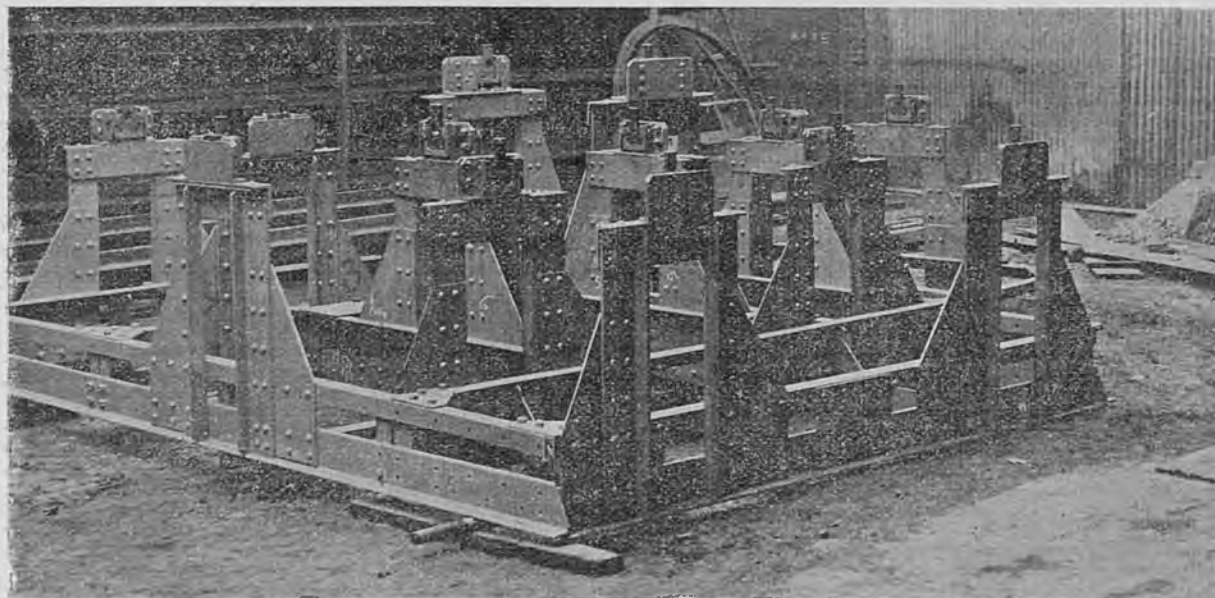
MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT HARLINGTON.

Strawberries and ringing are not often closely associated, but members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association usually arrange one of their meetings to coincide with the strawberry season, for there seems to be a standing invitation to Harlington for the joint purpose of ringing and feasting on the luscious fruit. Such a gathering took place last Saturday, and ringers from far and near assembled. After two hours' ringing, the party adjourned for tea, and were cordially welcomed by the Vicar. Tea was served in splendid style, and, needless to say, the strawberries were first favourites.

There was but little business to be transacted. Sunbury was chosen for the next meeting.—A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Alford on the sad loss they have sustained by the death of their son, who was killed at the front. This was moved by Mr. W. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. G. Woodiss, and accorded in silence by all standing.

Mr. T. Beadle (Master) ably voiced the thanks of those present to the Vicar and the ladies for their many kindnesses that day, to which the Vicar responded. A stroll through the Vicarage gardens brought the party back to the church again, where more ringing concluded a meeting that will linger long in the thoughts of all who were able to be present.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On June 22nd (Coronation Day), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Edwards (conductor) 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, F. A. Barnett 3, W. H. Fussell (Slough) 4, G. Upshall 5, Sergt. Gilbert 6, W. G. Elkins 7, E. Prior 8.



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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, July 10th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held the same day.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m., short service at 5 p.m., tea by Vicar at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after.—Stephen Hazzelden, Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells open at 3 o'clock, service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow in the schoolroom. Business: election of officers, reports, etc. St. Nicholas bells (10) open from 7 to 8.—R. J. Wilkins, Secretary pro. tem., 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore, on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all members are requested to attend. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Philips). Bells available: St. Andrew's (6), 3 till 5 p.m., the Abbey (8) 7 till 9 p.m.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION. —The next meeting will be held at North Weald, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at a small charge, followed by business meeting.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulan Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blyth (Ranskill Station) on Saturday, July 10th. Tea will be provided at the Swan Hotel, 5.15 p.m., 1s. 3d. per head. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Duston July 10th, at Titchmarsh July 17th, and Earls Barton July 24th. It is hoped members will try and attend these meetings, as important business is to be transacted.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, July 17th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) and the Abbey (8) will be open for ringing from 3 to 3.45 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 4. Towers open again from 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided if members notify Mr. J. George, West Dene, 65, Witton Road, Aston, not later than July 16th. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, July 17th, at 4.30 p.m., and the local ringers at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, have kindly made arrangements if sufficient members wish to have a pull on that peal of six. The business meeting will be held at Highgate, and business affecting the future welfare of the district will be brought forward. Will all members make an endeavour to attend.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Secretary, Sea View, Sugden Road, Worthing.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3.30. A short service will be held, followed by tea, on the usual terms. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The Midsummer meeting of the Central District will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Dorking (S.E. and C. Railway via East Croydon, L. and B. via Mitcham and Sutton, S.W. via Wimbledon; half-hour service motor 'bus via West Croydon to Reigate and Reigate to Dorking). Bells 8 (tenor 25 cwt.)—available at 3.30 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.45 in the Church Room (members 3d., visitors 1s.). Short business meeting to follow. Members of Southern District and visitors will be welcome. Please notify intention to be present before Thursday, 15th, to Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

FELSTED, ESSEX.—Dedication and opening of new ring of eight at the Parish Church of The Holy Cross by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford at 3.30 p.m. Saturday, July 17th. All ringers will be welcomed. Tea on the Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. All intending to be present should intimate to me not later than Wednesday, July 14th.—W. T. Farron, Lilla Cottage, Felsted.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. All nominations for branch secretary to be sent in not later than this meeting.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on July 20th; for handbell practice on the 15th and 29th, at St. John's, Hackney, for practice on the 13th and 27th, and for service on the 18th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

— The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prees, Salop, on Saturday, July 24th. Train leaves Shrewsbury 1.50 p.m. Ringing at 2.45 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

— Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 24th, 1915. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, at 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members during the afternoon and evening. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 20th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Castle at 5.30, 9d. per head. — A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

— Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 24th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Canon Dawson (Rector) and A. F. Nussey, Esq. (churchwarden), in the Village Hall at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Half fares allowed at this meeting. It is particularly requested that all intending to be present at the tea notify me by Tuesday, July 20th, the latest.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

— The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Particulars to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

— The 28th annual festival will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. M. W. Myres, M.A., Vicar of Frodsham. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

—Mr. G. W. Tomkins, hon. secretary of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, has removed to 35, Monk Road, Bishop Road, Bristol. He will be pleased to hear from visitors to Bristol who desire some ringing.—The address of the Rev. E. V. Cox is now 33, Brook Street, Bampton, Devon.

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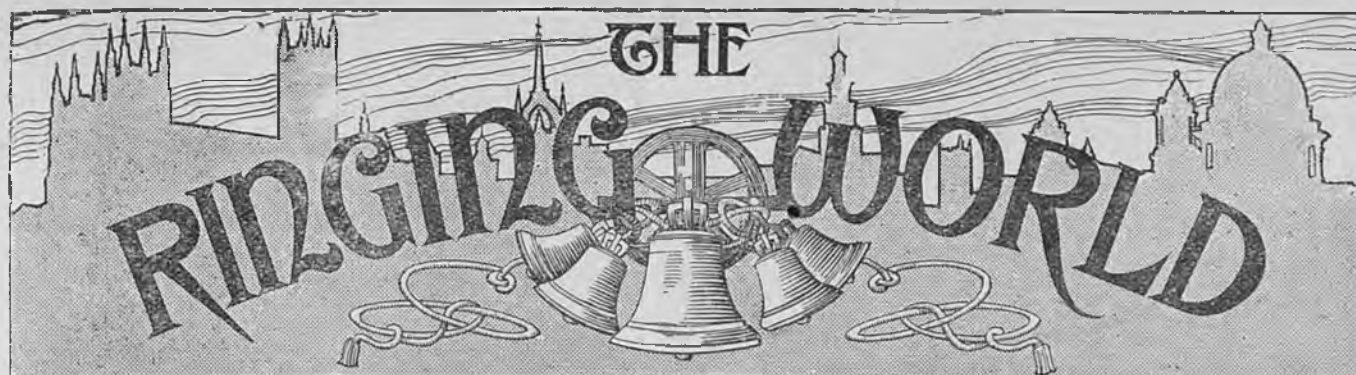


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MODERN WORK.

RINGERS' GIFTS.

When, a fortnight ago, we made a special request to ringers to raise the amount which had been collected through "The Ringing World" for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, to one hundred guineas before the first anniversary of the first appeal made through our column, we did not anticipate that the sum would be reached within a week. But, as we were able to announce last Friday, the amount asked for was realised in that time by the contribution of several small, but none the less welcome donations, and the generous gift of Mr. Robert Warner. It is, we feel, a great credit to the Exercise that a substantial sum like one hundred guineas should have been given to the Prince of Wales' Fund through this one channel, because, as we know, many bands have given in other directions. Local funds have claimed their aid, while in the case of numerous individual ringers they are giving, many of them, weekly to workshop and similar collections. For that reason they have not been able to come into the Ringers' Fund.

We are now on the way to that second hundred guineas, which the balance of Mr. Warner's gift gave a start to, and we hope to see it rise rapidly. That all the help that can be obtained will be wanted is unquestionable, for it is not so much now as later on that the effects of the war upon the people of this country will be felt. It is not pessimism to face facts, and without doubt there will be a great strain upon the nation generally, and real distress among the poorer classes—who in ordinary times have a big struggle to live—when the war is over, even if that be within a reasonably short time. In addition, there will be, unhappily, only too many physically broken by the war for whom help will be needed. Indeed, war's aftermath is bound to try the nation severely. At the moment, therefore, when, comparatively, the majority of the people in the country are finding ample employment, is it not a time to think, not only of our own future, but of the future of those less well favoured than ourselves?

We have referred to the help which is being given to funds outside that which we have raised. Much is being done in that direction, and will doubtless continue to be done. In order that there may be a record of the help which ringers have thus given in answer to the many patriotic appeals that the war has called forth, we hope some day to be able to collect a summary of these gifts. The time, of course, is not yet ripe for this, but when it is we have no doubt we shall be able to rely upon the kindness of the various tower secretaries to assist us in the matter. In the meantime we must go on helping, and we trust that many more hands will see to it that they appear in the columns of "The Ringing World" as subscribers to the National Relief Fund.

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On Saturday, July 10, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

* WILLIAM WALTON Treble	CHARLES SEDDON 5
* DAVID HINDLEY 2	ALBERT WALLWORK 6
GEORGE MORRIS 3	JOHN HOWARD 7
THOMAS LINGARD 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

* First peal. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late James W. Hindley, formerly a member of the above tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1915, in Two Hours,

IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

CORPL. W. R. JOHN POULSON 1—2 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3—4

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This peal was arranged for Corporal W. R. J. Poulson, of the 6th Suffolk Cycle Corps, now stationed at Marsh Chapel, Lincs.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 10, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At 49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1—2 | GEORGE R. PYE ... 7—8

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10

ERNEST PYE ... 5—6 | WILLIAM PYE ... 11—12

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Umpire: E. F. PIKE.

This composition contains the 6th 24 times behind the 7th in the titums, and 14 times behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position, and is now rung for the first time.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

Another 'whip-round' at a meeting is included in the list of contributions sent this week. We hope we may have further donations of the same sort to acknowledge from other meetings that are to be held.

The following amounts have been received since our last issue:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	106	17	6
Pte. Tom King, N.R. (Spitalfields Foundry Guild)		2	0
Tom King, junr.		1	0
Ringers of the Parish Church, Rammoor, Sheffield (per Mr F. Ward)		5	3
Ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin (per Mr. R. J. Curtis)		10	0
Central Northants Association, collected at Duston meeting (per Mr. F. Wilford)		10	6
Ringers of St. Peter's Church, Sowerby (per Mr. W. Sutcliffe)		2	0
The Ringers of St. James' Church, Tong, Yorks (per Mr. G. Bolland)		6	0
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ROLL OF HONOUR.

A. Wright, of Darley Dale, has been gazetted Second Lieutenant in the 14th Sherwood Foresters.

From St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, Glam., the following are now serving with the Forces:—

1. W. Evans, Glamorgan Yeomanry.
1. T. James, Glamorgan Yeomanry.
1. R. Bunstone, R.A.M.C.
1. D. R. James, Royal Engineers.
1. W. Smith, Royal Engineers.

RINGER IN DARDANELLES OPERATIONS.

The brilliant dispatch published last week from Sir Ian Hamilton, describing the terrible landing of our troops in the Dardanelles, was full of the most thrilling interest. Among those who had their share in the fighting was a well-known ringer and a composer of no little merit—Sergeant Fred Holden, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. He is serving on H.M.S. "Implacable," and in writing to the Editor of "The Ringing World" he says: "We did have it warm while the landing was going on. Most of our sailors were away in boats landing troops and gear, and the Marines had to do most of the firing. We did not land, but expected to and were ready. It was a terrible job, and we lost something like 15,000 killed, wounded, etc., in the first 24 hours—it was like hell, real."

"I will just briefly describe our special job. At Lemnos the transports assembled, and some of the fleet waited there and rehearsed the landing. One evening we had about 750 Lancashire Fusiliers come aboard, and they were our guests for just a few hours. We had about 25 sergeants in our mess, and had a bit of a banquet (non-intoxicant, I may add), and afterwards they had hardly any sleep, talking of the morning, which was the last which many of them would see dawn. I am not very soft-hearted in many respects, but we felt something like Judases entertaining those chaps."

"During this time the ships had weighed, and we were proceeding to a spot near Cape Helles, arriving before dawn. Our soldier chaps got settled in our boats and pulled, or rather towed, to the lee side, and we went in within about 500 yards and played up 'merry hell' with the surrounding cliffs. (Do you know the coast line between St. Leonard's and Bexhill? Well, very much like that). So thorough was our searching fire that our soldiers made an effective landing, very few getting 'winged' for a start. It was a sight to see those chaps nip out of the boats, and no stopping till they reached the top of the cliffs. I admire those fellows; they were fit, no mistake. Sir Ian Hamilton did not choose the wrong covering party, but they 'copped out' then and lost terribly, but they held on and allowed the troops and guns to land. I heard afterwards that not many of the 750 escaped unwounded. A few of our sailors were 'winged' in boat work, and our Fleet Surgeon was shot dead on our own quarter deck. Poor chap, he was just going to land to act as P.M.O., on our beach, and had organised his staff. He was a man whom we can least spare—but it was to be."

"We stayed and pumped tons of metal into Achi Baba for about a fortnight, and then got a sudden swish to Malta. We got some slight damage done from the forts one day whilst doing a bit up inside the Straits, but nobody 'dipped'."

"While lying in Malta for a few days, we had 36 hours' leave. I went over to see the peal of six, which are a nice little peal by Mears, 1841, but they have never been rung, although they are hung for ringing, owing to the tower being so frail. They are chained (after a style). Of course, I have been there before, in 1906-8. This time I chimed Bob Minor and Doubles, and felt very proud. I went in to the service after. We only stayed in Malta a few days—a proper sailor's paradise that place and very interesting in the way of churches. I always look forward to going there. We are now having a decent time and a rest after our 'Dard's' experience, but we are still 2,000 miles away from home."

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT PERSHORE.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Pershore on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Worcester, Malvern, Upton-on-Severn, Madresfield, Evesham, Hampton, Teddington, Bretforton, Eckington, etc. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. R. Newman (general secretary of the Association), R. G. Knowles (secretary of the Western Branch), C. Camm (Ringing Master of the Western Branch), H. Middleton (Ringing Master of the Southern Branch), W. C. Jones and E. Barber, auditors for the Association, E. Gibbs (Hanley Swann), and D. Brearley, of the Sheffield District Association.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Philips) officiated at the service which was held, and had, as he described it, a few words of brotherly talk with the ringers.

Tea, which was to have been served on the Vicarage lawn, was, owing to the threatening weather, partaken of in the Mission Hall, about 50 sitting down. A business meeting followed, at which the Rev. A. H. Philips presided, and at which the Vicar, and Messrs. G. F. Hooper and D. T. Towers (churchwardens of Pershore), and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice, Vicar of Great Hampton, were elected honorary members. Two performing members were also elected.

It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal on the Abbey bells, with Mr. J. Dolphin as conductor. It was also resolved to arrange a united practice meeting at Great Comberton, with the approval of the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Peile.—It was further decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the branch at Overbury.

On the proposition of Mr. J. R. Newman, votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells and for arranging the service; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who had so kindly prepared it and waited upon the visitors. Needless to say this was carried with acclamation.—The Vicar briefly replied, and expressed the hope that it would not be long before the Association paid them another visit.

Apologies for absence were read from Archdeacon Peile, the Rev. W. Lea, the Rev. E. Baileman, the Rev. F. R. Lawson, the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice, and Dr. Woodward, of Pershore. The bells of St. Andrews Church and the Abbey were available, and both were utilised, touches in standard methods being rung, including Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman.

RINGER'S PLUCKY DOUBLE RESCUE.

MAN AND BOY SAVED FROM THE THAMES.

An extremely plucky action, which undoubtedly saved two lives, was performed the other day by Corporal Percy Edward Clark, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and one of the ringers at St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, where his father is assistant vergers and caretaker. Corpl. Clark is now stationed at one of the Royal Naval Air Depots, and was on the Thames bank between Kew and Richmond when the exciting incident happened. His attention was attracted by the cries of some women for help, and rushing to the spot he saw a man in the water, evidently in a helpless position. Divesting himself only of his jacket Corpl. Clark jumped into the water, and, reaching the man, swam with him to the bank, where he was got out of the water in an exhausted state. Corpl. Clark then saw a little boy in the water, and courageously returned to his rescue. Once he lost hold of the boy, but managed to find him again, and brought him to the bank. The tide was running strongly at the time. Corpl. Clark helped to restore animation in the rescued, who eventually came round little the worse for the adventure, while happily their rescuer suffered no ill effects. It appears that the boy while playing by the waterside fell in, and the man, although unable to swim, waded in and tried to save the child, but, when nearly up to his neck, was swept off his feet by the stream. Corpl. Clark's plucky rescue saved both lives, and it is hoped his bravery will be fittingly recognised by the authorities. Before being called up as a reservist last August, Corpl. Clark was acting as caretaker of the Ealing County School.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Brigg on Saturday, when a good muster of ringers and friends were present from Gainsborough, Kirton-Lindsey, Scunthorpe, Barnetby and Bigby, in addition to some of the local company. The bells, a very musical ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in various methods, including Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tea was provided at Mr. Spencer's, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. T. Ladd presided.—One new member (Mr. G. T. Ella, Scunthorpe) was elected.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the chairman, concluded the meeting.—The best thanks of the visitors are also due to Mr. F. W. Atkinson, junr., for making the necessary arrangements, and to the host and hostess for the splendid repast which they provided on the occasion.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's, for the anniversary of the King's Coronation, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: J. Law 1, J. Crowder 2, T. Taylor 3, A. White 4, C. N. Walker 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

SERGT.-MAJOR W. A. CAVE'S RESIGNATION AS SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, on Saturday. The bells were started at three o'clock. At the service, which was held an hour later, a very interesting address was given by the Rev. — Wibby, of West Bromwich, who is taking duty during the absence of the Vicar. The preacher spoke, in the course of his address, of his early days spent at Gloucester and his attempt at change ringing. He, however, did not get any further than call changes. In conversation with the hon. secretary after the service, it transpired that they were both singing the National Anthem on the top of the fine old tower of Gloucester Cathedral at 8 a.m. on the occasion of the late Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887, the rev. gentleman being then a boy in St. Luke's choir, while Mr. Wilkins had just been ringing in the belfry underneath.

After service an adjournment was made for the school where tea was provided, 50 members sitting down, including the late Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. It was hoped Mr. C. E. D. Bentflower would have been with the members, but something unforeseen happening, he was prevented.

Tea over, the meeting followed, the Master, Mr. F. K. Howell taking the chair. An interesting letter was read from Sergt.-Major W. A. Cave, R.E., who (as most letters from the front say) is "somewhere in France," wishing the meeting every success, and suggesting that the Association had better elect a fresh secretary in his place. He also informed the St. Stephen's ringers that a late member of their company, E. Kidler, was lance-corporal, and with Mr. Cave's company.

The re-election of Mr. F. K. Howell as Master of the Association was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey. This brought up a discussion as to whether the Mastership should be considered as a permanent office for the occupant, or whether it should go round. It was eventually agreed that it should be held for two years, and that the next Master should be selected from another part of the Diocese.—Mr. Howell was thereupon re-elected unanimously.

Mr. Wilkins was proposed as hon. secretary, but said it would be waste of time to go on with his election, as he was too busy to fulfil the office. He, therefore, proposed Mr. R. W. Hyner, of Swindon, and Mr. S. Abrahams seconded.—Mr. Hyner, being present, agreed to accept the position, and his election was carried with acclamation. The writer thinks the Association is very fortunate in getting such a good man in Mr. Cave's place.—The Master proposed the Rev. H. A. Cockey as hon. treasurer, and this, having been seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was carried.

FUNDS TO BE INVESTED IN WAR LOAN.

The balance sheet was presented, and proved the Association to be in a very satisfactory condition financially, there being a good balance at the bank.—Mr. Wilkins proposed, and Mr. W. Short seconded, that part of the balance be invested in the War Loan, and this was carried.

At a meeting held in the Stroud branch it was recommended that all members serving in His Majesty's Forces be exempt from further contributions to the funds of the Association, and be made life members, but the members present at the annual meeting thought this would be going too far, considering that, when all the names were in, it would be found there were well over 100 members serving. Therefore, on the proposition of Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. F. G. May, it was agreed that members with the colours should be exempt from further contribution during the period of the war.—It was proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and seconded by Mr. Wilkins, that Rule 3 be altered, and that the end of the financial year for the branches should be December 31st instead of November 21st.—This was carried. It was also agreed that the reports be printed as usual.

A vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of the Master, seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, to the Vicar of St. Phillip's for the use of the church and bells, also to the Rev. Wibby for the address.—The Rev. Wibby responded, saying how pleased he was to be with the members.

Through the hurry to get back to ringing, a vote of thanks to Mr. W. A. Cave for the energetic way he had worked for the Association was omitted. The writer knows the difficulties Mr. Cave had to contend with, and during the five years he was secretary, he had turned a deficit into a balance of between £60 and £70. This vote must be reserved for Mr. Cave's (we hope) safe return. All the members were pleased to see Mr. F. G. May with them again, after an illness of nearly four months, and hoped it would not be long before he would be in his usual place again. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. P. Williams, of St. Phillip's; Mr. J. Richmond, of St. Nicholas' and Mr. F. Porch, of St. Peter's, where touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

AN APPEAL TO LADIES.

A quarterly meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday week at Stroud Parish Church, when the record number of 41 ringers attended. The Master (Mr. F. K. Howell) and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies

being among those present. The bells were raised in peal at 3.30, and various touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung till 5 p.m., when service was held. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies took the first portion, which included special ringers' prayers and hymns. Canon Proctor gave an earnest address.

By the kind invitation of Canon Proctor all were entertained to tea at the Church Rooms, and a pleasant time was spent. A business meeting followed, presided over by Canon Proctor. Two new members were elected, and Horsley was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, and Bisley and Haresfield for the monthly meetings.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Proctor for his kindness to the Association at all times, and for allowing the members the use of the church bells and also for his excellent and practical address.—Canon Proctor, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome such an excellent and zealous body of church workers.

The Vicarage gardens were thrown open to the ringers, and all appreciated the pleasant walks round them and listening to the musical touches rung on the bells.

Amongst the visitors were two lady ringers from Dursley, who rang on both eight and ten bells during the afternoon and evening. Holt showed an excellent command, and rang a good course of Grandsire Triples.—The Master made an earnest appeal to ladies to come forward and assist in the ringing of the church bells now that so many of the ringers have enlisted in His Majesty's Forces. He said he was sure they would be heartily welcomed at the different towers, and would find ringing the church bells highly instructive and interesting.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Dunsen on Saturday. Ringers put in an early appearance, and touches of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Ireble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served at the Squires Inn, about 48 members being present from All Saints', St. Peter's and St. Giles', Northampton; Weston Favell, Ecton, Earl's Barton, Bough-ton, Castle Ashby, Kingshorpe, Harlestone, Rothorpe, Welington, Hardington, etc.

After tea, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Pearson), supported by Mr. J. Clarke, Towcester.

The following officers for the district were elected: Mr. J. Clarke, vice-president; Mr. T. Law, district secretary; Messrs. F. Hopper, A. Mawby, J. Dean, W. Clarke, E. Jones, committee. The Rev. W. Pearson and the Rev. A. J. Woodhouse were elected hon. members, and two new ringing members from Ecton were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Moulton.

On the motion of Mr. T. Law, seconded by Mr. Clarke, it was unanimously resolved that a collection be taken for the "Prince of Wales' Fund" and forwarded through "The Ringing World." The proposal was heartily responded to.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. Pearson for the use of the bells, the Vicar's reply bringing a very successful meeting to a close.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday the ringers of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, held their annual outing at Boldmere, near Sutton Coldfield. Ringing was delayed till after four o'clock owing to a funeral at the church, but subsequently touches of Grandsire Triples, two six-scores of Doubles and a few courses of Bob Minor were rung. Tea, to which ample justice was done, was provided at the Park Cafe.—The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for again entertaining them, and this was seconded by Mr. Coley, and supported by Mr. Perry.—The Vicar, in acknowledging the vote, remarked that he was pleased with the regular attendance of the ringers and with the ringing recently, and hoped it would continue.

The party afterwards paid a visit to Sutton Park, and enjoyed a voyage on the "Foam," after which an inspection of the huts, which have been erected for the City Battalions, took place. The men had made small gardens in front of some, others had named them with such titles as "The Dew Drop Inn," "Abode of Love" and "Ot-az-el," etc. Darkness at last caused a "retreat home."

RINGERS' GIFT TO VICAR.

The members of the Lindfield, Sussex, band, have presented a silver bell inkstand (supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking) to their departing Vicar (the Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne), as a token of their appreciation of his kindness to them during his long stay of 29 years in Lindfield. The gift was inscribed: "Presented to the Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne, by the bell ringers of Lindfield. June 20th, 1915." In accepting the present, the reverend gentleman thanked the ringers for their most useful gift, and for their past services.

As a farewell touch to the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on June 30th, in 44 mins., by: F. Howell (first quarter) 1, R. Hodder 2, H. Tomsett 3, H. J. Gravett 4, A. Tomsett 5, G. Tomsett (conductor) 6, T. Stringer 7, E. Patching 8.

A YORKSHIRE EXCURSION.**HEADINGLEY SOCIETY VISIT PICTURESQUE KILDWICK.**

The Headingley St. Michael's Society had their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited the village of Kildwick on the Aire, in the Craven district of Yorkshire. Mr. Geo. Bolland (vice-president of the Yorkshire Association) was of the party, also Mr. Tom Maude, Mr. John McKell, of Gargrave, and Mr. Geo. Robinson, a former member of the St. Michael's Society. The visitors arrived by the 1.15 p.m. train, and in the course of their walk to the village had an opportunity of admiring this pretty part of the Aire Valley, all vegetation being very fresh after the recent welcome rain. Severely planted on the hillside, the village nestles amidst ample foliage, and presents a perfect picture of rural comfort and happiness; the finishing touch being given by the grand old church, locally known as the "Laug Kirk in Craven," but it should be called the "Cathedral of Airedale," owing to its long connection in history. Just across the valley are the Cloth Mills, where the Dale folk gain their daily bread, under ideal conditions. When they lift their eyes from work it is to look out upon the beautiful in nature and not the sordid surroundings of a big city. Their leisure, too, can be spent in daily communion with things that soothe the mind and tune the nerves aright.

A glance at the map of Yorkshire shows that the north-western portion of the county could very well be called "The land of the five rivers," for here are five nearly parallel valleys, Yoredale, Niddersdale, Wharfedale, Airedale and Calderdale, each with its characteristic scenery and associations. Kildwick occupies an important part of the Aire Valley, and has no doubt witnessed some stirring times in bygone days. At the time when England and Scotland were separate kingdoms the Scots ravaged these northern valleys many times, especially after Bannockburn and Kildwick would suffer with other places from pillage, and quite certainly the church would be plundered on each occasion. But better times were in store for the people, and as we cross the ancient bridge built in 1305 A.D. by the Canons of Bolton Abbey, we think of the peaceful days following, when these lovely dales were the homes of a happy contented people under the Monastic system.

PROMISING MATERIAL.

The visitors from Headingley were met at the church gates by several members of the local company who gave them a very hearty welcome. The bells were raised in peal, and the first touch was 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Geo. Bolland, the tenor being excellently well rung by one of the local men. Some half-dozen lads in their teens are making good progress under the care of Mr. McKell, and these were put through their first course of Double Norwich, in which they acquitted themselves with credit. With such material as this in the eight-bell towers round, the Craven district will soon become a stronghold for the higher methods. The visitors rang London, Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise, and an attempt for Superlative which failed was a surprise to everyone. The touch par excellence of the day was a very musical one of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. F. Smallwood, the compass and striking being perfect. Three good courses of Double Norwich conducted by Mr. H. Lindsay concluded the ringing, and the bells were ceased in peal in good style.

The tower formerly contained a peal of six, but, acting on the advice of the President and some officials of the County Association, the Vicar and wardens decided to send them to the foundry at Loughborough to be recast, and with new metal added, the result is a very sweet-toned octave in the key of F, and Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on this decided addition to the excellent peals of bells in Yorkshire. The bells have not been formally opened yet, as it is the intention of the Vicar and his committee to delay this function until after the war, when no doubt justice will be done to the occasion, as the Kildwick folk are very proud of them.

The church is a most picturesque structure, has many interesting features, and is manifestly a very ancient home of the Faith. It possesses a number of fragments of several ancient crosses which disclose a high order of workmanship, and has a little Norman work. Its total length is 145ft., and it has no chancel arch. Many architectural features could be dwelt upon, but they may not be of interest to the general reader. The old oak screen work in the chancel is exceptionally good, and the collection of "Jacobean" carving worked into the seats is remarkable. At the west end is a beautiful octagonal font of perpendicular date, and surrounded by carvings of the Passion. Preserved in a glass case with the Deeds of Endowment are two old Bassons, with which the singing was led in pre-organ days.

Kildwick is said to be the church where the parish clerk announced "a Psalm of my own composing," and proceeded to "give out" the first two lines:—

"Ye little hills why do ye skip, and wherefore do ye hop,
Is it because ye have come to see His Grace the Lord Bishop?"

WORDS OF THANKS.

The tower is a sturdy, pleasing structure of perpendicular date, with a turret for approach to the bells, and it adds a degree of picturesqueness to the whole building that is charming to the eye. A story is told of a former Vicar. When building the school, the Board of Education demanded a boarded floor, and he replied, all the children carried their own floor boards on their feet, and sent a specimen of the local clogs, saying, the irons would destroy a wooden floor.

An excellent tea was provided by mine host of the White Lion, to which a company of fourteen sat down, including three of the local

men, the kindness of Mr. Maude in providing two baskets of strawberries being much appreciated, while the rich cream of the district made a dish to be long remembered. Opportunity was taken at the tea tables to recognise the courtesy and kindly interest taken by the local men in the visitors. Mr. Law, senr., replied, and promised to convey the thanks to the Vicar and wardens, and assured the visitors of the pleasure they had derived, and expressed a hope that the visit would be renewed.

A few words of encouragement were addressed to Mr. McKell in the work he has undertaken by establishing practice meetings in this district, and in reply, he thanked the company for his first course of Bristol, just rung. He was reminiscent of happy times in the past, and expressed a hope for a visit to Gargrave in the future.

The handbells were brought into use many times during the excursion, courses and touches in the following methods being rung: Grand-sire Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Triples. The following characters worthily upheld their great reputation in this branch of the science, viz., "The Ringing Master," "The Dr.," "The Critic," "Little Mary" and "Father Robinson." The band were ably captained by Mr. H. Lindsay, "a past provincial Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Antidiluvian Buffaloes," and on that account better known to his immediate friends as "The old Buffer." His fatherly eye was continually over the younger members, particularly "Little Mary," and he paid special attention to the Temperance section when the strawberries were about, and made all square when time for drinks was called.

The outing was a great success, and the thanks of the visitors are hereby accorded to all who contributed to the same. The prevailing spirit of the day was that each one tried to give pleasure as well as to receive it.

H. W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the South Western Division of the Essex Association was held at North Weald on Saturday last, and was attended by about 30 members and friends. The bells were available from 3 o'clock, and good use was made of them during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung varying from Grand-sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. One feature of the ringing was a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung by six of the now famous peal ringing band of Georges, with Mr. George Dent, of Harlow Common, as conductor.

Twenty-five members sat down to tea, which was provided by Mr. E. Gridley, Master of the local ringers.—The Vicar of North Weald (the Rev. C. S. K. Ryan) presided over the subsequent business meeting, at which Mr. W. Vale, of Chigwell Row, was re-elected a member of the Association.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, was selected as the place for the annual meeting, and it was decided to hold a bye-meeting at Dagenham at the end of August or early in September.

The members present took the opportunity of expressing their sincere wishes to their fellow members who have answered the call to arms.

Mr. G. A. Black proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, and for presiding at the meeting.

The bells were afterwards rung for some time, and everybody went home with the feeling that they had had a very pleasant meeting. The following towers were represented: North Weald, Stansted, Harlow Common, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow; Loughton, Woodford, Chigwell Row, Leytonstone, West Ham, Romford and Barking.

NORMAN TOWER AT WARGRAVE CHURCH.

An interesting discovery has been made during the rebuilding of Wargrave Church, which was destroyed by fire caused by Suffragettes last year.

In restoring the tower it was found that the present casing of red brick is a covering or casing of the original Norman tower, which is a very fine example of Norman masonry, and, in the opinion of experts, one of the best discovered up to the present time.

There is no record of the date of the casing of the tower, or by whom the work was done, but apparently it was in the reign of either Henry VII. or Henry VIII.

There has also been discovered a number of interesting vaults under the chancel, of which no mention is made in the church records.

Before the fire the church possessed a peal of eight bells, which were a great delight to the members of the Oxford Guild.

MUFFLED RINGING AT IPSWICH.

Muffled ringing took place at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on June 28th (by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Douglas Hamilton), as a last tribute to the memory of Mrs. Mary J. Catchpole, wife of Mr. William L. Catchpole, a much-respected member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, the funeral having taken place earlier in the day. The ringing was also a mark of respect to the late Mr. Robert Brundle, father of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, another valued member of the society. As beadle, Mr. Brundle, senr., was a familiar figure in former years, particularly in the vicinity of St. Matthew's Church. He reached the ripe age of 85 years. The touches rung with half-muffled bells included Grand-sire and Stedman Triples on the back eight.

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RESTORATION OF FELSTED BELLS.

NEW OCTAVE FOR ANCIENT ESSEX CHURCH

To-morrow afternoon the restored and augmented peal of bells, which completes the restoration of the Parish Church of Felsted, Essex, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford, and it will doubtless be the occasion of a numerous gathering of Essex ringers. The foundation of the church—dedicated to the Holy Cross—is lost in antiquity, but it is believed to have been founded by Queen Helena. The registers date from 1558 and there are many historic associations with the ancient building. In plan, the church consists of a chancel, nave with double arcade, clerestory, lean-to aisles, south porch and western tower, besides the Rich Chapel attached to the south side of the chancel, and an ancient sacristy, now used as the vestry, on the north side. Various dates of ecclesiastical work are represented in this church; the earliest part probably being

The Architect, Mr. Wykeham Chancellor, of Chelmsford, is to be congratulated on the way in which he has restored the tower; the old plaster has been removed and the windows restored to their original Norman shape. The chancel and nave were restored in 1877 under the vicariate of the Rev. J. C. Cox, and now that the tower is finished the parish possesses a beautiful church of which, not only the parishioners, but the county, may well be proud, the restoration having been fittingly completed by the renovation of the bells. Formerly there were five, three of them cracked and the whole in such a dilapidated condition that they had not been rung for half-a-century. Messrs. Warner & Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, have now installed a new peal of eight hung in one of their new pattern frames. A capital job has been made of the contract and Felsted is in possession of a most handy ring with a tenor of about 12½ cwt. in F. Towards the cost, which is about £300, only £50 has so far been subscribed to this particular part of the church restoration. The parishioners have, however, done a great deal, for the other renovations have been paid for. Essex ringers, and



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, FELSTED.

the Norman arch in the tower, and the fine Norman arch which divides the nave from the south aisle, the arcade to the north aisle being of a later date. The windows are for the most part of the decorative period, though some are more recent. On the south side of the chancel is the mortuary chapel of Lord Rich containing the remains of Lord Rich, the founder of the school and almshouses at Felsted, and of others of his family who became Earls of Warwick. Its only monument is that of Lord Rich himself, of exquisite workmanship, and which has now been restored. It is interesting here to note that eleven members of the Rich and Warwick families are buried in the church. Oliver Cromwell is said to have married his wife from Felsted, and four of his sons were educated at the old schoolroom. His eldest son Robert died while at the school and was buried in 1639. There are two well-preserved brasses on the chancel floor: one of a knight, name unknown, in plate armour of the fourteenth century; the other, of Christina, wife of John Bray, who died on the 19th Feb., 1420. The font is early fourteenth century.

members of the Exercise generally, are invited to subscribe to this bell fund, and their contributions will be most gratefully received. They should be sent to the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Doherty).

The inscriptions on the bells are as under, those on the old ones having been reproduced on the new, and all of them bearing the name of the founders:—

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5th.—Miles Gray made me 1638.

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Peter Davey and Richd. Stacey 1731. C.W.

7th.—Lester and Pack London fecit 1764.

Peter Sewell and Jas. Brown, ch. wardens,

Tenor.—T. Mears London fecit 1815.

Rd. Makin and S. Fitch, ch. wardens.

METHODS—RULES AND LAWS.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

I can assure Mr. Carpenter that I fully "acknowledge that his contention has something in it," and have always acknowledged it, but I am certain that he does not appreciate my standpoint, and if he will consider my arguments he will find that not only are they true, but they do not in any way warrant the construction that he seems to think some people put on them. It is quite true that at the outset the aim of the Methods Committee was "to draw up rules (not laws) of method construction, by which methods of a certain standard of excellence may be produced." That was in the mind of the Council when the committee was appointed. Some eighteen or twenty years ago a lot of methods were published by people who had no elementary idea of what a good method is, and some of our leading authorities (notably the late Mr. Bulwer) seemed to fear lest these crude and unsuitable productions should swamp the really good ones. Hence the appointment of the committee. There really was no need for fear. The Exercise had managed for a couple of centuries to get on without a Methods Committee to tell it what to ring and has always, in the long run, managed to pick the good and reject the bad; and I am perfectly convinced that it is quite unnecessary to attempt to lay down any rules at all, and I have long since given up all attempts to do anything of the sort. My task has been the humbler, but infinitely more difficult, one of trying to find out why things are as they are; to find out the laws that produce methods, and the laws which say that this method is good and that method is not so good.

For the whole question is one of law, not law like Acts of Parliament which have been laid down by authority at a certain time, and could at any time be repealed by the same authority; but natural law, which as Mr. Carpenter rightly says, "enforces itself and brings its own punishment to those who try to break it." But Mr. Carpenter knows quite well that breach of natural law does not bring punishment to the offender in the same way that breach of statute law does. If you steal a watch and get caught you get fourteen days, but if you build a house and set the proper laws of construction at defiance, when that house collapses it is just as likely to kill or ruin another man as yourself. So that to talk of a "penalty" being attached to breaches of the laws of change ringing does not really help the argument. What I do say is this: that change ringing is produced and developed by natural laws, and these laws do enforce themselves and always have done. This does not in any sense mean that a band cannot, if they choose, ring a "mongrel" method, or that if they do they receive some "punishment." Natural law does not work in that crude and melodramatic fashion. Let us take a case, the one Mr. Carpenter quotes. He says, "Will Mr. Trollope tell us what law there is to prevent a band ringing that excellent though illegitimate method, Union Triples, and what is the penalty for breaking the law?" The answer is easy. There is no such law and consequently no penalty. But there is a law which says that Union Triples is faulty in construction, and that is the law of symmetry.

The law of symmetry is a natural law, and is a law which enforces itself in almost everything in human life. Not only in such obvious cases as architecture and art, but in literature, and music and also in conduct. What it really is and why it should be a law are questions quite beyond me. Whether it is a part of that law of rhythm, which, I believe, Herbert Spencer speaks of as one of the fundamental laws of the Universe, I cannot say. What I do know is that here you have a law which is present everywhere in human activities, and which control almost everything in change ringing.

And does it not enforce itself? Most certainly it does. Union Triples may be an "excellent" method, but it is as dead as mutton. Why? No method had a better start. It was a favourite with the great London ringers of the eighteenth century, it is in the ringing books, and on paper it seems to be almost everything that a seven-bell method should be. But the simple truth is that it has been tried and found wanting. Natural law has enforced itself.

When men say what right have you or any other man to decide what we shall ring and what we shall not ring, and what is to prevent us ringing what we like, I answer: I have no such right and claim no such right, nor has any other man, but you don't ring just what you like. You ring what change ringing gives you, you have to abide by its standards. Try and break away from them if you like, and see what success you will have. There is no one to prevent your putting Union Triples and London Court in the place of Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich, but you don't do it.

Hence it follows that the statement I gave in "The Ringing World" of 18th June is either a statement of change ringing as it is (not as I think it should be), or it is nothing. I do not mean that these are all the qualifications necessary for a good method for that they certainly are not, but they are the really fundamental ones and, because they are fundamental, they are not the most obvious ones. Do not let anyone think that they are restrictions which I am trying to force on an unwilling Exercise. They are merely statements of laws which have always operated since ringing was and will continue to operate, whether you like to recognise them or not.

Note.—Mr. Carpenter says that in paragraph A if I have made a statement which is not true. That paragraph, paraphrased, is that without the continuous connected paths of the bells moving from place to place one step and one step only at a time, change ringing does

not exist; and that is most certainly true. You could produce rows by letting bells skip two or three positions at a time; but that would not be change ringing, at least not our change ringing, and I am concerned only with ringing as it is, not as it conceivably might be.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I looked in your columns last week in vain to find a champion of the Central Council's cause. Attacks which go unanswered frequently leave a bad impression. As a member of the Council I think both your correspondents, "Khaki Lad" and "A Country Ringer" have failed to do the Council all the justice they are entitled to. Unless the Exercise is to consist of so many disintegrated units, each following its own course, with no cohesion in policy, we must have a hub for these organisations to turn upon. The Central Council supplies the pivot, and it cannot be denied that either because of, or in spite of the Central Council—I prefer to think the former—the greatest advance which the Exercise has made has been since the Council has been set up.

I am, however, quite prepared to admit that the meetings are, under present arrangements, sometimes a waste of time, and that the last gathering was one which reached almost the limit of sterility. The ordinary business is cut and dried for us by the Standing Committee, and when the discussions come on, the subjects are usually such that the majority can only sit and listen. I have been told by an outsider that the Council consists of four classes of members: a very minute proportion who understand and can talk, a rather larger proportion who know and can't talk; and the balance made up of those who don't know and can talk, and those who neither know nor talk. This is somewhat scathing, but having been a member for some few years now, I must say I am rather of the same opinion. The number of those who can really grasp these subjects and put their views into words intelligibly is certainly small. Things would be better if the Council dealt with more practical matters, and did not waste so much of its time in discussing theories. On these latter subjects let the experts first agree among themselves. When they do we shall be prepared to accept their dicta, but their efforts at present seem only to be leading us into greater confusion.—Yours faithfully,

AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER.

MR. A. E. SEERS' PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

"Robert Stringfellow" writes: "In your issue of May 28th last you publish a very interesting composition—a nine-part peal of Grandsire Triples, by A. E. Seers, of Bath. Would the composer kindly let us know whether the figures as given are correct, and if so, where the row 342567 (2nd part end) is obtained from; also the row 245367, given as the first row of part B, as I am unable to trace them. Also, if part B is to be inserted between the singles in † how does it come that the first row, 245367, is an in-course row? There are other interesting points in the composition which I had hoped some of your correspondents would have drawn attention to ere now."

In order that the questions raised and the explanation given might appear together, we submitted "Robert Stringfellow's" inquiries to the composer, and Mr. Seers' replies will doubtless make the matter clear.

The figures as given are correct, except that the number of leads between the 3rd and 4th bobs of part B is two instead of one, as printed, but the transposition of the rows shows this.

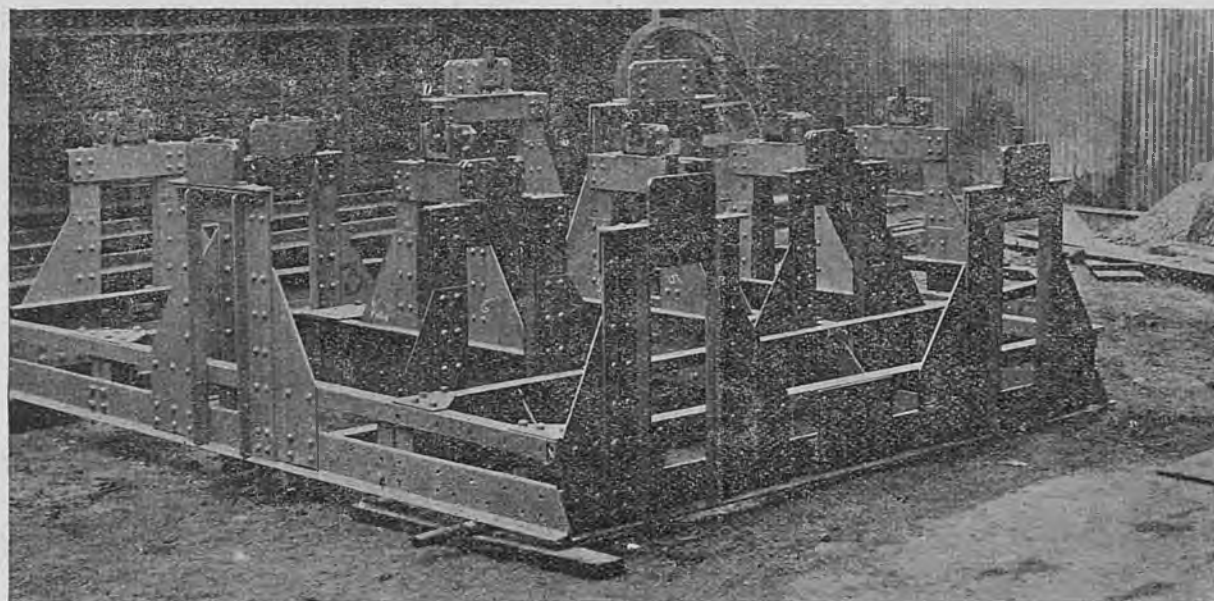
The key to the peal is by following the working of the 7th, which, in each of the three parts A, is called into the same places, and is similarly treated in each of the three parts B. The second part-end, 342567, is, therefore, obtained by calling the 7th into the same positions as in the first part, as far as the second single, when the part-end will run up at a plain lead by omitting the bob at *. The third and fifth parts are got by the same calling from the 7th as the first part, and the fourth and sixth by the same calling as the second part, the only difference in the two callings being the omission of the last call of the first part.

The first row (245367) of the first part of B, is got by calling a single at † 425367 in part A, and it is an in-course row because it is produced by two singles in addition to the bobs. It should be noted that the first call in each of the parts B is a bob with the 7th at Home, corresponding with the call at 245367 mentioned above. The third part-end of B is 573624, and a single at 2 brings up 425367 in the first part of A, which was the point at which the original calling was broken off.

The important point is that the 7th is to be followed as observation bell throughout. No matter where it may be at the part ends, it does exactly the same work in every individual part of either A or B.

RINGING AT SHOREDITCH.

We are asked to state that the Monday evening practices at Shoreditch Church have not been suspended. There seems to have been some misapprehension on this point since the air raid, but practice takes place every Monday evening at eight o'clock, and visitors are welcome. The historic ring are now in capital going order, and ringers in and around London ought to be glad of the opportunity of regular practice on twelve. Sunday service ringing also takes place each third Sunday at 10 a.m.



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NOTICES.

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

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Titchmarsh July 17th, and Earls Barton July 24th. It is hoped members will try and attend these meetings, as important business is to be transacted.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, July 17th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) and the Abbey (8) will be open for ringing from 3 to 3.45 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 4. Towers open again from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, July 17th, at 4.30 p.m., and the local ringers at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, have kindly made arrangements if sufficient members wish to have a pull on that peal of six. The business meeting will be held at Highgate, and business affecting the future welfare of the district will be brought forward. Will all members make an endeavour to attend.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Secretary, Sea View, Sugden Road, Worthing.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3.30. A short service will be held, followed by tea, on the usual terms. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The Midsummer meeting of the Central District will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Dorking (S.E. and C. Railway via East Croydon, L. and B. via Mitcham and Sutton, S.W. via Wimbledon; half-hour service motor bus via West Croydon to Reigate and Reigate to Dorking). Bells 8 (tenor 25 cwt.)—available at 3.30 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.45 in the Church Room (members 3d., visitors 1s.). Short business meeting to follow. Members of Southern District and visitors will be welcome. Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. All nominations for branch secretary to be sent in not later than this meeting.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-morrow (Saturday), July 17th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on July 20th; for handbell practice on 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, for practice on the 13th and 27th, and for service on the 18th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prees, Salop, on Saturday, July 24th. Train leaves Shrewsbury 1.50 p.m. Ringing at 2.45 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 24th, 1915. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, at 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members during the afternoon and evening. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 20th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Castle at 5.30, 9d. per head.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 24th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Canon Dawson (Rector) and A. F. Nussey, Esq. (churchwarden), in the Village Hall at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Half fares allowed at this meeting. It is particularly requested that all intending to be present at the tea notify me by Tuesday, July 20th, the latest.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Particulars to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 28th annual festival will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. M. W. Myres, M.A., Vicar of Frodsham. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Dinner at the Feathers Hotel at 1.15 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The bells at Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6) available all day.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 24th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run to Shareshill (6 miles from Wolverhampton) will take place on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. All are welcome.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual business meeting will be held in the Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, on Saturday, July 31st, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. Middleton, ringing master of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, has removed to 73, Lenchwick, nr. Evesham.

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LONDON.—On May 23rd, for evening service, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, F. Andrews 2, F. Smith 3, T. Walker 4, C. F. Winney 5, W. Bottrill 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, F. Davis 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Whit-Sunday, May 23rd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), at St. Mary's Church for the 6 a.m. Communion service: P. J. Brooks 1, L. Verrall 2, A. E. Auscombe 3, J. H. Cox 4, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 5, A. Martin 6.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Wren 1, F. Tester 2, W. Burrell 3, H. Jenner 4, A. J. Pierpoint 5, W. Jenner 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, F. J. Charnan 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Charnan.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Empire Day, at St. John's Church, 336 and 291 Grandsire Triples, 336 and 168 Stedman Triples, conducted by Cpl. A. Sheppard (Herts) and Pte H. F. Cooper (Essex). At St. Augustine's, Woodston, three six-score of Grandsire Doubles, 360 Kent, 720 Plain Bob, conducted by R. Rowell and Pte A. Catterwell (Essex). At St. Mary's, 120 Stedman Doubles, 240 Little Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by Pte H. F. Cooper, J. J. Jutson and Pte A. Catterwell. Others taking part were: Pte H. W. Catterwell (Essex), Pte W. Lawrence (Northants), T. Vaughan, F. Cooke, F. Dainty, W. Cross, H. Cole, T. Howling, S. Wright, H. Hoare, senr., H. Hoare, junr., and S. Hoare.

BRAINTREE.—On Empire Day, at 6 a.m., at the Parish Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cootie 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. H. Hammond 3, F. Webb 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Pte C. Hughes (2/17 London Rifles) 6, G. Lindridge 7, C. H. Howard (conductor) 8.

WORCESTER.—On Empire Day, May 24th, at St. John's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: C. Bowkett 1, W. Ranford 2, T. Howells 3, W. Niblett 4, J. Warran 5, W. Page (conductor) 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—St. Peter's Society. — At St. Peter's Church, on Empire Day, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Holme 1, J. Broadbent 2, G. Lowe 3, H. Holme 4, R. Wimpenny 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, D. Wolstencroft 8. Mr. Rolls, a veteran, who was a ringer some 40 years ago, also had a pull.

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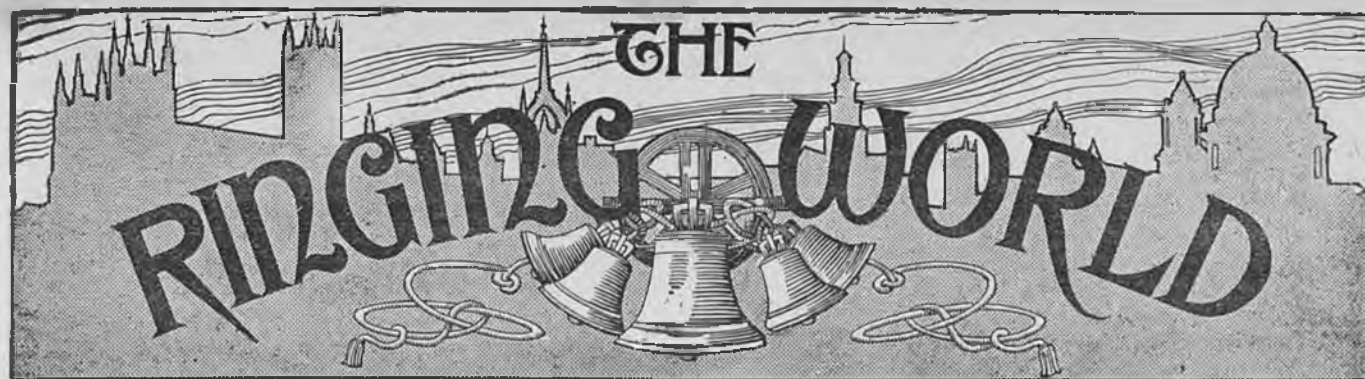


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MODERN WORK.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

In this number we publish an article, entitled "Stedman Caters on a new plan," which embodies the researches of Mr. George T. Clayton into a subject which in recent years has been much under discussion. The Rev. H. Law James some time ago endeavoured to get the Exercise to believe that Stedman was not originally intended to be as we have it to-day and that, while we make bobs in fifth's place, the bob is really the quick six. That view failed to find acceptance with ringers in general, and we feel sure that the Exercise will be as chary in accepting Mr. Clayton's argument that Stedman can have any number of hunting bells, provided that at least one pair continue dodging.

Whether, after 250 years, it is only just to be realised what Stedman intended or what he would have done had he carried out the extension of the method himself, however, is not the matter which at this moment is our concern. The point which we desire to lead up to and to emphasise is this, is it of advantage that under a specific name such as, in this case, Stedman Caters, we should admit that two or three or even more methods may be rung? Because that is the contention which we must accept if Mr. Clayton's argument is admitted. Thus a method with a five-bell "slow work" or a seven-bell "slow work" would equally have to be termed "Stedman Caters" just as is the method with only three bells in the slow work. The method, which is given in Mr. Clayton's article, may be a method of Caters which can be produced on the principle by which Stedman evolved his Doubles, but we disagree with him that it can appropriately be called "Stedman Caters." That designation has been given for the past one hundred and sixty years or more to the method as we know it to-day, and in the minds of all ringers for generations it has had a definite and precise meaning and it is now so well established that, despite what may be imagined—after a lapse of two-and-a-half centuries—the author would have done had he gone further than he did, we do not think any attempt to displace the name or to make its application wider, is justified. Stedman as a method has been practised in one form and one form alone for so long that, however modern authors may seek to complete the work of the famous Cambridge printer, we feel the Exercise will sternly reject anything in the nature of innovation under the cover of the old name. "Erin" is based upon the principle of a "three-bell hunt," but no claim has been made to call it "Stedman," although the actual work is more nearly akin to the latter than is the method we publish in this issue. But this question of nomenclature is only one of the points raised by Mr. Clayton's article, which will doubtless be read with interest.

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NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

We acknowledge below further contributions to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. We hope the second hundred guineas at which we are aiming will quickly be raised for we are confident that it can be done with just a little effort.

In sending on a collection made on their last practice night among the ringers of Clun, Salop, Mr. W. Mead says: "I trust you will soon be able to complete a second hundred guineas, which would very soon be done if all towers throughout the 'Ringing Isles' would make a collection."

If those who have not already sent something would follow this advice, the Two Hundred Guinea mark would be within easy reach. Remember the smallest contributions are welcome, and it was for the very purpose of getting together these little amounts from among the ringing fraternity that we opened our columns. This week's donations include:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	108	19	3
Mr. A. Hardy, Stockwell	0	5	0
Ringers of St. George's Church, Clun, Salop (per Mr. W. Mead)	0	5	2
Ringers of All Saints, Arksey, Doncaster, further contribution (per Mr. F. Clarke) ...	0	5	0
Pudsey, Young Band (per Mr. W. Barton) ...	0	1	0
Ringers of Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. (per Mr. Jas. Houldsworth) ...	0	3	6

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces:—
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Pte M. Nutbrown, Seaforth Highlanders, now in France.

COMMISSION FOR ANOTHER RINGER.

Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn, of Sutton, Surrey, a member of the Cambridge University Guild, has been given a commission in the 24th Batt. of the York and Lancaster Regiment. For the past eight months Mr. Freeborn has been endeavouring to get into the Army, for he has had twelve years military training, including membership of an O.F.C., but met with continuous failure owing to an injury to his left eye. He has now, however, obtained his commission, through the influence of General Sir Joceline Wodehouse, commanding the Surrey Regiment of the V.T.C., Mr. Freeborn having for the past nine months been an officer in the 9th (Sutton) Surrey V.T.C. On severing his connection with this corps, his platoon, on Sunday week, presented him with a sword, as a token of appreciation of his work.

CORNISH RINGERS' LOSS.**DEATH OF A FOUNDER OF THE TRURO GUILD.**

By the death of Mr. John Claude Daubuz, at Killiow, in the parish of Kea, ringers in the diocese of Truro have lost a loyal and devoted friend and supporter. By reason of the fact that Cornish ringing and ringers come very little into publicity, the intimation of Mr. Daubuz's death has only just reached us, although the sad event took place as long ago as April 10th, but so important has been his work for ringing, as well as in the wider sphere of civil and church life in Cornwall, that, even at this somewhat remote date, a brief review of his long and active career is not out of place.

Born on Feb. 12th, 1842, the late Mr. J. C. Daubuz was the only son of the late Rev. John Daubuz, for many years Rector of Creed, and a member of an old Huguenot family. He was educated at Harrow and Brasenose College, Oxford, where he took the degree of B.A. in 1864. All his life he was largely interested in Cornish mining, and was among the principal shareholders and on the directorates of several of the most important mines in the county, whilst he was the proprietor of the tin smelting works at Carvedras, Truro, which have been closed now for a long time. He was chairman of the directors of the old Cornish Bank, Ltd., and when, about ten years ago, this concern was amalgamated with the Capital and Counties Bank, he became a director of the larger company. He was also associated with several other companies, and served the county in various public capacities. He was in earlier days an ex-officio member of the Truro Board of Guardians, and acted for a considerable time as chairman of the Assessment Committee; he had a seat on the old School Board, and was one of the original members of the County Council, serving for many years as chairman of the Highways Committee of that body. He retired from this authority at the last election, owing to advancing years. In addition he was a Justice of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant of the county.

In several directions in the life of the Church in Cornwall his services and influence were manifested. He was particularly interested in the great task of building the Cathedral, and was one of the most enthusiastic members of the Building Committee. In his own parish of Kea he was a great benefactor, and on the building and furnishing of the present parish church he bestowed a great deal of attention, it being largely due to his efforts that Kea possesses one of the best village churches in the diocese. He was a member of the choir and a churchwarden for a lengthy period.

Although not a practical ringer, Mr. Daubuz was a pioneer of belfry reform and bell restoration, in the latter sparing neither means nor time. He was one of the principal founders of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and has continued to support its work as a vice-president from its initiation in 1898, being its first and only representative on the Central Council, although he was never able to put in an appearance at either of its assemblies. At the last meeting in London, his name was called, when the introduction of new members to the President took place, and it is pathetic to think that at that time he was in his grave.

Mr. Daubuz, who was unmarried, succumbed to a sharp attack of bronchitis, passing away after a few days' illness at the age of 73 years. By his death Cornish ringers lost a true friend whom they held in high esteem and devotion, the Church has lost a true and loving son, and the county a large hearted public servant.

BOSTON GUILD ACTIVITIES.

On Sunday, July 4th, members of the Boston (U.S.A.) Guild visited the Perkins' Institute, at Watertown, but owing to only five ringers meeting, a few touches of Grandsire Doubles were all that were rung. In the evening of the same day, six members met at the Church of the Advent, in Boston, and rang short touches of Doubles and Bob Minor, and also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob.

Fortune favoured the ringers on the morning of the 5th (the celebration of Independence Day), when no less than eight ringers met at the last-mentioned tower, but an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after twenty minutes' ringing. A plain course of Bob Major was, however, secured before the bells were lowered, and this at least constitutes a record for the tower.

The ringers who met at Watertown were Messrs. Newton, Randall, Goodhead, Pettis and Laker. Mr. Matthews joined them in the evening, and Messrs. Alfrey and Mackman completed the band on the Monday.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent Association was held at Linton on Saturday week, when the visitors enjoyed ringing during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held, which was followed by tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and to which between 40 and 50 sat down. The business meeting followed, and the Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and also for entertaining the members to tea. The Vicarage gardens were then inspected, and afterwards the party visited the Linton Park gardens and glass-houses, under the guidance of Mr. G. Hadaway. Subsequently the bells were again set going, touches in various methods bringing a pleasant time to a close. The next meeting will be held at Charing, in October, at which the general secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) has promised to meet the members.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**AN INVESTMENT IN WAR LOAN.**

In spite of the inclement weather, a fair amount of success attended a meeting of the North and East district of the Middlesex County Association, which was held at Stanmore on Saturday last. About 24 members took advantage of this opportunity of visiting this very picturesque part of Middlesex, and great interest was shown in the beautiful tomb of the little daughter of Admiral and Lady Jellicoe, and in that of the late Sir Wm. Gilbert, which are side by side in the pretty churchyard.

A short service was held, at which a very interesting address was given by the Rector (Rev. S. F. L. Bernays), who took for his text the words, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

After tea, the usual business meeting was held, and a discussion arose on the advisability of investing a sum from the district fund in the War Loan. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. A. Milne) pointed out that at the last two annual meetings of the district the matter of investing their money had been discussed, and the members had agreed that it should be put in a sound investment, in the names of the President, the Hon. Secretary and himself, as soon as an opportunity occurred. Nothing had been done, however, owing to the war, but he now thought the opportunity had come, and he would like the opinion of the members on the matter.

The Hon. Secretary said that he thought a resolution would not be in order at that meeting, and he doubted if it was really necessary to call a meeting of the district committee, as he was sure, after what had already been said on the matter of investing money, that no objections would be raised hereafter.

Two or three members spoke in favour of the idea, and the Hon. Treasurer stated that he would obtain £70 worth of the War Loan for the society, in the names of the three trustees already mentioned.

Mr. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays for the use of the bells, and for his very eloquent address to them that afternoon, and also to Mr. Heading for the excellent arrangements he had made on their behalf.

In the absence of the Rector, who had only been able to stay for a few minutes during tea-time, Mr. Heading replied, saying how pleased they were to meet the members once again, and stating they would always be welcome to come to Stanmore.

By invitation, the members strolled round the beautiful rectory grounds, and a party visited Harrow Weald, where they were met by Mr. J. Furness, who joined in a touch of Bob Minor. Ringing at Stanmore was continued until about 8.30, amongst the methods rung during the day being Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, the latter being rung at both churches for the first time.

THE POETICAL PARISH CLERK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice on page 17 of your issue of July 16th, a mention of a very old rendering of Psalm 68, verse 16, as applying to the Parish of Kildwick, in Yorkshire, but I very well remember, when I was a lad, some 60 years ago, and living in my father's rectory in North Wilts, near Wootton Bassett, the under-mentioned verses, said to have been actually given out in a certain church in that neighbourhood, upon the occasion of a visit paid to the parish by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The parish clerk, whose duty in those days it was to give out the Psalms for singing, and who was a bit of a poet, gave out the following as a Psalm composed by himself for the occasion:—

Verse 1: Why hop ye so, ye little little hills,
And wharfore do ye skip,
Is it acos ye'em proud to see
His Grace the Lord BISHOP.

Verse 2: Why skip ye so, ye little little hills,
And wharfore do ye hop,
Is it acos to praunch to we,
Is come the Lord BISHOP.

Verse 3: Ec'es he be come to praunch to we,
And let us all strick up
And sing a glorious Psalm and praise,
His Grace the Lord BISHOP.

This was long before the Hymus A. and M. came into use, and I well remember singing the old Psalms by Tate and Brady, to the accompaniment of flutes, clarionets, fiddles, bass viols, etc., perched up in the gallery at the west end of our old church, and not half bad music either.—Yours very truly,

'Avalon,' Devizes.

HENRY BROWNLEE WEST.

RINGING STOPPED.

We are asked to state that all ringing at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, is stopped until further notice.

STEDMAN CATERS ON A NEW PLAN.

By GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

Plain Course, 90 changes.			
123456789	5130	123456789	5 7
214365879	163254978	316254	—
12346	641352	—	—
13264	164352	—	—
31624	426153	—	—
36142	632451	—	—
63412	612354	—	—
64321	241653	—	—
46231	124653	—	—
42613	432156	—	—
241638597	263451	—	—
Repeat 8 times	213654	—	—
	243156	—	—
	324156	—	—
	462351	—	—
	246351	—	—
	624351	—	—
	412653	—	—
	231456	—	—

Repeat twice, calling additional bobs at 1 in courses 1, 56 and 57.

AN UNEXPLOITED FORM.

This peal is in a form of Stedman which it is believed has not hitherto been exploited. It is founded upon the following propositions:—

- (1) In Doubles there can only be 3 hunting bells, and the order of the hunting must be reversed at every repetition of the hunting cycle.
- (2) In the higher numbers these necessities entirely disappear. Consequently, in Triples there may be 3 or 5 hunting bells, in Caters 3, 5 or 7, in Cinques 3, 5, 7 or 9; and the order of the hunting may be direct or retrograde, direct and retrograde alternately, or, in Triples, direct and retrograde combined in an untold number of ways.

Proposition 1 is indisputably true, and alluding to what is perhaps the most debatable part of proposition 2, it is manifest that in advancing from Doubles to Triples two bells must be added either to the hunting or to the dodging set; and the point is that either course may be followed with equal propriety (it is not said with equal advisability) there being no more authority for the one than for the other. Now, if the propositions be true, it follows that Erin is Stedman, and that Mr. Law James is only wrong in declaring that his form of the method is Stedman to the exclusion of other forms. Conversely, it does not follow because, as Mr. John Carter very justly contends, Stedman is in divisions of 12 that it cannot subsist in other numbers both higher and lower. What the higher limits (if any) in Triples are has not been determined, but plain courses in divisions running into three figures are obtainable. Assuming the truth of the propositions, it is apparent that certain of the declarations made by the writer in the "Ringing World" for December 4th are only relatively true. Speaking absolutely, the essential feature in Stedman is making 3 or more bells subject to the rules governing hunting and placing the other bells in subjection to the rules governing dodging.

THE TWO MOVEMENTS.

Taking the word to mean what it purports to mean, the only movements possible in ringing are hunting and dodging. The rules governing hunting are well known. Each bell strikes two blows in each place, one in hunting up and the other in hunting down without lying still in any place. The bells may follow one another up to behind and down to the front in either of the undernoted orders. The orders are said to be direct and retrograde because one is the reverse of the other, and either may be said to be the direct order. In Stedman, in which method alone the two orders are clearly defined, for ringing purposes it is convenient to call them quick and slow, though each bell completes the circuit in the same time in either case, but quick and slow are terms not generally appropriate. Another expression, and the one most generally used, is coursing order, but hunting order is used in preference, not because coursing order is wrong but because it is used to denote different things. Hunting order like hunting direction can only denote one thing. The orders are as follows:—

123	123
132	213
312	231
321	321
231	312
213	132

To permit of the bells hunting in these orders or either of them in a way altogether free from objection, accompanying odd numbers there must be one or more pairs of bells doing multiple dodging, and with even numbers, two or more pairs. As an elementary movement hunting is hunting, but it is commonly called plain to distinguish it from dodging hunting. If descriptive words must be used, true and false would be better.

Dodging has never been recognised or, so far as the writer is aware,

even thought of as a movement that can be brought into subjection, probably because if all the bells dodge they come round in two changes, and also because promiscuous dodging is so often resorted to when places are made, but when the matter is considered it is seen to be inconceivable that one of the two elementary movements should not be subject to rule. Whether or no it be possible to build up the rules governing dodging synthetically is a moot point, but the rules governing both dodging and hunting may be seen exemplified in Stedman. But before speaking particularly of dodging, it requires to be shown that the hunting principle cannot make a perfect method except it be combined with the—to use the word in its all but universally accepted sense—dodging principle. In Plain Bob the hunting principle alone is seen at its best state. Indeed, the principle is kept absolutely inviolate in which respect Plain Bob and Plain Bob only is on an equality with Stedman. This is because no bell is under any circumstances required to lie still until it has finished its work, or in other words, because there are no internal places in Plain Bob. The correctness of this may be disputed through failing to bear in mind that leads have tops and bottoms as well as sides. Anyhow it is undoubtedly true that the hunting cycle (it would be equally correct to say hunting course, but the word course is used for so many things) is kept intact, of which, by the way, the highly prized Plain Bob lead ends are the hall mark and mint stamp. But notwithstanding that every bell complies with the rules governing hunting, the tenor no less than the treble, at bobs and singles as well as at plains, the method is imperfect, inasmuch as the courses are a cycle short of the number of bells. This is because, without the dodging principle the hunting order of the whole of the bells cannot be turned, and consequently every bell cannot be in every place the same number of times, once in Plain Bob, at the cycle ends.

COMBINING TWO ELEMENTS.

Dodging, like hunting, is a cyclical movement, and the circuit is completed in two changes with all numbers of bells, whereas in hunting the length of the cycle is twice the number of bells. Moreover, dodging bells must be in pairs, while hunting bells may be odd or even in number. But odd numbers doubled are even numbers so that the hunting cycle is always a multiple of the dodging cycle, from which it may be inferred that the two elements only combine in definite proportions. An examination of Stedman reveals the only ways in which the two elements can be combined. The word combined is used in the sense well known to scientists, and it signifies a great deal more than mixed. The hunting and dodging sets are separated the one from the other by an impassable barrier except at the hunting cycle ends when, from a cause to be afterwards shown, the dodging set or each dodging set as the case may be throws off a bell which the hunting set receives and assimilates with itself, at the same time parting with a bell which in turn is received and assimilated by the dodging set, and when every bell has been in every place at the hunting cycle ends the same number of times the combination is complete and the hunting-dodging cycle, commonly called the plain course although it may be anything but plain, is run through. Speaking exactly, it may be said with equal truth of both movements or elements whichever it may be most convenient to call them, that in themselves they are useless. This need not occasion any surprise, for in nature there are elements which in themselves are of no known use, and which also are extremely difficult to isolate, but which when combined with other elements become serviceable to man; and so hunting when combined with dodging meets all the requirements of ringing. To change the direction of the dodging, a bell is required to lie still, or, more correctly, to make a whole pull at the blind end. This is analogous to the whole pulls in front and behind in hunting, and it reacts upon the hunting set by forcing an exchange of bells as already pointed out. When a bob is called, the last bell but two makes the whole pull which sends it down again and causes the pair of bells behind to continue dodging as before. There is nothing in the least objectionable in this, because, unlike hunting in which the work is continuous, in dodging the work is in stages, and at the end of a stage a bell may go on to the next stage, go back to the previous stage, or continue in the same stage without doing any violence to the principle. And likewise in Major, in which the bob is made by a hunting bell, for this bell after finishing its work goes in the hunt again, leaving the pair of bells behind to continue dodging as before. Another difference between dodging and hunting remains to be noticed. The two hunting orders are referred to which differ from one another so greatly that they have been called the quick and slow primary principles. They are, however, of one substance and they are herein considered as examples of diversity of form. That these forms of the hunting principle when used alternately combine with the dodging principle has long been known, but until the discovery of Erin it does not appear to have been known that the slow form alone combines with it equally well. But with the conventional three hunting bells the courses are excessively short, hence five being suggested for Caters and Cinques. It may be affirmed with certainty that the number of hunting bells should never exceed five, and that number only when not more than one of the hunting orders is used, for the courses are long enough already and musical considerations point rather to the advisability of shortening them. 90 and 110 in Caters and Cinques respectively seem to be nice means. In Triples, however, there is no objection to courses of 5040 supposing such courses are obtainable and that ringers can do

found to ring them. The greatest length the writer has been able to obtain is 1512.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF STEDMAN.

The true nature of Stedman has never been understood. A recent writer declares that it is produced from the arbitrary, double-extended, odd-bell, Treble Bob principle by adding additional shunts. Stedman may have been produced in this way, but the present writer has his doubts about it, and thinks it more likely that it was produced much about in the same way as it is always reproduced. No one pricking, i.e., reproducing Stedman, ever troubles his head about Treble Bob principles and additional shunts, but he makes so many bells hunt and the others dodge. Similarly, Mr. Law James cannot surely be serious in holding that the quick six is a six-full of bobs. If there is a grain of truth in these presents it is clear as noonday that the quick six is simply the other hunting order. Speaking of the hunting set, the whole pulls in front and behind are nothing more than the two blows, one up and one down, or one down and one up as the case may be, required to change the direction of the hunting. This is equally true whichever order the bells may be hunting in, and it is equally true whether the hunting set be in front as in Triples or inside as in Major, also whether there be three, four, five or more hunting bells. Of course there is no objection to considering the slow six as the method and the quick six as the call, but as a call the quick six is much inferior to the bob except in Double Stedman in which peals are obtainable by varying the order of the hunting without either bobs or singles. The highest authorities also seem to be imbued with the same fundamental idea, for, in "Legitimate Methods," Stedman is declared to be a Court principle.

To sum the matter up, principle, movement and element are seen to be identical in meaning, though the three words like other synonyms cannot always be used interchangeably. It is also seen that the hunting element at all events can subsist under two forms, and that it cannot do this except it be combined with the dodging element. To revert to the ordinary ringing terminology, Stedman is founded upon the only two possible principles, and it is distinguished from all other methods whatsoever, both methods known and methods yet unknown, inasmuch as it does not or need not violate the integrity of either. But with that propensity to do wrong which seems to be inherent in some men, as rung it violates the integrity of both; in Doubles by the special single which quite needlessly violates the dodging principle, and in all odd numbers by going off from the second row of a quick six which as needlessly violates the hunting principle. Stedman also asserts its ascendancy over other methods by going equally well to odd and even numbers, though it has taken 250 years to find this out, and in being able to subsist under many forms. Stedman towers head and shoulders above every other man that the Exercise has ever produced or, indeed, ever can produce, but he never in his lifetime knew his own greatness, and he understood everything better than his own method. As is well known, he himself prescribed the objectionable go off, and he also prescribed a single which still further violated the hunting principle. Shipway perceived that the single was wrong but oddly enough, instead of prescribing the ordinary single which interferes neither with the hunting nor the dodging, he prescribed another which interferes with the dodging, and no one ever seems to have perceived that the go off should be from rounds. It is profoundly remarkable that when it is as easy to do right as wrong, wrong-doing should so often be preferred, and that, too, by the men who of all others ought to know better.

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN RURAL SUSSEX.

Much pleasure and profit can often be obtained by penetrating into rural spots where change ringing is little or entirely unknown, and planting the seeds, which, developed by interest and ambition, may soon become a strong and healthy growth. A Sunday afternoon trip into rural Sussex, made a week ago, will, it is hoped, result in the Art being taken up in the little village of Kirdford. Mr. Raymond Wood, of Billingshurst, set the ball rolling by postcards, which brought together Messrs. W. Short (Warnham), R. Edwards (Slinfold), O. Sippetts (Crawley), R. Bowell, G. Lucas and A. Cripps (Shipley), and J. Burdfield, A. Feist and R. Wood (Billingshurst). A six-mile ride brought them to Kirdford tower, where, soon after, there arrived Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, on their renowned tandem, and Mr. P. Doick, of Pulborough. The bells were then raised, and touches of Oxford, Violet, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob were rung, followed by 720 Cambridge Surprise. An excellent tea, prepared by Host Wakeford at the village inn, was then enjoyed, and subsequently touches of Oxford and Kent were rung for evening service, as well as 120 Grandsire Doubles, with Mr. H. Sadler, of the local company, taking part. After this the bells were lowered in veal. It is hoped that as one result of this most enjoyable excursion the local men may be persuaded to visit neighbouring towers where change ringing is practised. The bells are a nice ring of six, with tenor of 14 cwt., and their condition reflects great credit on the local company for the care they bestow upon them. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for granting them permission to ring, the local company for meeting the party and having everything in readiness, and Mr. R. Wood for making the necessary arrangements.

RINGING ASSOCIATIONS AND WAR LOAN.

The number of ringing associations who are investing a portion of their funds in the War Loan is growing.

The Sussex Association last week bought £50 of loan out of the funds in the Current and Benevolent Accounts. The Reserve Fund being already in the Post Office Savings Bank, it was not considered a patriotic act to withdraw it from the Government in order to re-lend it at a greater rate of interest.

At a meeting of the Surrey Association at Dorking last Saturday, a resolution was passed in favour of investing some of the Association's funds in the loan, steps being also decided upon to secure the approval of the other districts to the suggestion.

The North and East District of the Middlesex Association have decided to invest £70.

Other ringing organisations which have, as previously announced, decided to take up shares in the loan are the

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

Hertford County Association.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BLYTH.

"A most successful meeting and a very enjoyable time" was the frequently expressed opinion of the majority of those who attended the first quarterly meeting of the year at the picturesque village of Blyth on Saturday week. A fairly representative gathering of ringers was present from Norton Cuckney, Everton, Blyth, Ordsall, West Retford, Doncaster, Rotherham and Worksop. The first touches consisted of Plain and Treble Bob. Early in the afternoon the Worksop company (by the kind permission of the Rev. F. Arblay Burny, Vicar) was busy on the Harworth bells, and in the course of 50 minutes brought round five different courses, and then made tracks for Blyth.

About 30 members thoroughly enjoyed the excellent tea provided at the Swan Hotel by Host and Hostess Eastland. The only regret was that the Vicar of Blyth was not present to preside over the proceedings. At the conclusion of the meal the usual business was disposed of. Four new members were duly elected. The next meeting will be held at Tuxford in September or October, and will be advertised accordingly.

A most cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Blyth for his kindness in granting permission for use of the bells. Subsequently the Vicar met the ringers at the church, and offered his apologies for his inability to be present at the tea and meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to Host and Hostess Eastland for the excellent manner in which they had catered for the visitors.

During the afternoon and evening several touches were rung, and one 720 was brought round by a mixed company.

HATFIELD SOCIETY'S DOUBLE LOSS.

Death has removed recently two members of the Hatfield (Herts) Society, for in addition to Second-Lieutenant Rupert Cecil, who, as recorded elsewhere, has been killed in action, one of the oldest members of the company, Mr. Joseph Hollingsworth, has passed away. After a lingering illness he succumbed to consumption on June 29th, at the age of 47 years. He had been a member of the Herts Association since 1888, and was a most regular attendant at Sunday and practice ringing at Hatfield, and a reliable ringer. He was never absent from his place in the belfry unless prevented from attending by work, and, latterly, by illness. He was a safe man in peals, of which he had rung a considerable number in various methods.

He was carried to his last resting place by four of his brother ringers and four fellow-workmen, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave. The tower bells were also rung deeply muffled for the funeral service, and a few short touches were rung in the evening with the bells half-muffled. The deceased will be much missed in the belfry, where he was greatly esteemed.

A VISIT TO SHARESHILL.

On Saturday week a party of ringers from the Church of St. Giles' Willenhall, Staffs, paid a visit to the pretty village of Sharseshill. Five of the party, having arranged to walk from Wednesfield, a distance of six miles, admired the beautiful country which they passed through. On arrival, the party made their way to the church, where the bells, a musical peal of six, were soon set going with the assistance of the tower keeper, who met the party on their arrival. Two cycling members then put in an appearance, and several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, some of the local men who had also turned up in full force taking part in these. Stedman Doubles by the visitors was the next order, those taking part being: H. Coley, F. W. Perrens, E. Horton, W. E. Wathen, C. Wallater, A. E. Reed and E. Coley. After another touch of Grandsire Doubles for the locals, the bells were lowered, and the handbells brought into use, several well-struck courses being greatly appreciated by a number of the villagers who had collected outside the belfry. A move was then made for tea, after which tracks were made for home, all having spent an enjoyable afternoon. The visitors wish to express their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local band for the welcome they extended.

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HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.**RINGERS WHO HAVE DIED FOR KING AND COUNTRY.**

We give on this page the photographs of three more ringers who have given their lives for King and country.



SERGT. JACK HARE,
5th Batt. East Yorks. Regt.



SECOND-LIEUT. RUPERT GASCOYNE CECIL,
4th Batt. Bedfordshire Regt.



PTE. HORACE W. SHARMAN,
2nd Batt. Northamptonshire Regt.

Second-Lieutenant Rupert Gascoyne Cecil was the youngest son of the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield, and brother of the Marquis of Salisbury. He was educated at Westminster, and afterwards entered Oxford University. As soon as war broke out he joined the Bedfordshire Regiment, and went with the 4th Battalion when it left England as a unit. He was 19 years of age, and fell in action on July 12th. The Rector's four sons were all in the Army, the second, Capt. Victor Cecil, of the Hampshire Regiment, having been twice wounded.

Mr. Rupert Cecil commenced ringing at his father's church about four years ago, and proved an apt pupil, soon mastering his bell, and quickly picking up the four standard methods. He was, indeed, a keen ringer, and became a member of the Herts Association, and although he had no opportunities for peals—his studies taking him away from home all the week, and the close proximity of the tower to the business centre of the town making Saturday peal ringing out the question—he was always in his place for service ringing on Sundays, and had rung one or two quarter-peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

The members of the Hatfield College Youths' Society, of which Mr. Rupert was a member, and by whom he will be much missed, desire to express through "The Ringing World" their deepest sympathy with the Rector and Lady Florence Cecil. In this expression, ringers throughout the country will join.

A memorial service is to be held at Hatfield on Saturday afternoon.

The death of Sergt. "Jack" Hare, of St. Mary's Society, Beverley, has been already briefly mentioned. He had been only a few days in Flanders, when he was killed at the Battle of Ypres on April 29th. He joined the 2nd Volunteer Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment on the 3rd February, 1906, and after the re-formation of the Territorial Army, joined the 5th Yorkshire Regiment on 31st March, 1908. When

the European war broke out he volunteered for foreign service, and soon attained the rank of sergeant.

In his capacity as a ringer he quickly qualified for Yorkshire Association membership, and had belonged to the St. Mary's band for about eight years. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. The deepest sympathy is extended to his father (who is also one of the oldest members of the Yorkshire Association) and family. In private life the deceased assisted his father in his business as adjuster of scales and weights, under the superintendency of the Inspector of Weights and Measures for the East Riding County Council. When the sad news of his death reached Beverley a combined band of Minster and St. Mary's ringers rang muffled touches of Grandsire Triples.

The death, in action, of Pte Horace W. Sharman, of Cransley, Northants, while serving with the 2nd Batt. of the Northants Regiment was a heavy blow to the ringers of the Kettering district, among whom he was greatly respected. As we have already recorded, his military career was short. At the outbreak of war, when he endeavoured to enlist, he was rejected, but in December was accepted, and on April 25th went out with a draft to France. He took part in the desperate fighting on May 8th and 9th, in the course of which he was killed by a shell.

Twenty-four years of age, he had done much to assist ringing in his district, being a very safe ringer on six and eight bells, and a capable conductor. He had rung 24 peals for the Central Northants Association, of which he had conducted 14.

Eleven members of the Christ Church band, Blacklands, Hastings, are with the colours, and one of their number, J. Livermore, junr., has died of wounds received while engaged in ambulance work in Flanders. By his death not only the Blacklands company, but the Sussex Association has sustained a great loss, for Pte Livermore was a ringer of great ability.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Erdington on Saturday last, but there was a very "lean" attendance of members. Service was held in the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. S. Swindell). Instead of an address, the Rector gave the members an instructive history of the bells, which was listened to with rapt attention and much appreciated.

The members afterwards adjourned to a local cafe for tea, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Ringing Master (Mr. James George). Six new members were elected, and monthly meetings for August and September were arranged for Knowle and Whitnash, while for the quarterly meeting in October Aston was selected.

Owing to a death near the church the ringing had to be very much curtailed, but through the kindness of Mr. B. Witchell, the members were able to ring for the rest of the evening at the Abbey, a privilege which was taken full advantage of.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was very kindly given by the Rector, and provided at the village inn by Hostess Austin. The business meeting subsequently held was presided over by the Rector, supported by the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell (President of the Association), Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. F. Stubbs and Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary), and about 20 members from Ransdell, Pinedon, Thrapston, Wellingborough, and the local tower.—Mr. Hobbs, of Husbands Crawley, was elected an out-county member.—The election of officers, owing to the small attendance of members, was deferred until the next meeting, which it was decided should be held at Thrapston, Islip being chosen as reserve.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for his kindness in providing tea, and for presiding at the meeting, the motion being suitably acknowledged.

FELSTEAD CHURCH BELLS.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

Ringers from all parts of Essex, and some from beyond the county, gathered in large numbers at Felstead on Saturday afternoon to be present at the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, of the new ring of eight bells which has been placed successfully in the ancient Parish Church of the Holy Cross.

It speaks something for the enthusiasm which Essex ringers have for their craft that on a very wet day over sixty of them, which was more than the number expected, made long journeys, some extending over several hours, in order to visit Felstead, situated in the middle of rural Essex, to be present on so auspicious an occasion.

For many years Felstead Church tower, among the most ancient in Essex, which from its lofty eminence dominates a big tract of country, and from the lantern of which was shown the warning flame when the Spanish Armada threatened an invasion of England, had stood silent amidst the rural scenes. The last occasion on which the old ring of five bells was rung was in 1879, after a noted Felstead wedding, and since that time the peal had hung cracked and broken in their decayed frame.

SOME FEATURES OF THE RESTORATION.

Shortly before the war began the Vicar and churchwardens of Felstead undertook a scheme to restore the grand old tower, and it was felt this work would only be complete if the old five bells were removed, and a new ring of eight put in their place. This work of restoring and augmenting the bells was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, and they have carried it out to the satisfaction of parishioners and of the numerous ringers who assembled for the opening on Saturday, many of whom had the pleasure of testing for themselves the excellent work Messrs Warner have done in Felstead Church.

The patent vertical cantilever frame is a really beautiful piece of engineering, and a glance at the self-aligning bearings with their oil rings is quite sufficient to convince one of their great utility. The bell frame is supported by short steel girders built diagonally across the corners of the tower, and one cannot help being struck with the extreme simplicity and neatness of the whole installation, the general appearance of the belfry being so different to what one usually sees nowadays, and the fact that all the usual difficulties of getting about amongst the bells are eliminated should especially appeal to ringers.

Another point of importance is the simple though ingenious device whereby anyone can turn the bell to any position to eliminate clapper wear, so that in the future there need be no more bells with deep indentations at the points where the clapper strikes. The two largest bells of the peal are fitted with aluminium headstocks, and all the bells are arranged so that the speed of each one is equal. By this means, the heaviest tenors in the Kingdom can be "turned in" with the utmost ease, or, in other words, the difficulty of striking little bells over the large ones is obviated.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

At a time when the country is so greatly affected by war, the opening of new church bells must perforce become a rarer ceremony than would otherwise have been the case, but apart from that consideration the service at Felstead Church on Saturday had quite an historic interest for Essex, and that accounted for the enthusiasm shown by the ringers who met there.

At the service of Dedication the large church was filled with parishioners and visitors from a distance.

The notable ringers present included Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, Master of the Essex Association; Mr. B. Ridgewell, district secretary, N.E. Division; Mr. F. W. Edwards, district secretary, S.E. Division; Mr. W. Watts, district secretary, N.W. Division; Mr. J. Butler, Master; and Mr. H. Rumens, district secretary, S.W. Division; Mr. W. H. Dyson, Braintree; Mr. York Green, Stratford; Mr. J. Motts, Ipswich; Mr. R. W. Hayward, Marlesford; Mr. J. Hunt, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, etc. There were also ringers present from Braintree, Chelmsford, Coggeshall, Dunmow, Great Bentley, Leytonstone, Maldon, Rayne-Romford, Stebbing, Stansted, Stratford, Saffron Walden, Writtle, Walthamstow, Witham and Broxbourne. A very welcome visitor among the ringers was Mr. Robert Warner, whose firm was entrusted with the work of recasting the Felstead bells.

At the service the Rev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar of Felstead, read the prayers. The Bishop of Chelmsford, accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. F. D. Windsor, of Felstead School, who carried the pastoral staff, was escorted to the tower by the churchwardens, and then, taking the ropes of the bells in his hands, the Bishop formally dedicated them to use in the church. Returning to the chancel, the ringers' hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple," was sung.

The first rounds upon the bells were then rung by the following band, representative of the various towers: Pte H. F. Cooper, Chelmsford, 1; Mr. F. W. Edwards, Writtle, 2; Mr. E. Claydon, Stebbing, 3; Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree, 4; Mr. W. H. Farrow, Felstead, 5; Mr. J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden, 6; Mr. J. Motts, Ipswich, 7; Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, 8.

The Bishop of Chelmsford afterwards delivered a sermon, from the text, "The fruit of the Spirit of joy," in the course of which he dwelt sympathetically upon the use of bells in the worship of the church, and their message to the world. After the sermon the "Te Deum" was sung, and the service concluded with the hymn, "Now thank we all our God." The Rev. F. Stephenson, Headmaster of Felstead School, was among the congregation.

Immediately after the service several touches were rung by the visiting ringers upon the bells, and all agreed as to their sweet tone and harmony. Among the villagers of Felstead the sound of the church bells, after so long a silence, was a source of great joy.

Tea was served to the visiting ringers in the Grammar School. Mr. C. H. Howard thanked the Vicar and churchwardens of Felstead for their invitation to the ringers from a distance, and the hospitality shown them, and expressed the hope, now that Felstead Church had such a fine set of bells, that they would soon have a trained band of ringers worthy of them.

The Vicar of Felstead, responding, said he was pleased to welcome ringers at Felstead to assist the local band.

The cost of renovating the church tower at Felstead was £600, and this has been met by local subscriptions. The extensive work of recasting and rehanging the bells cost £300, towards which £50 had been raised before the service, and a collection in church realised £6. The Bishop of Chelmsford appealed for assistance for the Vicar of Felstead in clearing the bells from debt, and, needless to say, donations from ringers will be thankfully received.

RULES AND LAWS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Apparently Mr. Trollope is not aware that scientific men do not to-day speak much of Natural "Laws," because the term involves that confusion in which he is now involved.

Such a law is of course not a law at all in any real sense of the term. It may be a fundamental truth of a science, or a principle, or even an axiom or a theorem. Such "laws" vary from the "Law of Symmetry," of which Mr. Trollope writes so well, to the famous "Laws of Motion" worked out by Newton.

Of course Mr. Trollope is entitled to use the word "law" to describe any of these different ideas; he has the authority of antiquity behind him, but if he does, he must always remember that the word is strictly incorrect, and must not be confused with the correct meaning of the word. But especially must he never use the word "illegitimate" to describe what is contrary to such "laws."

For, let us consider what a law is. It is an arbitrary rule, laid down or sanctioned by a legislative (law-making) body. Anything which breaks such a law is said to be "illegal." If, however, the wrong done is something which would naturally be right, but is made wrong only by that law, it is not called "illegal," but "illegitimate." This latter word is, therefore, the worst possible one for describing a breach of a so-called "natural law," as it connotes the idea of obedience to natural laws.

We are now in a position to answer Mr. Carpenter's question. It was: "Will Mr. Trollope tell us what law there is to prevent a band ringing that excellent though illegitimate method, Union Triples, and what is the penalty for breaking the law?" Mr. Trollope replied: "There is no such law, and consequently no penalty." Here I fear he says the thing that is not. For if that method is illegitimate, it is so because it breaks the rules laid down by the Methods Committee, "by which methods of a certain standard of excellence may be produced." These rules were turned into laws by the Central Council, acting as a legislative body, and these are the laws which a method breaks if it is illegitimate. The penalty is that Mr. Carpenter is (according to the Central Council) a person of bad taste, for pronouncing a method to be excellent, when they have decreed that it is not. And those who ring the method are condemned as having committed an inartistic and unworkmanlike act.

Of course it is always possible that that is not what the Central Council meant to do. What is certain is that, by the use of the word "illegitimate," that is the thing which they actually have done.

It is to be remembered that as the term "natural law" is so vague, the distinction given above between "illegal" and "illegitimate" is not so rigid as it otherwise would be. For instance, there are those who say that symmetry in a method is rather a standard of excellence, than a law. And as Mr. Trollope speaks of this "law" enforcing itself in architecture and art, etc., it would seem that this is really his opinion.

This particular question is one which ought to be capable of actual demonstration. If a symmetrical method is necessarily defective is an inevitable result of its lack of symmetry, that fact should not be difficult to prove. If, however, as one would gather from Mr. Trollope's argument, such a method is merely inartistic, then its only fault is that it does not reach the standard of excellence which has been laid down.—Yours truly,

Braisworth Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

FOUR AT A TIME.

We always think that the man who can ring four handbells to changes must have a remarkable brain and a wonderful power of concentration. Yet there are several ringers who can perform this feat. Last Sunday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Barwell, Leicestershire, by A. R. Aldham (conductor) 1—2—3—4 and A. D. Aldham 5—6. The time occupied was 34 minutes, and the quarter-peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION AT DORKING.

Although poorly attended, the midsummer meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association, held on Saturday at Dorking, was a most enjoyable one. The unsettled weather in the afternoon was no doubt responsible for the small muster, and only Grandsire and Stedman were indulged in till service time. A capital address by the curate was much appreciated by the members, and it was regretted that more could not have been present to have listened to it. Tea was provided in the Church Room, to which 17 sat down, including one of the churchwardens, and Pte F. G. Woodiss, of the Grenadier Guards, now stationed at Caterham.

The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. J. D. Drewitt (Master).—A resolution in favour of placing 50 per cent. of the Association's balance in hand in the War Loan was carried, after undertakings had been given to test the feeling in the Southern and Western Districts.

A discussion as to the possibility of an Eastern District took place, but the matter was not proceeded with further.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to all who had played a part in entertaining the visitors. Ringing was then again indulged in till 8 p.m. Although it could not be called an ideal midsummer meeting (there was only one cyclist), hopes are entertained that the next visit will be attended on a larger scale.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Nether Stowey on Saturday week, when there was a good attendance of members from Bridgwater, Burnham, Chedzoy, Emore, Huntspill, Middlezoy and Wembdon. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Harland) conducted the service, and preached a most earnest and helpful sermon, taking for his text Exodus xxviii., 33. After the service, the Vicar kindly entertained the members to a most sumptuous tea at the vicarage.

A meeting was held on the vicarage lawn, the chair being taken by the Rev. R. Harland, in the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the branch, the Rev. E. de St. Croix.—The Secretary (Mr. A. E. Moulton), on behalf of the members, thanked the Rev. R. Harland for returning a day or two earlier from his holiday to entertain them there that day.—The Vicar responded, and said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to Nether Stowey.—Eleven new members were elected, including the whole of the ringers of the Nether Stowey tower.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was present, and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Harland for his address and his kind hospitality, and also to the organist for presiding at the organ. He also spoke a few words of encouragement to the members of the Nether Stowey tower.

It was unanimously agreed that Stockland should be the next place of meeting. The testimonial to the late secretary, Mr. Wm. Sellick, was left in the hands of the chairman, secretary, and Mr. A. E. Coles.

The meeting over, the members returned to the belfry, and kept the bells rolling to various methods.

BARNSELY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday week, the members of the St. Mary's company, Barnsley, visited Conisboro' in order to enjoy a change and a pull on the peal recently hung in the tower of St. Peter's Church, the ancient parish church of which the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge, M.A., is the esteemed Vicar.

The town of Conisboro', with its castle, by the picturesque river Don, is the "Conisturgho" described in Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe." It is stated that Sir Walter visited and stayed in the neighbourhood once at least, and thus was able to gather food for thought and to reproduce the local colour, of which we have the benefit in his writings. The church and the remains of the castle stand on an eminence, the old roads or streets winding thereto in irregular lines. Arrived at the churchyard the party were met by some of the local ringers, who kindly showed the visitors round the interior of the church, which has been restored throughout, but in such a way is the skill of the architect manifest and with such respect for other pious hands, that Saxon, Norman and Gothic styles are all in evidence.

Of the bells, they are a handy musical peal of eight, tuned and hung on the latest principles by Messrs. Taylor. Yet this delicate hanging caused the visitors trouble. The smaller bells were hard to woo and fickle when won. Touches were attempted in Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Minor, etc., and several touches were tried with the locals, who are beginning to taste the sweets of change ringing. The two hours allowed ended too quickly, and "home again" was the rallying cry.

Hearty thanks are hereby tendered to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local members, whose kindness and interest was a treat in itself.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—Bath and Wells Association.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on May 23rd, 108 and 240 Bob Minor: A. T. Atherton 1, L. H. Moore, junr., 2, S. Bennet 3, J. Atherton 4, W. Frampton (King's Royal Rifles) 5, L. H. Moore, senr. (4th S.L.I.), conductor, 8.

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. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prees, Salop, on Saturday, July 24th. Train leaves Shrewsbury 1.50 p.m. Ringing at 2.45 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 24th, 1915. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, at 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members during the afternoon and evening. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Castle at 5.30, 9d. per head.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 24th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Canon Dawson (Rector) and A. F. Nussey, Esq. (churchwarden), in the Village Hall at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Half fares allowed at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 28th annual festival will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. M. W. Myres, M.A., Vicar of Frodsham. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Dinner at the Feathers Hotel at 1.15 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The bells at Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6) available all day.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 24th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run to Shreshill (6 miles from Wolverhampton) will take place on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. All are welcome.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on July 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, for practice, on the 27th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual business meeting will be held in the Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, on Saturday, July 31st, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The North-Western Division.—A District Meeting will be held at Roydon, on August Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Hunsdon bells will also be available. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting, at the New Inn. All members intending to be present will kindly let me know by Thursday, July 29th.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 2nd. Meeting at St. Mary's School at 6 p.m.; Service at St. John's, 7.30. Bells available during the day—St. John's (8), Woodston (6), and St. Mary's (6).—John J. Jutson, Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch). The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, August 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. The election of branch secretary will take place at this meeting.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (six bells) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kiveton Park Station, G.C. Railway.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

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RUDGWICK, SUSSEX.—On Trinity Sunday, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. H. Doick 1, R. Whittington 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, A. Feist 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. Also 240 and 216 in the same method, and 216 of Kent, with J. Dullen and W. Short.

HAWKHURST.—Kent Association.—On Trinity Sunday, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples: G. Maskell 1, T. Ashenden 2, G. Billenness 3, J. Blake 4, W. Tickner (Tenterden) 5, A. H. Wellard 6, O. Waghorn 7, F. Chapman 8. For evensong, 1050 Grandsire Triples: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, G. Billenness 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, A. H. Wellard 6, O. Waghorn 7, F. Chapman 8.

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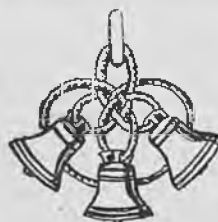
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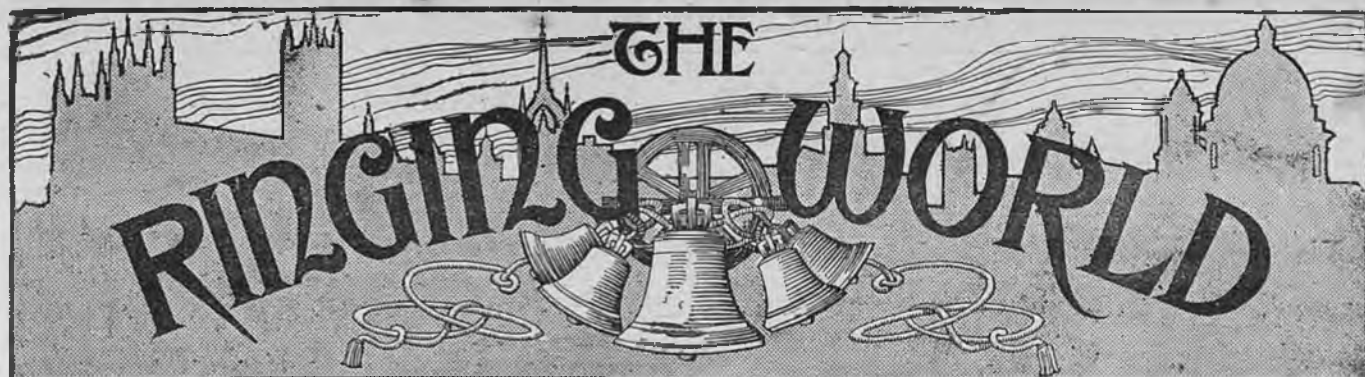


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

CRITICISM OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In recent issues letters have appeared criticising the Central Council's general policy with regard to ringing matters, attributing to it lack of enterprise in dealing with "practical subjects," suggesting that it is merely a debating ground for a few of the gifted experts, and asserting that, in the result, its deliberations are merely a waste of time and money. Frankly, it must be admitted that some of the criticisms are not without a backing of truth, and, even among the members themselves, there are those who realise that their time might often be more profitably spent than in attending the meetings.

Equally, however, even the sharpest critics must admit that some such body as the Central Council is essential to the welfare of the Exercise. Without it there would be no cohesion in the general conduct of the various associations, no authority to whom appeal could be made for guidance on many matters in which united action is needed and no central body to watch the wider interests of ringers and defend them, as the mouthpiece of all the Associations collectively, in the event of any external interference with their rights and just aims. It is in this last-named office that the Council fulfils a particularly important function, and one which, as most ringers realise, they may be called upon in the not distant future to exercise.

Then, too, it must not be overlooked, when criticism is levelled at the choice of subjects which the Council has usually to debate, that there are many sides to our Art. There are some points of practical bell handling and hanging, some of composition and some of administration, and all of them must find a place in the discussions. In some recent years those in the second category seem to have predominated, and it is for that reason that those, to whom the subject is of little interest, feel that the Council is not devoting its time to matters which make a stronger appeal to the masses of the ringers. But questions on all the points still turn up, although, naturally, after 25 years, a good many matters have been dealt with, and, for the most part, sufficiently satisfactorily to set them at rest. But while the Council is blamed—and we do not say altogether without reason—we think the remedy is very much with the Associations themselves. "Practical subjects" for discussion might well emanate from the Associations. As a matter of organisation, except in the one act of electing delegates, the societies do not come into touch with the Council, and evidence is not altogether wanting that some representatives themselves do very little to interest the members in the doings of the central authority. We shall return to this matter again, but we think we have said enough in this one article to show that whatever the failings of the Central Council may be, there are two sides to the question.

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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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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT LITTLE Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
FREDERICK BRACE 4	*EDWARD J. BOWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung specially for the dedication of a new Lady Chapel by the Right Rev. J. A. Kempthorne, Bishop of Lichfield.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1915, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

JOHN BASS 1-2	WILLIAM SHORT 3-4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Umpire: GEORGE POPELLE.

Witness: THOMAS HEATHCOCK.

First peal of Minor on handbells by all and the first for the Association in seven methods. Rung at the second attempt.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

Corpl. H. W. Clark, of Christ Church, Cubitt Town, 144th Fortress Co., Royal Engineers, now at Buxton.

Pte F. Hairs, of Clapham, 2nd Air Mechanic, Kite Balloon Section, Royal Naval Air Service, Southampton.

Richard F. Deal, of Australia, and formerly of London, Royal Engineers, now at Tottenham.

From St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne:—

Lieut.-Corpl. G. Garnett, A.S.C.

Pte T. Allott, 3rd/9th Manchester Regiment.

Pte D. Wolstencroft, R.A.M.C.

Pte J. Shuffelbottom, 181st (A.N.L.), R.F.A.

In addition to the above, St. Peter's band has Pte Hall serving with the 1st/9th Manchesters, while Corpl. E. Barton, called up as a Reservist with the K.S.L.I., was killed in action, as previously recorded.

Pte J. Hotten, a member of the London County Association, has, we regret to say, died of wounds received in action.

RINGING ASSOCIATIONS AND WAR LOAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notes under this heading in "The Ringing World" for July 23rd, I thought myself that it would be unpatriotic to withdraw money from the Post Office Savings Bank to invest in the War Loan; but, not being very sure about it, I went to the General Post Office and was told very emphatically that it is the wish of the Government that this should be done for the reason that money in the Post Office Savings Bank cannot be used for war purposes. I think this should be generally known.—Yours truly,

GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

RETURNING TO AMERICA.

On Saturday evening a mixed band of ringers met at Merstham, Surrey, for the purpose of having a ring with Mr. W. Bashford, who has just had a short trip home from Boston, U.S.A., and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, by: W. Clayton 1, A. Wood 2, W. Bashford 3, E. Snelling 4, F. W. Rice 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6.

Other touches, arranged for Mr. Bashford, have been the following at the Parish Church, Nutfield: On Sunday, July 18th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor: L. Killick 1, J. Tassell 2, A. Wood 3, F. W. Rice 4, E. Snelling 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6.—On Tuesday, July 20th, 720 of Violet Treble Bob: W. Bashford 1, W. Cheesman 2, W. Killick 3, A. Harman 4, E. Snelling 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: L. Killick 1, J. Tassell 2, A. Wood 3, T. Leeson 4, E. Snelling 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND. THE ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Below we give a reproduction of the receipt, which we have received from the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, acknowledging the last instalment sent and the completion of the first one hundred guineas.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

19th July 1915

Sirs

I am desired by The Prince of Wales to thank you for the donation of £ 35 : -- s. -- d. which you have so generously given to the National Relief Fund, and to express to you His Royal Highness's warm appreciation of your kindness.

Your obedient Servant,

Walter Peacock

Treasurer to His Royal Highness.

Contribution by Church Bell Ringers of England, per "The Ringing World", making a total of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS.

Towards the second hundred guineas we have to acknowledge the following further contributions:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	109	18	11
Ringers of St. Mary the Virgin's, Baldock (per Mr. J. J. Cawdell)	0	2	0
Ringers of St. Bartholomew's, Kirby Muxloe (per Mr. F. J. Bowleif)	0	5	0
Mr. H. E. Norman (Leicester)	0	5	0
Ringers of St. Peter's, Frocester, Glos. (per Mr. D. Earl)	0	6	0
Collected at the Central Northants Association's meeting at Earls Barton (per Mr. W. Perkins)	0	7	4
Total	£111	4	3

ROTHERFIELD.—On June 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. Cornford 1. A. Piper (Eastbourne) 2. Pte H. Hammond 3. E. Bishop 4. H. Butcher 5. E. Bishop, senr., 6. C. Brasier (conductor) 7. F. Hammond 8. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Piper, through "The Ringing World," for the help he gave on practice nights, etc., while staying at Rotherfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Castle Bromwich on Saturday last, and, notwithstanding the unsettled weather, was fairly well attended.

Castle Bromwich is a hamlet 5½ miles north from Birmingham, and although there is now no castle to be seen, Castle Bromwich Hall, the seat of the Earl of Bradford, is well worth seeing. The hall is quite close to the church, the latter being a red-brick structure in the Italian style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, and a square tower containing a ring of six bells. Of the latter, the less said the better. While there are one or two very fair bells among them, the tenor is hopelessly flat, and makes ringing here a very miserable affair.

After tea, and a very good tea, too, at the "Castle," the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Vice-President Godden.—Four new members were elected, amongst them being Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale, who has on several occasions turned up in his car at Guild meetings.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, while those who were not ringing were entertained by the evolutions of two large biplanes which were being tried out at the aerodrome near by. One of these gave the lookers-on some thrilling moments when executing a rather daring "volplane."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the Rev. E. M. Bickersteth, for his ready permission to ring.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingboro' District of the Central Northants Association was held at Earl's Barton, on Saturday last. Ringers put in an early appearance, and touches of London, Cambridge, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, about 35 members being present from Irthlingboro', Wellingborough, Pinedon, Higham Ferrers, Burton Latimer, Weston Favell, Northampton, Castle Ashby, Isham, and the local tower. After tea the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. F. Wilford, who apologised for the absence of the Vicar, but the latter came in at the finish of the meeting. Amongst those present were the Misses Steele, of Bedford.

The following officers were elected for the district: Rev. A. J. Greaves, of Pinedon, vice-president; Mr. W. Perkins, district secretary; Messrs. J. Garratt, A. Smeathers, A. Martin, G. Ettu and F. Jones, committee.

The Rev. C. F. Snowden was elected an hon. member.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers and their wives for their welcome. To this vote the Vicar replied.

A sum of 7s. 4d. was collected for the Prince of Wales' Fund.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday last, despite the bad weather, which undoubtedly kept many away. But it was quite a pleasure and surprise to meet such an old member in the person of Mr. R. F. Deal, who has lately returned from Australia, and is now a sapper in the Royal Engineers at Tottenham, and it is a matter of pride that a member should journey all those miles to "do his bit" for King and country.

The bells were kept going until 8.30, and various touches were brought round in the standard methods.

At the business meeting, which was held in the tower, the question was raised as to whether the meetings should still be held in view of national events, but the members present unanimously decided that they should be, and the tower for the next meeting is to be selected by the committee.

Before the close of the meeting, the Secretary (Mr. L. B. Porter) informed the members with deep regret of the death of Mr. J. Hotten, a promising young member, who had died of wounds received in action, and a vote of condolence and sympathy with the family was passed in silence. May he rest in peace.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Goring on Saturday week, about 50 members being present from St. Peter's, Brighton, Shipley, Crawley, Arundel, Heene, Tarring, Angmering, Lymminster, Shoreham, and the local band. Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, were also present. Touches of Cambridge and London Surprise, London Scholars Pleasure, Plain Bob Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening, and tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Leefe).

At the business meeting the following members were elected: Messrs. F. Holder and W. Verrall, of Arundel, and George Carpenter, of Lymminster. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and also for providing such an excellent tea.—The Vicar acknowledged the vote, and invited the visitors to have a look round the gardens.

Through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Fallows) several members paid a visit to Heene and rang Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and a course of Double Norwich Major there.

AMERICA'S LIBERTY BELL.

HISTORIC RELICS' LONG JOURNEY.

The most historic and highly prized bell in the United States, the Liberty Bell at Philadelphia, has just made a triumphal journey across the western continent, and is now temporarily housed in the Pennsylvania Building in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Its progress stirred great interest throughout America as the following, quoted from an American paper, will show:—

The Liberty Bell, precious relic of the American Revolution, will start Monday (July 5th) on its eighth and longest journey from Philadelphia since it was first hung in the old State House of the Province of Pennsylvania in 1752. It goes to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and before it is returned to its big glass case in Independence Hall next November or December, it will have travelled more than 10,000 miles, and will have been seen by millions of people.

On its journey to San Francisco the Liberty Bell special train will traverse Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the journey, and everything that will aid in safeguarding the bell from injury has been done. Four policemen from the Philadelphia traffic squad will guard the relic until it is again returned to its home.

ESCORTED BY NATIONAL GUARD.

At sunrise on Monday workmen will remove the bell from its case and put it on the special hanger that will support it across the country. It will be wheeled on a truck into Independence Square where patriotic exercises will be held. At noon the First Brigade, Pennsylvania National Guard, will escort the bell to the West Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania railroad where it will be hoisted on a special car. The First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, which organisation escorted George Washington on State functions in Philadelphia, will be the special escort of the bell as on previous occasions. At 3 p.m. the bell train, with a party of 26 city councilmen, will start on the journey.

The train will consist of a baggage car, diner, three sleepers, a special car for the reception of guests en route, and a car for the bell which will be at the rear. This is a specially constructed flat car, with an iron railing at the sides and ends. American flags will wave from staffs at each corner, and there will be other decorations in American colours.

Even cities traversed in the night will get a glimpse of the relic, a system of illumination having been devised that will throw a blaze of light on the bell as it passes through in the darkness.

Shock absorbers have been installed on the flat car to keep the bell from being jolted. The train crews will be specially picked for their carefulness in starting and stopping trains. The speed limits across the continent will not be less than 18 miles an hour nor more than 35 miles. The schedule will be rigidly observed so that crowds may not be kept waiting beyond the time appointed for the train to go through their communities.

Another absolute rule the committee has made is that the bell will not under any circumstances be taken from the car for the purpose of parading it through the streets. Many municipalities have been advised to build movable platforms the height of the flat car with an incline at each end so that children may go up one incline, pass the bell, touch it if they care to, and then pass down the incline at the other end of the platform. Where these platforms are provided the railing on one side of the car will be removed.

During stops, booklets containing the history of the bell, cards with a picture of the relic and buttons also containing a picture of the bell and the American flag, will be distributed to children. It will take hundreds of thousands of these souvenirs to supply the demand. To the governors and mayors, the history of the bell in small bound volume will be presented. Governors have been invited to journey with the bell through their respective States.

TOUR THROUGH SOUTHERN STATES.

The train will arrive in San Francisco Friday night, July 16th, and Saturday, July 17th, will be Liberty Bell Day at the exposition. Early in the morning the relic will be conveyed to its place in the Pennsylvania building on the exposition grounds where exercises will be held.

The bell will leave San Francisco in November, and will return by the southern route, through Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona and Texas. The details of the return trip have not yet been completed, but it is virtually certain that the special train will go through St. Louis, Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

After each return of the bell there has been a movement started to prevent the precious metal from leaving the city again. The crack in it has been slowly extending, and there has been fear that in its journey the bell might split in two. Opposition to its leaving the city on this trip was bitter, but City Councils voted that it belonged to the American people, and that opportunities to view it should be given, whenever possible.

Sending the bell to the Western coast will cost the city of Philadelphia 75,000 dollars. The escorting committee of 26 councilmen will pay their own expenses.

The four policemen who will constantly guard the bell were specially picked for their fitness. Each is more than 6 feet in height. The head of the Police Department in designating the four men called them to the front and impressed upon them the following don'ts:

"Don't taste any intoxicating liquor while away from Philadelphia.
"Don't lose your temper at any time.
"Don't fail to uphold the reputation of Philadelphia policemen for courtesy.
"Don't fail to answer every question, however foolish.
"Don't fail to at once read the history of the bell so that you can answer questions accurately."

The first time the bell left Philadelphia was under different circumstances from those which caused the later pilgrimages from the "Cradle of Liberty." That was when the British army occupied the city of Philadelphia in 1777-1778, and George Washington with his Continental army spent the winter at Valley Forge. As the British approached the city in September, it was hurriedly taken to Allentown, Pa., and was kept in the Zion Lutheran Church of that place until June, 1778, when it was returned to Philadelphia.

RULES AND LAWS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that Mr. Trollope and I must continue to differ, as he apparently will not give up the expression "change ringing," and take to "method construction" instead; and I doubt whether there is much use in saying more. I may, perhaps, remark that his illustration of the badly built house is not a very good one, as local authorities have building by-laws, which are enforced by penalties.

With regard to Union Triples, there are in the "Collection," on which Mr. Trollope's name appears, twelve Triple methods which are classed as "Legitimate." There are only two of these which may be said to be in use. Three of the others are rung about as often as Union Triples. Are these "as dead as mutton," and if so, why? The truth appears to be that the ordinary ringer is quite satisfied with Grandsire and Stedman for Triples, and one or two Major methods, and has little desire for "fresh fields and pastures new"; and that is the real reason why Union and Oxford Bob, etc., are not often heard of.—Yours faithfully,

Boothby Rectory, Grantham.

E. W. CARPENTER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Drake, in his letter in your issue of July 23rd, says: "These rules were turned into laws by the Central Council, acting as a legislative body." One thing which the Council has always refused to do, is to make laws, or act as a legislative body.—Yours truly,

Boothby Rectory, Grantham.

E. W. CARPENTER.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I hasten to thank you for your very sensible and helpful criticisms. Every lawfully begotten son is entitled to his father's name, but inasmuch as a father may have many sons, and it would be highly inconvenient for all of them to be called by exactly the same name, an unwritten law of human society requires that they be distinguished from one another by additional names. Similarly, Stedman can subsist under more forms than I can ever hope to enumerate, all of which are equally entitled to be called by the name of Stedman, and as I believe that you have correctly stated the views of the Exercise and I am wishful to meet all reasonable requirements, I have pleasure in naming the two forms of the method to which I believe it is my privilege to be sponsor, Walthamstow Stedman Major, etc., and Leytonstone Stedman Caters, etc. It is not, however, clear that the Major, etc., form required a distinctive name. I may be wrong, but it seems to me to belong to the same series as Doubles and Triples. In advancing from Triples to Major it goes without saying that a bell must be added either to the hunting or to the dodging set. Adding it to the latter is clearly wrong, but adding it to the hunting set is quite unobjectionable as has been pointed out in principle by abler men than myself. The only alteration required by adding a bell to the hunting set is that the hunting set must be inside, as anyone can see for himself by a little experimental pricking.—Yours truly,

GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

THE POETICAL PARISH CLERK.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The parish clerk's metrical paraphrase of Ps. 68, 16, quoted by Mr. West in your last issue, is an old tale that has probably been ascribed to various old-fashioned rural parishes. As I used to hear it (rather longer ago, I fear, than Mr. West), the clerk began in what was then the orthodox way of giving out hymns "Let us sing to the praise and glory of God—an 'ymn of me own composin." I sometimes feel sorry that this old formula has so totally disappeared from our church services. "Let us sing to the praise and glory of God" might be a useful reminder to many why they are singing the hymn, whatever it be.

St. Albans, July 24th.

T. L. PAPILLON.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On July 15th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 720 Bob Minor: W. W. Watts (first 720) 1, T. J. Watts 2, R. Law (first 720) 3, G. Gray 4, H. W. Watts (first 720) 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, F. Polder (first 720) 7. This 720 was rung at the first attempt, and after only two practices.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL?

NEW FIGURES IN MUCH DEBATED PROBLEM.

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Some years ago, during the great controversy on London Surprise Royal, some figures of mine appeared, which were forwarded by my friend, Mr. F. G. May, of Bristol. I quite recollect giving them to him, and telling him that they were the nearest thing to London Royal that I had been able to get. I may say the same of the above figures. They are the nearest to London that I have yet been able to produce.

In the great battle, for I cannot call it anything else, of 1908, many rules were laid down for the construction of Royal from Major; some very ingenious; some obviously wrong. Take, for instance, the rule that said that two internal places must not be made at a cross section. If that is to be a rule for the extension of methods, it must apply to all methods. But Double Norwich Royal and Maximus never have two inside places made simultaneously, and the Major method has. I only mention this to show how difficult it is in these deep and abstruse questions to distinguish between those qualities that are essential, and those which are only accidental.

HOW THE NEW METHOD WAS PRODUCED.

Let me indicate the rule on which I worked to produce the method which I here give; not that I would venture to assert that it is an essential, but that all may see how the method was built.

In London Surprise Minor and Major, after the second has made second's place, with the treble in 3-4, all the bells below the treble hunt backwards until second's place is made again by the fourth towards the end of the lead, consequently every bell's work is fixed after it has passed the treble on the way down, and all essential shunts must be made above the treble.

We start, then, with one bell whose work is absolutely fixed; the second. It is necessary, therefore, that the fourth should pass the treble in 8-9 coming down. Thus, I was guided to drive the fourth straight out behind. Again the 8th must pass the treble in 4-5 down, and these two conditions forced me to adopt the two seventh's places made by the 10th and 8th, which brought the figures which I here give. If you rule a line through the figures where the treble comes into 3-4, and again where she goes into 5-6, you will find that all the regular work of London Major is in the method when the treble is in 1-2, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. When she falls into 3-4 we make 6th's instead of the 4th's that is made in Major, and the making of the two 7th's places by the 10th and 8th, one of which turns back behind, while the other, after doing the 8-7-8, goes down and passes the treble, is very near akin to the work done by 3 and 5 in 3rd's place, or the reverse of that done by 9 and 4 in fourth's place.

The one point in the method that seems at first sight to be foreign to London work is the curious snap made by 7 and 3 in 4th's and 5th's places. But yet it cannot be said to be entirely foreign to London work, as we have the snap on the lead both in Minor and Major.

Now, be the method what it may, and I shall make no claim to call it London Surprise, as I would not quarrel about a name, but would rather leave the Exercise to draw its own conclusions, I will at least say this about it. It is a good method, and is at least as near in its construction to London Surprise Major, as the Major is to the Minor; and, what is to my mind its greatest quality, it is so like to London Major that any ringer who can ring the latter will be able to learn the work of this method in a very short time. Anyone who takes the trouble to make a diagram of the second's work through a plain course cannot fail to be struck by the resemblance.

E. BANKES JAMES.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**LEICESTER RINGERS' TRIP.**

The members and friends of the St. Martin's Society, Leicester, held their annual outing on Saturday week. Leaving Leicester by train to Syston they were met at the latter station by a brake, which conveyed the party to the pretty village of Ashby Folville, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar, this fine peal of eight by Taylors (tenor 12 cwt.) were available for ringing. This commenced by a well-struck course of London Surprise, the first ever rung on these bells, followed by Superlative and Stedman Triples. The party partook of an excellent tea at the Carrington Arms, after which ringing was again indulged in, Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich being rung. The party then proceeded by brake to Mellon Mowbray, undoubtedly the finest church in the county, where arrangements had been made by Mr. R. H. Bartram, the local captain, for an hour's ringing on this grand ring of ten. The first touch rung comprised three courses of a new method, Leicester Royal, being the first of Royal ever rung in this method, the ringers being: G. Cleal 1, S. Cotton 2, L. E. Allen 3, H. Broughton 4, T. L. Allen 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, J. Morris 7, R. H. Bartram 8, A. Martin 9, F. H. Dexter 10. This was followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, conducted by F. H. Dexter. Adjourn- ing to the Fox Hotel, a pleasant hour was spent, during which the handbells were rung to Grandsire Major, Caters and Royal and several tunes, until, all too soon, "time" was called, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful and delightful afternoon outings imaginable. The thanks of the ringers are due largely to Mr. R. H. Bartram for the arrangements he made, and also for getting use of the bells of both churches.

MILNROW RINGERS' MOTOR TRIP.

On Saturday week the ringers of St. James's Church, Milnrow, Lancs, with their wives and a few friends had their annual outing, the place selected being Rudyard Lake and Leek, Staffordshire. Leaving Milnrow by motor char-a-banc about 1 p.m., in fine weather, the party went through Oldham, Stockport, and Macclesfield. The journey through lovely scenery was much enjoyed, and Leek was reached at 4.30. At the church tower, Mr. Ridgway with his band of local ringers were waiting to receive the visitors, who quickly got to work, and tapped off a well-struck touch of Bob Major. The local band, assisted by one of the visitors, then rang a touch of Stedman, after which the bells, a very fine-toned peal, that "go" very well, were lowered in peal. Remounting the motor char-a-banc the party then drove back to the Lake, where a good tea was awaiting them, to which they did full justice. An hour and a half was then spent in looking round, the scenery in the neighbourhood of the Lake being very fine. A trip on the water in a motor launch was much enjoyed, and then the return journey was commenced, a halt being made at Macclesfield, in order to allow the party to have a look round the town, it being market day. Then, after a good run, home was reached about midnight, all being well satisfied that it had been the best outing they had ever had. The ringers take this opportunity, through the "Ringing World," of thanking the Vicar of Leek for granting the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything in readiness, the only regret being that they could not stay longer.

STONY STRATFORD RINGERS' ENTERTAINED.

The ringers of St. Giles', Stony Stratford, Bucks, paid a visit to Stewkley on Saturday week, at the invitation of the Rev. A. Moxon, (who recently has left Wolverton St. Mary's, Stony Stratford, to take charge of the famous and interesting Church at Stewkley), to enlighten the Stewkley band in the art of change ringing, and to persuade the band to join the Oxford Guild. It was a lovely drive, and Stewkley was reached at 3.30, the Vicar meeting and welcoming the party, and accompanying them round his beautiful gardens. The church commanded a great deal of attention. It is a piece of fine old Norman architecture, and ranks very high amongst the churches in England of this type. After the survey of the edifice came the introduction to the bells. The tower contains a peal of six, the tenor weighing 17 cwt. Touches of London and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, and some six scores of Grandsire, in which the local band participated. The top of the tower was then sought in order to get a glimpse of the surrounding country. Next the band availed themselves right heartily of the splendid tea the Rev. and Mrs. Moxon had provided for them. In a brief speech after tea, the Vicar said how pleased he was to see his late neighbours, and extended an invitation to them for future visits to Stewkley. Every member of the band was pleased with the outing and the splendid manner in which they were received, and they sincerely hope the Vicar of Stewkley may enjoy better health than was his lot at Wolverton St. Mary's, Stony Stratford. The party arrived home at 10.40.

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SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

By J. R. JERRAM.

St. Andrew's, Soham, with its lofty embattled tower, is another of those places famous for peal ringing in days gone by, from which the glory seems to have departed. I have not been able to find out anything about the ancient bells in this tower previous to 1788. There appears to have been a peal of six at that time, which in that year were replaced by a peal of eight, with a tenor of 21 cwt., all cast by Thomas Osborn, of the Downham foundry.

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The following are copies of the tablets in the belfry. The first one records the following three peals, thus :—

Peals rung in this tower by the Society of Soham Youths.
25th October, 1790.—5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 3 hours 33 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Edward Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Luke Goldsbrow	<i>Second</i>	Robert Silver	<i>Sixth</i>
Robert Tebbit	<i>Third</i>	Thomas Talbot	<i>Seventh</i>
Jh. Finch	<i>Fourth</i>	Thomas Brown	<i>Eighth</i>



SOHAM PARISH CHURCH.

In 1808 the treble and second were recast by John Briant, of the Hertford foundry, who added two trebles above them at the same time; thus making a peal of ten, which are inscribed as follows :—

Treble.

NEW BY SUBSCRIPTION 1808. REVND. H. FISHER VICAR, J. DOBEDE AND R. TEBBET, C.W. J. BRIANT, HARTFORD, FECIT.

Second.

NEW BY SUBSCRIPTION 1808. REVND. H. FISHER, VICAR, J. DOBEDE, R. TEBBET, C.W. J. BRIANT, HARTFORD, FECIT.

Third and Fourth.

RECAST BY SUBSCRIPTION 1808. H. FISHER, VICAR, J. DOBEDE, AND R. TEBBET, C.W. J. BRIANT, HARTFORD, FECIT.

Fifth.

CUM VOCO VENITE. T. OSBORN FECIT. 1788.

Sixth.

LAUDATE NOMEN. T. OSBORN FECIT. 1788.

Seventh

WM. PECHEY, WM. SIZER, CHURCHWARDENS. T. OSBORN, DOWNHAM, NORFOLK, FECIT. 1788.

Eighth.

WM. PECHEY, WM. SIZER, CHURCHWARDENS. T. OSBORN FECIT. 1788.

Ninth.

IN WEDLOCK'S BANDS ALL YE WHO JOIN WITH HANDS
YOUR HEARTS UNITE: SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL TONGUES
COMBINE TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE. THOS. OSBORN
FECIT. 1788.

1st Jan., 1795.—5040 NORWICH COURT, in 3 hours and 30 minutes.

Edward Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Robert Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Thomas Tebbit	<i>Second</i>	Luke Goldsbrow	<i>Sixth</i>
Robert Chevis	<i>Third</i>	Robert Silver	<i>Seventh</i>
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	<i>Fourth</i>	Thomas Brown	<i>Eighth</i>

17th Feb. 1800.—5152 Changes of IMPERIAL the THIRD, in 3 hours and 34 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Robert Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Luke Goldsbrow	<i>Second</i>	Robert Chevis	<i>Sixth</i>
Joseph Finch	<i>Third</i>	Thomas Talbot	<i>Seventh</i>
Thomas Tebbit, jun. ...	<i>Fourth</i>	Robert Silver	<i>Eighth</i>

I shall have something further to say about this last peal later on, at the end of this article.

The next tablet records a peal in which the ringers were all members of the Tebbit family. The Tebbits were noted ringers in Soham at that time; but I understand that no representatives of the family are living in Soham now. The record is as follows :—

A complete peal was rung in this tower by three brothers and their sons, of the Society of Soham Youths, 20th of November, 1809.—5280 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 3 hours 35 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	<i>First</i>	Robert Tebbit	<i>Fifth</i>
Robert Tebbit, son of		Edward Tebbit	<i>Sixth</i>
Robert	<i>Second</i>	Thomas Tebbit, son of	
Benjamin Tebbit, 15 years		Thomas	<i>Seventh</i>
of age	<i>Third</i>	William Tebbit, son of	
John Tebbit, son of		Thomas	<i>Eighth</i>
Thomas	<i>Fourth</i>		

The next tablet records a peal rung in the reign of George IVth, when party feeling ran high over the King's treatment of Queen Caroline. It was rung to celebrate her acquittal of the charges brought against her.

In honour of the Queen's acquittal a complete peal was rung in this tower by the Society of Soham Youths, November 16th, 1820, 5040 Changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in 3 hours 43 minutes.

Thomas Tebbit	..... First	Robert Talbot	..... Sixth
William Tebbit	..... Second	James Seaber	..... Seventh
Robert Tebbit	..... Third	Benjamin Tebbit	..... Eighth
Robert Staples	..... Fourth	Thomas Talbot	..... Ninth
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	..... Fifth	John West	..... Tenth

The next tablet bears the following record:—

NEW TREBLE BOB ROYAL.—5040 Changes was rung in this tower, 23rd November, 1821, in 3 hours and 42 minutes by the Society of Soham Youths.

William Tebbit	..... First	John Tebbit	..... Sixth
Robert Tebbit	..... Second	James Seaber	..... Seventh
Robert Talbot	..... Third	Robert Chevis	..... Eighth
Robert Staples	..... Fourth	Benjamin Tebbit	..... Ninth
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	..... Fifth	John West	..... Tenth

The last tablet runs as follows:—

Ten of the Society of Soham Youths rang in this tower, 22nd Feb., 1830, in 3 hours 35 minutes, a complete peal, performed at the first attempt, containing 5003 changes, GRANDSIRE TITMUM CATERS, conducted by William Tebbit.

William Tebbit	..... First	C. Elsdon	..... Sixth
John Tebbit	..... Second	J. Seaber	..... Seventh
Robert Tebbit	..... Third	R. Chevis	..... Eighth
Robert Staples	..... Fourth	C. Spring	..... Ninth
Thomas Tebbit, jun.	..... Fifth	J. West	..... Tenth

The late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, writing some forty years ago, remarks: "The Soham ringers and Isleham ringers were at one time noted for their proficiency in these different branches of church music. That the Soham men well merited the approbation of this adage no one who has ever seen the array of tablets which grace the walls of that tower can doubt. Were any proof required of the long and arduous practice which it took to arrive at such a point of excellence, the visitor will not fail to observe it in the deep holes worn in the raised platform from which the tenor was rung, as the hard wood is cut nearly through in the place where the ringer was wont to stand. Alas! that now there should be no ringers at Soham worthy to occupy the places of these proficient, and that—from what I learnt when I visited the tower in 1874, and took copies of the tablets—it is many years since a peal has been rung on this fine ring of ten bells; and while these once able ringers, 'each in his narrow cell for ever laid,' now rest in their long, last sleep, under the green turf of the surrounding churchyard, seldom are the echoes around them awakened by the sounds of those bells whose accents they loved so well, and whose tones awakened in their hearts a noble ambition, to the skilful and harmonious result of which the tablets on the walls now form but a silent record."

Before concluding, I must say a word or two about the peal of Imperial the Third, rung at Soham in 1800. The late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, in an article on the history of change ringing, written at the same time as the above remarks on Soham bells, says that he can only find records of three peals of Imperial the Third having ever been rung.

The first was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on November 17th, 1760. In this peal John Chamberlain rang the treble and conducted; John Webster rang the sixth, and John Dye the tenor. The other ringers were Christopher Lindsay, John Barton, James Watling, John Havers and James Vines; but it is not certain how they stood. As they were falling the bells after the peal John Webster suddenly fell down dead; and a tablet in the wall of the belfry, near where the sixth rope falls, has the following inscription recording the sad event:—

"Near to this place John Webster fell,
Beloved by all who knew him well;
The most ingenious noted Ringer,
St. Giles's Sixth Bell round did bring her.
He closed the Peal, struck well his Bell,
Ceasing the same down dead he fell.
November the 17th, 1760."

The other peal, beside the one at Soham, was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on Monday, January 13th, 1772. It consisted of 6048 changes, and occupied 3 hours and 58 minutes. The ringers were: John Chamberlain (conductor), treble; Wm. Warner, 2; John Havers, 3; John Dixon, 4; James Watling, 5; James Vines, 6; John Dye, 7; Simon Watling, tenor.

This peal was evidently thought a great feat at the time; but the only record of it is in "The Norwich Mercury," where the following poetic effusion is given as well as the record of the peal:—

"All ye performers of this art
Join hand in hand and bear a part,
Praise of Imperial loudly sing,
And these here men who did it ring;
For Norwich sons, most justly famed,
All other ringers here hath shamed."

I fear that in these days of endless Surprise variations of Treble Bob there is not much chance of Imperial being rung any more. The "Clavis" of 1788 remarks that there are two other variations, viz.:

Imperial the First, and Imperial the Second; but that the merits of all three are combined in Imperial the Third." For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the method, I may say that the rule is that, whenever the treble dodges below fifth's, fifth's and sixth's places are made, and whenever she dodges above fourth's, third's and fourth's places are made; also that when she leads her whole pull second's place is made, and seventh's place when she lies her whole pull behind. I rather fancy that modern change ringers would say that there is too much place-making here to please them, while in the light of modern rulings the method is an "illegitimate" one, for it does not contain the Bob Major lead ends.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a very successful meeting of the Southern branch was held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Colsterworth, members attending from Grantham, Stamford, Barkston, Hough-on-the-Hill, Edenham, Ingoldsby, Orston and Waltham, together with the local band. Owing to illness near the church, ringing was considerably curtailed, but a few short touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double and Single Court, Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble, and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, were rung on the handy peal of six (tenor 11 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A short service was held in the church, at which an excellent address was given by the Vicar of Colsterworth (the Rev. C. G. Mahon). Tea was provided at the "Sun Inn," 25 members sitting down to an excellent repast provided by Hostess Blankley.

The usual business meeting followed, at which, owing to the absence of the Branch President, the Rev. G. Mahon was voted in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, and Mr. W. G. Thorpe (the assistant secretary).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edenham, in October.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. Mahon for the use of the bells, also for the service and for presiding at the meeting.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN NINE PARTS.

Mr. A. Pitman, of Port Talbot, sends the following variation of Mr. A. E. Seers' nine-part peal (published on May 28th), as being easier to understand, and possibly more useful for conducting.

234567		324567		432567	
752634	1	\$ 573624	1	\$ 574632	1
347265	2	325746	3	675243	5
523647	1	673425	1	756243	4
475362	2	736425	4	257364	5
374256	5	437562	5	432657	1
275845	5	254637	1	574263	2
672534	5	372465	2	275346	5
456372	1	473526	5	\$ 732654	5
674523	3	\$ 754632	5	467532	1
746523	4	267354	1	* 254367	1
\$ 267435	3	432567	1	* Call as above for 5th,	
542367	1	Call as above for 4th.		7th and 9th parts.	
735642	1	6th and 8th parts.		with single at * at 9th	
\$ 627435	1			part end.	
735254	3				
237455	5				
542637	1				
375264	2				
273456	5				
\$ 742635	5				
567342	1				
235467	1				
\$ 472635	1				
354267	2				

Repeat twice.
Single at 3rd part end.

The composition has the 4th, 6th and 7th home at six of the part ends.

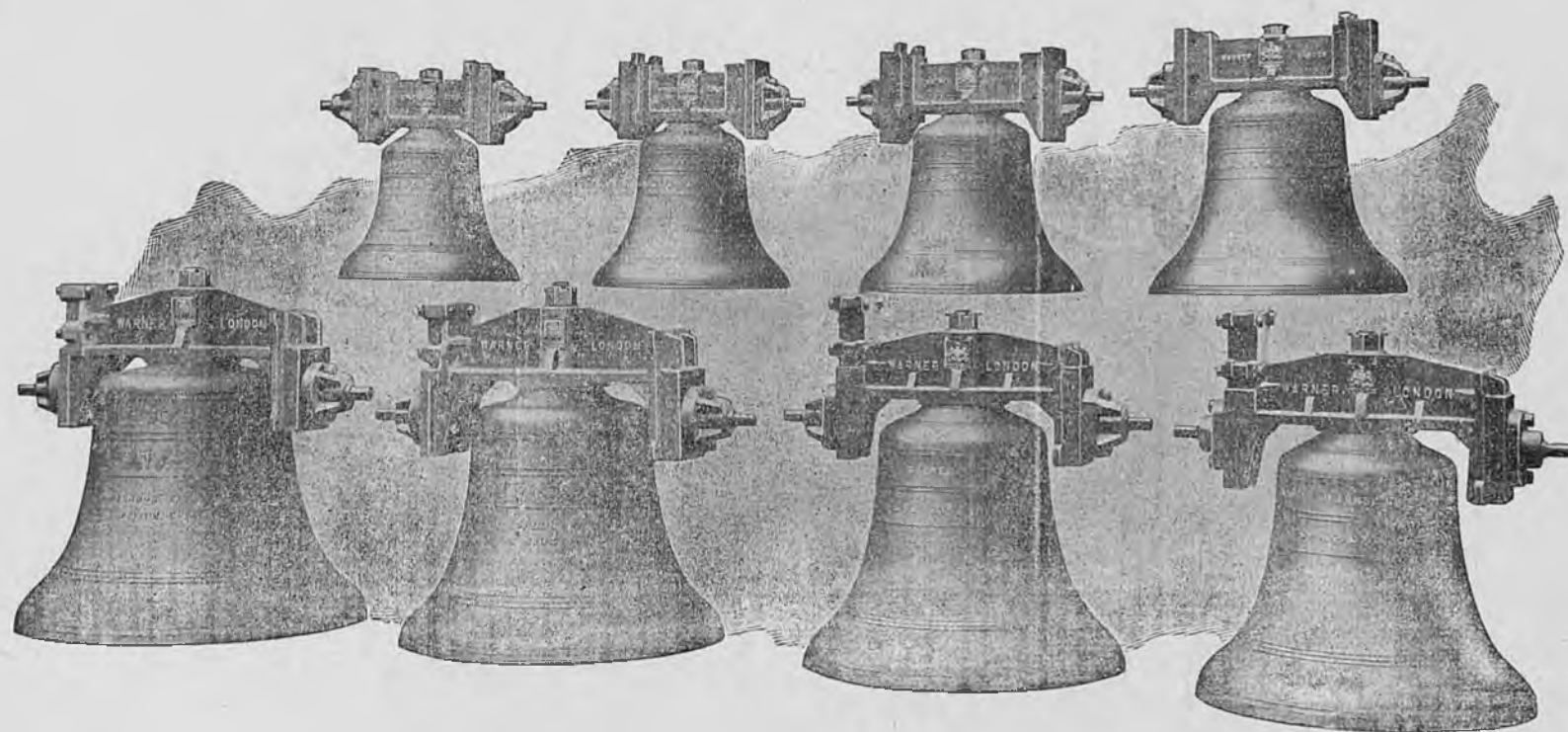
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a well-attended meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Flixton. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. The business meeting was held in the churchyard, in the beautiful sunshine and lovely surroundings.—Mr. Ryder, of Birch, presided, and gave a hearty welcome, on behalf of the Flixton band, to the ringers present. Several interesting items of business were discussed. The next meeting was fixed for Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on the last Saturday in August.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On July 17th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes by James George, Birmingham); W. H. Inwood 1, P. C. Tompkins 2, W. C. Brown (first-quarter-peal) 3, W. Sear (first quarter-peal of Grandsire as conductor) 4, E. Lathall 5, P. Hedges 6, H. Scar 7, W. F. Smith 8.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 20th, for the evening service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) 1, W. Short (Warnham) 2, R. Wood (Billingshurst), conductor, 3, R. Whittington (Cranleigh) 4, J. Burdfield (Billingshurst) 5, O. Sippetts (Crawley) 6.

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NUNEATON.—Warwickshire Guild.—On June 3rd, at the Parish Church, for the King's birthday, three courses Cambridge Surprise Major and 448 Superlative Surprise, by: H. Argyle, H. D. Argyle, W. Horton, R. Pollard, E. Stone, J. F. Clarke, E. Vallance, G. Stoneley, T. W. Chapman.

MARSHFIELD, GLOS.—On the King's birthday, 486 Grandsire Triples: S. Hope 1, J. H. Beazer 2, E. Beazer 3, E. Lewis 4, G. W. Tomkins 5, G. Robinson 6, W. Lewis (conductor) 7, H. Parker 8.

GUILDFORD.—On June 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. (from Rev. E. Banks James' odd-bob peal): B. Chorley 1, C. Burdock 2, J. Hutton 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, M. Smith 7, A. Ward 8.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On June 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Uridge 1, Miss W. Carden (conductor) 2, J. B. Williamson 3, D. Bear 4, L. H. Page 5, Lieut. W. D. James 6.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, for evening service, on June 6th, in 25 mins., 720 Norwich Surprise: W. Bowering 1, R. Whiston 2, J. Cheetham 3, J. Smith 4, H. Whitehurst 5, J. Cottrell 6. First 720 in the method by the first four named.

EASTON NESTON.—Central Northants Association.—On June 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Dean 1, J. W. Sharp 2, F. Hopper 3, T. Law 4, W. R. Parker 5, A. J. Mawby 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. H. Austin 8.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On June 6th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples for the men's afternoon service: J. Kendall 1, C. W. Cooper 2, W. Potter 3, A. Whatmore 4, J. Whatmore 5, A. W. Dodd 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, Job Cook 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On June 6th, for evening service, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. W. Cooper 1, W. Hand 2, G. H. Pagett 3, R. Matthews (conductor) 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, J. Bass 6, W. A. Pugh 7, A. W. Dodd 8.

BURBAGE, BUXTON.—For evening service, on June 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: J. W. Hampson 1, E. Stamper 2, W. Longden 3, J. R. Backhouse 4, H. Kirk (conductor) 5, Cpl. James E. Davis, R.E., 6. Rung on the visit of Cpl. James E. Davis, of "St. Margaret's," Westminster, who is stationed at Buxton with the 143rd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On June 12th, 504 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Sapper W. Rowe, R.E., 1, H. W. Wilkes 2, G. Williams 3, A. Mears 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. Also 768 Kent Major: E. Dumper 1, W. T. Tucker 2, W. Rowe, R.E., 3, H. W. Wilkes 4, C. J. Fray 5, A. Mears 6, W. H. George 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

WHITTLESEA.—Peterborough Association.—On June 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 272 Bob Major, 576 Kent Major, 336 Grandsire, and 168 Stedman Triples. At St. Andrew's, touches of Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, conducted by Pte H. F. Cooper and F. T. Cooke. Those taking part were: Pte A. Catterwell, Pte H. W. Catterwell, G. H. Barker, H. Hoare, O. Richardson, T. Vaughan, J. J. Jutson, F. Dainty, J. W. Lakin, W. Waldron, G. Smith, H. B. Fitzjohn.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On June 15th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Pickett 1, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 2, G. Davis 3, Miss S. Davis 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp 5, W. Mathews 6, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 7, A. Standidge 8.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on June 16th, 720 Bob Minor: *F. Camp 1, *W. White 2, G. Camp 3, W. Green 4, G. Rogers 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. * First 720 in method. G. Rogers and A. White belong to Ingatstone, the rest to Fryerning.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On June 20th, for evening, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Cottrell 1, H. Hastings (first quarter in the method) 2, W. J. Meers 3, H. Pratt 4, G. F. Swann (conductor) 5, J. Preston 6, J. Sanders 7, J. E. Pywell 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd and 4th, who hail from Harborne.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (1272 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Spencer 1, N. R. Bailey 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, E. Chatten 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On June 20th, for evening service, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Davis 1, C. H. Hughes 2, F. A. Smith 3, H. Franks 4, W. Ayres 5, J. W. Chapman 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, T. Walker 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, at St. John the Baptist Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. J. Ke-vill (conductor) 1, S. Froke 2, E. Chivers 3, F. Chivers 4, A. Speed 5, J. B. Holmyard 6, J. Hambleton 7, W. Crocker (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung for the Festival of the Dedication.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Floyd, junr., 1, Battery Sergt-Major G. Gray, R.F.A., 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

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. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual business meeting will be held in the Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, on Saturday, July 31st, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, July 31st. Short service at five o'clock. Free tea given by the Vicar afterwards. Bells available from three o'clock. — P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The North-Western Division.—A District Meeting will be held at Roydon, on August Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Hunsdon bells will also be available. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting, at the New Inn. — William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 2nd. Meeting at St. Mary's School at 6 p.m.; Service at St. John's, 7.30. Bells available during the day—St. John's (8), Woodston (6), and St. Mary's (6).—John J. Jutson, Hon. Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—The tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open for ringing on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, from three o'clock until nine o'clock.—A. Clayton, 5, Highland Cottages, Bute Road, Wallington.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 3rd, 17th and 31st for business, and on the 12th and 26th for handbell practice. At St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (six bells) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kiveton Park Station, G.C. Railway. — Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 7th, 1915. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.
—The next meeting will be held on August 7th, 1915, as follows: Cheverell Magna, ringing at 3 o'clock; Erlestoke, ringing at 3.30 p.m.; Edington, ringing at 4 o'clock; with tea at 5 sharp; Bratton, ringing at 6.30 p.m. All intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.
—Owing to the unfortunate accident which resulted in the death of the Vicar of Milnrow, the next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, August 7th.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 14th. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, the 11th. Will secretaries of bands kindly note that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the York Restaurant at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angel Road, Brixton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.
—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 21st, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch 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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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. England 1, W. Gable (first 720 inside) 2, A. Rumble 3, L. H. Moore, junr., 4, J. Cable (conductor) 5, H. Porter 6.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on May 30th, for evening service, 720 Surfleet Surprise: J. W. Forster 1, Jno. Marshall 2, R. Dixon 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells and by the band. Rung at the first attempt, and as a farewell compliment to Jno. Marshall, the ringer of the 2nd, who has joined the R.A.M.C.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS.—Salisbury Guild.—On Sunday, May 30th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 38 mins., with 7-6-8 covering: Pte G. Mortimer 1, Thos. Merritt 2, G. W. England 3, Pte A. Merritt (conductor) 4, E. Merritt 5, A. Wiltshire 6, J. Cowdry 7, E. Stevens 8. Arranged and rung for the soldiers who expected to be shortly leaving for the front.

WEST EALING.—On May 30th (Trinity Sunday) for service, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): J. Hunnisett 1, Geo. Harbour 2, J. A. Trollope (composer and conductor) 3, Geo. Iles (Acton) 4, Geo. Spencer (Isleworth) 5, W. Welling (Windor) 6, A. Harding 7, W. Lawrence 8.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On handbells, on June 2nd, at 75, Joseph Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins.: J. R. Kemp 1—2, A. J. Trigg (first quarter on inside pair) 3—4, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 5—6, R. W. Smith (first quarter) 7—8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 3rd, for King George's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Holloway 1, W. Lawrence 2, G. Harbour 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, W. Holloway 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.

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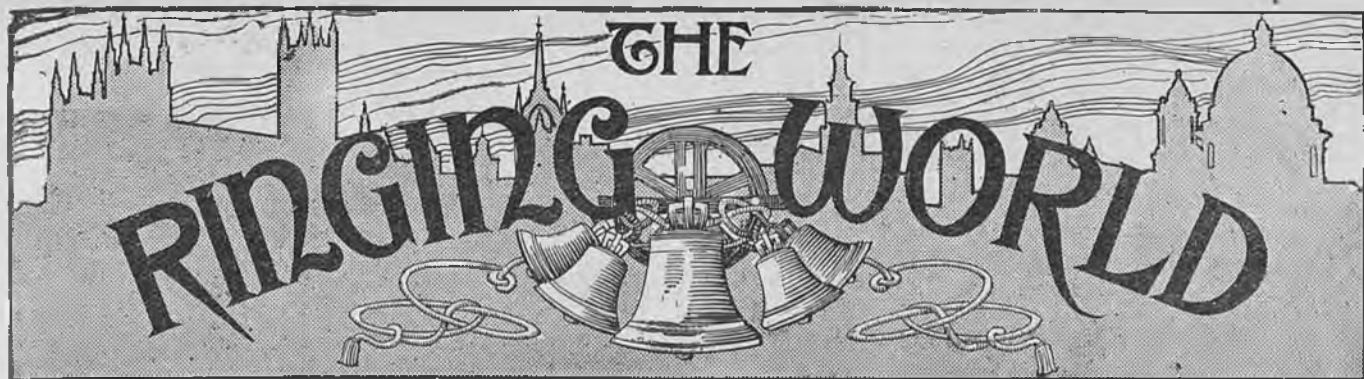


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Gentlemen,

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. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

A RINGERS' PLATOON.

During the past year, in view of the steps that are being taken to form battalions from the ranks of special sections of the public, it has been suggested to us once or twice that something should be done to raise a ringers' battalion, but we have purposely avoided saying anything upon the matter because we not only considered it outside our province, but to be a project absolutely beyond reach. Ringers have done remarkably well in their response to the call, and it is only natural that those who wish to join the line battalions should enlist in their own territorial regiments and serve with their own friends. This was one of the points which seemed to us to make a ringers' battalion impracticable, while the other and most important was that, without some reasonable ground for believing in the ultimate success of such an achievement, it would have received a cold douch from the authorities.

But there is a practicable suggestion now put forward for bringing together into one battalion as many ringers as possible. In another column appears a letter from Lieut. C. F. Johnston, of the Royal Fusiliers, who invites ringers to join up with his battalion, where they might be put, if they wished, into the same company as himself, and, after training, if there were sufficient of them, be made up into a ringers' platoon. This idea has the sanction of the commanding officer (which dispels any question of difficulty with the authorities), and should appeal to those ringers on the point of enlisting.

There is always among ringers a splendid spirit of fraternity, and if a body of them could thus be united in arms it would doubtless make for the benefit of their company. Lieut. Johnston is assisting in the work of raising and training two reserve battalions for his Brigade, and about half of the men have already been obtained. There must be numerous ringers on the point of donning khaki, and they should therefore communicate with Lieut. Johnston at once at the address given in his letter. Under the wing of a fellow ringer, recruits might depend upon being well looked after, and we have heard that there is no training battalion with a better lot of officers and N.C.O.'s—which means a good deal to the young soldier. The opportunity is one which we hope ringers will seize, for a patriotic response to the urgent call for more men could thus be combined with the pleasure of serving with kindred spirits. Fifty or sixty is the number required to make up the platoon. To those who are still of suitable age and medically fit we would say look at the example of the hundreds of ringers who have already joined H.M. Forces, remember that your King and country need you more than ever, and enlist at once—in the Royal Fusiliers.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ...	6
GEORGE HOLLIS ... 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ...	7
*ARTHUR BRAINES ... 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	8
HERBERT DAY ... 4	WILLIAM J. THYNG ...	9
ALBERT H. WARD ... 5	WALTER ALLWOOD ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 31, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... Treble	RICHARD HEALD ...	5
HERBERT ALLRED ... 2	THOMAS WORSLEY ...	6
HARRY ALLRED ... 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	7
BENJAMIN ALLRED ... 4	ROBERT ALLRED ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to those who have laid down their lives, both on land and sea, including ten Tyldesley youths who have lost their lives in the Dardanelles.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.

GEORGE R. SIMMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN ...	5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 2	JOHN CROWDER ...	6
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 3	GEORGE DURLING ...	7
WALTER SMITH ... 4	JOSEPH LAW ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. G. Bennington, one of the local band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

HARRY SEAR ... Treble	*GEORGE NEWSON ...	5
*ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 2	SERGT.-MAJOR H. WAKELY	6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	CANON W. W. C. BAKER	7
WALTER SEAR ... 4	*GEORGE W. HELEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by SERGT.-MAJOR W. WAKELY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of all who have fallen during the War.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising seven 720's, each called differently.

MAURICE SYMONDS ... 1	CHARLES POULSON ...	4
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 2-3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This is the first peal by the ringer of the treble, who is 12 years and 5 months of age, and is the youngest who has rung a peal for the Ely Association. The peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of F. G. Symonds, of London, brother of the conductor.

A YEAR OF WAR AND ITS EFFECTS ON RINGING.

A good deal is being written just now upon the year of war which, on Wednesday, drew to its completion—a year fraught with incidents and consequences so great that the course of history has been changed. The time, therefore, may not be altogether inopportune to review the effect which the war has had upon ringing.

Our Art fills but one of the minor niches in the fabric of the national edifice, but war's far-reaching effects has disturbed ringing no less than the other pursuits of peace. As interpreters of national feeling ringers have gauged the public sentiment, and in this period of intense anxiety and stress the bells have been used with every consideration for the existing feeling. Their main purpose, that of summoning people to worship, has never been overlooked, and the celebration of church festivals and national events has gone on as usual—as indeed it ought to have done.

IN BELFRY AND CAMP.

When the first shock of war had died down and the country began to realise the new position, the Associations, which for a time became almost inactive, renewed their operations for the most part, though, even at meetings in many districts, ringing still takes place to only a very modified extent. But it is realised that war time is no time for long faces and the encouragement of depression. The work which our gallant troops have done in the trenches could never have been accomplished without the maintenance of the cheeriest of spirits, and the people at home need to be cheered also. Therefore, there seems every reason why, in connection with gatherings of ringers, the moderate use of the bells should be continued and the clergy, for the most part, look upon it in the same light.

But there is a cause through which ringing has suffered immensely in many towers throughout the land, and it is a cause which gives justification for pride. When the call came for men, ringers, equally with other classes, rushed to the colours, and there has been ever since, as our columns have testified, a steady flow of men from the belfry to the camp. A number have already laid down their lives for their King and country, others have been wounded, and when the final story comes to be written we think the Exercise will be found to have contributed its share. The Roll of Honour which we have published from week to week, has up to the present contained something like 1,100 names, but we have no hesitation in saying that quite as many more have joined the ranks from the belfries.

FALLEN HEROES.

Among the ringers who have given up their lives have been the following:—

KILLED.

- SECOND-LIEUT. RUPERT GASCOYNE CECIL, 4th Batt. Bedfordshire Regiment, of Hatfield Parish Church, killed in action in France on July 12th, 1915.
PTE FREDERICK C. JOHNSON, 2nd Batt. Grenadier Guards, of Wrentham Church, Suffolk, killed in action near Villers Cotterets, France, on Sept. 4th, 1914.
CORPL. ERNEST BARTON, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, of St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, killed near Lille on Oct. 23rd.
ABLE-SEAMAN ALBERT BASHFORD, H.M.S. "Good Hope," of Nut-

field Church, Surrey, lost with his ship in the battle in the Pacific on November 1st.

SERGT. JESSE ARBON, 4th Suffolk Regiment, formerly of Sproughton Church, Norfolk, killed in action in France, December 21st.

CORPL. JOHN TIPPINS, 2nd Essex Regiment, of Mistley Church, Essex, killed in action in France.

PTE FRANCIS J. KEEN, 2nd Grenadier Guards, of Tamworth Church, died of wounds on Jan. 20th, 1915.

TROOPER WILFRED WENHAM, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles, of St. Mary's Church, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, died in hospital at Canterbury on February 11th.

RIFLEMAN ANDREW WARNER, London Rifle Brigade, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, died of wounds received at storming of Hill 60.

PTE LOUIS A. DICKERSON, R.M.L.I., of Thetford Church, Norfolk, killed in action at the Dardanelles.

SERGT. JOHN HARE, 5th Batt. Yorkshire Regiment, of St. Mary's Society, Beverley, killed at Ypres on April 29th.

SERGT. GEORGE P. HILL, North Riding Battery, R.F.A. (T.F.), of Whitby Parish Church, killed in France on May 24th.

PTE HORACE W. SHARMAN, 2nd Batt. Northants Regiment, of Cranley Parish Church, killed in action in France on May 8-9.

PTE WILLIAM HENRY SNART, 2nd Northants Regiment, of Kettering, killed in action on May 10th.

PTE C. HOWE, Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry, of Linslade, Bucks, died of wounds on May 29th.

SEAMAN GEORGE I. PLAYLE, H.M.S. "Goliath," of Dagenham Church, Essex, lost in the sinking of his ship in the Dardanelles.

PTE MARK MELIA, 2nd Middlesex Regiment, of St. Francis of Assisi's Church, Holbeck, Leeds, killed in action in France on June 12th.

LANCE-CORPL. LIONEL ALFORD, 5th Middlesex Regiment, of Sunbury-on-Thames Parish Church, killed in action in France.

PTE J. LIVERMORE, Jun., R.A.M.C., of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, died of wounds in Flanders.

PTE J. HOTTEN, of the London County Association, died of wounds.

CORPL. FREDERICK W. JONES, 1st/5th York and Lancaster Regiment, of Pudsey Parish Church, killed in action in Flanders on July 16th.

MISSING. BELIEVED KILLED.

PTE HARRY PELLETT, 2nd Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, of Stone-in-Oxney Parish Church, Kent.

Incidentally, we should like to mention that we should like to receive through their ringing friends remaining at home early information of those ringers who, unhappily, from time to time may figure in the casualty lists. It is only by this means that the Exercise can be acquainted with those heroes from the belfry who may fall in this titanic struggle for honour and freedom.

PEALS.

The effect of the war on peal ringing we have left until last, because, while the results are interesting peal ringing in these times is of small importance. Immediately war broke out ringers realised that peal ringing for the ordinary purpose of the entertainment of those who take part in it was out of place, and, except for special occasions such as church festivals or dedication services, peals with open bells have been few and far between. Peals with the bells muffled for some departed friend or for the wider purpose of a tribute to the heroes who have fought their last fight on land or sea, have provided by far the larger proportion of the performances on tower bells. The total number of peals rung on church bells since August 4th last year and published in our columns have been 157. The handbell peals rung in the same period have been 109, making a total of 266—a figure which has been excelled in a single month in peace time. To emphasise the contrast we may mention that from August to July, 1913-14, 2,401 peals were rung, and in the same period of 1912-13 2,355 peals.

LIEUT. HESSE'S BEREAVEMENT.

The sympathy of his many friends in the ringing world will go out to Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, of Teddington, and vice-president of the Middlesex Association, in the loss he has sustained by the sudden death of his mother. As is well-known, Lieut. Hesse is serving with the A.S.C. in France. He was granted special leave on learning of the illness of his mother, but arrived in England too late to see her alive. Lieut. Hesse is now back again in France.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	111	4	3
Nuneaton Society, second donation (per Mr. T. W. Chapman)	0	10	6
Ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Minchin-hampstead, Glos. (per Mr. F. W. Ponting)	0	6	0
Total	112	0	9

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving in H.M. Forces:—
Gunner H. P. Saffell, of St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone, R.F.A., now at Balcombe, Sussex.

From St. Mary's, Pulborough, Sussex:—
Pte A. B. Corden, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Pte W. H. Hollman, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Pte S. Killick, Middlesex Regiment.

COMMISSION FOR ANOTHER RINGER.

Mr. L. H. Corden, a member of the Sussex County Association, has been given a commission in the 4th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment. Mr. Corden was for many years churchwarden at Pulborough, as well as an enthusiastic ringer. All who have met him will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

PUDSEY RINGER KILLED.

MEMBER OF RECORD MAKING BAND.

News has been received from the War Office that Corporal Frederick W. Jones, of the 1st/5th Yorks and Lancaster Regiment, son of Mr. Lister Jones, of Chapelton, Pudsey, was killed in action in Flanders on July 10th. Corpl. Jones, who was 24 years of age, joined the Territorials about a year prior to the outbreak of war. He was a teacher at Conisbore before the war started.

He belonged to the Pudsey (York) band of ringers, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1908. He rang, in all, six peals, viz., one of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Bob Major on tower bells and four of Bob Major on handbells, including the 13,440 rung on Whit-Monday, June 5th, 1911, which at the time was the record length on handbells, the previous best having been 11,200. This record stood until the Winchester Guild men rang the long peals of Stedman Caters. In the peal at Pudsey, in which Corpl. Jones rang 3-4, the average age of the band was just under 19 years.

Prior to the commencement of the war, the deceased was secretary of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. Always a keen ringer, and a good striker, he will be much missed by the members of the band to which he belonged.

As a token of respect to his memory, the bells of Pudsey Parish Church were rung muffled on Sunday last for morning service.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

In times of peace the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is one of the best gatherings of its kind among all the ringing meetings of the year, but, owing to the war, the festival was not carried out on its customary lines this year; indeed the proceedings, which took place at Reading on Saturday, were confined strictly to business. Despite the fact, however, that the event was shorn of much of its attractiveness the meeting, which took place at the Palmer Hall, was well attended, members being present from Bucklebury, Slough, Bradfield, Hughenden, East Hagbourne, Caversham, Wokingham, Hurst, Beaconsfield, Henley, Compton, Boyne Hill, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Reading, Crowthorne, Goring and Binfield.

In the absence of the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who is in France as Chaplain to the Forces, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (hon. treasurer) presided.

On the election of officers, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge said he was sure everyone in the room would wish to propose the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn be elected Master. The warm applause which followed showed the unanimous opinion which prevailed, and the Master was, therefore, without further ceremony, considered re-elected.

The Hon. Treasurer (the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis) and the Secretary (Mr. Abert E. Reeves) were re-appointed, and the committee were also re-elected.

On the recommendation of the committee, three trustees of the Guild were appointed.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge (one of the Guild's representatives) gave a report upon the proceedings at the last meeting of the Central Council, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Frodsham on Saturday week, when over 100 members attended. During the day touches in a variety of methods were rung.

A special service was held in the Parish Church, in the order as approved by the Bishop of Chester, the President of the Guild, and an address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. M. W. Myres), who spoke from Ps. cxiii. verse 1: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." He said:—

Why are you here? Why, because you belong to a federation of ringers. You are not merely pursuers of an art or form of exercise. Ringing is a study and an interest of itself. And you are men who are taking a share in Church work, and no mean share in the service of the sanctuary. So you are present as Churchmen, and your mission is to set forth the call of the Church. You peal out messages of national happiness, and sometimes messages of national grief; the passage of the old year and the dawn of the new. The wedding and the funeral it is yours to acclaim. And more than this, you sound the call of the Church to the world. On many ears it falls unheeded, and yet for most of us church bells are the only bells we know. The sound proclaims that the church is there, waiting to receive the faithful for their worship; ready to voice their prayers; ready to speak peace to their souls. But, what is the message which you are sending out from yourselves? Yours are the hands that rock the bell and make it speak. What message do you give it in your minds and hearts—of joy and faithfulness for the coming and life of Christ? To remember the Creator? And to serve God truly? Will you call others to do what you do not believe in? Ask them to do what you do not do yourselves? That were hypocrisy and shame. Publish your own appeal and put the witness of your own lives into the music and let it find an echo in your lives. What though thousands do not heed, your message goes out to them in your prayers, that God would bless the Christian message to ourselves and the world.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting was held after tea. The Master of the Guild (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, of Crewe) presided, and was supported by the Rev. the Hon. C. F. Cross, of Stretton; the Rev. H. V. Pigot, of Grappenhall; and the Rev. M. W. Myres, of Frodsham.

Mr. Bowen Cooke having been proposed as Master by Mr. H. A. Heywood, of Christleton Lodge, Chester, and loudly proclaimed by the members, thanked the members heartily for their renewed vote of confidence. The duties, he said, could not be taken on too lightly. He referred to the great assistance his friend, Mr. Heywood, had always rendered to him in the past, and he had received an assurance from him of further assistance in his work. He promised, as master, to make the coming year's work as prosperous and successful as possible.

Mr. Cooke referred to the singing of the National Anthem on bended knees at the close of the afternoon service at the church as being a most fitting prayer for Divine help in these momentous times. Many of the ringers had joined the colours, and many others had sons and other relatives who were fighting for their King and country.

Letters of apology for absence were read by the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills) from the Bishop of Chester, the Rev. Canon May, of Heswall, and a telegram from Mr. Stringer, of Sandbach.

The members of the general committee were elected, seven honorary and seven ringing members, namely: Honorary, the Revs. H. L. Mallory (Birkenhead), C. Vere Bailey (Macclesfield) and H. V. Pigot (Grappenhall), and Messrs. Heywood (Christleton Lodge, Chester), Warrington (New Mills), Stringer (Sandbach) and H. Hatt-Cook (Northwich). Ringing members, Messrs. Bibby (Frodsham), Willcocks (Wirral), Morgan (Chester), Ashmole (Northwich), Norbury (Macclesfield), Fernley (Stockport) and Langford (Crewe).

It was decided to allow the names of those who had joined the forces to remain on the roll of membership until the war is over, free of subscription.

The meeting unanimously approved the decision of the committee to erect a suitable memorial stone in the precincts of Chester Cathedral in honour of the late master, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber. At this juncture the Master retired from the conduct of the meeting, and the Rev. H. V. Pigot took the chair. A long discussion followed as to the suggested change of date for the next annual assembly, but by a large majority it was decided to adhere to the date—August Bank Holiday—and Crewe was chosen as the venue.

On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. M. W. Myres for the beautiful church service, and for the use of the school, to Mr. W. Bibby for making and so zealously carrying out the arrangements of the day, to the Frodsham ringers, the members of the choir and the organist (Mr. T. Yould).

BRISTOL.—On June 23rd, at the Church of St. Nicholas', 435 Steadman Caters: A. E. Reeves (conductor) 1, L. T. Reeves (R.A.M.C.) 2, A. Stowell 3, F. W. Wade 4, H. Howell 5, W. White 6, J. Richmond 7, G. Wiltshire 8, J. Long 9, U. Braven 10. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Princes of Wales's 21st birthday.

VICAR'S FATAL LEAP.**LANCASHIRE RINGER KILLED IN MOTOR MISHAP.**

Ringers of Lancashire in general, and of Rochdale district in particular, have lost a good friend by the death of the Vicar of Milnrow (the Rev. Frank Parkin Wright), who lost his life as the result of a motor accident about a fortnight ago. The distressing tragedy occurred in the lake district near Keswick, where the Vicar was staying for a holiday with his two daughters. The family went out for a motor drive in the evening in the Penrith district, and in returning to Keswick the car had to climb a slight hill at Motherby, near Penriddock. The chauffeur changed the gear on the hill, but it apparently failed to act, with the result that the car commenced to run back.

Mr. Wright jumped out and fell on his head. His daughters remained in the car and escaped injury. Dr. Jackson, Greystoke, was summoned, but Mr. Wright died without recovering consciousness from concussion of the brain and a wound at the back of the head.

Mr. Wright had been Vicar of Milnrow for 32 years, and prior to that he was curate at the Rochdale Parish Church for six years. He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1876, being ordained the following year.

Mr. Wright was a widower, his wife dying a short time ago.

He was well known among Lancashire ringers, whom he was always ready to welcome at his church. Indeed, next Saturday a meeting of the Association was to have been held there, but, on the news of the tragedy becoming known, it was at once transferred to another tower. Mr. Wright was a life honorary member of the Lancashire Association, and, being a ringer, himself was frequently in the tower with his band.

On Sunday morning last, the ringers of Milnrow attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells fully muffled. Unfortunately when ringing had been in progress 1 hour and 40 minutes, and all was going well, the tenor rope broke and put an end to the attempt. It is rather singular that this was the rope the late Vicar used almost invariably to take when ringing with his company. His genial ways and kindly words will be much missed by all who knew him.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**DISTRICT SECRETARY'S THREATENED RESIGNATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Chislehurst on Saturday week. The spot is an ideal place for a summer meeting, but on this occasion the event was spoiled by the elements. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a service was held, at which a short address was given by the Rev. Canon Dawson (Rector), followed by the Intercession service. An adjournment to the Boy's Club followed, where a splendid meat tea, provided by the Rector and Mr. A. F. Nussey (churchwarden) was greatly enjoyed by the party present.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector. Three members were elected, and Greenwich was selected as the place for the annual district meeting on the last Saturday in October.

Mr. W. Hewett asked when the annual meeting of the Association was to be held, and the District Secretary and Representative, in reply, stated the reason, and explained what was suggested by the committee.

The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge) then gave notice that he should not stand for re-election. He could not think of remaining in office, he said, after the way the arrangements for the opening the bells of Christ Church, Erith, had been carried out.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and his address, and to the Rector and churchwarden for providing the tea, regret being expressed that the serious illness of Mr. Nussey's sister prevented him being present.—The Rector, replying, said it had given them great pleasure, and he deeply regretted his churchwarden's absence.

The tower was then again visited till 9 p.m., and various touches brought round.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch of this Association was held on Saturday last at Chewton Mendip, by the kind permission of the new Vicar, the Rev. —. Beazley. The weather was very favourable, and consequently the attendance was good, the following towers being represented: Midsomer Norton, Sten Easton, Shepton Mallet, Camerton, Leigh-on-Mendip, Chewton Mendip and Timsbury.

Tea was partaken of at the Waldegrave Arms Hotel, after which the usual business meeting took place, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip), the popular and genial Branch President, occupying the chair. Several new ordinary members and one new honorary member (the Rev. —. Beazley) were admitted to the Association. The latter hopes to become an active ringing member—a cause of intense satisfaction and pleasure to the local ringers, who heartily welcome the clergy in the ringing chambers.

Business completed, the members repaired to the church (which, by-the-way, is justly famous for its architectural beauty), where the Association's special form of divine service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill.

Ringling was indulged in both before tea and after divine service, the "go" and tone of the bells being greatly admired by all. The

greatest credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the excellence of their recent work in this tower. The ringing chamber is unusually well appointed, and reflects the highest credit upon the enthusiastic and energetic captain, Mr. Wm. Tucker, whose efforts towards the promulgation of change ringing at Chewton Mendip are beyond all praise.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed towards the day's enjoyment and success, particularly to the Vicar, the organist (Mr. Cox), the choir, the Branch President, and the hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard). The meeting was in every way thoroughly enjoyable and successful, and it is greatly to be hoped that many more such gatherings will take place here in the future. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Doulling, on Saturday, October 30th.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**REDDISH RINGERS AT BURBAGE.**

On Saturday week the Reddish ringers held their annual outing, visiting Buxton, and afterwards Burbage. At the latter place, Mr. Kirk, of the local company, had everything in readiness, and the visitors also had the pleasure of meeting Corpl. James E. Davis, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, who was looking very fit. All present took part in the ringing, and 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by A. Barnes 1, Edith R. Barnes 2, S. Kirk 3, H. Kirk (conductor) 4, J. E. Barnes 5, James E. Davis 6. The best thanks of the band are hereby tendered to Mr. Kirk for his excellent arrangements, especially on the short notice given.

A VISIT TO HORSHAM.

Through the instrumentality of Mr. W. Short (Warnham), a very pleasant meeting was arranged, and a party of ringer friends paid a visit to the historic old town of Horsham on Saturday week. Most of the visitors made the trip on cycles, and with one exception arrived at the scheduled time. However, by the time they had "lined up" and prepared for "roll call," Mr. R. Wood (Billingshurst), who had met with a series of obstacles "en route," reported "all well." The party then made their way to the belfry, where the bells, a musical peal of eight, were soon set going, and several touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, those taking part being Messrs. W. Short (Warnham), R. Edwards (Slinfold), W. Denman, senr., W. Denman, junr., F. Denman, A. Cripps, R. Bowell, T. Adams and G. Lucas (Shipley), Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), J. Burdfield and R. Wood (Billingshurst), Oliver Sippetts (Crawley), P. H. Doick and Pte W. H. Hollman (Pulborough), and L. and S. Paice, of the local band. The ever-ready Mr. O. Sippetts carried out the duties of conductor. It is very pleasing to note the progress which the Shipley ringers are making in Major ringing, and we hope, in the near future, to see them writing history in Surprise Major. Mrs. R. Whittington is also to be congratulated on the able way in which she rang the treble to Kent Major. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for granting them permission to ring, Mr. W. Short (the father of the family), and Mr. L. Paice for the hearty welcome extended.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the last quarter of Holts' Original): F. Lovis 1, J. Gluyas 2, A. Mitchelmore 3, G. Parr 4, G. H. Myers (conductor) 5, W. Richards 6, Pte W. White 7, W. Shears 8.

BROMHAM.—Beds. Association.—On June 19th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Browning), 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Trooper H. Stapleton (B.I.Y.), 1, E. P. Duffield 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Pte W. Stanford (Royal Sussex Regiment) 4, H. Gayton 5, F. Wilford (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss D. Steel 1, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 2, Pte W. Stanford 3, H. Mortimer (H.M.S. "Indomitable," home on leave) 4, E. Duffield 5, H. L. Harlow 6; 216 Plain Bob: Miss D. Steel 1, H. Tvsoc 2, F. Wilford 3, Trooper H. Stapleton 4, E. Duffield 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

CHILVERS COTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 20th, for the morning and evening services, with the bells half-muffled, the local band (augmented by several young probationers, on account of five of the ordinary members having joined the colours) rang the usual whole pull and stand, and several touches of Grandsire Doubles, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Dr. H. T. Tomlinson, late churchwarden at the above church, also on the evening of the following day, after the funeral, the following muffled touches: Courses of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples by ringers from Nunenton, Stoke Gidding, and Chilvers Coton, the following taking part: Messrs. T. Chapman, H. Argyle, J. Clarke, senr., J. Clarke, junr., E. Stone, W. Orton, R. Pollard, J. Greasley, Geoffrey Stoneley, A. Hancock, T. Mallabone, and H. Reader.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 23rd, in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes (from Holts' Original), in 49 mins.: A. Burdock (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Jelley 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, M. Smith 5, J. T. Lee 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, A. Ward 8.

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THE BELLS AT CATTISTOCK.

The last Thursday in July is the date of the annual visit which Malines' famous carillonneur (M. Josef Denyn) pays to the celebrated carillon at Cattistock Church, Dorset. This visit accordingly took place on Thursday in last week, and there is pathetic interest in the fact that M. Denyn is now a refugee in this country. The great carillonneur was the recipient of many honours at Malines (or Mechlin) in the more peaceful times of three years ago on celebrating the completion of 25 years' service as city "Bell Master." An item in the day's proceedings was the presentation to M. Denyn of a new bell to be placed in the famous carillon, with the dedication in Flemish, "To the great carillonneur, Jef. Denyn, by an admiring public."

CATTISTOCK'S BELLS.

Although the United Kingdom possesses several fine carillons, only four are fitted with claviers (or keyboards). These, writes Mr. Ernest



CATTISTOCK CHURCH AND THE CARILLON TOWER.

Morris, are at Aberdeen, Bournville, Loughborough, and, most famous of all, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Cattistock, Dorset. In 1863 the Rev. H. Keith Barnes became Rector of Cattistock, and being a great lover of bell music, he determined he would have a suitable tower built to his church, which should contain a carillon with clavier. The old tower was too small, and could not in any way be made to suit the requirement, so he had this pulled down, and the present beautiful campanile erected to the designs of Mr. Gilbert Scott, junr. This cost £3,000, and was defrayed by Mr. Barnes and his family. It now contains 35 bells (eight of which are hung for ringing), tenor 19cwt., cast at Louvain by Van Aerschodt, the famous bell founder. Mr. Barnes and his family completed his scheme by leaving a sum of money for the upkeep of the carillon. When M. Josef Denyn gives his annual recital, he also arranges the tunes for the following year, and directs the work of setting them on the chime-barrel. This barrel contains no less than 7,200 holes, into which the studs are fixed according to the requirements of the music. There are 72 chime ham-

mers, 60 of which are in active use. The multiplication of hammers is to facilitate quick repetitions. The inscriptions on the bells [vide Canon Raven's Church Bells of Dorset] are as follows: The peal of eight bells:—

- Treble.—"Ring out the false, Ring in the true. George Digby Wingfield Digby, Lord of the Manor gave me."
 2nd.—"Harmonious Bells below, Bring Music from above. Mary Constance Barnes gave me."
 3rd.—"Let those who ring us here, Do so in Godly fear."
 4th.—"All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord."
 5th.—"O Christ, the King of Glory, come in peace."
 6th.—"In Manifold Melodious chime, we waft a fair good night from God's high love—Severin Van Aerschodt, of Louvain, cast this Carillon of 33 bells A.D. 1872."
 7th.—"There is no speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them."
 Tenor.—"Mark well the passing hour, the tolling bell life's end doth tell.—To the Glory of God—Severin Van Aerschodt cast me, the tenor of a peal of eight, at Louvain, and Janet Keith Barnes gave me to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Cattistock 1872."

THE CARILLON BELLS.

- (1) "In memory of Charles Stickland 1885-1897. R. P. Stickland Rector 1899."
- (2) "In memory of George F. Greville 1842-1897. Cecil Greville gave me 1899."
- (3) "M.G."
- (4) "F.T.S."
- (5) "T.C.L."
- (6) "J.M."
- (7) "J.M."
- (8) "Me fvdit Lovanii Severinus Van Aerschodt. 1880."
- (9) "C.T."
- (10) "My Music shall find Thee—Selina Still gave me."
- (11) "Gloria in Excelsis.—Agnes Garforth gave me."
- (12) "Christians awake.—W. C. Wightman gave me."
- (13) "I never sleep.—Maria Duff gave me."
- (14) "Praise the Lord.—William Henning gave me."
- (15) "God be our speed.—Mantagu and Alice Hankey gave me."
- (16) "Peace and good brotherhood.—Alexander Wightman gave me."
- (17) "God defend the right.—Frank Pope gave me."
- (18) "Prosperity to Cattistock.—James Charles Still gave me."
- (19) "Pange lingua.—W. H. P. Ward, whilom Rector of Compton Valence gave me."
- (20) "God bring him bliss that paid for this.—Keith Jopp gave me."
- (21) "For God and our Church and Queen.—F. J. Rooke, Prebendary of Sarum, and Ellen his wife, gave me."
- (22) "Long May our soothing cadence ear, heart, and conscience win.—Agnes Frances Marten gave me."
- (23) "I mark labour and rest.—Eliza Margaret and Charles John Gundry Still gave me."
- (24) "The step of time shall move to my melodious chime.—George Toppin, Priest, and Blanche his wife, gave me."
- (25)—between 6th and 7th of peal) "Think when the bells do chime.—'Tis Angels' musick. Therefore come not late."
- (26)—between 4th and 5th of peal) "Our voices tell when joy and grief betide: Mourn with the Mourner, welcome home the bride.—John Almerus Digby, and Diana his wife, and William and Eleanor Scott gave me."
- (27)—between treble and 2nd of peal) "Let those the chimes who hear, Off leave their earthly care—for this sweet house of prayer.—Albert William Still Barnes gave me."

I am informed that no peal of 5,000 changes has ever been accomplished on these bells.

It may be of interest to note that the writer's grandfather was a native of this village, and used to ring on the old three bells in the old tower. These bells were inscribed:—

- (1) "ANNO DOMINI 1659. WB. WT. WC."
- (2) "Frangoove Ed. Thomas, Anno Domini 1700 T.P." (There is evidently some mistake in this inscription).
- (3) "AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA DNUS TECU."

BELGIUM'S LOST BELLS.

Mr. W. Gorham Rice's interesting volume, "The Carillons of Belgium and Holland," which was reviewed in these pages some few weeks since, was the subject of a complimentary notice in the columns of "The Observer" on Sunday. The reviewer is M. Emile Cammaerts, who, we imagine, approaches the subject with the native sympathy and enthusiasm for carillons, but, while he does justice to Mr. Rice's book, he fails to appreciate the English love of bells, for he opens by saying "There is a strange prejudice in England against bells. Their sound awakes doleful associations and 'Sunday qualms,' the tiresome pulling at the same rope, the monotonous repetition of the same note. Many people consider the proximity of a church as a nuisance and write indignant letters to the papers to silence their clock tower. I hope that the very opportune publication of Mr. Gorham Rice's book will do a great deal to remove this prejudice and to show the prominent part which peals of bells, and more particularly the carillons, ought to play in public life."

M. Cammaerts must have been unfortunate in his English experi-

ences, for nowhere, except in the Netherlands, are bells more appreciated than in this island (their uses in the two countries being, of course, widely different), though here and there can be found the man ready to rise up and curse the bells, as he would curse anything else which met with his disfavour. But these grumblers, though often noisy, are really few in number, and our peals of bells are among the most cherished of our national possessions.

But it was not to criticise M. Cammaerts that we set out, rather was it to quote a few extracts from his notice of Mr. Rice's book. "Strange," he says, "that it should be left to an American to reveal to us these old European traditions! Stranger still that the invasion of Belgium and the wanton destruction of some of the best sets of bells should have coincided with the completion of this book!"

"Out of the nine best carillons in Belgium mentioned in Mr. Rice's list three have already been destroyed. One at Malines (St. Rombert), on which Josef Denyn, the first master carillonneur in the world, used to play so often; the other at Louvain (Ste. Gertrude), with its 40 bells; the third at Ypres (Cloth Hall), with 44 bells. The loss of the Malines carillon is certainly one of the most cruel wounds which German barbarism has inflicted on European civilisation. Even the Middeburg bells, in Holland, could not be compared with it, and it was not without good reason that Mr. Rice gave it the first rank among the carillons of the Netherlands, and consequently of the world.

REMEMBER "ROLAND."

"For the Netherlands might rightly be called 'the country of Carillons.' On this small corner of the map of Europe might be found no less than fifty peals of more than twenty-five bells, most of them dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, while we find only about ten carillons in Central Germany and five in France outside the north-western departments (Nord and Pas de Calais) formerly belonging to Flanders. The contribution of the other countries is insignificant.

"Of course, the expression Netherlands must be taken in its widest meaning. According to Mr. Rice's judicious remark the limit of the carillon country is more racial than political. He might have said perhaps more accurately that this limit is more of the past than of the present. During the fifteenth and the sixteenth century part of the Rhine country and the north-western provinces of France still belonged to the Low Countries. So it is that all the best carillons of France are in the north, at Armentieres, Arras, Bailleul, Cambrai, etc., while out of the fifteen carillons in Germany five at least belong to the Rhineland.

"It is, indeed, a good thing to read about the old bells when they are so far away beyond the German lines, and to imagine the concerts which Denyn will give us when we go back to Belgium, and to prepare a delightful tour through the carillon-country with Mr. Rice's book in one's pocket.

"Let us remember old Roland, the heaviest bell in the Ghent belfry, which bears this characteristic inscription: 'My name is Roland; when I toll there is fire, and when I ring there is victory in the land.' It was first made in 1314, recast in 1659, and 'will have again to be recast as a crack developed in July, 1914.' The story of this bell is the story of Belgium. When Roland rings again it will be for victory."

THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL.

TO-DAY'S CENTENARY.

To-day is the centenary of the first true peal of Grandsire Royal ever rung, for it was on August 6th, 1815, that the Painswick Youths added this achievement to their performances. According to their peal book this "5099 changes of Titum Grandsire Royal" was rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins., by: Danl. Glyde 1, Giles Mansfield 2, Geo. Harding 3, Jno. Mansfield 4, Jno. Tunley 5, Chrstr. Webb 6, Robt. Selwyn 7, Thos. Bethell 8, Jno. Savory 9, Jas. Marlton 10. In the history of the method, published by the late Mr. Jasper Snowden in his "Grandsire," he records the fact that an unfortunate start was made with Grandsire Royal, inasmuch as the peal of 5040 changes, which, he believed, was the first in the method, rung by the Birmingham St. Martin's Youths, on October 17th, 1814, at the opening of the ten bells at Aston, turned out to be false. In consequence of this the society, on October 23rd, 1815, rang at the same church a peal of 6,000—still the longest length in the method—but the Painswick Youths, in the meantime had, as recorded above, scored the first peal.

While mentioning anniversaries, it is not uninteresting to note that next Sunday (August 8th) is the anniversary of a peal of Bob Triples, rung in the year 1749 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and in which John Holt took part. The peal was rung by the Union Scholars, of which, in that year, Holt was elected Master. A month before (July 9th) he took part in a peal of 6,000 Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

When thinking of these peals of bygone centuries one must not, of course, consider them in the light of present-day achievements. They were rung when change ringing was in its cradle, so to speak, and every peal may be counted as a wonderful performance. In much later times than the days of John Holt, the man who had rung a peal came out of the belfry with his head held high, for peals were peals indeed, and the peal ringer—only in plain methods in those days—stood high among the confraternity.

A RINGERS' PLATOON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our Brigade, which has been at Clipstone, N. Notts, since May, is moving to Salisbury Plain on Tuesday; and, apart from them, some of us have for the present been moved back to the Farm Camp at Epsom, as we are raising two reserve battalions (2,000 men roughly) and have the first 1,000 in already.

I know that ringers all over the country have flocked to the colours, and that already the fraternity has suffered sad losses.

However, there might still be some ringers, who have not joined the Army, but are thinking of doing so and are within the age and constitutional limit. If so, could you help us by making it known that they would be welcomed at this camp. We have a very efficient staff, including some that have seen service before (our new adjutant was wounded in this war), and I could arrange if ringer recruits wished, for them to be put in the same company as myself, and thus, after preliminary training, they would all be together—in fact, if we could get 50 or 60, the commanding officer has promised me to form a ringers' platoon.—Believe me to be, yours sincerely,

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

98th Infantry Brigade Depot,
Farm Camp, Epsom, July 31st, 1915.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The seventh meeting of the year was held on Saturday week, at Appledore, representatives attending from Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, Woodchurch, Brookland, Ashford, Fairfield, and the local tower. Grandsire Triples were rung under the conductorship of Messrs. C. W. Player and C. Tribe, and the members cordially welcomed Mrs. Gatehouse, wife of the Vicar of Headcorn, who was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn. Mrs. Gatehouse had a ring with the company, and in the afternoon, together with Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkin, had a pull in the ancient wooden tarred campanile at Brookland.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary read a letter from Mr. C. Slingsby inviting the Guild to hold a meeting at Aldington, and kindly promising to provide tea for all who attended.—Mr. C. W. Player suggested that an effort should be made to obtain a second tower, say, Brabourne or Sellindge.—After discussion, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Kay, seconded by Mr. Tribe, to accept with thanks Mr. Slingsby's kind invitation and hospitality. The date fixed to journey to Aldington was Saturday, August 21st, the tower to be available at 3 p.m.—As to the two towers suggested, it was thought that this could hardly be carried into operation, it being rather uncertain if a band could be obtained before the middle of the afternoon.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs), in suitable terms, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the President of the Guild (the Rev. A. O. Scott) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. Johnson for co-operating and assisting in making the arrangements for the meeting.—Mr. E. Curd seconded.—This was carried unanimously. The ringing terminated about nine o'clock.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' ENJOYABLE TRIP.

On Saturday week the ringers of St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, and Holy Trinity, Idle, together with a few friends from St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, had their annual outing, Ilkley, for ever to be associated with the late Mr. Jasper Snowden, and Otley being visited. The Calverley detachment left at 1 p.m. by char-a-banc in beautiful weather, the Idle band being picked up at Apperley Bridge, and the journey through the beautiful scenery, via Guisley, Menstone, Burley and Ben-Rhydding was much enjoyed.

Arrived at Ilkley, a well-struck length of Kent Treble Bob was successfully brought round, and several other short touches in various methods tapped off, the bells being lowered in peal.

The party proceeded by way of Asquith and Denton, on the banks of the Wharf, to Otley, which was reached about 5.30, and where, at the Oak Hotel, a good dinner was awaiting them, to which they did full justice.

A visit to the tower followed, and several touches in various methods were successfully brought round. Later the return journey was commenced, and after a good run, home was reached at 11 p.m., all being well satisfied that it had had been the best outing they had ever had.

The ringers take this opportunity, through "The Ringing World," of thanking the Vicars of Ilkley and Otley for the use of the bells and the ringers at the respective towers for having all in readiness.

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NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 17th and 31st for business, and on the 12th and 26th for handbell practice. At St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (six bells) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kiveton Park Station, G.C. Railway. —Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held on August 7th, 1915, as follows: Cheverell Magna, ringing at 3 o'clock; Erlestoke, ringing at 3.30 p.m.; Edington, ringing at 4 o'clock; with tea at 5 sharp; Bratton, ringing at 6.30 p.m. All intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to the unfortunate accident which resulted in the death of the Vicar of Milnrow, the next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, August 7th.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 14th. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, the 11th. Will secretaries of bands kindly note that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the York Restaurant at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angel Road, Brixton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Sunbury. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. P. C. West, the Vicar, at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 21st, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch 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.

DEATH.

HESSE.—On July 24th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Barclay, Whish, Cranmore, suddenly, Ellen McGhie, widow of the late Lieut.-Col. J. V. Hesse, 58th Regt., J.P. for County of Somerset, and eldest daughter of the late Thomas and Ellen Bridges.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, June 20th, at St. Anne's Church, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after 35 mins. ringing. Afterwards 504 was brought round: G. Pearce 1, J. Corbett 2, Corpl. J. W. Washbrook 3, F. Nye 4, T. J. Gould 5, F. Francis (conductor) 6, H. J. Gould 7, B. Berry 8. Rung as a farewell to Corpl. J. W. Washbrook, junr., of the North Staffords, who has left Blackdown for the Dardanelles.—On Sunday evening, July 4th, for service, 336 Grandsire Triples: W. Wood 1, J. Corbett 2, F. Nye 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. J. Gould (conductor) 5, F. Francis 6, H. J. Gould 7, W. Varndell 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, for morning service, 400 Double Norwich: A. Button 1, C. Sampson 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, Lance-Corpl. A. F. Bailey (6th Suffolk Cyclists) 6, J. G. Rumsey 7, E. S. Bailey 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, Lance-Corpl. A. F. Bailey 7, J. Titterton 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, on July 4th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: Sergt. W. C. Wakeley (6th North Staffords) 1, A. E. Sharman (first quarter in the method) 2, E. J. Hobbs 3, Canon W. W. C. Baker 4, G. Newnson 5, Sergt.-Major H. Wakeley (6th North Staffords), conductor, 6, A. King 7, G. W. Heley (first quarter in the method) 8. Rung on the Patronal Festival, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, July 4th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds 1, W. Fayers 2, F. Parker 3, W. Gooday (D Co. 9th Suffolk Regiment, Farnborough, Hants) 4, T. Hollocks 5, H. Crick 6, A. Symonds 7, Cpl. W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 8. 320 Bob Major: W. Fayers 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. Parker 3, W. Head (Little Waldingfield) 4, T. Hollocks 5, A. Symonds 6, L. Leeks 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. These touches were rung for the morning and evening services respectively on the Patronal Festival.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On July 4th, St. Peter's Day, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Smith (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. Eldridge 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, J. J. Parker 4, W. Henley 5, W. Welling 6, G. Alder 7, E. Carter 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on June 24th, touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the occasion of the meeting of the Guildford ringers, with Mr. F. Howell (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), who was visiting the town. Those taking part were: Messrs. F. Howell, J. J. Jones, A. H. Pulling, S. Radford, C. Hazelden, S. W. Radford, M. Smither, S. G. Steer, W. Loader and G. Petter.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On June 26th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Nash 1, F. Day 2, H. Blackman 3, J. Goacher 4, Pte W. Day 4, W. Trewin 6. Conducted by Pte W. Day, 16th Lancers, attached to the Yorkshire Light Infantry, who was home on his final leave. He is now at the front. This was the first 720 on the bells since their restoration.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 27th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: J. Toplis 1, Pte W. Askew 2, W. Lambert 3, A. E. Fourt (Isham) 4, W. Paulson 5, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 6. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Fourt (Isham) 1, F. Knowles 2, A. Blackham (Darley Dale) 3, J. Toplis 4, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 5, W. Lambert 6, W. Paulson 7, F. Porter 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, June 27th, for the afternoon service, on the occasion of the anniversary sermons, 840 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, Harry Allred 4, R. Allred (conductor) 5, J. T. Allred 6, Herbert Allred 7, J. Watts 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Harry Allred 1, B. Allred 2, R. Allred (conductor) 3, T. Barlow (Deane) 4, Herbert Allred 5, J. T. Allred 6, W. Pennington (Bolton) 7, J. Stubbs (Norwich) 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. J. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, T. Banning 7, J. Buttler 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—Midland Counties Association.—On June 27th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: T. W. Gore 1, G. Hollis (conductor) 2, P. Sault 3, G. Davies 4, F. Jacobs 5, F. Stubbs 6, Pte. F. Davies (Notts and Derby Regiment) 7, A. Knights 8, G. A. Thompson 9, W. Allwood 10.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by James George): W. Mead 1, F. Hodges 2, F. Stonton 3, Pte. J. Marks, 139th Battery R.F.A. (first in the method) 4, H. Sear 5, W. Webb (Newport Pagnell) 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, W. Crane (Bangor) 8. Arranged for Mr. W. Crane.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 27th, for evening service, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob, in 44 mins.: *R. Senechall 1, *J. Harrison 2, R. Hickton 3, N. H. Widdowson 4, R. A. Hickton 5, *H. E. Green 6, W. R. Drage 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal.

BEDFORD.—Beds Association.—On June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Double Oxford: Trooper H. Stapleton 1, H. Tysoe 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, H. L. Harlow 4, Pte W. Stanford 5, E. Duffield 6; 720 Worcester Surprise: H. Tysoe 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, Pte W. Stanford 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6; and 720 London Surprise: H. L. Harlow 1, Miss D. Steel 2, H. Tysoe 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Stapleton 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On June 29th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Bob: T. Copeland 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, H. V. Fletcher 3, G. R. Truss 4, F. Porter 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6. Also touches of Plain Bob and Double Court. Messrs. T. and W. Hannah, H. Munson, J. Bailey, S. Seth also took part in the ringing. Arranged for the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, Notts, who was on a visit to Fleet.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, July 1st, 1440 Bob Minor was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. A. J. Mc.M. Dutton and Miss Katherine Corner at St. Paul's Church, South Hampstead, on the previous day. The reverend gentleman is leaving Beckenham, after twenty-two years' work at the above church, for Bourne-mouth, where he has accepted the important post of senior curate at St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Dutton carries with him the best wishes of the Beckenham ringers, to whom he has acted for many years as chaplain. The ringers were: W. Dennis, J. Town, F. King, F. Terry, G. Wiggett, W. Smith (conductor) and W. Meek.—On Sunday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins., was rung as a compliment to A. Lowe, who hails from Beeston, Notts, and was on a visit to Beckenham: J. Town 1, A. Lowe 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, W. Dennis 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—For evening service, on July 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: J. J. Pratt (conductor) 1, G. E. Harbour (West Ealing) 2, J. A. Trollope (Ealing) 3, G. Mayne (Beaconsfield) 4, J. R. Mackman (Southall) 5, W. Lawrence (West Ealing) 6, E. Hancox 7, P. Jones 8, H. H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10.

BARNESLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 11th, for evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Lyas (conductor) 1, W. Lister 2, W. Richardson 3, T. Bone 4, J. Waddington 5, E. Cudland 6, C. D. Potter 7, J. Holmes 8.

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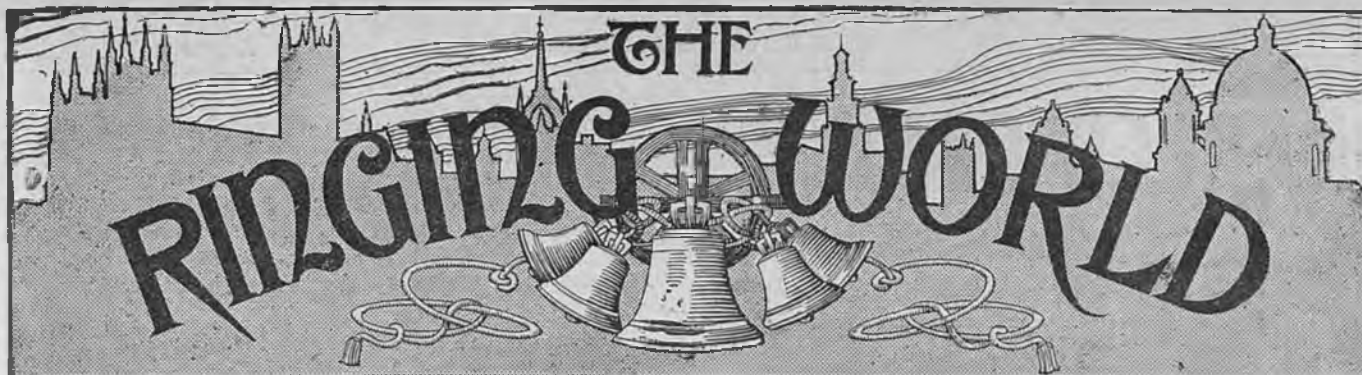


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AS LEGISLATORS.

A week or two ago we commented upon some of the recent criticisms of the Central Council, and we return to the subject again in view of the Rev. H. Drake's letter, which appears in this issue, in answer to the statement by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter that "the Council has always refused to make laws or act as a legislative body." This contention bears out the frequent observations of the President, who, only at the last meeting, emphasised the fact that in his opinion the Council should in no way assume the roll of legislators on behalf of a majority of the Associations as against the minority. Mr. Drake in his letter argues that whatever their intentions the Council have in fact in the past laid down laws, and in that sense have been legislators.

It is not our intention to discuss whether the effects of the Council's resolutions in the past have amounted to legislation, but we would express the view—despite the fact that we know that many will not agree with us—that it would be a step towards re-invigorating the Council if something were done to make it more of a legislative body. As it exists at present, perhaps, the Council could not arrogate to itself claims to lay down the law, but if, when the elections take place, it could be made clear to associations that they were electing their representatives in the capacity of legislators, it would, we think, have the effect of ensuring the appointment of the best men—men elected for their qualifications as ringers and not as a matter of compliment. The Council would thus be strengthened, and a higher value placed upon its decisions, because it would be realised that these resolutions were the real opinion of the most practical men in the various departments connected with the Exercise. It would also give the members of the Council a real responsibility to those who elected them and thus make the influence of the Council more closely felt.

One of the points that has always struck us as a weak link in the chain of organisation, is the total absence, in most cases, of any sort of responsibility of the representatives. They are elected every three years, and often the Associations officially hear no more of their doings. If this responsibility were to be established, the Associations could promote the legislation, their delegates would go with stronger hands and the deliberations of the Council could result in definite acts instead of mere expressions of opinion. We know it is contended that such decisions could not be enforced, but if the Council were to become a legislative body with the consent of the Associations, we think the loyalty of the latter could be depended upon. It would, indeed, be legislation by consent, and the Council would be able to rely upon the support of those who elected it.

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PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS 2	WILLIAM HALE 7
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	WILLIAM STAITE 8
FRANK COLE 4	JOHN JEFFERIES 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5	JAMES SINGLETON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

This peal was arranged to enable the four members of the Painswick Youths, who are serving their King and Country, to take part, but two of them had to return from leave, and one has been in France for some months. The other, William Ireland, of the 9th Gloucesters, took part and received the good wishes of all for a safe return.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JAMES GEORGE 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JAMES E. GROVES 3	WILLIAM PAGE 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE DALTRY, and
Conducted by S. GROVE.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells and the annual peal for the above Association. These bells have recently been re-hung by Messrs. Barwell & Co., of Birmingham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 3	JIM BEACH 7
EDWIN LAMBERT 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

For calling see K.C.A. Report, 1912, page 75. Rung in honour of the glorious achievement of General Sir Louis Botha in bringing about the cessation of hostilities in South Africa.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	JOSEPH COLLETT 5
*WILLIAM E. STRATFORD 2	WALTER LARGE 6
REUBEN HALL 3	HENRY GILLET 7
THOMAS BANNING 4	WILLIAM STRATFORD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

* First peal. R. Hall and A. T. Scrivens were made members of the Association before starting. With W. E. Stratford they hail from Birmingham, and wish to thank the members of the Bourton company for the kind arrangements made.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR GILL Treble	EDWIN WHEATER 5
BERNAL HOWE 2	BANNISTER W. SMITH 6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
FIRTH HOPWOOD 4	JOHN PERFECT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This composition contains the 2nd her full extent in 4th and 2nd's at alternate course ends, and is now rung for the first time. The conductor, who hails from S. Margaret's, Leicester, wishes, through this medium, to thank the above and others for kindly arranging to meet him.

WISTANTOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, August 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WM. E. MERRINGTON ... Treble	ERNEST V. RODENHURST ... 5
JOSEPH HANLEY 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
JAMES L. YORK 3	WALTER LAGO 7
ALBERT WOODVINE 4	JOHN ASTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Messrs. Hanley, York, Saunders, Lago and Aston belong to Coalbrookdale, Merrington to Dawley, Woodvine to Malinslee, and Rodenhurst to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. J. Aston was elected a member of the Guild before starting. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. W. M. de la Touche) for so willingly giving them permission to ring, and for entertaining them at the Rectory afterwards.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Thursday, August 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 1-2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5-6
JAMES HUNT 3-4	FRANK SMITH 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	112	0	9
Mr. W. T. Holmes, Cockermouth	0	2	0
Ringers of Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancs (per Mr. H. W. Jackson)	0	0	0
York Minster Society, July Collection (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	4	0
Ringers of St. Thomas', Pendleton (per Mr. W. H. Shuker)	0	8	6
Total	£112	17	3

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are the names of further ringers who are serving with the colours:—

- Pte E. H. King, of All Saints', Edmonton, R.A.M.C., now at Eastbourne.
From Horbury, Wakefield:—
Pte W. H. Heaton, K.O.Y.L.I.,
Lance-Corpl. L. Bell, K.O.Y.L.I., and
Pte W. Downing, K.O.Y.L.I., stationed at Beverley.
Pte H. Pickles, R.A.M.C., stationed at Woolwich.

ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

CAT CAUSES CYCLE SPILL.

A somewhat serious accident befel that well-known Midland ringer, Mr. William Short, of Clent, on Tuesday of last week, as he was cycling home from Worcester, where he had taken part in the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of All Saints' Church. About 9 p.m., Mr. Short, having completed about 11½ miles of his journey, was nearing Bromsgrove, when a cat came through a hedge on to the footpath and sprang right into the front wheel of his cycle. The animal's head went through the spokes, and Mr. Short was thrown over the handle bar on to his head. A nurse witnessed the accident, and at once went to his assistance, fetching water and bathing his head in an endeavour to bring him back to consciousness. A gentleman then drove up in a motor-car from Bromsgrove, and seeing it was a case needing medical attention, put his party down and drove back to Bromsgrove with Mr. Short, taking him to Dr. Rowland's surgery, where his injuries were dressed, and he eventually, about 9.30, recovered consciousness. Mr. Short was badly cut about the face, hands and knees, but fortunately no bones were broken. Just below the right eye he sustained a deep cut into the cheek. After the doctor's attentions had been completed, the gentleman who had conveyed Mr. Short to the surgery, returned and drove him to his home at Clent. This good samaritan declined to say who he was, merely remarking, "You wanted a friend just then, and I have only done what everyone ought to do if he has the chance," and, so saying, drove off. Here at any rate, the old axiom proved its truth again, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

We hear that Mr. Short is making favourable progress, though he is still in bandages, and his many friends throughout the country will wish him a speedy recovery.

THE OPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH, ERITH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the account of the Kent County Association meeting held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 24th, which appeared in your last issue, a few remarks were made which calls for some comment from me. Mr. T. Groombridge gave notice of his intended resignation of the district secretaryship "because of the unsatisfactory way the arrangements were carried out at the opening of the new bells at Christ Church, Erith."

I had those arrangements in hand, and such a statement as that is very misleading. Everything was carried out most satisfactorily, and I have received a letter from the Vicar and churchwardens of grateful thanks and appreciation at being relieved of any anxiety in the matter.

What I conclude Mr. Groombridge means is that the arrangements were unsatisfactory from his point of view, he not being entrusted with them, and not being asked to take part in the peal which followed. If he feels aggrieved at this let him bring the matter forward at the November committee meeting, when I hope to be present and will answer any charge which may be brought against me.

Being above military age, I am endeavouring to serve the country in another capacity, which necessitates continuous overtime as well as Sunday duty, so was unfortunately unable to be present at the Chislehurst meeting, otherwise I could then have given an explanation of my action.

It is worth mentioning that although there are only eight bells at Christ Church, Erith, about twenty ringers consider they ought to have been asked to take part in the first peal.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday, a good company being present. Among the visitors were about 20 members of the Central Northants Association from various towers.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Schools, the President (the Dean) being in the chair.

The report stated that two peals were rung during the year, one on tower bells and one on handbells. The statement of accounts showed a balance of £6 10s. 9d.

A resolution was confirmed, that owing to the war, all subscriptions paid or due for 1915 be credited to 1916.

The service was held at St. John's, Canon Morse, R.D., giving the address. During the day touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, Grand-sire, Cambridge and Double Court Minor were rung at the various towers in the locality.

SUNDAY RINGING AT KING'S CLIFFE.

On Sunday, August 1st, in response to an invitation from the ringers, to entertain them for the day, the following members of the Oundle First Deanery Association visited King's Cliffe, Northants: C. Williamson (Warrington) 1, G. Fellows (conductor, Benefield) 2, C. Redhead (Cottestock) 3, C. Curral (Benefield) 4, I. Stapleton (Cottestock) 5. They rang for morning and evening service 480 Grandsire Doubles. It is hoped that King's Cliffe may have the pleasure of welcoming the band again before very long.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT MINEHEAD.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Minehead, and was attended by over 70 members from St. James' and St. Mary's Churches, Taunton; Ilminster, Langport, Trull, Milverton, Minehead, Chipstable, Bridgwater, Portishead, Wootton Courtenay, Stogumber, Old Cleeve, Carhampton and Nerton Fitzwarren, those present including several lady ringers. The proceedings commenced with luncheon at the Plume of Feathers Hotel, at which the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presided. There were also present the Rev. E. P. Liddon (Vicar of Minehead), the Rev. H. S. Briggs (Portishead), Mrs. Briggs, the Rev. A. A. Brockington (Carhampton, President of the Dunster Deanery Association), the Rev. M. J. Case (Minehead), the Rev. E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), the Rev. A. T. Cameron (Chipstable), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Bampton), and Messrs. E. E. Burgess (hon. secretary), F. Walton Evans (Minehead), G. Stacey (hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Association), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. Maddock (Taunton), and many others.

The loyal toast was enthusiastically honoured, the Chairman expressing the hope that by this time next year the King would be ruling over a victorious country (applause).

The Rev. A. A. Brockington proposed "The Church," and in the course of his speech commented on the improved relations that existed between the ringers and the Church as compared with some years ago. After referring to the Church and the war, he said he was glad to be there that day and to do his part as one of the local clergy in welcoming the Association to that part of the diocese. He had been told that morning that the towers of that part of the county were not very good, and that perhaps Carhampton was the worst (laughter), and he did not know, but perhaps it was (laughter). He knew that it had a tenor bell not quite in tune, and if any ringer present was overburdened with cash, Carhampton would be grateful for some of it to help put the bell in tune (laughter and applause). The remark he had referred to was, however, he thought, disparaging to the towers of Dunster and Minehead. The last-named especially had taken a lot of trouble with their bells, and had made their peal a very good one indeed. He felt, as he came into Minehead that day and heard the bells rung by such a capable band of ringers as the Association supplied, that the remark was really a disparaging one (hear, hear). At Carhampton, he was pleased to say, the attendance of the ringers was good, and their services were invaluable; they were good workers and good Christian men, and that was a matter of which he could not be too thankful.

VICAR PROUD OF HIS RINGERS.

The Rev. E. P. Liddon, whose name was coupled with the toast, said that though he did not know so much about ringers and ringing as Mr. Brockington, he realised what an important part the ringer played in Church life. He knew how much he could help the parson, and, if he was not of the right sort, how much he could hinder him. He was very glad indeed to welcome the Association to Minehead, and trusted that they gained benefit by such meetings, both socially, as at that gathering, and spiritually in the Church. He welcomed them on behalf of the Minehead ringers. There were many bright spots in Minehead, and he felt thankful for having been called to work in a parish with such bright spots, and one of the bright spots was the ringers and the belfry (hear, hear). He could say that nothing had helped him more and cheered him more than the work at Minehead of the ringers and the belfry. It was a heritage of which he felt proud, and, as they all knew, they owed it in the first place to the work of the late Mr. Todd, to whom, before long, they would see a memorial in the parish church placed, he hoped, near the belfry door, reminding them all of the great work Mr. Todd had done in connection with the belfry (applause). He welcomed the Association that day because it would give the Minehead ringers the encouragement and help they deserved. As regarded the Church generally, it was passing through a time of trial, and there were some who accused the Church of not doing her duty in this time of trial. Personally, he did not think it true; he believed that both clergy and laity were doing their duty and making great sacrifices, but the Church had to think not only of those at the front; they had the first claim upon her, and required all she could give, but she had another duty, which was to improve the position of the people at home and to raise the spiritual tone of England to-day, so that, as the Bishop of London had said, when our troops return, instead of being dragged down from their spiritual level, they should be raised still higher in spiritual life, and if the Church was to do that she must retain sufficient at home to keep the work going and keep up at least the minimum of service. Therefore, as Churchmen, they ought all to do what they could by their lives and service to help their brethren in the trenches and to keep alive and increase the spiritual life of the country.

"ALL OF ONE BODY."

Mr. G. Atkins (Minehead) proposed "Other Ringing Associations," observing that the presence of representatives of other Associations at their meetings was always very welcome, and they were pleased to see them. Their presence inspired and stimulated them: it cultivated a spirit of fraternity and reminded them all of the fact that though members of different Associations they were all of one body (applause).

The Rev. Ernest V. Cox, who responded to the toast, said he was

very glad to be present, and he was pleased to see in the company lady ringers who were full members (hear, hear). He had recently come to reside at Bampton, and he was hoping that, not being far away, he should not be regarded as belonging to another association, and the secretary would find a layman to respond to the toast, but he could say that he had never come to a meeting of that Association without receiving a splendid welcome (applause). Referring to the question of continuing practice ringing at the present time, there was, he pointed out, considerable divergence of opinion, but he thought that where there was a sufficient number of ringers living in a place who were unable to enlist or serve in some way at home there could be no harm in continuing practice ringing during the war (hear, hear). He felt that, where there were so many towers as they had in that part of the country, there must be some sort of regular practice in preparation for the Sunday ringing (hear, hear), and that the ringers of a parish wanted keeping together as much as the choir, and he was sure that choirmen would agree that when they had something to interest them, something to learn at their choir practices, it kept them together (hear, hear). So ringers also, in a quiet way, needed to practice, and, therefore, he was glad that the Bath and Wells Association had not foregone their usual meetings together (hear, hear). He thanked Mr. Atkins for his remarks as to the spirit of fraternity which they should have among them, and observed that he could testify to the reality of it, for wherever he had gone, when it became known that he was a change ringer he had met with a very cordial welcome. It was that sort of spirit which made to the success of their meetings and made them a help to the parish (applause).

THE BOND BETWEEN CLERGY AND RINGERS.

Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon, who was also called upon to respond, agreed as to what had been said on fraternal relationship in the belfry, and in course of further remarks casually mentioned the interesting fact that there were three men who had rung in over a thousand towers, and he was one (applause). With regard to the bond between the ringers and the clergy, he pointed out that it was strongest where the clergy were intimate with their ringers and interested themselves in the ringing (hear, hear). If the clergy got to know them, the ringers became even better church-goers than they had been before, for he knew that that had been a weak point among ringers (applause).

Mr. G. Stacey (Minehead) observed that they had heard a great deal about ringing and of the harmony that existed between ringers and clergy, and they had been told that the Association was undoubtedly of benefit both as regarded ringing and church-going. Their Association was in a very good way and in flourishing condition, and before the meeting went on to further business he would like to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to their worthy secretary, Mr. Burgess, who was a great ringer, and took the greatest interest in the Association, and worked hard for it. He would ask them to drink the health of Mr. Burgess.

The toast was drunk with cheers and musical honours, and was briefly acknowledged by Mr. Burgess, who thanked the company for the reception they had given him.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The business meeting was then held, and the Master presented his report for the year ending June, 1915. When, last year, he said, the Association held its annual meeting at Bath, no one had any idea of the terrible war which, little more than a month later, was about to come on the nation, and now as they met again they found the Empire engaged in a struggle upon which depended not only the future of their country, but that of all the great Powers of the world. They must all hope and pray that when the time came for the next annual meeting victory may have been won and a peace assured which would not be shaken for many generations. The Association had been affected in several ways by the war, and, first, he was informed that 117 of their members were serving with the colours in nearly every part of the Empire (applause). Four of those were officers and two chaplains. One member—a private—had been killed in France. A list of names would be published in the printed report. In the second place, the work of the Association had been necessarily hindered to some extent. He agreed with the resolution of the Central Council "that they should abstain from peal-ringing during the war, but that, wherever circumstances permitted, it was the privilege and sacred duty of ringers to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other feasts of the Church, and also on Royal and National anniversaries to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to the Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies." The substance of the resolution was that peal-ringing should not be encouraged during the war, but that all other ringing, so far as was possible, should continue as before. The fact that the Association had only 25 peals to record, and those nearly all rung before the war, showed that ringers in the diocese were in agreement with the resolution. From a financial standpoint he was glad to say that the Association had not suffered to any appreciable extent.

The report concluded with details of the year's work. The Hon. Secretary presented the statement of accounts for the year. The balance in hand, he said, had gone down, but to account for that decrease there were two branches from which as yet no returns had been made, and if they had been received the balance would have been a little above last year's.

On the proposition of the Rev. A. A. Brockington, seconded by Mr. J. R. Passmore (Minehead), the balance sheet was received and adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Atkins (Minehead), seconded by Mr. A. Coles (Bridgwater), an honorarium of ten guineas was voted to the secretary for the services he had rendered during the past year, the common observing that the work was very heavy indeed, there being now over a thousand members.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Ven. the Archdeacons of Wells, Bath and Taunton were re-elected vice-presidents.

In proposing the re-election of the Master, the Rev. A. A. Brockington said he was one of those who were present when the Master was elected some years ago. He had served the Association extremely well and faithfully, and they would all join with him (the proposer) in congratulating the Association that it had a Master like the Rev. C. C. Parker (hear, hear). They hoped that he would consent to stand again.

Mr. Coles (Taunton) seconded, and, the motion having been carried, the Rev. C. C. Parker briefly thanked the members.—Mr. E. E. Burgess was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the Rev. A. J. Hook was re-appointed auditor.

New members proposed, either as probationers or to full membership, were as follows: Messrs. W. Copp, A. Court, S. Baker, Wootton Courtenay; the Rev. A. T. Cameron (hon. member), Chipstable; Mr. Shaw, Taunton; Messrs. L. W. Mayled, H. Stockham, and E. J. Evett; Miss P. Burge and Miss G. A. Rees, Bridgwater.

The following places were selected for the next quarterly meetings: Cheddar, Keynsham, and Bridgwater.

WAR LOAN INVESTMENT.

The Chairman presented a brief report of the Central Council meeting in London, and stated that, as the Association had a balance in hand, he had suggested to Mr. Burgess that a portion be put into the War Loan.

The suggestion found favour, and on the proposition of Mr. J. Burge (Taunton), seconded by the Rev. H. S. Briggs, the secretary was instructed to invest £20.

The Chairman said they were very glad to have come that day as an Association into the parish of one who took so keen an interest in ringers as the Vicar of Minehead, and they were very glad that he was able to be with them (that day (hear, hear)). They thanked him for his hearty welcome and for the use of the church and tower, and he (the chairman) would like to thank all those who were helping in the service that was to be held, including Mr. Evans, the organist, who they were pleased to have with them, and the Rev. W. H. Boyne Bunting, who was to give them an address. They also thanked the Rev. A. A. Brockington and Prebendary Hancock for lending their churches.

Mr. F. Walton Evans returned thanks, and drew attention to the custom of printing in italics in the yearly report the names of those who had not paid their subscriptions, suggesting that all should be asked each year when the time came for payment, in which case he thought that there would be no need for special attention being called to any of them.

The Chairman said the suggestion should be considered by the committee, and the meeting then terminated.

Most of the members then adjourned to the Parish Church, where divine service was held. It was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Liddon, and the lesson was read by the Rev. M. J. Case. Special hymns were sung, and an address was given by the Rev. W. H. Boyne Bunting, of Porlock.

Both before the meeting and after the service touches on both eight and ten bells were rung.

CATTISTOCK CARILLON.

M. JOS. DENYN'S PROGRAMME.

On the annual visit of Malines' famous carillonneur (M. Jos. Denyn) to Cattistock the other day, he performed the following programme of music:—

1. Chanson d'Ypres
Valeureux Liegeois
Vers l'avenirGevaert
L'air local de Malines
2. Home Sweet HomeBishop
The Banks of Allan WaterHorn
March of the Men of HarlechRimbault
3. BerceuseDelbruck
4. Het roosje uit de dalenVolekerick
WiegelielHullebroeck
5. The Children's HomeFred H. Cowen
The Scent of the LiliesG. F. Cobbe
6. Allies' National Anthems.

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RULES AND LAWS.

EFFECT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DECISIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—From Mr. Carpenter's letter one may gather that I was right in implying that some at least of the members of the Central Council are not aware of the result of their actions.

At the same time he can hardly be correct in saying that the Council has always refused to make laws or to act as a legislative body. None of the Rules of the Central Council say this. On the contrary Rule 8 states: 'The Council have power to appoint committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable.' Accordingly from the first year of its existence it has had a committee appointed to make recommendations about legislation, now called 'The Collection of Peals Committee.'

In the 'Decisions of the Central Council, compiled under the Authority of the Council by the President and Secretary,' we find on page 16: "Legitimate Methods." The following is the Council's statement on this subject: "and there follows exactly ten pages laying down the law as to what may be done or what is to be ruled out."

In 1907 there was "issued according to the instructions and under the authority of the Council" a "Collection of Legitimate Methods" containing "All Legitimate Methods of Doubles" (also of Minor, with one exception, and of Triples).

Now, by the very word itself you cannot call anything "Legitimate" until it is legitimated by the legislative body. Common Law or custom can make a thing legal, and so-called "Natural Law" can make a thing absolute. But only legislation can make a thing "legitimate." Therefore, it is impossible for a body, which in set terms authorises the discrimination of what is "Legitimate" and what is "Illegitimate," to claim to have "always refused to make laws or to act as a legislative body." And in truth, as I was a member of the Councils which considered and authorised this latter publication, I can testify that we did nothing so ridiculous. We all understood that we were making the laws which we had been elected to make.

No other conclusion can be drawn from the quotations I have collected above, if words are to have any meaning at all.

Braithwaite Rectory, Eye.

HERBERT DRAKE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday at the grand old Monastic Church of St. Katherine, Edington; and, through the kindness of the neighbouring incumbents, ringing was also allowed at the towers of St. Peter's, Cheverell Magna; St. Saviour's, Erlestoke, and St. James', Bratton.

Being a fine afternoon, a company of 35 assembled, and ringing was commenced soon after 3 o'clock at Cheverell Magna, the party afterwards moving on to Erlestoke, with its light but very pretty ring of six, sounding sweetly over the valley and adjacent woods. Here, owing to the breaking of the 4th rope, the ringing was suddenly brought to an end, and a move was made for Edington, where tea was partaken of in the Monastery Gardens, close by the church.

A short business meeting followed, at which one new ringing member from All Saints', Westbury, was duly elected, and with votes of thanks to the various Vicars for the use of the church bells, the meeting closed, and the ringers proceeded to Edington tower, where six heavy bells hang in a massive timber frame. The "go" of them, however, is not what is generally spoken of as being "all that can be desired," while in addition, the bells are very much out of tune. However, some good work was done, and rounds and much change ringing was done. Then another move was made for Bratton, where the pretty little Church of St. James' stands some long way out of the village. It contains a good ring of six, but the space and head room in the ringing chamber are extremely limited. Some good touches of Grand-sire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, etc., were successfully brought round, much to the satisfaction of the ringers who had congregated from the towers of Westbury, Trowbridge, Edington, Devizes, Bratton, Southbroom, Seend, Bromham, Bath, Chelsea, Cranleigh, Erlestoke, Erchfont and Cheverell Magna. At 8 p.m. the bells were lowered, and the ringers dispersed to their various homes, well pleased with the afternoon's outing. The Devizes and Southbroom contingent of thirteen made the journey out and home in a two-horse brake.

A VISIT TO FELSTED.

Arrangements having been made by Mr. W. Pye, a party of ringers met at Felsted on Saturday afternoon last to have a ring on the new peal of eight recently cast and hung by Messrs. Warner. The weather was not at all favourable for those who undertook the journey by road, the rain falling in torrents at the time appointed for starting. The ringers, however, were very punctual in putting in an appearance at the tower, considering the distance they all had travelled, some coming from London, others from Romford, Walthamstow, Leightonstone and Saffron Walden. They were joined during the afternoon by Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree. The methods rung were Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, the striking in all the touches being excellent and much admired by those listening. After a little lubrication (not of the gudgeons of the bells) and a gathering of a certain fungi (not loadstools), the party commenced their return journey, all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

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RINGERS WHO HOLD COMMISSIONS.

There were few ringers before the war who were officers in H.M. Forces, but since the call for men quite a number have been given commissions. On this page we hope to give in turn the photographs of those ringers who are now officers, and we begin this week with two whose connection with the Forces began some years ago.



MAJOR C. F. JERRAM, R.M.L.I.



REV. CONNOP L. PRICE (CHAPLAIN OF FORCES).

Major C. F. Jerram is an officer of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and as a ringer is well known in the neighbourhood of Plymouth to which port he is attached. Since the war began he has served on H.M.S. "Euralayus," but is now on the Headquarters Staff of the R.M.L.I. in the Mediterranean.

The Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., who is one of the Hon. Secs. of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, is the senior chaplain in the R.A.M.C., and ranks as Lieut.-Colonel. When war broke out he was Rector of Caerphilly, but since August he has been with the troops. During his

absence he has been given the preferment of the Rectory of Bedwas, but he has only been to his new parish for the Induction Service. Prior to going to Caerphilly he was a Minor Canon at Llandaff Cathedral. During his 12 years at Caerphilly the church was extended at a cost of £4,000, a new mission church was built and a new tower added to the Parish Church in which was placed a clock and ring of eight bells. He is still on the right side of 50 and, while spending a recruiting week in South Wales recently, proved himself one of the finest recruiting officers it is possible to imagine.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MASTER'S JUBILEE OF RINGING.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Roydon on August Bank Holiday. Ringing opened about 2 p.m. with a well-struck 360 Bob Minor. In the afternoon most of the members paid a visit to Hunsdon, where some good touches of London Surprise, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

Tea and the business meeting were held at the New Inn, Mr. F. Pitstow, District Master, presiding, supported by Mr. W. Watts (district secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary), Miss Edith Parker and Mr. James Parker, of Edmonton, etc.

About 40 members and friends attended from Roydon, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Braintree, Harlow Common, Waltham Abbey, Leytonstone, West Ham, Walthamstow, Nazing, Great Totham, Hunsdon, Broxbourne, Edmonton, Leatherhead, Cheshunt, Irthingborough, Little Mundeu, Hertford, Tottenham, and Ware.

The Chairman welcomed the visitors, and said he was pleased to see such a large number present. He was pleased to tell them that it was his 50th anniversary of ringing.

Mr. John Harris, of Roydon, was elected an honorary member of the Association, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Saffron Walden, in December.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Roydon, and also to the Rector of Hunsdon for the use of the bells.

Touches rung at Roydon during the day included London Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

The interesting announcement made by Mr. Fred Pitstow, at the Essex meeting at Royston, that he had completed his jubilee of ringing, is worthy of more than passing notice. Few men who have been actively engaged in the art for 50 years retain the youthful vigour and enthusiasm of Mr. Pitstow. He began his ringing at a very early age, and is as keen now as ever, and as able as he is keen. He is a member, as is well known, of a ringing family, the most famous of his brothers being the late Mr. Nathan Pitstow. On anything from six to twelve bells and any weight, Mr. Pitstow is equally at home, and we doubt not, when peace arrives, he will be ready to herald it with the first peal on the recently augmented twelve in his own parish church. A musician of no mean order, Mr. Pitstow is the bandmaster of the Saffron Walden Town Band, and has conducted all the standard oratorios. Although he is not getting younger in years, Mr. Pitstow is still young in spirit, and, while congratulating him upon reaching his ringing jubilee, his many friends will wish him still long years of activity in the art which he so much enjoys.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

PENDLETON RINGERS OVER CHESHIRE BORDER.

August Bank Holiday has been reserved by the Pendleton (Lancs.) Company for a number of years as the most suitable day for their annual picnic, and this year's venue was Lymm, and Heatley Warburton, two towers close together in Cheshire, and not far from home. A start was made at 9.20 a.m., the ringers being accompanied by a few friends. At Lymm they found a peal of bells (30 cwt.) and a good guide, who soon introduced them to the tower, rebuilt in 1890. The bells were set going to Stedman, which was followed by touches of Superlative, Grandsire, Kent, and more Stedman, and the party was increased by the arrival of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills. After dinner, which was most admirably served, an attempt for a course of London did not mature, and, as time was short, it had to be left at that. While some were ringing others climbed to the top of the tower, and had a grand view, but when they got down again the ringing had finished, and their clothes were locked up in the belfry, so were the cigars. The church door was also locked, so it was a case of bursting open a door and finding the gaoler to release the clothes.

The second part of the programme was here entered on by running for a tram and getting to the next tower, Warburton, with its peal of eight (tenor 26 cwt.), about three years older than those at Lymm. These would do with a little attention from a bell hanger, but the party managed to squeeze out of them some Superlative, Stedman, Grandsire and London. The conductors for the day were Messrs. H. Chapman, J. H. Collier (Flixton), W. Rigby (Lawton), J. Lowe (Pendleton), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Here the party had to break up, one to get ready for a night's work, and another to catch a connection for home, the rest to tea and a friendly chat, and then on to the station, where one managed to get left behind. He, however, caught the party up a quarter of an hour later, all quite happy, but tired, and hoping for another outing together. Before separating all put their signatures to a short note to each of their members who are serving in France and at the Dardanelles respectively. Their best thanks are due to the authorities for so kindly granting the use of the bells, and the ringers for making the visitors so comfortable; also to the caterers for looking after the inner man, for if there is one thing an Englishman likes better than another it is his dinner.

A YORKS. EXCURSION AND PRESENTATION.

On Saturday week, the Horbury (Yorks) Society had their annual outing, a party of 26, consisting of the ringers, their wives and friends, journeying by motor char-a-banc to Grassington. Arriving at Skipton some of the party made their way to the church, where their Skipton friends were awaiting them, and where a few short touches of Stedman were tapped off. During this time others visited the castle and other places of interest. Tea was then partaken of, and the opportunity was taken to present to Mr. Eli Brooke, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of the work he has done in the interest of campanology in Horbury for upwards of 40 years, a gold-mounted umbrella (bearing the inscription: "Mr. Eli Brooke, from Horbury Change Ringers, July 24th, 1915"), together with a walking stick.

Mr. George Barstow, as the oldest member of the band, in a charming little speech, referred to the long and never-tiring interest which Mr. Brooke had taken in the art of change ringing, and as a life long friend, made the presentation. Other members having added their tribute, Mr. Brooke, who was taken entirely by surprise, feelingly acknowledged the gifts. Time would not allow of any longer stay, so, with thanks to the Skipton friends, the party boarded their vehicle and resumed their way through the beautiful country of Wharfedale, stopping to view the ruins of Bolton Abbey and other places, home being reached about 10.30 p.m. Being favoured with beautiful weather, the trip was voted the most enjoyable outing in the records of the society.

ST. GILES', NORTHAMPTON.

Accepting the kind invitation of the ringers of St. Giles', Northampton, I joined them in a little outing on Bank Holiday. Owing to the war the programme was only a small one as regards towers available for ringing in, Lathbury, Newport Pagnell and Hanslope having been placed at the disposal of the party for short touches. The sky looked in favour of a wet day as I started from Daventry at 8 a.m. on the twelve-mile ride which separated me from the meeting point in Northampton. A strong shower caused me to shelter at Kissingbury, and on arriving at St. Edmund's Road I found that the party had just started.

Lathbury, the first tower to be visited, some 13 miles away, was reached soon after eleven o'clock, and the Vicar's son met us and conducted us to the church. This is an apparently ancient structure with a low western tower, and the remains of some fine frescoes on the walls that had been spoiled in the early times were pointed out to us. The bells are a heavy ring of five, with tenor of 17 cwt., and we found them go none too well, especially the tenor; while the second, too, required careful handling as the stay was practically "hors de combat." After some three 120's of Grandsire Doubles we were on the road again for Newport Pagnell, about a mile farther on. Refreshments and a little handbell ringing were indulged in before visiting the church. On arriving there we found a wedding in progress, and as the bridal couple left church we gave them a marriage "peal," with the assistance of two or three of the local band whom we found waiting at the church to give us a welcome. The bells are a fine-

toned ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), with ringing chamber on the ground floor, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round.

Bidding our friends farewell, we made tracks for Hanslope, and the magnificent tower and crocketed spire soon came into view. It is a landmark for miles, and few villages up and down the country possess such a fine tower and spire, which attract many visitors in the summer months. After tea and a stroll round the village, the church was visited. The bells were found to be a heavy ring of six recently rebung (tenor 22 cwt.). It was rather a pull up to the ringing chamber and the bells, as the steps are very deep. The clean, orderly appearance of the ringing chamber, with its pictures of churches and bells on the walls, made one think they were in the belfry of one of our large town churches, possessing a very enthusiastic band, instead of being in a small village possessing only a band whose attainments are limited to Doubles. After a touch or two of Bob Minor we bade adieu to the two members of the local band who had met us and even taken off the muffles so that we could hear the bells open, half-muffled ringing being the order at Hanslope owing to the war.

The ringers taking part were: Messrs. W. Rogers, R. Rogers, H. Key, E. James, J. Freeman, G. Flavell, belonging to St. Giles', who were accompanied by their wives. No serious rain fell during the trip, except a few showers which were easily "dodged," but the writer had a very wet journey from Northampton to Daventry. The Vicar of St. Giles' went with the party as far as Stoke Golding, but could not go farther on account of a later appointment in Northampton, which interfered with his intention of accompanying the party to all the towers. Through the medium of the "The Ringing World," the ringers wish to thank the Vicars for the use of the bells and the members of the local bands for meeting them and having all things ready.

A. A.

A BANK HOLIDAY TRIP.

On Bank Holiday a party of ringers from Nutfield, Surrey, had a pleasant drive to Limsfield, where permission for use of the bells had been obtained by Mr. A. Wood. The Parish Church, which has a ring of six (tenor 18 cwt.) was first visited, and the party were joined by W. Beeson, of Godstone, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by: A. E. Cheesman 1, F. W. Rice 2, A. Wood 3, W. Cheesman 4, E. Snelling 5, F. Hawkins (conductor) 6, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by: W. Cheesman 1, W. Beeson 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, F. Hawkins 4, A. Wood 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6. A move was then made to Limsfield Church, where the nice ring of six (tenor 10½ cwt.) was set going to College Exercise, a 720 being attempted, but unfortunately proving a failure. A touch of 240 Woodbine was then brought round by: A. E. Hoad 1, W. Beeson 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, W. Cheesman 4, F. Hawkins 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6, and 240 Cambridge Surprise by: W. Beeson 1, A. Wood 2, A. E. Hoad 3, W. Cheesman 4, F. Hawkins 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6. This concluded the ringing programme, the party arrived back at Nutfield just before nine o'clock, having spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Melbourn on Saturday week, the ringing opening with 720 Kent Treble Bob, by: C. Day 1, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 2, A. E. Austin 3, H. B. Day 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, W. B. Kempton 6.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. de Courcy-Ireland), who gave a very instructive address, his text being taken from I Corinthians xiv, 10, "There are it may be so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification."

After service the Vicar kindly invited all present to tea on the vicarage lawn, about twenty members being present from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Shelford, Stapleford, Sawston, Ickleton, Royston, Barley, and the local band.

Several new members were elected at the subsequent meeting, and it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Whittlesford in September.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his kindness, and, in reply, the Rev. de Courcy-Ireland said he should always be pleased to welcome the Association to Melbourn.

During the evening touches were brought round in the following methods: Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

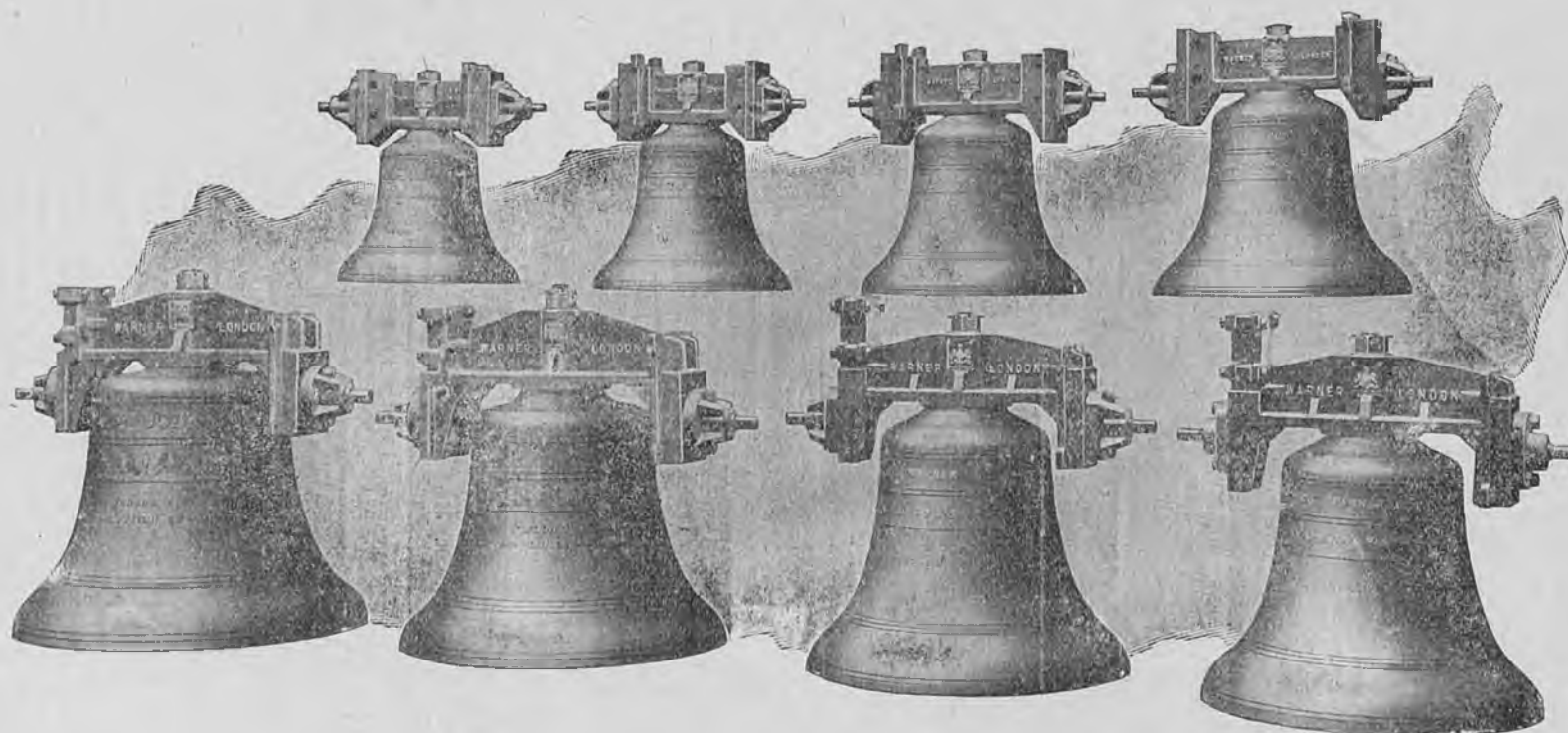
WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER'S ILLNESS.

*Ringers in general and of London in particular will learn with much regret that Mr. A. B. Peck, an ex-Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is lying seriously ill with enteric fever in the Western Hospital, Seagrave Road, Fulham, but thanks to skilful nursing is, we hear, going on fairly well, although not yet out of danger.

Mr. Peck is particularly well known and very popular in London ringing circles, where, in addition to many fine performances, he has done not a little to help others.

A correspondent who has called on Mr. Peck in the hospital found him cheerful and able to sleep well, and suggests that "when ringers are remembering their brothers at the front, by reciting Psalm cxxi, they also should remember their friend stricken on a sick bed."

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 17th and 31st for business, and on the 26th for handbell practice. At St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 3 to 5 and after the meeting. Will secretaries of bands kindly note that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the York Restaurant at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angel Road, Brixton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Sunbury. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. P. C. West, the Vicar, at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 21st, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitnash, on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Howden on Saturday, August 28th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30 for all who send in their names to Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, by Tuesday, August 24th. Tickets 1/- each.—Thos. Smith, Honorary District Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, Oldbury, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells from 4.30, meeting at 7. Nominations for general meeting to be sent in at this meeting.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, in Church Hall after service.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on July 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: R. Evans 1, C. H. Perry 2, A. J. Stanley 3, Pte R. Bunstone 4, W. Smith 5, A. J. Pitman (first quarter of Stedman) 6, Spr. D. R. James (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Smith on his joining the Royal Engineers, he making the fifth member of the band to join His Majesty's Forces.

GOOLE.—On July 5th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor: H. Coates (1st 720) 1, H. Ward 2, W. King 3, M. Tate 4, T. Smith (conductor) 5, W. Clark, Thorne (1st 720) 6, J. Drake (covering) 8.

HAWKHURST.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, July 4th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., by: R. Russell 1, G. J. Kemp 2, A. H. Wollard 3, J. Blake 4, A. Marshall 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. A. Marshall and R. Russell come from Lamberhurst, and it was the first time Mr. Russell had rung in an eight-bell tower.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on July 18th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, A. J. Hensman (conductor) 2, J. S. White 3, A. Andrews 4, Pte E. A. Morgan 5, A. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen 7, C. C. Dean 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte E. A. Morgan, of Newport, Mon., South Wales, recently stationed at Northampton. A. Andrews comes from Daventry, Northants.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On July 13th, at Christ Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Lancaster 1, J. H. Odey 2, C. T. H. Boxwell 3, D. W. Jackson 4, R. W. Hyner 5, G. W. Townsend 6, L. A. Wilson 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On July 10th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes by C. Charge): E. Kendall 1, L. Wiseman 2, W. Clarke 3, H. H. Cooper 4, P. C. F. Ridgwell 5, F. Claydon 6, S. Hale 7, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 8.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.—On July 11th, for evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Scillitoe 1, J. Fleuty 2, J. Turner 3, F. Claydon 4, P.C. F. Ridgwell 5, W. Burst 6, J. French (conductor) 7, A. Saunders 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on July 11th (Flower Sunday), for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley, W. E. Stratford, G. A. Taylor, A. T. Scrivens, J. T. Perry (conductor), J. Porter, S. Price.

LONDON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On July 18th, for morning service, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. W. Davis 1, A. Cusmore 2, J. H. Payne 3, W. G. Matthews 4, W. J. Daubney 5, W. E. Garrard 6, H. G. Miles (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.

CREWE.—On Sunday, July 18th, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Overton 1, R. Langford 2, G. H. Crawley 3, A. Crawley 4, W. T. Holding 5, J. Dentith 6, R. T. Holding (conductor) 7, W. Edge 8.

THORNE, DONCASTER.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on July 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss S. Hinscliff, of Thorne, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: W. Clark 1, H. Ward 2, W. Williamson 3, J. Fairburn 4, W. King 5, T. Smith (conductor) 6, J. Drake 8. First 720 by W. Clark, W. Williamson and J. Fairburn, who belong to the new band at Thorne, the rest belong to Goole.

RETFORD.—On July 18th, 1440 of Bob Minor, on handbells, in 43 mins.: J. Hurst 1—2, J. Segar, junr. (conductor) 3—4, G. Turner 5—8. Longest length on handbells by all and by the North Notts Association. Witness, T. Wilson.

WITNEY, OXON.—On July 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: Pte F. T. Caple (A.S.C.), M.T., 1, A. Brooks 2, M. Woodcock 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk 6, Sergt. G. C. Rice (A.S.C.), M.T., 7, J. Brooks 8. Sergt. Rice and Pte Caple are with the Army Service Corps, who are billeted in the town. Mr. Woodcock hails from London.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On July 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Ray 1, A. Abiss 2, W. Mills, junr., 3, T. Smith (first quarter-peal) 4, T. Griffiths 5, F. Evans 6, B. Gough (conductor) 7, B. Fullwood 8.

PREES.—Salop Archdiaconal Guild.—On July 24th, at St. Chad's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: W. Saunders 1, J. Tudor 2, C. E. Lilley (conductor) 3, W. Weatherly 4, J. Jones 5, A. E. Fullick 6. First on the bells.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—On July 24th, at the Parish Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: T. Finch 1, P. Webb 2, A. E. Austin 3, S. Nunn 4, C. T. Carr 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6, F. Hurry 7, F. Matthews 8. Also a touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On July 25th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Bowtell 1, A. Starr 2, P. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, E. Webb 6. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: P. Webb 1, A. Starr 2, E. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, L. Brooks (first 720) 6.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, for evening service, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Richardson 1, R. Hyde 2, F. Sturt 3, T. Gasson (Bolney) 4, G. Piper (Seaford) 5, R. J. Dawe (Seaford) 6, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), conductor 7, C. Errey 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 25th, for evening service, 1008 of Grandsire Triples: H. Bond 1, T. Bond 2, W. Brunsdon 3, R. Hudson 4, F. Soden (conductor) 5, H. Barrett 6, A. Bishop 7, G. Parker 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, for the morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Dale 2, W. Short 3, S. Paice 4, J. Burdfield 5, R. Whittington 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, L. Paice 8.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, July 25th (Feast of St. James), for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: *C. Gentry 1, A. Whight 2, D. H. Newman 3, Pte H. Halford (5th Gloster Regiment) 4, Pte H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment), conductor, 5, P. Timson 6, A. E. Acfield 7, H. Allen 8, H. Richell 9, *W. Pease 10. *First quarter-peal. With the exception of Pte Halford, all are members of the Cathedral band.

COALBROOKDALE.—On July 25th, for afternoon service, 938 Grandsire Triples (from Carter's Twelve Part): W. Merrington 1, J. Hauley 2, J. York 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders (conductor) 6, W. Lago 7, J. Aston 8.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 25th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: W. Pane (first 720) 1, W. Biss 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, F. J. Bailey 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.

LEICESTER.—On July 30th, at St. Martin's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. E. Allen 1, S. Cotton 2, H. Broughton 3, J. Morris 4, P.C. H. Jenney 5, E. Morris (first quarter in the method as conductor) 6, A. Martin 7, T. Taylor 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mrs. Perry-Herrick, of Beaumanor Leys, Woodhouse, who was interred the same day.

PLYMOUTH.—On August 1st, for evening service, at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Hooper 1, R. Dobson 2, W. G. Hiscott 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Richards 5, E. W. Marsh 6, Pte W. White (Somerset L.I.), first quarter as conductor in any method, 7, J. Woodley 8.

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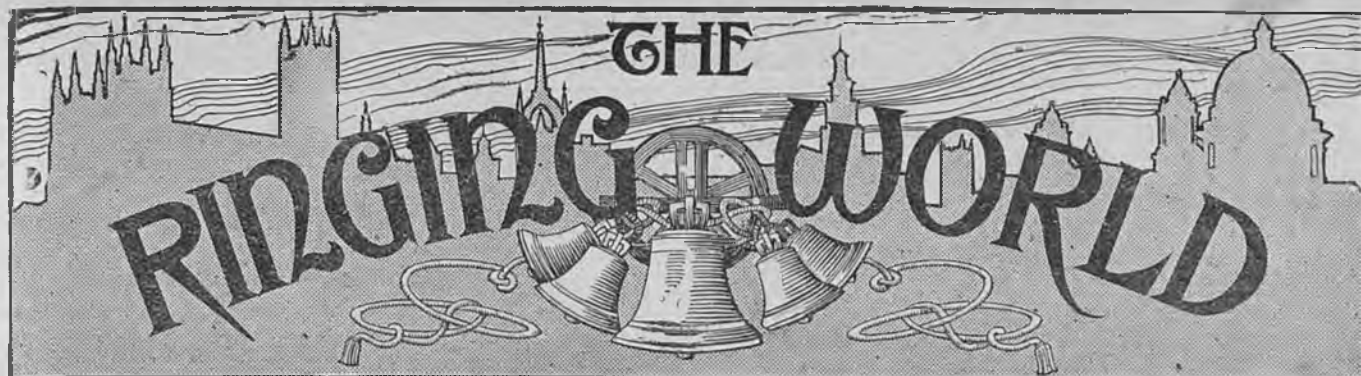


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THE COUNCIL AND ITS CRITICS.

A correspondent, who is anxious that his letter should not appear, but who suggests that its contents may give us food for thought and perhaps lead to an expression of opinion, has been prompted by our recent articles dealing with the Central Council to give us his views upon some of the matters which have been referred to. It is rather a pity that the writer should be so modest as to desire to "keep out of print," for some of his comments would make rather piquant reading. As, however, he has invited us to "an expression of opinion" and raises, *inter alia*, the old question as to whether the Council is of any value in any form, either under existing conditions or, as we suggested last week, invested with legislative powers, we may be permitted, perhaps, to say a word or two.

There are many ringers, we know, who look upon the deliberations of the Council as so much waste of time, and, incidentally, involving waste of money also in the expense incurred. We would ask them, however, whether they honestly think that all the varied organisations that exist for furthering the interests of the Exercise could really continue their work with the same advantage unless they were drawn together by some central body, which can bring their efforts into something like uniformity, act as an authority whenever needed to settle questions which must from time to time arise, and, as pointed out the other day, be prepared to represent the Exercise as a whole if interference with its just rights and privileges were threatened from outside? We venture to assert that such a body is a necessity, and we do not see how anybody can reasonably contend the contrary. A network of associations throughout the country, such as we have, without any central authority would be as incomplete as a wheel without a hub.

What seems to us to be the debatable point is whether the existing organisation goes far enough. It is self-acknowledged by the Council that they do not pretend to be able to legislate. Let the Associations give them that power, and we believe it would be a step towards increasing the Council's efficiency. Another point is that the Associations themselves do not make the use of the Council that they might. It is seldom that any subject comes before the Council at the request of an Association, yet there is a frequent query among ringers as to why the central body does not deal with "practical matters." If the Associations would provide these practical matters for discussion we feel sure the Council would be only too grateful to them. If questions would originate from outside, instead of those inside being left to find all the subjects of debate, ringers would find that the proceedings would be much more valuable and interesting, and the Council would, we think, serve a more useful purpose.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 14, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM OXLEY... .. Treble	MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
WILLIAM A. CARR 3	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 7
ROBERT STEPHENSON ... 4	*WILLIAM MCLACHLAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Lieut. C. O. Sayer, of the 7th Durham L.I. and a member of the Holy Trinity band, who died serving his country in Flanders. The three towers of Sunderland are represented in the band; Mr. Stephenson, of West Hartlepool, is the vice-president of the Eastern district.

SIX BELL PEAL.

BOSBURY.

HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 15, 1915, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor about 18 cwt.

JOHN A. TURNER Treble	ROBERT J. TURNER 4
E. WILLIAM TURNER 2	*FREDERICK FARMER 5
FREDERICK FOSTER 3	ERNEST SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. S. Willcox, of The Grange, interred at Bosbury on the previous day.

The umpire of the handbell peal of Bob Major, rung at the Spitalfields Foundry and recorded in our last issue, was Mr. W. J. Nudds.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	112	17	3
"Wanderer" (July contribution)	0	2	0
Ringers of Christ Church, Southgate (per Mr. J. E. Miller)	0	5	0
Bushey Society (July collection)	0	4	0
Total	113	8	3

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the Forces:—
Signaller Tom Turner, of St. Alphege's, Solihull, 9th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, now serving with the Mediterranean Force.
Sapper Kenneth Timms, of St. Alphege's, Solihull, Royal Engineers (T.F.).
Pte. Herbert Hoptrough, and
Pte. Fred Burrow, of Portsea Parish Church, 15th Hants Regiment, now at Portsmouth.
Pte. Charles A. Catchpole, of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, A.S.C., now in France.
Pte. Hubert J. Ralph, of Kington Magna, Dorset Regiment.
Corpl. B. S. Thompson, of St. Edward's Guild, Romford, 16th Service Battalion Rifle Brigade.
From St. Edmund's Church, Shipton-on-Stour:
Gunner P. Bird, Motor Machine Guns, at Bisley Camp.
Rifleman A. Faulkner, K.R.R.
Pte. W. Faulkner, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
Pte. S. Begley, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. The three last-named are now in France.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ROTHERFIELD.**

The Eastern Division of the Sussex Association held a meeting at Rotherfield on Saturday. Altogether about 34 ringers attended, among the towers in the county represented being St. Peter's, Brighton, Eastbourne, Mayfield, Buxted, Shoreham and Rotherfield. A number of visitors outside the association's area received a cordial welcome. Messrs. Ernest Pye (Romford), I. Emery and E. Filtness (Bromley), W. Hewitt and F. Pike (London) journeyed from the Metropolis, while Mr. W. Steed, of Tonbridge, and Messrs. J. Blake and G. Billenness, of Hawkhurst, represented Kentish towers, so that ringers from at least three counties had assembled together—very satisfactory indeed for war time.

To those who were not far enough advanced to take part in the very intricate methods, it was a great pleasure to hear Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major tapped out in perfect style. Other methods in which touches were rung comprised Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A feature of the meeting, in the writer's opinion, was the ready assistance given by eminent members of the Exercise present to those ringers who have only conquered a few of the bottom staves of the campanological ladder, thereby demonstrating that the ringing of intricate methods is not their sole ambition.

A splendid tea was partaken of at the George Hotel, followed by the business meeting, Mr. Butcher, of Rotherfield, being voted to the chair. Two new members, Messrs. Frank and Arthur Cornford, of Rotherfield, were elected.

Mr. G. H. Howse, the divisional hon. secretary, announced that in the concluding pages of the association's report a list of members serving their King and country had been compiled, but time did not permit to get it complete. He drew their attention to the obituary notice in the report referring to the great loss the association had sustained by the death in Flanders from wounds received, of Pte. James Livermore, junior, R.A.M.C., of the Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings branch of the association. After alluding to the late soldier's excellent ringing faculties, the hon. secretary suggested that a message of condolence should be sent to his parents.—On the proposition of Mr. Piper (Eastbourne), seconded by Mr. Miles (Mayfield), a resolution was passed to this effect, the members standing. The deceased's father and brother (Mr. Arthur Livermore) belong to the Blacklands tower.

The chairman welcomed the members on behalf of the Rotherfield band. Ringing had not been at its usual standard, he said, since the outbreak of war, and personally he thought it very nice that they had been able to meet together once again, and hoped they would be able to hold another meeting before long.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that the committee had decided to hold meetings whenever possible. They felt that few towers might only be available, but if members from such towers would invite the hon. secretaries to hold meetings at any of those churches where the bells could be used, the secretaries would be pleased to arrange them. The committee desired to continue the quarterly meetings if possible. He was very grateful to Mr. Butcher for all he had done in arranging the meeting that day. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him, and at the same time thanked him for presiding.

DEATH OF MR. W. CAWTON.**LINCOLNSHIRE TOWER'S LOSS.**

By the death of Mr. William Cawton, who passed away at his home, Alford Street, Grantham, on Sunday, August 8th last, at the age of 69 years, St. Wulfram's Society loses one of its oldest and most valued members. Deceased was a most capable and enthusiastic change-ringer, and a most regular attendant at Sunday service ringing. He learnt to handle a bell during his early life in Stamford, and was elected a member of St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham, in 1872. During his 45 years' membership of the society he has ably filled the office of treasurer and conductor, and on many occasions has occupied the chair at the society's annual meetings. Mr. Cawton has for a number of years represented Grantham on the committee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch). He took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Wulfram's in the year 1888, this peal being rung to celebrate the 100th year of the local society's existence. He also took part in the first peal of Caters rung on the bells by a local band. This was in 1912. On that occasion he rang his favourite bell, the fifth, and, being 66 years of age at the time, received the hearty congratulations of the band at the completion of the peal.

The funeral took place at Grantham Cemetery on Thursday of last week, when four of deceased's brother ringers (Messrs. E. Nidd, A. Rowland, P. F. Turner and W. G. Thorpe) bore him to his last resting place; Mr. F. Turner, another ringer, being the undertaker. Mr. H. Parker, deceased's lifelong ringing friend, also attended the funeral. The Vicar of Grantham (Rev. M. J. Carr-Smith) officiated at the graveside. Many beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from the St. Wulfram's Society of Ringers and St. Wulfram's Men's Bible Class. During the evening the bells of St. Wulfram's Church were rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Cawton, the local ringers being assisted by several soldiers from Belton Park Camp.

THE OPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH, ERITH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Re Mr. Barnett's letter in the issue of August 13th, I am surprised he is so dense as not to understand my meaning, and his statement that the Vicar and churchwardens were grateful and appreciative conveys nothing, as they doubtless are unacquainted with what appeals to any ringer as "an honourable action."

Mr. Barnett knows as well as anyone, that it is against the aims of the Kent County Association for private individuals to undertake the opening of new or restored rings, and in my case, after twelve years of office, during which time I have done my best for the district, I consider his action a studied insult to me, and a slur on the district, and his insinuation about being asked to take part in the peal is another, as I am opposed to a peal as an opening, having always maintained that such occasions should be in the nature of an open meeting where possible, and it is on principle, not out of pique, that I have decided not to stand for re-election.

As I consider this a district affair, I shall not write on the subject again, but I trust Mr. Barnett will attend the annual district meeting to be held at Greenwich, probably the last Saturday in October, where it can be thrashed out, and then if necessary at the committee meeting in November.

By the last paragraph of his letter, it appears there are others who do not approve of his action, as well as Yours truly,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SENR.

LADIES FILL THE GAPS.

The parish church of Dalton-in-Furness is one of the towers in which ladies have stepped in to help keep the bells going on Sundays, in the absence of the men who have joined the forces or are working on other Government supplies. Two members are in the Army, and three are engaged at Messrs. Vicker's ship building yard. The ladies have progressed most admirably, and three of them can now ring Bob Major. On Sunday evening, August 1st, several plain courses were rung by Miss E. M. Stuart, Miss A. Lindsay, Miss A. Gulchrist, T. R. Jackson, J. Huddleston, W. Jackson, G. Jackson, W. S. Firshaw, F. Willey, J. Burrows. On August 3rd, for practice, 336 Bob Major, Miss E. M. Stuart 1, J. Huddleston 2, F. Willey 3, G. Jackson 4, W. S. Firshaw 5, T. R. Jackson 6, T. Watson 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. This was the longest touch in the method for Miss Stuart and G. Jackson, and the first touch on an inside bell for T. R. Jackson. Three leads of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the front six were rung by T. R. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, T. Watson 3, W. S. Firshaw 4, F. Willey (conductor) 5, J. Burrows 6, and a few plain courses of Bob Major by T. R. Jackson, Miss Stuart, J. Huddleston, G. Jackson, W. S. Firshaw, F. Willey, T. Watson, J. Burrows. Mr. F. Willey hails from Sheffield, and he was highly delighted with the tone and go of the bells, it being two years since he visited Dalton. He complimented the ladies upon the masterly style in which they rang their bells, and thanked the ringers for arranging a practice on his behalf.

From St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne eight members have joined the colours. But those left behind are determined that the bells shall be ready to fulfil their appointed duty, and no fewer than 18 ladies are now being taught "so that," as our correspondent puts it, "the sound of the bells shall welcome home, when peace is restored, the brave lads who have gone to do service for King and country and a nation's honour."

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Calverley, on Saturday, August 7th, and, although the attendance was not as good as it usually is at a Calverley meeting, owing to the wet weather, it was nevertheless fairly well attended by members and visitors from Armley, Bramley, Guisley, Holbeck, Pudsey, Idle and the local company. The bells were rung in the afternoon and evening to touches of Plain Bob and Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob.

The business meeting was held at the Thornhill Arms in the evening, when the ringers were pleased to welcome the president (Mr. Peacock) back again, he having been in hospital for the last month.

It was resolved "That all members who are serving their King and country shall be exempt from paying subscriptions until the end of the year in which they return."

After the meeting the handbells were brought into use by some of the members, while others visited the tower and rang several touches on the tower bells.

SOUTHGATE.—Middlesex County Association.—On August 12th, for practice, 576 Bristol Surprise: A. R. Glascock 1, G. Bester 2, S. Wade 3, G. W. Fletcher 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, E. G. Tomlinson 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. Also a course of Superlative, H. Burlingham taking part; and a course of London, A. J. Trappitt taking part. On Sunday, August 15th, for morning service, 1230 Bristol Surprise Major, in 52 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, S. Wade 3, F. G. Tegg 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, E. G. Tomlinson 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Bristol by the local band, and rung at the first attempt. For evening service, 384 London Surprise, G. Bester, W. Pickworth and H. Miller taking part.

RINGING IN AMERICA.

PRESS ENLIGHTENING THE PUBLIC.

Muffled ringing is a strange sound to the ears of the American citizen, but on August 1st, when memorial services were held for those of all nationalities who have lost their lives in the twelve months of the war, the Boston Guild visited Hingham for the purpose of paying their tribute by ringing the bells muffled. Several friends, including Mrs. H. Petts, Miss Petts and Master Petts, Miss Allfrey and Mr. J. S. Macdonald accompanied the party, who made the journey by tram. On the memorial bells, which, it may be remembered, were installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with clappers half muffled. A touch of 518 was rung by A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, H. Petts 3, E. E. Randall 4, D. Gibbons 5, J. Goodhead 6, J. F. Laker 7, R. Newton 8. Two 168's were conducted by R. Newton and J. F. Laker respectively. After the ringing, the ringers were provided with light refreshments, and the party returned by electric car to Nantasket and by boat to Boston, though the fog in the harbour somewhat spoilt the sail home.

The "Boston Herald" thus reported the event:—

"More than 500 persons from all parts of the State visited Hingham yesterday, where, in memory of the thousands of men of all the belligerent nations who have fallen in battle during the past year, a muffled peal was sounded by the Boston Guild of English Bell Ringers on the famous memorial bells in the tower adjacent to the First Unitarian Church.

"The service, considered by experts to be not only the most intricate, but by far the most beautiful form of bell music, began at four o'clock and lasted more than an hour. The muffled peal has been sounded but very few times on this side of the Atlantic. The keyboard was dispensed with in yesterday's ringing, the bells being manipulated with ropes attached to the frame. The muffled sound is obtained by padding the tongues of the bells with leather cushions, the bells themselves being swung in rapid rotation and according to fixed rules of science.

"There are 11 bells in the chimnies at Hingham, and they were cast by the leading bellmakers of England, facsimiles of some of the oldest bells in that country."

UNFAMILIAR MUSIC.

The "Boston Globe" has just published a capital article, of an illuminating kind, to interest its readers in the English form of bell ringing. It is accompanied by some illustrations, including one of the Boston Guild standing at their ropes in a belfry, another of four of them in the act of handbell ringing, and pictures of the tower and "raised" bells at the Perkins Institute at Watertown, and of the memorial tower at Hingham. This is what the writer says:—

Hark, the bells! What wild, impetuous music they are pealing. It is no tune familiar to our American ears. Instead, it is a succession of wild melodies, brilliant and soul-stirring, that are tumbling one atop the other out from the church tower.

The bells have gone mad, but in their mad melody they fascinate the ear and hold the listener. The bells are alive, they dance, they sing, they crash out their wild melodies until the air is filled with the tone which floods the surroundings.

Utterly unlike the staid old bells of America, which we had all learned to love and appreciate, even if they did invariably clank out our well-worn hymns a little off the key. We knew bells had their limitations and forgave them accordingly.

But here are bells pouring out a volume of harmonies in reckless abandon and with a clarity of tone we never imagined bells possessed. What is causing this musical stampede of our usually staid and circumspect bells?

The answer is to be found high up in the church tower, in the ringing chamber, where stand eight men in a circle, each pulling strokes on ropes which hang through holes in the ceiling from their bells.

Each is keeping perfect rhythm with his seven mates, and all are continually exchanging a telegraphic code of signals, eye to eye. The spoken word comes very occasionally, a mere syllable, to or from the leader or "captain," or whoever happens to be conducting the "Touch."

Each man pulls on his rope, checks his bell and releases again the flying rope, which soars upward as the bell swings in its great arc.

The layman stands transfixed. His ear is dinned with the roar from the metal throats above him. He barely distinguishes the high pitch of the 600-pound treble, down the scale to the deep tone of the ton-weight tenor.

He sees the silent circle of men bending and straightening their supple bodies with wonderful rhythm and grace. He sees the air filled with flying ropes and his senses are baffled as he tries to count the changes of the scale as they are forever occurring.

But the effort is too much. The changes are coming in altogether too rapid succession, and he gives up the attempt.

All the time the minds of these silent men are spinning at a furious rate, working and threading their ways through the most complicated system of mental mathematics imaginable, the result of which is the flood of wonderful music that is pouring out from the tower, drenching the whole countryside.

THE BOSTON GUILD.

These, then, are the English bell-ringers who have come to America

to endeavour to plant their art of change-bell ringing, an art in vogue in England for hundreds of years. These men form the Boston Guild of Change Bell Ringers, the first of its kind in America, of which Mrs. Margaret H. Shurtleff is the president.

The revival of the art of change-ringing in America is due to the untiring efforts of Dr. Arthur H. Nichols of Mount Vernon Street, a life-long resident of Boston and a member of the College Youths' Association of England.

It was by his efforts and those of his daughter, Mrs. Shurtleff, that this band of ringers came and settled here, that the guild was formed with himself as its first president; and it is to their zeal that we are indebted for possessing, in this vicinity, the finest peals of bells in all America. Mrs. Shurtleff, the present president of the guild, is herself an expert change-ringer.

Dr. Nichols is continually receiving inquiries concerning bells and change-ringing from all over the country from churches, institutions and individuals desiring to install peals. A short time ago the University of California notified the doctor that it had decided to install a peal in a tower that is erected for the purpose.

Within the past month the doctor has been consulted regarding the possible installation of a peal of bells at Long Beach, near Los Angeles.

In and around Greater Boston there are at present five ringable peals of bells—Christ Church (the Old North Church) in the North End, the Church of the Advent in the West End, the Perkins Institute for the Blind at Watertown, the Memorial Tower of the First Parish Church (the Old Ship Church) at Hingham, and the chapel of the Groton School.

Some time later there may be a peal in the tower of the new Second Church in Audubon Circle, Beacon Street, and another in a tower to be erected at Wellesley College.

PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO REVIVE RINGING.

Of these peals the oldest and the sweetest is the one in the tower of the Old North Church. This peal is the first imported into America, and was brought here in 1744.

The bells were cast by the famous old bell founder, Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, England, and were purchased for £800—about \$3,000—the money being raised by public subscription.

They were not hung at once owing to lack of funds, but some ship-masters of England in the following year raised the sum of £100 and sent the money for that purpose. And so the bells were hung in 1745.

Paul Revere and some other young men of the town attempted a crude method of change-ringing on these bells, but were unsuccessful owing to lack of proper teaching. A copy of a petition to the vestry of the church to permit the young men to practice twice a week on the bells, still stands in the tower.

Change-ringing was attempted at various times on these bells, a brave attempt being made during the visit of Lafayette to Boston in 1824, but this, like its predecessors, resulted in such failure that the art was dropped.

It was again revived in 1894 by the four Shipp brothers and what other English ringers could be found. But this also went the way of the previous attempts.

The Boston Guild has given several exhibitions on these bells, notably a "wedding peal" in honour of the marriage of the president's daughter in the Autumn of 1913. This performance received due notice from the country at large, from Maine to California.

Thanksgiving Day of the same year the ringers attempted a full peal of "Grandsire Triples," which calls for 5040 changes and requires three hours and ten minutes in its performance. A miss occurred after more than three hours of ringing, which robbed them of the honour of ringing the full peal.

Only one full peal of any method has ever been successfully rung in America, and this was accomplished in 1851 at Philadelphia by a band of English ringers who had been brought over especially to attempt the feat.

THE ART AND THE ARTIST.

The article gives some particulars about the bells in the other towers near Boston and describes change-ringing in a general way, as well as the method by which bells are rung. The art of change-ringing is a deep, scientific study of mental mathematics, says the writer, and one which the average man cannot grasp in a lifetime. Good change-ringers are born, their art is born in them. In many cases the ability is handed down from father to son for generations, and the family is widely known as successful bell ringers.

The study is such a complicated juggling of figures that the average college professor of mathematics would find himself completely lost in the maze, and the chances are that he would never be able to negotiate successfully a full peal of "Grandsire Triples" unless he had grown up in it.

Yet mere youths will work their way through the most difficult peal and do it as naturally as a duck swims. The underlying reason for this, apart from being born with an unusually keen mind and being reared, as it were, on combinations of figures and problems, is their great, natural love for their art.

No great musical artist ever concentrated on his art any more than these men on theirs. Their whole lives are dedicated to it. They are forever working out the complex problems of a baffling peal, and they have attained their great mental acuteness by living and loving the art continuously all their lives.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF LONDON SURPRISE.

BY THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Time flies!—and, as I contemplated the new figures of London Surprise Royal in "the Ringing World" the other day, I could hardly believe that five-and-twenty years had passed away since first I sought to solve the problem of extending London Major.

It has been suggested to me that I should write a few notes on the construction of this wonderful method, and this I am the more inclined to do, because I think the subject will prove both interesting to, and easy to understand by the average ringer.

London Surprise consists of three hunts. A reverse hunt, in which all the bells are plain hunting, and come to lead the wrong way round; a Treble Bob hunt, which is in agreement with the treble's path, that is to say, when the treble dodges all the bells that are doing this hunt dodge also, and when she moves on they also change their places; and a very small portion of a Plain hunt direct, which takes place in 1—2, when the treble is in the 3—4 position.

All the inside places are made contiguous to the dividing line between bells that are engaged in different hunts—e.g., if the back four bells in Major are reverse hunting and the front four are doing Treble Bob, the dividing line will fall between 4th's and 5th's places, and no inside place can be made save 4th's and 5th's until an alteration in the hunts that the various bells are doing is reached.

The Treble Bob hunt is the means adopted in this method for a bell to pass the treble: once she has turned round from the reverse hunt to do Treble Bob work she continues to do it until she has crossed the treble's path and can continue her normal work upon the other side.

Now let us turn to the figures. I have requested that the printer may use different types for the bells that everyone may see at a glance what work a bell is doing at any moment.

In London Surprise Minor, at the treble's lead, 1, 2 are doing Treble Bob work in front, and 3, 4, 5, 6 are doing a reverse hunt; the division line lies between 2nd's and 3rd's, and the only inside places made are 2nd's by the second and 3rd's by the 6th, 4th, 3rd and 5th.

As the treble moves from 2nd's place to 3rd's, 2 and 5 commence a plain hunt in 1—2, 6 commences Treble Bob work with the treble in 3—4, and 4 and 3 continue their reverse hunting up behind; there are two division lines 2 makes second's next to one of them, and 6 makes 4th's next to the other.

As the treble falls for the first time in 4th's place 4 and 3 turn round and commence their Treble Bob work, and when the treble first falls in 5th's place 2 and 5 give up their direct hunt and also fall into the reverse hunt.

Notice that every bell, in passing the treble coming down, ceases to do Treble Bob as soon as the treble has left her, with one exception when the treble lies her whole pull behind, 4 and 2 as they change over are on their Treble Bob path; the division line lies between 3rd's and 4th's, and hence the 3rd's place that is made by the 5th.

As we pass from Minor to Major there is only one extension, namely, as the treble falls for the first time in 4th's place four bells, the 3rd, 6th, 4th and 6th, all commence Treble Bob work, instead of only two as in Minor.

Now turn to the ten-bell method. The work with the treble in 1, 2 is the same as in Minor.

When the treble falls into 3rd's place for the first time, three bells, the 3rd, 7th and 9th commence their Treble Bob path, instead of only one, as in Minor and Major; the division line now falls between 6th's and 7th's places, hence the place making that is done by 9, 0, 8, 7, in 6th's and 7th's places. The 6th, 8th, 0th, and 4th do not commence their Treble Bob path until the treble falls into 6th's place for the first time.

And now having got on to my favourite hobby of method construction, I feel almost tempted to go on and make a few remarks on the theory of place making, but this article is already far longer than I meant it to be, so I will close. Perhaps, however, if this meets with the Editor's approval, and that of the Exercise in general, I may resume the subject on some future occasion.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**SHIPLEY RINGERS' TRIP.**

The ringers of the Parish Church, Shipley, Yorks, had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, Northowram, Sowerby and Heptonstall being visited. Meeting in the Town Hall Square, Bradford, at 9 p.m., a most enjoyable tram ride brought them to Northowram, where they were met by Mr. J. Lawson and Mr. M. Taylor, who had kindly made arrangements for the ringers to have a pull on the fine peal of eight, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The bells, having been raised in peal, a well-struck 672 of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought round by J. Broadly 1, G. A. Nettleton 2, John Lawson 3, E. Simpson 4, E. A. Murgatroyd 5, J. Joyce 6, J. A. Ross 7, M. Taylor 8. The bells were then lowered in peal and the party then proceeded to Sowerby Bridge by tram, via Halifax. After dinner an hour or so was spent in playing bowls, and then, accompanied by Mr. Smith, who had met the party on arrival, and Mr. James Cotterell, who had afterwards joined them, St. Peter's Church was visited, and 756 Grandsire Triples rung by James Smith 1, E. Simpson 2, J. Broadly 3, J. Cotterell 4, E. A. Murgatroyd 5, G. A. Nettleton 6, J. A. Ross 7, J. Joyce 8. After a short touch of Oxford Minor, the bells were lowered in peal, and the visitors wended their way on foot to Luddendenfoot, where the tram-car was again requisitioned to take them on to Hebdenbridge. Here the work of the day began, for a very steep hill had to be climbed, which proved too great a strain on the staying powers of some of the party, who were only too glad of the excuse to survey the picturesque views in order to recover their breath. Arrived at length at the top, they were met by Mr. R. Nowel, and after a look round the village and a chat over the tea cups, the visitors were shown up into the tower of the Parish Church of Heptonstall, where there is a splendid peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor. A well-struck touch of Bob Major was brought round by J. Broadly 1, E. Simpson 2, J. A. Ross 3, J. Cotterell 4, E. A. Murgatroyd 5, J. Joyce 6, R. Nowel 7, G. A. Nettleton 8; and 384 Kent Treble Bob Major by the same band. This brought the day's ringing to a close, and the party made their way back to the station, well pleased with their day's outing. The Shipley Society tender their best thanks to the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and to those ringers who so kindly helped to make their trip a success.

VISITORS TO FELSTED.

A party of ringers, members of the Ely Diocesan Association and the Essex County Association, took early advantage of the opening of the new peal of eight recently installed at Felsted by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, to meet at the tower and try the bells. On the way they called at Rayne and 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung for divine service in the morning, the striking being perfect throughout, the ringers being: W. Howell 1, A. Shuttlebotham 2, J. Sadler 3, P. J. Lancaster 4, E. W. Beckwith 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6. The writer would suggest it would have done some critics good to have heard it. A 360 Bob Minor was afterwards rung with W. Keeble and R. Fisher taking part.

A move was then made for Felsted, where the party were met by Mr. W. T. Farrow, who had made excellent arrangements. The inner men having being satisfied, the tower was visited and the visitors were reinforced by Messrs. Clavden, Barker and Emery of Stebbing. The first touch consisted of 576 Oxford Treble Bob, followed by 640 Kent and a course of Bob Major. After tea 400 Double Norwich Major was struck to perfection, and also 448 Superlative. Most of the company stayed to the service, which was much enjoyed, and a course of Cambridge was rung afterwards. The visitors wish to thank Mr. W. T. Farrow for the excellent arrangements made, and the Vicars of Rayne and Felsted for the use of the bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Speldhurst, but owing, no doubt, to the stormy weather, was not very largely attended. The Rector was unavoidably prevented from conducting the service as he had intended, but he arranged with two friends (Rev. Bennett and Rev. Hitchen) to conduct the service in his absence. Tea was partaken of at the George and Dragon Inn, the Rector kindly defraying part of the cost. Owing to the district secretary having to leave early on urgent business, the business meeting was postponed. The members availed themselves of the kind permission of the Rector to use the gardens and grounds of the Rectory, and altogether a very enjoyable time was spent.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

Owing to all ringing being stopped at St. Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, the following members of St. Mary Abbots Guild visited St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday evening and rung a quarter of Stedman Triples for evening service on this fine ring of bells. As the bells are seldom rung at this church on Sundays it was gratifying to know that the ringing was much appreciated. A. W. Davis 1, W. G. Matthews 2, J. H. Payne 3, P. G. Miles 4, W. J. Daubney 5, A. V. Selby 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.

123456	12345678	1234567890
213546	21354768	2135476980
125364	12537486	1253749608
215634	21573846	2157394068
251643	25178364	2513790486
526134	52713846	5231970846
521643	52178364	5213798064
256134	25713846	2531978604
526314	52731486	5239176840
562347	57234168	5329718604
653214	75321486	3592176840
635241	73524168	3952718604
365421	37254618	9325781064
	32745681	9237580146
	23476518	2973851064
	24367581	2798350146
	42637851	7289530416
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		8752094316
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.**ALL SAINTS, LOUGHBOROUGH.**

By ERNEST MORRIS.

The fine old parish church of All Saints, Loughborough, contains a grand peal of 10 bells, tenor 30½ cwts., whereon—as all the Exercise is aware—the world's record long peal was performed. According to North's "Bells of Leicestershire" "Loughborowe" possessed in the reign of Edward VI "Fyve Belles." The churchwardens accounts from 1583 to 1613 have many references to castings and recastings of bells both at Leicester by Watts and Newcombe, and at Nottingham by the Oldfields, and in 1616 these accounts show that the old third of the five was recast and the ring increased to six. They also state:—

"It spent in giving entertainment to the gentlemen strangers when they came to ringe xjs." The six bells at this date bore the following inscriptions copied by the eminent botanist, Dr. Pulteney, when he was at the Free School of the Parish:—

6. THOMAS ALLEYNE RECTOR; FRANCIS WINFIELD AND EDWARD SAVAGE CHURCHWARDENS.
THOMAS EAYRE FECIT, ANNO DOMINI 1754.
Weight of tenor 24 cwts. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

The total weight, according to the churchwardens' accounts was 85 cwts. 1 qr. 9 lbs., but Mr. J. W. Taylor reported that they were but 83 cwts. 1 qr. 2 lbs., and were in the key of E b, thus showing a considerable difference between actual weight and that quoted. In 1840 they were recast and formed into a ring of eight by Messrs. W. and J. Taylor, who came from Oxford for the purpose, and who, finding Loughborough a central and convenient place for their calling, settled there and erected their foundry. These bells were inscribed:—

- Treble.—"A Voice from the Temple, a voice from the Lord. Rev. J. Plaice, M.A.; officiating Minister, A.D. 1840."
(2). "Glory be to God on High. Taylor Founder June 18th 1810 Loughborough. Rev. W. Holme B.D. Rector. John Farmer Daniel Cartwright C.Wardens."
(3). "Rev. W. Holme, B.D. Rector. John Farmer D. Cartwright C.Wardens Taylor Fecit 1840."
(4). "Rev. W. Holme, B.D. Rector. J. Farmer D. Cartwright C.W. 1840 Taylor Founder Loboro'."



1. I WILL SOUND AND RESOUND UNTO ALL CHRISTIAN PEOPLE
AND TO THE BENEFACTORS THAT GAVE ME TO THIS STEEPLE 1616.
2. IN MULTIS ANNIS RESONET CAMPANA JOHANNIS
3. SIT NOMEN DOMINI BENEDICTUM; LAUDATE ILLUM CYMBALIS SONORIS
4. NOS SUMUS CONSTRUCTI AD LAUDEM DOMINI 1616.
5. SIR GEORG HASTINGES MADE ME ANNO DOMINI 1586.
6. HEC CAMPANA SACRA FIAT TRINITATE BEATA 1613.

The weight of the tenor is given as 23 cwts. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

The whole ring of six bells was recast in the year 1754 by Thomas Eayre of Kettering, the cost being defrayed by public subscription. The inscriptions were:

1. VOX MEA DULCIS MEA SCINTILLANS VULTUS
2. STATUTUM EST OMNIBUS SEMEL MORI; OMNIA FIANI AD GLORIAM DEI.
3. NOS SUMUS CONSTRUCTI AD LAUDEM DOMINI; IN DEI GLORIAM; IN ECCLESIAE COMMODO
4. SIT NOMEN DOMINI BENEDICTUM, LAUDATE ILLUM CYMBALIS SONORIS.
5. MORTE BEATA NIHIL BEATIUS. THOMAS EAYRE FECIT: RICHARD MANFIELD AND JOHN WARREN SIDESMEN.

- (5). "Committee Rev. W. Holme B.D. John Farmer Daniel Cartwright John Cartwright Thomas Cradock John Fowler W. Joseph Fry Thomas Burkill Julius Mott. J. Taylor Fecit 1840."
- (6). Same as to committee, and "J. Taylor Campanarius 1840."
- (7). "Rev. W. Holme B.D. John Farmer Daniel Cartwright Committee John Cartwright Thomas Cradock John Fowler 1840. W. Joseph Fry Thomas Burkill Julius Mott. John Taylor Bell-founder Oxford and Loughborough."

Tenor. "Rev. W. Holme B.D. John Farmer Daniel Cartwright Churchwardens 1840 W. and J. Taylor Bellfounders Oxford and Loughborough."

This tenor weighed 24 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. and was 52½ ins. in diameter.

In 1887 the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, senr., gave two trebles to complete a ring of ten, and in 1898 the whole of this peal was recast with more metal, and now forms the heaviest peal in the county, the tenor being ½ cwt. heavier than that of St. Margaret's, Leicester. They now bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble and Second.

"A.M.D.G. PRESENTED BY J. W. TAYLOR THE FOUNDER ON THE OCCASION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE 1887."

(Medallion bearing bust of Queen Victoria and the words
"VICTORIA REGINA")

Third.

"VENITE ADORAMVS ET PROCIDAMVS 1898. THOMAS PITTS
MA. RECTOR JOHN CLARKE. JOHN WATSON. Churchwardens."

O

(The founders mark).

Fourth.

"GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH REV. W. HOLME. BD
RECTOR JOHN FARMER DANIEL CARTWRIGHT CHURCH
WALDENS. 1840."

Fifth.

"TE LAVDAMVS O (Founder's mark) 1897."

Sixth.

"JOHN TAYLOR & CO. FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH. 1898.
A LEGACY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS BE-
QUEATHED TO THE RECTOR AND CHURCHWARDENS OF THIS
PARISH BY WILLIAM HENRY DAWSON, FORMERLY OF
LOUGHBOROUGH AND LATE OF QUORNDON IN THIS COUNTY
WHO DIED 28 JAN. 1887 WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
DIRECTIONS OF THE DONOR EXPENDED IN THE RECASTING
AND ERECTING OF THIS AND NUMBER 3 BELL."

Seventh.

"RECAST BY JOHN TAYLOR AND CO. LOUGHBOROUGH 1885
THOMAS PITTS RECTOR WILLIAM FREDERICK BEARDSLEY
EDWARD PARKINSON WHITE CHURCHWARDENS."
(on the Waist are 4 figures representing SS. Matthew, Mark, Luke
and John.)

Eighth.

"AMDG RECAST BY JOHN TAYLOR AND CO. LOUGHBOROUGH
1899. THOMAS PITTS MA. RECTOR HENRY DEANE JOHN WA-
SON CHURCHWARDENS"

(on the Waist 4 times the figure of "ST. PAULUS.")

Ninth.

Same as 8th except date 1899 comes immediately after "RECAST"
instead of after Loughborough.

(on the Waist 4 times the figure of "ST. PETRUS.")

Tenor.

"THOMAS PITTS MA. RECTOR EDWARD PARKINSON WHITE
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RING OF TEN BELLS WAS RECAST AT THE EXPENSE OF THE
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1899." (on the Waist 4 times, the figure representing All Saints)

They are a magnificent peal, and the four largest, besides bearing
the impressions of the Saints on their Waists, are splendidly decorated
with bands of foliage and other ornamentations.

There are numerous peal boards in the belfry recording many peals.
the first of which is as follows: "March 1st 1842 the Loughbro' band
ascended this Tower and rung Shipway's celebrated peal of 5040
Grandsire Triples without a single, in 3 hours 15 minutes, being the
first 5040 rung in this tower. The following are names of the ringers:

Thomas Grundy	Treble	Hen. Bramley	5
Alf. Fewkes	2	Geo. Cook	6
J. W. Taylor	3	Mr. C. Morley	7
Jas. Hood	4	Wm. Fewkes	Tenor

Conducted by Mr. C. Morley.

On April 30th, 1884, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung on
the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. W. Taylor, junr. (bellfounder)
conducted by J. Howe of Derby. The first peal since the addition
of the two trebles [the jubilee gift of Mr. J. W. Taylor] was 5021
Grandsire Caters on Nov. 25th, 1887, conducted by Mr. J. W. Taylor,
junr., who also on Feb. 10th, 1888, called the first of Stedman Caters
on the bells, the 3rd to be rung in the county [not the 2nd as the
peal board states] which was also the first peal ever accomplished on
ten bells by ringers engaged at one establishment, all the band being
regularly employed at the bell foundry. On June 9th, 1888, Mr.
Taylor conducted the first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells, and
the first in this method in the county, and in 1894 turned the tenor
in to the 3800 Superlative Surprise Major, composed and conducted
by Mr. Nathan J. Pitstow, and the longest peal hitherto rung in that
method, occupying 6 hours 16 minutes. Since that time over 100
peals have been rung on these bells in all the standard methods,
amongst others being a 7001 Grandsire Caters on Nov. 15th, 1902,
composed and conducted by Mr. W. Willson, at that time the longest
peal on 10 bells by the Association. In Nov., 1906, on the death of
Mr. John W. Taylor, senr., a muffled peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters
was rung, also called by W. Willson. But the greatest feat of change-
ringing ever accomplished was performed upon these bells on Easter
Monday, April 12th, 1909, when Mr. W. Pye rang the tenor, and
conducted the famous peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters in 12 hours and
18 minutes, the longest peal ever rung by one set of men without
food or rest. This wonderful achievement is recorded on a tablet of
bell-metal, mounted on marble, and erected in the church under the
tower, on Nov. 15th, 1913.

We are indebted to Mr. John W. Taylor for the photograph of
Loughborough Church given in this article.

ANOTHER RINGER-OFFICER KILLED.

SUNDERLAND'S LOSS.

North country ringers will learn with deep regret of the
death of Lieut. C. O. Sayer, of Holy Trinity Church,
Sunderland, who has succumbed to wounds received in
action in Flanders on Whit-Monday.

Soon after war broke out Lieut. Sayer, who was married,
obtained a commission in the 7th Batt. Durham Light
Infantry. While fighting with his regiment in the battle
near Ypres on Whit-Monday the gallant officer was
wounded in two places and also sustained a broken thigh.
After lying in an abandoned trench for 48 hours he was
picked up by the Germans and placed in a field hospital
in Belgium. It has lately been reported that he suc-
cumbed to his injuries on June 7th.



THE LATE LIEUT. C. O. SAYER.

Lieut. Sayer was a native of Kirkby Stephen, West-
morland, and a graduate of Oxford. He held an important
scholastic appointment in Sunderland, and prior to the
war was instructor to the Holy Trinity band. He was
a keen and excellent ringer, with several peals to his
credit, and was particularly fond of Stedman.

He will be greatly missed by the Durham and Newcastle
Association, for which he has done a good deal of useful
work. He was a member of the Newcastle Cathedral
Guild, and also of the Yorkshire Association, having
resided for some time in Leeds.

The deepest sympathy of the Exercise will go out to his
widow and relatives.

On Saturday, as recorded elsewhere, a muffled peal to
his memory was rung by former colleagues of the three
Sunderland towers.

THE ACCIDENT TO MR. W. SHORT.

We are glad to be able to state that Mr. William Short, of Clent,
is making excellent progress towards recovery after his cycle accident
and will, it is hoped, be able to resume work in a few days

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NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 31st for business, and on the 26th for handbell practice. At St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Sunbury. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. P. C. West, the Vicar, at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 21st, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitnash, on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Howden on Saturday, August 28th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30 for all who send in their names to Mr. R. B. Smith, Vicar Lane, Howden, by Tuesday, August 24th. Tickets 1/- each.—Thos. Smith, Honorary District Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, Oldbury, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells from 4.30, meeting at 7. Nominations for general meeting to be sent in at this meeting.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mobberley on Saturday, August 28th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Secretary, New Mills.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, August 28th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Will those members who intend to be present kindly let me know by August 24th.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, August 28th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Rectory (free) at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Service in Church at 5.45. All members intending to attend must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, August 24th. By kind permission of Squire Morland, the grounds of Court Lodge will be open to members.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, in Church Hall after service.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

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This peal contains the 2nd its full extent in 4th and 2nd's at alternate course ends, and is the first composed on this plan. Rang at St. Paul's, Shipley, Yorks, August 3rd, 1915, conducted by the composer.

RINGER WOUNDED.

News has been received that Pte. John Hall, a member of the St. Peter's band, Ashton-under-Lyne, who went out to Egypt with the 1st/9th Manchester Regiment last September, and afterwards moved to the Dardanelles, has been wounded. He is now in hospital at Malta.

NARROW ESCAPES.

Col.-Sergt. Alfred Scott, also of the St. Peter's band, Ashton-under-Lyne, has had several most miraculous escapes from death. On one occasion a bullet went through his hat and killed a man behind him. On another, his watch was smashed and at another time his shin was scraped by a bullet. Great Scott!

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At 55, Rhondda Street, on June 19th, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor; June 25th, 1440 and 720 Plain Bob; July 10th, 1440 and 720 Plain Bob; July 12th, 720 Plain Bob; July 30th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) Plain Bob in 30 mins.; July 31st, 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On August 2nd, 3600 Plain Bob, in one hour 26 mins., and on August 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by S. Perry 1—2, J. Hoare 3—4, A. Hoare (conductor) 5—6.—On June 19th, 120 Stedman Doubles: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. Hoare 5—6.—In St. Mary's Church belfry, on July 31st, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and on August 7th, 600 Grandsire Doubles by S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, H. Perry 5—6.—At 55, Rhondda Street, on July 9th, 168 Grandsire Triples: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. Hoare 5—6, H. Perry 7—8.—Also on the 17th and 31st July, by S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare 3—4 (conductor), J. Hoare 5—6, F. B. Stedman 7—8.

LAVENHAM.—On July 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob on handbells: Maurice Symonds (first in the method) 1, F. Dakin 2, S. H. Symonds 3, C. Poulson 4, A. Symonds 5—6.—On July 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: A. Symonds 1—2, M. Symonds (first inside) 3, C. Poulson 4, S. H. Symonds 5—6.—On July 30th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Symonds 1 and 6, M. Symonds 2, S. H. Symonds 3—4, C. Poulson 5. The treble and tenor were held in the proper position.

NUNEATON.—On Sunday, July 25th, for evening service, 448 Cambridge Surprise with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Robert Blofield, an earnest churchman, who was interred the previous day: W. Martin 1, R. Pollard 2, H. Argyle 3, W. Horton 4, D. H. Argyle 5, J. F. Clarke (jnr.) 6, J. F. Clarke (snr.) 7, T. W. Chapman 8.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOOR.—On July 25th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. B. Bailey 1, G. E. Lawrence 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. F. Rylys 6. On August 8th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Wibberley 1, W. C. Lawrence 2, S. B. Bailey 3, J. Turner (first 720 as conductor) 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. F. Rylys 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Monday, July 26th, 720 York Surprise to oblige Gunner Saffell, who was on a few days' leave: H. Torble 1, Gunner H. P. Saffell 2, A. Prior 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, W. Theobald 6.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—Ely Diocesan Association.—On July 26th, at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, 960 London Surprise Major: P. J. Lancaster 1, W. Howell 2, W. Sadler 3, F. Claydon 4, A. Shuffelbotham 5, W. Keeble 6, E. W. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—On the Festival of St. James', 720 Kent Treble Bob, at St. James' Church: L. Rodmell (conductor) 1, T. Goodin 2, J. S. Calvert 3, G. Bayston 4, Pte H. Rodmell 5, A. E. West 6.—On July 28th, on the marriage of Mr. Thomas Cyril Atkinson, Calverley, to Miss Olive North Bennington, of Mona House, Sutton, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Jackson (conductor) 1, T. Goodin 2, J. S. Calvert 3, G. Bayston 4, L. Rodmell 5, A. E. West 6.

WEST EALING.—For evening service, on August 1st, at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43½ mins.: C. Edwards 1, E. J. Watson (St. Mary's) 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, G. Harbeur 4, P. H. Smith (Kensington) 5, Robt. Holloway (Acton) 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, J. A. Trollope 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On August 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: R. Hall 1, E. Stratford 2, T. Banning 3, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 4, J. Collett 5, W. Large 6, H. Gillett 7, W. Stratford 8.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service, 360 Bob Doubles on the back five: W. Neal 1, Geo. Crisp 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, A. Cook 4, C. Cook (conductor) 5.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 1st, for evening service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: I. Emery 1, J. Emery 2, W. Shepherd 3, A. L. Brown 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. Shepherd 6, C. E. Read (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as conductor) 7, R. J. Polley 8.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for evening service, Sunday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. G. Heath 1, S. Radford 2, T. W. Radford 3, T. Newman 4, G. Petter 5, S. G. Steer 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8. Arranged for Mr. Hunt, who hails from London and was formerly a member of the local society.

KILDWICK, YORKS.—On August 1st, for morning service, three courses Double Norwich and 560 Kent Treble Bob: Percy Johnson, conductor (Leeds) 1, Ernest Morris (Leicester—St. Margaret's) 2, H. Roe 3, S. Duffield 4, J. Boddy 5, W. Whittaker 6, C. Law 7, J. Hill 8.—For evening service, 560 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Ernest Morris.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.—On August 5th, after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted but unfortunately lost after 40 mins.: J. Nichols 1, B. Norfolk 2, J. Cotterell 3, F. Hopwood 4, E. Wheaton 5, E. Morris (Leicester) conductor 6, T. B. Kendal 7, E. H. Simpson 8.—Also four courses Stedman Triples, conducted by E. Morris.

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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.

THE ART OVERSEAS.

The difficulties of planting our art outside our own isle seem to be almost insuperable. Bell ringing, as we know it, appears to defy all efforts to transplant it beyond the confines of these shores. We have only to look at ringing history to see what little success has attended past endeavours to establish it overseas to realise the task that lies before the pioneer. But the poor results of past efforts in various parts of the globe only serve to increase one's admiration for the bold attempt which Dr. Nichols, of Boston, has made to get ringing to take root in the United States. The article in the "Boston Globe," which we quoted last week, recalled some of the attempts which have been made in Boston to establish ringing in that district, which is more favoured in the matter of bells than any other part of the western hemisphere, but all of them in the past have failed to come to fruition. Dr. Nichols' experiment, of importing sufficient men to make up a band, however, bids fair to meet with better success than previous attempts, although local conditions seem to provide many obstacles to practice. They have got the bells, they have got the men, but the opportunities seem to be few.

Elsewhere throughout the world, towers possessing peals of bells are so widely scattered that it is not surprising that ringing fails to maintain itself above a low ebb. It is practically only those ringers who go out from the old country who do anything to keep the art alive in the Colonies, and a band which is weakened by the loss of a member has to wait until the chance arrival of another ringer from home gives them the opportunity of making a fresh start. From the information which comes to hand from time to time from various parts of the world—from New Zealand to Vancouver—only one conclusion can be drawn, and that is that only those who have grown up on the soil of England and have got born in them the love of bells ever take to bell ringing. Few arts, we think, can have this peculiarity.

Whether the efforts of the Boston Guild will, in America, break down the barrier which seems to keep ringing within a pale for Englishmen only, remains to be seen. The education of the American people by such excellent articles as that to which we have referred, may do something in Boston to help matters, and if only the art can get a fair start it would doubtless be carried forward with all that wonderful spirit of enthusiasm which, on this side of the Atlantic, we associate with the American as characteristic of his work and of his play. At present, of course, our cousins know nothing of the fascination of the art, but if once they got within its grip we have no doubt there would be "some" ringing.

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GEORGE HOLLIS... .. 3	SAMUEL WESLEY 8
*GEORGE DAVIES 4	WILLIAM J. THYNG... .. 9
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

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

* First peal of Oxford Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, SHREWSBURY).

On Saturday, August 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lbs.

*JOHN TUDOR Treble	GEORGE JONES 5
WILLIAM C. BROOKES 2	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR... .. 3	ALFRED E. FULLOCK 7
JOHN W. JONES... .. 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. All the band belong to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, excepting John W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Mon., and was elected a member before starting.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

On Saturday, August 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM WALTON Treble	CHARLES SEDDON 5
DAVID HINDLEY 2	DANIEL HOWARD 6
THOMAS LINGARD 3	JOHN HOWARD 7
ALBERT WALLWORK 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

Rung with the bells fully muffed as a token of respect, and in dear memory of the late Vicar (the Rev. William John Hull), who passed away on Saturday, August 7th, at Blackpool, and was interred at Houghton Parish Church on Thursday, August 12th, 1915.

SIX BELL PEAL.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with nine different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

JAMES H. COX Treble	LUKE VERRALL 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE 3	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of, and as a welcome to, the new Rector of Barcombe, the Rev. H. W. Farrar, M.A.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH).

On Saturday, August 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	... 5—6
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	3—4	JAMES HEMMING	... 7—8

Conducted by Miss E. M. JOHNSON.

Umpire: JOHN HAMPTON.

First peal of Triples as conductor. The Vicar of Great Hampton (the Rev. D. FitzMaurice), heard the last half of the peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 22, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: HENRY J. PHIPPS.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters on handbells by all the band and for the Association. This was the conductor's 25th peal. The composition, which contains the 5th and 6th each their extent behind the 9th, and the 6th six courses behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position, is now rung for the first time.

The above two peals were rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. JOHNSON, who was 15 years of age on Sunday, August 22nd, the band wishing her many happy returns of the day.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	113	8	3
Several members, Ashford District, Kent Association	0	5	0
Romney Marsh and District Guild (2nd donation)	0	5	0
	113	18	3

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with H.M. Forces:—

Spr. Alan G. King, of St. Barnabas, Linslade, Bucks, Royal Engineers, now at Thetford.

W. Nye, of St. Anne's, Bagshot, Surrey, Canadian Band, now at Shorncliff.

Lance-Corpl. J. Kinchin, of St. Mary's, Richmond, Yorks, Royal Engineers.

Lance-Corpl. S. Thorpe, of St. Mary's, Richmond, Yorks, 4th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment.

Walter Henry Sherwood, of Aldington, Kent, Wireless Section, Royal Flying Corps.

W. G. Dickens, treasurer to the Warwickshire Guild, Motor Transport, A.S.C.

Frank E. Pervin, of the Stoke-in-Coventry band, A.O.C.

Mr. "Bob" Hughes (second son of Mr. A. Hughes, of the White-chapel Foundry), who is serving with the colours in France, is now in hospital in Rouen, not wounded, but "run down" in health. Ringers will wish him a speedy recovery.

RINGING FACILITIES FOR SOLDIERS.

The Vicar of Fairfield, Buxton, has given over the bells every Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 for Royal Engineers stationed in Buxton. Any R.E.'s desiring to avail of this privilege should communicate with Corpl. C. H. Watts, or Lieut. Cole, R.E., Pavilion Hotel, Buxton.

KENTISH GOSSIP.**INTERESTING ITEMS—HAPPY AND SAD.**

One of the charms of a ringing meeting is the news which one gets of friends and acquaintances and the gossip one hears of doings in familiar belfries. At Aldington, where the Romney Marsh Guild met last Saturday, there was some good and some bad news going the rounds. To deal with the happy side first. Many ringers in Kent—especially in the Canterbury district—are personally acquainted with Mr. P. H. Pierce, who took an active part in ringing, and scored a number of peals. On leaving Canterbury he went to live at Aldington, and now resides at Monk's Horton, a few miles distant. On August Bank Holiday he was married at Aldington Church to Miss Harriet Lear, daughter of Mrs. Lear, and the late Mr. Lear, of Aldington. The bells were rung for the ceremony, the ringers, including members of the Ashford district, Kent Association, and Romney Marsh Guild, being: Messrs. C. Slingsby, W. H. Sherwood, F. Wanstall and G. Hooker (Aldington), G. Paine (Marsham), — Finn (Brabourne) and Wood (Folkestone). The bridegroom kindly recognised the ringers' services, and it was decided to send the remuneration to the "Ringing World" for the National Relief Fund in the name of the two societies. The amount was slightly augmented by a "whip round" at the Guild meeting. We are sure Mr. Pierce's ringing friends will warmly congratulate him, and wish Mrs. Pierce and himself many happy years of married bliss.

Will the Ashford district possess a peal of twelve or at least a peal of ten at some future date, at present unknown? If rumour is correct, and something has probably been talked over, Headcorn is the tower where this augmentation may take place. Mrs. Gatehouse, the wife of the Vicar, is a keen change ringer, and while the matter has not been weighed over sufficiently to come to any decision, yet at the same time the minds of the Rev. and Mrs. Gatehouse have evidently turned to a consideration of it—but the first thing to do would be to recast the second and fourth of the present octave. If action be taken, it is hoped that the scheme will be launched the whole way and make Headcorn the first church in Kent to possess a peal of twelve. No one can say if such a thing will come about, but if it is taken in hand, the Exercise will wish the project every success.

Turning to the sad side it is with great regret the visitors learned of the death of William Winchester, who was killed in action on 29th April, having been at the front only a short time. The late Mr. Winchester was a married man with no family, and for a number of years rang at Aldington, being a very useful ringer. Several years ago he left the parish, going to Folkestone, but occasionally visited Aldington, and on those occasions was a welcome visitor to the belfry. Formerly he served in the 5th (Territorial Battalion) The Buffs, in which he rose to the rank of corporal. At the outbreak of war he had finished his period of service. However, he signed a householder's form, thinking that if called upon he could re-enlist in the Territorial Battalion. But the War Office notified him that they needed him for Lord Kitchener's Army, and he was obliged to accede to their command. Great sympathy is felt for his widow in the sad loss she has sustained.

Then, too, we heard that Sergt. Raymond Dunster is, or has been, home from France on sick leave. He is in the 5th Royal Sussex. This brave soldier was a member of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh Guild, and one of the best ringers at Stone-in-Oxney before going to Ashford. Whether he has gone back to the front we do not know, but we wish him a safe return home when the war is over.

The third casualty affects the home of Mr. C. Tribe, the popular hon. secretary of the Ashford district. His son (who, if memory carries one correctly, has figured in the Tenterden belfry, and possibly other towers) went to the Dardanelles, and is now ill in hospital, but not wounded. He has had a very trying time. Writing home, he said he had been trench digging with his shirt off. Ringers will wish him speedy restoration to health and strength. G. B.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

Those members of the Warwickshire Guild who had been looking forward with pleasure to the meeting at Whitnash last Saturday had a disappointment, for, at the last moment, the Rector found it necessary to cancel the meeting.

DEATH OF A COLNE RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Abraham Lane, who passed away Tuesday, August 10th, at the age of 47 years, the Colne (Lancs.) ringers have lost one of their oldest members. He had been a member of the St. Bartholomew's company for 50 years, and had taken part in nine peals.

The deceased was carried to his last resting place by his fellow members on the 13th inst., and on Sunday week 504 of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect, by: A. Brook (conductor) 1, J. Foulds 2, Driver J. E. Foulds, R.F.A., 3, C. Mallinson 4, R. Foulds 5, W. H. Harrison 6, W. Mallinson 7, W. Heaton 8.

FOUNDER OF BAGSHOT RINGERS DEAD.

By the death of Mr. C. Spooner, who died rather suddenly at his home at Bagshot, Surrey, on Tuesday, August 17th, at the age of 75, Bagshot loses the founder of the Bagshot company. He was born at Cranleigh (Surrey), where he learnt to ring, and left there for Bagshot when 20 years of age. At first he worked as a carpenter, and later started in business as a builder. In 1883 a new church was built, and Mrs. Michal Waterer gave a peal of six bells (cast by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons), with a tenor 21 cwt. In April, 1884, the church and bells were dedicated, and later were opened by the Cranleigh ringers. On May 2nd, 1884, a local company was formed, Mr. Spooner being elected captain. "Rope-sight" was served out to each member, and they started to ring Bob Singles. On April 8th, 1887, they rang their first 720 Bob Minor, which was conducted by Mr. Spooner. Then the company went on Kent, Oxford, New London, Violet, Woodbine, Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Minor and Stedman Doubles. The deceased rang the tenor to a half-peal (2520 changes) made up of 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire, in 1 hr. 45 mins. This was the longest length on the bells. The deceased rang one peal of Grandsire Triples at Yorktown on January 13th, 1897. Through ill-health he had done no ringing during the last few years, so he had not the pleasure of joining in touches on the new octave.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, the ringers sending a wreath, and some of them attending the funeral. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, was attempted by a local band, but came to grief after 42 minutes, through a missed bob: W. Wood 1, J. Corbett 2, F. Nye 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. Gould 5, F. Francis (conductor) 6, H. Gould 7, B. Berry 8.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Sunbury-on-Thames, famous as a riverside resort, is also famed for its beautiful peal of eight bells, with a tenor of 14½ cwt. It was here that the South and West District of the Middlesex Association held a successful meeting on Saturday last. Touches in various methods up to Double Norwich were brought round between 4 and 6 p.m., a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. West), being held at the latter hour. In the course of this service the Vicar, followed by the members of the Association, proceeded to the church porch, and there conducted a short service for the unveiling of a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in May, 1914, in which two of the local band took part. In his address the Vicar said how well the peal board would serve, not only for recording the peal rung, but to remind them that the ringer of the Treble, Lionel Aiford, a good church worker, had rung his first and only peal before giving his life for his country.

Tea followed, and was much enjoyed by all, after which the business meeting was held, at which the Vicar took the chair. Twickenham was selected for the next meeting, with St. Peter's, Staines, as first reserve in case of unforeseen circumstances.—One new member was elected.

Mr. T. Beadle (District Master) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had made the meeting so enjoyable, the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the excellent address he had given them, and for so kindly providing the tea, the ladies for their kindly services, and also the organist, choir boys and steeplekeeper.—This was carried with loud applause, the Vicar briefly replying.

A move was again made to the tower, where more touches were brought round. During the afternoon and evening there were present ringers from Heston, Hounslow, Ealing, Leatherhead, Isleworth, Hershams, Croydon, Caversham, Hampton and London, together with several of the local band, and Pte F. G. Woodiss (Grenadier Guards, Chelsea).

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

Last Saturday the Romney Marsh and District Guild assembled at Aldington, Kent, a tower, containing a ring of six, which would make a very musical peal if the tenor were consigned to the melting-pot and recast. The members always enjoy a visit to Aldington, and look on it, perhaps, more as a summer outing, as most of them have to undertake a long journey to get there. A 720 of Bob Minor and other touches of that method and Grandsire Doubles comprised the ringing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slingsby kindly entertained the party to a bountiful tea, following which business was the order. On the proposition of Mr. C. Tribe, seconded by Mr. Balcombe, the place chosen for the September meeting was Stone-in-Oxney, on the third Saturday in the month.—One new member, Mr. G. Paine, of Mersham, was admitted, being proposed by Mr. Balcombe.

Mr. C. W. Player referred to the lamented death of Pte James Livermore, junr., R.A.M.C., of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, who passed away in Flanders from wounds received. He moved that the hon. secretary send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Livermore and family, the deceased being a member of the Guild.—Mr. G. Billenness seconded, and the resolution received approval in silence, the company standing.

Mr. C. Tribe voiced feelings of thankfulness and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Slingsby for their generous hospitality.—Mr. Player seconded, and after Mr. G. Paine had supported the motion, the company, comprising ringers from Tenterden, Hawkhurst, Stone-in-Oxney, Rye, Mersham, Woodchurch, Fairfield, and Aldington, unanimously passed a hearty vote of thanks to their genial host and hostess, Mr. Slingsby suitably acknowledging the compliment on behalf of his wife and himself.

HAMPTON'S WONDERFUL JUVENILES.

THE JOHNSONS' LATEST PERFORMANCES.

Two handbell peals of very considerable interest are recorded in this issue. They were both rung to celebrate the fifteenth birthday of Miss E. M. Johnson, one of those very clever juvenile ringers of Hampton Evesham. The first of the two peals was Grandsire Triples and was rung on Saturday, Miss Johnson being the conductor. Despite her youth it was not her first in that capacity, although she had not conducted a peal of Triples before. Some time ago she called a peal of Doubles. When only eleven years of age she rang her first peal, and, it may be remembered, at the age of twelve took part in a peal of Doubles in which the other pairs were rung by a younger sister and an older brother, Ruth being then only ten and Joseph but thirteen. Those who have seen this family of ringing prodigies, marvel at the complete confidence and accuracy with which they ring two bells in touches.

Miss Ellen Johnson's birthday celebration was completed on Sunday, when she and her brother with their father and two others took part, at Evesham, in the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells by the Worcestershire Association. It was conducted by her sixteen-year-old brother and was the first peal of Caters by Miss Johnson, and the first on handbells by all the band. To make the performance the more noteworthy it was the twenty-fifth peal by Master Joseph Johnson, and these are so remarkable for one so young that they are worth setting out.

	Tower bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Doubles (in one to eight methods)	4	2	7	5
Minor (in one to five methods)	6	3	1	1
Grandsire Triples			3	2
Stedman Triples	1			
Bob Major			1	1
Bob Caters	1			
Grandsire Caters			1	1
	12	4	13	10

Thus, out of 25 peals he has called 14, no fewer than ten of them being conducted on handbells.

MOTTRAM'S OLDEST RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN HARROP.

It is with deep regret we record the death on August 11th, as the result of an accident, of Mr. John Harrop, of Mottram. Visitors to St. Michael's tower will miss the genial face of this ringer, who for 47 years has been connected with this tower, and was the oldest member of the band.

The funeral took place on August 14th, the first part of the service being taken in the church by the Vicar. At the graveside four comrades rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells: Isaac Schofield 1—2, Samuel Stott 3—4, Charles Marsland 5—6, Joseph Goddard 7—8. This last tribute, before leaving a departed comrade amongst the trees and beautiful surroundings of this lovely country cemetery, was a most impressive feature of the obsequies.

The deceased was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild and a life member of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, and had rung close on 100 peals, chiefly of Kent Treble Bob Major.

In the evening, by the kind permission of the Vicar, muffled touches of Kent Treble Bob were rung by his comrades of the tower, assisted by ringers from Oldham, Ashton, Stalybridge, Hyde and Glossop.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, on Tuesday of last week, rang touches of 992 Kent Treble Bob Major and 504 Stedman Triples at Ashton Parish Church with the bells muffled. The ringers, who express deep sympathy with the family of the deceased in their bereavement were: C. Bower 1, C. Broadbent 2, J. Broadbent 3, M. Oldfield 4, W. Wolstencroft 5, A. Adams 6, J. Harrison 7, S. Wood (conductor) 8. The funeral of the deceased took place at Mottram Church on Saturday, August 14th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND ITS CRITICS. CANON PAPILLON "OPENS THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE."

Sir,—During the last few weeks the Central Council has been invited, in tones ranging from righteous indignation to sorrowful remonstrance, to show cause why so useless and unpractical a body should exist at all. Thus far, counsel for the prosecution have had matters their own way. But you, sir, have put in some pertinent pleas for a stay of judgment; nor has any member of the accused body yet been heard in court. May I open the case for the defence?

I have been a member of the Council from the beginning; first as a representative, latterly as an honorary member; I have attended all the London meetings, and a fair proportion of those held elsewhere, and I think that I know something of the work done. Let me at once admit that a good deal of time has been wasted—as by most assemblies, not excepting Parliament itself—in unprofitable discussion. We have at times been bored almost to despair by much hair-splitting over technicalities of composition, legitimacy (or "regularity") of methods, and other matters with which only a few experts are competent to deal. But change-ringing, we must remember, is a science as well as an art. If there are doubts or difficulties on its scientific side, they ought to be discussed, and, if possible, settled; and where or by whom so appropriately as by a conference of representative ringers, including competent experts in both the science and the art.

As to the necessity of such a central body representing and co-ordinating the associations all over the country, I can add nothing to the argument of your article in the "Ringing World" of August 20th, which, in my opinion, is unanswerable.

The main work of such a body is done through committees, and very useful work it has been in many instances—even where it might be thought that too much time is spent in discussing their reports, or that the output of work has been disappointing. The committee on legitimate methods, for example, has occupied a large slice of our time, but surely it is for the benefit of the Exercise to have some pronouncement on this matter by competent authority? Or take the work of another body, the "Literature Committee," of which I am a member, and for whose shortcomings I must accept responsibility—a body which is at present the naughty boy, or the standing joke of the Council. In its earlier stage as the "Press Committee," it did, I venture to think, very useful work in securing through notices, letters or articles in the Press, some wider recognition of ringers and their art. Some articles, e.g., which appeared in the "Guardian," a leading Church newspaper, were reprinted as a pamphlet headed "Church Bells and Bell Ringing," and a "leader" in the "Times" of Sept. 23rd, 1899, has now been reproduced in Sir Arthur Heywood's book, "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging." These journalistic efforts were an outcome of our "Press Committee," as also has been the article "Bell" in the new edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," which arose out of a strong protest by our late secretary, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, against the ludicrously inadequate and inaccurate allusions to change-ringing in the corresponding article of the previous edition. Sir Arthur Heywood's book mentioned above represents recent efforts by the Council to promote a better understanding between Church architects, ringers and bell-hangers, which may have great re-

sults in the future. Nor ought we to forget the admirable pamphlet on "The Preservation and Repair of Church Bells, Frames and Fittings," issued by the Council in 1892. It is not the fault of the Council if clergy and church authorities have not used and profited by it as much as was hoped.

As to "practical matters," if the associations will take more interest in the Council and its doings, and submit questions of practical interest for its consideration, I do not think that they will find us indifferent or helpless. Legislation is another and more debatable point on which I will only say that if the Council is to legislate with effect, it must have power to enforce its decisions, and that power, as you say, must be given to it by the Associations themselves.

St. Albans, August 23rd.

T. L. PAPILLON.

THE OPENING AT ERITH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was not my intention to take any notice whatever of Mr. Groombridge's remarks at the Chislehurst meeting, but, when he sent you the report, his reference there was so worded that he misled your readers, and made it appear that there was confusion and muddle, which there certainly was not. I knew perfectly well what he was driving at. I want to make it quite clear that I have kept strictly to the rules of the Association. At the opening ceremony, and for some time after, the belfry was open to anyone, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to have a ring, but the peal in the evening, which was considered to be quite in keeping with the day's rejoicings on such a unique occasion, was entirely a private affair of my own, and nothing to do with either Mr. Groombridge or anyone else. All the band were prominent members of the Kent County Association, four of them being also members of the committee, and they knew full well the circumstances under which they were invited.

If I had included Mr. Groombridge, I could not have got a good representative band together. I had a previous experience of this last year in arranging a peal when no less than six ringers refused to ring if I included him in the band, and a seventh said he would ring, but preferred to be left out for the same reason. I therefore consider I was justified, under the circumstances, in leaving him out of the arrangements altogether.

I have been a ringer thirty-four years, nearly twenty-seven of which I have been a member, and more than twenty-three years an officer of the Kent County Association, and I am not afraid of any ringer, who knows me, accusing me of anything dishonourable such as has been imputed to me by Mr. Groombridge. Before he attributes dishonour to another he should first remember "Swanscombe," where we once met for Superlative.—Yours truly,

Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

A YORKSHIRE OUTING.

The St. James' Society, Bolton, Bradford, visited Rotherham and district for their annual Bank Holiday week-end off. At Rotherham they were met by the secretary of the local branch and taken to the hotel, which was to be their headquarters. Here a substantial tea was awaiting them, and later in the evening they took car to Wath-on-Derne, where they found a nice ring of six on which touches of Oxford and Plain Bob were rung. The party then returned to headquarters for the rest of the evening. On Sunday morning ringing at the Parish Church on the fine peal of ten (tenor 31 cwt.) was the order, and here they had the pleasure of ringing Grandsire Caters and Triples. Afterwards a visit was paid to the historic church on the bridge, while in the afternoon a visit was arranged to the park and museum, which was very much enjoyed by all. Ringing in the evening was at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, where on the musical peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) a quarter-peal of Grandsire was attempted for service, but was lost after some good ringing. A short touch of Stedman Triples followed, and a very pleasant hour was afterwards spent with some of the local company.

The first place on the programme for Monday morning was Beighton, where the visitors were met by some of the locals, and touches of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob tapped off. Eckington, four miles distant, was the next place of call, but the walk was amply compensated for by the bells, which in "go" and tone are the last word. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and Plain Bob were rung, everyone being delighted with this glorious peal of bells. Slaveley was next visited, and the party were met by some of the locals. The fine ring of eight were set going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, and the ringing much enjoyed.

The return journey to Bradford was made by train, the whole party having spent a very enjoyable week-end. They take this opportunity of returning their best thanks to the Vicars, churchwardens and ringers at the various towers visited for the very kind way in which they were entertained.

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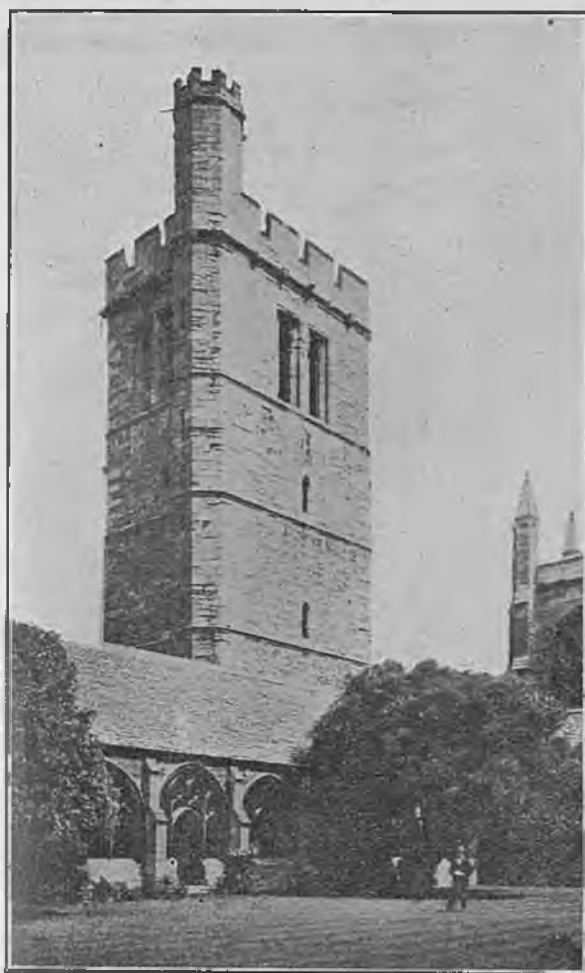
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

New College, Oxford, was founded by William of Wykeham, in 1379, under a charter of Richard II., and was formally opened in 1386. But it was not till some years later that the founder was able to obtain possession of the land on which the cloisters and tower now stand; these being consecrated on October 19th, 1400. For this reason the tower stands on the north side of the



THE TOWER OF NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD.

cloisters, quite apart from the chapel. It is 34 feet square, and occupies the site of a former bastion, which William of Wykeham was permitted to pull down.

How many bells it originally contained I have not been able to discover; but in 1655 there was a heavy peal of five there. In that year these were re-cast into a peal of eight by Michael Darbie, the surplus metal from the old bells more than covering the cost of the work. In 1712 two trebles were added, cast by Abraham Rudhall, and thus the present peal of ten was formed. Several of the original eight have been re-cast, as will be seen from the inscriptions, which are as follow:—

Treble.

MANNERS MAKETH MAN. A: R 1712 ††

Second.

MANNERS MAKETH MAN. W.W. A: R 1712.

*Third.*MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME. 1655. W.W. ▮
[Arms of New College.]*Fourth.*

MANNERS MAKES MAN. W.W. A: R 1703.

*Fifth.*MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME. 1655. W.W. ▮
[Arms of New College.]*Sixth.*HENRY KNIGHT OF READING MADE MEE 1672
[Running pattern of dragons with foliage and acorns for tails.]*Seventh.*

PROSPERITY TO NEW COLLEGE. A: R 1712.

*Eighth.*MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME. 1655. W.W. ▮
[Arms of New College.]*Ninth.*

MANNERS MAKETH MAN. A: R 1723 [S.S.S.]

*Tenor.*MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME. 1655. W.W. ▮
[Arms of New College.]

The arms on the 3rd, 5th, 8th and tenor are:—Argent, 2 chevrons sable, between 3 roses gules (Wykeham) impaled by gules 2 keys interlaced, across them a sword in bend sinister (See of Winchester). The tenor is 49 inches in diameter; weight about 20 cwt.

A tablet in the belfry records the following peal rung on Easter Monday, 1815:—

"March 27th, 1815.—Rung in this tower a complete peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS, containing 10,008 changes, in 6 hours and 42 minutes, by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths.

Thomas Pavier	<i>Treble</i>	Charles Pavier	<i>Sixth</i>
William Parker	<i>Second</i>	Joseph Montague	<i>Seventh</i>
John Tagg	<i>Third</i>	Edward Nickolls	<i>Eighth</i>
George Pavier	<i>Fourth</i>	Jonathan Pavier	<i>Ninth</i>
Henry Carr	<i>Fifth</i>	Thomas Cook	<i>Tenor</i>

This was the greatest number of changes ever rung in the University of Oxford, composed and conducted by E. Nickolls."

It may possibly be remembered that in my account of Christ Church Cathedral bells in "The Ringing World" of July 19th, 1912, I gave an account of the visit of some London ringers to Oxford at Whitsuntide, 1733, taken from Hearne's diaries. I now give his account of several attempts at a peal at New College and its final accomplishment. Hearne writes as follows:—

"On Thursday, May 17th, they [i.e., the London ringers] began to ring at New College, proposing to ring the said number of changes, viz., 5040 there. They began a little before twelve, and rang about three quarters of an hour, when one of the ropes broke, and so they were stopped. . . . The next day, being Friday, May 18th, they were resolved to ring the above-mentioned number of 5040 changes upon New College ten bells, as they had begun to do before. Accordingly they began a little before twelve, and rang full two hours in the morning wanting two minutes, when one of the ropes broke and put a stop to the peal, for which all were very sorry, as they were at the fall of the great bell at Christchurch. For their ringing at both places, as well as elsewhere, was most surprisingly fine, without the least fault from beginning to end, such as never was before in Oxford, and 'tis a scandal that the bells should not be in good order."

Hearne next mentions an attempt to ring 6876 Caters at New College by the Oxford ringers on May 1st, 1734, which came to grief after ringing for about 2½ hours. The next record is as follows: "1734, September 28th, 4 Kal. Oct.—Yesterday being the obit of William of Wickham (founder of New College) and the festival of St. Cosmas and Damianus, some of the Oxford ringers agreed to ring at New College, proposing to ring 6876 Cator changes upon the ten bells there. They designed to have begun at eleven in the morning, but 'twas near twelve

before they began, for they had rung only two hundred changes when the clock struck twelve. They had so many gross faults that it is not worth while to particularise them all . . . at length when they had rung 2714 (which was 4162 of the whole) they were quite out, it being then three-quarters after one. Then they set the bells, and soon after began again, and rang 650 and made an end at very near half hour after two. . . . I was very apprehensive yesterday when they first began that they would not perform their task, the compass being too wide, and the person that rang the ninth bell making a bad step even at first . . . As it will not be for their credit to have their names mentioned, so neither will it be for the honour of William of Wickham to discover who the persons were that perform'd so lamely on the day he died."

Hearne, however, appears to have changed his mind about concealing the names of the ringers who made the attempt above recorded; for later on, after some severe comments on a peal rung at Christchurch on November 5th, he goes on to say: "And now I have mentioned this 5th of November ringing, I will beg leave to take notice of the names who rang at New College (Friday), Sept. 27th last, being the founder of New College's obit, a thing I should not have done had not the ringers been so proud of this 5th of November at Christ Church, and been so much ashamed of that at New College . . . That they are ashamed of what was done at New College appears from all accounts. In so much that they have endeavoured to conceal the names of those that chiefly erred or blundered in the ringing, which notwithstanding I have been able to find out. The names of the ringers are in order thus: 1 Mr. John Vickers, 2 Mr. Thomas Nash, 3 Mr. John George, 4 Mr. Guy Terry, 5 Mr. Thomas Yates, 6 Mr. John Broughton, 7 Mr. Richard Smith, 8 Mr. William Barnes, 9 Mr. Arthur Lloyd, 10 Mr. Nicholas Benwell. The day before the ringing, Mr. Vickers told me that Mr. Richard Hearne was to ring the first and himself the 5th, and Mr. Yates the 6th; but Hearne excusing himself from being one of them, Vickers thereupon rung the 1st, and Mr. Yates the 5th, and Mr. Broughton (who was not otherwise to have been one) the 6th. As to Mr. Vickers he is very ingenious in the art of ringing, and is excellent in calling the Bobs and managing the musick of ringing. I think he is one of the very best in England, as he is withall a very good ringer himself; and yet at this time he miss'd calling two of the Bobs (one of which was before they had gone two hundred changes), as at the same time did likewise Mr. Arthur Lloyd and Mr. William Barnes (otherwise two famous ringers), commit most notorious blunders, and these were the three chief blunders in the undertaking, and 'twas from their mistakes that the peal was spoiled; and yet it must be owned that it happened purely from their being much in liquor, whereas they ought to have been sober, as indeed there can never be any true ringing but by persons that come to it perfectly sober!"

Hearne then records at some length another unsuccessful attempt on March 12th following. He further records: "March 22nd, Saturday.—On Thursday last the Oxford ringers began to ring at New College at three-quarters after twelve o'clock, and rang completely what they had attempted several times before, 6876 Cator changes, finishing the peal about three-quarters of an hour after four o'clock. 'Tis the first time that such a number of Cator changes was ever rung in Oxford upon ten bells. I did not hear the ringing myself, for the same reason I have specified above under March 12th inst. [i.e., illness] but I have heard from good judges, that take it altogether, 'twas a glorious performance. For tho' there were two very great blunders and some other had ringing, yet considering the length of the peal, it was admirable ringing, such as can hardly be matched, unless it be by the Londoners, it being a thing as it were next to impossible to go through such a long tedious work without faults. The names of the ringers were as before:—

1. Hearne, the Taylor.
2. Mr. Vickers, second Butler of New College.
3. Mr. George, the Taylor.
4. Mr. Guy Terry, Pot-ash maker in St. Clements.
5. Mr. Yates, second Cook of Magdalen College.
6. Mr. John Broughton, Barber.
7. Mr. Richard Smith, Glover.
8. Mr. Barnes, second Cook of Christ Church.
9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, who shews Great Tom.

They were much caressed when they had done, and were handsomely treated or entertained at New College, but Mr. Barnes could not be at the entertainment, being obliged as soon as the ringing was done to go to his brother the waggoner's in St. Aldate's then dying, who indeed died that very evening of a dropsy. He is the same Barnes that set up a waggon in opposition to the Vice-Chancellor."

Thomas Hearne, who wrote the above account, died the following year, June 10th, 1735, aged 57 years, and was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter-in-the-East.

N.V.C. RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to ask if there are any ringers in Mid-Bucks who belong to the N.V.C., as the ringers from Linslade, who are members would like to meet them when they have another inspection together.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Among the most esteemed members of the Stoke-on-Trent Association is Mr. John E. Wheeldon, who has just completed 15 years as leader of the tower at Norton-in-the-Moors. He began his ringing career at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, in the year 1889, under the guidance of the late Mr. William Twigg, and among the most notable peals in which he has taken part have been the first peal on the bells at Bucknall, on December 17th, 1891; the first peal of Treble Bob Minor ever rung in North Staffordshire (at Bucknall, May 2nd, 1893), and the first peal of Surprise Minor in the district, rung January 22nd, 1895. He conducted his first peal on May 14th in the same year and took part in the first non-conducted peal in the district on August 25th, 1896. His crowning performance, however, was at Bucknall, on April 6th, 1897, when he took part in a non-conducted peal of Surprise Minor in seven different methods, this being the first non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung in England. To show the determination of the band to accomplish this feat it may be mentioned that they practised every Tuesday and Thursday (without missing one practice) for six months. The ringers of this peal were: George Clarkson treble, William Wheeldon 2, John E. Wheeldon 3, Charles Preston 4, Daniel Preston 5, William Twigg tenor.

Leaving Bucknall, Mr. Wheeldon transferred his energies to Norton-in-the-Moors in 1900, as leader of that tower. Not content with ringing on all occasions at his own belfry, he has taken bands to outlying country towers to further the art of change-ringing, and conducted the first 5040 on the bells at Horton (near Leek) on October 26th, 1901, the bells having been hung in 1753. He conducted on March 8th,



MR. J. E. WHEELDON AND THE PRESENTATION INKSTAND.

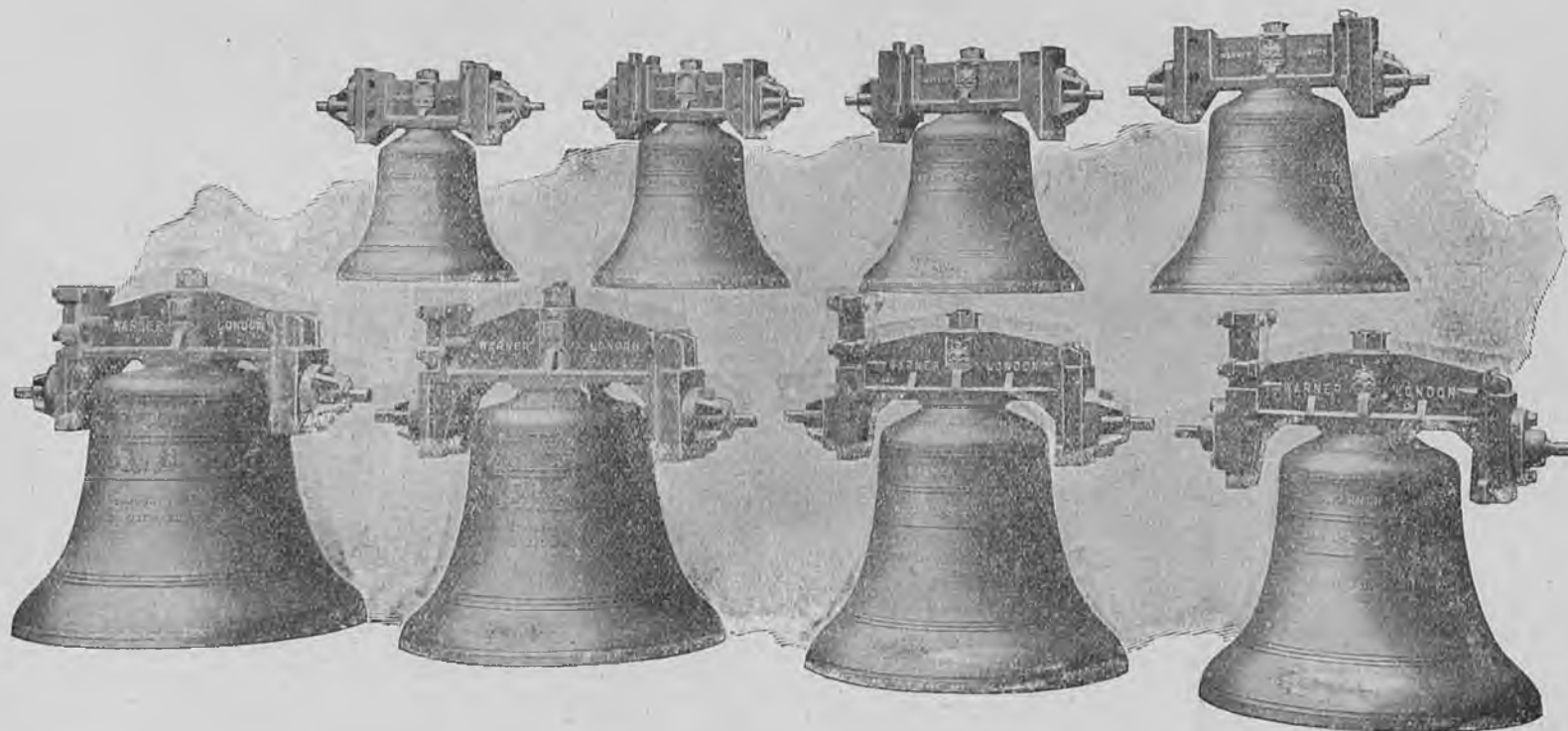
1902, the first peal at Brown Edge, where the bells had been hung since 1855, and the first peal at Burslem on April 29th, 1911, these bells having been in the tower since 1818.

Although always attached to a six bell tower, Mr. Wheeldon has rung in a peal of Triples each at Wolstanton and Stafford, and took part in the first peal of Major on the bells at Fenton. His total number of peals rung at present reaches 32, of which he has conducted eight. His tact and system of teaching beginners in the rudiments of change-ringing and the more advanced ringers in the higher methods is well-known throughout the Stoke-on-Trent Association, and many owe their progress in the art to him.

In recognition of his 15 years' service at Norton-in-the-Moors the members of the tower, past and present, have presented him with a handsome gift, consisting of a silver inkstand in the model of a bell, a silver pen-holder and blotter. The priest-in-charge (the Rev. J. A. Burroughs) presided over the gathering, which took place in the tower, and Mr. George W. Walker made the presentation on behalf of the ringers (he being an old ringer of 28 years ago). He referred to the very able manner in which the belfry was managed and conducted, due to the efforts of Mr. Wheeldon.—Mr. Wheeldon suitably responded with deep feeling, and votes of thanks to the chairman and Mr. G. W. Walker closed a very pleasing function.

The inscription on the inkstand was:—"Presented to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon by the members of Norton Belfry to commemorate his 15 years' faithful service as leader of that tower. July 15th, 1915."

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A RECORD PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the great performances of the past, for on August 27th, 1814, a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob was rung at Olley, Yorks, in 7 hrs. 15 mins., by a mixed band. The composition was one by Shipway himself, but the names of some of the band who took part in the peal seem now to have been lost. At least one ringer from Wakefield took part in the peal—William Woodhead, who rang the 7th, and, according to the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon's "History of Treble Bob," it is only in Wakefield tower that any record of the Olley peal remains. There, on a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Caters, there is a mention made of William Woodhead's part in the peal, which at that time was the longest length in the method that had been rung. The tenor was rung by two men (J. Tebbs, of Leeds, and J. Inman, of Keighley), and the peal was called from manuscript by a Keighley man who did not take part in the ringing.

THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

Still more interesting, however, is the anniversary which fell yesterday, for it was on August 26th, 1718, that the first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. This performance was accomplished at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and is thus recorded on a peal board in the belfry. "On the 26th of August, 1718, was rung that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire Triples which have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of this Age who delight in ye art of variations, but all their projections have proved errors until it was undertook by JOHN GARTON who, with long Study and Practice, have perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England; the extent of this peal being 5040 changes have oftentimes been rung with changes alike, but the first time that ever it was rung true was in three hours and a half without any changes alike or a bell out of course, by these men whose names are underwritten against their bells as they rung."

James Brook	Treble	Henry Howard	5th
John Briggs	2nd	Wm. Callow	6th
William Fulmer	3rd	Thos. Melchior	7th
Robert Crane	4th	Tho. Barrett	Tenor

Old writers, including Shipway, discredited the performance as a false peal, but the researches of Mr. Snowdon go to show that, while it cannot be absolutely proved either way, certain figures came to light which tend to uphold the claim that the peal was in reality true.

AN EARLY PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

Last Monday saw the anniversary of the first peal rung for the Cumberland Society by William Shipway. In the peal book of the Society it is described as "5184 Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle, being the second peal ever performed in that method." It was, of course, what we know as Stedman Caters. It was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on August 23rd, 1788, by John Reeves (composer and conductor) 1, Jno. Frazier 2, George Gross 3, Will Shipway 4, Will Gibson 5, Anthony Cavalier 6, Thos. Morris 7, Jas. Purser 8, Wm. Stephens 9, Robt. Mann tenor. The previous peal had been rung on May 28th, 1787, by the College Youths at St. John's, Horsleydown.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING OF BRISTOL BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Abbott's Leigh on Saturday last. Beautifully situated about four miles from the city on the Somerset side of the Avon, Abbott's Leigh is reached by a pleasant walk, and a goodly number of the members found their way to the tower. At about a quarter to four, sufficient ringers having arrived, the bells, which are a nice peal of six, and in good going order, were raised in peal and started to Grandsire. Other methods followed until five o'clock, when a short service was held in the church, the Vicar giving an appropriate address.

The company, numbering about twenty-eight, then adjourned to the schoolroom for tea, to which, needless to add, full justice was done. A business meeting followed, at which one new member was elected.

Mr. R. J. Wilkins then brought forward a suggestion to come up at the annual meeting of the branch, viz.: "That the branch be divided into districts of several towers each, and that it be arranged which districts be visited for some time ahead, only leaving the tower to be proposed. This, he pointed out, would ensure every member of a chance to visit a meeting in his own district."

The honorary secretary (Mr. George W. Tomkins) asked for an assistant hon. secretary to be appointed, as he found the work rather too heavy for one to manage.—Mr. R. J. Wilkins proposed, and Mr. C. Rawlings seconded, that Mr. Arthur W. Seviour be appointed. This was carried, and thanks were then accorded Mr. G. Tudball for kindly offering to accept the post, he afterwards standing out for Mr. Seviour's nomination.

The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, September 18th, at Henbury, where it is hoped to add one more to the number of successful meetings, which the branch has held during the present year.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and various methods were rung until a quarter-past eight. During the day some of the ringers took the opportunity of ascending to the top of the tower, from which a fine view of the neighbouring country was obtained. The meeting proved a most pleasant and enjoyable one.

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. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Howden on Saturday, August 28th, 1915. Bells available all day. Tea at 4.30. Tickets 1s. each.—Thos. Smith, Honorary District Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, Oldbury, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells available for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells from 4.30, meeting at 7. Nominations for general meeting to be sent in at this meeting.—W. Woistencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mobberley on Saturday, August 28th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Secretary, New Mills.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, August 28th. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Lamberhurst on Saturday, August 28th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Rectory (free) at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Service in Church at 5.45. By kind permission of Squire Morland, the grounds of Court Lodge will be open to members.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 31st for business, at St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, in Church Hall after service.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley, on Saturday, September 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Cardigan Arms.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, 6d. to those members who inform me by September 9th of their intention to be present. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South Eastern Division).—The annual meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, September 11th. Will all those intending to be present please notify F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in Schools, to all giving notice to G. Drake, 3, Empsall Row, Bonegate Road, Brighouse, not later than 7th prox. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 5 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

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RINGERS' PRESENT TO VICAR.

The Vicar of Saffron Walden (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus) has just been made the recipient of a gift by the members of the Saffron Walden Society, to mark the occasion of his marriage. The presentation took place after the return of the Vicar and his wife from their honeymoon, the Rev. and Mrs. Antrobus being invited to the belfry to meet the ringers on their practice night. The gift consisted of a handsome antique copper fire screen, surmounted by a bell. In making the presentation, the Master of the Society (Mr. F. Pitstow) asked the Vicar to accept it, not so much for the value of the thing, but as a token of the respectful regard they had for him. They all wished him and Mrs. Antrobus a long and happy wedded life, and hoped they would remain with them for a long time to come, but if circumstances occurred to call him away, they hoped the screen would remind him of the pleasant time spent with the Saffron Walden ringers.—The Vicar, in accepting the gift, thanked Mr. Pitstow for his kind words, and the company for the nice present, which he should always prize very much. It was of a handsome design. He hoped to remain with them for some time to come, as he had brought his wife into her native town. He also hoped to work with the ringers in the future as in the past.

The screen was suitably inscribed. A short touch of Grandsire Caters followed the presentation.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On August 23rd, 1915, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, for evening service, 975 Stedman Caters: J. B. Keen 1, G. T. Potter 2, W. W. Sinclair 3, W. Story 4, J. Foreman 5, B. Horton 6, A. F. Hillier 7, Lieut. J. H. R. Freeborn 8, R. Richards (conductor) 9, Petty Officer J. W. Noblett, R.N., 10. The ringer of the 8th bells from Kidlington, and of the tenor from St. Patrick's, Dublin, and both Navy and Army were thus represented in this touch.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on August 22nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Fitkin 1, F. Reeve (conductor) 2, H. Lovell 3, Pte R. Holder (4th Royal Sussex) 4, Pte Worgan (5th Somerset) 5, W. Grove 6, H. Heley 7, W. Redman 8. Pte Holder and Pte Worgan are now stationed at Halton Camp, near Tring.

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MODERN WORK.

A HINT TO YOUNG COMPOSERS.

Some few months ago there was discussed in these columns the question of the future of the Exercise, so far as it was likely to rest upon the shoulders of new men, who would take up the task of scientific investigation when those who now enjoy the reputation of being experts are no longer with us. We pointed out then that while there are still among us numerous very able composers who may still be looked to to supply the needs of ringers, there is, nevertheless, ample room for more devotees to probe the mysteries of composition. Apart from the actual practice of ringing there is a wonderful fascination in its theoretical side, and figures have a marvellous drawing power for those who will take the pains to sit down and study them for a while. The man who takes up this side of our art seriously will find it gives him endless pleasure and interest, even though there are now many directions in which composition has been worn almost threadbare.

What we want to urge upon those who take up composing, however, is that they should first of all make themselves perfectly acquainted with the subject, before they begin to compose peals. A mere knowledge of the transpositions of course ends, and the ability to put together a sufficient number of them to make up five thousand changes is not all that is necessary. Composition goes far deeper than this. Even in simple methods like Bob Major, to say nothing of those more intricate ones which have false course-ends, the tyro must remember that course-ends alone are not sufficient to prove a peal. The man who would be a composer must learn to ascertain for himself the truth of his compositions, otherwise he is not only wasting his own time but he may also waste the time of other people. The composer should make himself independent by thoroughly mastering his subject, and should not be content with stringing together a certain number of figures and leaving other people to ascertain their truth either before or after their publication in print. The man who leaves to chance the discovery as to whether a peal is true or false does not deserve well of the Exercise, yet there are not a few who do this. To publish figures merely in the hope of getting somebody else to prove them is a course which deserves condemnation. True, many of the most able composers have published false peals, but this has not been due to the fact that they have merely left the investigation of the figures to others, it is because of an error or oversight which they have made. Indeed, we have known instances of one eminent composer submitting a peal for verification to another equally able authority, who has passed it as correct, and yet the figures have turned out false.

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These remarks are prompted by recent experiences which have come under our notice, and for that reason, while beginners in composition ought to be encouraged in every way, we feel it is not out of place to point out the importance of their going sufficiently into the subject, before they start producing peals, so that they may be able to say with tolerable certainty whether or not their compositions are correct before they send them forth to the world, either publicly or privately. With the man who endeavours to construct a method and then wants somebody else to get out a table of false course-ends and to prove a five thousand of the stuff we have little patience. He is one of the folk who are trying to run before they can walk.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSHEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

R. ALDER GOFTON ... 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3-4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7-8
*BERT HORTON... .. 9-10	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal on handbells.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 28, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

At Southwood House, the Residence of Mr. F. S. WILSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1-2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: FRANK SMITH.

Witnesses: MRS. and MISS WILSON and MRS. ELDER.

The visitors wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank Mrs. Wilson, who kindly entertained them before and after the peal.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following ringers are serving in His Majesty's Forces:—

From Aldenham, Herts:—

Pte H. Green, London Electrical Engineers.

Pte H. Gilks, A.S.C., now in France.

From the Blewbury belfry:—

Wm. J. Grace, Royal Berks Regt., N.R., at Tring.

Richard G. James, H.A.C., on foreign service.

Walter V. Webb, Royal Berks (T.F.), in France.

Chas. Greenough, Royal Berks, N.R., at Chelmsford.

Montague G. Green, Berks Yeomanry, in Egypt.

Montague H. Aldridge, Berks Yeomanry, in Egypt.

Raymond Greenough, Royal Berks Regt., at Aldermaston.

Pte W. Blackledge, of Chorley Parish Church, Lancs, R.A.M.C.

Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, of the 104th Field Co., Royal Engineers, has been promoted to full lieutenant's rank. He has left for the front this week.

RINGER AT 84.

Not infrequently one sees instances of the advanced age at which a man may still actively engage in bell ringing, and one such example was provided on Sunday week at Wednesbury, when members of the Society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters for evensong, the ringer of the 7th being Mr. J. Bate, who is in his 85th year. Despite his advancing years, he rang well, and showed that he had not lost any of his interest and love for the art. The band was: S. Summerhill 1. T. H. Burkitt 2. H. Pratt (first quarter-peal in the method) 3. T. Hughes 4. W. E. Brittain 5. J. Barber 6. J. Bate 7. G. Hughes (conductor) 8. W. A. Cooper 9. T. Myatt 10. The touch was arranged for Mr. H. Pratt, of Harborne.

ROCHESTER RINGERS' MOTOR TRIP.

Owing to the war and the fact that most of the members are employed on Government work, the Rochester Cathedral Society contented themselves this year with a half-day's outing instead of the usual full day. A party of 33 met at the Town Hall, Chatham, soon after mid-day, the members of the Cathedral band being joined by ringers from Rainham, Chatham and Gillingham, with a few friends. A start was made by motor char-a-banc in not very promising weather, for Staplehurst via Maidstone. All went well until things became rather uncomfortable for an old friend, who is very fond of dogs. He found his feet rather warm, so a halt was called to investigate, and it was found the car was on fire. This, however, was soon extinguished, and after another start, and a long pull, the party arrived at the Upper Bell, overlooking the Medway Valley. Passing through Maidstone, and the pretty valley of Loose, they arrived about 2 p.m. at Staplehurst, where they had permission to ring. After an inspection of the village and the fine old church, a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples were much enjoyed on the fine old bells.

Biddenden was the next objective, but here the party were very much disappointed at not been allowed to ring, as this fine peal has recently been rehung. After refreshments and a look round the interesting village, the party made their way to Lenham, through the villages of Smarden, Pluckley and Charing. This destination was reached about 5.30, and here they were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. Elberington. Tea was waiting for the visitors, and was much appreciated by all after the long ride. The Vicar joined the party at tea, and afterwards expressed his pleasure at their visit to Lenham not only by giving them permission to ring, but by allowing them to look over the Vicarage gardens and undertaking to bear the expense of the tea. Needless to say, his hospitality was gratefully accepted, and thanks expressed to the Vicar for his kindness. Adjourning to the church for a pull, the party found things rather difficult owing to new ropes making good ringing out of the question, but a couple of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. The last stopping place on the trip was Leeds, where the excursionists had permission to ring on this historical peal of ten. They found the bells going to perfection, and several of the party tried their hand on ten for the first time. A course of Grandsire Caters and Stedman and Grandsire Triples brought the ringing to a close. Chatham was eventually reached again at 10.55 p.m., after a delightful half-day. The party wish to thank the various Vicars for their kindness in allowing them to ring, and the steeple keepers for having everything in readiness.

W. H.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There was a somewhat disappointing attendance at the annual meeting of the Preston Branch of the Lanes Association, held at Croston on Saturday week, only about 20 ringers turning up out of a membership of over 100, many towers being unrepresented. The ringing also left room for improvement.

At the business meeting, the Bishop of Whalley presided.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 19 members of the branch had joined His Majesty's Forces, one having been accidentally drowned during training.

Mr. J. R. Taylor and Mr. A. E. Woodhouse were re-elected to represent the branch on the general committee, and Mr. A. E. Woodhouse was re-elected hon. branch secretary (pro tem.) during the permanent secretary's service with the colours.

The next meeting is to be held at Walton-Le-Dale on October 9th.

Thanks to the Bishop for presiding and for the use of bells closed the meeting.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday last the above branch held their monthly meeting at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, when members from the following towers attended: Ashton-under-Lyne, Pendleton, Birch, Hyde, Reddish, Elixton, Miles Platting, Prestwick, Worsley, etc.

Mr. Ryder presided over the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers. The following were nominated for the offices of the Association: Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Worsley, vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, of Helmshore, ringing secretary; Mr. A. Barnes, of Reddish, and Mr. B. Gill, of Ashton-under-Lyne, auditors.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft was unanimously re-elected branch secretary, and Prestwick was chosen as the next place of meeting on Oct. 9th.—Several matters of interest were also discussed.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, branch secretary and local ringers were unanimously accorded, on the motion of Mr. J. Ridyard.

Ringing in various methods, including Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were indulged in by the ringers, who included Miss E. R. Barnes, of Reddish.

BELLS FOR CANADA.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are erecting a peal of ten bells, tenor 32 cwt., at Branford, Ontario. Mr. Bert Hughes, who is this year Master of the College Youths, is over in the Dominion superintending the hanging of the bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT RE-OPENING OF BELLS.**

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday, at St. Mary's Church, Devizes, and, being the occasion of the re-opening of St. Mary's bells, which have been silent for some long time past, a fairly good company of ringers and other friends assembled. A service was held in the church at three o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Colin Cameron, temporary curate of St. Mary's, assisted by the Rev. E. Conway King, temporary curate of St. John's, and the Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington (chairman of the branch). The first lesson was read by the Rev. F. Phipps, Vicar of St. Peter's, and the second one by the Rev. Canon Gardiner, R.D., Vicar of St. James', Southbroom. The address was given by Archdeacon Bodington, Vicar of Calne, who took for his text a portion of the inscription on the tenor bell, "Fear God and honour the King."

The bells have not been recast, but rehung in an entirely new iron frame of the II pattern with all new stocks and fittings, and the fact of their having all new clappers and being quarter turned and the louveres in the bell chamber blocked up to a considerable height, has very much improved and modified the sound of them.

After the service, tea was very kindly provided at "Hazlands" by the generosity of Mrs. Llewellyn, churchwarden of St. Mary's, on the lawn at the rear of her house, to which several lady visitors and 23 ringers sat down and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, Rector of Beechingslake (Master of the Guild) and Mr. H. Brownlee West, honorary branch secretary, were also present, the other ringers coming from the towers of Westbury, Trowbridge, Seend, Southbroom, Chilton, St. John's, Devizes, Bath Abbey, Holt, and Twerton-on-Avon. Some good handbell ringing was given on the lawn by several of the members.

After a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Llewellyn for her kindness in entertaining the party, which she graciously acknowledged, the ringers dispersed, some to St. Mary's, some to St. John's, and others to St. James' towers, where they enjoyed touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Triples until about eight o'clock, when the company dispersed to their various homes.

WREXHAM RINGERS AT SHREWSBURY.

On Wednesday week the Wrexham ringers had their annual outing, when Shrewsbury was visited. Leaving Wrexham about 1 p.m. in two motor-cars, they enjoyed a very pleasant run via Ruabon, Chirk, and Gobowen, Shrewsbury being reached shortly after three o'clock. Here they were met by Mr. C. R. Lilley, at whose residence they partook of tea, very kindly supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Lilley. After tea a visit was paid to St. Alkmund's Church, where they met Mr. G. Byolin, of Shrewsbury, and Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, who was on a visit to the town. Touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round, the "go" of the bells being much admired. St. Chad's was the next place visited, and at this twelve-bell tower the party were met by Major E. R. T. Corbett, who motor cycled over to meet the band, and by Messrs. Bullock, Brooks and Archdale. Touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques were brought round on the magnificent peal, the "go" and tone of which, the visitors found, was all that could be desired. The best thanks of the Wrexham ringers are due to those gentlemen who so kindly met them, and they also desire, through these columns, to thank the respective Vicars of the churches for granting the use of the bells. Mr. Lilley, too, must not be forgotten for the excellent arrangements he made for the programme he provided. The Wrexham band were accompanied by Mr. J. Kerrierson Jones, a churchwarden of Wrexham Parish Church. After ringing, the party had a look round the ancient town, and left for home about 8.30 p.m., travelling via Ellesmere. Wrexham was reached about half-past ten, after a very enjoyable day.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful ringing meeting of the Wellingboro' district was held at Meats Ashby, on Saturday last, and was attended by about 30 members and friends. The bells, a peal of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and good use was made of them, the methods rung including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

Tea was served on the lawn belonging to the post office. This being a meeting for practice and social intercourse no business was transacted. Amongst those present were Messrs. F. Wilford (general secretary), F. Stubbs (Raunds district secretary), and T. Law (Northampton district secretary).

A hearty vote of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who provided tea. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. Goosey suitably replied. After tea the ringers were shown round the hall garden by Capt. Stockdale.

The following towers were represented: Irthlingborough, Wellingboro', Finedon, Isham, Higham Ferrers, Northampton, Raunds, Earl's Barton, Burlon Latimer, Weston Favel, and Kingshorpe.

SEXTON'S LONG SERVICE.

The sexton of New Alresford, Hants, Mr. James Sart, has rung in the New Year for 57 consecutive years, and to mark his long services the Rector (the Rev. F. G. G. Jellicoe), who is brother of Sir John Jellicoe, has made him a presentation.

SUSSEX BELLS.

A BOOK FOR BELL LOVERS.

Many ringers, as well as antiquarians, have a deep interest in ancient bells. There is something peculiarly attractive about them. "I could sit and look at an old bell like this for hours," said a well-known ringer to me on one occasion, as he sat upon the frame admiring a Pre-Reformation casting, and there is no doubt that, quite apart from the science of ringing, there is, among many members of the Exercise, a great interest in the bells themselves, particularly when they date back five or six centuries. What vicissitudes of national and parochial life have these old bells witnessed, what joys and sorrows have they proclaimed with their brazen voices! They are a link with the dim ages of the past, and in their modellings they tell the history of a very ancient English craft. With their quaint letterings and their curious medallions, these relics of bygone centuries are, in these modern days when easy transit has rendered investigation a comparatively simple task, as an open book to those who have made bell archaeology a study, and from the inscriptions and the decorations which adorn these old bells, their founders and their dates can be very approximately fixed, even though neither the name of the one nor an intimation of the other appears upon the casting. And not only the name, but something of the history of the bell maker can be traced, as the result of the systematic research which numerous eminent antiquarians have made among the bells in various parts of the country.

A NOTEWORTHY JUBILEE.

Fifty years ago exactly, Amherst Daniel Tyssen, of Merton College, Oxford, published in Vol. xvi. of the *Sussex Archaeological Society's Collections*, "the inscriptions on all the bells of Sussex then existing and a disquisition concerning them," which was the very first complete county bell history ever published, and which was also produced in volume form. At that time there were many unsolved mysteries about the Pre-Reformation bells, which, in contrast to the method, introduced when bell founding revived after the Reformation, of putting the founder's name and the date upon the castings, contained no such information. Mr. Tyssen's early work did something to elucidate the puzzles, but it has only been by the gradual extension of the investigations to numerous other counties by other men, such as the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Canon Raven, Mr. J. C. L. Stahlschmidt and Mr. H. B. Walters—to mention but a few of the best known—that the history of these ancient bells and their founders have been pieced together with anything like certainty. Mr. A. D. Tyssen began the work fifty years ago, and since then about two dozen other counties have had their bells systematically surveyed, while books of a more comprehensive nature, covering the whole country generally, have also been issued. Mr. Tyssen has lived to re-publish his original work upon its jubilee, not merely in the old and, necessarily, somewhat limited form, but as a volume expanded by a wealth of new information gleaned from the discoveries of more recent years in other parts of England. The fact that Mr. Tyssen should have been spared to undertake, at an age of more than four-score years, the publication of another volume of this kind, is more than noteworthy, and in this connection, also, one may be permitted a personal note. On the desk before me lies the new book side by side with a copy of the original issue of half a century ago. The older volume was a gift to writer's grandfather by the author, as is testified on the fly-leaf, and this time-stained book has been a cherished possession to three generations of ringers.

What Mr. Tyssen's new book does is to gather up the threads, scattered through the history of bell founding, which have come to light in the past half-century, and draw them together so that we may have, as nearly complete as possible, the story of the ancient bells of Sussex. By an analysis of their inscriptions and decorations, and a comparison with bells in other parts of the country, there are few Pre-Reformation bells in the county which are not accurately identified, both as to date and founder, and in this Mr. Tyssen does bell lovers good service. In this respect, too, the volume is of much wider interest than to merely Sussex readers. The analysis deals with a large number of bells outside the county as well as those within its borders, and the volume is illustrated by numerous plates of the stops and medallions as well as the lettering found on the ancient bells. The concluding portion of the volume, which covers more than 200 pages in all, is devoted to a reproduction of the original book, with additional explanatory notes.

THE OLDEST DATED BELL IN ENGLAND.

Although for this new volume the author had much of the material ready to hand, the work shows prodigious pains in its preparation, and much care in the analysis of conflicting evidence, the result being that, in general, the conclusions, arrived at are convincing. There is only one thing in which a sense of disappointment strikes me. For the purposes of his work, Mr. Tyssen treats the condition of affairs in 1864 in the present tense. For the purpose of his consideration of the history of ancient bells this is perfectly satisfactory, but, during the 50 years which have elapsed since the information was originally collected, the bells in over 50 of the towers in Sussex at that time have been increased in number. Augmentation, as we know, is often accompanied by the recasting of some of the existing bells, while there are, of course, numerous cases in which the recasting of cracked bells

or bells out of time takes place without any increase being made in the number. Whether any of the very old bells in the county of Sussex have disappeared since 1864 through this means I do not know, and I am sorry that Mr. Tyssen has not told us which of the bells, catalogued in his original volume, still remain. In 1864 there were in Sussex 106 bells cast prior to 1570, 29 belonging to the period 1570—1599, 239 from 1600—1699, 371 from 1700—1799, and 205 to the 19th century.

English bell founders prior to 1570 (which date, it is interesting to note, is that which is believed to be the date of the establishment of the Whitechapel Foundry by Robert Mott) seldom put the date on their bells, although foreign founders appear to have done so. The fact that the little church of Duncton contains a bell cast in Holland in 1369, gives it the possession of the oldest dated bell in the county, and very likely in the whole of England. In Mr. Tyssen's opinion the spoliation of the churches which took place in the middle of the 16th century was not so extensive in Sussex as to much affect the present rarity of ancient bells in the county, and, as accidents destroying the towers and everything in them are fortunately of rare occurrence, the chief part of the blame for their disappearance is attributable to the remodelling of old peals to suit them for change ringing and the ordinary wear and tear of the bells themselves. It is a well known fact that many churches in former times had fewer bells, but heavier than at present.

INTERESTING FACTS.

Many interesting facts and conjectures are contained in the volume. For instance, we find the Reformation marking the period of a distinct change in the methods of founders. To those before the Reformation Mr. Tyssen gives a word of praise for the spirit exhibited by their inscriptions. "We find," he says, "an almost complete abnegation of self. We see neither churchwardens recording their names, nor bell-founders advertising their business. There is merely a little expression of religious sentiment. It may not be made in the way in which we should manifest our feelings, but still it was well meant; it was according to what our ancestors believed to be the right method of serving God. We could wish to see all modern bell founders putting pretty mottoes on their bells and making them works of art, pleasing to the eye as well as the ear. And I may mention that I believe one secret of making bells pleasant both to the ear and eye is to heat the mould before the metal is poured into it."

Then, too, we learn that this same period—the middle of the sixteenth century—saw a noticeable removal of bell founders from London. "Possibly," says Mr. Tyssen, "they thought that the exercise of their trade exposed them to charges of heresy or idolatry, and that such charges were more likely to be preferred in the ferment of the Metropolis than in the less excited atmosphere of the provincial towns. Certain it is that the business of bell founding fell to a very low ebb in London at the time of the Reformation. The uncertainty as to the outcome of the religious controversies, and the sale of old bells from the suppressed monasteries, doubtless affected the trade in bells all over the country, but London appears to have suffered most from these adverse influences. Hardly any bells exist which have been recognised as cast in London between the years 1530 and 1570, and there are hardly any unidentified bells which can by any possibility be attributed to London founders between those two dates. The effects of this loss of business were felt for a century and a half. In Post-Reformation times many provincial foundries sprang up, and it was not until after the year 1700 that London regained the pre-eminence which it formerly possessed as a centre of bell founding."

BELL HISTORY.

Sketching the history of bells after the Reformation, Mr. Tyssen points out that the change from ancient to modern bells is surprising. "The character and lettering of the inscriptions," the author informs us, "are completely changed, and to a slight extent the form of the bells themselves. For the character of the inscription, we nearly always find the date and generally the name or initials of the founder; we still find some sacred inscriptions, but more often modern rhymes, and the names of rectors and churchwardens. And for the lettering, we find few 'black letter,' and those few very poor imitations, the majority of the inscriptions, in the early part of the modern period, being in low, flat Roman letters, without any attempt at ornamentation; whereas the ancient 'black letter' was bold and regular, and the capitals graceful in form, and often ornamental, as in illuminations. Most of the ancient foundries seem to have died out, and their stamps, with a few exceptions, were lost. This period—that is to say, the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign—was the great epoch in the history of bell founding.

"As regards the change, part was probably due to the change in religion, and part was a change to which everything in the country was subject—the introduction of Roman letters and Arabic numerals. Part was also caused by the spoliation of which we may enumerate three distinct periods, in the reigns of Henry VIII., Edward VI and Elizabeth. That in the reign of Henry VIII. consisted chiefly in the dissolution of the monasteries, and what can have become of the hundreds of bells that came from them? Many, it is said, were sold and exported out of the country, but many more must have been sold in England. And this, coupled with the great diminution of the demand for bells, caused by the dissolution, must have been ruinous to the bell founders of the time. . . . Reading and London are the only two places, in this quarter of England, at which there appear to

have been bell foundries during the reigns of Edward VI, and Philip and Mary. And we lose sight of both of these for a few years in the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. This was the third period of spoliation, and there was then a strong feeling against all such things as 'noryshe any kinde of superstition.'

A REVIVAL IN FOUNDING.

"But on the 19th of September, 1560, a royal proclamation was issued, forbidding monuments to be defaced or bells to be stolen. This tells us that 'the covetousness of certain persons is such that, as patrons of churches or owners of the parsonages unappropriated, or by some other colour or pretence, they do persuade with the parson or parishioners to take, or throw downe the bells of the churches and chapels, and the lead of the same, to their private gain, and to the spoils of the said places,' and adds that, 'Her Majesty doth expressly forbid any manner of person to take away any bells, or lead of any church, or chapel now used, or that ought to be used, with public and divine service.'"

It was not until ten years after this, however, that there was any revival in the art of bell founding, and even then it was not a time at which bell founders were likely to make fortunes. Mr. Tyssen quotes from papers in the Record Office, showing that there were two petitions by Robert Mott, of Whitechapel, Bell Founder, to the Lord High Treasurer, in 1578, in which he petitions for the payment of a debt of £10 10s. due to him for eight years past, from Henry Howard, Esq., adding that "your said poor orator is greatly impoverished and come into decay, and is likely every day to be arrested for such debts as he oweth." A great movement in favour of bells, Mr. Tyssen reminds us, began before the end of the 16th century which, with a break during the Civil War and the Commonwealth has continued to the present day, and it is interesting to note, as a tribute from an outside investigator, that the author attributes the revival in large measure to the introduction of the modern system of ringing.

Enough has been said, I think, to show that Mr. Tyssen's book, although dealing primarily with Sussex bells, has an interest very much wider than the county itself, and, while it is a publication that all lovers of bell archæology will welcome, it is just the right kind of book to whet the appetite of those ringers who, hitherto, have failed to realise the fascination there is in the history of the ancient bells they ring. Indeed, it is a volume that should be in the possession of every lover of bells.

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J. S. G.

RINGING AT SHREWSBURY.

Among many touches rung recently at Shrewsbury Churches have been the following by members of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild and the St. Chad's Society:—

On August 8th, at St. Chad's Church, 287 Grandsire Caters: J. T. Wall 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Byolin 3, W. Brookes 4, G. Scarratt 5, G. Jones 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, A. Fullick 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, H. F. Turner 10.—On August 13th, 207 Stedman Caters: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, G. Scarratt 2, G. Byolin 3, J. Tudor 4, W. Brookes 5, G. Jones 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, E. V. Rodenhurst (first touch of Stedman Caters) 8, A. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. Recently, at St. Alkmund's, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Tudor 1, W. Brookes 2, G. Byolin 3, G. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, W. J. Taylor 6, A. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.—At St. Mary's, on August 1st, 560 Bob Major: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brookes 3, G. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, A. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (cond.) 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples: C. R. Lilley (cond.) 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Scarratt 3, G. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, A. Fullick 7, J. Wynn 8.—At St. Chad's, on Friday, August 20th, the society met Mr. A. Sidebottom, of Rochdale, and rang a touch of 180 Bob Royal: G. Scarratt 1, T. Peel 2, G. Byolin 3, W. Brookes 4, C. R. Lilley 5, W. Weatherby 6, G. Jones 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8, A. Fullick 9, A. Sidebottom 10. Also 160 Bob Major: W. Brookes 1, G. Byolin 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, W. Weatherby 4, G. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, A. Fullick 7, A. Sidebottom 8. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Scarratt 1, W. Brookes 2, G. Byolin 3, W. Weatherby 4, G. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, A. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley 8.—On August 22nd, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., paid a visit to St. Chad's, and the following touches were rung: 160 of Bob Major and 504 Stedman Triples. In the evening, 360 Bob Royal: J. Tudor 1, J. W. Jones 2, W. Brookes 3, G. Jones 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, W. Weatherby 6, W. Stockdale 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8, A. Fullick 9, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 10. Also 198 Grandsire Cinques: J. Tudor 1, J. W. Jones 2, C. R. Lilley 3, W. Brookes 4, G. Byolin 5, G. Scarratt 6, E. R. Trevor-Corbett 7, W. Weatherby 8, W. Stockdale 9, G. Jones 10, A. Fullick 11, H. Jones 12. Also 264 Bob Maximus: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brookes 3, J. W. Jones 4, G. Byolin 5, G. Jones 6, E. R. T. Corbett 7, W. Weatherby 8, W. R. Stockdale 9, E. V. Rodenhurst 10, A. Fullick 11, C. R. Lilley 12. First course of Maximus by all the band except the ringer of the tenor; also the first course of Bob Maximus on the bells, and by the Guild.

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD FRENCH.

On Sunday, August 15th, at his native Exeter, there passed away, after a prolonged illness, the well-known ringer, Mr. Richard French, at the age of 64 years.

Coming to London in March, 1874, Mr. French soon afterwards joined the College Youths, the St. James's and Waterloo Societies, and with his keen enthusiasm for change-ringing, he became one of the celebrities of the Metropolis.

For many years he was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey bands, and he also rang at St. Lawrence Jewry and most of the other City churches on festive occasions.

Mr. French was also a member of the Devonshire Guild and the Yorkshire Association. The exact number of his peals, which is a very considerable one both in the tower and on handbells, and in a variety of methods on from eight to twelve bells, is, unfortunately, at present unknown, but for the Yorks Association he had rung six peals, and for the Devon Guild 10, of which he had conducted seven.

Mr. French was one of the band of College Youths who, in the early eighties, did a good deal to popularise the ringing of Double Norwich Major in London, the first of the peals by this particular band being at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on March 25th, 1882. A footnote to the record in the society's books states that: "It is upwards of 40 years since a peal in this method was rung by this society," while Mr. Jasper Snowdon, in his history of Double Norwich, says, of the peal that "the performance may be said to mark a new era in the Double Norwich Court method."

The funeral took place at Exeter on Wednesday, the 18th ult., and on Saturday, August 21st, the "whole pull and stand" was rung at Southwark Cathedral by E. Horrex, E. Gibbs, H. Springall, C. F. Winney (conductor), A. W. Grimes, C. Lee, S. E. Joyce, R. W. Green, T. Langdon, W. Prime, W. T. Cockerill and A. S. Pettett, followed by three courses of Stedman Cinques, in which W. Langdon and S. Southby took part.—R.I.P.

THE OPENING AT CHRIST CHURCH, ERITH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I must apologise for breaking my word, by writing again, but I think Mr. Barnett's concoction of personalities and evasions require an answer.

Mr. Barnett plainly shows by his letter that he cherishes some feeling against me, which he has not had the principle to tell me face to face, but uses an occasion like this to let it out. But so far from hurting my feelings, I must thank him for enlightening me as to the methods pursued by himself and some of his circle, and I can assure him I shall have no cause to hang my head, whatever disclosures he makes about "Swanscombe" (three and a half years ago), or he can go back still further if he wishes to thoroughly blacken me in the ringing world, and I have no fear of results.

I can tell Mr. Barnett this much, that I have for some time been aware of an undercurrent in which he was involved, but I have been a ringer long enough to know that these things will occur. At the same time, when men in the district, for whom I have done my best during the time I have held office, vent their feelings as he has done over this, it only confirms in my mind that my action at the last meeting was justified, for while I have always been prepared to do my best, I fail to see reason in doing it for such repayment as this.

This is my answer to Mr. Barnett and any further personalities he cares to bring up will be treated with the contempt they deserve, as mud-throwing is hardly the favourite hobby of Yours truly,

Chislehurst.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

A CORRECTION.

A slight error crept into our report of Mr. J. E. Whouldon's ringing career, which appeared in our last issue. We spoke of the first non-conducted peal in the district on August 25th, 1896; this should have been the first "hand-conducted" peal. The ringer of the tenor called the first and last 720, and the other ringers called a 720 each.

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RINGERS WHO HOLD COMMISSIONS.

We give this week the photographs of two well known members of the Exercise who are serving in the Army, in which they hold commissions.



LIEUT. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON,
Royal Fusiliers.



LIEUT. E. MAURICE ATKINS,
Royal Engineers.

Lieut. Cyril Johnston, who is best known to ringers from his connection with the Croydon Bell Foundry, joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war as a subaltern in the Public Schools Battalions of the Royal Fusiliers. The battalions during the year have been a training ground for officers, Lieut. Johnston's battalion alone having supplied about one thousand to the new Army. In this respect it has done splendid work, and Lieut. Johnston would like to get into its ranks sufficient ringers to form a Ringers' Platoon. Those ringers who would like to be associated with other members of the Exercise in their military duties should communicate with Lieut. Johnston, at the 98th Infantry Brigade Depot, Farm Camp, Epsom.

Lieut. E. Maurice Atkins, whose home is at Isham, Northants, holds a commission in the Royal Engineers, for which his previous training eminently fitted him. Only this week his company joined the British Expeditionary Force in France. Lieut. Atkins' name first came prominently before the Exercise from his association with the Cambridge University Guild, being one of the band which a year or two ago achieved many capital handbell performances, and revived the activities of the Guild after a period of comparative quiescence. But Lieut. Atkins has, in addition, done much for ringing in Northamptonshire, and his peals have been spread from end to end of the country.

A FAREWELL TO SOLDIERS.

As a farewell to the ringer-soldiers who have been for some few weeks stationed at Woking, and who have since left on active service, an evening's ringing was arranged on Saturday at the neighbouring church of Horsell, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev N. Pates, R.D.), who visited the tower to wish the soldiers "God-speed and a safe return." A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), conductor, 1, Pte F. Kilborn (7th Northants Regt.) 2, Lce.-Cpl. C. H. Clarke (7th Northants Regt.) 3, A. H. Pulling (Guildford) 4, Lance-Corpl. C. S. Faulkner (7th Northants Regt.) 5, Sergt. E. Attwater (9th Royal Sussex Regt.) 6. Afterwards 120 Stedman Doubles and touches of Plain Bob and Double Court were rung, and the party subsequently had supper together.

RINGERS' HOLIDAYS IN HARVEST FIELD.

The Secretary of the Oxford Guild (Mr. A. E. Reeves) and the lady member of the Guild Committee (Miss M. E. Chillingworth) have spent their holidays by working in the harvest fields at Bradfield. They have been putting the corn into shocks, and Miss Chillingworth has alone shocked no less than 40 acres, including 15 acres of bearded wheat. Those who know anything of harvest work will readily understand what a task Miss Chillingworth set herself, for the long prickles of the bearded wheat get into one's skin and make one feel all of a creep. Although the days were tiring and hands felt something like they do after ringing a peal with a bad going bell, the amateur harvesters felt pleased that they had been able to "do their bit."

BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

"When will that be? say the bells of Stepney."

At the present time the tower contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 56½ inches in diameter, weight 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.; also a clock-bell. They were cast from a former peal of eight with additional metal. Their history is so fully described in the inscriptions that it is needless to say more about it here.

The inscriptions are all in plain large and small Roman capitals; but they are given below in ordinary type; as to imitate the original would take up too much space.

Treble.

"Geo^e Harper D.D. Rector, Matthew Easum, Robt Turner, Wm Wade, Wm Thompson, Geo^e Everitt, Church Wardens. T. Mears & Son, London, Fecit, 1806
~~~~~"

#### Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth.

"Geo<sup>e</sup> Harper D.D. Rector, Matthew Easum, Robt Turner, Wm Wade, Wm Thompson, Geo<sup>e</sup> Everitt, Church Wardens. T. Mears & Son of Whitechapel Fecit 1806  
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Sixth.

"To the pious memory of Mrs. Prisca Coborn a liberal Benefactress to the Seamens Widows of this Parish. FFFF T. Mears & Son Fecit 1806~~~~~"

Seventh

"The following Inscription was upon the 6th Bell of the late Peal. ~~~~~ VIRGINIS EGREGIAE VOCOR CAMPANA MARIAE 1603. T. Mears & Son fecit 1806."

Eighth.

"To the Honour of the Volunteers of the Parish of St. Dunstan Stepney, the Ratcliff Corps Commanded by John Boulcott Esq^r Major, the M.E.O.T. by Wm Thompson Esq^r Lt. Colonel, Poplar & Blackwall by John Wells Esq^r Lt. Colonel, 1806."

[N.B. M.E.O.T. in this inscription stands for "Mile End Old Town."]

Ninth.

"To the Honour of St Charles Wager Knt. First Lord of the Admiralty 1729. Patron of Stepney or Cockney's Feast Instituted at Ratcliff in the year 1674. And discontinued 1784. John Matthews Esq^r Treasurer. T. Mears & Son Fecit 1806 FFFFF"

Tenor.

"The late Tenor wt. 49 cwts. was given to the Priory of the Holy Trinity Dukes Place Aldgate by Nicholas Chadworth and: renewed by Thomas Marsow 1386 was sold with three others by St Thomas Audley to the Parish of St Dunstons Stepney: about the year 1540. Recast 1602. 1764 & 1799. The late Peal of Eight Bells were Recast into Ten by Thomas Mears & Son, 1806, in the presence of Geo Harper D.D. Rector. Revd Thos Thirlwall Lecturer. Mr. Mattw Easum Robt Turner: Wm Wade Wm Thompson Geo Everitt Church Wardens. Jno. Curtis Esq^r Jno. Edwards Esq^r Jeremh Snow Esq^r Jno. Paulin Esq^r Mr. James Barnfield Wm. Simons Mattw Warton Surveyor Jno. Salter Vestry Clerk."

Clock-bell.

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The inscription on the tenor is the longest I know of, and occupies six lines round the bell. It comprises 118 words and 518 letters.

The following are among the early peals that were rung on these bells by the Junior Cumberland Youths, 5039 Grandsire Caters March 8th, 1807; also 5075 Grandsire Caters, Feb. 1st, 1824; also by the Junior College Youths, 5200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Feb. 24th, 1808; and 5079 Stedman Caters, Feb. 15th, 1834. Many other peals have, of course, been rung on the bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT HOWDEN.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Howden on Saturday. About 50 ringers turned up from all parts of the district, and the bells were set going early in the afternoon. About 3.30, however, a stop was made on account of a public meeting, which was being held in the Market Place, and during this interval in the ringing an inspection of the historic old church was made.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Howden, the Rev. C. C. Potts, Vicar of Laxton, pointed out some of the main points of interest in the church, which undoubtedly ranks amongst the finest and most beautiful of all the Yorkshire Churches. No traces of the original Norman Church, mentioned in Domesday Book, remain. The church, which is cruciform, was made Collegiate in the 13th century, probably by Robert, Bishop of Durham, in 1268. The dimensions of the church are as follows: Nave 107ft., choir 109ft., total length of transept 112ft. The nave is a beautiful specimen of decorated work, with a simple but remarkably beautiful west front, surmounted by exquisite open work turrets. Adjoining this front is the "Perpendicular" Grammar School. The nave consists of six bays, covered by a modern waggon roof, under which the "weather moulding" of an earlier roof is plainly seen against the west wall of the lower. Above the decorated south porch, now used as a vestry, is a parvise-chamber, with a blocked door into the church. The transepts are the earliest part of the church, and both the south and north doors are said to be Early English. In the south transept are a carving of the Annunciation, an altar tomb, and the carved figure of a priest, and railed in, what is known as the Saltmarsh Chapel, with three piscinas, a stone altar slab, a beautiful altar tomb, a recumbent effigy in chain armour, and the arms of Metham, Saltmarsh, etc., in the windows. The chancel is blocked in from the tower by the former rood-screen, now used as a reredos, of late Perpendicular work. The chancel is in a state of ruin, but enough remains in the ornate decorated style to denote its former magnificence, and especially of the glorious east window. The lovely ruined Chapter House is reached from the south of the chancel by an ogee headed doorway, giving access to a short vaulted Perpendicular passage, to the east of which is a small chantry. The choir is said to have fallen into ruins about 1700.

At Howden the Bishop of Durham formerly had a palace, of which there are still some slight remains, built at some date unknown, but largely improved by Bishop Skirlough, c. 1388-1406: while in the market place are the relics of the old stone cross.

The visitors afterwards partook of tea at the Mission Hall, 55 ringers doing full justice to a splendid repast. The business meeting was subsequently held, Mr. A. E. West, the vice-president, presiding.

The Secretary announced that during the year eight new members had joined the Association in the eastern district, and the result of the new members elected that day would be the beginning of a branch at Thorne. The new tower would start with three new members of the Association, and he hoped before the next meeting to have the pleasure of journeying to Thorne to witness the other recruits in the art of change ringing being put through their first 720.

It was decided to ask permission to hold the next meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet. This was another tower where no members of the Association at present existed, but it was felt the holding of a meeting there would do good, and it was hoped would be the means of another tower being opened.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to all those who had assisted to make the meeting a success was carried, and the meeting was brought to a close.

The bells were again set going, and several touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman Triples were well struck. Some amusement was caused by the seemingly difficult handling of the bells, and the missing of the sallies, the real cause of which, however, was the enormous length of rope.

The bells were lowered about 7.30, and a most enjoyable, instructive, and successful meeting was brought to a close.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—For evening service on August 8th. 720 Bob Minor: F. Wall 1, H. B. Day (composer and conductor) 2. C. S. Gouldthorp 3. J. W. Ward 4, W. J. Winter 5, F. C. Harper 6.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 8th, at H.M. Chapel the Dockyard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Marsh 1, W. Ford 2, W. G. Hiscott 3, W. Richards 4, J. Woodley 5, W. Rundle (conductor) 6, Private W. White (Somerset L.I.) 7, G. Kerswill 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On August 8th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: F. Ward 1, A. Speller (Widford) 2, W. Hawkes 3, H. E. Parker (Barking) 4, M. Windley 5, H. Sharpington (conductor) 6.

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A bye meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, in Church Hall after service.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 7th and 21st; and for service on the 12th at 6 p.m. At the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on the 9th and 23rd, and for business on the 14th and 28th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 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, Walthamstow, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, 6d. to those members who inform me by September 9th of their intention to be present. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South Eastern Division).—The annual meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, September 11th. Will all those intending to be present please notify F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in Schools, to all giving notice to G. Drake, 3, Empsall Row, Bonegate Road, Brighouse, not later than 7th prox. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Leighton Buzzard on September 11th. The Leighton bells will be available at 2.30 and the Linsdale bells at 6.30. Tea at Woods and Co., High Street, at 5. Service at Leighton Church at 6, with an address by the Rev. J. J. A. Stockton. — A. Rust, Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stockland on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; service at 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m.; meeting to follow. Cannington bells will be available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 5 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run to Trysull will take place on Saturday, September 11th. Meet at 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, September 11th. Service 5 o'clock at St. Mary's Church. Tea 9d. each to members, and meeting at Blue Boar. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 8th. — F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moor-side on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. — Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alvechurch on Saturday, September 18th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Tea in the schools, 10d. each, will be provided for all who let me know on or before Wednesday, September 15th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: J. J. Parker 1, E. Harding 2, W. Walden 3, J. Elderfield 4, J. Walden 5, W. H. Fussell (conductor) 6.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—At All Saints' Church, on August 1st, for service, 360 Bob Minor: R. Potts 1, J. Casson 2, J. Tickle 3, J. Winthrop 4, W. Holmes (conductor) 5, T. Casson 6, G. Martin 7 (covering). Also 360 Bob Minor by the same band, with J. Tickle (conductor).

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, for evening service, on August 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes): R. Rogers 1, A. W. Coles 2, A. Andrews 3, H. Key 4, F. Wiltford 5, A. Moore 6, S. Millwood 7, W. Rogers (conductor) 8, G. Flavell 9, E. James 10. Arranged for Messrs. A. Moore and A. Andrews, of Daventry.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On August 1st, for morning service, 480 Oxford Treble Bob, and 240 Bob Minor.—Evening service, 480 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, J. Spencer, W. H. P. Mellin, L. Naunton, E. Chatten, Private T. King, N. R. Bailey, F. W. Naunton (conductor).

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 1st, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by F. W. Thornton (Greenwich) and 360 Bob Major, conducted by E. J. Harding: H. Hoptrough 1, C. Groves 2, F. Burrow 3, A. Collins 4, J. Symonds 5, C. Creasy 6, F. W. Thornton 7, E. J. Harding 8.—On August 8th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, J. Symonds 2, C. Groves 3, H. Hoptrough 4, E. Reynolds 5, F. Burrow 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Holloway 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—At St. Michael's Church, on August 5th, 720 Bob Minor, in 32 mins.: W. Garraway 1, W. Welling 2, T. S. Smith (1st 720) 3, T. Goodchild 4, W. Henley 5, G. Martin (conductor) 6.

CHILVERS COTTON.—On August 7th, by kind permission of the Vicar, touches of Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung by Nuneaton, Cotton and Coventry ringers. Arranged for Mr. Balcombe (of Coventry) and Mr. Dexter (Leicester).

NUNEATON.—On August 8th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 704 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Argyle 1, R. Pollard 2, W. Horton 3, F. Dexter (Leicester) 4, G. Stoneley 5, J. Clarke 6, J. F. Clarke, senr., 7, T. W. Chapman 8. For evening service, two courses of Cambridge and three courses of Superlative: W. Martin 1, R. Pollard 2, H. Argyle 3, F. Dexter 4, E. Stone 5, J. Clarke 6, J. F. Clarke 7, T. W. Chapman 8. Rung as a farewell to E. Stone, who left Nuneaton the following day with the 216th Fortress Company for Cosham, Portsmouth.

BLACKPOOL.—At St. John's Parish Church, for the thanksgiving service, on August 9th, terminating the successful mission of the Bishop of Manchester, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Green 1, H. Bentley 2, W. Wilkinson 3, T. H. Parkin (Scunthorpe) 4, H. Threlfall 5, F. Greenwood (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, J. Winter 8. On Sunday evening, August 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. T. H. Parkin, as above.

GORSEINON.—West Wales Association.—On Saturday, August 14th, at St. Catherine's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 21 mins.: G. Ellicott 1, S. Perry 2, A. Hoare 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Hoare (conductor) 5, F. Webber 6. First 720 on the bells, also the longest touch by the ringers of the treble and tenor. The ringers of the 2, 3 and 5 hail from Swansea.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On August 15th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: F. Ward 1, A. Speller (Widford) 2, W. Hawkes 3, H. E. Parker (Barking) 4, E. Clarke (Broomfield) 5, H. Sharpington (conductor) 6.

KELSEA, SUFFOLK.—On August 15th, for morning service, 1344 Supulative Surprise Major: G. Hardy 1, W. Drew 2, E. S. Bailey 3, E. H. Bailey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, W. Stredwick 6, G. Rumsey 7, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On August 15th, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples: J. G. Rumsey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, W. Stredwick 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. Titterton 8. The above touches were rung to oblige Mr. W. Stredwick, of Brighton.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Sunday evening, August 15th, at St. Mary's belfry, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Signaller Robson 1, J. T. Frenchum 2, G. Holmes 3, T. Watkin 4, J. Watkin 5, R. Willis (conductor) 6. The conductor is 17 years of age, the ringer of the 5th is 17 years of age, and the ringer of the 4th 16 years of age. The last-named rang his first 720 on August 1st, this being also 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Thorpe 1, J. Watkin 2, J. T. Frenchum 3, T. Watkin 4, R. Willis 5, G. Holmes (conductor) 6. The ringing was good from such a young band.

SCUNTHORPE.—On Sunday evening, August 15th, 504 changes Grandsire Triples: H. Parkin 1, C. H. Bird 2, W. A. Miller 3, T. H. Parkin (conductor) 4, T. P. Hocknell 5, H. Strickland 6, G. Vamplen 7, G. Ella 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. H. Dickinson, who was for many years a member of St. John's Parish Church Choir.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for men's service, on August 15th, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 44 mins.: Robt. Holloway (first in the method) 1, A. W. Davis (first in the method away from treble) 2, G. Iles 3, A. W. Darlington 4, C. Hunt 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Armiger Trollope 8.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On August 19th, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Watts 1, T. J. Watts 2, R. Law 3, G. Gray 4, H. W. Watts 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, F. Potter 8.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, 280 Grandsire Triples, and for evening service, 182 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, R. Law 4, A. Jordan 5, H. W. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

LONG BATON.—On August 20th, prior to a memorial service for those fallen in the war, held in St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), with bells half-muffled: R. Senechall 1, R. A. H. Hickton 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 6, T. Hutchinson 5, H. E. Green 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, H. Turner 8. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor hail from Sandiacre.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: B. Chorley 1, W. E. Jelley 2, J. Harlow 3, H. Hulton 4, C. N. Burdock 5, H. Burdock 6, O. Hazelden (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8. Arranged for Gunner J. Harlow, of St. Edward's Parish Church Company, Leek, Staffs.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for divine service, and also to commemorate the 88th birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Collings, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Sharke 1, R. Christian 2, F. Hopper 3, W. J. Allen 4, Lce.-Corpl. C. Sharke 5, Lce.-Corpl. C. Faulkner 6, W. Sharp (conductor) 7, T. Law 8. Mr. R. Christian hails from Yarmouth, and Lce.-Cpls. Sharke and Faulkner, of the 7th Northamptonshire Regiment, were home on leave prior to leaving England.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: H. Blundell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, J. C. Dean 3, J. White 4, H. Rainbow 5, J. T. Hensman 6, W. Farey 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Iltyd's Church, on August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Gregory 1, T. J. Evans 2, W. J. Nulton 3, A. J. Stanley 4, C. J. Perry 5, R. Evans 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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MODERN WORK.

ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES.

Not many of our ringing associations, we think we are right in saying, have done much in the way of establishing a library for the use of members. Yet such a library has some obvious advantages. In the first place its educational side is not unimportant. It gives those who have access to it the opportunity, not only of improving their knowledge of practical ringing and the theoretical side of the art, but also of receiving a good deal of enlightenment from the experience of others who have patiently laboured to unravel some of the mysteries of campanology. Then, too, they may learn more of the history of bells and ringing, of the story of the one, extending back through the centuries, of the evolution of the other. For the average individual, much of this interesting material is beyond reach, and for that reason he makes no effort to learn. He is content with the one or two text books which enable him to acquire as much of the art as is necessary to enable him to take his place in the belfry. He cannot afford more, yet had he the opportunity he would, in many cases, be glad to improve his knowledge.

But while it is beyond the ordinary ringer to accumulate anything like a comprehensive collection of books upon bells and ringing, the building up of such a library, open to the use of all its members, is well within the realm of possibility for an association. The best collection by an association which we know of is that in the possession of the Hertford county organisation, which has a library of over 40 volumes, some of them of value on account of the early date of their publication, others modern and more instructive from the change ringer's particular point of view, some of especial local connection, others of greater value by reason of their wider scope, but all full of interest to the man who loves bells, not only for the pleasure he gets from the ringing of them, but also from their connection with our churches and the part they have for centuries played in the religious and civil life of the nation.

What the Herts Association has done, other societies could do. The library in St. Peter's belfry at St. Albans is the growth of years, many of the volumes having been added through the generosity of individuals. The books are at the disposal of members whose frequent applications for the use of them, betoken their appreciation of the facilities offered. A library, and encouragement to read, should tend to increase the interest of members in their art, and the effect is then bound to be reflected in a greater interest in the association. We should like to hear that all over the country associations were doing something on the lines of what the Herts Association has been doing for years. It does not involve heavy outlay, but just a steady purposeful resolve to add suitable volumes to the collection whenever opportunity arises.

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- Pte H. Parkes, of St. Mary's, Selly Oak, R.A.M.C.
- Pte O. Bowers, of Widford Parish Church, 2/5th Batt. Essex Regiment.
- From St. Michael's, Blackburn, Lancs.:—
 - Pte A. Tomlinson, R.A.M.C.
 - Pte F. Ramsbottom, R.A.M.C.
 - Pte T. J. Dinsdale, Royal Marines.
 - Lance-Corpl. R. Bradley, East Lancs Regt.
 - Driver T. Standliffe, R.F.A.
 - Bombardier E. Standliffe, R.F.A.
- From Springfield, Essex, Parish Church:—
 - Pte C. Cook, 2/6th Batt. Essex Regiment, at Tring, Herts.
 - Corpl. H. Dawson, 9th Batt. Essex Regiment, in France.
 - Pte C. Weship, Essex R.E.
 - Pte J. Dow, 2/5th Batt. Essex Regiment.
- From SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge:—
 - Ernest Leigh, Royal Engineers, now at Gillingham.
 - Herbert Leigh, West Kent Yeomanry, at Maresfield, Sussex.
 - James Heasman, junr., West Kent Regt., in India.
 - Roger Thornby, Dorset Regiment, wounded, and in hospital at Boulogne.
 - Richard Jenner, West Kent Regiment, at the Dardanelles.

SPALDING RINGER KILLED AT DARDANELLES.

LANCE-SERGT. RICHARD MACKMAN'S FATE.

An intimation has been received by his parents that Lance-Sergt. Richard Mackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mackman, of Spalding, and a member of the Spalding Parish Church company of the Lincoln Guild, has died of wound sustained in action in the Dardanelles. Physically a fine specimen of humanity, Lance-Sergt. Mackman was every inch a soldier, and he saw fighting in Flanders as well as against Turkey. When a young man he tried several times to enlist, but was rejected on account of a hammer-toe. But the martial spirit filled him, and, after voluntarily undergoing an operation for the removal of the offending member, he entered the 2nd Batt. Lines Regiment. When war broke out, he was with his battalion at Bermuda. They were ordered to France, and arrived in the fighting line on November 14th last year. There they had to fill the gaps made in the ranks of the 1st Lines on the retreat from Mons. About Christmas time, while on outpost duty, about thirty or forty yards from the German trenches, Corpl. Mackman, as he then was, was wounded in the ankle by a machine gun bullet. He, however, went back into the trenches and stuck to his post for another nine or ten days, until on Boxing Day his foot became so much worse that he was removed to hospital, and subsequently brought back to England.

On returning to duty he was promoted to Lance-Sergeant, drafted to the 6th Batt. of the Lines Regiment, and, about six weeks ago, was sent out to the Dardanelles, where, like so many other heroes, he has met his fate, his death occurring on August 17th.

He was 22 years of age, and was the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Mackman, two of his brothers being also in the Army. One of them, as we recorded at the time, was wounded in the fighting at Mons. Although he had only rung one peal, Richard Mackman was a good and painstaking striker. His father has for 40 years been vergar and leader of the ringers at Spalding Parish Church, where, on Sunday week, the bells were rung muffled as a token of respect, and the choir of which Lance-Sergt. Mackman had formerly been a member, sang his favourite hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," while at the close of the service, the Dead March in "Saul" was played.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING AT LAMBERHURST.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association was held at Lamberhurst on Saturday week, and was attended by about 25 members from Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Kilndown, the local tower, and by Mr. T. Groombridge, hon. secretary of the Lewisham district, and Mr. O. Tribe, hon. secretary of the Ashford district. The members were kindly entertained to tea on the lawn at the Vicarage by the Vicar and Mrs. Boyd.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) explained that the reason he had arranged the gathering was because the business meeting at Speldhurst had to be postponed owing to his absence, and he had had a hint that the Vicar would welcome them to Lamberhurst. He, therefore, thought he could not do better than arrange it (hear, hear).

The Vicar (Canon Boyd) was elected a member of the Association, as were also Messrs. R. Jenner and R. Thornby, of Edenbridge, and A. M. Hawkins, of Tonbridge.

The District Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Boyd and Mrs. Boyd for their kindness in entertaining the members to tea, and also for the use of the bells, etc.—The Vicar, in reply said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to welcome them to Lamberhurst. He was glad that they had arranged the meeting, for, although this was not a time for outings, he did not regard these meetings in that light. He was keenly interested in ringers and ringing, and although he was not very far advanced in the art, he hoped to become more efficient.

A special service was afterwards held in church, which took the form of an intercession for our sailors and soldiers, instead of the usual association service.

The Vicar then personally conducted the members through the beautiful grounds of Court Lodge, which had been kindly opened to them by Squire Morland, and, with ringing on the bells of the church, and on handbells in the grounds of Court Lodge, a very enjoyable time was spent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable bye-meeting of the South Western Division was held at Dagenham on Saturday last, and was attended by about 30 members and friends, including Corpl. G. H. Gale, Pte L. E. Moore, and Pte F. Nipper, of the Somerset Light Infantry, the two former belonging to Easton-in-Gordano, and the latter to Wrington, now stationed at Purfleet. The bells, a handy ring of six, were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held at 5 o'clock, the Rev. Jones giving an eloquent address. Tea, at which the Rev. Jones presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, was served in the Church Hall.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church Hall, to Mr. E. Hawkins for making the arrangements for the meeting, to the choir men and boys for their services, and to Mr. Palmer for catering.

THE ERITH PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Exercise I have read with a certain amount of pain, and I can assure you that I do not speak for myself alone, the controversy over the Erith peal. To me it appears quite a personal matter, and surely a time like the present is not a period for petty squabbling through the Press. I know both Mr. Groombridge and Mr. Barnett, and can honestly say they are both capable of writing better articles for publication that would be of service to the Exercise, but if they write for twelve months as they have during the last month it will not increase their standing in the eyes of their brother ringers. This quibbling is far from edifying, and must bring down the standard of ringers which has risen during the past 25 years. What can our clerical ringers think on the subject? I hope the matter will soon drop and be forgotten.—Yours truly,

A DISGUSTED MEMBER OF THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Coaley on Saturday week, when 34 members were present representing eleven towers. Touches of Grandsire were brought round before the service, the latter being conducted by the Rev. J. A. Lindam (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, ex-Master of the Guild, who read the lesson.

Tea and the business meeting were held at the Fox Inn, the Rev. J. A. Lindam presiding, supported by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Mr. F. K. Howell (Master of the Association).—Yate and Chipping Sodbury was selected for the next monthly meeting on September 25th, and Berkeley for the quarterly meeting on Oct. 9th.—One new lady member was elected.

Mr. F. K. Howell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, after which touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung at the tower until after 8 p.m. The bells were lowered, as most of the visitors were cycling away to their respective homes, after a pleasant outing.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the Parish Church, Oldbury, on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended by members from the following towers: Bilston, Dudley, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldbury, West Bromwich, Tipton, Sedgley, Wednesbury, Birmingham, Blakenhall, etc. The weather was all that could be desired. The bells were raised at 4 o'clock, and kept going until 5 p.m., when the beautiful service of the Guild was said in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Birley), who also gave a very interesting address on bell ringers and their work as church workers.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Spittle) presided in the absence of the Vicar, who unfortunately had to leave on other business.—Four new members had been elected. Mr. W. Rock Small invited the Guild to hold their next meeting at Tipton, and the offer, it is needless to say, was gladly accepted.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness in conducting the service and his address in church, and to the organist for his services, also to Mr. S. Spittle for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. F. G. Burleigh for making the necessary arrangements, and another successful meeting was thus brought to a close.

PERFORMANCES OF PAST CENTURIES.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the early peals of Grandsire Triples. On a tablet in the belfry of St. Mary's, Coddanham, Suffolk, is recorded the following:—

"On Thursday, September ye 10th, 1741, was rung in this steeple by ye Crowfield Society of ringers, a complot peal of Five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two Doubles only, it was completed in three hours and seven minutes by ye men whose names are underwritten:—

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| Theodore Ecclestone, Esq. ... | 1 | Samuel Keeble | 5 |
| Daniel Horsham | 2 | John Leggett | 6 |
| John Foster | 3 | Stephen Garnham | 7 |
| Samuel Cullum | 4 | Samuel Anderson | 8 |

John Foster call'd the bobs."

Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., was a gentleman who resided at Crowfield, and took much interest in ringing. He gave the eight bells to Coddanham and also the ten to Stonham Aspell. After this, says Mr. Jasper Snowdon, in his "History of Grandsire Triples," his estate at Crowfield was sold, and his ringers, who worked there, were dispersed.

Can any of our readers tell us whether they have come across the name of Theodore Ecclestone in any other tower?

On Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1807, a peal of 6140 "Bobb Major Royal" was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry.

On Sept. 9th, 1750, a peal of Bob Triples was rung at St. George's, Southwark, by the Union Scholars, one of the ringers being John Holt.

HORBURY.—At St. Peter's Church, prior to Sunday School Festival procession, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): H. Pickles 1, G. F. Pickles 2, G. Hunt 3, J. Smith 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thickett 7, W. Downing 8.

AN UNIQUE CELEBRATION.

GREAT DAY AT ERDINGTON.

On Saturday last a good muster of campanologists, belonging to the Midlands, and several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheshire, were invited to spend the afternoon at Rose Cottage, Erdington, Birmingham, to again celebrate the ringing by the same band, with an interval of twenty years, of two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major at Coseley Parish Church, Staffordshire.

The day opened auspiciously, especially after the wet weather that had been experienced previously in the week. As the day wore on it grew brighter and warmer, and at the time of meeting—3.30 p.m.—the weather was ideal. At the time mentioned some of the veterans put in their appearance. Mr. W. Rock Small, accompanied by Mr. John Smith, of Tipton, was the first to arrive, followed, soon after, by that wonderful "young" man, Mr. James George, carrying a large bag of handbells, and Mr. Harry Mason, who had been motoring in South Wales with his wife and friends, but who left his party at Cardiff on the Friday night so that he could be amongst the "noble eight" once again. These gentlemen were met by Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire and Mr. Ben Gough (who had had the arrangements in hand).

J. George and J. T. Perry, who sat together, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Little, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. W. H. Godden, Mr. A. E. Law, Mr. T. Horton, Mr. John Smith, Mr. G. Popnell, Mr. W. Ladds, Mr. G. Garrison, Mr. A. Marsden, Mr. C. Lake, Mr. Bert Lavender, and others. After tea, grace was said by Mr. A. E. Law, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett was voted to the chair. Afterwards, "smokes" having been handed round by the host, the National Anthem was heartily sung, accompanied on the piano by Mr. W. Ladds.

Alderman Pritchett said they had met on that occasion to congratulate the band of ringers who rang those two memorable and unique peals of Kent Treble Bob at Coseley on November 24th, 1893, and 20 years after—a most wonderful performance. He was pleased to see them again together that afternoon, and glad to see some of them looking so well, that they appeared as if they would be ringing 20 or 30 years hence. He was, however, very sorry to see Mr. James Jones looking so poorly. Since they last met he had had a very long and serious illness, but he hoped he would be spared for a long time, and that he would recover his health and strength so that he could once again enjoy the pleasure of ringing. Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett mentioned that when they met at Coseley on Jan. 9th last, Mrs. Cheshire had the honour of unveiling the handsome marblette



COSELEY CHURCH WHERE THE PEALS WERE RUNG.

The visitors were escorted round the gardens and grounds, which consist of over two acres. Before 4 o'clock the party had increased to 50 or more. The magnificent grounds were open to all. On the spacious lawn some of the visitors occupied themselves with a game of bowls, watched over by several of the veterans comfortably seated. Others of the party enjoyed a stroll through the garden, where they admired the beautifully-scented roses (had the visit been earlier these would, indeed, have been a sight to behold). Did Mr. George start to count the rose trees? If so, he would have been there almost until now, for there are nearly 3,000 (about the same number as the peals, which, we believe, he contemplates having in his new peal book). Then the photographer put in his appearance, and soon got to work, "snapping" the veterans and the whole of the party. This being over, all adjourned to the large marquee, erected specially for the occasion, where a bounteous tea was waiting, and over 50 sat down and enjoyed the delicious things provided.

THE COMPANY.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire, Mrs. and Miss Gough, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Remington, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Ladds, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. J. E. Groves, Miss Margery Jones, Miss Voyce, Misses Downing, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the eight veterans (Messrs. B. Gough, H. Mason, J. Jones (accompanied by his son Harry), J. E. Groves, J. Carter, W. R. Small,

peal tablet at the church recording the peals. At the tea, which followed the ceremony, it was the desire of the veterans that Mrs. Cheshire should be presented with a large framed photograph of the tablet she had unveiled, but as it was not completed it was then hoped that it would be presented to her at her residence later on in the summer. That honour had had to be postponed until that afternoon. Since the meeting at Coseley, Mrs. Cheshire, he was sorry to say, had had a very serious illness, and a "near shave," but he and all the party were very glad she was with them on that occasion, and they hoped she would fully regain her health and strength again (applause). He would ask Mr. Small, as the senior veteran, to present the photo of the tablet to Mrs. Cheshire (applause).

Mr. W. H. Godden also congratulated the veterans on their unique performance, and said how pleased he was to be with them on that interesting occasion. He endorsed all that Alderman Pritchett had said.

PRESENTATIONS.

Mr. Wm. Rock Small (who was heartily cheered), on behalf of the veterans thanked all for their cordial congratulations, and said a great honour had been conferred upon him in being asked to present Mrs. Cheshire with the photograph of the peal tablet, recording these two remarkable peals, which she had the honour of unveiling at Coseley. He said he had known Mr. Cheshire a very long time, and probably a

good many round those tables did not know that he had been a bell-ringer and an enthusiast. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Tipton, when he was in his teens, in 1888, and also two peals of Bob Major, and a peal of Stedman Triples. All these were rung at Tipton in 1889, the Stedman being the third peal for the Worcestershire Association. He also rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at Bromsgrove in the same year, and he was the first Coseley man to ring peals of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. He had also rung peals at several churches in the Midlands—ringing about twelve in all. He congratulated Mrs. Cheshire on her recovery from her recent illness, and trusted she would enjoy her health and strength and be as robust as she was before her illness. In presenting the photo to Mrs. Cheshire, he hoped she would accept it in the same spirit in which it was given, and would value it as a memento of the unveiling and the happy gathering at Coseley.

Mr. Harry Mason added a few felicitous remarks, expressing pleasure at seeing Mrs. Cheshire among them again.

Mrs. Cheshire then accepted the gift amid great applause, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. T. Perry 1—2, J. Carter 3—4, J. E. Groves 5—6, J. S. Pritchett 7—8, and J. George 9—10.

A second presentation then took place. Mr. A. E. Law, on behalf of the Coseley ringers, referred to the object for which a peal board had been given. Many years ago, he said, Mr. W. Pardoe introduced change ringing into Coseley, and Mr. W. Cheshire, together with Mr. Ben Gough, used to travel about to different bellfries for the purpose of getting instruction in the different methods, with the result that good progress was made, and soon after Messrs. W. R. Small and Goodman were appointed as instructors to the band. Since then the interest in change ringing had been maintained, and several peals accomplished. Mr. Cheshire promised them a peal board when they could ring a peal of Major, and this was rung at the second attempt. The board recorded one peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, on Friday, May 26th, 1911; a peal of Oxford Bob Triples to commemorate the 28th year of the late Rev. W. Spencer's incumbency as Vicar of Coseley (which was the first peal in the method on the bells), and a peal of Bob Major in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. The peal board was unveiled by Mrs. W. H. Hawthorne, wife of the Vicar's warden, on Saturday, April 17th, 1911. He (Mr. Law) had very great pleasure in asking Mr. W. Fisher, ringing master of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, to present Mr. Cheshire with a photograph of the peal board as a memento of the occasion.

In making the presentation, Mr. Fisher said it was not necessary for him to add very much, as they had already heard from Mr. Law all the details. He had very great pleasure, on behalf of the Coseley ringers, in asking Mr. Cheshire to accept the photograph, which, he hoped, would be appreciated.

MR. CHESHIRE'S THANKS.

Mr. Cheshire, on behalf of his wife, thanked the veterans for the handsome photo of the tablet she had the honour of unveiling at his native church, at Coseley, where he was a chorister and bell ringer for many years. He said it would be greatly prized. He also thanked the Coseley ringers, on his own behalf, for the photo of the peal board he presented to them at Coseley. He would hang the photographs side by side, and take great care of them. He said his ambition, when a ringer, was to make progress, and had all the others been as interested as he was Coseley would have had one of the best bands of ringers in the Midlands. With reference to his wife's illness, he thanked all for the kind words spoken, and for their good wishes.

Mr. Harry Mason, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire for the kind way they had entertained the party that afternoon, said what a delightful time had been spent, and how everyone had enjoyed the hospitality extended to them. It had been a great pleasure to ramble through the beautiful gardens and grounds. He did not think there was such a delightful situation at Erdington, although it was such a pretty district.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in seconding, said he had enjoyed himself, and he was sure everyone else had, as everything had been so bright and cheerful, and the proceedings had gone off so happily. He hoped they would have the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire's company at the next Henry Johnson Memorial dinner.

The vote was enthusiastically carried, the company joining in singing "They are jolly good people."

Mr. Cheshire, in replying, said he was pleased everyone had enjoyed themselves, and he hoped that it would not be the last time they would meet.

Mr. Mason proposed, and Mr. George seconded, a vote of thanks to Ald. Pritchett for presiding, and the Chairman briefly replied.

This concluded the speech-making, and the party then adjourned to the open, where bowls were again played until it was too dark to see "who was who." The majority then proceeded indoors, where Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire kept "open house." The gentlemen enjoyed the fragrant weed and refreshments in the spacious dining-room, while the ladies chatted over coffee in the drawing-room. The gathering broke up about 9 p.m., after one of the most enjoyable times imaginable.

THE TWO PEALS.

It is not out of place, perhaps, to recall the peals which were celebrated in so royal a fashion last Saturday. On November 24th, 1893, eight men met, as eight men often had done before and have done

since, for just an ordinary peal of Kent Treble Bob, and they were successful. Twenty years later, they were still not only all in the land of the living, but all residing within easy reach of Coseley tower, where they were successful in 1893. What more natural, then, than that they should desire to meet and try their hand again as a fitting commemoration? The record of the second performance, published in "The Ringing World" on December 5th, 1913, can be left to speak for itself: "Coseley, Staffordshire. The Midland Counties Association and the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. On Monday, November 24th, 1913, in three hours and eleven minutes, at the Parish Church, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5088 changes). Tenor 11 cwt.: Benjamin Gough treble, Harry Mason 2, James Jones 3, James E. Groves 4, John Carter 5, William R. Small 6, James George 7, John T. Perry tenor. Composed by William Sottenstall, and conducted by John Carter. This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the same peal, rung on the same bells and by the same ringers standing in the same order. They are the only two peals of Treble Bob rung on these bells. This second peal was rung in connection with the 60th birthday celebration of Mr. James George."

The number of peals rung by these "veterans" is over 2,200, Mr. James George heading the list with 556.

COMPOSITION.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VIEWS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The useful hints to young composers contained in your issue of September 3rd might well be supplemented by the reminder that, while those who are sufficiently advanced to prove their compositions with certainty may properly ring them if they please, there is much more extensive and laborious study necessary before any such productions should be put into print for public use.

For thirty years and more a plethora of peals has appeared in the ringing journals. By far the greater part of these compositions, when true, are identical with well known ones, or so near them as to forfeit any claim to originality. It has always been a puzzle to me why editors of ringing papers, who should be competent, either themselves or vicariously, to distinguish the meritorious from the plagiarised, do not exercise the same discrimination as most other scientific journals in regard to the admission of worthless technical matter.

The young composer may be assured that it is well nigh impossible to compose a really original peal in any standard method because:—

- (1) Almost every conceivable plan has been already exploited.
- (2) Only those conversant with every existing plan are in a position to attempt a new one.
- (3) In legitimate Triples, where peals are less abundant, their composition is too difficult for any save those who are beyond the need of advice.

It has often been pointed out that the calling of any peal which is a round block (i.e., one which, if continued after rounds have come up, would exactly repeat itself) can begin from any course-end. Thus the same peal can be written out in nearly as many differing ways as there are courses in one of its parts. Many such "transpositions" would look different and produce different music to the original peal, but none the less they are the same composition.

Again, any such peal can be called backwards (I need not here explain this process) and such "reversal" can likewise be prolifically transposed. Many peals can be freely altered by taking out courses in one place and inserting them in another. But, unless the effect is to obtain some advantageous quality non-existent in the original, no credit whatever attaches to such variations.

So, then, I would counsel the young composer, if he values a possible future reputation, to submit his productions to some competent friend before publishing them.—Yours faithfully,

September 6th, 1915.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

A BIRMINGHAM CELEBRITY.

MR. HARRY WITHERS AND HIS DULCIMER.

Although Birmingham has produced many men who have made an imperishable name for themselves in connection with the Exercise, none have been more remarkable than Mr. Harry Withers. He has earned for himself a place on the scroll of fame, not by clever composition, or conducting, as did those giants of other days—Thurstans, Lates and Johnson—but in an entirely different sphere. He is known more by what he has done outside the belfry than in it.

Born in Birmingham on August 14th, 1875, his ringing career commenced in 1896, and he rang his first peal in 1897. Unfortunately he has kept no record of his peals, but they run the whole gamut from Grandsire to London



MR. HARRY WITHERS.

Surprise and Stedman Cinques. He has conducted peals in various methods, one of which was on the occasion of the Coronation of King Edward.

In 1903 he was practising London, and rang his first peal in this method at All Saints', Bristol, in 1904. Shortly afterwards he rang in a peal in this method at King's Norton, conducted by the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in which he was the only man who had previously scored a peal in London.

As we have said before, Mr. Withers is more renowned for what he has done out of the belfry. Among other attainments he has a wonderful ear, and in this connection one of his most remarkable feats was the taking down of every lead-end of the record length (14,112) of London Surprise rung at King's Norton in 1903. When

it is remembered that this peal took eight hours and 45 minutes to ring, and that Mr. Withers had not got the composition before him to refer to, and that every lead-end was absolutely correct at the finish, it will be realised what a stupendous undertaking this was. As an illustration of concentration of mind we should think it has never been equalled, for it is much more difficult for one outside the tower to keep his mind on the ringing than it is for the man who is taking part in the tower.

Another of his extraordinary performances was the "calling" (one cannot say conducting!) of a peal of Superlative Surprise at Selly Oak, from outside the tower, the "calls" being made by means of a bell rigged up in the belfry for the occasion. The "conductor" stood about 30 yards from the bottom of the tower, and pressed the button when a bob was reached. Another attempt for Stedman in similar fashion came to grief after about three-quarters of an hour's ringing through the "call-bell" failing to act.

But it is by his dulcimer that "Harry" is known best of all. He has delighted thousands of ringers (and others) in all parts of the country by his astounding skill with this instrument. In fact, he is such a feature on the musical side of any social gathering of St. Martin's Guild that the members of that Guild would almost lynch the secretary if by any mischance he should omit to have Mr. Withers' name on the programme.

It is futile to attempt a description of the seemingly impossible things Mr. Withers does on his dulcimer, but it may be mentioned, for instance, that he "rings," among other things, and at a moment's notice, a course of London Major! He "rings" it in the true sense of the word, for he does not do it by memorising the changes, but actually by doing the work of every bell by method. Fancy ringing eight bells in London! There is absolutely no doubt as to the genuineness of his method ringing, for on many occasions he has rung touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., called by anyone, who liked to try it on, and he has never failed to satisfy his critics. On Whit-Sunday, 1913, Miss Edith Parker "conducted" a quarter-peal of Stedman performed on the dulcimer by Mr. Withers, and which was "rung" to her entire satisfaction. The usual methods are tapped as though by a machine, but among the real "brain-twisters" of which Mr. Withers has tapped a course may be mentioned Carter's "Annulose," "Scientific," "Shifnal Bob," and that most intricate of all methods, "Carter's Principle." His ability in this department is absolutely marvellous, his gift bordering almost on the uncanny.

And our friend does not stop at change-ringing; he can play almost any tune, secular or sacred, putting in every note as it is written. Pieces differing as widely as the "Hallelujah Chorus" and a selection of popular airs are performed with equal skill and accuracy, and there seems no limit to his repertoire.

Mr. Withers is now carillonneur at Bournville, where there is a carillon of 22 bells by Taylor, and his performances there on Saturday afternoons and on special occasions are quite a musical treat. He has frequently met M. Josef Denyn, the famous Belgian carillonneur, now a refugee in this country, who has complimented him on his ability, and he was not long ago invited to play on the carillon at the Loughborough foundry on the occasion of a visit of the Leicester municipal officers.

Mr. Withers is a member of St. Martin's Guild, Worcestershire, Gloucester and Bristol, and Midland Counties Associations, and the Dudley and King's Norton Guilds.

AN ANCIENT FAMILY OF FOUNDERS. THE ELDRIDGES OF CHERTSEY.

In these days when bell founding is associated principally with a few famous firms, it is really little known that in by-gone centuries some of the most active founders carried on their operations from small provincial towns. Many of them were, of course, itinerant, and cast their bells in the villages where they got their work, for in those days it was oftener easier to take the foundry (or rather the necessary implements) to the bells, than it was to take the bells to the foundry.

The ancient foundry at Wokingham, in Berkshire, is one of the most celebrated, at any rate, in the southern counties, of those early years, and from that foundry, carried on in the latter half of the sixteenth century by Thomas Eldridge and his son Richard, there sprang another, from which many bells were sent out, but whose history is practically unknown among ringers. This foundry was the one established at the Surrey Thames-side town of Chertsey, in those days, probably an important country market town.

350 YEARS AGO.

Thomas Eldridge, the first of the family who has been traced, was casting bells at Wokingham in 1565. Bells cast by Richard Eldridge, presumably Thomas's son and successor, are to be found in considerable number, bearing dates extending from 1592 to 1623, also the product of the Wokingham Foundry, but this enterprising founder seems to have gone further afield and to have set up a branch establishment—a very small affair probably—at Horsham, in Sussex. Antiquarians are inclined to believe that Richard Eldridge took over the business of some other Horsham founder, but in any case his establishment was not an extensive one, for the fact is recorded that in the year 1611 two-thirds of the annual rental, or 6s. 8d., was covered by "casting of a pair of Brasses for the great Bell," which shows that the "Bell Howse" was probably little more than a shed, retained for the convenience of executing local orders. In those days of bad or no roads the element of nearness would weigh much with parsons and churchwardens having bells recast or seeking new ones to add to their peals. Richard Eldridge, who spelt his name "Eldridg" on many bells, adopted almost invariably the inscription "Our hope is in the Lord," with his initials and the date, but one bell at Chobham cast by him is inscribed "In trouble and adversitie the Lord God heare thee." As no bells of his are found of later date than 1623, it is concluded that he died in that year.

THE FIRST CHERTSEY FOUNDER.

He was succeeded by his son Bryan, who was probably the first to settle at Chertsey, although he, too, seems to have cast bells both at Wokingham and Horsham. His earliest bell, probably cast at the last named town, is dated 1618, and is at Ifield, Sussex. It was in the following year that, probably, he set up his furnaces at Chertsey. From 1619 to 1621 he put his full name on the bells he cast, in the same "black letter" that his father used. From 1623 to 1629 he used the ordinary Roman capitals, and put the inscription in Latin, spelling his name "Eldredge." From 1631 to the end of his life—he died in 1640—he placed only his initials on the bells with the motto: "Gloria Deo in Excelsis."

The site of his foundry in Chertsey cannot now be identified, but it is thought to have been in Guildford Street, where, according to his will, his house stood. This

house was bequeathed to his youngest son William, but he bequeathed "to Brian my eldest sonne my Bell howse scituate in Chirtsey with all my workinge tooles," with certain allowances to his daughter and widow.

The business thus passed into the hands of his eldest son, Bryan, the younger, who carried it on for twenty-one years. In spite of the troublous times in which he lived, he, like his father and grandfather, had a large business, if it may be judged by the numerous examples of his bells still in existence. Among others he cast an entire peal of five for Lingfield in 1648—a rather unusual thing for the time of the Civil War. Bryan, the younger, discarded all mottoes, inscribing his bells with only the date and his name. He died in 1661, and in his will said "I give & bequeath unto my loveing brother William Eldridge of Chertsey aforesaid Belfounder all my working tooles implements & vtensells thereunto belonging with my furnices."

— AND THE LAST.

William, the brother, into whose hands the business then fell, had previously been connected with it, for the names of both brothers appear on some bells. William carried on the foundry for over 50 years, and died at the age of 82 in the year 1716. It is probable that his eldest and only surviving son, William, had for some years conducted the business, even if he had not actually succeeded to it, and, there being no bells extant bearing the family name later than 1714, it is considered not unlikely that the foundry, in view of the opposition of the London foundries at this time, was given up.

The Chertsey foundry thus lasted close upon a hundred years, and probably saw many vicissitudes. It must have come in practically on the flood tide of revival in bell founding, which began about 1570; it doubtless had its setbacks in the Civil Wars, but boomed again when peace settled on the land, only to be severely hit and finally extinguished by the trade rivalry which emanated from London, although it is surmised that Barbara Eldridge, a daughter of the first William Eldridge, was the ancestress (probably grandmother) of Thomas Swaine, who succeeded Robert Catlin in the Holborn Bell Foundry.

INTERESTING MILITARY RECORD.

At St. Mary's Church, Wendover, Bucks. on Sunday week, an interesting performance was put up by a band of ringers all belonging to H.M. Forces, stationed at Halton Camp. They rang a quarter-peal, consisting of ten and a half six-scores (1260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles for evening service: Pte T. Gregory, Berks Regiment, 1; Pte J. Snow, 4th Devons. 2; Pte R. Holder, 4th Royal Sussex (conductor), 3; Pte P. Worgan, 5th Somerset, 4; Pte W. H. Sleeman, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, 5; Corpl. Canson, 5th Gloucesters, 6. It will be observed that the ringers belonged to six different regiments. They came from six different counties, and are all on active service. This surely must be a record.

5060 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

By SAMUEL WOOD.

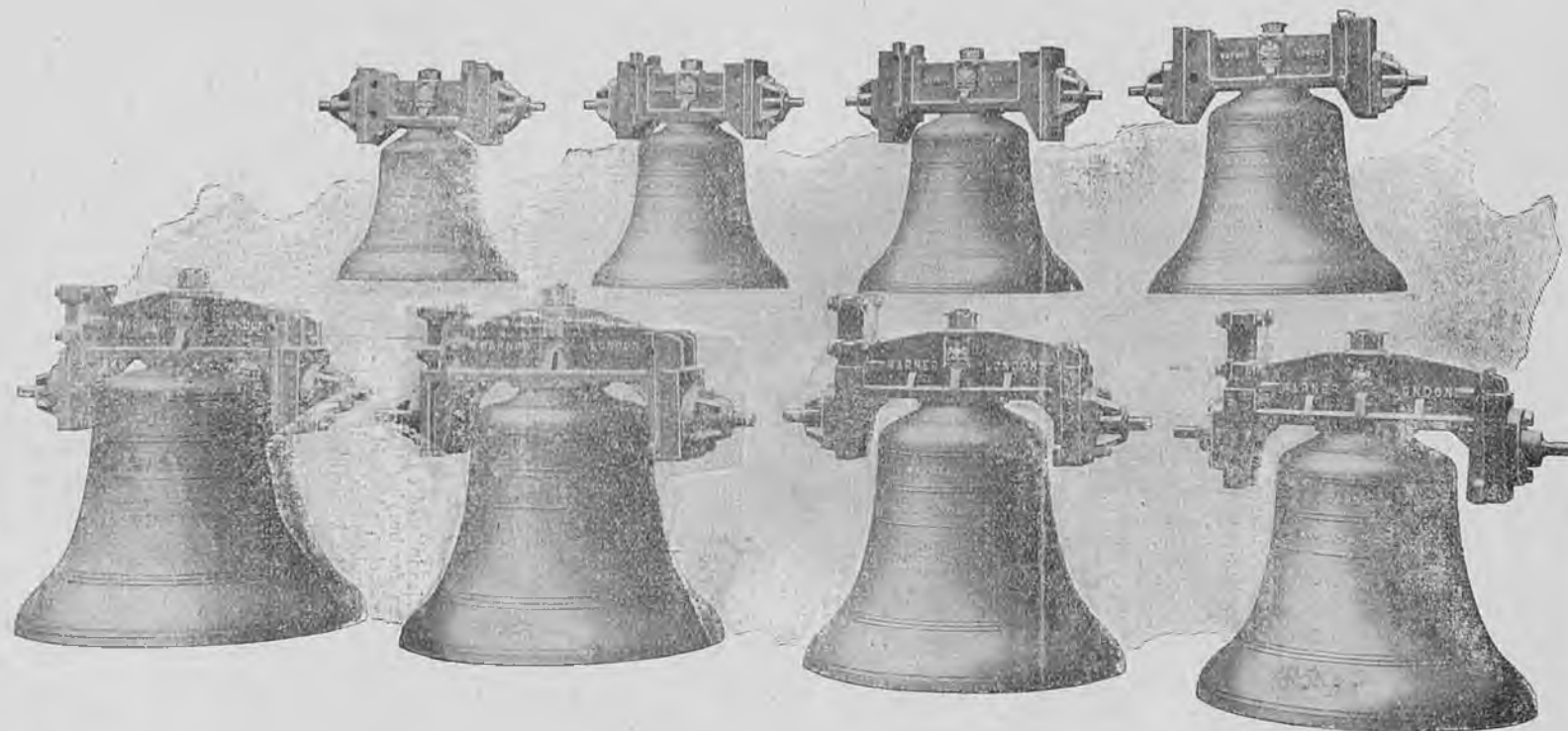
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| 25346 | 7 in 4 | 25634 | 7 in 4 | 25436 | 7 in 4 |
| 54326 | 11 in 4 | 53624 | 11 in 4 | 53426 | 11 in 4 |
| 42356 | 11 in 4 | 62354 | 11 in 4 S | 32456 | 11 in 4 |
| 34256 | 7 in 4 | 36254 | 7 in 4 | 42356 | 7 in 4 |
| 23456 | 7 in 4 | 23654 | 7 in 4 | 24356 | 7 in 4 |

Brought round by bobs at 1-1-2-1S-1-1-2-1-1 leads.

* Single on 9-10.

Rung at Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, Sept. 4th, 1915. Conducted by Benjamin Thorp.

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The frame has also been constructed to carry eight bells on the one level, but at present it only contains the six old bells with their new fittings. It is, however, part of the present scheme to have the six old bells recast into a new peal of eight when the European War is over.

The bells, as mentioned in our last issue, were opened on Saturday, August 28th, and are now giving great satisfaction to the town of Devizes.

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY

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| * 215364 | | |
| 214563 | — | |
| 412563 | — | S |
| 413265 | — | |
| 314562 | — | |
| 312475 | — | |
| 213564 | — | |
| 214365 | — | |

Repeat the last six courses five times, calling first course in each part respectively, as follows: A—S2, 6, S13, S15, 19. B—S2, 6, S10, S13, S15, 19. C—S2, 6, S13, S15, 19. D—2, 6, S13, S15, 19. E—S2, 6, S13, S15, 19. It will be observed that A, C and E have the same culling, and that B and D are very similar. All the six course blocks contain the 7-8 and 8-7 inverted titlums, the titlums and the hand-stroke home position respectively, with the same consecutive order of course-ends in each block. The 5th and 6th bells are uniformly 'o-geller, and 2-3-4 the only three bells before.

* Call opening course—2, 5, 8, 9, S10, S17, 18, 20.

NO RINGING AFTER DARK IN LONDON.

The Bishop of London has issued a request that church bells in the Metropolis should not be rung after dark. In consequence the present arrangements for practices at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, are suspended, but ringing for Divine service will take place as usual. We understand Saturday afternoon practices are contemplated, but at present nothing has been definitely settled.

FRENCH BELLS.

One well known English ringer, who is serving with the Army somewhere in France, tells us that he has heard a good many bells out there, but the large ones have been poor, except one or two. The small, single bells, however, are mostly good.

THE SEXTON'S CHARGE.

The issue of "The Observer," of Sept. 3rd, 1815, contained the following paragraph:—

"The sexton of a parish church in Shropshire insisted on a poor man who had his leg amputated paying sixpence for burying it in consecrated ground. The pauper appealed to the Rector, who said he could not relieve him in the present case, but would consider it in his fees, when the remainder of his body came to be buried!"

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 29th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins.: Pte C. Cook (Essex N.R.) 1, D. Dawson 2, W. Hawkes 3, W. Sharpington 4, Sergt. E. Dawson (Metropolitan Police, Westminster) 5, H. Sharpington (conductor) 6.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Sept. 4th, 720 Oxford Bob: P. Whire 1, *P. Matthews 2, A. E. Austin 3, *S. Nunn 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Hurry 6. *First 720 in the method. Also 360 College Single: E. Finch 1, F. Matthews 2, W. H. Carr 3, A. B. Austin 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Hurry 6. First touch of College Single by all but the ringer of the 5th.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.—Central Northants Association.—For morning service, on June 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Hopper 1, T. Law 2, A. Andrews 3, W. R. Parker 4, J. W. Sharp 5, A. J. Mawby 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, J. C. Dean 8. A short touch of Grandsire Triples were also rung.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On August 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Hulme (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, S. Churton (conductor) 3, C. Woodward 4, T. Austin 5, E. Landon 6, C. H. Page 7, J. Simister 8. This quarter-peal was arranged to celebrate the marriage of C. H. Page, which took place recently.

NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 21st; and for service on the 12th at 6 p.m. At the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on the 23rd, and for business on the 14th and 28th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 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, Walthamstow, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, 6d. Members and friends cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in Schools, to all giving notice to G. Drake, 3, Empsall Row, Bonegate Road, Brighouse, not later than 7th prox. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Leighton Buzzard on September 11th. The Leighton bells will be available at 2.30 and the Linsdale bells at 6.30. Tea at Woods and Co., High Street, at 5. Service at Leighton Church at 6, with an address by the Rev. J. J. A. Stockton. — A. Rust, Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Stockland on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; service at 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m.; meeting to follow. Cannington bells will be available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available at 5 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run to Trysull will take place on Saturday, September 11th. Meet at 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Prittwell on Saturday, September 11th. Service 5 o'clock at St. Mary's Church. Tea 9d. each to members, and meeting at Blue Boar.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moor-side on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. — Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alvechurch on Saturday, September 18th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Tea in the schools, 10d. each, will be provided for all who let me know on or before Wednesday, September 15th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, September 18th. Bells open at 3 p.m., service at 5, tea at 5.30, kindly notify early.—George W. Tomkins, 35, Monk Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (8) available all afternoon and evening. All subscriptions due should now be sent to me as soon as possible. — H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bus leaves Town Hall, Northampton, 2.30 for Yardley. Will all who require tea please notify me by Tuesday, September 14th.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, September 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Meeting and tea at the Bath Arms Hotel to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Conisbro', near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired. —Leonard Brightman, Honorary District Secretary pro tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, September 25th. The bells (8) will be available; service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for those who give me notice by the Wednesday previous. Election of branch officers at this meeting.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, September 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

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

MODERN WORK.

COMPOSERS AND COMPOSITIONS.

All those who have more than a passing acquaintance with the subject will endorse the remarks as to composition made by Sir Arthur Heywood in our last issue, at any rate so far as they relate to the steps which a composer should take to assure himself that the product of his brain is good and new. For our part we believe in ringers understanding the theory of composition even though they do not enter the field as actual composers of peals. A knowledge of this branch of our Art is of value for many reasons. If, for instance, a man knows how to prove a peal it may prevent him having the chagrin of calling a false composition, while knowledge of the manner in which compositions are built is of no inconsiderable use in successful conducting. It is, therefore, good for a ringer to understand composition, but, as Sir Arthur Heywood pointed out, it is well-nigh impossible to compose a really original peal in any standard method. In the last five and twenty or thirty years the whole realm of composition in the best known methods, except perhaps Triples, the extents of which form too complex a problem for the average man, has been completely explored.

This brings us to the one point in Sir Arthur's letter with which we cannot altogether express agreement, and we take up the cudgels for editors of ringing papers past and present. Sir Arthur says: "It has always been a puzzle to me why editors of ringing papers, who should be competent, either themselves or vicariously, to distinguish the meritorious from the plagiarised, do not exercise the same discrimination as most other scientific journals in regard to the admission of worthless technical matter."

To begin with we think Sir Arthur will agree that no living man possesses sufficient knowledge to say, whether or not any given composition in any method is a variation of some other previously published one. It may be possible sometimes to say, broadly, whether a peal is of the plagiarised variety, but even the best versed students would hesitate, except in flagrant cases, to definitely assert that a set of course-ends was the property, so to speak, of some other composer. An editor, being only an ordinary mortal, can hardly be expected to have knowledge superior to those who specialise in composition, particularly when, as has been known, experts will differ among themselves as to claims to authorship. We agree that the composer should take every step open to him to ensure that his peals are not only true, but original, but we hardly think the responsibility of sponsorship, so to speak, should be shouldered on to an editor, while even selection by deputy would be most unlikely satisfactorily to secure the desired end.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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| SAMUEL GROVE Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS 5 |
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| WILLIAM J. MEERS 3 | WILLIAM DAVIES 7 |
| WILLIAM G. ANKER 4 | JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Second-Lieut. Michael Vallansey Molloy, 2nd. Batt. Sherwood Foresters, who was killed in action.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ROB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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| ARTHUR PAYNE 1-2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4 | COLIN GRESTY 7-8 |

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

Umpire: J. E. GOFTON.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. SEGAR,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.

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| *J. HURST 1-2 | J. SEGAR, JUNR. 3-4 |
| G. TURNER 5-6 | |

Conducted by J. SEGAR, JUNR.

Umpire: J. L. BLAGG.

Witness: LIEUT. JOHNSON.

* First peal. First double-handed peal for the Association,

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 12, 1915, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

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

*FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters on handbells. The composition contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following have joined H.M. Forces:—

Pte W. Riley, of Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, A.S.C., at Aldershot.

Pte A. Tomlinson, of St. Michael's, Blackburn, R.A.M.C., at Sheffield.

Pte George Dowling, of Holy Trinity, Hull, East Riding, R.G.A., now at Hull.

CHAPLAIN INVALIDED.

The Rev. Connop L. Price, hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and senior chaplain to the Welsh Division, has been invalided home from the Dardanelles, and is now in a London Hospital being treated for an affection of the eyes.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.

On Saturday last a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, and, being favoured with fine weather, over 40 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening. Ringing commenced shortly after 3.30, and continued until 5.30, when tea was served at the Nag's Head, where the needs of the ringers were well provided for by the hostess. Before adjourning to the tower for further ringing, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that as it was inadvisable to ring after dark, owing to the risk from hostile aircraft, it was proposed to cease ringing at 7.30, and to hold the business meeting in the belfry afterwards. This was agreed to, and whilst some ringers made their way back to the tower, others amused themselves by ringing touches on the handbells.

At the business meeting one new member was elected, and it was decided to leave the arrangements for the next meeting in the hands of the hon. secretary, it being pointed out that, wherever the meeting was held, ringing should cease at an early hour.

The Hon. Secretary made an appeal to the members present for prompter payment of subscriptions. He pointed out that the Association was not asking for subscriptions from those members who had joined His Majesty's forces, and it was, therefore, very necessary that all other members should make an effort to keep their subscriptions up-to-date, to enable the society to pay its way. He hoped that those local societies with funds of their own would keep up the payments of their own members away fighting, so that the whole of the burden should not fall upon the district funds.

Mr. F. A. Milne also spoke on this matter, and said that it was necessary for all the members to make an effort to keep the funds of the society in a sound condition.

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had received a letter from their President (Mr. A. T. King), who wished them a very pleasant meeting. He was glad to say that Mr. King was much better in health than he had been for some time past, and looked forward to being quite well again soon. Mr. Coles also said that he had been informed that Mr. A. B. Peck, a ringer well-known to all of them, was improving in health after his very serious illness, and he should like, in their name, to convey to Mr. Peck, as soon as that gentleman was well enough to receive a letter, their very best wishes for a complete recovery.—This was agreed to.

Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Lampen), for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. F. Rumens and their Walthamstow friends for their very kind welcome.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, who said how much he was indebted to Mr. Rumens for the help he had given him.—The motion was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Rumens briefly replied, saying how pleased they all were at meeting their Middlesex Association friends again.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the ringers adjourned to the tea-room, where the handbells were kept going until about 9.30, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters. Double Norwich, and a course of London Surprise Major, by Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. Pye, E. Pye and W. Keeble. Thanks are due to Messrs. J. Rayner, H. Alford, and R. K. Knight for the use of their handbells.

During the afternoon much good ringing was done, including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, and two plain courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal, in which 15 ringers took part, some ringing Surprise Royal for the first time.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lanes Association was held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday last, when twelve members were present. Some very good touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung, but on account of illness near the church ringing had to cease early. At the business meeting it was decided that next meeting be held at St. George's.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Worsley for having everything ready.

A great improvement has been made at the tower by bricking up part of the sound outlets. Before, the bells were very noisy, and, the neighbourhood is a very thickly populated one the improvement will be a benefit to all.

NEWPORT RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., had an outing on Saturday last to Trevelin, Pontypool. On arrival at the church they were heartily welcomed by the local band. The bells, being available for ringing, were quickly raised, and after touches of Grandsire Triples, tea was partaken of. Host Wheeler having provided an excellent meal. A visit was afterwards paid to the tower, and the bells kept going for a considerable time, the ringing being shared in by the local men, with whom, afterwards, a most enjoyable time was spent.

Opportunity is now taken of thanking the Trevelin ringers for their kindness, especially Mr. Sam Rogers, the leader, for the arrangements which he made.

THE PUNISHMENT OF A BELL FOUNDER. IN THE "GOOD OLD DAYS."

One of the most celebrated of ancient bell foundries was that at Reading, which flourished in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. One of the proprietors of this famous establishment was John Saunders, and he seems to have fallen foul of the King's Majesty. John Saunders is frequently mentioned in the Reading churchwardens' accounts from 1539 to 1559. Mr. A. D. Tyssen tells us in his book on "Sussex Church Bells," and the "Reading Records" also contain many notices of a citizen named John Saunders, who was one of the burgesses from 1546 to 1553. In the last-mentioned year, under date May 26th, there is an entry in the Register of the Acts of the Privy Council to the following effect:—

"A letter to the Mayor of Reading, Thomas Vachel and William Edmondes to cause one John Saunders of that town to be set on the pillorie the next market day with a paper on his head conteyning these wordes, 'For lewde and sedicious wordes touching the Kinges Majestie and the State,' and when he hath stode there the hole market tyme to cause both his eares to be cut off and his body to be returned to prison untill the Kinges Majesties further pleasour shalbe signified unto them."

That this pleasant form of punishment was inflicted upon the unhappy man, appears from another entry in the Reading Records, dated 13th September:—

"At this day, forasmuch as John Sawnders one of the said burgesses for seditious slanderous and opprobrious words by him spoken against the King's honorable counsaile by ther commandment was committed to ponysshment on the pillorie on the market day and ther to stond all the market tyme and then both his eares cut off; and for other seditious lewde and slanderous words by him at sondry tymes after that spoken to the great perturbation and disquietness of his honest neighbours, hit was therefor thought by the said Mayor and Burgesses that the said Sawnders to be no mete man to contynewe and be of the said company whereupon the sd. Mayor and Burgesses with one assent and consent for the causes aforesaid the said day and yere have expelled discharged & clerely advoyded the said Sawnders from the seint hall & company for ever."

This entry, says Mr. Tyssen, appears to imply that John Saunders had been released from prison. His release may have been due to the death of Edward VI, which took place on July 6th of that year, and caused a complete change in the Government. As the occupation of John Saunders is not mentioned in the Privy Council Register or Reading Records, it is not certain that the bell founder and the burgess were identical. It would be strange, however, if two men named John Saunders were living at Reading at the same time, both in a substantial position and both apparently of about the same age. Still, the facts present some difficulties. John Saunders cast a bell for St. Mary's, Reading, in 1558, and in 1559 was buried at St. Lawrence's, in the accounts for which church there are the following:—

The great bell—Item for the goodman Saunders knyll xxd.

The best pawle—Item for the goodman Saunders buryall vid.

Graves. Imprimis for the goodman Saunders grave ... viis. iiid.

In 1557-8 he was admitted to the Livery of the Founders Company of London. We thus see that John Saunders, the bell founder, prospered and was respected after John Saunders, the burgess, was disgraced. Can they have been identical? The question may perhaps be answered in the affirmative if we imagine the alleged seditious words to have been protests on behalf of constitutional government against the arbitrary acts done in the name of the Crown, both under Edward VI and Mary. Other citizens may have regarded John Saunders as a political martyr and done all that they could safely do to aid him and his fellow burgesses, who voted for expelling him, may have acted under compulsion and fear, and may really have sympathised with him all the time.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. J. PITMAN, FORT TALBOT.

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| 453267 | 657324 |
| S 274653 | — 436257 |
| S 632574 | — 724536 |
| — 456732 | 752643 |
| — 274356 | S 637452 |
| S 362574 | S 426537 |
| S 543762 | S 574326 |
| — 275643 | S 365274 |
| — 362475 | — 423765 |

Repeat 11 times. Single for bob at 6th and 12th part ends. This peal contains 300 calls.

ROMFORD.—Essex Association.—At St. Edward's Church, on Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. E. Vyse 1, A. Chaplin (conductor) 2, G. R. Pye 3, A. Wiffen 4, E. Butler 5, H. Dawkins 6, E. Pye 7, W. Watson 8.

SUFFOLK RINGER "MISSING."

Sergt. G. E. Day, of Eye, who has been serving in the 1st/5th Suffolks, in the Gallipoli Peninsula, is, we regret to say, officially reported as missing. He had been a member of the Territorials for many years, and has been serving with his regiment ever since war broke out. The battalion went out to the Dardanelles some weeks ago, and has sustained somewhat heavy losses in the fierce fighting that has taken place on the Peninsula.



SERG. G. E. DAY.

Sergt. Day is a son of Mr. Fredk. Day, the well-known bell hauger, of Eye, and has been a member of the Eye company of ringers from boyhood. He was a member of the Norwich Association, for which he had rung a number of peals, although his ringing interests were not particularly in this special direction. He was a most popular man in his tower, and much sympathy is felt with his wife and two sons, as well as with his father and mother, in the news which they have received, the hope being expressed that Sergt. Day may be still alive, although, perhaps, a prisoner in enemy hands.

POTTERIES RINGERS' EXCURSION.

AN ENJOYABLE WALKING TOUR.

One of the most enjoyable tours that the Norton-in-the-Moors company of the Stoke-on-Trent Association has ever undertaken took place on Sunday week. The excursion started with a brisk walk of about an hour, which landed the party at Brown Edge Church, where 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung for Matins by W. C. Lawrence 1, J. Walker 2, S. B. Bailey 3, J. T. Taylor (conductor) 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Rylis 6.

Leaving this tower, a very pleasant walk of five miles brought the party to Horton (near Leek), and here a splendid dinner was in readiness, served by Host F. Goodwin, of the Crown Hotel. After dinner 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rung at the Parish Church for afternoon service, by J. E. Wheeldon 1, J. Walker 2, F. T. Dawson 3, J. Turner 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Rylis (conductor) 6. Then, after a smoke and chat, the party wended their way down to the beautiful vale of Rudyard, where they viewed the lake, teeming with small pleasure boats. From the railway station they entrained for Wall Grange on the way to Chiddleton, which is a village noted for its lovely scenery. Here tea awaited them, and full justice was done to the "cup that cheers but not inebriates." Adjourning to the church close by, the visitors rang 720 Violet Treble Bob for evening service: W. C. Lawrence 1, J. T. Taylor 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, F. T. Dawson 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Rylis 6. This occupied the time allotted for ringing, and afterwards the party joined the local ringers for an hour's chat, amid the smoke of the fleeting cigarette and the more substantial pipe. Train time prevented the pleasure of a longer stay, and the Norton men made their way homewards, after spending what is termed in the Potteries "a regular ripping time." A beautifully fine day added greatly to the pleasure of all concerned, and the company take the opportunity, through "The Ringing World," of thanking the various clergy for permission to ring, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ELY MEMBERS IN SUFFOLK.

A visit was paid by members of the Ely Diocesan Association on Saturday and Sunday last to Boxford, Suffolk, when, by kind permission of the new Rector, the fine peal of bells in the Parish Church had to face the music of change ringing for the first time for two years. The party arrived by cart and cycles at 5 o'clock, and, after having tea, raised the bells, which run in the following order: 1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 7, 8, 5. Touches of 576 Oxford Treble Bob, 224 Superlative, a course of London (the first on the bells), and three courses of Grandsire, in which Mr. H. Elmer, of Boxford, rang the tenor, completed the ringing for the day, and the party then had a pleasant social evening at the Swan Inn, where handbell ringing and tunes occupied the rest of the time till supper.

Hadleigh was visited on Sunday morning, and touches of Oxford, Superlative and Double Norwich were rung for service, the party being there joined by Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Mr. Reed, of Hadleigh, kindly entertained the visitors, who then left for Boxford, where, after dinner the Rectory grounds were visited, through the help of Mr. Elmer, who acted throughout as guide, and made every arrangement for the outing. A touch of 400 Bob Major was rung for evening service, and then the party had to leave for home.

Boxford bells are a fine old peal, tenor 23 cwt., the 2nd, 6th and being mediæval bells, and are rung from the original ringers' gallery, built of large oak timbers, beautifully moulded; while Hadleigh has a splendid peal with a 28 cwt. tenor (Miles Graye 1680), all rehung by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, several years ago, and running very easily.

The party was made up of Messrs. W. and J. Sadler, W. Howell, D. Elliott and E. W. Beckwith, of Coggeshall; A. Shuffelbotham and E. Newman, of Bocking; F. Claydon, Earl's Colne; H. Evers, Colchester; and W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, who all wish to thank the Vicars of both churches, and Messrs. Elmer and Reed for the warm welcome extended to them.

5296 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS (LEICESTER).

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HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 7th, by kind permission of the Vicar, a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Triples (1007 changes), as a token of respect to the late George Hedges, who had been a ringer at the above church: F. Moulson 1, H. Jenkins 2, F. Dale 3, D. Meadley 4, T. Mills 5, C. Jackson (conductor) 6, E. Outforth 7, T. Harrison 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples the first on the bells: W. Wigmore 1, A. W. Davis 2, G. Davis 3, Miss S. Davis 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp 5, A. Bird 6, W. Mathews (conductor) 7, E. G. Pickett 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. C. Stubbs (first 720) 1, F. Fensom 2, A. Howell 3, T. Langdon 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: H. C. Stubbs 1, E. Hibble 2, E. Davidson 3, T. Langdon (conductor) 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross 6.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. C. Stubbs 1, H. T. Searlett 2, F. Fensom 3, T. Langdon (conductor) 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross 6.

THEODORE ECCLESTONE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If your readers will refer to "Ringing World" of August 16th, 1912, in my account of Winchester Cathedral bells therein appearing, they will find some account of Theodore Ecclestone. The present fourth at Winchester bears his name and the date 1742, the same date as the bells at Coddendam and Stonham Aspal, all of which were cast at the Whitechapel foundry by Thos. Lester in that year. I can find no record of Theodore Ecclestone ever having had anything to do with Winchester Cathedral bells, which were augmented from six to eight in 1742, when the present fourth would then be the second.

It is just possible that this bell may have been originally cast for either Coddendam or Stonham Aspal, and have afterwards been found unsuitable, and may have just fitted in as second of the eight at Winchester.

Anyhow it is evident that the bells for all three places were in the foundry at the same time. Yours faithfully,
Salisbury.

J. R. JERR

THE STORY OF THE SQUIRE OF CROWFIELD HALL.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley Vicarage, Ipswich, has kindly supplied us with the following details with regard to Theodore Ecclestone, of Crowfield Hall, Suffolk, who, as a "ringing squire" maintained a band of ringers by employing them upon his estate. He gave the peal of ten to Stonham Aspal (tenor 24 cwt. in E flat), and the eight at Coddendam (tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp), both rings coming from the Whitechapel Foundry in the years 1741-2.

Theodore Ecclestone was the grandson of Theodore Eccleston, and Ann Selby, his wife, and only son of John Eccleston, of London, merchant, by Isabella, his wife, daughter of John Harwood. This John Eccleston made his will 31st July, 1735 (proved August 4th, 1735), bequeathing his property in equal portions to his wife Isabella and children: Anne, Hester, Priscilla, Isabella and Theodore. Thus Theodore Eccleston inherited some means from his father, but the way in which he became possessed of the Crowfield estate was this: His mother had an only brother, Henry Harwood, who had a Grant of Arms from the Herald's College, 13th August, 1722, in which he is described as of Little Chelsea, in the parish of Kensington, also of Crowfield Hall in the county of Suffolk, and son of John Harwood, late of the city of London, merchant, by Katherine Middleton, his wife, daughter of Henry Middleton, of Twickenham, Co. Middlesex, Esquire, and some time Serjeant-at-Arms to the House of Commons. Katherine had a sister, Hester Middleton, who married one Daniel Browning. He purchased the Crowfield Hall estate from Henry Wingfield and Sir Thomas Hare about the year 1685, and, dying without issue, in 1695 bequeathed all his property to his wife. She, dying in 1708, devised her property to her sister, who, dying in 1720, left her property equally between her two children Isabella and Henry. This son, Henry Harwood, dying intestate 10th December, 1738, was buried in Crowfield church—where a slab on the floor still exists to his memory—and his sister succeeded to the whole of his property. Administration of her brother's estate was granted to her 17th January, 1739, as "Isabella Eccleston, widow, the natural and lawful sister and only next-of-kin."

By her will dated 5th May, 1743, she desired to be buried at Kingston-on-Thames, in the burial ground of her friends, and amongst other things bequeathed certain property to her daughter Hester for life, with remainder in default of issue to her son Theodore, and with ultimate remainder in default of issue to William, eldest son of Arthur Middleton, of South Carolina, her mother's nephew. She bequeathed her manors of Crowfield Hall and Booking Hall in Suffolk, with lands, etc., in Crowfield-cum-Booking, Brookford, Wetheringsett, Stonham Aspal, Mendlesham, Earl Stonham, Coddendam, Wattisham, and Ringshall in Suffolk, also Dickleburgh Hall in Norfolk, to the use of her said son Theodore for life, with ultimate remainder in default of issue to her said cousin William Middleton.

THEODORE ECCLESTONE'S GIFTS.

The 9th bell at Stonham Aspal bears the following inscription: "In this tower hung 5 bells, the tenor weighing 10 hun. 2 qrs. 0 lbs. In the year 1742 they were taken down and with ye addition of 3 tons 10 hun. of mottle were recast into ten att ye expence of Theodore Eccleston esq. of Crowfield Hall aged 27 years. He also gave a new frame att ye same time 1742. Thos Lester made us all." This proves that Theodore Eccleston was born about the year 1715, and in accordance with this an entry in one of the Quaker Registers preserved at Devonshire House gives the date of his birth as September 11th of that year. It is interesting to note that he came of a Quaker family, and was probably drawn to the church by his love of bells and change ringing. He appears to have lived much at Mortlake, in Surrey, where he had a house, which accounts for his giving two trebles to that church in 1746, one of which still bears his name, the other having been recast in 1784. He also gave two bells to Fulham Parish Church, both of which were afterwards exchanged or recast, and two to Winchester Cathedral, only one of which—the fourth—remains. These two bells were given in 1742, and the third (then the treble of a peal of eight) was recast in 1772. What his connection with Fulham and Winchester was has not been discovered.

He married at Mortlake, April 24th, 1746, Catherine (who died in 1747, and was buried March 2nd at Mortlake), daughter of Mr. Samuel Jacob, of Ipswich, and Flora, his wife. The only issue of his marriage was a son, Theodore who was baptised March 30th, 1747, died in infancy, and was buried at Mortlake, July 9th, 1751.

MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

His knowledge of change ringing must have been acquired in the metropolis previous to his connection with Suffolk, as he joined a London society called the Eastern Scholars in 1735, and as a member of that society assisted in ringing the tenor to 6012 changes of Grand-sire Caters at St. Saviour's, Southwark, 28th November, 1735, in 4 hours 45 minutes, at which time he would have been about twenty years of age. He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1744, served the office of steward in 1747, and Master in 1750, but does not appear to have taken part in any peals with that society. Two old peal boards still hang in Coddendam heltry on which his name appears, and there is an interesting chandelier of heavy cast brass bearing the inscription: "The gift of Theodore Eccleston, esq. in the year 1740." Originally it had six movable branches, but unfortunately two only of them now remain.

In addition to the peal board referred to in "The Ringing World" a week ago, recording a peal of "Gathrine's Triples," there is another at Coddendam bearing the following inscription:—

"On Tuesday, November ye 9th, 1742, was rung in this steeple by the Crowfield Society of Ringers a complete peal of five thousand and forty Bob Major, being the first eight-bell peal ever rung here. It was completed exactly in three hours by the men whose names are underwritten: Benjamin Walker 1, Daniel Hearsham 2, John Jennings 3, Samuel Cullum 4, John Bales 5, Andrew Field 6, Robert Greening 7, Theodore Eccleston 8. N.B.—Andrew Field called the bobs."

It is also said that the squire of Crowfield Hall also took part in a peal at Stonham Aspal, but if a board was erected to record it, it has long since disappeared. Theodore Eccleston died in 1753, and was buried on January 14th, with his wife and son at Mortlake; and it is not a little singular that, although their burials are duly recorded in the register there, no memorial inscriptions of any sort exist. By his will, he left "to my friend Mr. Samuel Anderson 10s. 6d. a week for life." The bulk of Theodore Eccleston's property having been settled by his mother's will, he had no disposing power over it, and at his death it passed to the ultimate remainder-man, his cousin, William Middleton, and is still in the possession of the latter's lineal descendant, the present Lady de Saumarez. "My friend, Mr. Samuel Anderson," was one of the Crowfield company of ringers, and was the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Gathrine's Triples. He lived at Stonham Aspal.

There is reason for believing that Mrs. Eccleston was not of the same social standing as her husband, and that she was probably his servant before he married her, and that her father was one of his band of ringers. He and several others were, it is believed, members of the College Youths.

After William Middleton came into the Crowfield property he purchased the adjoining estate of Shrubland, and removed there, pulling down the old house at Crowfield. He was created a Baronet in 1805.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUMMER GATHERING AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

The summer festival of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, upwards of 20 members being present from the following towers: Woburn, Husbome Crawley, Bedford, Luton, Dunstable, Harpenden and Blechley.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept busy, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The bells of Linslade were also at the disposal of the members in the evening.

After tea a short meeting was held, at which a vote of sympathy was passed to the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association, and to Mrs. Baker, in the loss of their son, Capt. Baker, of the Beds Regiment.

A service was held in the Parish Church at 6 p.m., when an able discourse was delivered by the Rev. J. J. A. Stockton, and much appreciated by the ringers.

The general secretary (the Rev. A. Rust) was unable to be present, he being employed at an Aeroplane Works on week-days.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of Leighton and Linslade for the use of the bells.

It is proposed to hold the next monthly meeting at Amptill, on October 2nd.

EYESHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes): R. Young 1, A. Padden Smith 2, F. S. Wilson 3, J. D. Johnson 4, F. J. Johnson 5, H. Jordan 6, F. Jordan 7, H. J. Phipps 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, F. Jinks 10. Arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in three methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire, in 50 mins.: R. Sharp 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, J. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, F. Edwards 5, T. Middleton 6. R. Sharp hails from Porthcawl, and F. Edwards from Penarth.

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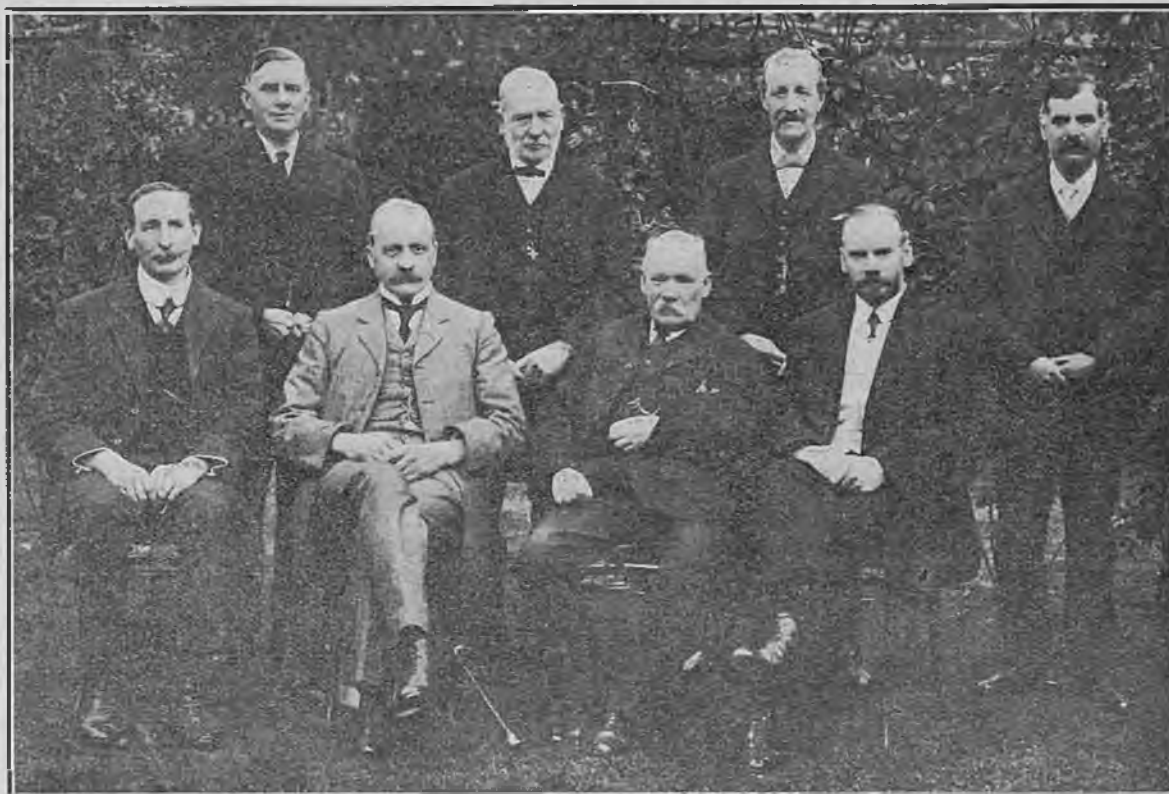


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JOHN CARTER. W. ROCK SMALL. JAMES GEORGE. JOHN T. PERRY.
 BENJAMIN GOUGH. HARRY MASON. JAMES JONES. JAMES E. GROVES.

We recorded last week the festivities at Erdington in celebration of the two peals rung by the same band at Coseley on November 24th, 1893, and November 24th, 1913. The eight ringers were present at the gathering, and above we give their photograph taken upon that

interesting occasion. It is not a little remarkable that, after a lapse of 22 years since the first of the two peals was rung, the whole of the band should still be residing in the neighbourhood.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, was held at Stockland, Bristol, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Bridgwater, Chedzoy, Enmore, Huntspill, Middlezoy, Wembdon and Bampton.

Service was held in the Parish Church, at 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. K. Ambrose), who gave an earnest address. After the service the Vicar very kindly entertained the company to a most sumptuous tea on the Vicarage lawn, the visitors, needless to say, doing full justice to the good things provided, and much appreciating the reverend gentleman's hospitality.

A meeting followed, at which the chairman of the branch (the Rev. E. de St. Croix) presided, about 40 members and friends being present. Afterwards the members returned to the belfry and kept the bells rolling till 6.30, when the company left for Cannington, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. W. Mallett), some touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Bob Minor, etc., were much enjoyed on those beautiful toned bells. The proceedings concluded at 8.15 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable time.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Paul's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Stever 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, P. H. Smith (first quarter-peal in method) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable, although poorly attended meeting of the South Eastern Division of the Essex Association, was held at Prittlewell on Saturday last. Fourteen members were present from Boreham, Orsett, Writtle and the local company, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd of Swindon. Had it not been for the Boreham company making an outing of the occasion and coming in force the meeting would have been a farce. The bells were raised at 4 o'clock and kept going in Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters for an hour, when service was held, at which the Rev. F. Dormer Pierce gave an excellent address.

After the service the members adjourned to the Blue Boar for tea and meeting, the Rev. F. D. Pierce presiding.

The District Master (Mr. W. Lincoln) and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Edwards) were re-elected.—The Rev. F. D. Pierce was elected an honorary member of the Association, and Widford was selected as the place for the next meeting.

The business proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his services, and for the use of the bells, and the members then adjourned to the church for further ringing.

ROTHERHITHE.—St. Paul's Guild, Hammersmith.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, P. H. Smith 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, H. E. Dare 8.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

HELP FOR BEGINNERS.

In the first volumes of "The Ringing World" I wrote a series of articles for beginners in our Art, and included some hints upon conducting. In view of the fact that the call to arms has resulted in many belfries losing their conductors, and that there are always, happily, aspirants to the higher spheres of practical ringing eager to go forward, the Editor has suggested to me that some further articles upon the subject of conducting might be acceptable. In acceding to his request, I feel I cannot do better, by way of introduction, than repeat what I said in an issue of "The Ringing World" nearly four years ago:

"A beginner at calling must not expect to jump to the top of the tree as a conductor straight away. Apart from a few exceptional cases, the successful conductor is one who has devoted years of patient study to the business, for conducting is not simply a question of calling bobs in the proper place. A conductor ought to know whether the bells are right and how to put them right when mistakes occur."

Herein, I may point out, lies the difference between the "conductor" and the "bob-caller."

"When the young conductor begins he will probably find he has as much as he can manage to call the bobs in the proper places, for precision in this matter is of prime importance. Nothing is more likely to upset the ringing than bobs called too soon or too late—the latter is usually fatal to the touch or peal. To the calling of the bobs, then, let the beginner first devote his attention; the rope-sight which will enable him to correct mistakes is a matter which experience only will bring—coupled with the acquired knowledge of the way in which the bells work one with the other."

In these articles I am hoping to cover several methods, and I am going to assume that those for whose benefit these notes are being specially written, have a good working knowledge, so to speak, of the methods themselves, for until a man understands a method and can ring it well, he ought not to attempt conducting. Indeed, if he tries to run before he can walk, inevitable failure awaits him. One other point by way of explanation. We have got to begin at the bottom of the ladder, and for that reason I have thought it well to give some hints, first, upon the calling of Grandsire Doubles. From this stage I hope to go forward by easy steps through the standard methods. One thing the beginner in conducting, even more than the beginner in ringing, will find extremely essential is that before he goes to his task in the belfry he must study at home. No man ever made a good ringer, much less a successful conductor, who failed to apply himself to study away from the belfry, therefore I hope these hints will be taken not as an exhaustive treatise upon how to call touches and peals, but as just a helping hand to those who are ready to help themselves.

Now, the first essential, of course, of conducting is knowing the proper moment at which to call the bobs. In Grandsire the correct place is the handstroke row when the treble is in 3rd's place going down to lead. Thus, the bell, which is to make 3rd's place at the bob, and which is the only bell affected by the call, is leading its handstroke blow. The bell which will have to make the extra 3rd's place and go into the hunt will be striking in 2nd's place. The treble, as I have said, will be in 3rd's place, and of the bells that have to do the double dodging in 4-5, that coming out of the hunt will be striking its last blow of

the whole pull behind and that which is to dodge in 4-5 up will be striking in 4th's place. The places mentioned are those in the handstroke row, but the conductor needs to avoid the variation in the time of his calls which would occur if, when going to make 3rd's place, he called, "bob," as he pulled off for his handstroke lead, and if, when about to dodge in 4-5 down, he called as he pulled off in 5th's place. To secure this even timing he should endeavour to notice the moment that the bell—whichever it may be—going to 3rd's place begins to lead and call the bob then, remembering, for his own assistance in selecting the right change at which to call, the position in which his own bell is going to fall.

Let me say here, that I am not one who believes in a conductor always ringing a "fixed" or "observation" bell. I know it is often convenient—especially in peals—to do so, as it saves a certain amount of mental strain and gives the conductor so much more relaxation to pick up trips as well as, perhaps, making it easier to keep the bells right. But the conducting of peals always from a fixed bell would fail to have any attraction for me. It is nothing like as entertaining as calling from a "working" bell, and there are also other strong arguments in its favour. For that reason I hope to include in these articles some helpful hints for calling from a non-observation bell. I will content myself for the moment, however, with the calling from a "fixed" bell.

In Grandsire Doubles with ordinary bobs and singles there can be only one of two bells as the observation bell—the 5th or the 3rd. There are ten ways of calling the six-score, and five of them have the 5th as observation and the other five the 3rd. For convenience, I give the calling of each 120, showing by either B or S the leads at which the calls are made. The observation bell can be doing only one of two things throughout the twelve lead-ends, either making the ordinary 3rd's place or double-dodging in 4-5 up. In the 120's with six calls the 5th is the "fixed" bell where the first lead is a plain lead, and the 3rd the observation where there is a call at the first lead. In the six-scores with nine calls the 3rd is the observation where there is a single at the first lead and the 5th in the remaining ones.

Lead

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|----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | | B B S | B S S |
| 2 | B B S | | S S B |
| 3 | | B S B | B S S |
| 4 | B S B | | S S B |
| 5 | | S B B | B S S |
| 6 | S B B | | S S B |
| 7 | | B B S | B S S |
| 8 | B B S | | S S B |
| 9 | | B S B | B S S |
| 10 | B S B | | S S B |
| 11 | | S B B | B S S |
| 12 | S B B | | S S B |

If, in the course of these notes, there is anything which is not clear to my readers, or any points in connection with ringing upon which they think I may be of assistance to them, I hope they will communicate with me and I will do my best to help them.

CONDUCTOR.

HILLINGTON, WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, on August 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. T. Smith (Slough) 1, G. H. Guttridge 2 Pto W. J. Robinson, R.A.M.C. 4, W. H. Fussell 5, W. Henley 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, H. H. Chandler 8.

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NOTICES.

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

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 21st; and for service on the 12th at 6 p.m. At the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on the 23rd, and for business on the 28th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moor-side on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. — Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alvechurch on Saturday, September 18th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Tea in the schools, 10d. each. — E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, September 18th. Bells open at 3 p.m., service at 5, tea at 5.30, kindly notify early.—George W. Tomkins, 35, Monk Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (8) available all afternoon and evening. All subscriptions due should now be sent to me as soon as possible. — H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bus leaves Town Hall, Northampton, 2.30 for Yardley.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, September 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Meeting and tea at the Bath Arms Hotel to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, September 25th. The bells (8) will be available; service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for those who give me notice by the Wednesday previous. Election of branch officers at this meeting.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Conisbro', near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired. —Leonard Brightman, Honorary District Secretary pro tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 1/3 per head to visitors and non-resident ringers, and half-price to members giving notice to Rev. Walter Smith, The Vicarage, Tuxford, Newark. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, September 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, September 25th, 1915, when the bells of Carlton (8, tenor 15 cwt.) also the bells at Whorlton (6, tenor 8 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. The president (Rev. J. L. Kyle) has kindly offered to provide luncheon and tea free at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Carlton. Those intending to be present for lunch must notify the secretary not later than first post on Monday, September 20th, 1915; those intending to partake of tea only must also notify the secretary on the above date, or they will not be provided for. A short business meeting will follow on after the tea.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LLANFAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, September 25th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available. — Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. A. Partridge. Tea (10d.) at the Beacon Inn at 6. The question of "War Loan" will be considered. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 28th. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at the Beaumont Arms at 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided at 6d. each to all who send in their names not later than Monday, September 27th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Sec. pro tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held on October 2nd, 1915, at Hilperton, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with short business meeting. Ringing also at St. James', Trowbridge, in the evening. Intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on August 4th, for the special service on the anniversary of the declaration of war, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: B. Chorley 1, W. Jelley 2, M. Smither 3, A. H. Pulling 4, C. Burdock 5, J. T. Lee 6, H. L. Garfath (conductor) 7, C. Hazelden 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, Farnham, on Saturday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins., in honour of the wedding of Major Raymond and Miss Clare: C. Edwards (conductor) 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, A. R. Elkins 3, H. Chaffey 4, G. Upshall 5, W. G. Elkins 6, T. Upshall 7, A. E. King 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, for morning service, on August 8th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: Mrs. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, C. Raison 3, J. Francis 4, G. H. Harding 5, Corpl. A. K. Harrison, A.S.C. 6, S. Hector (conductor) 7, S. Francis 8. Arranged specially for Corpl. Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

HANLEY.—At the Parish Church, on August 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Wedgwood (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Goldstraw 2, H. Cordall 3, H. Alcock (conductor) 4, S. Sargeant 5, W. Degg (first quarter-peal) 6, C. Page 7, J. Prophet (first quarter-peal) 8.—Another quarter-peal was rung on August 27th: P. Dale (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Woodward 2, S. Sargeant 3, H. Alcock (conductor) 4, H. Cordall 5, G. Jones (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Degg 7, H. Wedgwood 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. Walker 1, J. Vickers (Derbyshire), R.F.A. 2, W. H. Newell 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On August 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Pte H. Evans (1st quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, S. Churton (conductor) 3, C. Woodward 4, E. Landon 5, C. H. Page 6, T. Austin 7, H. Austin 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Aug. 22, for evening service, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. (composed by Cornelius Charge): W. A. Alps 1, T. Walker 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. Bottrill 4, J. Hunt 5, E. Brett 6, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 7, A. Pettett 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Harbour 1, A. W. Davis 2, J. W. Fruin (first quarter of Stedman away from tenor) 3, H. Payne 4, Robert Holloway 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, J. R. Sims 8.—On August 18th, 336 Bob Major: A. Edwards 1, —, Stevens 2, G. Harbour 3, A. W. Davis 4, A. Hubbard 5, J. H. Payne 6, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.—On Saturday, August 28th, to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Joseph E. Fellows and Miss Agnes Bywater, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), and other touches were rung by: J. Ray, A. Abiss, W. Mills, junr., T. Griffiths, F. Evans, H. Jeavons (conductor), W. Mills, senr., B. Fullwood.—On Tuesday, Aug. 31st, in honour of the birthday of "Jack" Ray, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by James George): J. Ray 1, F. Darral 2, A. Abiss 3, T. Griffiths 4, B. Gough (conductor) 5, E. Mitchell 6, W. Mills, senr., 7, T. Smith 8. Messrs. Darral, Mitchell, and Smith belong to St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

FULHAM.—On August 29th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1263 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. W. Davis 3, H. Dains 4, W. G. Matthews 5, P. G. Miles 6, W. J. Daubney 7, A. V. Selby 8, J. W. Driver 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

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| ERNEST E. BARBER 3 | ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor |

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Harry Creese, 4th Batt. Worcesters, who fell on August 24th while serving his King and Country in the Dardanelles.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Stamford, Lancashire, Durham, York, Wells,
London and Cambridge.

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| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4 |
| *MISS DOROTHY D. STEEL ... 2 | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5 |
| EDMOND HOBBS 3 | HERBERT SHARPE ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1915, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, London Scholar's Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| CHARLES J. SALLAWAY ... Treble | GEORGE BOLLAND 4 |
| SAMUEL ODDY 2 | EDWARD ODDY 5 |
| GEORGE LAMBERT 3 | RUFUS THORNTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

HANDBELL PEALS.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 15, 1915, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.

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| JOHN HURST 1-2 | JOHN SEGAR, JUNR. ... 3-4 |
| SERG. J. B. JACKSON ... 5-6 | |

Conducted by JOHN SEGAR, JUNR.

Witness: R. MILES.

Sergt. J. B. Jackson was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. He hails from Guiseley, and is now stationed at Babworth, near Retford, with the 2/6th Duke of Wellington's Regt.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE OFFICE OF "THE RINGING WORLD,"

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANCES;

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| ALFRED H. POLLING ... 1-2 | ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6 |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4 | JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 7-8 |
| MAURICE SMITHER ... 9-10 | |

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, and to the conductor. W. Shepherd's 250th peal.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Amount already acknowledged | 114 | 2 | 9 |
| "F. G. P.," London | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Hoddesdon Society (per Mr. S. Knight) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Total | 114 | 10 | 3 |

RINGERS LOST ON "ROYAL EDWARD."

Among those who went down in the "Royal Edward" when she was torpedoed in the Aegean Sea, were four ringers belonging to the 13th Hants Regiment, who were regular visitors, during their stay in the Isle of Wight, to the tower of St. Thomas's Church, Newport. They were Ptes. W. D. Hall, V. G. Hillary, E. Hillary and E. Wellstead.

To their memory, as well as to that of fallen Islanders of the 5th Hants (T.F.) Regiment, and also of those Island men lost on the ill-fated transport, touches of 224 and 213 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Upton and H. Jennings respectively, and three plain courses of Stedman Triples were rung at the Parish Church, Newport, on Sunday week, with the bells half-muffled. Those taking part were: J. Simmonds, W. Chambers, C. Blake, W. Scott, A. Calloway, H. Phillips, W. Upton, J. Leal and H. Jennings.

Pte Edwin J. Wellstead was a member of the St. Peter's tower, Curdridge, Hants, and his loss is deeply felt by his colleagues in that branch of the Winchester Guild. The deceased was only 20 years of age, and was a most promising ringer in Standard methods. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples and the treble to a peal of Double Norwich. On September 16th, the Curdridge band rang three 504's of Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, except the tenor, which was "open" on one side. The three touches were rung without a break, and were called by three different conductors, viz., Alfred Mears, W. J. Ryves and Andrew Mears respectively, each 500 having a different calling. The ringers were: G. Jupp 1, Jesse Ryves 2, F. J. Newland 3, Alfred Mears 4, W. J. Ryves 5, A. Pook 6, Andrew Mears 7, C. Johnson 8.

Pte V. G. and E. Hillary belonged to Wonstone, a five-bell tower, near Sutton Scotney, Hants, and both had made progress on eight bells during their visits to Newport tower. E. Hillary, who had got as far as ringing an inside bell to Grandsire Triples, was a member of the choir at Wonstone.

Pte W. D. Hall, although not a practical ringer, was much interested in the Art.

GRANTHAM RINGER KILLED.

News has been received of the death of another Lincoln Guild ringer, who fell at the Dardanelles—Pte Lawrence Edlin Mears, of the St. Wulfram's Society, Grantham. Before the war, Pte Mears was an enthusiastic ringer, and was a regular attendant both at service and practice ringing. Soon after the war broke out he enlisted in the 6th Lincolnshire Regiment, and for a time was stationed at Belton Park, Grantham. He went to the Dardanelles with the 11th Northern Division, which suffered severe losses, and Pte Mears' parents received a brief notification from the Record Office at Lichfield, that their son was killed in action on August 7th. The deceased, who was 22 years of age, is the first member of the Southern Branch of the Guild to be killed in the fighting. The Vicar of Grantham made a feeling reference from the pulpit to the late Pte Mears, dwelling upon his energy as a church worker, and the sympathy which had been extended to his parents.

AMONG BERKS AND BUCKS TOWERS.

CAVERSHAM MEN'S TRIP.

The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, had a delightful tour among village churches for their annual outing, the places visited being Hurst, Warfield, Bray, and Burnham, Bucks. Starting from Caversham at 9 o'clock, the party reached Hurst an hour later. Permission having previously been obtained to ring, everything was in readiness. The bells were raised, and Cambridge Surprise and a well-struck touch of Stedman were brought round. After refreshing the inner man, the party were soon on their way to Warfield, which place, after passing through some very delightful scenery, was reached at 12.15. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Thackeray), whom the visitors caught haymaking in the churchyard, gave them a hearty welcome, and led the way up to the ringing chamber, where some good ringing was done. Mrs. Thackeray also came upon the scene, and, after extending her welcome, invited the party to the Vicarage, where lunch was provided, to which, needless to add, all did justice.

The captain (Mr. E. W. Monday), in felicitous words, thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Thackeray for their kindness in providing lunch, and for the hearty way in which they had received the Caversham ringers. The Vicar, replying, said it had always been their intention to invite the Caversham ringers to Warfield, and he hoped they would come again.

After another short touch on the bells, which were then lowered, the party had a look round the fine old church, which was admired very much. Then boarding the conveyance they set out for Bray, where, on arrival, they were met by some of the local men. The heavy peal of six was raised, and some touches of Minor brought round, and the bells lowered. The next place to be visited was Burnham, where the Vicar had kindly held the customary service half an hour earlier for the visitors' convenience. A few courses of Cambridge and Stedman brought the day's ringing to a close. Tea was then partaken of, after which the return journey was made and home was reached at 10.30 p.m., all agreeing that the outing was one of the best they had ever spent.

The St. Peter's Society take this opportunity of thanking the ringers of the various towers and those kind friends (especially Mr. A. W. Carter) who provided nearly all the necessary funds which enabled them to carry out such a splendid programme.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING AT HENBURY.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Henbury on Saturday last. Members began to arrive at half-past three, and the bells were soon swinging. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before service, which was at five o'clock, and at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Way) gave a thoughtful address. Ten followed in the schoolroom, over forty sitting down, including the Master (Mr. F. K. Howell), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), and the hon. treasurer (the Rev. H. A. Cockey).

Subsequently the business meeting was held, Mr. H. Howell taking the chair. One new member was elected. This was Mr. S. Thomas, who has done much for ringing in Bristol in years past, and it gives great pleasure to the ringers to welcome him back into the active ranks once more.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on October 9th at Westerleigh, where a new band of ringers has lately been started.

The Chairman then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and the ladies, who had so kindly prepared tea for the visitors. This was carried with acclamation, and the ringers then returned to the tower. Various methods were rung until half-past eight, when the bells were lowered, and the company dispersed. The ringing evidently put an edge to the appetites of some, for bread and cheese with suitable "beverage," seemed to be much in favour at the "Salutation" afterwards.

The members were very pleased to see Mr. F. May ringing once more, and trust that he will soon be completely recovered.

This was "some" meeting, being the best attendance during the year, the fine weather doubtless being somewhat responsible. The secretaries hope that this keenness will be shown at the rest of the meetings. It is much to be regretted that one of the visitors, who, having left his bicycle outside of the church, on returning after tea, found that someone had stolen his lamp. However, with the aid of a borrowed light, he was able to start his journey home to Berkeley.

While ringing was in progress before service, the Vicar, accompanied by Mrs. Way and three of the Henbury lady ringers, came into the tower and expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Association to Henbury. He further said he thought it would be a fitting occasion to perform a little ceremony, that of unveiling a peal board to record the peal of Grandsire Triples rung some little time ago, largely by Henbury ringers, and conducted by J. Gould.

Mrs. Way was then called upon to unveil the board, which is a small, but very neat one, and which met with approval on all sides.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sept. 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright (first quarter) 3, T. Vaughan 4, W. Cross 5, F. Davis 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The first Session of the Ninth Council (twenty-fifth annual meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday, 25th May, 1915, in the Small Hall of the Church House, Westminster, at 11 a.m., when there were present of representative members 65 out of 103, and of honorary members 8 out of 14, making a total of 73 members present.

Only one nomination, that of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., had been received for the office of president, and after he had been proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the hon. secretary, who temporarily occupied the chair, announced that he had been unanimously re-elected.

The President, having taken the chair, and having thanked the members for his re-election, announced that only one nomination, viz., that of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, had been received for the office of honorary secretary and treasurer.—Mr. J. Griffin proposed, and the Rev. Canon Baker seconded, the re-election of Mr. Davies, which was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary then thanked the Council for the confidence reposed in him, and expressed the pleasure that the work had always been to him.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the hon. secretary, and were unanimously passed on the proposal of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the annual statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary: Balance in hand from last year, £42 15s. 2d.; affiliation fees, £12 17s. 6d.; sale of publications, £1 15s. 10d.; interest on deposit account, £1 0s. 7d., making a total of £58 9s. 1d. Against this there had been: Expenses of meeting in 1914, 10s.; expenses of committees, £1; advertisements, printing and postage, £2 17s. 10d., leaving in hand (in addition to the sum of £50 on deposit account), a balance of £54 1s. 3d. These accounts, having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were unanimously passed on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) reported as to the sale of publications, showing how the sum of £1 15s. 10d., mentioned above, was reached.—His report was unanimously adopted.

The following retiring honorary members, viz., Mr. John Carter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. W. Snowdon, Mr. J. A. Trollope, and Mr. G. Williams, were unanimously re-elected on the proposal of Mr. G. Watson, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker.

The President drew attention to the fact of the presence of Mr. W. Banister on the platform, and expressed the pleasure felt by all the members in welcoming him as a visitor to the meeting, and in finding him still in apparent good health. To this Mr. Banister, who announced himself as being in his 92nd year, briefly responded, his remarks being received with hearty applause.

It was announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from the following members, viz.: Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. John Carter, Rev. E. V. Cox, Mr. W. H. Godden, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. A. T. King, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. G. T. Potter, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. W. Snowdon, and the Rev. W. P. Wright.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Council's roll of service, as follows: T. R. Dennis, Signal Service, R.E., 1st Army Headquarters, France.

*W. Haigh, wearing the badge for war service in Chatham Dockyard.

Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, A.S.C., Mechanical Transport Section.

*Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Chaplain to the Forces, stationed at Rouen.

Lieut. C. F. Johnston, Royal Fusiliers, P.S. Battalion.

Rev. C. E. Matthews, Chaplain to the Forces, at the front in Belgium.

R. Narborough, Cambridge Regiment.

*B. Prewett, 1754, B Co., 5th Battalion London Rifle Brigade.

*Present at the meeting.

The following new members were introduced to and shook hands with the President: Of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes; of the Royal Cumberland Society, Mr. F. Smith; of the Chester Guild, Messrs. J. Ashmore and J. Morgan; of the Dudley and District Association, Mr. W. R. Small; of the Essex Association, Mr. G. Dent; of the Kent Association, Mr. W. Haigh; of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Edith Parker; of the Lancashire Association, Mr. S. Wood; of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. W. E. White; of the Central Northants Association, Mr. W. Perkins; of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Messrs. T. H. Beams and W. Hughes D'Aeth; of the Staffs Association, Mr. H. Knight; of the Sussex Association, Mr. R. Stredwick; of the Towcester and District Association, Mr. J. Clarke; and of the Worcester and Districts Association, Messrs. A. E. Parsons and W. Short.

On the proposal of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Standing Committee was re-elected as follows: The President, the Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. H. Law James, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. W. Snowdon, the name of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Hon. Librarian, being added to the list.

The President then reported that the Committee had had before

them the question of payment for advertisement of the Council's publications in the ringing papers, which they wished to refer to the Council.

It was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. G. Williams, and carried, that the terms for advertisements offered by the "Ringing World" be not accepted. It was proposed by Mr. G. P. Burton, and seconded by Mr. B. Prewett, that the existing advertisement in "Bells News" be dropped. The motion was lost. It was proposed by the Rev. H. J. Elsec, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and carried unanimously, that the hon. secretary cause to be printed a list of the Council's publications on a slip of paper, and that a copy be forwarded to the hon. secretary of each affiliated Guild or Association, with the request that, if possible, it may be printed in the annual Guild report.

On behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that, as announced last year, the first part of the collection of Treble Bob Major Peals was ready for press.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, having intimated that he wished to resign his position on the committee, proposed the re-election of the committee, and that his vacant seat be filled by the election of Mr. E. H. Lewis.—This was seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and carried unanimously.

The report of the Literature Committee having been deferred till later in the proceedings,

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported on behalf of the Committee on Legitimate Methods, who had been authorised to print Vol. II of the Collection of Major Methods, and explained that a further careful scrutiny of the methods, together with other causes, had led to the postponement of its publication.—The report was adopted, and on the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the committee was re-elected.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved the adoption of the report of the Peals' Analysis Committee, which was seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried unanimously.—It was proposed by Mr. C. Dean, and seconded by Mr. W. E. White, that the committee be re-elected with the hearty thanks of the Council for their work.—Carried unanimously.

It was moved by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, that the reports of peals, in order to obtain recognition by the committee, must be published in either or both of the ringing papers within a period of eight weeks, after performance.—This was carried unanimously.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported for the Literature Committee, that owing to his continued ill-health but little progress had been made. The re-election of the committee was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, and carried.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Hon. Secretary, and the President reported as to the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee.—On the motion of the Rev. Canon Papillon, seconded by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the committee was re-elected.

The resolution on the agenda to the effect that "The Central Council approve and issue a National Badge for Ringers," failed to find a proposer, and, therefore, fell through.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, that it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods as stated on page 18 of "Rules and Decisions," 1904.—The President pointed out that it had always been the custom of the Council to refer such matters to an expert committee, and on his suggestion the motion was passed by a large majority, it being understood that the considerations advanced by the hon. secretary were referred to the Committee on Legitimate Methods.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then moved, and Mr. Hughes D'Aeth seconded, that this Council recognise with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war, but at the same time the Council regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, whenever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National anniversaries to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire, and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies.—The motion was carried unanimously.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the consideration of an item on the agenda calling attention to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal was postponed.

For the place of meeting next year, Mr. J. Griffin proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that Plymouth be chosen. To this the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed, and Mr. J. D. Matthews seconded, Bath as an amendment. The amendment having been lost, the original motion was carried by a large majority.

On the motion of Mr. H. White, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a vote of condolence was passed with the families of the late Messrs. R. Cartwright and S. Reeves, members of the Council, who had died within the past year.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a hearty vote of thanks to the President was carried by acclamation.—The meeting then adjourned.

NOTE.—It is earnestly requested that, should any omission or in-

accuracy be found in the foregoing minutes, the fact may be brought to the notice of the hon. secretary as soon as possible.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Pretherne,
Stonehouse, Glos.

SURREY'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT. DEDICATION AT GODSTONE.

The Surrey parish of Godstone is now in possession of a fine peal of eight bells as a result of the recasting of the old six and the adding of a new tenor and treble, the new peal being in the key of G, and having a tenor of 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs., the total weight being 52 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. In addition to the restoration of the bells, which has been done at the expense of the parishioners, a Westminster quarter chiming clock with two dials, the bequest of the late Mr. J. D. Charlton, a resident of the parish who died on September 20th, 1913, has been placed in the tower. All this work has been carried out by the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whose foundry the old six (five of which were cast in 1777) were sent to be recast. The new ring of eight have been tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and are exceptionally sweet and pure in tone, and a great contrast to bells tuned on any other system. They have been fitted with a complete set of new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, oak wheels, wrought iron clappers, etc., and have been hung in a new frame composed of massive steel foundation girders, firmly secured to the walls of the tower, upon which are fixed heavy cast-iron standards, of the low-side pattern, to support the bearings. The whole frame is braced firmly together, and is so constructed as to obviate any undue thrust being put on the tower.

THE BELLS.

The following are the inscriptions and weights of the new bells:—
Treble.—Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 4 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.

2nd.—To the Honour of God. The gift of Thomas Rose. 1871. Taylor and Co., Founders. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

3rd.—This bell put up by subscription in ye Year 1777. Wm. Mears, London. Fecit. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.

4th.—To Honour both of God and King, Our Voices shall in Consort ring. Wm. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 5 lbs.

5th.—At proper times our Voices we will raise, In sounding to our Benefactors praise. Wm. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 6 cwt.

6th.—Whilst thus we join in Cheerful Sound, May love and loyalty abound. Wm. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb.

7th.—Messrs. Geo. Werry and Henry Rose. Ch. Wardens. Mears and Co., London. Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

Tenor.—"AD DEI MAJOREM GLORIAM." Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1915; weight, 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs.

The Westminster quarter clock is of the very best possible make and of the most modern design, embodying all the latest improvements. It has a double three-legged gravity escapement and a compensated pendulum, which ensures the most accurate time-keeping.

The time is shown upon two 4ft. 6in. diameter cast-iron skeleton dials, fixed to the south and west walls of the tower. The hours are struck upon the tenor bell and the Westminster quarter chimes upon four of the smaller bells.

THE SERVICE.

The Dedication took place on Thursday of last week, the ceremony, which included the consecration of an addition to the churchyard, being performed by the Bishop of Southwark, in the presence of a large congregation and the clergy from the surrounding parishes. After the opening hymns, the Bishop, clergy, choir, and congregation proceeded to the churchyard, where the Psalm, "Preserve me, O God," was chanted. The new part of the churchyard was then consecrated by the Bishop, and afterwards the Bishop, standing opposite the south face of the church clock, said prayers of dedication of the clock and the bells. He then proceeded to the belfry, and after prayers with the ringers, a few rounds were rung, and the choir and congregation in the churchyard joined in singing, "We love the place, O God." Everyone then entered the church, where the Bishop gave an address, in the course of which he said he was deeply thankful that, in those days of September, 1915, they had met, a little company of disciples, to do honour to God's house and to offer Him loving gifts which had been made for the adornment of the church to help its worship. The Bishop dwelt upon the teeming, crowded life of South London, and the life of a country village. When, he said, in a diocese like that they had a place like Godstone, what an example it was to hold before them. It showed what village life meant to one place in England, where English people could really feel enthusiasm for the church and all its associations—a something which was part of the heritage which was their very own. The incumbents of the small villages had their trials—everyone had trials—but they had one tremendous

inspiration: they had the real households of the faith and they could draw people together. There was no need there for temperance meetings and gatherings of that sort. A little word spoken here and there in season was worth all the temperance meetings in the world. In associations some of their very best education lay, and in their responsibility for making associations wherever they lived lay, perhaps, the greatest responsibilities. The world was a better and richer place to live in, not merely so much because of the heroic deeds of the one hundred great pattern lives that passed on and stood in the pages of history, but because of that unnumbered multitude of men and women who in any corner of the most obscure experience, had led them, through the light of faith, hope and love shining amongst them, and lying in unknown graves, gave those simple truths that human life was a sacred thing, that duty was always to be done, and that the love of brother was the crown of life. He prayed that those eternal lights of personality might be shining among them, and might fill the world in which it lived with associations of good report.

The impressive service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop and the National Anthem, and the bells then rang out merrily in a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, the ringers being: H. F. Ewins 1, W. Beeson, junr. (conductor) 2, L. F. Goodwin 3, G. F. Head 4, W. Cheeseman 5, O. Sippets 6, T. Boniface 7, W. Balcombe 8. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the Rector (the Rev. G. E. G. Hoare) to a meat tea at the Rectory, and further ringing was indulged in, touches being rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. They found the tone and "go" of the bells excellent.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The September quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held on Saturday last at Alvechurch, and for a summer gathering it could hardly have been surpassed. It was the first time in the history of the Association that a meeting had been held there, and considering the conditions under which Associations are working the attendance was very good. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in the various methods, including Superlative Surprise Major. The service was conducted by Bishop Mylne, who gave a short but very able and pointed discourse, which was listened to with much pleasure. One pleasing feature of the service was the music which was provided by the genial Master of the Association, Mr. A. E. Parsons, and which helped very considerably to brighten the service.

Tea was provided in the Schools, to which about 50 sat down, and Hostess Scriven was heartily thanked for the very able manner in which she had provided for wants of those present.

At the business meeting, which followed, Bishop Mylne took the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Oldswinford, on January 16th.—The Bishop was elected an hon. member of the Association.

In moving the re-election of Messrs. S. Grove (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Pigott (representative on the Central Committee) and Mr. E. J. Dowler (secretary and treasurer), Mr. Theodore Pritchett heartily congratulated the Association on having such able men to do the work, and said that it was due to their efforts that the Association was in such a flourishing condition.—Mr. R. Small and Mr. A. E. Parsons supporting the resolution, endorsed all that had been said by Mr. Pritchett, and the secretary briefly responded on behalf of the officers.

Mr. Pritchett, in moving a vote of thanks to the Bishop for arranging the service, giving them the address, and for presiding at the meeting, said he trusted that, although it was the first time a meeting had been held at Alvechurch, it would not be the last.—The motion was carried with applause, and the Bishop, in replying, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to have the meeting there, and when their turn came again, he hoped to extend the same hearty welcome to them.

On the invitation of the Bishop, a visit was paid to the gardens, a privilege which was very much appreciated. The shades of evening were now showing themselves, and brought to a close, all too soon, one of the pleasantest gatherings it was possible to have. It was very pleasing to the members to see among them Mr. W. Short, who a short time ago met with such a serious cycling accident, looking remarkable well, considering the damage which was done.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Yardley Hastings, on Saturday last by the Northampton District of the above Association, between 30 and 40 members and friends being present from All Saints', St. Peter's and St. Edmund's, Northampton; Kingsthorpe, Ecton, Castle Ashby, Easton Maudit, Weston Favell, Easton Neston, Harpole, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Olney, and the local band. Various methods were rung, including Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, etc. After tea the General Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the local ringers for having them ready.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Starke (vice-president), and heartily carried, the Rector suitably replying.

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A PROMINENT HANDBELL RINGER.**MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD, OF HERSHAM.**

With a peal rung on Saturday, Mr. William Shepherd, of Hersham, Surrey, brought his total up to 250. Nearly one half of these have been rung on handbells, and it is largely from the part he has taken in performances "in hand" that Mr. Shepherd has risen to no inconsiderable fame in ringing circles in London and the south.

He comes of a ringing family. Born at Exeter on September 7th, 1883, he is the second son of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, who was the first of the four brothers who took up change ringing in the early days of the Devon Guild. Mr. William Shepherd was taught to handle a bell at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, by his father, before school days were over, and did his first change ringing at Heavitree soon after the peal of bells were put there. He scored his first peal in August, 1900, this being conducted by his father



MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

He left Exeter for London in December of the same year, and soon became acquainted with the principal towers and ringers of the Metropolis.

His first peal of Stedman was rung on his 18th birthday, viz., Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, conducted by the late Mr. James Pettitt. His first peal as conductor came a year later at the tower where he learnt change ringing. In October, 1902, Mr. Shepherd went to live at Weybridge, and, while there, went many times to assist the new band of ringers at Hersham, to which village he eventually moved in September, 1904, and joined the local society, who were at that time just starting Stedman. In the year 1907 handbell ringing was taken up, and, after continual practice, a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored, which Mr. Shepherd conducted.

Although fond of peal ringing, Mr. Shepherd is most assiduous in his attention to his Sunday duties in the tower, and is ever ready to lend a hand to help and en-

courage those not so well advanced as himself, and with that in view attends a great many ringing meetings, and also finds opportunities by virtue of being Ringing Master of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild.

Unfortunately he is without a detailed list of his peals, but his 250 have been rung on all numbers from six to 12 bells. In the tower he has rung 141, and conducted 36, his longest length having been 7392 of Double Norwich. On handbells he has rung 109 and conducted 60. Some of the lengths are records. These include the 6063 Stedman Cinques, the longest in hand, and the 8099 Grandsire Caters, which he conducted and which is also the greatest length in the method on handbells. Then there are the two great peals of Stedman Caters at Guildford, the 14,031 and the 19,738, in which also his brother Arthur took part.

These last two peals are the two longest lengths ever rung in hand, and the 19,738 is the greatest number of changes ever rung by one set of men either on tower or handbells. Mr. Shepherd has rung in a "silent" and an "all conducted" peal of Bob Major in hand; conducted a "William" peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells; called peals of Bob Major off every pair of handbells, and rung every inside pair to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques. He was the conductor of the first family handbell peal (father and three sons taking part), which was his father's first "in hand," and was also the first "in hand" by the Devon Guild, while recently he rang in the short course peal of Stedman Cinques, with 342 calls, on handbells by the Middlesex Association. In handbell ringing, at any rate, this is something to be proud of.

Besides change ringing on handbells Mr. Shepherd is fond of tune ringing, and he and his father and two brothers play tunes from music on a set of over 50 bells. The family are in great demand at concerts, and their playing always proves a great feature in any programme.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Brighouse, on Saturday week, when about 50 members attended, representing a goodly number of towers. During the afternoon and evening the fine peal of eight were kept going in a variety of methods. A committee meeting was held at the Schools, and afterwards a substantial meal tea was partaken of by the visitors.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of Mr. G. Bolland, the Rev. C. C. Marshall took the chair, supported by the Vicar of Brighouse, the churchwardens, and officers of the Association.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on December 11th, and no invitations being received, it was left to the committee to select the place. A practice meeting was decided upon, particulars of which will be announced in "The Ringing World" later.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. T. B. Kendall was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Brighouse. Everything was done to make the meeting successful, and he hoped it would not be long before they came again.—Mr. J. Colterell proposed, and Mr. A. Gill seconded, a vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies who had helped at the tea tables, Mr. Drake of the local company replying. Handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in, and brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD

Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, was the venue of the September meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, held on Saturday last. Applodora, Fairfield, Rye, Stone, Tenterden and Woodchurch were the towers represented, and the ringing comprised Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and Bob Minor. Messrs. C. W. Player, C. Tribe and E. Burt acting as conductors. The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) could not make it convenient to attend, and Mr. C. W. Player occupied the chair at the business meeting.—Mr. Tribe proposed, and Mr. G. Johnson seconded, that the October meeting take place at Benenden on the fourth Saturday in the month.—This was carried unanimously.—The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Phillips) was thanked for allowing the Guild to assemble at Stone, and gratitude was also expressed to the chairman for his co-operation in arranging the meeting, the motion being proposed by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs).

DEATH OF CAPT. H. J. SUDELL.

We regret to announce the death of Captain Henry J. Sudell, of the Army Service Corps, who is the third ringer in the commissioned ranks of the Army to lay down his life for his country.

In January, 1910, at the annual meeting of the St. Matthew's (Upper Clapton) Society of Voluntary Ringers, Mr. Sudell was elected Master. He had already gained the affection and confidence of the members, and their loyalty to him was shown by his re-election year after year. He was always ready to render any service to the church or the ringers, whose welfare was constantly his desire and aim.

His profession was that of a chartered accountant, and he constantly placed his skill in figures at the disposal of the church. He was a regular and devout communicant, and no Sunday passed without finding him in his place in church. He gave of his means with singular generosity, and with that lack of ostentation in keeping with his general humility of character.



THE LATE CAPT. H. J. SUDELL.

Upon the outbreak of the war he joined an Officers' Training Corps, and received in due course a commission in the Army Service Corps, gaining his captaincy last April. He died on board ship, and was buried at sea from wounds received while fighting in Gallipoli. All who knew him will regret the death of this gallant young officer, and will rejoice that to the end (as the chaplain wrote) his simple faith in God remained as an anchor of the soul. May he rest in peace, and may God give the Church many sons with loyalty, devotion and service like his.

Mr. Sudell rang one peal, the only one ever rung by a local society at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton. His first aim was always to have the bells rung well on Sundays, and he was not keen on peal ringing. At the same time, there was none more gratified than he when the society, of which he was Master, rang their first peal, on August 21st, 1913, the method being Grandsire Triples.

On Saturday last a half-muffled peal was rung to his

memory, particulars of which will be found in the proper place. As six of the local ringers are away serving their country the peal had to be rung by a mixed band, and only two of the St. Matthew's Society were able to take part in it. The only other remaining member of the society, Mr. S. S. Dunwell, who was unable to ring in the peal, was good enough to prepare the bells and to affix the muffles. Before the commencement of the peal the Vicar, Rev. O. R. Dawson, visited the belfry, and offered up suitable prayers for such a solemn occasion.

Captain Sudell was a member of the Essex Association as well as of the Middlesex County Association.

VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

On a recent Saturday the ringers of King's Norton, Worcestershire, had their annual outing, when they paid a visit to the famous bell foundry at Loughborough. The invitation was extended to a few ringers not directly connected with the band, but nevertheless it was very much appreciated by all who could accept the offer. Motor traction was the mode of travel, a start being made from Birmingham at 8 a.m. Included in the party were the Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), Mr. T. Pritchett, Mr. A. Pritchett and Mr. Churchwarden Yates.

Tamworth, the first stop, was soon reached, and the bells were set going to Stedman Triples and Treble Bob. A climb up to the battlements was well worth the exertion on account of the splendid view which was obtained. About an hour was well spent at this church, and then a move was made for Ashby. There the Vicar readily gave permission for a ring on the bells, and several touches brought round.

Loughborough was eventually reached at 12.20 p.m., Mr. Denison Taylor welcoming the party. A visit to the machine shops and foundry was very instructive, and it was a pleasure to notice that not only bells were being turned out, but that the men were "doing their bit" at home to help our gallant boys at the front.

The next item on the programme was a visit to the Parish Church, where the grand peal was soon set going to Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. Those who had a pull were able to confirm the opinion which all visitors express that the tone and "go" of the bells leave nothing to be desired. The inner man now wanted attention, and the whole party sat down to a splendid collation. Afterwards, Mr. Theodore Pritchett, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Taylor for giving the visitors the opportunity of inspecting the foundry, and also to the ladies who had looked after their wants so well. He also wished to couple with the vote Mr. P. Laffin, who had made all the arrangements for the journey.

The party were fortunate to have amongst them Mr. Harry Withers, the Bournville carillonneur, and to the delight of everyone he was soon busy on the carillon at the Foundry. Included in the selections which he gave were the French, Belgian and Russian National Anthems, and, of course, "Tipperary," which brought loud applause. A visit was then made to the Foundry tower, where ringing was indulged in for an hour, when tea was served in the Foundry.

The turning course having come up, the party shaped their way for home, calling on the way at Measham, where there is a pretty ring of eight. Touches in several methods were brought round, and the journey was resumed through delightful country. The shades of evening were gathering fast when the excursionists ran into Courdsworth, where the last halt was made. The sound of the handbells brought nearly all the villagers out, and it was obviously the first time some of them had heard any handbell ringing. But all things have an ending, and the party left with regret, and arrived back in Birmingham at 10 o'clock, after one of the best and most enjoyable outings it was possible to have.

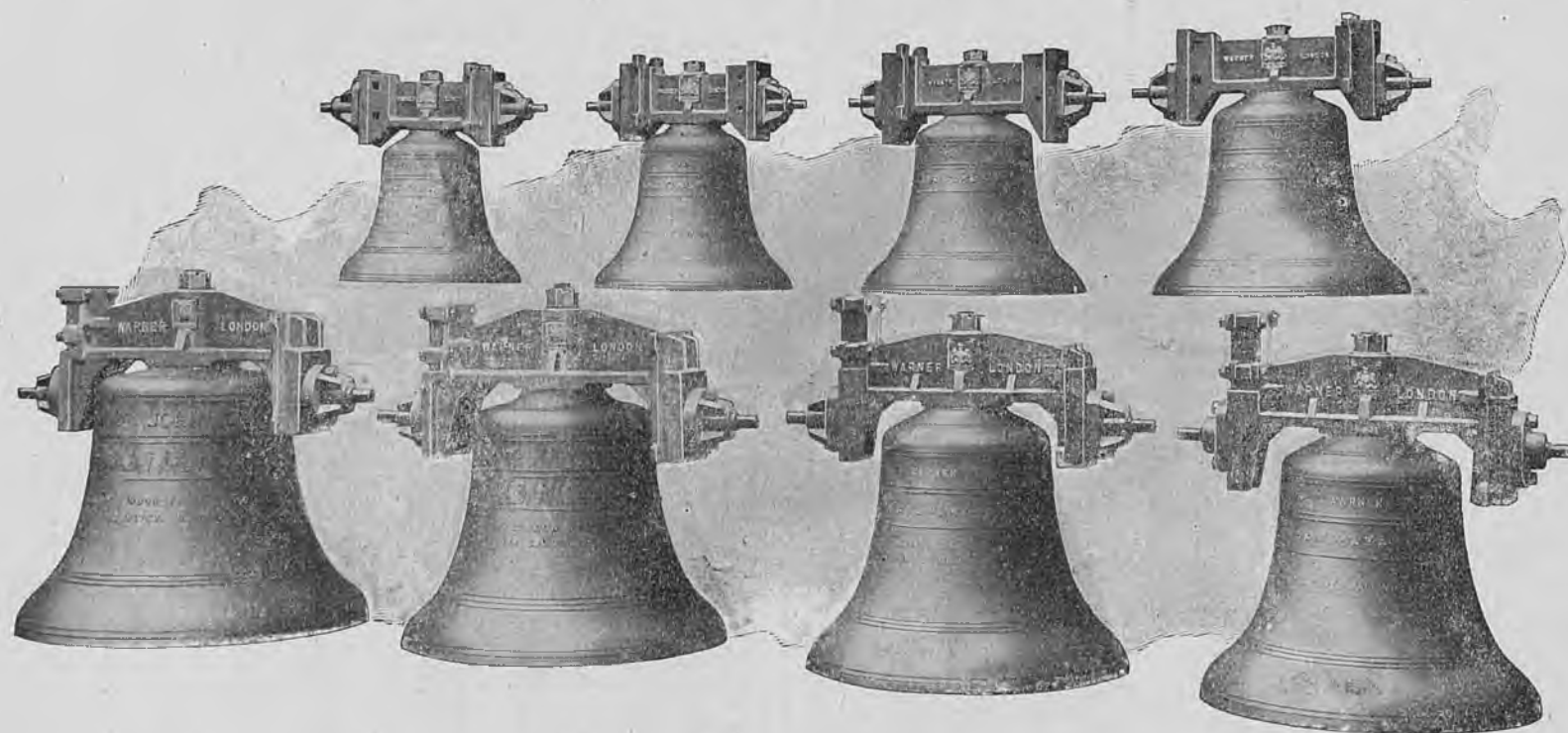
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Southam on Saturday last. Favoured with lovely weather, a goodly number of members put in an appearance to have a ring on this splendid ring of eight, which were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, in which some of the local men took part. The Southam band has been very hard hit by the war, most of the members having joined the colours, and one has already laid down his life for his country in France. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were afterwards rung, and at five o'clock the members adjourned to the residence of Mr. J. Oldham, where a sumptuous repast was served on the lawn, and was much enjoyed.

The Ringing Master (Mr. James George) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess for providing tea, to which Mr. Oldham replied, saying how interested he was in bells and bell ringing, and also how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Guild that day. He hoped they would pay him another visit later on.

A walk round the gardens was much appreciated, the beds and borders looking gay with flowers, and making a very pretty picture. Afterwards the belfry was again visited, and the bells were kept going till a late hour, in various methods, a most enjoyable time being spent.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On August 29th, for evening service, two 360's Kent Treble Bob, 120 Stedman and 120 Grandsire Doubles by the following members of the Essex Association: A. Neale, F. Newman, G. F. Margelson, R. Saunders, G. Faulkner, A. Hardy and E. Andrews. Thanks are due to Mr. H. Goodwin, who kindly gained permission of the Rector for the use of the bells and had everything in readiness for the ringing visitors.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On August 30th, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Brooks 1, Sapper G. L. Walker, R.E., 2, E. Brown 3, F. Smith 4, G. Brooks 5, T. Bull 6, J. Monk (conductor) 7, A. Bull 8. Messrs. Walker and F. Smith (Spitalfields Bell Foundry) are old Witney ringers. This touch was rung upon the 23rd anniversary of the first peal by Messrs. Smith and Monk, who each rang the same bell as that upon which he scored his first 5,000. A touch of 336 in the same method was conducted by F. Smith.

BRAINTREE.—Essex Association.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Parish Church, with the clappers half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, for 27 years Vicar of the Parish, who was buried at Colchester on that day, 1472 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, W. Sadler 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, H. E. Hammond 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Rudkin 6, H. Cooke 7, N. J. Collins 8.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on September 4th, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., by: M. Hiley 1, F. Reevo (conductor) 2, Corpl. J. J. Cawson (5th Glos.) 3, Pte H. Holder (4th Royal Sussex) 4, Pte W. Worgan (5th Somerset) 5, Pte A. J. Andrews (5th Somerset) 6, Pte W. H. Sleeman (Duke of Cornwall's) 7, W. G. Redman 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: *A. Firth 1, C. W. King 2, G. Williamson 3, J. Fairburn 4, *A. Therley 5, W. Clark (first 720 as conductor) 6, P. Hepworth tenor, covering. * First 720.—On Sept. 7th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Firth 1, S. Bissatt (first 720) 2, G. Williamson 3, J. Fairburn 4, C. W. King 5, W. Sharp (conductor) 6, J. Clarke tenor, covering.

ROMFORD.—At St. Edward's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 5th, for evensong, 576 London Surprise Major: W. Watson 1, A. Wilfen 2, E. Butler 3, W. Keeble 4, A. Chaplin 5, Corpl. B. S. Thomson 6, H. Dawkins 7, E. Pye (conductor) 8.

DAGENHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 5th, after evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Freestone 1, E. Hawkins 2, A. Chaplin 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, E. Pye (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, M. Jacobs 2, H. Barrett 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, P. H. Smith 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 5th and 7th.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Wooldridge 1, T. Wardman 2, T. Hillier 3, M. Bowley 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth (conductor) 5, A. E. Reeves 6. First 720 as conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples: W. Boden 1, J. Hanley 2, J. York 3, W. Lago 4, R. Jones 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (first attempt as conductor) 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Aston 8.

CHILMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Poulton (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, A. Speller (Widford) 2, D. H. Newman 3, Pte H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment), conductor, 4, Pte H. Halford (5th Glos. Regiment) 5, P. Timson 6, H. Allen 7, A. E. Achfield 8, H. Richell 9, W. Pease 10. First quarter-peal away from the tenor. Arranged for Pte H. F. Cooper, who was home on a week-end leave.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—As a mark of respect to the memory of Col. A. C. Cantrell-Hubbersty (late of the Robin Hood's), who was interred at Ragdale, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung at Cotgrave on September 7th, with the bells half-muffled: W. Clarke 1, W. Cooke 2, W. Hickling 3, Walter White (conductor) 4, Wm. E. White 5, T. Squires 6.

BRISTOL RINGERS' OUTING.

Wells and Glastonbury were the places visited by the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, for their annual outing. At the former city, the party were joined by Mr. T. King, of Bath, and Mr. Hector, of Trowbridge. Three touches of Stedman Caters were rung on the magnificent peal at the Cathedral. After enjoying an excellent dinner, the visitors went on to Glastonbury, where touches in various methods were rung at the Parish Church. Afterwards the interesting remains of the ancient Abbey were inspected, and touches of Grandsire Caters on the handbells were rung by Messrs. Burford, Wilkins, Brownjohn, Condieck, and Tucker. The effect of this ringing among the old ruins was very fine, and was much appreciated by the visitors. The return journey was made at an early hour, and, despite the stormy weather, the outing was a very enjoyable and interesting one.

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. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, September 25th. The bells (8) will be available; service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for those who give me notice by the Wednesday previous. Election of branch officers at this meeting.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Conisbro', near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired. —Leonard Brightman, Honorary District Secretary pro tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 1/3 per head to visitors and non-resident ringers, and half-price to members giving notice to Rev. Walter Smith, The Vicarage, Tuxford, Newark. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, September 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, September 25th, 1915, when the bells of Carlton (8, tenor 15 cwt.) also the bells at Whorlton (6, tenor 8 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. The president (Rev. J. L. Kyle) has kindly offered to provide luncheon and tea free at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Carlton. A short business meeting will follow on after the tea.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LLANFAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, September 25th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available. — Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Whittlesford on Saturday, September 25th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at Wagon and Horses at 5.30. — P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. A. Partridge. Tea (10d.) at the Beacon Inn at 6. The question of "War Loan" will be considered. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 28th. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at the Beaumont Arms at 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided at 6d. each to all who send in their names not later than Monday, September 27th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Sec. pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held on October 2nd, 1915, at Hilperton, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with short business meeting. Ringing also at St. James', Trowbridge, in the evening. Intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen's, Gillingham, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea in the "Memorial Room" at the Vicarage, after service. Will those intending to take tea let me know not later than Wednesday, September 29th.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Parochial Room at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Honorary Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on October 2nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, 5.30; members 6d., others 8d. All will be made welcome. I shall be grateful if those who can will notify me.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary Secretary, Little Munden, Herts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short service at 5; tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. Ringers intending to be present should let the honorary secretary know not later than October 4th. The hon. general secretary of the Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) has promised to attend this meeting.—Stephen Hazzelden, Hon. District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farley.

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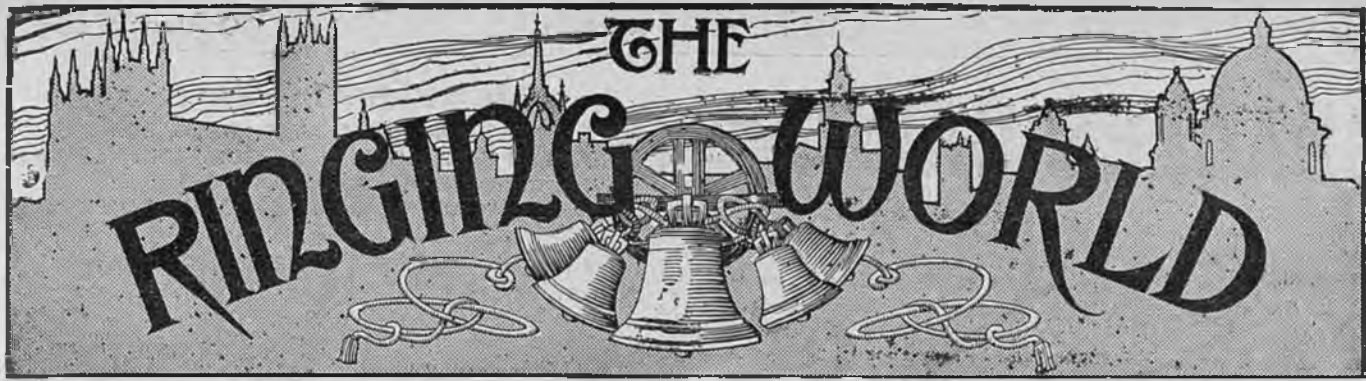


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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MODERN WORK.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON.

The Exercise has sustained a heavy loss by the death of Mr. William Snowdon, but, although with his demise there remains in ringing circles no representative of a family that for more than forty years has done so much for the progress of the Art, the name will for ever be associated with the great advance in ringing which has marked this period. The work commenced by Jasper Snowdon, to whom the Exercise owes more than to any other single man, was carried on by his brother, William, and without question the vast increase of knowledge and its application to practical ringing which we have seen in the last thirty years is due in no small degree to the zealous investigation and enthusiastic work which Jasper Snowdon undertook. His untimely end might have robbed us of a further store of knowledge had not William undertaken to complete what Jasper had begun, and for this reason, if for no other, the Exercise is under an inestimable debt to him who has now been called to rest.

But while it was in the quietude of the study that William Snowdon rendered his most valuable service to ringers at large, he did a vast deal more for those of his native county. For more than 35 years after its foundation, the Yorkshire Association had a Snowdon in its presidential chair. For the first ten years it was occupied by the immortal Jasper, who had been the mainspring of its formation, and upon his death the office devolved upon his brother, who retained it, and with it the esteem and love of the members, for over a quarter of a century. Mr. William Snowdon relinquished the position only with advancing years and because he desired to devote more time to completing his brother's writings. The same painstaking and conscientious labour that he put into his literary work he bestowed upon guiding the destinies of the great association over which he presided. During his term of office the organisation nearly trebled in membership, and only those who were intimately associated with him, have any real idea of the care with which he watched over its growth.

No ringer had a greater and truer conception of his duty than had Mr. Snowdon. Reared under its influence, he was ever a devoted son of the Church, and his example was as high as any that a ringer could aspire to emulate. In the tower of Leeds Parish Church, with which he was so long associated, in the county of Yorkshire, where he was so well known and esteemed, and in the wider sphere of the whole ringing Exercise which his work has benefited, William Snowdon will be mourned. His forte was not prowess in the tower, and the amount of peal ringing which he did was very small, but how many peal ringers his work, following upon the foundations laid by his brother, has created can never be known.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE,
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
(St. David's Society, Bangor.)

*On Monday, September 13, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. David.*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F. sharp.

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| WILLIAM CRANE, SENR. Treble | DAVID TAYLOR 5 |
| REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2 | ARTHUR E. PEGLER 6 |
| WILLIAM CRANE, JUNR. 3 | WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES 4 | LEWIS W. McDERMID Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Corporal E. J. Webb, a member of the local band, who died in Alexandria Hospital from wounds received at the Dardanelles.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

*On Monday, September 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

VARIAION OF C. MIDDLETON'S.

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| EDGAR T. SMITH Treble | FRANK W. PERRINS 5 |
| EDGAR MARLOW 2 | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6 |
| THOMAS HILL 3 | EDWIN J. TYLER 7 |
| CHARLES TYLER 4 | JAMES TYLER Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES TYLER.

Rung for Harvest Festival. First peal of Surprise by all the band; also on the bells. This peal is supposed to be the first in the method by a resident Staffordshire band.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1915, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Bertholine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM SUTTON Treble | JOSEPH A. COOK 5 |
| JAMES WILDBLOOD 2 | ARTHUR ALLMAN 6 |
| EDWARD HARPER 3 | †ALBERT CRAWLEY 7 |
| WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT 4 | JOHN BRASSINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal as a conductor. Rung in honour of the Harvest Festival, also as a birthday compliment to the Conductor, and to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the first peal on the bells; also in honour of the 35th anniversary of the induction of Rev. W. Skene as Rector of Barthomley.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, August 31, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At LAMBERTON LODGE,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

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| JOHN KEARON 1—2 | RICHARD KEARON 3—4 |
| ARTHUR HADLEY 5—6 | |

Conducted by RICHARD KEARON.

Witness: MRS. A. HADLEY.

First peal by John Kearon who only commenced ringing in January last and is just turned 15 years old.

The witness of the peal of Bob Minor rung at Retford, and published in our issue of September 17th, was Harold Johnson and not Lieut. Johnson as stated.

The umpire to the handbell peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Evesham on Sunday, September 12th, was Harvey Streets.

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW. THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 19, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At LAMBERTON LODGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN KEARON ... 1-2 | RICHARD KEARON ... 3-4
ARTHUR HADLEY ... 5-6

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

Witnesses: MRS. A. HADLEY and GEORGE BINGHAM.

First peal of Treble Bob by John and Richard Kearon.

HINTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (SOUTHERN BRANCH).

On Sunday, September 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY MIDDLETON ... 1-2 | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. JOHNSON. Mr. F. S. Wilson hails from Tewkesbury.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Amount already acknowledged | 114 | 10 | 3 |
| "Wanderer" | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Collected at the Gainsborough District meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (per Mr. F. S. W. Bulter) | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Bushey Society (August collection) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Total | £115 | 2 | 4 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined the colours:
Pte W. J. Paice, of All Saints', Wokingham, and St. Peter's, Caversham, 4/4th (City of London), Royal Fusiliers, now at East Barnet.

From St. Mary's, Barcombe, Sussex:

Pte W. H. Banks, 8th Royal Sussex Regiment, in France.

Gnr. L. H. Stevens, R.G.A., at Dover.

Tpr. J. Morley, Sussex Yeomanry, at Maresfield Park.

From Christ Church, Mitcham:

Pte Hector Dewdney, 190th (Wimbledon), R.F.A.

Pte Douglas Hall, 3/5th East Surrey Regt. (Wimbledon).

From St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield:

Gnr. Colin Harrison, No. 2599, 3/3rd W.R., R.F.A., now at Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

Pte Haydn Thorpe, No. 1502, 12th York and Lancs S.B., now at Silkstone, Yorks.

BANGOR RINGER KILLED.

By the death of Corpl. E. J. Webb, St. David's company, Bangor, have lost one of their most promising members. He enlisted at the outbreak of war, and joined the 6th Batt. of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He went with his regiment to the Dardanelles, where he was severely wounded, and died in hospital at Alexandria.

The deceased was a native of Maid's Norton, Buckingham, where he learned to ring, and rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles. He then moved to Llandegar, near Bangor, entering the service of Mr. Gough, of Tynnewydd, as gardener. He was a member of the Penrhyn Fire Brigade. About 3½ years ago he joined St. David's company of ringers, and made rapid strides, mastering the Standard methods and Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Circumstances prevented him ringing any peals in these methods, but he was looking forward to scoring in this direction when he returned. The deceased, who was 25 years of age, leaves a widow and two young children, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt. On Sunday, Sept. 12th, the bells of St. David's Church were rung half-muffled for the services, as a mark of respect, and on the following day, as recorded elsewhere, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

RINGER'S WAR EXPERIENCES.

NARROW ESCAPES IN ERECTING ENTANGLEMENTS.

Pte C. Austin, of the Coldstream Guards, son of Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, and who, before the war was employed at the Spitalfields Foundry, has written an interesting letter to Mr. R. Warner, in which he says that both he and R. Runham, another well known ringer in the same regiment, are both going on all right. At the time of writing they were back down the line, having a long rest, and were stopping at a pretty little village. Pte Austin proceeds:—

"We have been lucky since we came out, for we have only seen one attack, which took place on May 9th, at Richebourg. We have, however, been in some warm places since then, such as the Brickfields at Givenchy and Quinchy, also Cambrai. Some of the sap heads in those places are not much more than five yards apart. One of our trenches, at one of the above places, is only 15 yards from the Germans. At such places as these, where the trenches are so close together, there are a lot of hand bombs, rifle grenades and trench mortar bombs used. Some of the bombs fired out of these trench mortars weigh as much as 80lbs. and they make more noise than 'Jack Johnsons.' Men have gone mad in these places and no wonder at it; it is enough to drive anyone mad.

"About two months ago I joined a barbed wire entanglement party. Of course we have to do all our work at night. We started work at a place which is called 'Cushy,' because the trenches are a good way apart, and there are not many shots fired there. We did this job without any trouble. The next place we went to, we struck it hot. We were working within 30 yards of the Germans. One night, when the moon was shining, they caught us out on top and started sniping at us, but they did not do any damage at first, and so we went on with our work, but in the finish we had to pay for stopping out. A bullet went through the woodwork on one of my mate's rifles, and then went into his face and killed him. About the same time another member of the party, who belonged to the London Scottish, was shot through the neck. I heard afterwards that he died in hospital. A few nights after this, in the same part of the line, they caught us again. We had just started work—there were three of us working together—when one of the chaps along with me saw a rifle grenade coming. He shouted: 'Look out, here's a bomb,' and of course we crept out of the way, and a good job, too, for it dropped just where we were working. Then they opened rapid fire, and started the machine guns working, and threw any amount of bombs and rifle grenades over. I thought my last minute had come. I kept my face flat on the ground, and managed to get along somehow. At last I got to one of our trenches, into which I went head first, that being the safest way. The next night we went up to the same place and finished the job without any trouble.

"Just after this we went to another part of the line, and got on all right till the last night. We had nearly all finished work, and some of us were sitting in the trench, when someone struck a match to light a 'fag.' About a second after a bullet sent the dirt flying off the top of the trench. A German had seen the light in our trench and sent a bullet over, on the chance of hitting someone. He must have kept his eye on the place, for he sent several more shots over, without, however, doing any damage. The rest of the party were just coming in when he sent another shot over, which passed through the neck of one of my mates, killing him, and then knocked the button off another chap's shoulder, which was a narrow escape for him."

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most pleasant afternoon was spent at Harrold on Saturday last, on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Bedford District. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise. Tea was partaken of at the Institute, and was followed by the meeting, Miss E. Steel being in the chair. Members were present from St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford, Sharnbrook, Kempston, and the local band. One new life member (Mr. P. L. Cooper, of Holbeck) was elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Houghton Conquest on October 30th. The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells and for his visit to the tower, and, in reply, he expressed his pleasure at meeting the ringers.

MR. A. B. PECK'S ILLNESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I know there is a natural desire among his friends in the Exercise to write expressing their sympathy with Mr. Alfred B. Peck in his serious illness, but as he is still on the "Danger List" at the Hospital it is not wise for him to receive any letters. As soon as he is able to do so, I will let his friends know. In the meantime I am sure they will understand why I write to ask them to defer writing until he is better.—Yours faithfully,

H. R. NEWTON.

A COMPOSITION CLAIMED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The twelve part peal of Grandsire Triples under the name of A. J. Pitman, Port Talbot, which appeared in "The Ringing World" on September 18th belongs to me. It has been rung now in several variations, and is published both in Snowdon's Grandsire and the Central Council Collection of Peals.—Yours faithfully,

W. MATTHEWS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. H. J. ELSEE.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday last at Pendleton, and despite many adverse circumstances, was a remarkably successful one. Ringers gathered from all parts of the County Palatine, and from many places outside, for they were drawn not merely by the fact that it was the annual assembly of the Association, but also by the opportunity of doing honour to the President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee), who has completed a quarter of a century at the head of the organisation. Mr. Elsee has rendered invaluable service to the Association throughout this long period, and the members thought the occasion a fitting one to mark their sense of gratitude and appreciation. The gift consisted of a handsome working model of a bell, and the presentation was made by Sir Arthur Heywood, the President of the Central Council. At the same time the Association took the opportunity of showing their practical appreciation of the services of their hon. treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson, of Bolton, who for 34 years has occupied the office. The bells of various churches were available during the day, and in the afternoon a service was held



THE REV. H. J. ELSEE.

at Pendleton, at which the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild) preached. The company then adjourned to the schools near by, where tea was partaken of. Following this came the event in which great interest centred.

THE PRESENTATIONS.

Sir Arthur Heywood, on rising, said: I have not during the whole of my somewhat long life found myself in the position in which I have been called to-night—of being connected with a deeply laid plot—a plot to keep back from certain individuals, knowledge of certain things, until a certain date. I call that a plot; therefore, I feel like a fish out of water, but when my good friend Mr. Chapman asked me some months ago if I would come up to the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association and present a testimonial to your president, I felt a great honour was being done me, and I feel that although, perhaps, I have no real claim to that honour other than being a Lancashire man myself, still as the honour was proposed to me I was extremely proud to take advantage of it. I am here to-day to fulfil to the best of my ability that promise of some months ago.

Your president is a very old friend of mine, and he has been one of my great supporters on that Central Council in which, all of you know, I have taken such a deep interest. His wise counsel and complete help have many times been of the greatest service to the Council and myself. You, who know him better as members of your great Association than I do, are able to appreciate him in many ways. I

cannot do him sufficient justice, although I have a very vivid recollection of a good many years ago now in attending one of the meetings at Bolton, and being very much impressed both by the methods of business and those who took part in it.

My work to-day is to congratulate on your behalf your president, who, I think, has been so for 25 years. The fact that he has been your president for such a long time; the fact that he has been your president all that time means to say that you are all very well satisfied with him (hear, hear). After all these years you naturally want to give some indication of the real, hearty and warm feeling that you all have for him by something more tangible than votes of thanks.

It is a very great privilege, thanks to your committee, to be allowed to present to your president this most beautiful model—quite the most beautiful of its kind which I have ever seen; the most beautiful model of a bell hung to ring (hear, hear); and at the same time I have also been asked (as president and treasurer have gone so long together) to present to Mr. Jackson, who, I think, I am right in saying has been your treasurer for four-and-thirty years, this handsome cabinet, which I regard as a double honour (hear, hear). I have great pleasure in presenting these testimonials with the hearty good wishes of the Lancashire Association, and with the hopes that they will remain during the life of the recipients, a clear indication of the value that the Association set upon their great services (hear, hear).

CANON EDWARD-REES' TRIBUTE.

Canon Edward-Rees said: It gives me a very real happiness to take part—even if it only be a very small part—in the meeting for which you are assembled here to-night. It has been my privilege to know your president for about two-thirds of the period of 25 years in which he has served you. I remember when he first came to preach, some 10 years ago at the Pendleton Church, when I was Vicar and when I had the pleasure and happiness of his acquaintance. I have been many times into his Church, and more than once into his pulpit. Now, if any of you had ventured into that pulpit you would recognise the significance of what I am saying. When you stand in it—and if you are at all inclined to be nervous, you will find yourself, ever and anon, making a dive into the body of the church. I suppose that Mr. Elsee, who I know possesses a keen sense of humour, when he built that pulpit was very reminiscent of the change and movement of a bell when it is being swung. I believe he built that pulpit in imitation of the movement of a bell (laughter). Perhaps he forgot that others who have to use that pulpit from time to time are not so intimately acquainted with that movement as he himself. However, the pulpit is a noble one, and the church is a noble one (hear, hear). But we are here to-day not to celebrate the church to which Mr. Elsee is so closely associated, but to celebrate his 25 years' presidency of this Association (hear, hear). I know that what Sir Arthur Heywood of his greater knowledge has told you is literally true; I know that Mr. Elsee commands the esteem and respect, and indeed the affection of all those of that great company of ringers who have come into contact with him during his presidency of your Association (hear, hear). I know that he is deserving of the esteem and regard which has been accorded to him. I hope you will forgive me in saying this, but perhaps you will notice that 25 years seem to be a very long time in the life of one who is your president; if you look at him you will see that the years seem to have been deluded—they have passed him by. One can hardly think he is more than 25 years old, but he must be because your memories cannot all be wrong. You cannot have made a mistake by writing down a "2" before the "5" in error. I know that, because my memory—corroborates yours. I am glad you are making him such a fit present, one that is unique, one that has a charm for everybody who makes its acquaintance (unless he makes its acquaintance as I did, without some sort of preparation), and I hope that it will be your president's privilege to preside over your Association for another period, if not for 25 years, at any rate for a long period, and I hope, too, that that esteem which has bound him to you and you to him will grow stronger, grow more holy and more precious as the years pass (applause).

BELL RINGING CARRIES HARMONY.

There must be something in bell ringing (I am the most amateur of bell ringers as Mr. Chapman would tell you, so if I venture to speak a heresy before I sit down you must forgive me), which carries harmony into men's hearts and lodges it there. You know the great nation with whom we are at war—Germany—has no bells, no ringing of bells in the length and breadth of the country. There is an abundance of bells in Germany, but they are not rung as Lancashire men understand ringing, they are not swung and rung to form complicated harmonies, such as you understand and appreciate; may not some part of the enormities with which that great people have shocked the conscience of mankind be due to the fact that they have never learned to ring bells? Be that as it may I am quite certain that when a man takes to bell ringing it is as though he was doing a good thing, and if I had a dozen sons, in very truth, in literal truth I should exhort them to begin to learn your art of change ringing (hear, hear), while they were still young enough to learn, and, that being so, I should wish for them—I hope members of other companies beyond the bounds of Pendleton will allow me to say this—I should wish those sons of mine no better opportunity than to be associated with a company like that which graces the tower of Pendleton Church. I could wish nothing better for them in the course of their development as church bell ringers than to belong to an Association presided over by Mr. Elsee (applause).

The inscription on the bell is as follows:—

Presented by the members of the Lancashire Association to the Rev. H. J. Elsee on the completion of his 25 years as President of the Association, Sept. 25th, 1915.

The Cabinet bears the inscription:—

Presented to Mr. H. W. Jackson by the Lancashire Association in commemoration of 34 years as treasurer, Sept. 25th, 1915.

THE PRESIDENT'S THANKS.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, who was received with great enthusiasm, said: I am not sure as president—I was told the president had to preside over everything—I ought not to begin by reprimanding you for interfering with the agenda paper. I see nothing about this on the agenda. I did not know you could keep a secret so well, not one single hint of anything of this sort has reached me from anybody until I came into the room to-night. I wondered what this new and most beautiful toy was, which I saw on the table. I thought perhaps somebody had presented a challenge bell to the Association, but I do not know how you managed to keep a secret so profound as you have kept this. Well, it was a very kind thought indeed, and I thank you more than any words can say for giving me this most beautiful token of your regard for services which I am quite sure I have not deserved ("No, no"). As regards the token, you have chosen that which, of all things, I should like to possess (hear, hear); I do not think I have ever told a ringer, but I have always wished that I had a real working model of a bell, such as this so that one might now and then explain to persons (who know less than Canon Rees does about them) how they work. Well, you have somehow guessed my want, and you have provided it more beautifully than I ever dreamt of. I can only tell you this, that anything I have ever been able to do for the Association has only been a very great pleasure to me (hear, hear). It is one of the many good things that I owe to my father and mother. They wisely never objected to my going down into the belfry at the old tower at Rugby and mixing with the ringers and learning to ring. I know that some others of my older relations were suspicious as to what sort of company a boy, of 8 or 10 I think I was, might find down there, but they were wiser, and by that wisdom they have provided me with a source of enjoyment all through my life up to the present, and, I hope, right through life as long as it shall last (hear, hear).

"A RASH EXPERIMENT."

It does not seem very long, though, when one looks back, yet it was 25 years ago, at a meeting like this, when I was called to the president's chair in the Cathedral Schools in succession to the late Canon Lowe. I think it was rather a rash experiment that you should have called on a young fellow, who had only been in Lancashire two years, and only been ordained three years, to preside over this great Association, but you chose to do it, and though I have often suggested it, you have never turned me out of office yet. I might have done a great deal more for the Association, and I wish I could get about more among ringers and do more to further this work, but it has been a very great pleasure indeed to me to do anything possible for the ringers of Lancashire. I do take it as a mark of especial kindness that Sir Arthur Heywood has come to this meeting to-night (hear, hear). When I met him up in the belfry just after the service, I said, "What are you doing here? We do not often see you at a Lancashire meeting," and he said, "I am a Lancashire man." I know, and Manchester will always know the name of "Heywood" as a right good Lancashire name, but all the same Sir Arthur has so many ties in Derbyshire and Staffordshire now that we do not see him in Lancashire as often as we should very much like to do; and so to-night I take it as a very great mark of kindness to myself as well as to your Association that he has found time and been present at this meeting, and I thank him for it, and I can only thank you over and over again for your kindness to me (applause).

Mr. Jackson, who was also warmly received, also admitted that he had been taken much by surprise. "I had not the slightest idea when I came into this room," he said, "that that cabinet was for me. I saw that bell and knew all about that (laughter), but as for the other presentation I was entirely at sea. I can only just say this, I thank you for the presentation you have made. I have worked for the Association ever since it commenced, and have tried to do everything I possibly could to help the Association. I thank you all for the presentation."

After this the members proceeded to the business of the meeting, including the election of officers, etc.

On Saturday morning a peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Thomas', Pondleton, unfortunately came to grief, but on Sunday evening a quarter-peal was rung for evening service, in 46 mins., by: F. Smith 1, W. C. Hunt (Nottingham) 2, Sam Greenhalgh 3, J. Winterbottom 4, G. E. Turner 5, Harry Chapman 6, James George, composer and conductor (Birmingham) 7, W. Smethurst 8.

TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, at St. Ann's Church, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins.: T. Ringmore 1, E. Hibble 2, T. Langdon (conductor) 3, H. C. Stubbs 4, F. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for a memorial service, in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Gibson 1, F. Hounsell 2, C. Stevenson 3, G. Woods 4, G. Apps 5, Pte H. Tomsett (conductor) 6, G. Tomsett 7, T. Mitchell 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY'S PRACTICAL ADVICE.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Yorks Association was held at Conisbro', near Rotherham, on Saturday last. About 30 ringers attended from Sheffield (Cathedral, All Saint's and St. Marie's), Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), Doncaster, Barnsley, Wakefield, Bolsterstone, Wath, etc. The bells were raised about 3.30 p.m., and kept going until 8 p.m., the methods rung including Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, etc.

The visitors enjoyed a capital tea, for which Mr. Harrison, of the local company, had kindly made the necessary arrangements.

On returning to the tower, a short business meeting was held, the chair being taken by Mr. F. Willey in the regrettable absence, through ill-health, of Mr. C. H. Hattersley (vice-president).

Mr. Hattersley sent the following interesting letter:—

"I am again unfortunate at being unable to be with you on the 25th inst., as I am still confined to my room, but I wish all the members a pleasant time. The periodical meetings of the Southern District of the Yorks Association should ever be regarded as opportunities to improve the standard of change ringing, and every member should regard it as a duty to strive and accomplish a degree of excellence in some form or other. I can't understand how it is we have so many ringers who seem to take so little interest in composition, and the higher aspect of conducting. If they would only pay a little more attention to these two elements of the science, they would soon discover, when ringing, how much easier it is for them to find their companion bell, than, as often is the case, to stare and twist about like a person who had lost his understanding. Of course, every ringer is not bent that way, and every man would not prove a success, but I do think that all ringers would find it exceedingly attractive and interesting. Moreover, it would ensure less mistakes being made, less talking, and consequently better striking. The art of composition and conducting also, is not so mysterious as some people would have others imagine, and to talk of composition being played out is all moonshine and nonsense, as the possibilities of composition are almost of surpassing belief. In various degrees I have been interested in change ringing for the past 60 years, and if I had another 60 years to live I would still keep on being interested."

The hon. membership of the Rev. F. Meridith Brookes (Bolsterstone) was confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Halksworth, seconded by Mr. J. Holman, a sincere vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. W. Snowden (ex-president of the Association), Mr. Willey (the chairman), who had been closely acquainted with the deceased gentleman, paying a tribute to his great services to the society, and to his sterling worth. His kindly disposition, and marked straightforwardness, would, said the speaker, be ever a cherished memory.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge, M.A.), and the churchwardens for the kind permission extended to the members in placing the bells at the visitors' disposal, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

No invitations being forthcoming, it was left to the committee to decide upon the next place of visit.

Mr. G. Halksworth proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Willey for presiding, and this was seconded by Mr. D. Brearley, and unanimously carried, the Chairman suitably replying.

MR. F. G. MAY'S ILLNESS.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I have been seriously ill ever since the end of February this year, and am only just beginning to feel my strength returning. During the time of my disability, I have had numerous inquiries as to how I was getting on, and visits from ringing friends. May I ask you kindly to allow me space in your valuable paper to thank my ringing friends for their very kind inquiries, and say I am hoping soon to be well and able to take my place in the belfry once again. At the moment, I am too weak to do much ringing, but I have visited two or three towers and tried my hand. Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

FRED G. MAY.

HAWKHURST RINGERS AT RYE.

On Sunday afternoon five of the Hawkhurst, Kent, ringers, cycled to the ancient town of Rye, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was tapped off for evening service in 45 mins., by G. Maskell 1, C. W. Player (Stone) 2, J. B. Bennett (Rye) 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Youngs (Rye) 5, J. H. Durrant 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Howes) for the use of the bells, to Mr. Youngs for arranging for the ringing, and to the Rye company for so readily allowing the visitors to ring at the "Cathedral of East Sussex," and filling up the vacant ropes. Mr. Player was also thanked for making one of the party. The Hawkhurst ringers hope a return visit will be paid by the Rye band.

RINGER WOUNDED.

Corpl. P. Ballance, of the 6th Lincolnshire Regiment, a ringer at All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, has been wounded at the Dardanelles.

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DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON.

A GREAT LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.

With the deepest regret we have to announce the death of Mr. William Snowdon, of Cartmel, North Lancashire, and formerly of Leeds, who passed away in his 70th year, on Sept. 17th. The sad news reached us just too late to appear in our edition of Friday last.

The passing of William Snowdon removes from the Exercise one of its most prominent figures, one of its most valued and most valuable members. His name is one which, like that of his brother Jasper, will live long among ringers, not for feats of prowess in the belfry—for he did little peal ringing—but for the immeasurable services he has rendered by carrying on the work, which his brother's untimely death in 1885 interrupted, viz., that of publishing a series of works which have become the standard text-books of ringing to-day. It would be difficult, in the compass of a single article, to do justice to all that Mr. William Snowdon, in the seclusion of his study and out of the gaze of the Exercise, has done for ringing, and in this respect his loss is well-nigh irreparable.

Born on February 24th, 1846, Mr. Snowdon was the third son of the late Rev. John Snowdon, M.A., Cantab, for 36 years Vicar of Ilkley, Yorkshire. He was educated in London as a Bluecoat boy, and after leaving Christ's Hospital he entered the extensive engineering works of Messrs. Kitson and Co., of Leeds. There he spent 15 years, and then



THE LATE MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON.

began practice as a consulting engineer in the same city in partnership for many years with his brother, Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon. This profession he continued after his brother's death, but in 1913 he retired to Cartmel. A devout son of the Church, he identified himself in various ways with the Church life of Leeds, and, in addition to being a member of the Leeds Parish Church Ringing Society, he was one of the eight wardens of the church for many years, and an active member of the Church of England Men's Society.

AS PRESIDENT OF THE YORKS ASSOCIATION.

For more than twenty-five years Mr. Snowdon was the President of the Yorkshire Association, and no office bearer in any organisation ever discharged his duties more conscientiously than he did. In the whole of the time he occupied the position he never missed a single meeting, and by his business-like conduct of the Association's affairs, his devotion to its interests and his geniality, he held the love and respect of every member. His connection with the Yorkshire Association, along with that of his brother Jasper, dated from its formation in 1875. They were then members of the Ilkley Amateur Society of Change Ringers, and Jasper, as is well known, became the Association's first president, and continued in that capacity until his death, in November, 1885. At the unanimous request of the committee, Mr. William Snowdon consented to occupy the position for his brother's unexpired term of office, and he first took the chair at the meeting at Rotherham, on February 6th, 1886. It might have been thought a difficult matter to find a worthy successor to Jasper, but how William

gained and held the appreciation and esteem of the members is shown by the fact that he held the office uninterruptedly for over 25 years until his retirement in March, 1911. It is sufficient to quote his own words in tendering his resignation: "It has become my duty to the memory of the first president to complete some of his unfinished writings (for the benefit, I hope, of the whole Exercise), and I find it impossible to do so, and also retain office."

For William Snowdon the office was no sinecure. He was a man of abundant energy, and the work he undertook and achieved as president was tremendous. It was largely owing to his continuation of his brother's skilful and prudent guidance that the Association has attained to its present important sphere of influence. How his work increased during his office may be shown by the fact that at the time of his election the membership was 525; at his retirement, 1,452. At the annual meeting at Sheffield, in January, 1901, he was presented by the members with a beautiful candelabrum, with accompanying side-candlesticks, all in solid silver, as a mark of the Association's goodwill on attaining its silver jubilee, with the hope that he might be spared for many years to enjoy the sight of the beautiful workmanship, which was from the hands of one of the best-known Sheffield ringers (Mr. C. H. Hattersley). At the annual meeting, at Holbeck, on January 27th, 1912, following his retirement, he was presented by the members with a handsome solid silver tea-tray, beautifully engraved, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to William Snowdon by the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers on his retirement from the office of President after 25 years' service, as a small recognition of his untiring zeal and devotion for the welfare of the Association." A piece of silver ware, suitably engraved, was also presented to Mrs. Snowdon, who often assisted her husband in the arduous work of compiling the annual report. Before leaving the county of Yorkshire, Mr. Snowdon said that he certainly would not lose interest in the Association's welfare, and if it was thought at any time that his advice and opinion would be of service he would be only too pleased to give it.

Mr. Snowdon was a member of the Central Council from its very inception, at first as a representative of the Yorkshire Association. After his retirement from the office of president he was elected an honorary member of the Council, and his practical views and sound advice were always listened to with respect. In some of his theories he was not always at one with some of the younger school of "experts," but his knowledge of his subject added weight to his opinions. He was a member of the Standing Committee, upon which his counsel was always valued.

LITERARY WORK.

It was, of course, in connection with the completion and publication of the works begun by his brother that Mr. Snowdon is best known to the Exercise at large. No pains were too great for him to take, no detail too trivial for him to investigate or check, and we do not think we are going in the slightest degree beyond the truth when we say that, but for the devotion and zeal of Mr. William Snowdon, much valuable material might have been lost to the Exercise. A great proportion of his spare time has been taken up in editing and revising further issues of the writings of his brother Jasper, whose death in 1885 came at a time when he had much work in hand, but not before he had laid the foundation upon which it has been possible since to build so well. "Rope Sight," "Treble Bob," "Standard Methods" and "Double Norwich" were already out, and "Grandsire" was almost ready for the printer's hands when death carried him off. Upon his brother, William, who had been so closely associated with him, the labour of completing Jasper's work devolved, and not only has he revised and perfected the earlier editions, but he has since edited and published "Stedman," and had in preparation "Surprise Peals," which was to have dealt with Cambridge, Superlative and London. We are not certain whether this last-named work is completed. We are afraid not, although we believe it is in an advanced stage. "I do not know another individual more qualified, more honest, or who could undertake to deal so conscientiously with such a classical collection of change ringing literature." This is the opinion of one who was long associated with Mr. Snowdon, and it would be the unquestioned opinion of all who are qualified to judge. The labours of Mr. William Snowdon in continuing the work begun by his lamented brother, have been of immeasurable value to the Exercise, and it is a source of deep regret that he has not lived to see its full completion.

It was in April of this year that symptoms appeared which gave cause for anxiety in regard to Mr. Snowdon's health, and the end came after six months' illness.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week—St. Matthew's Day—the first portion of the service being held in the beautiful Priory Church of Cartmel. The officiating clergy were the Vicar (the Rev. Godfrey S. Smith) and the Rev. C. C. Marshall (Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds), who succeeded Mr. Snowdon in the Presidency of the Yorks Association, and was thus able to represent the organisation at the last sad obsequies. There are only four bells at the Priory Church at Cartmel, but these were rung muffled, and their sweet tones sounded very beautiful down the valley as all that was mortal of William Snowdon was laid to rest in the churchyard, which is about half-a-mile away from the church. It was a lovely autumn day, peaceful and still, and the bells sounding forth as the service finished, gave just that sense of a "soldier's" funeral, which we are sure he would have liked.

The deceased leaves a widow and daughter to mourn the loss of a beloved husband and father, and the whole Exercise will share their sorrow in the death of one who, though advanced in years, could ill be spared from the ranks of the workers in the cause of ringing and all that the art implies.

AN APPRECIATION.

By Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The Editor has asked me to write a few words in connection with the lamented death of the late Mr. William Snowdon. I could only wish that he had applied to one who had been in more constant communication with him than I have been, especially of late. Though I have had the pleasure of Mr. Snowdon's acquaintance and friendship for about thirty years, that is, since the death of his talented brother, Jasper Snowdon, I have actually seen him, with the exception of one short, delightful little visit of a day or two that I paid him at his home in Leeds several years ago, only as a rule at the annual gathering of the Central Council.

Previous to and at the time of the bringing out of the book on Stedman, the correspondence between us was naturally full and constant. It will thus be seen that though I can say but little, indeed practically nothing, as to the history of his life, and scarcely anything as to his capabilities as a practical ringer, I can testify fully to the many excellencies of his character. As regards his history I will only mention that his father was a former Vicar of Ikley, and that his profession was that of a consulting engineer.

Coming to speak as to what manner of man he was, the first great and leading characteristic was his earnest Churchmanship. At the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association some few years ago, we had the privilege of a sermon from our Bishop, and in the course of it he described the ideal Church ringer—the man who, however tired he might be on Sunday after his week's work, never failed to be in his place in the tower on Sunday morning, who, hot and dusty though he might be, never failed to follow up the calling of others to worship by setting the example of being there himself. Probably no one in our congregation but myself had the least idea that the Bishop had an actual existing person in his mind, and he himself never said a word to me on the subject, and so I may be quite wrong, but I at once said to myself, "That man is William Snowdon." Readers will remember that the Bishop of Gloucester was Vicar of Leeds, and, though not at all on that occasion, he and I have more than once talked of Mr. Snowdon.

Then there was his thoroughness. He never scamped anything. He was invariably painstaking and careful to the last degree. Every lead-end and every course-end in the MS. of the book on Stedman was ticked with the mark of his pencil to show that he had verified it. The latest edition of the book on Grandsire is also an evidence of this feature of his character. Added to these there was also the general friendliness and urbanity of his manner. He always had a bright smile for his friends, and it was invariably a pleasure to meet him.

A member of the Central Council from the first, and one of the Standing Committee, he will be much missed at the annual meeting. Though I do not know for how long he has been in failing health, I see by a glance at the schedule of attendances that the last occasion on which he was present was in 1913. This year he certainly excused himself on the score of health. Since then I have had to consult the members of the Standing Committee on business, and little did I imagine when his reply came, which, though it was not in his own handwriting, yet showed that he was quite able to grasp the question, that it would be the last word that I should receive from him.

For myself I have lost an old and true personal friend, and the Exercise at large has lost one who was deeply interested in the welfare of ringing, and was always ready to put all his powers at its service.

A VISIT TO HUNTSHAM.

Situated in a picturesque valley of North Devon, and seven miles north-east of Tiverton, is the parish church and scattered village of Huntsham. Many a change ringer is doubtless familiar with the name of the late Mr. C. A. W. Troyle, of Huntsham Court, and his book on change ringing. Some thirty years ago method ringing was successfully fostered here, and the tower was the centre from which many a ringing excursion took place. To-day, a visitor may see in the belfry but the signs of the good old days. Records of peals on the walls supply us with the names of three clerical ringers who took part in peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples previous to their ordination, viz., Revs. C. D. P. Davies, G. F. Coleridge and W. S. Willett. The Sange silent apparatus, though the wires are disconnected, still remains in position. Until September 23rd the bells had been silent for well-nigh a year for reasons, unfortunately, not by any means solely connected with the war. However, the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving heard this silence broken by several well-struck six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which Messrs. Heard and Broomfield, two members of the local band many years ago, took part. It is hoped that this visit will be but the prelude to scientific ringing being again heard on the complete ring. The ringers stood as follows: Frank Henson (Troll), 1. Humphrey Chattee (Huntsam) 2. Clifford Henson (Bampton) 3. John Heard (Clavanger) 4. Rev. E. V. Cox, conductor (Bampton) 5. John Kelland (Hockworthy) 6. Charles Broomfield (Bampton) also rang the treble. The band is very grateful to the Rector's son, Mr. Frank Hudson, for greasing and oiling the bells, which well repaid him for his efforts by their splendid "go."

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MACHEN.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Machen on Saturday last, and proved to be a most successful one. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Tea was served in the School, and owing to a greater number mustering than was expected, the room was taxed to its utmost. Nevertheless everyone present was accommodated and well satisfied, and, at the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (the Rev. S. M. Davies) and the ladies for their kindness, special mention being made of Mrs. Newton Wade and Mrs. Stratton, who took charge of the tea tables.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—It was decided that the place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting be left over until the annual meeting, to be held at Newport on December 26th.—New members were elected, belonging to Merthyr, Caerphilly, Pontypridd and Machen towers.

The question of the subscriptions of those serving with the colours was discussed, and it was decided that the matter be included in the agenda for the annual meeting.

One of the hon. secretaries (the Rev. Connop L. Price) having been invalided home from the Dardanelles, it was the unanimous wish of all present that the following message be sent to him: "That this meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers in session at Machen desire to express to you their sympathy in your present illness, and wish you a speedy and permanent recovery to continue under God, the special work you have undertaken for King and country."

Mr. England, of Merthyr, asked for the Association's assistance in trying to influence the Rector there to get the wheel renewed of one of the bells which had become smashed, owing to the bell coming out of its bearings. Mr. England said he was sorry to have to bring such a matter as this before the Association, but the Rector was so indifferent as to whether the bells were rung or not that he had taken no steps in the matter, although it happened some months ago.—It was decided to write a letter to the Rector.

In replying to a vote of thanks for presiding, the Chairman said he was most grateful in more ways than one to the Association for visiting Machen. One reason was that he was about to restart a band of ringers, and after the ringing they heard that day he was sure they would go ahead and endeavour to get the bells rung. Unfortunately they had been silent for some time.

The bells were afterwards again utilised, the ringing bringing to a close a meeting which could not possibly have been more successful.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A MARSKE RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death, as the result of an accident, at the early age of 23 years, of William James Letty, who has been connected with the Marske Church, Yorks, the whole of his life, and took to the ringing chamber some seven or eight years ago. From the first he took a keen interest in change ringing, although there were only six bells in the tower. He always did what lay in his power to further the interests of the art, seeking the best advice and being always willing to go further afield for experience. He was a member of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association, for which he had rung 13 peals in Minor methods, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

He was a joiner by trade, and worked in Messrs. Raylton Dixons, Ltd., shipyard. About two months ago he was appointed one of the foremen, and on Thursday, Sept. 16th, gave instructions to workmen on a ship. On leaving these men he stepped into the ship's hold, and fell a distance of about 30ft., receiving fatal injuries and bringing to a premature end a life which promised a brilliant career, both in business and as a ringer.

He was laid to rest in Marske Cemetery on Monday, Sept. 20th, when there was a very large attendance of both fellow workmen and friends at the funeral. The bells of his favourite church were deeply muffled on the occasion, several members of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association taking part in the ringing.

KENT MEMBERS' TRIP.

On Saturday week, a few members of the Kent Association paid a visit to the pretty village of Downe to ring on the grand little peal of six there. Most of the party made the journey by cycle, arriving about 6 o'clock. The bells were raised in peal, and two courses of Kent Minor rung by: A. James, senr., 1. H. L. Garfath 2. I. Emery 3. E. G. Filtness 4. H. J. Blackwell 5. G. Durling (conductor) 6. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise was next essayed, and completed in capital style by: G. Durling 1. H. L. Garfath 2. E. G. Filtness 3. E. F. Pike 4. W. Hewett 5. I. Emery (conductor) 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Surprise on the bells. A 120 of Grandsire Doubles and then 360 of Bob Minor followed, by E. F. Pike 1. G. Durling (conductor) 2. H. J. Blackwell 3. I. Emery 4. H. L. Garfath 5. A. James, senr. 6. A 120 of Stedman Doubles and two courses of Kent for Mr. A. E. Newick, who had just arrived, completed the method ringing, and the bells were then lowered nicely in peal. After a social hour, all departed on their various ways home, fully agreed that it had been a very enjoyable and successful evening.

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WITTERSHAM'S ANCIENT BELLS.

The Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Wittersham, Kent, stands on high ground, and its lofty tower is among the best in Kent. It contains five bells which are undoubtedly the most musical peal of five in the county, and few are the fives that equal them elsewhere throughout the land. A small framed record, sent to the church towards the end of the last century by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, reveals the following particulars of the weights and inscriptions:—

Tenor: John Wilmar made me 1629; 18 cwt.

IV: Thomas Mears and Son fecit 1808; 13 cwt.

III: Thos. Odiarne, Jery Odiarne, and I. O. Marne gave this bell 1609; 10½ cwt.

II: Josephus Carter me fecit, 1609; 9 cwt.

Treble: Josephus Carter me fecit, 1609; 7 cwt.

A footnote adds that the treble, 2nd and 3rd are the only bells now existing in Kent by Josephus Carter, and are referred to in "Church Bells of Kent" as three of the finest in the county.

But, alas, these beautiful bells, with the exception of celebrating the golden wedding of one of the churchwardens some little time ago, have not been rung for 15 years. This silence, however, need not have prevailed. Some years ago Mr. Norman Forbes-Robertson, a resident of the parish, made a munificent offer. He proposed, at his own expense, rehanging the five and adding another bell. His idea was to retain the massive wooden bellcage, which has a vacant pit, where the new bell could have been accommodated. Architectural difficulties, it was urged, prevented a move being made. "It would be detrimental to the tower for the bells to swing in the old frame, and a new frame altogether is necessary," seems to comprise the sum and substance of the arguments against Mr. Robertson's scheme. A little more perseverance might have gone a long way, and probably, if the plans of Mr. Robertson had been laid before a few bell founders, the restoration would have been accomplished according to his ideas.

Since this splendid offer, the Rector (the Rev. A. Howell Smith) seriously thought of trying to raise the money for the restoration of the five, and the addition of three new ones. The late Right Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, M.P., of Wittersham House, a devout churchman, and who often read the lessons at Wittersham Church, interested himself in the matter, but the great Statesman was called to rest before anything definite had been done, and since his death little has been heard respecting the bells.

Quite recently, however, the Rector and churchwardens discussed the question for a third time. The ringers wanted something done to make it possible to ring the bells, and sanction was given to Mr. C. W. Player, of Stone-in-Oxney to execute some small repairs. The churchwardens were, however, only prepared to spend a few pounds, and consequently Mr. Player could not do much. He fitted the tenor with a new stock, and patched the whole peal up as much as possible.

On Saturday last, several members of the Kent Association, by kind permission of the Rector and the churchwardens, had an evening's ringing at the tower. As far as the "go" was concerned no one expected to find the bells perfect, but Mr. Player has certainly made them much better. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Singles were rung, and the following ringers took part: Messrs. C. W. Player, A. Daw and F. Burt (Stone); C. Tribe (Tenterden), G. Johnson (Appledore) and G. Billenness (Hawkhurst). The local ringers had several rounds. A kind anonymous resident of the village provided supper for everyone. Thanks were accorded the donor, and the preparer of the meal intimated that this expression should be duly conveyed. The ringers left at nine o'clock, and thus ended a very pleasant gathering, the first of its kind, perhaps, ever held at Wittersham. There is no record of change ringing having been practised at Wittersham, so nothing has been accomplished unless visitors have come to the tower.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday week, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Brigg, Willingham, Scunthorpe, Barnetby and Bigby, in addition to the local company. The bells of St. Andrew's, a ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in the Standard methods.

Tea was provided at the Vicarage long room, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. R. Garvey (Vicar of Kirton Lindsey) presided.

The District Secretary informed those present that he had a few days previously received a letter from Bombardier Walter Ayre, R.F.A., who is serving somewhere on the western front, saying that he had so far escaped without a scratch. This item of good news was received with applause.—Five new members—Messrs. H. Hobbins, W. Kent, A. Allison, W. Atkinson and G. Atkinson, all of Kirton Lindsey—were elected.

A collection for "The Ringing World" subscription list towards the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund realised the sum of 5s. 1d.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and Mr. A. Triffett for making the necessary arrangements were unanimously passed and duly responded to, after which further ringing was indulged in, and brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

Among the Associations which have recently invested in War Loan stock is the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

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. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. A. Partridge. Tea (10d.) at the Beacon Inn at 6. The question of "War Loan" will be considered. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at the Beaumont Arms at 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided at 6d. each to all who send in their names not later than Monday, September 27th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Sec. pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devises Branch. —The next meeting will be held on October 2nd, 1915, at Hilpert, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with short business meeting. Ringing also at St. James', Trowbridge, in the evening. Intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, "Avalon," Devises.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen's, Gillingham, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea in the "Memorial Room" at the Vicarage, after service.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on October 2nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, 5.30; members 6d., others 8d. All will be made welcome. I shall be grateful if those who can will notify me.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary Secretary, Little Munden, Herts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short service at 5; tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. Ringers intending to be present should let the honorary secretary know not later than October 4th. The Hon. general secretary of the Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) has promised to attend this meeting.—Stephen Hazzelden, Hon. District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Prestwick on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 5 to 7 and 7.45 to 9 p.m. Meeting to be held during the interval. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, October 9th. Service in church at 5 p.m., at which members are requested to attend. Tea will be provided in the Village Hall by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Branch officers will be elected at this meeting. By kind permission of Sir Richard B. Martin, Bart., the Court gardens will be open to ringers. The bells (6) will be available.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 7th and 21st for handbell practice; and on the 12th and 26th for business. St. John's, Hackney, for service on the 10th at 10 a.m. No ringing in the evening until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, October 9th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Isham on October 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. F. Turner, District Secretary, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Arrangements for tea will be notified later. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING will be held at Bampton, Devon, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (6d.) in the Infants' School at 5. Change ringers will greatly help by their presence. Names of those requiring tea should be sent to me not later than Tuesday, October 12th.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, October 16th, 1915. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea in Trinity Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. J. Nudds has removed to 25, Park Mews, Kilburn Park Road, N.W.

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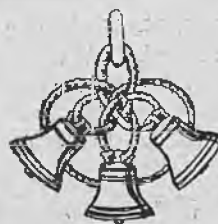
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

ELECTIONS IN THE BELFRY.

A question which has vexed a good many ringing organisations was discussed at the annual meeting of the Lincs Association, but, unhappily, we are not told with what result. Most of the societies now permit the election of members in the belfry before a peal attempt, confirmation by a subsequent meeting being usually a necessary sequel to the belfry procedure. Generally speaking this method of securing members works well, but some ringers are opposed to this style of doing things. There are two main objections, one being that elections in the tower are sometimes of a slipshod order and that they are not always strictly bona fide, because the occasion of a peal attempt does not properly constitute a meeting of the society. The legality of the election, however, seems to us to be perfectly made good by subsequent confirmation by general meeting, this confirmation being really retrospective.

The principal objection, however, is to be found in the question of fees, for instances are not infrequent where a man is proposed as a member in the belfry before a peal attempt, and, the peal failing, he goes away and nothing more is heard about the election or the contribution. It is not really a very honest thing, but it does happen, and it is just how best to check it that concerns a good many associations. It is hardly possible to make those who elected him responsible for his contribution, yet it is upon these members that the onus is cast to see that the money is paid. Various ways have from time to time been suggested to cope with this little leakage, but none, so far as we are aware, has ever proved really satisfactory. We are afraid that, after a peal failure, it is not always the entire fault of the newly elected member, although it may be argued that the duty is upon him to pay. Many a subscription to Association funds from this source might have been secured by the dropping of a timely hint.

By far the large majority, however, punctiliously discharge their legal and moral responsibility by paying up promptly whether the peal be rung or not, and it would be a retrograde step, we think, in the administrative arrangements of an association, if the convenient method of electing a member in the belfry were ever done away with. Very often a peal is arranged at short notice for the convenience of a visitor, and, unless he could be elected in the belfry, it would frequently mean that a non-society peal would have to be rung, and while the value from a ringing point of view is equal, whether it be under the auspices of an Association or not, there is a very general objection to ringing non-association peals, and many a fraternal meeting would fall short of consummation by a peal but for the present arrangements for "roping" a visitor in when he comes to the tower.

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The following is a further list of ringers who have joined the Forces:—

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Pte W. Evans, and

Pte E. Price, of St. Mary's, Kington, Herefordshire, 1st Herefords, both wounded at the Dardanelles.

From Frodsham, Cheshire:—

Rev. E. V. Blackburn, Chaplain of Forces.

Pte T. Fletcher, 5th Batt. Cheshire Regiment.

Pte R. Forster, Army Service Corps.

Pte T. Lightfoot, Coldstream Guards.

From Holy Trinity, Gosport:—

Sergt. E. Brown, 1st Wessex R.F.A. (T.), 3rd Hants Battery, now in India.

Corpl. G. Annells, Royal Engineers, B.E. Force.

Sapper E. Chapman, Hants Fortress Company (T.), Royal Engineers, now at Portsmouth.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to your leader upon the Minutes of the Central Council, may I explain that their publication in official form, which normally should take place as soon as possible after the meeting, is primarily intended to draw the attention of the Exercise to the precise decisions that have been arrived at.—Yours faithfully,
October 1st, 1915. ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A good muster turned up for the fortnightly practice at North Stoneham on Saturday last, and amongst the touches, etc., rung, were 448 Superlative Surprise, 640 Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples. The following visitors were present: The Rev. E. Bankes James, J. B. Williamson, H. G. Thompson, A. White, A. E. Wilkins (Lee-on-the-Solent), L. H. Page (Titchfield), Alfred Mears (Curdridge), A. Jones. A.S.C., with Messrs. G. Williams, C. J. May, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker and E. Dumper, of the local band. Visitors are always welcome at these practices, and the next meeting will be on Saturday, October 16th, at 6.30 p.m.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CADOXTON.

The annual meeting of the West Wales Association was held at Cadoxton, just Neath, on Saturday week, members being present from St. Mary's, Swansea; St. Paul's, Sketty; St. Mary's, Aberavon; St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, and St. Thomas, Neath, in addition to the local band.

The pretty peal of six were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening, and touches of the following methods were rung: Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. During the intervals handbells were indulged in, and touches of Grand-sire Doubles, Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were also rung.

It is proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Gorseinon, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as the church and tower has only recently been built.

New members were elected from Gorseinon and Neath. — It was decided to pay the subscriptions for those who have joined the colours. The meeting then came to a conclusion, the members having spent a very enjoyable time.

The members take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for placing the bells at their disposal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE PENDLETON MEETING.

The annual meeting as recorded in our last issue was held at Pendleton on Saturday week. The proceedings commenced with a peal attempt to commemorate the completion of the 25 years' presidency of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, but a change course occurred which brought that to an untimely end. Ringing also took place at Eccles and Worsley, the conducting being divided between Messrs. W. C. Hunt, B. Knights, J. George (Rugby), the party being made up with Messrs. W. H. Shuker, J. Ridyard, A. Trippier, A. Knights and J. H. Banks. This latter ringing was extra to the programme of the day.

There was an attendance of 130 when the special service began at 4 p.m. in St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, the officiating clergy being the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Fosbrooke, M.A.), and the Rev. H. J. Elsee (St. George's, Bolton), president. The preacher was the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills). Taking for his text, St. Luke ii, 14, "And on earth, peace, goodwill, toward men," the preacher delivered an interesting sermon. He said the words of the text expressed the Divine ideal respecting the conditions under which human life was to be lived—a condition of peace. The ideal was based upon what actually existed in the nature and being of God. The Church of Christ was an instrument by which He worked in order to bring out the realisation of the Divine ideal. Not only as Churchmen or Christians were they called upon to co-operate and work with God for the consummation, but, he thought, they were called upon as ringers to do so. When peace came, when there was a termination of this disastrous war, there would be such bell ringing as had never occurred before in this country. They had to be the instruments of expressing the nation's joy at the restoration of things to their normal state, a state of peace and goodwill amongst men. But apart from that he thought there were reasons why ringers particularly ought to look upon themselves as a means of promoting the existence of peace on earth among men. The very condition under which they exercised their art taught them this.

THREE LAWS.

Proceeding, he said he would mention three things, each of which in connection with change ringing had to be fulfilled. First of all, in the pursuit of his art, the change ringer had to submit to what was called the laws of limitation. They had been ringing "Grand-sire" before the service, which was made up of different pieces of work, each one absolutely distinct from the other, and yet each necessary according to rules applicable to the ringing of Grand-sire. Each ringer in each lead had his specific piece of work to do. He had to mind his own business and not interfere or get in the way of any other brother ringer, and by submitting to the laws of limitation the result was success, joy, fulfilment, and peace. For when there was joy and fulfilment there could not but be peace in the end. Then there was the law of co-operation. In every method there was a certain number of specific pieces of work, and each had, so to speak, to be completed together, in order to bring out the desired result. Each one had to ring his part and do his particular work, and each one had to work with each other one, and the result was joy and satisfaction. Then, too, the ringer must observe the law of patient effort. They knew as well as he the difficulties of acquiring facility in ringing changes. They knew how much patience was necessary. It would not do to begin and leave off. They had to spend many a weary hour at practice, ere they reached and realised the joy, gladness and satisfaction of the art. Patient effort was necessary. They must not stop, as he had said, but they must go on. When these three things were recognised, limitation, co-operation and patient effort then, depend upon it, there would be a satisfactory result. In order that they might apply themselves to the fulfilment of these conditions there was one thing that was necessary, and that was the spirit of goodwill. They ought to have goodwill, because they were united in the pursuit of one object. He took it that all change ringers were keen and eager to advance from one degree of perfection to another in the pursuit of their art. If they were keen on the one object, it combined them together and led them to seek the society of one another. Then it was absolutely necessary that there should be a spirit of goodwill in order that they might combine in the pursuit of their common object, a readiness to submit to the law of limitation, the law of co-operation, and the necessity of patient effort. If they recognised the necessity of these things, all oiled, he might say, with the spirit of goodwill, then they found as a result that there were success, progress, joy and peace. He took it that all societies were governed by the simple laws that he had mentioned. In church life, in the life of their association, in national and international life, these three things required to be recognised and submitted to. Let them remember that each of them had his particular gift of God. Each nation, as a member of a great family of nations, had its peculiar characteristics and work given to it by God. These peculiarities and individualities which everyone possessed required scope for their activity. Let them apply these things not only to the belfry, but to the societies of which they were members, the home, church and nation, and the activity of each of the laws, oiled with the spirit of goodwill, would result in fulfilment, satisfaction, joy and peace.

A MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

At the close of the service there was an interesting ceremony in the belfry, the Vicar unveiling a peal board to the memory of Mr. J. Barratt (late Vice-President of the Association). The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he would like to explain that the board was to commemorate the muffled peal that was rung to show the respect of many Lancashire ringers for one who was very well known among them, who was one of the first members of the Association. Mr. Barratt was one of those loyal members and most diligent workers for the Association that they had ever had. It was a great shock to hear of his death, less than a year ago, after a very short illness. At Eccles, in his own tower, and at that church, the members showed their respect for his high character and for his services as a member and as vice-president, by ringing a muffled peal. It was to record that peal that the tablet had been erected, and he called on the Vicar of St. Thomas's to unveil it.

The Rev. H. L. Fosbrooke said he gladly responded to the invitation, because all vicars of St. Thomas's had always taken a great interest in the work of change ringing, and particularly in their own ringers. That tower meant a great deal to the people of Pendleton, and particularly to Church people of Pendleton.

The tablet (presented by Mr. A. Trippier, of Eccles) was then unveiled. The inscription records that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in the tower on November 14th, 1914, in 3 hrs. and 9 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Barratt, Vice-President of the Association, conducted by J. Ridyard.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The members afterwards sat down to a substantial tea in the schools, and subsequently the annual meeting was held. The presentations to the President and the Hon. Treasurer, which were fully recorded in our last issue, took place at this stage.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. L. Fosbrooke for kindly arranging the service, and allowing the members to use the bells of St. Thomas.—The vote was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar, in reply, said he could assure them that they felt it a privilege to welcome the Association to Pendleton.

Mr. J. H. Banks then read the committee's report, which stated that the membership stood at 1,418, an increase of about 50 on the year. Ten members had been lost by death, including Corpl. E. Barton, who was killed in France, and Ptes W. Worthington and H. Fielding, who died while in training. The income of the Association was £41 11s., and the expenditure £51 9s. 7d. The peals rung during the year were 21. The report concluded with the thanks of the committee to the branch secretaries for their energetic services during the past year.

The balance sheet, which was printed, was taken as read.—Mr. A. Barnes (auditor) reported he and Mr. Gill had gone through the books and found all in order.

Mr. J. Ridyard was elected vice-president (Mr. Chapman retiring); Mr. H. J. Banks was re-elected ringing secretary, and Mr. A. Barnes, with Mr. J. T. Bottrill and Mr. B. Gill (provisional), as auditors. Certain alterations to rules were, on the suggestion of the committee, passed.—Three new members were elected, and Chorley was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The President referred in sympathetic terms to the death of Mr. Wm. Snowden, a former President of the Yorkshire Association, and it was decided to send a letter of condolence to his relatives.

Ringing was afterwards indulged in until 9.30.

It was "some" meeting, and one did not regret denying oneself of other pursuits in order to be present at so important an era in the society's gatherings. The pulses of its members were beating very high; indeed, it made one feel proud to be present at such an important function. The unbroken record which the Rev. H. J. Elsee now enjoys, viz., 25 years' presidency of the Lancashire Association, has been equalled by very few; in fact, the only other instance I can recall is that of the late Mr. William Snowden, who presided over the Yorks Association for a quarter of a century.

If a secret is to be well kept you can depend upon a Lancashire man to keep it. In fact, as an ingenious and well-manufactured "plot" the presentation "we're gradually done." Proof of this was largely demonstrated, for no one got a greater surprise than the Rev. H. J. Elsee when he received the very finely built model of a bell with all its appurtenances. On this, I need not dwell, justice has been amply done in the report which has already appeared in this journal.

Prior to the meeting an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after 40 minutes' effort, the following members taking part: W. C. Hunt (Nottingham) 1, James George (Birmingham) 2, J. H. Banks (Helmshore) 3, Benj. J. Knights (Leyland), conductor, 4, Arthur Knights (Chesterfield) 5, Harry Shuker (Manchester) 6, Joseph Ridyard (Worsley) 7, Amos Trippier (Eccles) 8.

We were not allowed to dwell on our disappointment, for a visit to Eccles Church was suggested. We boarded the first available train, and after a few minutes the bells were set going. It cannot be said there was much enjoyment in looking for the other end of a touch, as the bells were not at all to our liking. Perhaps we were spoiled somewhat earlier in the afternoon at Pendleton. Some keen witted youth of the "family" suggested Worsley for the next tower. To

our surprise two taxis were requisitioned, and we were shot out at Worsley, and the bells at once set going to Stedman, under the conductorship of Mr. James George. Twenty minutes was the limit, after which we were under a penalty. Our petrol tank began to leak, and we had to send the chauffeurs about their business, taking car instead and sailing gaily on through the avenues of trees, hills and dales, and reaching Pendleton exactly at four p.m. for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Pendleton, and a most able sermon was preached by the Rev. A. T. Beeston (of New Mills), whose eloquence was beyond all praise; polished in detail. The text, "Peace and goodwill to all men," admirably synchronised, in all its meanings with the present conditions.

From the church we adjourned to the Schoolrooms, in close proximity, where tea and other good things were awaiting the hungry man. During this time an appetite of another sort was developing for the tit-bit of the evening: The presentation to the Rev. H. J. Elsee by Sir A. P. Heywood, on behalf of the whole of the members of the Lancashire Association. After passing through this happy ordeal we proceeded to the business of the meeting, viz., the election of officers and general items on the agenda. There are only two items that I would refer to, and the first is the question of proposing members in the belfry.

In nine cases out of ten election of full pledged members begins in the belfry preceding an attempt for a peal. Controversy as to these elections frequently crops up at different association meetings, and I think this matter should be taken in hand and decided once and for all. A ringer who desires to become a member of a particular association before a peal, is proposed and seconded by qualified members of the association concerned, and his nomination unanimously accepted, and his election is completed, subject to confirmation at a minor general meeting. What about the new member's subscription, one may ask, in the event of the peal failing? In many cases the association is given a lot of trouble regarding the subscription which has not been paid. Subject to this subscription not being paid at a given period, my contention is that the individual's election is not legitimatised. It is for the members who carry out the elections to see that the subscriptions are paid.

The other subject was concerning the utility of appointing representatives on the Central Council. The matter was very pointedly put before the meeting by one member who considered that no importance attached to sending delegates to the Council, as it was seldom the representatives returned with a report to their own association, and, further, constituted it merely as a holiday. I do not think this view will be generally endorsed by the ringing community at large. These representatives are appointed by their colleagues, which is tangible proof that they possess some sort of ability; moreover, they give the association the benefit of their experience. Are they not, under any circumstances, to be appointed to a position of honour, whether it carry labours or not? All honour to those who are put in power, proving them fit and proper persons. We have our ringing journals, which practically present the report to any association, giving, in fact, more explicit detail than a member could. An association meeting is not run jointly with the Central Council. Oftentimes the annual meetings of these associations are nearly ten or eleven months later.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. CONTEST AT KIRKHEATON.

The general meeting and six-bell contest was held at Kirkheaton on Saturday last, when the bells and schools were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Moore). Seven companies entered for the contest, each set having to ring 600 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were: Mr. G. Symonds, of Elland, and Mr. T. Wadsworth, of Kirkheaton.

During the afternoon a splendid tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 100.

The general meeting was held in the Schoolroom at the conclusion of the ringing, the President (Mr. Cotterell) being in the chair, supported by the Rector and the Society's officers.

A hearty vote of thanks to the local ringers and to the ladies for the way they had catered for the visitors was accorded.

The judges' decision was announced as follows: Heptonstall, 567 faults; Tong, 396; Holmfirth, rung out; Low Moor, rung out; New Mills, 370 faults; Ripponden, rung out; Shelley, 323 faults. Shelley, were, therefore, declared the winners of the cup.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his presence, and for the use of his bells, and the Rev. J. W. Moore, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst the ringers. They had a fine peal of bells at Kirkheaton, and they were proud of them, and liked to hear them rung. He often thought it would not feel like Sunday if they did not have their bells rung for the services. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the conductor of the Shelley team.

Mr. Roberts replied for the winners, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, which was carried unanimously.

The singing of the National Anthem brought a very successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT CARLTON IN CLEVELAND.

A most successful meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Carlton in Cleveland on Saturday week, there being present 65 members (including three lady ringers), representing towers at such far distributed places as Middleham, Darlington, West Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Marske, Saltburn, Whitby, Skelton, and Guisborough, and all agreed that the day was a most enjoyable one. The members arrived during the morning, and the bells of the Parish Church (a peal of eight, with tenor 15 cwt.) were soon merrily ringing.

Luncheon (kindly provided by the Vicar of Carlton, the Rev. J. L. Kyle, who is the President of the Association) was done justice to, and in the afternoon Bushy Hall with its beautiful grounds were viewed by the visitors, thanks to the courtesy of Mr. L. F. Giers.

The business meeting was held after tea, the first item being as usual, the honouring of the loyal toast. Five life members and three ringing members were elected to the Association, and a touch of Grandfire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. T. Metcalfe 1-2, W. H. Porter 3-4, T. Stephenson 5-6, and F. A. Lellanby 7-8.

PRESENTATION TO LATE PRESIDENT.

The most important and interesting part of the proceedings was the presentation to the Rev. W. P. Wright of an illuminated address from the members. Mr. Wright was President of the Association for seven years, but owing to removal from the district resigned the post at the beginning of this year.

Mr. T. Metcalfe (hon. secretary), in introducing the matter, said the officials of the Association had thought, seeing that their late President was going from the district and resigning from his post, that they could not do less than provide a testimonial of their appreciation of his good work, and they had persuaded Mr. Wright to come there that day, with great inconvenience to himself, to receive it. He asked Mr. Kyle to undertake the duty of presenting the address to Mr. Wright.

The President, in making the presentation, spoke of the valuable and most successful and great work which Mr. Wright had done for the Association. He had, said the speaker, kept peace amongst them, and above all he had kept the Association together. To be President of a ringers' association required a very able and far-seeing man with a wisdom of Solomon, and to keep the peace as he had done was a very difficult task. Any man knew that even to keep one tower together was a task, and required very great skill. Even a parson made mistakes, and he might easily set the tower ringing in the wrong way. They were all extremely sorry to lose Mr. Wright, but now he had gone to another diocese, and the members had thought it time to get someone else. When the Bishopric of Sheffield was vacant, they all hoped to see Mr. Wright there, for he was certain that if he could keep the peace with bell ringers, he could keep the peace with a crowd of parsons (laughter and applause). Mr. Wright had left the whole of the towers throughout the district in a thriving condition. Every man said he was a careful man, and that he did the right thing at the right time. He (the speaker) thought that for an Irishman like he was to follow a Yorkshireman was awfully difficult. Mr. Wright was a "canny" Yorkshireman, and he was able to keep his temper. Therefore, he (the President) could take two or three lessons from him. He must say to himself, "Now then, be as Yorkshire as you can; think before you speak; and go to him who knows all for help in special cases." If Mr. Wright liked to come there at any time again, he would be glad to see him, and they were all extremely grateful for the way in which he had kept the Association together. If they could keep the bells going, they could keep the church alive. He asked the hon. secretary to read the address, which was handsomely illuminated, and worded as follows:—

"To the Rev. WILLIAM PETER WRIGHT, M.A., on your resignation as President to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers:—

"Dear Sir,—On behalf of the members of the above Association, we desire to convey to you, our warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered to this Association as President for the last seven years. We acknowledge with gratitude your unwearied efforts to increase the usefulness, and extend the influence of this Association the best interests of which we have ever found you anxious to promote. Having concluded your long connection with us as president, we take this opportunity of expressing to you our best wishes, and our greatest hope is that you may long be spared to continue the great work you have prepared yourself to do for God's Kingdom. (Signed) Rev. J. L. Kyle, M.A., president; George F. Alexander, Walter Pick, Alexander Macfarlane, John Stott, vice-presidents; Thomas Metcalfe, hon. secretary and treasurer, and seventeen members of the committee."

REV. W. P. WRIGHT'S REPLY.

The Rev. W. P. Wright, who was received with loud and prolonged cheers, said: You can quite imagine that it is with very mingled feelings that I find myself trying to express my thanks for this beautiful address, and the very kind thought which lies behind it. I must say that it is very kind and generous of you, and it is with the very greatest sorrow on my part, at any rate, that I have been obliged to vacate the chair which is now so able filled by Mr. Kyle. I would not have done that (with all due deference to his majesty at present in the chair), if I had been in the district, and, of course, if the mem-

bers wished it, but I felt it was not justice for me to be merely a figurehead. There are two most important meetings in the year, and I could not possibly attend them. Whit-Monday (one of our usual meetings) is always a very great day with Sunday School demonstrations and festivities, and such like, and you will quite see with me that it would not do for me to run away on that day. I could not be with you on our other general meeting (Easter Monday), as that is, as I expect most of you married men know, a great day for getting married. By the way, I have never found people so foolish about getting married as I have in the town. I put the question to the bridegroom at a marriage ceremony the other day, "Wilt thou have this woman?" and after a good deal of hesitation he thought he would. Then I put the question to the bride (or rather to who I thought was the bride), "Wilt thou have this man?" but got no answer, until after a while a voice far enough behind said that she didn't mind (laughter). I am sure half the people who get married don't know beforehand how to go through the marriage service. So you see, Easter Monday is a day for people to get married, it would have been out of the question for me to attend that meeting. In September I would have hoped to attend, and I hope to do so in ordinary even. I had hoped to have arranged to have a week-end here, but unfortunately circumstances turned out that I have to make other arrangements as to being away, but our secretary said that you specially wanted me to get here, so I came. I have seen this beautiful address, which I am to take home as a heirloom, and as I sat at my table yesterday I had tea on the tray you so kindly gave me at Northallerton, a thing of use as well as ornament, and which in addition gives me the greatest pleasure, as it binds me with the Association. This beautiful thing which I can show to my friends with pride (not unlawful pride, I hope) will be a further bond of union between me and friends I have here. It is like new life to come back here, and to see you all, and the beautiful country here. You people don't half appreciate it, but you would if you lived in Sheffield. As I look at this in future it will recall to me the days of long ago, and as I think of the happy meetings we have had there is a feeling of sadness that they are days of long ago, and cannot be again. I do indeed thank you with all my heart for your kind thoughts and beautiful piece of work, and can assure you that it will ever remain one of the best and also one of my most valued treasures.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Now, I wish to say a few words as a member of the Association. I have not thrown it over, and do not mean to do so. I hope to attend such meetings as I can, and it falls to my lot now to propose a vote of thanks, which I am certain you will all receive with great acclamation. I wish to propose a vote of thanks in the heartiest manner possible to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle for the magnificent luncheon unlimited tea, and the use of the bells, and all the other enjoyments we have had to-day. He talked about an Irishman succeeding a Yorkshireman, but it will not be his fault if he does not "make good." I have never met an Irishman who has not kissed the Blarney Stone, and that goes a long way. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Kyle since long before the Association was formed, and before he was married, or I was for that matter. We have gone on "Bachelor Johns" together, and I am very glad he is seated in this throne of state. He has, I noticed, realised that "Uneasy lies the head which wears the crown." Mr. and Mrs. Kyle have shown unlimited hospitality in the past, and I am certain that he will welcome us again any time we like to come. I hope that his own tower will prosper, and will be a strong support to the Association, and that the ringers will thoroughly put their backs into the art of change ringing, so that, when the days of peace come, the Carlton bell ringers will be able to hold their own with any tower. On behalf of the members of the Association I wish Mr. Kyle many years of happiness, usefulness and prosperity, and if there is anything I can do for the Association I shall be delighted to put my services at your disposal (applause).

The Rev. J. L. Kyle, in replying, said there were lots of other people to thank besides himself, and especially they should thank the cook of Bushy Hall, and Mr. Gjers, who was always giving. He added that they were there for the good of the Association, and he wanted to impress upon them one thing, and that was that the tower does not belong to the parson, and when they rang the bells they were doing a public good, and not doing it for the parson's sake. They all had their faults, and even the parson had his. "When you ring the bells," proceeded the President. "I don't want you to say 'I am doing it for the parson.' Don't think you are doing it for my sake, but get the idea that you are doing it for the sake of the country. If I do ask you to come to prayers, don't get a hump on your back and say that the parson is always getting at you. I am sure that some of you bell ringers want a punch in the eye instead of a touch under the chin (loud laughter). I say that if you cannot do it for the love of God, well clear out. But about my own ringers I will say this, that they have all done well. We have never had a strike, even though at times the wild Irishman has gone too far. But the man next to me (Mr. Gjers) does not forget the bell ringers, and when I make a mistake he only smiles, and says, 'Have a whiff, and we will spend the evening together' (laughter). When the day of peace comes I hope to have another meeting here, and we will have all the parsons together, and talk everything over, and settle lots of things. I am

delighted to see you all, and hope to meet you all again soon. I wish to say a word about the manager of my pub, and I feel very grateful to him and to the waiters and waitresses for the kindly way they have looked after us all."

Mr. J. Clarkson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gjers for his kindness in opening his beautiful grounds to the members. It was really a great pleasure to go round the grounds and to view the beautiful house and pictures, and it had added immensely to the pleasure of the day.

Mr. Gjers briefly replied, and the members then made their way back to the tower, where the bells were kept going until a fairly late hour. But enjoyments have to come to an end some time, and it was with very deep regret (to the writer at any rate) when the close of the day came, and the members departed to their respective towns.

DEDICATION OF SANCTUS BELL AT SPALDING.

The bell-cote at the east end of the nave of Spalding Parish Church had for a long period been untenanted; in fact, there is no record of a bell hanging there, although the evidence of the cote itself plainly shows by the indentations in the stone work that two bells of different sizes have hung there since the building of the upper portion of nave circa 1450.

Mr. Rd. Mackman, who has completed 40 years' service as verger, wishing to commemorate the event in a fitting manner, approached the authorities with the offer which was gratefully accepted of a Sanctus Bell, to be hung in the cote, as a thankoffering from himself and family. Accordingly, on Sunday, Sept. 27th, after Matins, it being the harvest festival, the dedication took place, the ringers, including two of Mr. Mackman's soldier sons, opening the ceremony with a short touch of Grandsire Triples. After a procession with hymn, by a full choir with the clergy who remained at the rood screen, the dedicatory prayers were impressively read before a large congregation by a former Vicar (the Rev. Canon Bullock). The bell was then rung in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mackman, through a serious illness, by his eldest son, Company Quartermaster-Sergt. J. R. Mackman, which gave out a beautiful clear note in D.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Upton-on-Severn, on Saturday week. Droitwich had been selected for the gathering, but that being inconvenient to the authorities, the Rector of Upton was approached, and he immediately gave his consent to the meeting being held at his church. There was not a large gathering, but the branch was fairly represented. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a service was held, at which the Rector gave a homely address. By the invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Edmondson, tea was served on the Rectory lawn.

The meeting followed, the Rector presiding. The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Upton, Mr. C. Camm to be conductor. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Droitwich or Dodderhill, on January 29th, 1916.—One honorary and one performing member were elected.—The whole of the branch officers were re-elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding, giving the tea, and making the arrangements. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and tunes were rung on handbells during an interval by Miss Johnson, J. D. Johnson, and others, much to the delight of the Rector and his family. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung on the tower bells during the day. Although the attendance was small, the meeting was acknowledged by all to be a success.

MR. PITMAN'S PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to state that I have examined W. Matthews' 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples, as it appears in "Central Council Collection of Peals," and fail to see on what ground he claims my peal which appeared in your columns on September 18th. In the first place the calls in the two peals are arranged in a different order, and on the other hand the part bells in the peals are worked on a different plan.

For instance, you will notice that he has one bell, in this case the 6th, doing the three-lead course through every part, while my plan has been to get two bells doing the three-lead course work alternately, in this case 5th in the first part and 7th in second part, and so on.

While he has the three-lead course bell in his peal to be the part bell, the part bell in my peal is not a three-lead course bell. I may mention that I have not seen Mr. W. Matthews' peal before, as only to-day I had a copy of the "Central Council Collection of Peals" in my possession for the first time. Under the circumstances mentioned, I fail to see how it can possibly be the same peal or a variation of same.—Yours faithfully,

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LC.-CPL. LIONEL ALFÖLD,
of Sunbury-on-Thames,
5th Middlesex Regiment.
Killed in Action in Flanders.

CPL. E. J. WEBB,
of St. David's, Bangor,
6th Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
Died of Wounds received at
Dardanelles.

LIEUT. W. D. JAMES KILLED.

A WELL-KNOWN CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death of Lieut. William Douglas James, B.A., of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who was killed in France during the great assault on the enemy's position on Saturday, September 25th. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. Charles Henry James, J.P., and Mrs. James, of Ingledene, Plymouth, and grand-



LIEUT. W. D. JAMES.

son of the late Sir James Douglas, F.R.S. He was educated at Plymouth College, where he was a member of the Cadet Corps for five years. He was also a keen athlete, being the Victor Ludorum in 1910. He went to Pembroke College in 1912, and studied on the engineering side. He took his B.A. degree and second class honours in the final

engineering tripos. While at Cambridge he was a member of the University Officers' Training Corps. On leaving the University he became an articled pupil of the chief engineer of the Mersey Harbour Board, but, before he could take up the duties, war broke out, and he at once applied for a commission, which he obtained in the Royal Garrison Artillery. In September of last year he proceeded to Southsea Castle, and, after qualifying in gunnery, was sent to Spiteback Fort. Two months since he volunteered for a trench mortar battery, and was at once dispatched to the front, where, as already mentioned, he was killed in the engagement of September 25th. Just before he met his death he had been promoted to full lieutenant.

Ringing was amongst Mr. James' hobbies, and he was a very able exponent of the art. He received his early tuition at Charles Church, Plymouth, under the present leader, Mr. Marsh. On going to Cambridge he proved a valuable recruit to the University Guild, and quickly took his place in the handbell band, which brought the Guild into special prominence about that time. He was a safe ringer on both tower and handbells, and had conducted a goodly number of peals. His rooth peal was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on August 4th, 1913, and was a peal of Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association. Mr. James was well known in many parts of the country, where ringing had taken him, and while at Cambridge he was Master of the University Guild. Retiring and unostentatious, he possessed all the attributes which go to make a really first class ringer, and the Exercise is much the poorer by his death. While peal ringing was out of the question during the war, he found time from his military duties to do a little ringing in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth and Southampton. He spent a day at Titchfield a few Sundays ago with ringers from the neighbourhood, none of whom knew of his departure for the front, and the news of his death has brought with it a sense of personal loss, and much sympathy will be extended to the gallant young officer's relatives in their bereavement.

Lieut. James' brother, Second-Lieut. D. C. James, of the South Staffordshire Regt., was engaged in the same action, and is reported to have been severely wounded,

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

HELP FOR BEGINNERS.

Last week I explained that the observation bell in a six-score of Grandsire Doubles could be doing only one of two things throughout the twelve lead ends, either making the ordinary 3rd's place or double dodging in 4-5 up. Now let us see how the conductor, having his own bell doing a fixed work, can keep the rest of the bells running in their proper paths. This is done by watching, and, indeed, anticipating the coursing order of the bells (*i.e.*, the order in which they will lead, or will be met by the observation bell), for it is not sufficient to note the various other bells as they cross the path of the fixed bell; the competent conductor knows beforehand exactly which bell he will meet in any given place, and as he goes from lead to lead he has mentally to transpose the coursing order.

In the plain course, the bells follow one another to lead in the order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, the 1, 2, being placed, in the various leads, between each of the other pairs, according as 5, 3 and 4 make 3rd's place. But in the full 120 the transpositions vary according as to whether a plain lead or a bob lead is rung. If a plain lead, then, as in the plain course, the bell in front of the treble going down, is put behind the bell in the hunt going up. In a bob lead the two bells hunting down in front of the treble before the bob was called, hunt up immediately after the treble, the first of them having taken the place of the bell in the hunt. Thus in the first of the 120's given last week the following would be the lead ends and the coursing order of the first half:—

| Lead End. | Coursing Order. |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 2 3 4 5 | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 1 2 5 3 4 | 1 2 5 3 4 |
| B 1 3 4 2 5 | 1 3 4 2 5 |
| 1 3 5 4 2 | 1 3 5 4 2 |
| B 1 4 2 3 5 | 1 4 2 3 5 |
| 1 4 5 2 3 | 1 4 5 2 3 |
| S 1 3 2 4 5 | 1 3 2 4 5 |

It will be noted that the coursing order is the same as the lead end row from which the coursing begins, but this only happens in Doubles, and will not be found on the higher numbers. What I want to make clear, however, is that in transposing the coursing order, the conductor has to remember that at a plain lead he has to put the bell, which was before the treble, behind the bell in the hunt, and at a bob, the two bells which were in front of the treble, behind that bell, leaving the other two to follow on. I have laboured the point somewhat here, because it is the basis of the transpositions which have to be made on higher numbers, and if the principle is grasped in Doubles it ought not to be difficult to apply it in Triples later on.

The study of coursing order is one of the best aids to calling from a non-observation bell, but there is little difficulty even for a beginner in conducting, to manage Doubles, from a working bell, as long as he is able to notice when the fixed bell is hunting down immediately in front of the treble. In the first half-dozen of the six scores set out last week, he will find, on examination, that when he meets the observation bell (either the 5th or 3rd) hunting down in front of the treble, to come "before," he will pass the lead without a call, and put in the bob or single, as the case may be, at the next lead, duly watching the bell in front of the treble, so that the call

may be made at the right moment. In the last four 120's a single is called at every lead when the observation bell is not "before," that is to say, not met hunting down immediately in front of the treble, and a bob on alternate occasions when the fixed bell goes down with the treble next behind it.

One other point about the calling of Grandsire Doubles. Whatever position the bells may be in, they can always be brought round with two calls, at most. If the 4th happens to be in the hunt one will suffice, by calling her out, the lead after the 5th comes "before," with a bob if the 3rd hunts down in front of the treble or with a single if the 2nd is in front of the treble. If the 4th does not happen to be in the hunt, call her in, either with a bob or single, as quickly as possible and then proceed as above. But before commencing to call the bells round make sure they are not already in the plain course. CONDUCTOR.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devises Branch was held at the pretty village Church of St. Michael and All Angels', Hilperton, on Saturday, and although it was a very wet and uncomfortable day, a fair number of ringers assembled. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Doubles, which went well on this light ring of six, with a tenor of 7½ cwt. A service was held in the church, the form used being the Diocesan one sanctioned by the Bishop, and a beautiful address was given by the Rector (the Rev. W. C. K. Sylvester). The singing of the Canticles, Psalms and Hymns was very hearty, being joined in by all present. Mr. Wilfred Harding (one of the ringers), organist of North Bradley, kindly presided at the organ.

Tea was partaken of at the Lion and Fiddle Inn, to which 17 sat down, and fully enjoyed the excellent spread, prepared by the Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Hoar.—A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), and ringers from Trowbridge, Hilperton, Southbroom, Holt, Chirton, Westbury and Steeple Ashton. One new life ringing member, Lieut. Robert Falconer, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, was proposed, and elected. The company then discussed the places for the next three meetings, and upon hearing that the bells of Steeple Ashton had been recently restored and rehung, that tower was selected for the meeting on November 6th; Market Lavington for December 4th; and Trowbridge, St. James', for January 8th, 1916.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Hilperton for the use of the church bells, for the service in church, and also for presiding at the meeting, to which the reverend gentleman genially responded. Some of the ringers then returned to Hilperton tower, whilst others went into Trowbridge to ring at St. James' Church, and then a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Whittleford on Saturday week. The opening touch was 720 Oxford. A short service was held, and in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. R. Letts), the Vicar of Ickleton (the Rev. P. H. Cooke) kindly officiated, and gave a very instructive address.

A tea was provided at the Wagon and Horses, followed by the business meeting, the Rev. P. H. Cooke being in the chair.

There were also present Mr. A. E. Austin (general secretary), Mr. P. Webb (district secretary), and members from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Royston, Sawston, Shelford, Stapleford, Barley, Barkway, Melbourn, and the local band.—New members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next district meeting at Fulbourn in October.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist and to the Rev. P. H. Cooke for his kindness in coming over to take the service, and for presiding at the meeting.

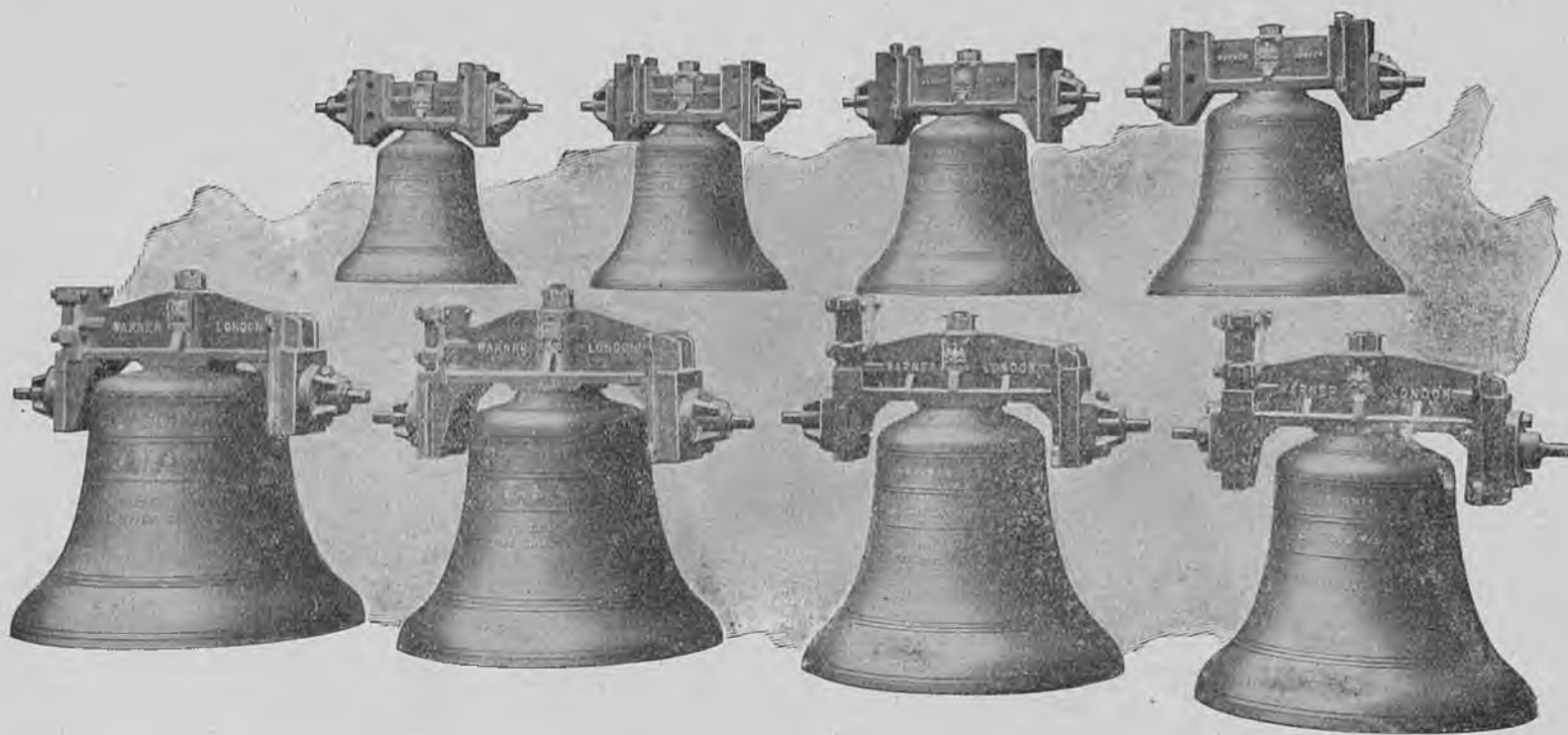
The Chairman, in reply, said he was only too pleased to come over, and he hoped he should have the pleasure of welcoming the members to Ickleton before long.

During the evening the following methods were rung: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Sawston bells were also available, and several members made use of them, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples being brought round.

FELSTED BELL FUND.

The following amounts have been received towards the Felsted Bell Fund: Great Baddow ringers, 7s. 6d.; Braintree, £1 15s.; Coggeshall, 3s.; Dagenham, 4s. 6d.; Felsted, £1; Leytonstone, 8s.; Maldon (All Saints'), 5s.; Romford, 5s.; Stansted, 8s. 6d.; Great Totham, 5s.; West Ham, 2s.; Wanstead, 4s. 6d.; Mr. W. Keeble (Kelvedon), 1s.; Mr. W. H. Newman (Feering), 2s.; total, £5 11s. Further donations will be gratefully received by E. J. Doherty, Vicar, Felsted Vicarage, Chelmsford.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short service at 5; tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. The hon. general secretary of the Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) has promised to attend this meeting.—Stephen Hazzelden, Hon. District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Prestwick on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 5 to 7 and 7.45 to 9 p.m. Meeting to be held during the interval. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, October 9th. Service in church at 5 p.m., at which members are requested to attend. Tea will be provided in the Village Hall by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea). Branch officers will be elected at this meeting. By kind permission of Sir Richard B. Martin, Bart., the Court gardens will be open to ringers. The bells (6) will be available.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 21st for handbell practice; and on the 12th and 26th for business. St. John's, Hackney, for service on the 10th at 10 a.m. No ringing in the evening until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, October 9th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Isham on October 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. F. Turner, District Secretary, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Fernley Hotel, Guildhall Street, at 6.15. As the Association allowance for tea is limited to 1s. each member, members will be asked to pay 3d. each to defray the extra cost. The business meeting to follow the tea. All who intend being present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 12th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING will be held at Bampton, Devon, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (6d.) in the Infants' School at 5. Change ringers will greatly help by their presence. Names of those requiring tea should be sent to me not later than Tuesday, October 12th.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, October 16th, 1915. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea in Trinity Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30. Subscriptions now due.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting, at which the peal board recording the peal rung by the Ladies' Band at Portishead will be unveiled, will be held in the tower at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 4 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Committee meeting at 5, tea at 5.30. General meeting after tea. Ringers requiring tea kindly communicate with Mr. J. George, 125, Victoria Road, Aston, Birmingham, H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this district will be held at St. Laurence on Saturday, October 16th. Half-fares up to but not exceeding 2s. will be allowed. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rayne, October 23rd. Bells 2.30. Short service, with address, 4.15. Meat tea, 6d. each, at the Sunday School, 5 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers and other business. All those intending to be present please notify me not later than October 20th.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) available from 4 to 5.30, and from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A short meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells raised at 4 o'clock prompt. All ringing friends welcomed.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Provisional Notice. — The annual meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, October 30th. Full particulars will appear in next week's issue.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The autumn meeting of this society was held at Great Barr on Saturday last, but through the inclement weather the attendance was not as good as would otherwise have been expected. A short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. Arnold Partridge) gave a helpful address, as well as officiating at the organ.

Tea was served at the "Beacon" Inn, presided over by the Vicar, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his good offices. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon, the Standard methods, as well as Cambridge Surprise, being practised.

The next meeting is to take place at Bloxwich early in January.

CALVERTON RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Calverton, on Saturday week, of Mr. H. C. Edwards and Miss E. Monday. Mr. Edwards is a much respected member of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, and also a member of the Parish Church choir. The Rector (the Rev. R. F. Rumsey) officiated, and the service was choral, and at the conclusion of the ceremony 720 Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells by J. H. Tompkins 1, E. Yates 2, H. E. Tompkins (conductor) 3, H. Tompkins 4, R. Underwood 5, J. Tompkins 6. It was only owing to the war that a peal was not attempted. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung. It was achieved by the College Youths on October 6th, 1788, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and is recorded on a tablet in the belfry, as follows: "The Society of College Youths did ring, on October 6th, 1788, a complete peal of 6204 Cinques on Stedman's Principle in 4 hrs. and 47 mins., this great performance being the first in the method on twelve bells, is an instance of that unrivalled merit only to be equalled by a similar assiduity and perseverance. The performers were: Thomas Blakemore treble, Robert Pye Donkin 2, John Povey 3, Christopher Wells 4, James Worcester 5, John Inville 6, James Hammett 7, Nathaniel Williamson 8, William Lyfort 9, Samuel Lawrence 10, Edwin Sylvester 11, Philip Pilgrim tenor. Composed and called by Thomas Blakemore.

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EPPING. Essex Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1248 changes): O. Twist 1, G. Dent 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. Smale 4, H. Dew 5, H. Rumens 6, W. Tarling 7, G. B. Lucas 8.

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MILNROW.—Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch. — At St. James' Church, on Sept. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Buckley 1, G. Staff (conductor) 2, J. Fitton 3, W. Brearley 4, E. Schofield 5, C. Fielding 6, J. Massey 7, H. Buckley 8.

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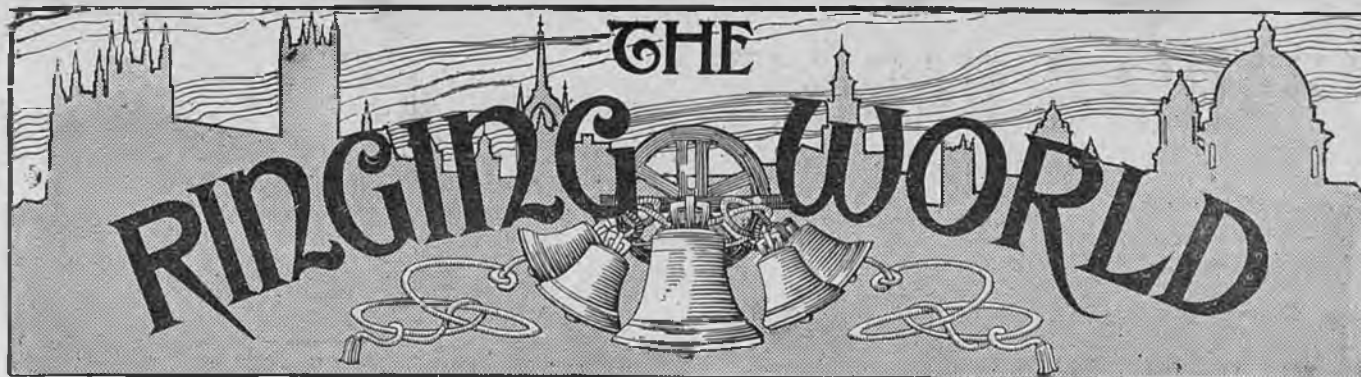


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THE BISHOP'S SUGGESTION.

Speaking at the dedication of an augmented peal of bells at Whiston the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Hedley Burroughs) said he would like to see an association of church bell ringers formed for his diocese. Dr. Burroughs knows something of the work of ringing organisations, for he had the Winchester Guild under his notice while Vicar of Godalming; at Croydon he was in touch with the Surrey Association, and when Suffragan Bishop of Lewes he interested himself in the Sussex County Association, presiding at one of their annual meetings as well as preaching the sermon. Dr. Burroughs does not speak, therefore, without knowledge of the good work which ringing associations have done and are doing, and when he says he would welcome a diocesan organisation the suggestion deserves the most careful consideration of those responsible for the existing societies in the area now covered by the Bishopric of Sheffield.

The question would doubtless be a somewhat thorny one to deal with, for ringers, as a rule, are jealous of the rights of the associations to which they give their allegiance. In Sheffield, the very centre of the diocese, at least three important organisations exist—the Yorkshire Association, the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society, and the St. Peter's Society, Sheffield. The County Association, of course, is outside the question, and any step which was taken would hardly be likely to injure its sphere of influence. In that quarter of Yorkshire it is deeply planted, and a Sheffield diocesan scheme could well be co-existent. It is between the two other societies, it seems to us, that the matter must be decided and an agreement between them, if not a closer arrangement, might enable a satisfactory outcome to be achieved.

There is much value, we think, in Diocesan Associations where they are possible. Our art is inseparably connected with our churches, and when our societies take a diocesan character, as against a merely geographical connection, they gain in value as a part of the church organisation. There are times, of course, when a county boundary is the only practicable one, but, on the other hand, some diocesan guilds embrace more than one county, notably the Oxford Guild, which includes Oxford, Berks and Bucks. Then, too, as in the instances of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and the London Diocesan Guild (which is the second title of the Middlesex County Association) we have proof that a diocesan organisation can work with perfect good will and success even when the sphere over which it extends partly covers the area of other societies. We hope we may hear that in Sheffield the suggestion of the Bishop is likely to bear fruit. Hitherto it has always been the ringers who

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have had to seek diocesan recognition; now we have a Bishop indicating his desire for a diocesan association of ringers. Could there be a better opportunity for any society to achieve this mark of additional Church recognition which ringers so much prize and for which so many of them have worked in past years? We have no doubt the keen-witted Sheffield folks will not miss the chance, for none of the difficulties should be insurmountable, especially with such a man as the Bishop himself to guide their counsels.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| JOHN HOLMAN Treble | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 2 | SAMUEL WESLEY 7 |
| JOHN FLINT 3 | *JOHN H. BROTHWELL 8 |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4 | HARRY CHAPMAN 9 |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT 5 | *JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND OLDHAM
SOCIETY.

On Sunday, September 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK, OLDHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| I. SCHOFIELD Treble | R. ALLRED 5 |
| J. LEES 2 | E. B. SHAW 6 |
| S. STOTT 3 | J. W. TAYLOR 7 |
| F. CROSSLAND 4 | A. CLEGG Tenor |

Rung for evening service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, also as a birthday compliment to J. Knight, one of the local band. R. Allred hails from Tyldesley and was made a member of the Oldham Society before starting.

[The name of the conductor has not been forwarded with this report.—Ed. "R.W."]

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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| ERNEST MORRIS Treble | HARRY BROUGHTON 5 |
| PTE. ERNEST BARTRAM 2 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6 |
| JOHN OLDHAM 3 | RICHARD H. BARTRAM 7 |
| *WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 4 | †PERCY HARRISON Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged for Pte. E. Bartram, 2/5th Leicesters, on leave from Luton.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| SAMUEL WHEATLEY Treble | *WILFRID LEE 5 |
| WALTER POPPLEWELL 2 | WILLIE CORDINGLEY 6 |
| SYDNEY KEIGHLEY 3 | HARRY WARD 7 |
| SAMUEL WARD 4 | PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER POPPLEWELL.

* First peal by Wilfrid Lee, who was made a member of the Association before starting. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to Calverley, the rest to Pudsey.

HORICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

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| WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble | JOHN POTTER 5 |
| HERBERT ALLRED 2 | JOHN STUBBS 6 |
| FRED BANKS 3 | P.C. PETER CROOK 7 |
| RICHARD P. HEALD 4 | JOSEPH DERBISHIRE ... Tenor |

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung, by request, with the bells muffled, as a tribute to our fallen heroes. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 7th belong to Bolton, 2nd to Tyldesley, 3rd to Leigh, 5th to Walkden, and 6th and tenor to the local tower.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Amount already acknowledged | 115 | 2 | 4 |
| Ringers of All Saints, Arksey, further donation (per Mr. F. Clarke) | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| York Minster Society, September collection (per Mr. G. Horner) | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | 115 | 12 | 4 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers are serving with the Forces:—

- Pte Percy Edwards, of Wrexham, Welsh Guards, now at Caterham.
Pte L. H. Holder, of Midsomer Norton, No. 16135, 8th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry (wounded).
Pte Herbert Steeds, of Batcombe, Somerset, Bristol "Bantams."
Gnr. Herbert Wiltshire, of Batcombe, R.F.A.
Gnr. Tom Clare, and
Gnr. George Jennings, of Baltonsborough, R.F.A.

"RINGING" IN FRANCE.

Pte Holder, a member of the Midsomer Norton band, was wounded in the thigh while taking part in the great British advance in France on Sunday, Sept. 26th. He is now in Graylingwell Military Hospital, Chichester, where he was successfully operated upon on October 5th. Pte Holder, with Pte Armstrong, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, had an interesting experience in France a short time ago, when they assisted two old French ladies to ring the church bell for service. Probably the bell did not "go" so easily as some of our English ones.

RINGER'S EXPERIENCES IN GALLIPOLI.
CORPL. ALAN MACDONALD IN THE TRENCHES.

A letter has reached us from Second-Corpl. Alan R. Macdonald, of Bournemouth, who has been serving with the 71st Field Co. R.E., on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and who is now in Hospital at Port Said, suffering from enteric. His ringing friends in England will be glad to learn that he is now approaching a convalescent stage, although it may be some time before he is fit again. That his attack was not a more serious one he attributes to inoculation. Relating his experiences in the fighting line, he says: "It is a fine sight when the ships start with their guns. I used to feel glad I was not a Turk. I was in our front line trenches one night when the Turk first line was only about 25 yards away. One of our gunboats started shelling at about a two miles' range, sending the shells just over the top of our trench right smack into the Turks. It was grand shooting. We were three weeks at Achi-Baba, then we got attached to the Australians at Gabe-Tepe where we were in a much warmer quarter. On one occasion we exploded a mine right into a Turkish gallery, and had a lively hour, as the Turks started bombing us in the tunnel. One of our officers got wounded before we could close up the passage with sand bags. I have managed to get through so far without a scratch, but it is simply luck, as I have one of our chaps shot alongside of me. We lost five men in the first two days after we landed, which was not a bad start, including our officer commanding."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. G. Heath 1, E. Etheridge 2, F. Radford 3, T. W. Radford 4, G. Fetter 5, S. G. Steer 6, S. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8.

BIRMINGHAM'S CORONATION PEAL.
INTERESTING UNVEILING CEREMONY AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A significant and highly interesting function took place at St. Martin's Parish Church on Sunday last. Before the sermon at the morning service on that day, the Rector of Birmingham (Canon J. W. Willink) preceded by the Beadle and the two churchwardens, carrying their staves of office, and by the assistant clergy, proceeded to the Baptistry under the church tower at the west end of the church for the purpose of unveiling a memorial tablet of great beauty, which had been just placed in position by the members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

Before calling upon Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the highly-respected hon. secretary of the Guild, to perform the unveiling ceremony, the Rector made the following statement, which will doubtless be read with interest by many: "This tablet has been placed here in the Baptistry of this church by the members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, who have defrayed the entire cost of the work in their worthy and laudable desire to commemorate the unique achievement which they, as a Guild of Ringers, accomplished on the occasion of the Coronation of our most Gracious Sovereign Lord, King George the Fifth, when they alone of any body of ringers in England rang a special twelve-bell peal of Stedman Cinques (5007 changes), in three hours and thirty-seven minutes, on June 22nd, 1911."

THE DEDICATION.

As the Secretary unveiled the memorial, the Rector dedicated it in the following words: "To the Glory of God and in memory of the loyalty of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, we unveil this Memorial, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, to whom be Glory and Honour, for ever and ever, Amen."

The Rector then offered the following prayer, preceded by the Lesser Litany and the Lord's Prayer: "O Lord God of Hosts, the God of our fathers, and the Protector of all who put their trust in Thee, we thank Thee for the keen and eager loyalty of the members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and for all the willing service that they have ungrudgingly rendered in this House of Prayer for very many years past. And now especially we beseech Thee to accept at their hands their gift to this Church of the Memorial Tablet which has just been unveiled. May it ever remind all who shall see it of their own duty to their King and country, and inspired by the example of the Guild, may they ever seek to fulfil Thine own Divine command to Fear God and Honour the King. We pray Thee that my blessing may continue to rest upon the labours of the Guild, grant that they may find much true joy in their work, and may the joy of the Lord be now and always their strength. And this we ask through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

The procession was then re-formed, and the Rector returned to the chancel and ascended the pulpit for the delivery of the sermon.

There was a large and thoroughly representative gathering of the St. Martin's Guild present at the service, and it was very striking to see them all file into the Baptistry reverently and solemnly for the unveiling of the memorial. The whole of the proceedings were most impressive, and the large congregation present were obviously deeply interested in all that transpired, a great number remaining after service to inspect the tablet, which is a very handsome piece of marble of admirable design and execution.

It was made and fixed complete by Messrs. O. C. Hawkes, Ltd., Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, on whom it reflects great credit.

The tablet itself, which measures 48in. by 36in., is of heavy plate glass, with the lettering incised on the back (to preserve it from the atmosphere) and inlaid with English gold leaf, the Royal Arms being done in colours, the whole on a black background. It is mounted in a fumed oak frame of deep section, harmonising with the adjacent screen work of the Baptistry.

The peal was rung by the regular Sunday service ringers, and eleven of the band were present at the ceremony. To them there was a note of sadness in the proceedings, when they remembered that never again would the same band attempt a peal together, one of their number—Thomas Reynolds—having passed over to the great majority in January, 1912.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the Manchester Branch held their usual monthly meeting at Prestwick, and, judging from the attendance, the enthusiasm of the annual meeting had not died down. Several of the fair sex who are taking to the art were also at the meeting. Mr. A. Barnes took the chair at the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors.

The general secretary read letters of thanks and appreciation from the Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. Jackson for the beautiful presents which the Association had been pleased to give them for their long and faithful services.

Ecceles was chosen as the next place of meeting, on November 13th, when it is hoped to unveil a peal board to the memory of Mr. James Barratt, the late vice-president.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and local ringers for the use of the bells. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were the methods rung during the day.

A YORKSHIRE AUGMENTATION. WHISTON BELLS INCREASED TO EIGHT.

Whiston is a pleasant village some two miles south of Rotherham, standing on a steep hillside, and aptly termed the "village of steps." An event of great importance and unique in the history of the parish took place on Thursday, Sept. 30th, when the five new bells, which had been added to the existing three in the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, were dedicated. Two of the old bells date back to the pre-Reformation period, and the third is dated 1637. Through the generosity of Mrs. John White, of Northen, these have been returned, and five new bells added to make a ring of eight, the old bells being now the 3rd, 4th and 5th of the new peal. The work was entrusted to the firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the well-known Loughboro' firm, and it is needless to say that the tone of the new bells is perfect. The splicing of the other three is also as good as possible short of being recast, and the "go" of the whole is all that can be desired. A chiming apparatus has been fitted in memory of the Rev. T. Atkinson, a former rector, the cost being defrayed out of a surplus after the church restoration, which was accomplished during the Rev. Atkinson's ministry.

During the afternoon a reception was held in the Church Institute, presided over by the Rector of Whiston, the Rev. A. G. Allton, when a large company assembled to meet the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. H. L. Burrows) this being the occasion of his first parochial visit. By 6.30 the church was crowded for the dedication service, which was conducted by the Rector, and was of a most impressive character. The three old bells were chimed before the commencement. During the service the Bishop, Rector and choir proceeded to the tower at the west-end of the church, the ringing chamber being on the ground floor, and the Bishop dedicated the new bells, following which the whole eight were chimed.

BISHOP SUGGESTS DIOCESAN ORGANISATION FOR SHEFFIELD.

Preaching from the text, Ezekiel 33, v. "He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul," the Bishop said they were living in stern days. As Ezekiel had the trumpet, so had they the bells. God would wish the same truths to be impressed on those assembled in church that night that Ezekiel wanted to impress on the people. The time would come when Whiston bells would ring out in public thanksgiving to Almighty God, for, he hoped, a glorious victory and a still more glorious peace. But would they heed the warnings of the past terrible months? They might, like the Roman Empire, decline and sink into oblivion, but their blood would be upon their own head. How grand it would be if, after all the sacrifices of their gallant sons, England and the Empire should say, "We have heard the warning, and never again are we going to be caught like that; we will live holier and purer and more united lives, and will try to crush down those terrible evils which are a disgrace to the nation and a despair to the patriotic soul." Now that they had their splendid peal of bells, he earnestly hoped that the spiritual life of the parish would grow and increase, and that strangers who came to take part in the service would say, "Here are people who have heard the warning of God." Turning to the ringers present, the Bishop addressed to them words of advice, encouragement, and appreciation of their office in the church. He knew of the good work done by the various ringing associations, and hoped it would be within the bounds of possibility to have an organisation for the ringers of his dioceses of Sheffield.

After the service the bells were raised, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, the striking being very good indeed. The ringers learned afterwards that the Bishop listened most attentively to the opening touch.

The ringing arrangements were entrusted by the Rector to Mr. Clement Glenn, secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and the following members of the Southern District were present: Messrs. D. and J. Brearley, W. Briggs, L. Brightman (Southern District Secretary), J. H. Brothwell, R. W. Collier, E. C. Garrison, Miss Hague, Messrs. S. Harrison, J. Holman, W. Warburton, and R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. J. Oldham, representing the founders, was also present, and took part in the ringing. After the bells had been lowered in peal, all accepted the kind hospitality of the Rector, and partook of refreshments in the Church Institute.

The following are the inscriptions and weights of the bells:—
Treble: "For God and King I ring." Weight, 3cwt. 0qrs. 9lbs.

2: "Ring out the false, ring in the true." Weight, 3cwt. 1qr. 10lbs.

3: Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 3lbs.

4: Weight, 5cwt. 0qrs. 4lbs.

5: Weight, 5cwt. 3qrs. 24lbs.

6: "Fear God, Honour the King." Weight, 7cwt. 2qrs. 13lbs.

7: "Good Will toward men. Andrew Merryweather. John William Hardwick, Churchwardens." Weight, 9cwt. 3qrs. 14lbs.

Tenor: Glory to God in the Highest. Augustus George Allton, Rector.
Note F. Weight, 14cwt. 1qr. 22lbs.

Each of the new bells also bears the inscription: "The gift of Martha White of Northen. To the Honour and Glory of God. 22 July, 1915."

Our readers will learn with regret that the Bishop of Sheffield has received an intimation that one of his sons has been killed in action in France. He was shot while bravely rescuing a wounded man. The funeral service of the gallant young officer was conducted by his brother, who is serving as chaplain with the Forces.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

By kind permission of the Rev. E. J. Atkins, a very successful quarterly meeting of the Kettering Branch was held at Isham on Saturday last. Forty-five members were present from Bedford, Burton Latimer, Barton Seagrave, Cranford, Cransley, Desborough, Geddington, Northampton, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Pychley, Orlingbury, Kettering, Sharnbrook, Wellingborough, Rothwell, Islip, Thrapston, and the local ringers. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector. Tea was held in the Schools, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. E. J. Atkins presided, supported by the Vice-President (the Rev. R. Copeman, Stoke Albany), Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary), and the Misses Steel (Bedford). The committee recommended that Geddington be chosen for the next meeting, and this was confirmed.—One new ringing member was elected, viz., Mr. J. Burgess, of Pychley.

The meeting learned with great regret of the death of an out-county member, Lieut. W. D. James, a ringer well known in the district.

The Rev. R. Copeman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and to the local ringers for providing tea, and to Mrs. E. J. Atkins and the other helpers. — Mr. F. Wilford seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. E. J. Atkins, in replying, said he was always pleased to see the Association at Isham, and proposed to give the profits of the tea, which he hoped would be from 10s. to 12s., to the Red Cross Fund. The bells were kept going merrily during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Touches on handbells were rung by Messrs. D. J. Nichols, C. W. Clark (Bedford), J. E. Chapman, W. Perkins and F. Sawfoot, the methods being Kent, Grandsire and Stedman.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT TUXFORD.

Fine weather favoured the quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association at Tuxford. There was a representative gathering of members from various parts of the county, including Everton, East Markham, Cuckney, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Laneham, Tuxford and Workop. Tea was partaken of at the Mail Hotel, at which the Vicar of Tuxford presided. The usual business meeting followed, 42 members being present. Four new members were elected—two from Workop, one from Cuckney and Mr. J. B. Jackson, of Guiseley, Yorks (unattached). It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Workop in January, 1916.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) said he was sure all those who were present would be glad to know that Mr. Wm. Butt, who had been fighting for King and country in France almost since the war began, and who had had a most horrible experience in the trenches, had been in five hospitals in France and one in England, had been spared to have a short furlough, and was present with them that day. It would be gratifying to all when he told them that Mr. Butt was making slow but sure progress towards recovery, and was quite ready when the time came to go back along with other comrades in the room and do a little bit more, until the time came when the bells would be ready to ring a peal of joy and thanksgiving for the proclamation of peace, and to give him a welcome home (applause).

The business meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for use of the bells, to which the reverend gentleman replied. In the course of a most interesting address to the ringers, he said he was pleased to meet such a large and representative gathering of bell ringers of North Notts for the first time since the tower of Tuxford had been affiliated. It was such meetings as those which cemented the true bond of brotherhood between them, and which has a tendency to bring about an improvement in church bell ringing which was so greatly desired. That, at any rate, was his experience, so far as the Tuxford ringers were concerned. Joining the Association had been the making of them, and a good fellowship existed amongst them. It was only fit and proper the bells should be heard now and again, notwithstanding we were passing through a very trying period. If many more of the men were taken away to uphold the honour and glory of their King and country, he supposed the ladies would willingly come forward and take their places in the belfry, and when the ladies came in, the gentlemen would be sure to be there also. He had the greatest pleasure in welcoming the Association to Tuxford, and hoped to meet them again very shortly.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung by mixed companies on the Tuxford bells, whilst some of the visitors also went over to East Markham to try their skill.

Towards 8.30 p.m. the visitors began to disperse to their various destinations, all having had an enjoyable time. East Markham and Tuxford being at the height of the fruit season, fruit and flowers were plentiful, and it was a case of help yourself.

If one or two ringers who came a long distance in the afternoon and, going away early to catch a train, did not get a pull, the writer of these notes is extremely sorry, and the committee will endeavour, at the next meeting, to give consideration to this matter, and make up companies for those who do not bring a full band with them in order that all may have a pull before returning home.

DEATH OF Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR, CAMBRIDGE.

Ringers throughout the Eastern Counties will learn with regret of the death of Mr. George Taylor, which occurred on Monday of last week, at Cambridge. Mr. Taylor was well known, having been steeple keeper at Great St. Mary's Church since October, 1877, and Cambridge loses one of the most congenial of its ringers; visitors, one of the most obliging steeple keepers; learners, one of the most painstaking teachers; friends, one of the most steadfast and unselfish companions.

No record of Mr. Taylor's peals have been kept, but it is noted that he took part in ringing the Old Year out and the New Year in for over 50 years.

The funeral took place on Thursday week at Mill Road Cemetery, following a service at Great St. Mary's Church, at which Archdeacon Cunningham, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughcy, the Rev. J. Morgan, and the Rev. Clarke (curate of Great St. Mary's Church) officiated.

Messrs. F. Pitstow and J. F. Penning, representing the Saffron Walden Society, and Mr. Percy Webb, Ickleton, were amongst the mourners. A wreath was sent by the Walden Society as a token of their esteem.

Mr. Taylor, who was 66 years of age, was a member of the Royal Cumberlands, Ely, Norwich and Essex Associations, and an honorary member of the Saffron Walden Society.

Muffled touches were rung in the evening.

J. F. P.

PERFORMANCES OF PAST CENTURIES.

The anniversaries of a good many interesting performances of past years fall in next week.

On October 19th, 1766, the first peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung on Shoreditch bells, upon which, in later years, so many great feats in the method were achieved. This first peal was one of 6,000, and was rung in 4 hrs. 21 mins., by: Winstanley Richardson 1, Jas Darquit 2, Wm. Moss 3, Wm. Underwood 4, Thos. Bennett 5, Wm. Mills 6, Emanuel Crouch 7, George Meakins (conductor) 8, Robt. Bly 9, Jos. Monk 10.

On October 20th, 1751, a peal of 5104 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, by the Society of Union Scholars, and was probably the only peal of Grandsire Cinques in which John Holt took part with that Society.

Some famous names appear in a peal of 6720 Union Treble Bob, rung in 3 hrs. 58 mins., on October 20th, 1794, at St. Giles', Cambridge, "It being the most that was ever rung in that steeple." According to Shipway, who took part in it, the peal, composed by J. Reeves, was the first ever rung containing the 120 course ends. The ringers were: George Gross, senr. (conductor) treble, Wm. Pliso 2, Wm. Stephens 3, John Darby 4, Wm. Shipway 5, Malachi Channon 6, Truscoat 7, Geo. Harris tenor.

At Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on October 22nd, 1734, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Cambridge Youths, in which Dr. Mason took part. Peals in those days were great performances, and this was the second peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, the previous one having been rung in 1725.

On October 23rd, 1791, Holt's Original was rung by the College Youths at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London, and the record of it shows that it was supposed to be the first time it was conducted by a man taking part in the peal, the bobs being called by James Bartlett, who rang the treble. On October 23rd, 1884, to celebrate the anniversary, eight members of the College Youths rang the peal "silent" at the same church.

In our issue of January 2nd, 1914, we quoted records which showed that the composition had been called twice (on December 25th, 1753, and on January 1st, 1754), at Saffron Walden, the conductor on each occasion being one of the ringers. It will be recalled that the first time the peal was rung it was called by Holt himself, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751, but Holt did not ring either of the bells.

RECORD PRESIDENCY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In your issue of October 8th you report a meeting at Puddleton of the Lancashire Association, in which a writer says that the unbroken record of 25 years' presidency enjoyed by the Rev. H. J. Elsee has been equalled by very few, and that the only other instance he can recall is that of Mr. William Snowden, who presided over the Yorks Association for a quarter of a century. May I remind him that the Rev. F. E. Robinson was Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from its inception, in 1881, until his death, on February 16th, 1910?—Yours faithfully,

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

BOSTON GUILD.

The following touches have been rung by the Boston Guild on the bells at the Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass.: On Sunday, Sept. 12th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, by: A. Matthews 1, J. Goodhead 2, P. J. Allfrey 3, W. Bashford 4, E. E. Randall 5, J. F. Laker 6, R. Newton (conductor) tenor.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, 360 of Plain Bob Minor, by: A. Matthews 1, H. Petts 2, P. J. Allfrey 3, W. Bashford 4, E. E. Randall 5, J. F. Laker (conductor) 6, J. Goodhead tenor.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WEST LYDFORD.

A meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch was held at West Lydford on Saturday last, this being the first meeting the branch has held since the outbreak of war. The gathering should have taken place at Queen Camel, which was chosen at the last meeting held at Bruton on May 9th, 1914. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. G. Vincent) had several interviews with the Rector of Queen Camel, but could not induce him to allow the use of the bells there. However, Mr. M. S. Welchman, churchwarden of West Lydford, kindly came to the rescue, and, with the consent of the Rector, offered the use of the fine peal of six bells at West Lydford, and to make any arrangements concerning the meeting. His kindness was at once taken advantage of, although the meeting held there on Saturday was not so largely attended as former meetings of the branch. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, the following towers being represented: Castle Cary, Batcombe, Ditcheat, Baltonsborough, West Lydford, Taunton, Bridgwater and Bampton.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. W. R. Gegg, Rector of West Lydford, officiated, and delivered a very appropriate address, taking his text from Romans x. 18, "Their sound went into the earth." In the course of his address the Rector remarked that it was the first time he had had the pleasure of addressing a party of church bell ringers, and he must say he was very pleased to think that ringers of the present day were brought to the front as church workers. In years gone by the ringers were thought very little of, but he could only impress upon all those ringers present that their services as ringers were just as important as the choir or any other body belonging to the church. Great praise was due to the Diocesan Association of Change Ringers for the improvements which had been effected in ringing also among ringers.

After the service tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. W. B. Gegg presiding. One honorary member and several performing members were elected, and Ditcheat was chosen for the next place of meeting, to be held in January.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir for their services, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables.—A move was then made to the tower, where touches of Minor and Doubles were rung, and brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting of the above Society was held at Eekington on Saturday week. Eekington being about in the centre of the Society's territory a good meeting is usual at this tower, and such proved to be the case on this occasion, when some 15 branches were represented, viz.: Beighton, Bolsover, Eekington, Ilkeston, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Norion, North Wingfield, Rammoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, Surfleet, Slaveley, Treeton, and Workop. Some good practice was obtained in the Standard methods and Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.—The President, Mr. J. P. Tarlton, presided over a brief business meeting, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Hewson, who kindly abandoned the usual evening Prayer and allowed the bells to be rung as long as the ringers wished.

THE CLAIM TO A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Pitman, in your last issue, says he fails to see on what grounds I claim the 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples given in "The Ringing World" on Sept. 18th. He says the two peals are arranged in different order, and that the part bells are worked on a different plan. But who does the calling of the peals belong to? The peal is given in Grandsire reprint page 69, with the 6th as the observation. This I sent, together with variations with the 3rd and 5th as observation bells, to the late Mr. Snowden.

It is well known that a 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples can be arranged in a large number of ways, and this bare-faced method of peal snatching—exposed years ago by one of our prominent composers—what by transposing and substituting a few Singles, results in claiming, as their own, peals by other composers ought, in the present state of the Exercise, to be placed in the background.—Yours faithfully,

43, Cross Street, Macclesfield. W. MATTHEWS.

ELECTIONS IN THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In reply to "H's" question, in his report of the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, "What about the new member's subscription one may ask in the event of the peal failing?" I may say that the gentleman who was made a member before the attempt for the peal at Pendleton gave me his subscription as a non-resident member after leaving the tower. It is always understood amongst the ringers in Lancashire that the person who proposes a member is held responsible for the subscription. I only remember one occasion where this unwritten law was not carried out and that was in a peal of Treble Bob Maximus conducted by me at St. Nicolas', Liverpool.—Yours faithfully,

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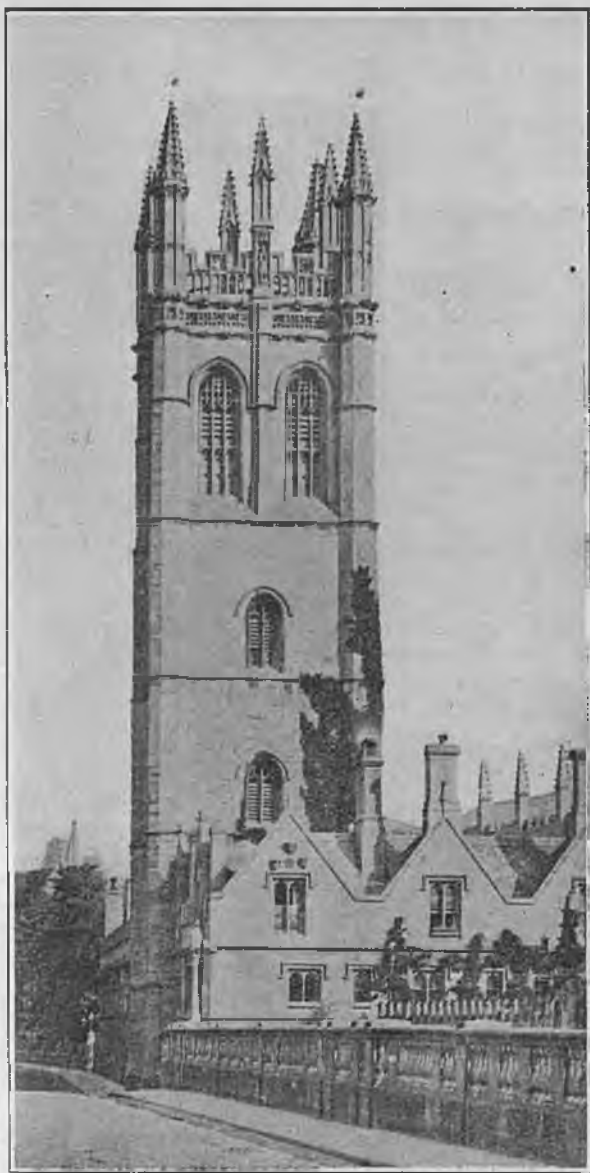
BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Although Magdalen College was founded by William of Waynfleet in 1458, and the principal buildings, including the chapel, were finished by 1480, the bell-tower was not completed until 1505.

How many bells there were originally I cannot say; but



THE TOWER OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

it is remarkable that the present seventh, the oldest bell in the tower, bears the trade mark of William Dawe, a London founder, who died nearly a century before the date of the completion of the tower. Of course, it is possible that this bell may have done duty somewhere else before being hung in this tower; or, as in other cases, the founder's stamp may have descended to, and been used by, some later founder. It consists of a medallion bearing in the centre a representation of a tree, on which are perched two birds, supposed to be daws (a rebus on the

founder's name) and round the border the inscription "William ffoundor me fecit," in black-letter alphabet. This is not the only instance in which foundry stamps bear a rebus on the founder's name.

In 1623 some of the old bells were recast and others added by Ellis Knight, of the Reading foundry, and thus a peal of six was formed. In 1712 two trebles were added by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, thus augmenting the peal to eight. This appears to have been the number in Hearne's time; for in his account of the visit of the London ringers at Whitsuntide, 1733, after recounting their failure to secure a peal at Christ Church, through the breaking of the gudgeon of the tenor, he says:—"In the evening they rang the eight bells at Magdalen College, but two or three ropes breaking they could not proceed above half-an-hour."

Lastly, in 1739-40, William Freeman, a Magdalen man, presented two more trebles; and thus the present peal of ten was made up. He subsequently paid for the recasting of the fifth bell, which was cracked. The work was done by Abel Rudhall, son and successor of Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, who cast the two bells added in 1712.



WILLIAM FFOUNDROR'S MARK.



THE SHIELD ON THE 7TH BELL.

The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:—

Treble.

THE GIFT OF WM. FREEMAN ESQR. A Δ R. 1740.

Second.

THE GIFT OF WM. FREEMAN ESQR. OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE.
A Δ R. 1739.

Third.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. A R. 1712.

Fourth.

PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD. A R. 1712.

Fifth.

RECAST AT THE EXPENCE OF WM. FREEMAN ESQR. A.A. 1748.

Sixth.

PRAYSE YE THE LORD. 1623. E.K.

Seventh

✠ Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata.

○ [MARK OF WM. DAWE, DESCRIBED ABOVE] $\nabla \nabla \nabla$

[THREE SHIELDS CHARGED WITH A CHEVRON BETWEEN 3 LAVE-POTS]

Eighth.

OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. RECAST BY R. TAYLOR.
1828.

Ninth.

HONOR THE KINGE. 1641.

Tenor.

LET YOUR HOPE BE IN THE LORD. E.K. 1623.

Ellis Knight, founder of the sixth and tenor, succeeded his father, Henry Knight the elder, at the Reading foundry in 1623, the year these bells were cast, and he seems to have carried on a flourishing trade till 1642. "In the

winter of the latter year (says Mr. Cocks in his 'Church Bells of Bucks') after the victory of Edgehill, Charles established a garrison in Reading, and on the 15th of April, 1643, the town was invested by the Roundheads under the Earl of Essex. On the 26th of that month Reading surrendered, and this hitherto extremely prosperous business does not appear to have turned out a single bell again for four entire years! It is difficult, even in these so-called 'bad times,' to realise the utter stagnation of trade which this one fact partly discloses."

The clock chimes on the ten bells are very quaint. They are as follows; first quarter, 4.3; second, 4.3.X.6.; third, 6.5.7.8.5.9.; fourth, 6.5.7.8.5.9.4.3.; hour X.

There are two tablets in the belfry recording peals of Grandsire Triples rung on the back eight in 1862 and 1868 respectively. The three following are records of peals rung on the full peal of ten bells:

"Art hath no enemy but Ignorance."

Rung in this tower, Monday, Oct. 8th, 1866, a true peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, consisting of 5021 changes, with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th in 3 hrs. 18 mins., by the following persons, viz.:-

| | | | |
|------------|--------|----------------------|---------|
| A. White | Treble | C. Hounslow | Sixth |
| H. Mills | Second | F. E. Robinson, Esq. | Seventh |
| T. Hill | Third | H. White | Eighth |
| R. Young | Fourth | F. White | Ninth |
| R. Barrett | Fifth | H. Pitts | Tenor |

Conducted by H. White."

"On Wednesday, July 7th, 1869, a Peal of STEDMAN CATERS. 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.:-

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| John Cox, London | Treble | Charles Hounslow, Oxford | Sixth |
| John Rogers, Oxford | Second | Noble White, Appleton | Seventh |
| Robert Rose, London | Third | William Howard, London | Eighth |
| Isaac Rogers, London | Fourth | Frederick White, Appleton | Ninth |
| Henry White, Appleton | Fifth | Edward Harrison, Oxford | Tenor |

Composed and conducted by Mr. John Cox."

"The Oxford Society of Change Ringers rang on these bells on the 1st of April, 1872, a true peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, consisting of 6030, in 3 hrs. 56 mins., viz.:-

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|----------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| H. Mills | Treble | T. Hill | Sixth |
| J. Roberts | Second | J. M. Hine | Seventh |
| R. Young | Third | C. Hounslow | Eighth |
| J. E. Troyle, Esq., Ch:Ch: | Fourth | F. Harrison | Ninth |
| J. Warner | Fifth | F. Bayliss | Tenor |

Composed and conducted by J. Rogers."

For the use of the blocks illustrating the stamps upon the 4th bell we are indebted to the Society of Antiquaries. As explained above, the stamp of William Founder is believed to be an enigmatical representation of his name, which some archaeologists think to have been William Dawe. Mr. Stahlschmidt considers that this man was a citizen of London, who styled himself successively William Dawe founder in 1393 and William Founder in 1395, the change being, perhaps, caused by the fact that there was another William Dawe in the city, engaged in the leather trade. In 1385 this William Founder supplied twelve guns, 120 stones for the guns, 100 lbs. of powder and four stocks of wood, for fortifying and strengthening Dover Castle. There are still extant a number of bells bearing William Founder's mark. About the time of this founder there was a good deal of mixing of founders' marks, but, about 1430, according to Mr. A. D. Tyssen in "Sussex Church Bells," it is conjectured that the London bell founders awoke to the undesirability of intermingling their stamps, finding that a faulty bell made by one of them might be attributed to another, and therefore destroyed all which were common property, only preserving a few which had been, or had become the private property of some members of the Bell-makers' Guild.

The illustration of the tower is from a photograph kindly lent by Mr. F. E. Dawe,

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WORKSOP.—North Notts Association.—On August 29th, for evening service, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), 47 mins.: E. Clark 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, Pte. W. H. Johnson 5, H. Haigh (composer and conductor) 6, J. T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of 6th and tenor. Rung as a welcome to Pte. W. H. Johnson, of the 2/8th Notts and Derby Regiment, at present stationed at Watford, Herts, who is a member of the Priory company, and was on a short furlough.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, 168 and 350 of Grandsire Triples: S. Walker (aged 15) 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, W. Roberts 5, H. Haigh (conductor) 6, J. T. Wilson 7, G. Hardwick 8. This is the third attempt to ring changes by the treble ringer, who has had only a few weeks' tuition.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Sept. 12th, at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob: F. C. Harper 1, C. S. Gouldthorp 2, P. W. Rayner 3, J. W. Ward 4, W. I. Winter (conductor) 5, H. Connell 6. For afternoon service, 720 College Single: F. Wall 1, C. Day 2, C. S. Gouldthorp 3, J. W. Ward 4, F. C. Harper 5, H. B. Day (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: F. Wall 1, H. B. Day 2, C. S. Gouldthorp 3, J. W. Ward 4, C. Day 5, F. C. Harper (conductor) 6.

BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Diocesan Guild, Wirral Branch.—On Sept. 14th at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cash 1, H. Ludkin (conductor) 2, Miss M. M. Woods 3, H. Martin 4, J. Mann 5, T. Moslyn 6. This is the first 720 by a lady for the Wirral Branch, and also the first 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and fifth.

PRESTWICK, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on September 14th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6 and 8 covering: F. Smith 1, W. Clarke 2, W. Bullough 3, F. Hall 4, R. H. Bent 5, W. Foster 6, H. Chapman 7, V. Bellerby 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Jones, who was a ringer at the above church prior to his leaving for Australia. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 7th hail from Pendleton, and of the 4th from Miles Platting.

THURSLEY, HANTS.—On Saturday, August 21st, 720 Bob Minor: G. Williams (conductor) 1, J. Richards 2, Lance-Corpl. W. Rowe (R.F.) 3, Corpl. B. Thompson (Rifle Brigade) 4, R. G. Hunt 5, W. T. Tucker 6. Also 420, conducted by B. Thompson.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: *W. P. Evans 1, W. A. Norman 2, A. J. Barcock 3, *H. W. Gavton (conductor) 4, H. Robinson 5, E. P. Duffield 6. *First 720 of Treble Bob. The ringers of the 4th and 5th belong to Harrold.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor by members of the local band: C. Allen 1, W. J. Evans 2, G. Bell 3, A. J. Barcock 4, W. A. Norman 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6.

LUTON.—Bedfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Shaw 1, B. Wilson 2, A. King 3, P. Hunt 4, J. Rookwood 5, T. Kendall (first as conductor) 6, H. Shaw 8.—On September 26th, for evening service, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Shaw 1, C. Wing 2, B. Wilson 3, F. Hunt 4, J. Rookwood 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, T. Guttridge 8.

ACTON.—For the afternoon service, on Sept. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Hubbard 1, G. Iles 2, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 3, H. J. Smith 4, R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin (first quarter of Grandsire away from the treble) 6, H. L. Garfath 7, W. Lawrence 8. Arranged for H. L. Garfath, of Croydon.—On Sept. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. W. Davis 1, W. Phillips 2, Miss Jones 3, J. W. Fruin 4, J. H. Payne 5, R. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. E. Smith 8.

WEST EALING.—For the evening service, on Sept. 19th, at St. Stephen's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Hunnisett 1, G. Harbour 2, A. W. Davis 3, R. Holloway 4, H. L. Garfath 5, G. Iles 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.—At St. Mary's Church, 500 Grandsire Triples. Arranged for H. L. Garfath, of Croydon.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Wheeldon, junr., 1, T. Shaw 2, W. Wheeldon, senr., 3, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 4, L. Clarkson 5, C. Preston 6.

BATH.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, at St. Michael's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Densley 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, C. Goodenough 4, C. W. Bell 5, A. E. Seers (conductor) 6, R. J. Cousins 7, C. Cambridge 8.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival and C.E.M.S. service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Johnson's), 1260 changes, in 46 mins.: J. Saunders 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, W. J. Seaton 3, W. H. Jones 4, W. J. Meers 5, J. Preston 6, R. A. Eaton 7, C. Allen 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 19th, for evening service, 1280 Bob Major: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, E. Pardon 4, J. Collett 5, T. Banning 6, H. Gillett 7, W. Large (conductor) 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 19th, five 120's Grandsire Doubles, and three of Stedman Doubles for evening service, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving. The following members from West Ham and Barking towers participated: E. Andrews, R. Saunders, A. J. Neale, F. C. Newman, A. C. Hardy, T. Faulkner, G. W. Faulkner.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, Sept. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, A. Mackears (conductor) 3, Wheeler A. Roberts (212 Co. A.S.C.) 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, S. Baker 7, H. Thoribby 8. Arranged for Wheeler A. Roberts.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 30th, in 25 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Sharman 1, J. W. Simpson 2, H. Wilmott 3, E. Kershaw 4, J. W. Emmitt 5, H. Simpson (conductor) 6. Rang as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on attaining his 17th birthday.

CHISWICK.—Middlesex Association.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on October 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holloway 1, W. Phillips 2, A. W. Davis 3, G. Iles 4, J. W. Frain 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, T. Smith 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—For evening service, at St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Wilkins 1, A. Andrews 2, W. R. Parker 3, W. H. Sibley 4, F. Hopper 5, W. Sturges 6, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 7, W. H. Austin 8. Arranged for Mr. A. Andrews, Daventry.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Austin 1, W. Geralt (Irthlingborough) 2, A. Andrews (Daventry) 3, W. H. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, A. J. Mawby 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Dean 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Kent Minor: E. Dummer 1, W. Edwards 2, W. Rowe, senr., 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor, conducted by W. L. George.

BIRMINGHAM.—St. Martin's Guild.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 19th, at St. John's Church, Deritend (City), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. E. Groves 1, W. Short 2, A. Walker (conductor) 3, W. B. 4, G. Yendell 5, W. Webb 6, J. Neal 7, H. Withers 8.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, for the harvest festival service, 720 Treble Bob Minor: W. Webb 1, T. Russam 2, J. Wells 3, J. Neal 4, A. Gardner 5, A. Walker (conductor) 6.

ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 720 London Surprise: W. Platts 1, H. Turner (conductor) 2, Hy. Stanton 3, R. Smith 4, T. Bartholomew (1st 720 London) 5, C. Fowler 6.

DUNMOW.—Essex Association.—On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Dunmow, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Noon, J. T. Barker (Stebbing), A. Ribbaas, H. C. Young (Stebbing), H. W. Smith, E. Claydon (Stebbing), conductor. After service 240 Plain Bob Minor, with E. Scrivener 2nd.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Smithers 1, J. Elcombe 2, F. Paskins 3, F. Hand 4, T. Cole 5, J. Walker 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, on October 3rd a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Smith 1, J. R. Sims (first on an inside bell) 2, H. Holloway 3, W. Phillips 4, J. W. Frain 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. Elliott (first quarter-peal) 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday evening, October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Coley 1, W. D. Stratford 2, J. Porter 3, T. Scrivens 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, J. B. Collett 8. This was S. Coley's 100th quarter-peal.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 3rd for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Lucas 1, G. B. Lucas 2, H. Rumens (conductor) 3, O. L. Twist 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, G. W. Cooper 6, H. F. Hull 7, W. J. E. Jones 8.

SWANMORE.—Winchester Guild.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishiev 3, E. Jacobs 4, Wm. Linter 5, W. Harris (conductor) 6; and for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: A. Millard 1, F. Hoar 2, W. Harris 3, E. Jacobs 4, Walter Linter 5, Wm. Linter (conductor) 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Floyd, junr., 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker 3, Bomb. J. H. Jones (Stafford R.F.A.) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8. After service, 546 Grandsire Triples: Gnr. C. A. Bailey (Stafford R.F.A.) 1, Bomb. J. H. Jones 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On October 3rd, for the harvest festival a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 360 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and College Single, and 180 of Plain Bob: R. Russell 1, A. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, H. Price 4, J. Waghotp (Kilndown) 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Fernley Hotel, Guildhall Street, at 6.15. As the Association allowance for tea is limited to 1s. each member, members will be asked to pay 3d. each to defray the extra cost. The business meeting to follow the tea.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING will be held at Bampton, Devon, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (6d.) in the Infants' School at 5. Change ringers will greatly help by their presence.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, October 16th, 1915. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea in Trinity Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30. Subscriptions now due.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting, at which the peal board recording the peal rung by the Ladies' Band at Portishead will be unveiled, will be held in the tower at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 4 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Committee meeting at 5, tea at 5.30. General meeting after tea. Ringers requiring tea kindly communicate with Mr. J. George, 125, Victoria Road, Aston, Birmingham, H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this district will be held at St. Laurence on Saturday, October 16th. Half-fares up to but not exceeding 2s. will be allowed. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 21st for handbell practice; and on the 26th for business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rayne, October 23rd. Bells 2.30. Short service, with address, 4.15. Meat tea, 6d. each, at the Sunday School, 5 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers and other business. All those intending to be present please notify me not later than October 20th.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755. — Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) available from 4 to 5.30, and from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A short meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells raised at 4 o'clock prompt. All ringing friends welcomed.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, October 23rd. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting of the Central District will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Carshalton, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8—tenor 12½ cwt.) available at 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5.30; tea at 6 in the Church Room, The Square (members 3d., visitors 9d.), followed by a short business meeting. Croydon and Sutton trams, nearest stop Seymour Road. Please notify intention to be present on or before Friday, the 22nd, to Ch. Reading, Assistant Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Provisional Notice. — The annual meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, October 30th. Full particulars will appear in next week's issue.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E., on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Room. It is particularly requested that the names of those who will require tea should reach me not later than Tuesday, the 26th. A charge of threepence per member will be made.—T. Groombridge, sen., Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Reuben Sanders' address is now 4, Aston Street, Stepney, 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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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

PEAL TABLETS IN THE CHURCH.

One of the points of interest which will have struck the reader in perusing last week the report of the unveiling of the Coronation peal board at St. Martin's, Birmingham, is the fact that the tablet has been erected in the Baptistry, where it will remain for ever in the view of those who visit the church, instead of being placed in the ringing chamber, where only ringers themselves would see it.

Custom, as well as convenience, seems to be responsible for the placing of the vast majority of commemorative peal records in the obscurity of the belfry. At a time when ringers were considered a body apart from the Church, and when little or no heed was paid by the authorities to the belfry, the ringing chamber was the only place where meritorious performances could be recorded.

But we have reached to-day a new period, when the ringers are an honoured band of church workers, whose services are valued and whose efforts find recognition outside their own circle. When, therefore, they achieve a performance of exceptional interest, or ring a peal which has a significance outside the ranks of the ringers themselves, it is fitting that the record should be perpetuated in such a manner that it may be brought to the notice of a wider public. The walls of the tower under the ringing chamber—where the ringing is not done on the ground floor—is a very suitable position for dignified and durable monuments, and it would be to the advantage of ringing that peal tablets of special performances should find a place there more often than they do.

The erection of such memorials in a position where they could be seen by the public would serve as a reminder that peals are not always rung merely for the pleasure of those taking part in them, but that the ringers are ready to give expression to public feeling, be it grave or gay, through the bells. Moreover, it would do something to bring the art of ringing a little closer under the notice of the public, and anything which is likely to do that should be sought after. At Birmingham the unveiling was performed in the presence of a great congregation, whose interest must, at any rate, have been stirred to inquire further into, if they were not already fully aware, what manner of service it is that the ringers render.

There have been many occasions in the past when the ringers' share in some public event, either of rejoicing or sorrow, has been passed by with little or no recognition from those not actually connected with the belfry, but it must, we think, enhance the ringers' position when their share in some great national event or important parochial incident can be brought to the notice of the public in such a way as was done in Birmingham.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 12, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

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| THOMAS H. REEVES Treble | ALBERT LITTLE 7 |
| FREDERICK DICKENS 2 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 8 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 3 | SAMUEL GROVE 9 |
| JAMES L. WELLS 4 | ALBERT WALKER 10 |
| ALF. PADDON SMITH 5 | JAMES E. GROVES 11 |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

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

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lieut. William D. James, a respected member of this Guild, who was killed in action in France on Sept. 25th. Mr. James rang his first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham (Stedman Cinques) on April 25th, 1911.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS AND
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 16, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

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| CHARLES BOWER Treble | JOSEPH RIDYARD 7 |
| THOMAS JAKEMAN 2 | BENJAMIN GILL 8 |
| JONATHAN BROADBENT 3 | JOHN HARRISON 9 |
| CHARLES BROADBENT 4 | ALBERT ADAMS 10 |
| TOM WILDE 5 | SAMUEL WOOD 11 |
| WALTER WOLSTENCROFT 6 | HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor |

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the birth of the late Mr. James Wood, father of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 16, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| JAMES E. GROVES Treble | WILLIAM FISHER 5 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT 2 | ALBERT LITTLE 6 |
| GEORGE HUGHES 3 | SAMUEL GROVE 7 |
| *GEORGE POPENALL 4 | BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor |

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival of this church.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST
DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 16, 1915, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

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| JOHN FLINT Treble | DAVID BREARLEY 5 |
| JOHN HOLMAN 2 | ARTHUR CRAVEN 6 |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT 3 | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7 |
| THOMAS BETTISON 4 | SAM THOMAS Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. William Lambert, on his attaining the age of 60 years, the Vicar adding his congratulations to those of the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITCHURCH, NEAR CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called different. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| LEWIS WRIGHT Treble | FRANK JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4 |
| *WILLIAM BISS 2 | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 5 |
| SIDNEY DAWE 3 | WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM BISS.

* First peal of Bob Minor as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy to the late Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, M.P., who fell in France.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| FRED ABBAT Treble | JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 4 |
| THOMAS WORSLEY 2 | TITUS BARLOW 5 |
| GEORGE POWNALL 3 | JOHN POTTER Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal on the bells. Rung for the anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Horace Headley) by whose able co-operation the ropes have been dropped into a lower room, and the louvres bricked up, the bells being terribly noisy before, making ringing a matter of great difficulty.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following ringers are serving with H.M. Forces:—

Tpr. A. Pepperell, of Arundel, Surrey Yeomanry.
W. C. Netley, of Arundel, Leading Seaman, R.N.
Pte A. C. V. Gasson, of Balcombe, Sussex, Royal Fusiliers, now at Dover.
Pte R. W. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe, 3/4th Northants Regiment, now at Walton Park, near Tring.
Pte C. J. Matthews, of St. Mary's Guild, Putney, 4th East Surrey Regiment (No. 11885), now at Wearde Camp, Saltash, Cornwall.
Pte William G. Whitehead, of St. James', Bushey, Royal Naval Air Service, at Felixstowe.
Pte William Seeley, of St. James', Bushey, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C., Grove Park Camp.

RINGERS IN THE GREAT FIGHT.

A good many ringers took part in the recent great fight in France, by which the British Army made a substantial advance. Several Northamptonshire men were in the fighting, and while, so far as we are at present aware, there were no fatalities among them, we are sorry to learn that Pte Fred Kilborn, of Desborough, who is a very popular member of the Central Northants Association in the Kettering District, is suffering from gas poisoning. He was serving in the 7th Battalion, and our latest information is that he is in hospital in France. — Corpl. S. Plant, of Kettering, who is in the 5th Battalion of the Northants Regiment, came out of the great fight, after a strenuous experience, without a scratch. He, however, had a remarkable escape, a shell falling within three paces of him, but failing to explode.

Ptes A. J. Knight and P. Inns, also of Kettering, who are with the 6th Battalion are, according to last reports, quite well.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE IN STAFFORDSHIRE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It will greatly oblige me if you will allow me space in "The Ringing World" to correct the error I made in publishing the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Wood Green, Wednesday, on September 22nd, as "the first rung by a resident Staffordshire hand." I have since been informed that there have been others rung previously, so I hereby offer my humble apology. Thanking you in anticipation, Yours truly,

JAMES TYLER

UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

An interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday week, when about 40 ringers from numerous towers assembled to witness the unveiling of a peal board recording two peals: one of Stedman Cinques—the first peal on the new ring—and one of Grandsire Cinques rung by the local band.

Printed forms were provided for the dedication, from which Mr. H. Knight read the opening paragraph, and then, by the request of the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Penny, M.A.), withdrew the veil. The remainder of the service was read by the Rector. The following is a copy of the record:—

"Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Saturday, February 17th, 1912, in 3 hrs. 52 mins., a peal of Stedman Cinques (consisting of 5019 changes) was rung on the bells in this tower by the following: Robert Pickering treble, George Hughes 2, James E. Groves 3, Thomas H. Reeves 4, William Fisher 5, Rev. E. V. Cox 6, William G. Hall 7, Rowland Cartwright 8, Horace Beicher 9, John C. Adams 10, Herbert Knight 11, Isaac Purser tenor. Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Herbert Knight. First peal on the bells since being recast and augmented.

On Saturday, January 24th, 1914, in 3 hrs. 31 mins., a peal of Grandsire Cinques (consisting of 5081 changes) was also rung here: Edward F. Mitchell treble, Isaac Purser 2, Frederick Darrall 3, Harry M. Hawkswood 4, Harry Farlow 5, Thomas O'Connor 6, Albert Little 7, Herbert Jones 8, William H. Lawley 9, Benjamin Clark 10, Herbert Knight 11, Thomas Smith tenor. Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Herbert Knight. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and by all the performers, who are members of the local band, and of the above Society.—Rev. Preb. Penny, Rector; H. Brevitt and F. J. Gibson, Churchwardens."

On the motion of Mr. E. F. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. W. G. Hall, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his attendance, and Preb. Penny, in response, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on such an occasion, and gave his hearers a little paternal advice.

Upon the termination of the ceremony a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung for the benefit of the reverend gentleman, who was interested from the "parting" of the bells until their coming into rounds again. Further ringing included an unfinished course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and a fairly well-struck course of London Surprise Major, as well as Stedman Cinques.

An adjournment was afterwards made to a neighbouring hostelry—the "Glue-pot"—where a refreshing tea was provided by Host Freeth. Here several of the ringers' wives joined the company, and song and handbell ringing enlivened the proceedings during the evening.

It need scarcely be mentioned, but it is hoped the lady visitor who took the chopper back to "Brum," met with no mishap en route.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AT OVERBURY.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Overbury on Saturday week, when there were ringers present from Evesham, Bredfordon, Fladbury, Pershore, Eckington, Malvern, Madresfield, Upton-on-Severn, Tewkesbury, Hampton, and Toddington. Service was held in church at 5 p.m., and was well attended. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Leal) officiated, and gave an excellent and appropriate address, taking for his text, Isaiah lxii, 6, 7.

A meat tea was provided in the Village Hall by the Vicar, a party of 45 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. J. Ancil (churchwarden) and Mr. H. E. Hopkins (sidesman). Apologies were received for non-attendance from the Venerable Archdeacon Peile, the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, the Rev. E. Bateman, and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice.—One life member and three performing members were elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Overbury, with Mr. W. Payne (one of the local band) as conductor. It was further decided to abandon the united practice meeting.—It was unanimously resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Evesham, subject to the approval of the Rev. Dr. Walker.

Mr. H. Middleton was re-elected ringing master, and Mr. J. Hemming, secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year, and Mr. G. Dolphin was elected on the Central Committee, in the place of Mr. F. Jordan.—On the proposition of Mr. F. S. Wilson, votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, for his excellent address at the service, and for his hospitality in providing such a splendid tea; to Miss Rudd for presiding at the organ, which considerably brightened the service; to Mr. W. J. Ancil and Mr. H. E. Hopkins for their presence amongst them; to the ladies who had so kindly attended to the wants of the visitors at tea, and to Sir Richard B. Martin, Bart., for throwing his beautiful grounds open to the ringers.—Needless to say these votes of thanks were carried with loud applause.—In a few well-chosen words, the Vicar replied, as also did Mr. Ancil and Mr. Hopkins, and this brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE LATE LIEUT. W. D. JAMES.

The members of the Cambridge Youths Society received with the deepest regret the announcement in "The Ringing World" of the death of one of their members, Lieut. William Douglas James, B.A., late of Pembroke College, who was killed in action on Sept. 25th last. On Saturday last the members in residence assembled in the tower to pay their last tribute of respect to their fallen brother, when they rang a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled, followed by one of 336 half-muffled. The following took part: W. B. Kempton 1, H. Mansfield 2, J. Taylor 3, A. Wilkerson 4, F. E. Kempton 5, F. Brown 6, W. Eusden (conductor) 7, P. Taylor 8.

At Birmingham, on Tuesday of last week, a peal of Stedman Cinques to the memory of Lieut. James was rung, he having been a member of St. Martin's Guild, and having rung his first twelve-bell peal at that church.

Sympathetic reference to the death of Lieut. James was made at the meeting of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday.

On Thursday evening of last week, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Sutton Coldfield, in memory of the late Lieut. W. D. James, who for some time regularly practised in this tower. It was there that he commenced conducting, and that he called his first quarter-peal. Three towers were represented in the muffled ringing, viz.: Sutton Coldfield, Erdington Abbey and Erdington Parish Church, although Mr. Garrison, from the latter, only took part in a short touch, owing to a recent accident to his hand. The band stood as follows for the quarter-peal: William Parr 1, Bernard W. Witehell (conductor) 2, Charles Wainthman 3, George Parsons 4, Thomas Bloore 5, George Roberts 6, Bertram G. Leedham 7, James Reynolds 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Westerleigh, on Saturday week, and, possibly owing to the fine weather, a good number assembled. Ringing opened with a touch of Bob Minor, followed by various methods. Service was held in the church, the singing being of a particularly hearty character.

Ten followed at the Old Inn, a splendid repast having been provided by the hostess, and to which full justice was done by the 29 members participating. The business meeting was subsequently held, the Vicar (the Rev. R. Stevens) taking the chair, supported by the branch hon. secretary and members from thirteen towers.—Three new members were elected, and Warruley was decided upon for the next meeting.

The "go" of the bells caused some comment from the visitors, but the locals considered that the bells went splendidly. This, however, does not bear out the opinion of Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), and other would-be "Sandows" who turned the tenor in to the various touches of Minor rung.

The Vicar, in replying, mentioned that the bells had been rehung not many years ago, and taking into consideration that his own ringers were satisfied, he did not think any action was needed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the lady organist terminated the meeting, and a move was once more made to the tower. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, was rung by some of the experts, and the bells were kept going until about eight o'clock to various methods.

Before parting a pleasant, though short, time was spent at the Old Inn. Mr. S. Abraham's songs were much appreciated, and when Mr. W. Thomas gave his "Mary Ann" chorus, which was quickly taken up by all present, the melody (?) was sufficient to lift the roof. The company then dispersed, some having to walk two miles to catch a train. The meeting was a most successful one.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Berkeley on Saturday week. The bells are a fine peal of eight, with tenor 24 cwt., and several touches of Grandsire were brought round before tea, which, by the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Armour, was partaken of in the Parish Room at the Vicarage. The usual business meeting followed, the Canon presiding, supported by the Rev. J. D. Mills, and Mr. F. K. Howell (Master of the Association).—North Nibley was approved of as the next place of meeting.—The Rev. Canon Armour was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association, and Mr. F. Cooper was proposed as a performing member.—The Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Armour for his great kindness to the Association by coming amongst the ringers that afternoon, and by providing such an excellent tea.—The Canon, responding, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to help them in the afternoon's proceedings, and to become a member of the Association.

There was a short service at 6 p.m., when Canon Armour gave the members a most interesting and instructive address. The tower was afterwards visited again, and ringing indulged in until 8.45 p.m. The towers represented were: Dursley, Slimbridge, Tytherington, Wickwar, Northworth, Berkeley, and Thornbury.

FRODSHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: F. Bibby, aged 12 years 4 months (first 720 on tower bells) 1, T. G. Bibby (aged 14 years 6 months) 2, A. Ryder 3, A. Unsworth 4, W. Bibby (conductor) 5, F. Ghare 6, Pte Lightfoot 7, A. Jones 8.

IDEN'S PATRIOTIC RINGERS.

The little village of Iden, East Sussex, is a real hot-bed of patriotism. Practically every physically fit man of recruitable age is serving in His Majesty's forces. Four members of the belfry responded immediately after the declaration of war, their names being Messrs. W. R. Wood, J. Wood, S. Nash and C. Mills. All of them went to France.

The brothers Wood have gone through so far unscathed, but Private Nash's parents have been in suspense regarding the whereabouts of their son. A fortnight after the great advance, they did not know if he was killed, wounded, taken prisoner, or still somewhere in the British lines in his usual health. It is certain that he was not among his own battalion after the victorious engagement, for one of his comrades sent a letter home stating that Percy failed to answer the roll call. We earnestly hope that before this Mr. and Mrs. Nash have had welcome news of their brave son.

Pte Charles Mills is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown. Charlie Mills proved himself a crack shot—one of the best in his battalion—but his nerves were not strong enough to stand the noise of the guns, and consequently he pulled the trigger of the rifle but few times in actual warfare. He is in hospital in France, and not recovered sufficiently to return to the firing line.

Frederick Clark, of the Canadian contingent, is a prisoner at Giessen, Germany. When change ringing was first started at Iden, Fred Clark displayed great energy and enthusiasm, and showed signs of becoming a good and safe ringer. Wishing to improve his position in life, he emigrated to Canada, and enlisted after the outbreak of war, returning to the mother country with the Canadians.—Mrs. R. T. Blomfield, wife of the eminent architect (Mr. R. T. Blomfield) resides near Iden, and under her supervision, many of our prisoners have received welcome gifts. Pte Clark, in acknowledging one of these packages, wrote to the sender as follows:—

"Dear Madam,—I received the two postcards and parcel. Kindly accept my thanks for same; they and the contents of the parcel were heartily appreciated. I am a Sussex man, and lived at Iden before going to Canada. Yes, I shall try, by looking forward to the days that are to come, to 'keep smiling,' but you can guess what a happy day it will be when I see the shores of dear old England again, and I trust that is not far off, for I'm sure it will bring happier days to everyone. Once again thanking you for your kindness.—Yours sincerely, Frederick Clark."

We trust Pte Clark will speedily see the realisation of his hopes, and that the other brave Iden men will be spared throughout the terrible conflict.

CHANGE RINGING IN BURMA.

NATIVES KEEN ON HANDBELLS.

In far off Burma there is an England priest who must have had a more than passing interest in bell ringing. We do not know his name, but with that enthusiasm which marks the true ringer he has obtained a peal of handbells, and has set a party of native boys to learn change ringing. The news comes in a little pamphlet, dated July of this year, entitled, "Work Amongst Mountain Men," and is a record of missionary work carried on amongst the Karens and other races in the Toungoo District of Lower Burma by S.P.G. The magazine is printed and published by the S.P.G. Mission Press at Toungoo, and covers the work of two large districts, St. Luke's and St. Peter's. In an article upon the general work among the Karens at St. Luke's, which is religious, educational and medical, the writer says:—

Karens have a reputation for being fond of music, which is true, although at the same time they show wonderful powers of going flat in chapel. A few weeks ago I had a set of handbells sent out to me and four of the boys are now learning change ringing. Of course they have never heard what bells sound like when rung in peal, and the whole idea is new to them, but it is extraordinary the way in which they are picking it up. They are very keen at present, and if they will only stick to it we should have a good company of change ringers here before long.

It would be rather interesting to know how the translation of ringing terms into the vernacular is overcome. We hope later to hear more of the progress of this unique band.

FORMER DAGENHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Dagenham, Essex, of Mr. Alfred Wellington, and on the day of the funeral (Oct. 5th) the whole pull and stand was rung at SS. Peter's and Paul's Church as a last tribute to the deceased, who was highly respected in the village. He was closely connected with the church, having been sidesman, chorister and Sunday School superintendent, and the children will greatly miss him. At one time he formed one of a party of stoney ringers, but did not succeed in the higher methods. The following carried out the solemn ringing: G. Playle 1, A. Chaplin 2, E. Butler 3, J. Baker 4, E. Hawkins 5, F. Freestone 6.

During the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by: Pte L. H. Moore 1, Corpl. Gale 2, E. Hawkins 3, J. Baker 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: Corpl. Gale 1, E. Butler 2, Pte Moore 3, J. Baker 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

NOTES ON BELL HANGING.

THE POSITION OF THE EYEHOLE.

By GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

When the rope can fall straight down from the wheel, the eyehole, which, by-the-way, should always be well rounded off by suitably shaped pieces of wood between the shrouds, is placed at a point on the periphery of the wheel 45 deg., or thereabout, from a horizontal line drawn through the centre of the wheel, above the line when the bell is down. The object apparently is to cause the sally to be at the same height from the floor of the ringing room when the bell is up as when it is down, which presumably is thought to be an advantage. When bells are hung for swing chiming, no exception can be taken to this arrangement, but when they are hung for ringing, the arrangement is about as bad as possible, for when a bell is up, the eyehole is obviously at the same angle below the horizontal line on the opposite side, and to get a sufficient length of effective pull at hand stroke, i.e., with the rope at a tangent to the wheel, particularly when the bell is being rung low, the top of the pulley cannot be much below the level of the bottom of the wheel. Consequently the pressure on the pulley and the resulting friction is nearly at its maximum, and as compared with the back stroke, the hand stroke is at a great mechanical disadvantage. Moreover, the internal friction of the rope due to bending it far round the pulley while under tension has to be overcome. The rope must be bent more or less at hand stroke, the pull being indirect, but the friction could be reduced by increasing the size of the pulley, which also would reduce the pulley friction for the same reason that, other things being equal, the draught of a cart with large wheels is lighter than with small. But increasing the size would not lessen the pressure on the pulley, and this can only be done by placing it lower down. When bells are hung solely for ringing, a little study of a cardboard model on a drawing board will show that there is no objection to placing the eyehole at a point on the periphery of the wheel 30 deg. or more from and below the horizontal line when the bell is down, and that with the eyehole so placed, the pulley may be as far below the wheel as the floor of the clock room, lower than which there is nothing to fix to it, provided, of course, that the floor of the belfry can be slotted to permit of the rope passing freely from one side of the wheel to the other. In the clock room there is generally room for pulleys of any size, and 24-inch cycle wheels with ball bearings seem suitable for the purpose, being extremely light and amply strong enough for the heaviest bell. In this way the efficiency of the pull at hand stroke would be enormously increased; indeed, assuming the efficiency of the back-stroke pull to be 99 per cent., the efficiency of the pull at hand could hardly be lower than 97.

In addition to a higher efficiency, incidental advantages of considerable importance flow from the arrangement. The rope is shortened by the length of the arc subtended by an angle of 75 deg., or 4ft., with a 6ft. wheel, and the bight is shortened by about 20in., so that with most bells the rope clears the floor of the ringing room. It is necessary to remind a good many ringers and even some bell hangers that no mechanical advantage is gained by ringing a bell from a box. Nevertheless the box serves a most useful purpose. A box has the effect of a well in the floor of the ringing room equal in depth to the height of the box, into which the bight of the rope can fall. It is desirable that the rope should not touch the floor of the ringing room, and when it can be kept away therefrom by a box it is worth doing. A long length of rope sprawling on the floor is both unsightly and dangerous, as it might tie itself in a knot with serious consequences. A box also permits of more men catching hold of the rope to pull the bell up. But high boxes are dangerous, as many a heavy-bell man knows to his sorrow, and a box should never be so high that the ringer cannot step on the floor to recover his balance when the rope breaks. For this reason a ringer should never put his feet in straps, which are quite unnecessary, as a man should never be required to pull more than his own weight, and no man can do this for long.

In the case of very heavy bells with wheels eight or nine feet in diameter, there are weighty reasons for the eyehole being in line with the centre of the wheel and the acting face of the pulley when the bell is at rest. With the eyehole so placed, the ringer has exactly no power over the bell when it is down, of which more anon, and when it is up, the end of the rope is at the same height from the floor of the ringing room whether the bell is up at hand or back, both strokes being made from the rope end. Either stroke, therefore, may be made the hand stroke, and the length of the bight of the rope is reduced to the minimum. When it is convenient for the mousehole to be on a vertical line drawn through the centre of the wheel, two pulleys are required, and the efficiency of the hand stroke is the same as the back, the former having a higher efficiency and the latter a lower. Bells should always be kept up if only to equalize the stress upon the stocks and gudgeons in the only directions in which stress can come upon them, and the initial raising could easily be done by making a rope fast temporarily to another part of the wheel. Very heavy bells are mentioned in connection with this arrangement, because it is only with such bells that the rope problem presents any difficulties, but the arrangement has much to recommend it for bells of all weights. There being no sally to catch, the unskilful or nervous ringer need not fear a long drop from the ceiling (the word drop is

used in contradistinction to draught which more properly refers to the height of the bells from the floor of the ringing room), and it is surely an advantage to any ringer to be able, either to keep both hands constantly on the rope, or to give either hand a rest. The arrangement, however, is out of the question for bells which must always be lowered after ringing, and reverting to the arrangement first referred to, the pulling up of the bells is facilitated, for although the first few pulls are made at a rapidly decreasing disadvantage, this is more than counterbalanced by getting an effective pull at hand much earlier than under the present order of things. Furthermore, the position of the sally indicates whether the bell is up or down, and when the ringing room is undesirably lofty, tubes can be fixed to the ceiling to guide the ropes without the hearing being affected by the sallies stopping up the tubes. In both arrangements the conditions are extremely suitable for wire ropes with hemp ends. With large pulleys, a flexible wire rope attached to the wheel by a bolt and thimble, and kept properly greased would last indefinitely, besides not being subject to variation in length from atmospheric changes and being free from excessive elasticity when the draught is long.

Without a working model it is difficult to study the mechanics of a bell, but with the help of a cardboard model, which anyone can make in an hour, the extraordinary effects produced by varying the positions of the eyehole and pulley in relation to the bell can be readily examined and compared.

PERFORMANCES OF PAST CENTURIES.

Exactly one hundred years ago to-morrow, the St. Martin's Youths, of Birmingham, rang a peal of 6000 Grandsire Royal, at Aston. It was not the first peal in the method, but very nearly so, as, according to available records, only one (5099 changes) had previously been rung at Painswick, on August 6th of the same year. It was only owing to misfortune that the St. Martin's Youths were not able to claim the first peal of Grandsire Royal, as they rang 5040 in the method at Aston on the occasion of the opening of the bells on October 17th, 1814, but the composition turned out to be false. The peal rung just a century ago is recorded in the peal book as follows: "October 23rd, 1815. Aston Parish Church, 6000 changes of Grandsire Royal, in 4 hrs. 6 mins.: Jas. Jarvis 1, Jas. Phipps 2, Jno. Edmonds 3, Thomas Worrall 4, Thomas Chapman 5, Ben Baylis 6, Hy. Cooper 7, Thomas Stubbs 8, Joshua Short 9, Wm. Newman 10. Composed and conducted by Henry Coomer." So far as we are aware this 6000 is still the longest length in the method.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Next Monday is an interesting anniversary, for on October 25th, 1713, the first recorded peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. At the time two rival Norwich bands—Mancroft and Coslany—were striving after the first peal in the method, and when the Coslany men succeeded on December 6th of the same year, they claimed their performance to be the first, thus casting doubt on the truth of the Mancroft peal. But as no figures of either exist to-day there is no means of proving definitely whether the first was true or not. The record in St. Peter Mancroft tower runs:

"On the 25th October, 1731, here was Rung that Mistorious Peal called Stedman Triples: 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 Tho. Melchoir, who first completed a Peal of Perfect Stedman Triples, 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 this Peal, did Elegantly sing, viz.:—

As for the sweet and Pleasant Treble she

By Melchoir well was rung that Bell, and called the bobs so free:

Blofield the 2nd: Palmer 3rd did ring;

Ather rung 4th, 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."

Next Tuesday sees the anniversary of a peal of 7325 Grandsire Cinques rung on October 26th, 1837, in 5 hrs. 35 mins., by St. James' Youths, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

NEWARK BELLS REHUNG.

The rehanging of the bells at the Parish Church at Newark-on-Trent, Notts. has just been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the work having been carried out in conjunction with the restoration of the tower. The "go" of the bells is now all that can be desired, and on the occasion of the re-opening, which took place at evening service on the last day of September, a touch of 503 Grandsire Calers was rung, the local ringers having the assistance of Messrs. A. A. Hughes and J. Thomas (of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), and Corpl. J. E. Davis and Sapper R. H. Young, who are stationed at Newark with the Royal Engineers. The ringers were: J. Thomas 1, C. H. Chapman 2, F. W. Foster 3, A. A. Hughes 4, Corpl. J. E. Davis, R.E., 5, L. Bullock 6, Spr. R. H. Young, R.E., 7, R. V. Appleby 8, E. C. Thrale (conductor) 9, H. Thrale 10.

RINGERS IN THE COMMISSIONED RANKS.



CAPT. THOMAS MURRAY,
11th Service Battn. of the Cheshire Regt.



CAPT. JOHN H. B. HESSE,
Army Service Corps, Motor Transport Repair Unit

Captain Thomas Murray, who before the war was on the teaching staff at Wallasey Grammar School, and a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Liscard, has won rapid promotion in the new Army. He joined the 11th Cheshires as a private on September 11th last year. Within a week he had passed through the various ranks to Quarter-Master-Sergeant, and on the seventh day after enlistment was again promoted, and became Second-Lieutenant. He has now attained Captain's rank.

Captain John H. B. Hesse—his many friends in ringing circles will congratulate him upon his recent promotion to this rank—has been serving for some time past in France, where he has been doing important work at the repairing base of the motor transport, which plays such a vital part in maintaining a modern Army in the field. Captain Hesse is a vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and a member of many other ringing societies.

ELECTIONS IN THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Joseph Ridyard's letter in to-day's issue, being the writer of that report, I should like to say that the discussion at the Lancashire meeting on the election of members in the belfry had absolutely no reference to any individual, or individuals, and it was certainly apparent to everyone present that the discussion had no bearing on what had taken place that day. But the debate arose on the validity of some of those elections, and it is a matter which concerns every Association more or less. I may add, in reference to Mr. Ridyard's statement, as to the responsibility of the proposer to his Association for the subscription that I must disagree, it not being an individual effort in scoring a peal, but a mutual one and all are concerned.

A member introducing a visitor for a peal does not necessarily propose him. This is invariably left to those who hold some honourable position in the company; to be more explicit, some recognised official followed by a seconder, other than the introducer.

I cannot say I have seen what Mr. Ridyard terms "the unwritten laws" carried out any more in Lancashire than it is in other communities. No one individual is more responsible than another, and it is only for those who take part in it to bring pressure to bear in the interests of their own Association.—Yours truly,

October 15th, 1915.

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AN INVITATION.

Soldier ringers stationed in the neighbourhood of Watford will receive a hearty welcome at the tower of St. James', Bushey, which can be reached from Watford by a penny bus ride. There is ringing every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., and practice on alternate Thursdays. Visitors will find plenty of scope, as the methods which can be rung range from Grandsire to Superlative and Bristol Surprise.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Laurence, Thanet, on Saturday last. The attendance was rather small, owing, no doubt, to the fact that a meeting of the Ashford District was being held at Folkestone on the same day. Nothing very great in the way of ringing could be attempted, but several members got a chance of trying touches of a kind not obtainable in their own tower. Canterbury, Chatham, Chislehurst, Deal, Hernhill, Littlebourne, Margate and Wickhambreux were represented, and Mr. J. H. Sheppard (Wolverhampton), who happened to be staying in Ramsgate, was also present.

The Association Form of Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Bevan), in the side chapel of the fine old church. The hymns, "O God, our Help, in ages past" and "Let saints on earth," were sung. The latter hymn was chosen, as the funeral of the late Mr. T. B. Reed, of Birchington, took place on the same day. In the early days of the Association T. B. Reed was a well-known ringer in East Kent, being a tolerably safe exponent of Grandsire, in which method he rang several peals; but he resigned his membership many years ago.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths are earnestly requested, writes Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary, to attend business meetings at headquarters, on October 26th and November 5th for the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

LONGEST LENGTH AT WATERTOWN, U.S.A.

The following members of the Boston Guild of Ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at the Perkins' Institute, Watertown, Mass., on Sunday, October 3rd: A. Matthews 1, H. Petts 2, J. F. Laker 3, W. Bashford 4, J. Goodhead 5, E. E. Randall 6, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 7, R. Newton 8. This is the longest length ever rung on these bells, and the first quarter by A. Matthews.

RINGERS' MEETING IN NORTH DEVON.

WHERE ADJOINING ASSOCIATIONS MAY PROFIT.

With a view to drawing together the ringers of the neighbourhood, and furthering the cause of change ringing, the idea was conceived of holding a meeting at Bampton. Accordingly, invitations were issued to nearly all the towers within a radius of ten miles. The gathering took place last Saturday, and was attended by 69 ringers from Bampton, Bickleigh, Brushford, Chipstable, Dulverton, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham, Milverton, Minehead, Morebath, Oakford, Tiverton and Washfield. The Rector of Bickleigh (the Rev. W. G. Carew) and the new Vicar of Holcombe Rogus (the Rev. E. J. Barton), both of whom are change ringers, were present, as also Mr. G. Stacey, hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30 p.m.

The tower contains six bells, which were cast by J. Billie, of Culmpton, in 1800. Unfortunately, the "go" of some of the bells is very indifferent, and an inspection shows that nothing less than rehanging will remedy the defects. Notwithstanding, numerous six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and three courses of Plain Bob Minor were rung, as well as several call changes.

A service was held in church at 4.30, when an address was given by the Rev. E. V. Cox. The "form of service" and two of the hymns were taken from "A Manual for Ringers" (S.P.C.K.).

Subsequently a meat tea was served in the Infants' School, and seemed to have been prepared to the full satisfaction of all present, thanks to the untiring efforts of Miss G. Holmes and her band of helpers. Mention must also be made of the readiness and generosity of many of the parishioners in giving any assistance that was required to make the meeting a success.

After tea, a short business meeting took place, at which votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar of Bampton for the service and the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. V. Cox for arranging the meeting and giving the address, and to the ladies and other friends who had worked in connection with the tea.

It was decided, provisionally, to hold another gathering in January, at Dulverton.

Specimen copies of "The Ringing World," which the Editor had kindly sent, were sought after with avidity, the paper being quite unknown to many who were present. The bells were kept going up till nine o'clock, when a gathering which augurs well for the future was brought to a close. Of course it will be quite apparent to all concerned that meetings in North Devon and in the immediate neighbourhood over the county boundary cannot be arranged and conducted "unofficially" for an indefinite period, and it is hoped that both the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and particularly the Devon Guild, will make a note of this desire for progress on the extreme border lines of their respective territory.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Aston on Saturday last, about twenty members being present from various towers, as well as Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., the genial secretary of the Llandaff Association. Touches were rung in the afternoon, and a short service held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Sutton), the Guild's special form of service being used. Canon Sutton gave the members a capital address on the subject of bells and their uses, and the duties of bell ringers as church workers.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry after the service, when Mr. W. Edwards unveiled a peal board to commemorate the "William" peal of Grandsire Caters rung in the tower on Saturday, November 30th, 1912.

The inscription on the peal board is as follows: "Midland Counties Association. In this tower was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters (5057 changes), on Saturday, November 30th, 1912, in 3 hrs. 19 mins.: William G. Anker 1, William J. Meers 2, William H. Godden 3, William Palmer 4, William H. Jones 5, William J. Webb 6, William Saunders 7, William G. Ellis 8, William Davies 9, William H. Ifunt 10. Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by W. G. Ellis. Rev. Canon Sutton, M.A., Vicar. W. J. Edwards and W. E. M. James, Churchwardens. James Jones, tower keeper.

The members then adjourned to the Park Restaurant for tea, which had been very kindly provided for by Mr. W. James. Afterwards a short business meeting was held, at which the next quarterly meeting was fixed to take place at Stoke, Coventry, in January.—Mr. James George (Ringing Master) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Sutton for the use of the bells and for his address, and to the organist for his services. He also made a feeling reference to the death, in France, of the late Lieut. W. D. James, who was a member of the Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. W. James for providing the tea.—Mr. J. W. Jones said that when the war was over and a happier condition of things prevailed, he should be pleased to welcome any of the Warwickshire Guild members to Newport, and arrange ringing at the various towers for their enjoyment.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Bob Royal.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DENTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, at St. Anne's Church, for morning service, 720 London Scholar's Pleasure: D. Wilde (first in method) 1, H. Bardsley (first in method off treble) 2, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, W. Wright 6.—On October 3rd, for morning service, 720 Wragby Delight: A. F. Marshall 3, J. Heckingbottom 6, others as before. For evening service, 720 Kingston Delight: E. Walters (conductor) 5, W. Wright 6, others as before. For afternoon service, on October 10th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 College Exercise: E. Walters (conductor) 5; and for evening service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob: W. Wright 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6, others as before.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 26th, in honour of the wedding of Sergt. W. C. R. Nimmo (home on leave from France), of the 13th Kensington Princess Louise's Own Regiment, and Miss E. L. Joseph, of Barnes, 633 Grandsire Triples: F. Skinner 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, P. H. Smith 5, J. Wilmott 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.—On October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins., as a compliment to Corp'l. J. Joseph (who is in France with the 13th Kensingtons, "Princess Louise's Own") and Mrs. J. Joseph on the 12th anniversary of their wedding day: *J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, P. Skevington 4, H. Cook 5, *M. Jacobs 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, *G. Hunt 8. *First quarter in the method.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 26th, for morning service, for the harvest festival, 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Law 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, A. Prior (Leyton) 4, A. Jordan 5, H. W. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8. For afternoon service, 336 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, R. Law 4, A. Prior (Leyton) 5, H. W. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

TOTTENHAM.—Middlesex Association.—At St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Sunday morning, Sept. 26th, for the harvest festival: 720 Bob Minor: T. Sharman 1, T. Ringrose 2, S. Dunwell 3, C. T. Coles 4, J. Hunt (conductor) 5, G. B. Lucas 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Stubbs 1, J. Hunt 2, F. Fensom 3, A. Howell 4, J. Langdon (conductor) 5, C. H. Ross 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—At St. Peter's Collegiate Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 54 mins.: T. Smith 1, W. G. Hall 2, H. Farlow 3, T. O'Connor 4, E. F. Mitchell 5, H. Jones 6, H. M. Hawkwood 7, B. Clark 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, A. T. Smith 10. Rung prior to the harvest thanksgiving service.

ALESLEY, COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, for the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, W. Smith 3, H. Kettle 4, E. Johnson 5, J. White (conductor) 6. Also touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Bertram 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, Thomas Sparrow (Stowmarket) 4, John Spencer (conductor) 5, F. W. Naunton 6. For afternoon service, 480 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Sparrow 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor and first touch of Oxford Treble Bob by T. Sparrow.—On October 3rd, for morning service, 360 College Single and 360 Oxford Bob. For afternoon service, 360 Kent, 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Oxford Bob, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, W. H. P. Mellin, A. J. L. Naunton, J. Spencer, E. Chatten, Pte. T. King, W. R. F. W. Naunton (conductor).

BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch), on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Clark (first in the method) 1, H. Martin 2, H. Ludkin 3, G. McConnell (first 720) 4, W. Wilex (conductor) 5, S. Wood 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, with J. Mann 5, the rest of the band as before. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

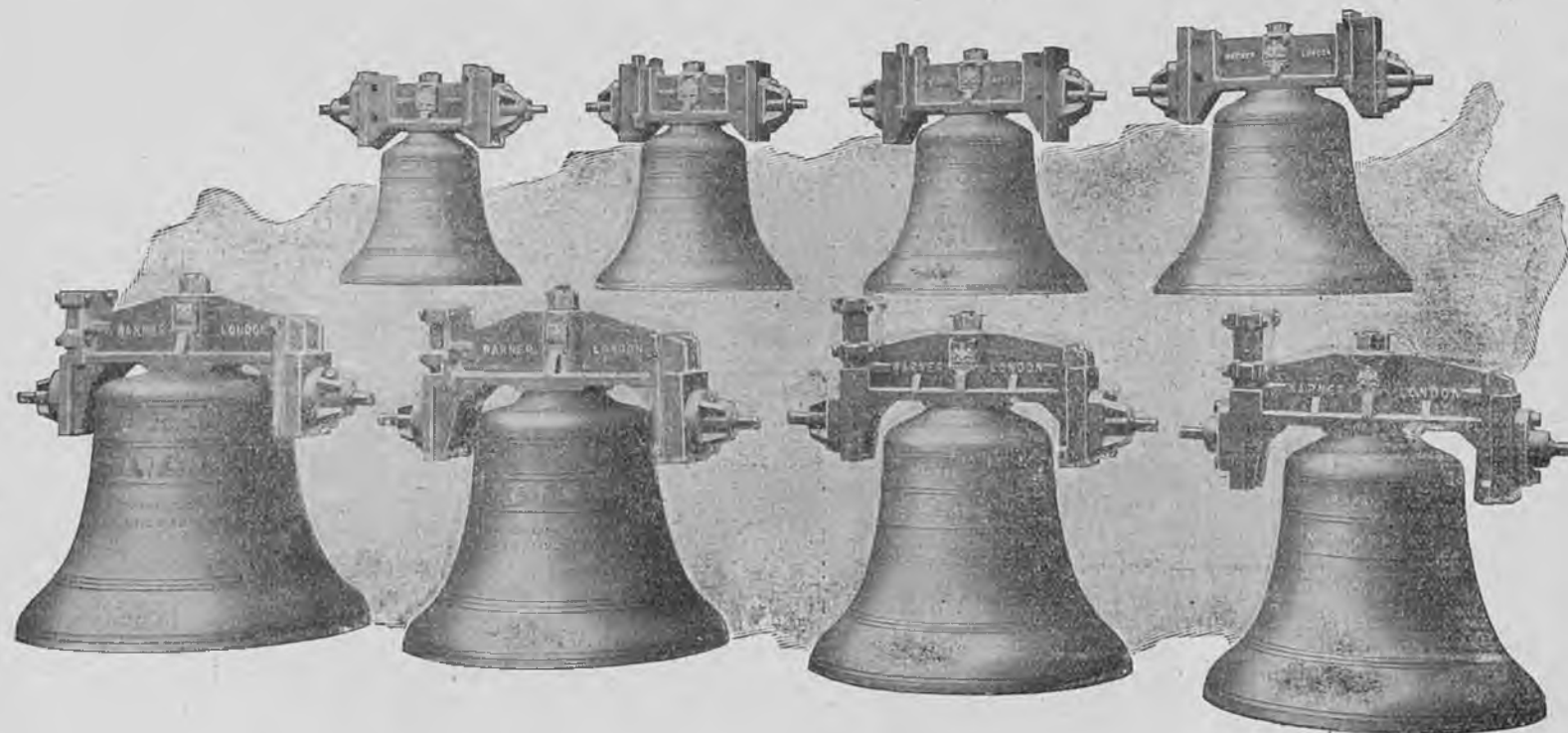
BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 46 mins., in honour of the birthdays of the ringers of the 4th and 6th: C. Terry 1, J. Town 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, W. Dennis 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

LEIGH-ON-SEA.—At St. Clement's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 26th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Wiffen 1, G. R. Pye 2, A. Chaplin 3, E. Butler 4, H. Dawkins 5, E. Pye (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Chaplin 1, E. Butler 2, G. R. Pye 3, H. Dawkins 4, A. Wiffen 5, E. Pye (conductor) 6.

SELBY.—At the Abbey Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Morley 1, G. Panton 2, E. Storr 3, T. Morgan 4, A. Hall 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, T. Studwick 8. The above is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung and conducted by local ringers.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, for a memorial service, with the bells fully muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Gibson 1, F. Hounsell 2, C. Stevenson 3, G. Woods 4, G. Apps 5, Pte. H. Tomsett (conductor) 6, G. Tomsett 7, T. Mitchell 8.

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PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on August 8th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris (conductor) 1, G. Groves 2, E. Reynolds 3, J. Harding 4, J. Symonds 5, Pte Hoptrough 6, Pte Burrow 7, G. Holloway 8. —On August 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: Pte Hoptrough 1, F. Blondell (Woking) 2, L. Page 3, J. Harding (conductor) 4, M. Ellesmore 5, H. White (Basingstoke) 6, Pte Burrow 7, S. Thomas 8. —On Sunday, August 29th, 545 Grandsire Triples: J. Harris 1, C. Groves 2, M. Ellesmore 3, Pte Burrow (conductor) 4, G. Paice (Basingstoke) 5, H. White 6, C. Creasy 7, J. Harding 8. —On Sunday, Sept. 12th, 504 Stedman Triples: Pte Hoptrough 1, M. Ellesmore 2, L. Page (Titchfield) 3, J. Harding (conductor) 4, C. Groves 5, J. Symonds 6, Lieut. Goodship, Royal Berks Regiment (Reading) 7, Pte Burrow 8. —On Sept. 19th: J. Harris 1, A. Collins 2, E. Reynolds 3, J. Harding 4, Pte Hoptrough 5, Miss E. Hole (Portishead), first 500 in the method, 6, W. Wheeler 7, Pte Burrow 8. —On Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, 518 Grandsire Triples: L. Page 1, M. Ellesmore 2, Lieut. Goodship 3, J. Harris (conductor) 4, A. E. Reeves (Bristol) 5, Pte Hoptrough 6, Miss Hole 7, Pte Burrough 8. —On Sept. 26th, 420 Stedman Triples: A. S. Beer, conductor (Greenwich) 1, Pte Hoptrough 2, J. Harris 3, Pte Burrow 4, J. Symonds 5, A. Collins 6, J. Harding 7, S. Thomas 8.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—The following touches were rung on handbells at 55, Rhonda Street: August 11th, 360 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hoare 1—2, S. Perry 3—4, J. Hoare (conductor) 5—6. August 21st, 84 Stedman Triples: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare 3—4, J. Hoare 5—6, F. B. Stedman (conductor) 7—8. Sept. 17th, 600 Grandsire Doubles, being five 120's each called differently: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, H. Perry 5—6. August 23rd, 1440 Plain Bob Minor; Sept. 7th, 2880 Plain Bob Minor; Sept. 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; September 11th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor by S. Perry 1—2, J. Hoare 3—4, A. Hoare (conductor) 5—6. —At St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, on October 9th, 168 Grandsire Triples: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. Hoare 5—6, F. B. Stedman 7—8.

KINLET, SALOP.—On Saturday, Sept. 11th, at the Parish Church, six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, 720 of Bob Minor; and 360 of Kent Treble Bob: T. J. Salter (conductor) 1, N. Davis 2, J. Smith 3, W. Smith 4, C. H. Woodberry 5, W. H. Smith 6. The above are members of St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, who paid a visit to the above place at the invitation of the Vicar, the bells having recently been overhauled. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Eagle and Serpent, for which, through "The Ringing World," the ringers wish to thank the anonymous donor.

SHIPLEY.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Parish Church, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late president of the Yorkshire Association, William Snowden, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was attempted on Saturday, Sept. 25th, but came to grief after ringing 2½ hours: E. Wickham 1, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 2, E. H. Simpson 3, B. Smith 4, E. Murgatroyd 5, J. Joyce 6, F. Barker 7, G. Nettleton 8. —On Sunday morning, Sept. 26th, for harvest thanksgiving, 1188 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Simpson 1, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 2, T. A. King 3, W. Joyce 4, E. Murgatroyd 5, J. Joyce 6, J. Ross 7, G. Nettleton 8. For evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Joyce 1, T. B. Kendall 2, E. Simpson 3, W. Joyce 4, E. Murgatroyd 5, G. Nettleton 6, T. A. King (conductor) 7, H. Hutley 8. Longest length.

A VISIT RETURNED.

Two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples were attempted on Sunday last at Hawkhurst, Kent, on the occasion of the harvest festival. Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, had kindly consented to take a rope in the morning, but something went wrong with his bicycle, and he arrived a few minutes after the ringing had commenced. The quarter unfortunately came to grief within a few changes of the end. Prior to evening service, better luck was in store for the party, a quarter being tapped off very nicely in 46 minutes, by: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, J. B. Bennett 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Youngs 5, A. H. Wellard 6, G. Billenness 7, G. J. Kemp 8. Messrs. Youngs and Bennett come from Rye, Sussex. A few Sundays ago the Hawkhurst men went to Rye, and the above is a return visit, although if any more of the Rye men wish to come they will receive a similar welcome to that accorded the two already mentioned. It is, however, rather difficult to arrange ringing at Hawkhurst, as the Vicar has given orders for no ringing to be done at dark.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. George's Church, on Saturday last, when 20 members were present, the towers represented being Newchurch, Walkden, Tyldesley, Deane, Parish Church and St. Bartholomew's, with some of the St. George's ringers. A short service was held in the church, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar and President, officiating.

At the meeting which followed, the Rev. H. J. Elsee presided. One new member was elected, and it was proposed that the next meeting be held at All Souls'. Some very good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were afterwards rung, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all ready.

On account of the death of two members of St. George's Church, Capt. Taylor and Pte Monks, the bells were deeply muffled.

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. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rayne, October 23rd. Bells 2.30. Short service, with address, 4.15. Meat tea, 6d. each, at the Sunday School, 5 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers and other business. —B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755. — Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) available from 4 to 5.30, and from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A short meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells raised at 4 o'clock prompt. All ringing friends welcomed.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, October 23rd. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting of the Central District will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Carshalton, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8—tenor 12½ cwt.) available at 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5.30; tea at 6 in the Church Room, The Square (members 3d., visitors 9d.), followed by a short business meeting. Croydon and Sutton trams, nearest stop Seymour Road. Please notify intention to be present on or before Friday, the 22nd, to Ch. Readings, Assistant Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E., on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Room. It is particularly requested that the names of those who will require tea should reach me not later than Tuesday, the 26th. A charge of threepence per member will be made.—T. Groombridge, sen., Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Slinfold on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available at 1.30. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 o'clock. All members intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, October 27th.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Secretary, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

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

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

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

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

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AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A committee has been formed in Holbeck to raise funds for a self-propelling chair for Mr. Francis Woodhead, formerly a ringer at Leeds Parish Church, who has been ill for the last nine months, and has lost the use of his legs. We have been asked by this committee to open a list amongst the ringers, and as we have received subscriptions from several places, we should be much obliged if you will acknowledge them in your paper.

Amounts received to date: Leeds Parish Church company, 1st donation, £1 16s.; 2nd donation, £1 2s.; Holbeck, St. Matthew's company, 10s.; Headingley, St. Michael's company, 10s.; Wakefield Cathedral company, 8s.; Hunslet company, 3s.; Rev. C. C. Marshall, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Joshua Woodhead, 2s. 6d.; Mr. P. J. Johnson, 2s.; Mr. A. C. Fearnley, 1s. 6d.; Mr. G. Robinson, 1s.; three friends, 3s.; Guiseley company, 10s.; Headingley, St. Chad's, 3s. 6d.; Selby Abbey, 5s.; total, £26.

We shall be pleased if you would enter a note, that any further subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged in "The Ringing World."—Yours truly,

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BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. J. E. Gasson (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, P. J. Hall 2, Pte A. C. V. Gasson 3, A. J. Marchant 4, A. E. Gasson 5, C. Holman (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: E. Holman 1, *C. J. E. Gasson 2, H. Streeter 3, Pte A. C. V. Gasson 4, J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.—On October 7th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: E. Holman 1, C. J. E. Gasson 2, F. Streeter 3, C. Holman 4, *T. Parsons 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.—On October 14th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: E. Holman 1, C. J. E. Gasson 2, F. Streeter 3, C. Holman 4, T. Parsons 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. This 720 was Henry Burdow's composition in six parts with 34 bobs and 26 singles. *First 720 with a bob bell.

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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.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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

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

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

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

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

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

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANCES;

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

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

Umpire: J. N. OXBORROW.

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

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

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

Total ... £116 5 11

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following have joined H.M. Forces:—

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

RINGERS KILLED IN ACTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

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

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

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

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

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

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

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

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

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

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

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

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN COLLEGE YOUTH.

MR. E. A. DAVIES, OF BARKING.

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

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



THE LATE MR. E. A. DAVIS.

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

MR. DAVIES' PUBLIC WORK.

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

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

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

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

THE FUNERAL.

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

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

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

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

A QUERY.

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

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

A HELPING HAND.

To the Editor.

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

P. L. COOPER.

H. TOMLINSON,

12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LADIES' PEAL AT PORTISHEAD. COMMEMORATION TABLET UNVEILED.

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

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

Bath and Wells Association.

The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers.

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

A Peal of Grandsire Triples,
5040 Changes.

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

J. J. Parker's 6 part.

Called by Miss D. Coles.

*First peal.

†First peal with a bob bell.

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

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

THE UNVEILING.

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

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

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

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ASHFORD DISTRICT AT FOLKESTONE.

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

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

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

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

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

RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

MR. BENJAMIN PAGE, OF HIGH WYCOMBE.

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

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

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

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

Charles Henry Hattersley is dead.

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



THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

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

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

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

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS.

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

NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

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

GEMS OF COMPOSITION

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

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

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

A LINK WITH THE PAST.

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

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

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

RESTORATION AT ALDBOURNE.

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

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

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

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Seventh.—AN NO DOMINI. 1636.

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CLUN RINGERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. George W. Tomkins, hon. sec. of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is now 22, Court Road, Horfield, Bristol.

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HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

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

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

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

MR. HARRY WITHERS' PERFORMANCES.

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

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

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

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

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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.

OPPORTUNITIES.

A week or two ago an "unofficial" meeting of ringers was held at the little town of Bampton, near the borders of Devon and Somerset, and it well served the purpose for which it was intended, viz., that of drawing together the ringers of neighbouring towers, who, if report may be credited, are not looked after by the adjoining associations quite so effectively as might, perhaps, be desirable. It may probably be that there are difficulties—geographical, physical or mechanical—of which the outsider knows little or nothing, in reaching these borderland towers, yet what has happened in this particular neighbourhood has happened before and is happening in other places.

Ringings organisations are jealous, and naturally so, in regard to their individual areas, and for that reason any "poaching" by one society upon the "preserves" of another would be met with opposition. There is, between ringing associations, an unwritten law, for the most part loyally observed, which discountenances any attempt to invade the sphere of an adjoining society, but this very understanding not infrequently leaves little strips of outlying territory unappropriated, as it were. We find the centres admirably and efficiently served and worked, but, round the fringe, the towers, particularly in rural districts, are apt to be left to their own devices, and, even, if they have at some time joined an organisation, allowed to drift away. Indeed, some of the smaller societies have sprung up in this way.

The effort which is being made on the eastern border of Devon, by unofficial members, to improve the position might well be made in other parts of the country where there appears to be neglect, for such operations are bound to bear fruit. It may be thought by some that the present may not be a suitable time to push schemes of this sort, but in our opinion there could be no better opportunity. When activities in many directions of ringing are curtailed, it is the time to organise, ready for the occasion when we shall be able to go forward with renewed vigour in the performance of our duties and the exploration of the art. The filling up of gaps in the belfry caused by ringers departing in the service of their country has provided associations with opportunities of recruiting their membership roll—although we are not sure that they have, even here, made the most of their chance—and, in the larger direction of bringing in outlying towers, there is scope for solidifying their position. Doubtless the Devon Guild and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association will have profited by the hint given by the organisers of the Bampton meeting, and it equally behoves other associations to look round to see if their hold upon the fringes of their areas cannot be improved.

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SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

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| JOHN HOLMAN Treble | *HARRY WILLIAMS 7 |
| GEORGE HOLMES 2 | GEORGE O. DIXON 8 |
| WILLIAM LOMAS 3 | *LEONARD CHARLESWORTH ... 9 |
| CLEMENT GLENN 4 | ALBERT A. HUGHES 10 |
| WILLIAM BURGAR 5 | SAM THOMAS 11 |
| JAMES EVINSON 6 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM LOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. G. Holmes' 50th peal. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of deep respect to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, for many years an esteemed and valued officer of the Association, who was interred on the above date at Ecclesall, Sheffield.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... Treble | *HENRY NEWMAN 5 |
| *HARRY BARRETT 2 | ALBERT WRIGHT 6 |
| *ARTHUR TATNELL 3 | THOMAS ANSLOE 7 |
| FRANK PONTING 4 | FRANK COLE Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY).

On Saturday, October 30, 1915, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOHN HOLMAN Treble | WILLIAM BIGGIN 5 |
| ARTHUR WARD 2 | FRANCIS WARD 6 |
| JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE 3 | WILLIAM S. PLANT 7 |
| SAM THOMAS 4 | CHARLES HAYNES Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as the Ranmoor Society's tribute of respect to the memory of the composer.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 30, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JAMES GEORGE Treble | GEORGE FIGOTT 5 |
| JAMES E. GROVES 2 | ARTHUR CHAMBERS 6 |
| WILLIAM PALMER 3 | SAMUEL GROVE 7 |
| CHARLES DICKENS 4 | GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1915, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

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| REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble | WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 5 |
| GEORGE E. TURNER ... 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6 |
| WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 3 | SAMUEL WOOD 7 |
| JOSEPH LOWE 4 | HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a member of the Association.

HANDBELL PEAL.STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, October 25, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF EMMAUEL CHURCH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5043 CHANGES;**

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| MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT | 1—2 | ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD... | 5—6 |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD | 3—4 | "ISAAC J. ATTWATER | 7—8 |
| HENRY L. GARFATH ... 9—10 | | | |

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: GEORGE B. EDSEER.

* First peal on handbells and first ten-bell peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bennett.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

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| Bushey Society (October collection) ... | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| "Wanderer" (October contribution) ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Total ... | £116 | 11 | 5 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers have joined H.M. Forces:—

Pte H. E. Norman, of Leicester, A.S.C. (Motor Transport).
Pte P. Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs (hon. secretary of the Ely Archdeaconry of the Ely Diocesan Guild), A.S.C., now at Labour Camp, Thorn Hill Camp, Aldershot.
From St. Mary Magdalen's, Harlow Common, Essex:—
Fredk. Whitby, A.S.C., now at Aldershot.
Thomas Hard, A.S.C., now at Aldershot.
From Holy Trinity, Guildford:—
Charles N. Burdock, Civil Service Rifles:—
Harry Burdock, R.A.M.C.
Albert Victor Burdock, R.A.M.C.

HURST RINGER'S DEATH.

Lance-Corpl. A. M. Priest, of the Hurst band, Berks, died in Rouen Hospital on October 5th, from wounds received in action on September 25th. He had been a member of the company at St. Nicholas' Church for about three years, and joined the Army soon after the outbreak of war. He went to the front with the 8th Batt. Royal Berkshire Regiment, and took part in the desperate fighting of Sept. 25th. He was 21 years of age, and much sympathy has been expressed with his mother in her bereavement. He was buried with military honours at St. Sever's Cemetery, Rouen, and on October 10th the bells at Hurst Parish Church were rung muffled for each of the services. After evening-song touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled.

IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that Pte Percy Nash, of the Buffs (East Kent) Regiment (son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nash, of Iden, Sussex), who failed to answer the roll call after the recent big battle in France, which resulted in substantial gains for our troops, is safe, although a prisoner of war. He has now sent word home to his parents that he is a prisoner at Wesel in Germany. In a letter acknowledging a message of sympathy from one of his son's greatest ringing friends, Mr. Nash says: "It is a great relief to us to know that he is still alive. The feelings of anxiety we all had for a month, not knowing whether he was dead or alive, cannot be described. We hope and trust the Germans will be a little merciful to him. We had quite a cheerful letter from him on Friday, 29th October. I am quite confident he will show as bright a side of it as he can to us. I have heard from a lady staying near Iden. She says it is the best camp in Germany where he is interned. Trusting he may be spared to meet you again in the old belfry at Iden is our earnest prayer."

PEAL TABLETS IN THE CHURCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with great pleasure your leading article in the issue of "The Ringing World" of October 22nd dealing with the question of erecting peal tablets in the church. I am sure that every ringer will agree that it would be well for the ringing Exercise to be brought to the notice of a wider public. Far too little publicity has been given to this art, and the suggestion that peal boards should be placed in some prominent position in the church, where everyone can see them, is certainly a good one. It is to be hoped that it will appeal to those in authority.—Yours faithfully,

Wood Green, N.

L. SMITH.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Slinfold on Saturday, when about 20 members, including Mr. and Mrs. Whittington (of Cranleigh), were present from Brighton, Crawley, Warnham, Heane, Shipley, Billingham, Pulborough, and the local band. Touches of Bob Minor, Violet, London Scholars Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Carlisle, and London Surprise, were rung, conducted by Messrs. O. Sippetts and A. W. Groves.

An excellent tea was provided by the Rector at the Village Hall, the Rev. F. G. Hughes presiding. After tea the usual business was held, at which one new member was elected, viz., Albert Garton, of Slinfold Branch.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the secretary (Mr. A. W. Groves), and seconded by Mr. R. Whittington, for granting the use of the bells, his warm welcome, and providing tea, was accorded the Rector, who suitably responded.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district of the Kent Association was held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and touches of Stedman Caters, London and Superlative, Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round.

At 6 p.m. the members attended divine service, the Association form being used, together with the Intercession service, which was followed by an address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar) on "The Hidden Man."

Tea followed in the Church Room, fifty being present, including the Rev. Atkins (curate) and Miss C. Arley, a member of the local company. At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. W. J. Jeffries was voted to the chair, neither of the clergy being available.—Mr. F. W. Thornton was re-elected a member of the Association.

A short discussion took place with regard to the recent Erith opening, but it was decided to leave the matter to the committee meeting, the district secretary, who had intimated his intention of resigning, consenting to hold office until the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries was unanimously re-elected district representative on the Central Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and the use of the Church Room; to the clergy, organist and choir for their services in church; to Mr. W. Foreman and his daughter, for the able way they had supplied the tea; and to the ladies for their kind attention; also to Mr. W. J. Jeffries for presiding. This concluded the meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WITNEY.**

A meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Degneries Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Witney on Saturday week, and was attended by about 40 members representing almost every parish in the Deanery. A special service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. P. Goldingham). Miss Jenkyn, sister of the Master of the Guild, presided at the harmonium, and the Rector gave an instructive address.

The ringers afterwards partook of a splendid tea at the Fleece Hotel, and subsequently the meeting was held, the President of the Branch (the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, Vicar of Kidlington) being in the chair, supported by Miss M. E. Chillingworth, of Bradfield, Berks, the only lady member of the General Guild Committee, Mr. F. M. Green, churchwarden of Witney, the Vicar of Freeland, Mr. John Monk, and Mr. Albert E. Reeves, of Reading, general secretary to the Guild. The General Secretary said he was sorry to inform the members of the continued illness of their branch secretary, Mr. Frank Webb, of Kidlington, who, he regretted to say, had to relinquish his office in consequence. He (Mr. Reeves) would have been pleased to have filled the office pro tem, had it been a case of the branch secretary having joined H.M. Forces.

A COMING WEDDING.

The president was re-elected with acclamation; Mr. John Monk was selected to fill the post of secretary and treasurer; and Messrs. Bull, Cox and Tanner were elected to serve on the general committee.

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Witney, first, for allowing them the use of the church for the service, and secondly, for giving such a useful address.—The Rev. P. P. Goldingham having replied, the Chairman said he should like to thank Miss Chillingworth for her presence, as the members all knew her as a skilled ringer, yet it was the first time in the history of the branch they had seen her at Witney. He added that in asking the general secretary a second time the lady's name, he was informed it might not always be Miss Chillingworth. The secret must come out, so he must tell the meeting she would soon become Mrs. A. E. Reeves, wife of the worthy general secretary.

The meeting greeted the announcement with loud applause, and Mr. Reeves thanked the members for the way they had received the announcement.

The ringers then adjourned once more to the belfry, bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings the branch has held.

THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY. FUNERAL AT ECCLESALL.

On Tuesday of last week, all that was mortal of the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley was interred in the family vault at Ecclesall, Sheffield. Full of years and honour, Charles Henry Hattersley had been gathered to his fathers; with all the honours which ringers were able to pay he was laid to rest. The President of his own Association was one of the officiating clergy; the coffin was borne to the grave upon the stalwart shoulders of men of the Cathedral Society with which he was so long and so intimately associated; over the open vault the handbells sounded, striking the note which is to the ringer as the "Last Post" to the soldier; old ringing friends from far and near gathered for the last farewell, and, later, over the city, rolled out the muffled sound of bells from the tower where he had learnt to ring and where he had spent some of the happiest hours of his long life.

Ecclesall Churchyard, where the funeral took place, is one of the ancient burying grounds of Sheffield, and many city worthies sleep within that holy acre. In his personal tastes Mr. Hattersley had no love of outward show, and the simple but impressive service which marked the last sad rites seemed the most appropriate closing scene to the career of such a man. In the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones), the service was taken by the Rev. H. Cecil (senior curate at the Cathedral), and the Rev. C. G. Marshall, President of the Yorkshire Association. The body was enclosed in an oak shell encased in polished oak, with brass fittings, and the bearers were provided by the Cathedral company, viz., Messrs. S. Seed, J. Holman, J. Evison, J. Thorpe, L. Charlesworth and G. O. Dixon. About 50 ringers had gathered to pay a last tribute of respect, and they lined the approach to the church, while the coffin was borne between their ranks, and then joined in the procession into the church. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Harry and Lawrence Hattersley (sons), T. Pullinson, F. H. Reckless, T. Mallinder, F. Willey, H. Cawood and G. R. Horton. In addition to the ringers from the Cathedral, St. Maries', All Saints', Ranmoor and Norton Churches, there were present Messrs. G. Bolland, of Tong, vice-president of the Yorks Association; C. Glenn, of Sheffield, hon. secretary; J. Cotterell, of Halifax, hon. treasurer; L. Brightman, of Rotherham, hon. secretary Southern branch; H. Williams, J. T. Rew, committee; S. Thomas, hon. secretary Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society; Rev. W. P. Wright, Sheffield; Messrs. T. Lee, Rotherham; J. H. Maud, Pudsey; and D. Broadley, Bolsterstone; Messrs. Sam Wood, Ashton-under-Lyne; Harry Chapman, Manchester, and W. Davies, Liverpool, representing the Lancashire Association; Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, representing the College Youths, of which he is Master; Mr. E. Denison Taylor, representing the Midland Counties Association, and also his brother (Mr. J. W. Taylor); Mr. J. George, of Birmingham, representing the St. Martin's Guild, etc. There was also a large attendance of Mr. Hattersley's other friends, testifying to the general esteem in which he was held.

Letters of condolence and apologies for non-attendance had been received from the Archdeacon of Sheffield, Sir Arthur Heywood (President of the Central Council and the Midland Counties Association), Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary Chester Diocesan Guild), Messrs. W. T. Cockerell (hon. secretary), A. Hughes (treasurer), C. E. Winney and G. N. Price, of the College Youths; Messrs. A. P. Smith (hon. secretary), W. H. Godden, John Carter and W. R. Small (St. Martin's Guild), W. Whitaker (Leeds), H. Dains (Cumberland Youths), C. Jackson (Hull), A. Knights (Chesterfield), etc.

After the committal had taken place, a perfect course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells over the open grave. The afternoon was fine, with just an autumnal touch in the air, and the melody of the bells, falling with crisp, clear beats, stirred the deepest emotions of the silent audience. The little band was a representative one, consisting of S. Thomas (Sheffield District secretary) 1-2, G. Holmes (Sheffield Cathedral) 3-4, C. Glenn (Yorks Association secretary) 5-6, S. Wood (Lanes Association and Ashton-under-Lyne Society) 7-8, A. A. Hughes (College Youths) 9-10. It was the farewell to the warrior, and, after the Benediction had been pronounced and a last glimpse of the coffin taken, the body of Charles Henry Hattersley was enfolded by his Mother Earth. But his spirit will remain, his name will endure, and his example will provide an inspiration to many a young ringer.

There were a large number of beautiful wreaths, floral tributes, in addition to those from members of the family, being sent by, among others, the Ranmoor Ringers, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Mr. Sam Thomas, etc.

In the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on the Cathedral bells, and half-muffled ringing has also taken place at St. Maries' and Ranmoor, Sheffield; Ashton-under-Lyne, Pendleton, St. Saviour's, Southwark, Erdington and St. Martin's, Birmingham, etc.

A TRIBUTE FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

Dear Sir,—No doubt many of your readers, following the same course as myself, look forward every week to your very excellent leading articles, and which are, I am sure, greatly appreciated by all. Your last, dated October 29th, touches me very closely, for it ably deals

with the passing of the greatest link we had between the wonderful old ringing men of the past, and the present ones who have aspired to take their places. I allude to the death of my dear old friend, Charles Henry Hattersley, and reel I must in some small way endeavour to bear testimony to the very excellent qualities possessed by him in every possible way, for we have been the closest of chums for about 33 years, and I can, therefore, appreciate his sterling worth in a way perhaps only known to a few.

To begin with he was very plain and outspoken in manner, a man of sound principles, and strictly businesslike in all his dealings, for he was a very successful manufacturer, technically known as a "good implement maker" in Sheffield, and at his "Snider Works," where I was always welcome. I have known him employ as many as 60 hands at a time. Many are the very pleasant hours spent there—a rare treat—especially when Jasper Whitfield Snowdon happened to drop in as well!

His ringing career is so well known that it need not be repeated, but apart from his natural and gifted abilities in change ringing, he was frequently in close personal touch with that wonderful old man we all respected, viz., Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and from him derived most of his early highly scientific knowledge, that was scarce in those days. I have had the privilege of ringing many peals with him—of each other's calling—the longest being the 6666 Stedman Caters at Fulham, and a great deal of the science and composition and proving that I once possessed were due to his able instruction. Anyone with more spare time than myself would have made better use of it, but other matters of life have claimed prior attention, and prevented my doing justice to the great help I used to receive from Harry Hattersley, Henry Johnson and John Cox.

On Easter Monday, 1882, at St. Peter's, Sheffield, I remember standing next to "Our Harry" in the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the North of England. The coming-round course was a revelation, and astonished the Exerise at the time, so much so, indeed, that John Cox exclaimed, "I wouldn't have chanced it!" A local poet (J. Rowbotham, senr.) rose to the occasion with a suitable verse for each one, and in this appears the following:—

The Sixth was Harry Hattersley, a Sheffield great gun,
Who in the art of change ringing stands second to none;
He composed and conducted the peal truly fine,
And his name will live in the Record of Time.

I still treasure a very large number of his letters and many compositions, and when we opened the ten bells at the Imperial Institute in 1893, he remarked, on looking through the voluminous "Instructions to all concerned," issued by Sir Somers Vane, "Well, this is a big job!"

The deceased gentleman was possessed of a fund of amusing anecdotes and an abundance of good humour, was well liked and respected by everyone with whom he came in contact, and may indeed be fitly described as the link between Johnson, Holey, and Cox—the three unapproachables, who could see at a glance the slightest fault in a composition in any method—and the highly educated gentlemen of to-day, possessed, as they are, of college education and the apparently inexhaustible and incomprehensible bookfuls of figures—evidently the outcome of instruction given by some of the great University professors of mathematical problems.

Harry Hattersley was a very safe ringer; a most reliable bob caller, always ringing a "working bell," and, above all, a splendid conductor. —Yours truly, FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' TRIBUTE.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths gathered at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. C. Hattersley (Sheffield). Mr. E. A. Davies (Barking), and Lieut. W. D. James (Plymouth). The "whole pull and stand" funeral peal was rung, and was followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques previous to 5 o'clock evensong. The ringers who attended were Messrs. Henry Dains (Cumberland), H. Langdon, E. Gibbs, C. F. Winney, J. C. Adams, C. Lee, S. D. Joyce, A. A. Hughes, W. H. Pasmore, C. S. Burden, E. P. O'Meara, W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, T. H. Taffender, J. C. F. Bayley, A. D. Barker and C. H. Pullen.

MR. G. HOLMES' 50 PEALS.

The funeral peal rung for Mr. C. H. Hattersley was the 50th peal rung by Mr. G. Holmes, with whom the deceased gentleman was long associated in St. Peter's company. Mr. Holmes rang in Mr. Hattersley's peal of Stedman Caters with the 60 course-ends, conducted the muffled peal of Grandsire Cinques rung on the death of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, and rang the tenor for the muffled peal for Queen Victoria on February 2nd, 1901. His 50 peals are made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 5 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 6 (conducted 1), Stedman Caters 7, Grandsire Cinques 2 (conducted 1), Stedman Cinques 12, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 7 (conducted 1).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY'S SERMON AT DISTRICT MEETING.

There was a good attendance of members of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association at Rayne on Saturday week, on the occasion of the annual district meeting. The towers represented were: Braintree, Rocking, Dunmow, Felsted, Rayne, Earl's Colne, Stebbing, Sible Hedingham and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Among those present were the Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard), the General Hon. Secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), Mr. H. Rumens (hon. secretary South Western Division), and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Twist, of Walthamstow. The ringing during the day included touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and New London Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor. Mrs. Twist, the only lady ringer present, took part in some rounds.

Service was held at Rayne Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Rayne. The ringers' form of service was used. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre preached from the text: "The devil goeth about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; him resist." He said St. Michael's Day had lost much of its meaning in recent years, because the State had seized upon it as a quarter-day, and in Essex it was a very busy period, when tenancies began and ended. So that, except for Churchpeople, the religious character of Michaelmas Day had almost entirely passed away. But Churchpeople should know that Michaelmas had a very religious and precious significance. In the Prayer-Book Michaelmas could not be found, but the festival of St. Michael and All Angels was shown as a time when thoughts were taken upwards to those unseen agents who did so much for people's spiritual good. Angels, like men and women, were both good and bad; there was no man who was perfectly good, or wholly bad, but with angels it was different, for they were either wholly good or wholly bad. Therefore, the festival of St. Michael was to remind men of their fallen state, and how the bad angels were ever going about, under the direction of their leader Satan, to tempt and to destroy the souls of mankind. Satan was going to and fro in the world—"he goeth up and down like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." In the present age the personality of the devil was lightly received and scoffed at by some people, but that was not so in earlier times, and our Saxon forefathers held that Satan was a very real personality. The passing bell at church was rung to drive away those angels of Satan who would molest the terrified and fleeing soul on its passage to Heaven. It was held that the sound of the bell kept Satan aloof, and allowed the soul to get a good start in its flight heavenwards. In Essex the custom was to ring a bell at death, a large bell, such as the tenor, being rung to drive away the evil spirits when a fully grown man or woman died, and a smaller bell when a child died.

In the present changed and changing world the honourable calling of the church bell ringers served a useful purpose in summoning men to service. Some of them still thought the devil was going about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he might devour, and it was the duty of the ringers to resist the attack of Satan on the souls of men. The ringing of bells during war time served to remind men of their duty to God. It was Satan's way to take the souls of men by guile; to catch them off their guard. In the present age people were likely to allow the claims of business, of pleasure, of family, to drown the voices of their conscience. When the church bells were handled skillfully and reverently they carried God's message over hills and dales to all sorts and conditions of men; they tended to "draw all the powers of darkness down, and win the well-fought day."

DISTRICT MASTER'S EXAMPLE.

After service the annual meeting was held in the Rayne Church School, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, presiding. A letter was read from Sapper G. Pannell, R.E., of Gestingthorpe, Master of the North-Eastern District, who is on active service, stating that he was willing to continue in office if the members wished it. The meeting unanimously decided to re-elect Sapper Pannell, and Mr. Howard said he had set a good example in the matter of serving his country. The Gestingthorpe band of ringers had joined the Army. When war broke out Mr. Pannell enlisted, but was afterwards sent home for a small defect, and later on, when the stringent restrictions were modified, he joined again, and was now serving in the Army. He had proved himself a very keen soldier, and the best wishes of the meeting should be sent to him, together with the hope for a speedy return (applause).

Mr. B. Redgwell, Rayne, was re-elected hon. secretary to the district, the Master stating he had done the work remarkably well in one of the most trying years the Association ever had. Mr. Redgwell volunteered for the office at a time of great difficulty, and he had proved a very capable secretary for the North-Eastern district, which extended from Dunmow to Harwich.

Five new probationer members were then elected, three from Felsted and two from Earl's Colne, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Halsland.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Rayne for the use of the Parish Church and bells, and to the choir and organist of Rayne for assisting in the service. Mr. Howard said he had also the pleasing duty to propose a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. T. W.

Eyre, hon. secretary to the Essex Association of Change Ringers, for conducting the service and delivering the sermon in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Rayne. He (Mr. Howard) was very much interested in the sermon Mr. Eyre preached, for it conveyed his own idea exactly of what churches should be to ringers. All ringers should be Churchmen first, and seek to carry out as far as possible the teaching of the Church. The subject of the ministry of angels was a very important one, and had always been of interest. He (Mr. Howard) was a strong believer in angels, and it was a great privilege for ringers to have heard such an address. In the present times, when men needed all the guidance it was possible to get in living the strongest life that could be lived, it was helpful to know they would be supported by the angels, who had a great influence in their lives. As to the message of the bells, if people would only allow themselves to be impressed by bells, a message would be received. In the present days of war, some people thought the bells should be subdued, but he did not think that should be done, because the bells carried messages of consolation to many who in the present distress needed comfort and support (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre suitably responded, and the meeting closed. Afterwards ringing was renewed on the church bells, and on handbells kindly lent by Mr. B. Redgwell.

A LEICESTERSHIRE GATHERING.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET AT KIRBY MUXLOE.

On Saturday week, at the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew, Kirby Muxlow, Leicestershire, an interesting ceremony was performed in the dedication and unveiling of a marbled tablet recording the first peal on the bells by the local ringers. There were present, besides these, Miss L. A. Willson (St. John's, Leicester), Messrs. J. Morris, E. Morris, T. H. Hardy, A. Ballard (St. Margaret's, Leicester), Mr. E. Hughes (St. Mark's, Leicester), Messrs. A. B. Mason and L. Jackson (St. Mary's, Anstey), and several friends. A shortened form of evensong was read by the Rev. Gannell (priest-in-charge), during which the Nunc Dimittis, Psalm 115, and Hymns 242 and 215 (A. and M.) were sung. Before the close of the service, the clergy and ringers assembled in the tower porch, where Mr. F. J. Bowley, the tower keeper and donor of the tablet, called upon the Rev. O. Philpott, Rector of Glenfield and Kirby, to dedicate it. After the dedication prayers were said, and Mrs. Gannell, wife of the Priest-in-Charge, unveiled the tablet, which is of white marble, and reads: "St. Bartholomew, Kirby Muxloe: This tablet is erected to the five members of this church who did ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5040 changes), in 2 hrs. 44 mins., on Monday, April 13th, 1914, called in ten different ways, tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs., A flat: Albert E. Davey treble, Horace O. Over 2, T. C. Neville Lambert 3, Frederick J. Bowley 4, Henry Hollis tenor. Conducted by H. Hollis. Clergy, Rev. O. Philpott, M.A., Rector; Rev. H. C. Gannell, B.A., Priest-in-Charge; E. P. Rose, H. Knibb, churchwardens. First peal on the bells by local ringers. F. J. Bowley, tower keeper."

After the unveiling all reassembled in the church, where the Rev. G. M. Edmonds, Vicar of Stoke Golding (who is also a change ringer) delivered an address, basing his remarks on the text, 1 Cor., xiv., 10, "There are so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification." He spoke especially of the bells and of their significance as part of the Church's voice; indeed in many instances they were the only voice from the Church which ever touched many of those who so often listened to them. They were the voice of the Church which called men to her services of prayer, praise and thanksgiving. They spoke as nothing else ever could to express the deepest of our emotions, whether of joyfulness and rejoicing, or of sorrow and distress; whether in our own individual, or parochial, or even our national life. The speaker also referred to the duties of all ringers, not only to themselves but also to the Church, to keep their work holy and sacred as belonging to, and as part of, the Church's service. It was a most helpful, impressive and instructive address, touching as it did, all who were present.

After the service the whole company adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a most excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bowley. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, by A. Ballard 1-2, J. Morris 3-4, E. Morris 5-6, I. H. Hardy 7-8, whilst a selection of tunes were rung by the latter three, accompanied on the piano by Miss L. A. Willson, A.V.C.M.

The Rector then spoke of the first success of his ringers in accomplishing their first peal, and also of their devotion not only to their ringing, but also to their church in many other ways.—Mr. Bowley, Mr. Hollis (the conductor), and the Rev. Gannell acknowledged the Rector's remarks.

On behalf of the visitors, Mr. E. Morris said he wished to thank Mr. Bowley for his kind invitation that afternoon, but more especially to congratulate the ringers on ringing, without any help whatever from others, their first peal, which, although only of Grandsire Doubles, would, he hoped, be the forerunner of other and greater achievements.—Mr. T. H. Hardy also spoke of the pleasure it had given them to be present at the unveiling, and also that two of the members had joined the Association, and the others wished to do so shortly.

Returning to the belfry, several six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, thus terminating a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

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TWO INTERESTING PEAL TABLETS.

The two peal tablets of which photographs are given below are of special interest. The first was unveiled in the Baptistery of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, a week or two ago, and records the only twelve bell peal

rung for the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary and the other is that presented to Portishead tower by the Bath and Wells Association to commemorate the peal rung at that church by the band of local ladies.



The handsome tablet erected at St. Martin's, Birmingham, is of admirable design and execution, and was made by Messrs. O. C. Hawkes, Ltd., of Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham.

The tablet itself, which measures 48in. by 36in., is of heavy plate glass, with the lettering incised on the back (to preserve it from the



The Portishead board is beautifully executed in oak, and was unveiled at a meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on October 16th.

atmosphere) and inlaid with English gold leaf, the Royal Arms being done in colours, the whole on a black background. It is mounted in a fumed oak frame of deep section, harmonising with the adjacent screen work of the Baptistery.

MUFFLED RINGING AT BATH. ABBEY SOCIETY HONOUR NURSE CAVELL.

On Friday last the bells of Bath Abbey were rung muffled by the Abbey company, in memory of Nurse Cavell, and as a tribute to her great sacrifice. A touch of 575 Grandfire Caters was brought round by: C. Bell 1, A. Hudd 2, G. Temple 3, C. Goodenough 4, W. J. Prescott 5, H. E. Holder 6, G. Harding 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, H. W. Brown 9, T. Hogsflesh 10.

At the conclusion of the evening service, at St. James Church, Bath, on October 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. B. Moore), a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples (1259 changes) was rung in 51 mins., by: W. H. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, C. Dansley 4, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 5, C. W. Bell 6, R. J. Cousins 7, H. Newman 8. This touch was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Rev. C. E. Doudney, Vicar of St. Luke's, Bath, who, as a Chaplain to the Forces, has laid down life in France. The Rev. R. W. B. Moore ascended the tower, and sat through the whole of the ringing, afterwards thanking the ringers "for such a fitting conclusion to a Memorial Sunday."

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday last, and was attended by about 40 members. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Bob Minor, Grandfire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

Tea was served in the School Room, and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the churchwardens, the Rev. A. J. Greaves, Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. R. T. Turner (secretary Kettering district), and Mr. F. Stubbs (secretary Thrapston district). The towers represented were: Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Wellingborough, Finedon, Burton Latimer, Isham, Earl's Barton, Raunds, Rothwell, Northampton, Weston Favell, Sharnbrook, and the local ringers.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Finedon.—Four new members were elected from Irthlingborough.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who provided tea.—The Vicar's reply closed a very enjoyable meeting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT DARLINGTON.

The 38th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Darlington on Saturday last. Owing to the war, the proceedings were rather shortened, and the usual dinner was not held.

During the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church (St. Cuthbert's) and Holy Trinity were rung by the members in several methods. The Association wish to acknowledge the kindness of the Vicar of Darlington (the Rev. D. Walker) and the Vicar of Holy Trinity (the Rev. F. Peacock) in allowing the bells to be rung.

A committee meeting took place in the afternoon, at which representatives were present from Darlington, Newcastle, Gateshead, Benfieldside, Gosforth, Bishop Auckland, and other places. Service was held at St. Cuthbert's Church, and attended by about 35 members, and the Vicar, in his address, welcomed the Association to Darlington. He dwelt upon the change observable in the attitude of ringers towards the services of the church, and said in former times there appeared to be in the mind of the average bell ringer some sort of feeling of detachment from the sacredness of the place to which he was summoning the people. There has, however, been a great change in that respect, and now they had the ringers real Churchmen, pillars of the Church, rather than buttresses, men who associated themselves with the service. Referring to the history of bells, the legends and romances associated with them, he said in this country we owed bells to Benedict Biscop, a man associated with what was the ancient Diocese of Durham, which included Newcastle.

After the service a collection was made for the "Ringing World" War Fund, a sum of eighteen shilling being the sum handed over.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At five o'clock tea was served at the King's Head Hotel, when a numerous gathering met together. After tea the usual meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr. C. L. Roulledge, who was supported by the Rev. H. S. Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead), the Rev. B. Jealous (of Gosforth), Professor M. C. Potter, Mr. A. M. C. Field, Mr. T. Metcalfe, and other well-known ringers.

The toast of "The King" having been duly honoured, the President proposed the toast of the Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, and in doing so, said the Association gratefully acknowledge the encouragement of the Bishops, and was sure they would always feel that with the support their lordships gave the members would do their best, in the sphere in which they were proud to be church workers.—The toast was coupled with the names of the Rector of Gateshead, and the Rev. B. Jealous, who feelingly responded.

The President next proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Darlington for his address and the use of the bells of St. Cuthbert's, and to the Rev. Peacock, of Holy Trinity, for allowing the members to ring the bells there.—The Rev. P. Walker was, through having to attend an important parochial gathering, unable to be present at the meeting, but sent his apology, and said had he been free nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to be present.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. T. Potter) read the financial statement, which showed a balance of £1 2s. 7d. due to the treasurer, but several subscriptions had been received since the account was prepared and the adverse balance was wiped out.

The annual report stated that owing to the war the work of the Association had been curtailed, and there was little of interest to lay before them. Peal ringing on tower bells was now out of the question, even ringing for evening service was not allowed in many places by the authorities. Ferry's list of Sunday service ringing showed that sixteen belfries only had made returns. Last year it was agreed that the six bell towers should be put into a section separate from the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers, and a first and second certificate only awarded in each class. Taking the six bell towers, the first was Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert) with 1030.48 points, next was Darlington (Holy Trinity) with 212.27 points. With regard to the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, was first with 1423.41 points, and Whitley Bay second with 898.34 points. Benfieldside showed an excellent list, 45,640 changes in 19 methods. St. Ignatius had a splendid record also, including 16,480 changes of Superlative Major. Whitley Bay had a full sheet, and their regular Sunday ringing was exceedingly creditable to that enthusiastic band.

Mr. E. E. Ferry presented the certificates to the successful towers.

A vote of thanks to the officers was heartily accorded, and the rule as to election of officers suspended, to allow the officials to retain their offices for another year.

It was also resolved that in the case of members serving in H.M. forces non-payment of subscriptions should not affect their position as members of the Association.

The Secretary announced that he was preparing a roll of honour of all those serving in the navy or army; up to the present he had 60 names.

The meetings for 1916 were arranged as follows: The pre-lent meeting at Welam; Whit-Monday at Bishop Auckland; July meeting at Barnard Castle, and the next annual meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL AUTHORITIES.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, on Saturday week.

These bells are not very often rung now, and it was probably owing to this fact that a large number of ringers put in an appearance. They certainly did not turn up for the pleasure of ringing on this occasion, for they well knew (at least those who had "had some" before, well knew) that there is no pleasure about it. Nearly all the bells go badly, some worse than others, and one at least, the 9th, has been very aptly described as a real "chest-cracker." In addition to this the bells themselves are, for the most part, rather poor, the salvation of the ring from utter condemnation being the grand tenor. This bell is undoubtedly a real beauty, and of course "a good tenor covereth a multitude of faults," so that when they are all going they are quite passable.

There is dire need here for the attentions of the bell hanger—and founder too—but the writer understands there are no funds available at present. The ideal scheme would be to clear the lot out, recast and augment the bells to twelve, and hang them in a modern frame. The tower is spacious, and there is plenty of room for a ring of twelve in keeping with the dignity of the Cathedral to be hung on one level.

Wm. Hutton, the Birmingham historian, has left it on record that at one time there was great rivalry between the "Old" Church (St. Martin's) and the "New" Church (St. Philip's, erected 1711), and that this rivalry existed between the pulpits, the choirs, the ringers, and the authorities. The story goes that some time about the year 1750, St. Martin's having decided to place a peal of eight bells in the tower. St. Philip's decided to go one better, and placed a ring of ten in its tower. On hearing of this the authorities of the Mother Church stayed their hands for a while, and then increased their order from eight to ten (1785). A few years later, to make the position quite secure, they augmented the bells of the old church from ten to twelve (1771).

This story may or may not be true, but it is a fact that the Parish Church has made all the running for over a century and a half, and the people of Birmingham would have nothing to regret if St. Philip's decided to challenge this supremacy some fine day. Incidentally we may remark that if they would have a better ring of twelve than St. Martin's, they have got a long way to go.

So much for the bells.

The business meeting was held in the belfry. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

Before passing to routine business the Chairman alluded in a feeling manner to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Lieut. W. D. James, who was killed in action in France on Sept. 25th. He read a letter he had received from Mr. James' father acknowledging a note of sympathy he had sent on behalf of members, and the secretary also read one he had had in response to a similar letter of condolence. In concluding his remarks the Chairman requested all present to stand in silence for a few moments as a last token of respect for their gallant comrade.

Six new members were duly elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting in January next at headquarters.

During the afternoon and evening, ringing was indulged in in the following methods. Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, the latter being the first on the bells.

The bells were lowered about 8.30, and the members adjourned to a room at a near-by hotel for a social hour.

The thanks of the members are due, and are hereby tendered to, the Rector, Bishop Hamilton Baynes, for his kindness in granting the use of his bells, and the writer wishes to express the hope that the suggestion made above may not be entirely overlooked when the time comes that money may be available.

A. P. S.

SOUTHGATE'S LOSS.

Southgate has sustained a big loss by the death of Mr. A. R. Barker, J.P., for 26 years Vicar's warden, and also an honorary member for some years of the Middlesex Association, who died on October 26th at the age of 73 years.

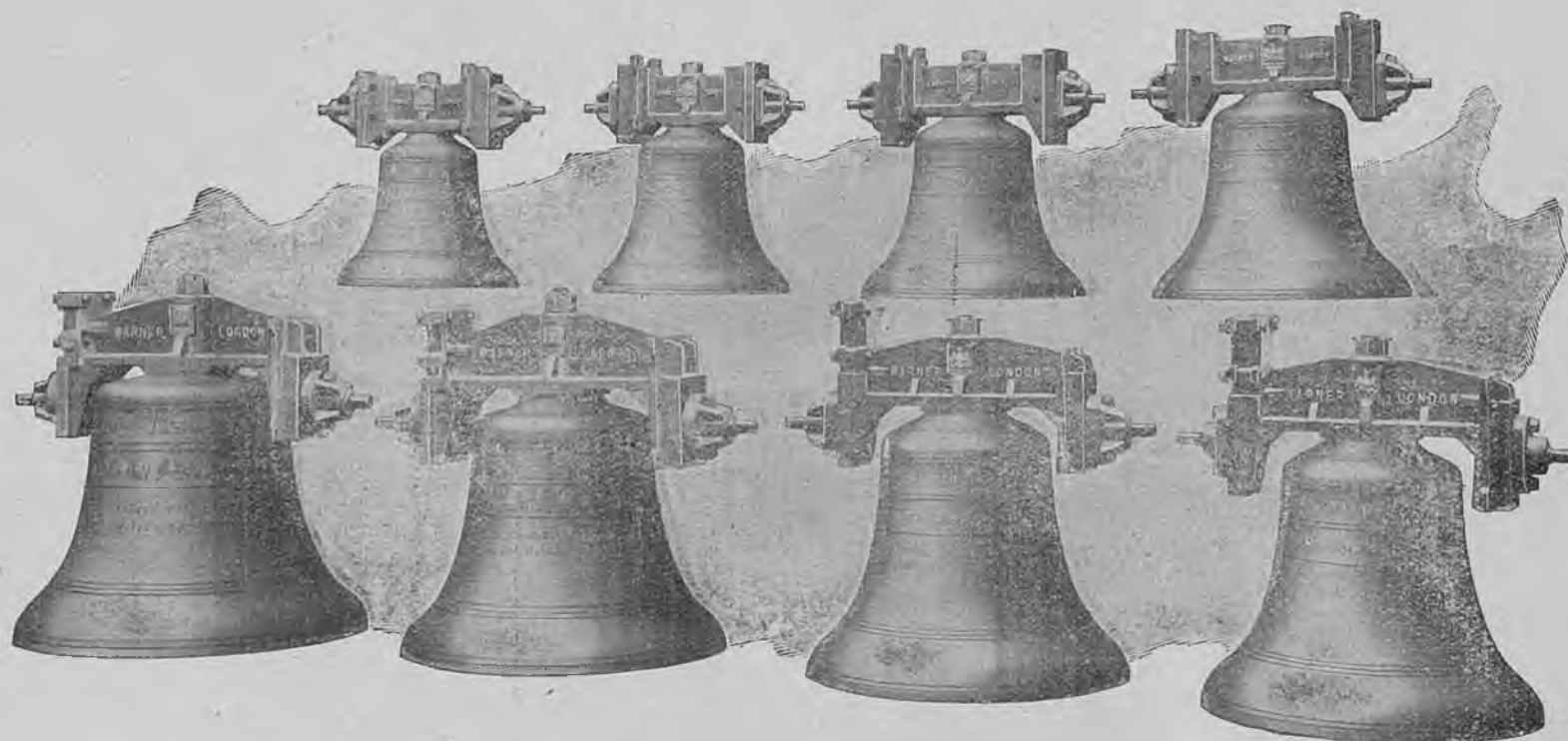
The funeral took place at Southgate on Saturday last, the service being conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. A. E. B. Sanders, Vicar of Edmonton), assisted by the Vicar of Southgate (the Rev. C. F. Peploe), and the Rev. J. Boardall, Vicar of Yateley, and late Vicar of Southgate. The funeral was attended by four of the local ringers, who also sent a wreath.

After the funeral a half-muffled touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung, followed by the whole pull and stand, and 336 Stedman Triples, the following taking part: A. R. Glasscock, G. Bester, N. A. Tomlinson, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, F. G. Tegg, S. Wade, A. G. Cram, and J. Armstrong.

On Sunday morning a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but was lost owing to a shift course.

The ringers have received from the widow a nice letter thanking them for the wreath which they sent, and also for their kindness in ringing the bells half-muffled.

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AN OLD HAMPSHIRE RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. GEORGE BROWN, OF TWYFORD.**

The death has occurred at Twyford, Hants, of Mr. George Brown, the leader of the ringers and a foremost parishioner. The deceased, who was 68 years of age, died somewhat suddenly, although he had been in failing health for some time. He was a native of Owslebury, but went to Twyford about 40 years ago. A bootmaker by trade, he was one of those men who make themselves indispensable in a rural community. He had been assistant overseer and clerk of the Parish Council until about five years ago, while he served the church in many capacities. He was parish clerk under five incumbents, sang in the choir for many years, and was a bell ringer for a very long time. He was immensely interested in ringing, although only a "tenor man," and did much to encourage the young members to make progress. It was he who collected most of the money to add the two trebles which, about 15 years ago, were put in to complete the octave, and he promised the local band a tablet for the first peal they rang. This was accomplished in 1913, and the board, which Mr. Brown gave to commemorate the event, now adorns the belfry walls. The change ringing which was introduced into the tower sprang originally from the work of Mr. George Williams, the present hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild, who, more than thirty years ago, used to cycle from Wickham, twelve miles away, to give instruction, and the work received every encouragement from Mr. Brown, even in those days.

The funeral, which took place at the Parish Church, was attended by a representative gathering of parishioners, and after the interment the ringers rang the bells with muffled clappers.

TRURO'S NEW CLOCK.

A large clock, striking the hours and chiming the Westminster quarters, and showing time on four 5-foot dials, has just been erected in Truro Town Hall by that well-known firm, Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Milland Clock Works, Derby.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Shoreditch, Saturday, November 6th. Tower open 2.30. Ringing up to 6.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warmley (6) on Saturday, November 13th. Bells open 3.30, service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Visitors warmly welcomed. Subscriptions now due. Please notify by November 9th those intending to be present to G. W. Tomkins, 22, Court Road, Horfield.

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

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, 7, Grove Street, Raunds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 13th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at Chase's Restaurant at 5 o'clock, business meeting immediately after. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

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EVENING RINGING SUSPENDED.

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MODERN WORK.

RECRUITING FOR THE BELFRY.

Last week we had a word to say to those Associations who have neglected territory upon their borders, and suggested that, now there is a lull in actual ringing activities, the present is a good opportunity of organising any ground which may be none too well looked after. This week we should like to address ourselves more particularly to individual towers. War's demands have played sad havoc with the personnel of most of the belfries throughout the country and while, in a number of instances, those remaining have done a great deal to fill up the vacancies by bringing in ladies, or youths, there are still, unfortunately, very many towers where the absence of men on military duty has left gaps not yet filled. Under Lord Derby's scheme, more ringers will be "joining up," so that the ranks will be further depleted, and in numerous cases there will soon be in many places not enough men to chime the bells, much less to ring them.

Competent ringers are not made in a week or two, and it is time that something should be done, unless, in these towers, the bells are to remain practically silent. A correspondent suggests that we should urge the ringers who are left in every parish to recruit at least half-a-dozen lads of from 12 to 16 years of age, teach them to ring rounds on tower bells and change ringing on handbells. There are not, he says, enough probationers in many of our County and Diocesan Associations. With that, we must say, we agree, for it is too often forgotten that the probationer of to-day is the full-fledged ringer of to-morrow, and never was there a time when, in the interests of ringing, it was more necessary to prepare for "to-morrow." There is an advantage, too, in getting hold of a beginner when he is young, for not only does he learn, perhaps, more quickly than at any other age, but he has time to get sufficiently keen upon the art so that his interest in it is sustained, even if, with manhood, he afterwards seeks other fields of labour beyond his native heath.

Many of our men who have joined the Army will, unfortunately, never return, and even when the war is over it may be some time before those who are with the colours will be able to return to their civil vocations. The finances of our ringing organisations, too, have suffered, so that it is time to take steps to improve the position as far as possible, and energetic effort amongst Church people, with the clergy in sympathy, would doubtless do a great deal to recruit not only the active ranks, but income as well. There ought to be few parishes where, either from among the youths or the ladies, sufficient help could not be obtained to make up the belfry strength to a proper and efficient standard, and a natural consequence would be the strengthening of the financial resources of the Associations. But the effort must begin in the individual towers.

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and Worcester Cathedrals etc., etc.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 1, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| TITUS BARLOW Treble | RICHARD P. HEALD ... 5 |
| FRED ABBOTT 2 | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| *P.C. PETER CROOK ... 4 | ROBERT ALLRED Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by J. POTTER.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal in the method. Being All Saints' Day, the bells were muffled as a token of respect to our fallen heroes.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

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| *FRED BANKS Treble | RICHARD P. HEALD ... 5 |
| HERBERT ALLRED 2 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6 |
| BENJAMIN ALLRED 3 | P.C. PETER CROOK 7 |
| HARRY ALLRED 4 | ROBERT ALLRED Tenor |

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled in honour of and respect to those who have so nobly and readily given up their lives in the great war.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD-DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1915, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

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| GEORGE A. KING Treble | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. 5 |
| HARRY HOLIFIELD 2 | JAMES FRANKLIN 6 |
| WILLIAM STONE 3 | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 7 |
| ALBERT E. LOCK 4 | WILLIAM COX Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. Frank Webb, who was laid to rest at Kidlington on the above date.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| HENRY CHANCE Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD 5 |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT 2 | ERNEST GIBBS 6 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3 | *CHARLES CAMM 7 |
| ERNEST E. BARKER ... 4 | FREDERICK BRYAN Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Triples as conductor. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch and was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the sailors and soldiers who have fallen in the war, especially those from the parish of Upton-on-Severn.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES COTTERELL Treble | JOHN MCKELL 5 |
| REV. C. C. MARSHALL, M.A. 2 | JOSEPH BROADLEY 6 |
| JOE HARDCASTLE 3 | GEORGE B. BOLLAND ... 7 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON 4 | HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. William Snowden, a past President of the Association for 25 years; also to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Vice-President of the Association.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 7, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| PTE. THOMAS KING | ... Treble | RIFLEMAN B. PREWETT ... 5 |
| WILLIAM DREW | ... 2 | EDWARD CHATTEN 6 |
| FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3 | | NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 7 |
| JOHN SPENCER | ... 4 | FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor |

Composed by the late JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This was the conductor's 950th peal. T. King belongs to the
Suffolk Regt., B. Prewett to the London Rifle Brigade.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

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| Amount already acknowledged | £ s. d. |
| York Minster Society, October Collection
(per Mr. G. Horner) | 116 11 5 |
| Collected at the Annual Service of the Dur-
ham and Newcastle Diocesan Association
at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington (per Mr. G.
T. Potter) | 0 4 0 |
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| Total | £117 13 5 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving with H.M.
Forces:—

- Pte William Audsley, of St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent, Royal
Horse Artillery.
Pte A. James, junr., of SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent,
R.F.A., Howitzer Battery, now at Hitler Green.
Albert Anscombe, of Southover, Lewes, R.G.A., Dover.
From St. Luke's, Bromley Common:—
Gunner W. Grace, R.F.A., now in the Cameroons.
F. Herbert, R.A.M.C., now at Eastbourne.
J. Lyddiard, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C., North London.
Sergt. J. Bullock, of St. Mary's, Islington, 83rd Brigade R.F.A.
Ammunition Column, now in France.
Pte R. F. Deal, of St. Mary's, Islington, and late of Australia,
226th Field Co. Royal Engineers, now at Salisbury Plain.
Pte A. E. York, of the Parish Church, Rothwell, Northants,
Royal Flying Corps.
Gnr. Harry Maxim, of St. James', Stanstead, Suffolk, Royal
Garrison Artillery.
Pte Frank Crissell, of St. James', Stanstead, Suffolk, East Surrey
Regiment.
Pte Arthur Fernley, of Norbury Parish Church, Cheshire, 17th
Cheshire Regiment, now at Whitechurch, Salop.
From Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil:—
Shoering Smith J. Reed, R.E., somewhere in France.
Pte A. E. Harris, R.A.M.C., now at Cardiff.
Trooper Tom Davies, Glamorgan Yeomanry.
Pte A. Burgess, R.A.M.C., now at Cardiff.
Pte Joe Williams, R.A.M.C., now at Cardiff.

MR. F. WOODHEAD'S ILLNESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Since our appeal to raise funds for a self-propelling chair
for Mr. Francis Woodhead, formerly a ringer at Leeds Parish Church,
we regret to say that he has had another seizure, and we learn that a
chair will be of no use to him now. So under the circumstances it has
been decided to hand the money over to him. Trusting this will meet
with the approval of all subscribers. We are pleased to acknowledge the
following contributions: Previously acknowledged, £9 1s.; Newcastle-
on-Tyne, 5s.; Calverley, 5s.; Mr. E. Wheaton, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Idle,
2s. 6d.; Friend, 2s. 6d.; Barnsley Ringers, 10s.; Tong Ringers, 5s.;
Pudsey Ringers, 10s.; Mr. John McKell, 2s. 6d.; total, £11 6s.—Yours
truly,

H. TOMLINSON (Leeds Parish Church).

P. L. COOPER (Holbeck St. Matthew's).

12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

KING ALBERT'S BIRTHDAY.

Next Monday, the 15th, is the day fixed for the celebration in England
and France of the birthday of King Albert of the Belgians. Here is an
opportunity for ringers to pay their tribute to a gallant king and a
gallant nation who have sacrificed all for the sake of honour.

BELLS IN WAR.

During the present war we have read a good deal about the part
which bells have played in hostilities. The sounding of a church bell
was the first warning note of the invasion of Belgium; during Russia's
masterly retreat we frequently heard of the care which was taken to
remove all church bells to prevent them falling into enemy hands.
Then, too, many Austrian churches gave their cracked bells to the
Government to be melted down for implements of war in the hope
that, if their nation is victorious, the bells may be replaced—presum-
ably at the expense of the vanquished.

A big bronze bell was until recently used in the German trenches
on the western front to signal British attacks. It was recently cap-
tured by our troops. Its usage, says a writer in the "Daily Chronicle,"
recalls a curious old custom of war. On the capture of a besieged town
the church bells became, ipso facto, the perquisites of the chief artil-
lery officer on the attacking side. Whether these were to be melted
down and used as raw metal, or whether their shape suggested easy
conversion into mortars, is not quite clear. But that the custom is
not altogether obsolete may be judged from the fact that, in accord-
ance with it, at least one temple bell was commandeered from a
Burmese pagoda scarcely 30 years ago.

There was often military utility, adds a correspondent, in the old
custom of handing over the bells of a captured town to be melted
down. For the bells were usually the recognised way of rousing the
citizens and surrounding villagers, and the conqueror wished to run no
risks. "He who commands the bells commands the town," was an
axiom in the days of faction fights, and evidence of the importance
of bells may be found in the fact that those of the cathedral often
belonged, not to the cathedral chapter, but the municipality.

Through the Cardinal Archbishop of Budapest, the Roman Catholic
Church in Hungary formally announces its readiness to surrender the
church bells for military purposes, without waiting for any official
requisition. Inventories of the bells have already been taken. It is
proposed to hand over those from the larger cities and towns first, and
later, if necessary, the bells from the village churches. For the pre-
sent one bell at least will be left in each tower, and at present it is
not proposed to take any bells which have a special or historic value.

A telegram from New York states, which we can quite believe, that
the Germans are making life miserable to the Belgians in a thousand
ways. Not long ago the German commandant at Namur sent a cir-
cular letter to all the priests in the district ordering them to notify
him in writing of the time when the bells in their churches were rung.
Not a bell was to be rung without previous notification to the com-
mander, and the ringing had to be to the minute of the hour named.
As a result of this order several priests were fined £50 each and sent
to gaol for three months for permitting the bells to be rung at un-
authorised times.

RINGER'S EXPERIENCES IN BELGIUM.

Writing from "somewhere in Belgium," Sergt. J. W. Russell, of
Signal Section 721 B, formerly of Dorking, and a member of the Win-
chester Guild, says, in a letter to Mr. F. E. Dawe, that since he left
England on August 31st he has spent a lot of his time in travelling
up and down the western front. "My first action," he continues,
"was what is known in the papers as the 'great advance,' and since
that we have been in a different part of the front altogether. Of
course you must understand that we do not spend the whole of our time
in the trenches. Personally, I have only spent two whole nights in
them during the whole time, although some of my men are in the
trenches throughout the period we are 'up,' as it is called. I spend
more of my time, nights especially, at headquarters, although even
there we are often in the danger zone, especially if the enemy gets
'jumpy' enough to let loose his heavy artillery—then the safest place
is a dug-out.

"It is difficult to describe the amount of damage done to the country
by heavy gun fire. In some places whole villages are practically
levelled to the ground, just a base wall standing here or there, but no
semblance of a house, and of course the ground around it is nothing
but a series of holes that may be anything from 2ft. to 30ft. in dia-
meter and up to 10ft. in depth. Undoubtedly the enemy's guns are
capable of doing an enormous amount of damage, although I think
that now we have just about got their measure in that respect, and
can hold our own easily.

"How is ringing progressing? I suppose it is as quiet as ever. One
thing I am pretty certain of and that is that a good many of the good
bands will never meet again. I am afraid I am getting quite an out-
sider now, for I haven't seen a 'Ringing World' since coming out.

"We had his Majesty the King to visit us one day recently. I was
lucky enough to be in the guard of honour. I thought he was looking
very well indeed, considering the weight he has to carry just now.
The Prince of Wales is making good out here."

MR. SAM WOOD'S LOSS.

The sympathy of his many friends will go out to Mr. Sam Wood, of
Ashton-under-Lyne, in the loss which he has sustained by the death of
his son, who was an aeroplane inspector.

A VISIT TO ALDBOURNE.

SWINDON RINGERS' ENJOYABLE TRIP.

The Swindon Parish Church ringers, not having had an outing for two years, decided to visit the interesting and typical Wiltshire downland village of Aldbourne on the afternoon of Saturday week. A motor char-a-banc was engaged, and the well-filled vehicle left Swindon soon after two o'clock for the pleasant run of nine miles to the destination. The first three miles are uneventful, and then a two-mile rise has to be negotiated through the pretty little village of Liddington, which brings one right on to the downs. In passing, the picturesque and prominently placed old village of Wanborough lies to the left, the church being interesting from the fact that it is one of three in England having central and western towers, the other two being at Purton, six miles west of Swindon, and Ormskirk, in Lancashire. The local tradition is that these churches were built at the joint expense of two sisters, one of whom was in favour of a western tower, and the other a central one, so to solve the problem two towers were built to meet the wishes of each sister. This is quite a pretty little legend, but probably not the real explanation. Perhaps some reader interested in these matters can throw further light on the subject and give the real cause.

On arriving at the summit of the hill a glorious view unfolds itself. Immediately on the right is Liddington Camp, between 900 and 1,000 feet above sea level. This ancient encampment occupies a very prominent position, commanding the whole country round. Undoubtedly it was at one time strongly fortified, as the deep entrenchments now remaining indicate. There are several other similar camps in the district which tend to show that Wiltshire played a very prominent part in the early history of this country, and it is interesting to record that the fine fighting qualities of the Wiltshireman survive, as, according to statistics, the county is well to the fore in providing soldiers to fight for the old country in the present war. It is supposed that these encampments are of ancient British origin, and that they were also used by the Romans during their occupation.

Many British and Roman remains have been discovered in the district, and Upper Bham, about two miles south-east of Liddington Camp, is the site of an ancient British village. Curiously enough the War Office has recently acquired a lot of land about two miles west of Liddington, and a vast training camp has been formed there, and it is stated that it will be the depot for three cavalry regiments after the war is over.

Proceeding on our journey, the road over which we now run is delightfully soft and flinty, and of a switch-back character. The air invigorates, and the scene as we speed along is attractive. The downs spread out in soft lines, most pleasing to the eye, sturdy and very woolly down sheep eye us suspiciously, the larks sing merrily, and hares and partridges abound. What a feast of colour it is all around, with the trees, fields, and downland. Houses are few and far between, but still the journey is fascinating to those who have the desire to look about and appreciate the beauties of nature. Just before arriving at Aldbourne a huge arable field attracts the eye, as it is one veritable mass of colour. The crop is turnips with dark green leaves, but the principal feature is a most prolific growth of charlock, a beautiful, but noxious weed, with luxuriant yellow bloom, and interspersed are thousands of the finest and reddest poppies. It was a beautiful colour picture.

THE BIRTH OF CHANGE RINGING IN WILTS.

The interesting old village of Aldbourne is at length reached, and we can now reveal the object of our visit. The bells have recently been rehung, and we wanted to try them, permission having been readily granted. The massive timber frame had got in a very bad state, and as a consequence it was a laborious task to ring the bells even for a short time.

The authorities invited Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, to inspect and report, and as a result of his visit it was decided to undertake the restoration. A representative committee was formed, with the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Butler, as chairman, and Mr. Charles Smith, the people's warden, undertook to act as secretary and treasurer, and it is largely through the tact and enthusiasm of the latter gentleman that the scheme has been so successfully carried through. Appeals were issued early in 1914, before this terrible war started, and the response was so liberal that the success of the scheme was soon apparent. Estimates were obtained from three eminent firms, with the result that the tender of Messrs. John Warner and Sons was accepted. A description of the work done by them has already appeared in these columns. The Spitalfields Foundry firm have carried out the work with characteristic excellence.

The village of Aldbourne is remarkably self contained, and has many pleasant features, but the grand old church of St. Michael dominates everything, standing as it does on rising ground just above the village. In the good old days before the railways, Aldbourne was a populous and exceedingly prosperous place with many industries, but the railways which have made so many places, have slowly but surely strangled this formerly thriving village.

Change ringing in the county of Wilts had its birth at Aldbourne, and it was contemporary with the palmy days of the bell foundry there, established by Cor and continued by Wells. It is reasonable to suppose

that change ringing was introduced by the latter, as he probably became interested in the art through moving in connection with his extensive business of a bell founder and hanger in circles where it was practised. Four peals of Grandsire Triples were rung at Aldbourne, and one about the same time at Highworth, 15 miles north-west of the village. A board was placed there to record the event, but apparently this has now been lost, although the late Rev. F. E. Robinson remembers having seen it during his many visits as a boy, while his grandfather was Vicar there.

The three interesting old peal boards at Aldbourne have been rescued, restored and placed in the ringing chamber, where they should remain for generations to record the prowess of the old band. The inscriptions are as follows:

May 3rd, 1791, rung 5040 Grandsire Triples by Jno. North tripple, Wm. Gwynn 2nd, Edne Wilts 3rd, Levi Pizzi 4th, Wm. Lawrance 5th, Broome Wilts (called the bobbs) 6th, Jas. Wells 7th, Jos. Orchard tenor.

January the 21st, 1806, was rung the peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples by John North, Levi Pizzi 2nd, Stephen Wentworth 3rd, Thomas Sheppard 4th (called the hobbs), Mark Brown 5th, James Bridgeman 6th, William Flower 7th, Joseph Dennis tenor. The peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung March 20th, and again March 27th, 1837, by James Barrett tripple, James Palmer 2nd, William Tayler 3rd (called the bobbs), John Baxter 4th, William Andrews 5th, Joseph Palmer 6th, James Smith 7th.

March 20th, George Barrett, } Tenor.
March 27th, John Beezley.

Mr. A. Palmer, the present leader of the Aldbourne band, is a ringer of over 50 years' standing, and his father rang the second to the two peals in March, 1837. Mr. Palmer remembers all the band, and assisted in ringing muffled peals for most of them.

On arriving at the church the bells, new frame and fittings were inspected by the visitors, and met with general approval. The bells were then raised in peal, and various touches rung at intervals in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative, the proceedings ending with a very good fall in peal.

The long draft of 87 feet, coupled with the fact that the ropes are new, makes ringing difficult, and it needs a proficient band to handle them, that is if good striking is to result. Undoubtedly Aldbourne possesses a grand ring of eight, and it is no exaggeration to say that the fine old tenor, which weighs about one ton, is the best of the lot, although the oldest, as she was cast in 1516, and is thus within a year of four centuries old.

After the ringing, a brief adjournment was made to the Crown, where a good course of Grandsire Cater on the handbells was much appreciated. The Swindon men, after a very pleasant afternoon, arrived safely home about 9 o'clock. Their thanks are due to the Vicar, churchwarden, and all who helped to make their visit a pleasant one. B.

"LORD MAYOR'S DAY" RINGING.

EVENTS OF PAST CENTURIES.

Doubtless much ringing has been done in London in the past in celebration of Lord Mayor's Day, but one of the early peals at Southwark was probably in celebration of the event of that year. It was rung on November 10th, 1766—the 9th having fallen on Sunday—by the Society of Cumberlands. It is recorded as "a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, consisting of 5,136 changes, in 4 hrs. 8 mins., by the following persons: George Patrick treble, Geo. Gross 2, Thos. Dunmore 3, Jno. Reeves 4, Charles Purser 5, Isaiah Bray 6, Jno. Purlevent 7, Francis Wood 8, Samuel Wood 9, Wm. Jakins 10, Wm. Scott 11, Samuel Muggeridge, Wm. Lester tenor. Composed and called by G. Patrick." There are some famous old names in this peal. Gross, Reeves and Purser, as well as Patrick, were among the leading composers and conductors of that day. Samuel Muggeridge, in 1777, rang Shoreditch tenor to the peals of 10,000 and 11,080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal. Francis Wood (Francois Du Bois, a Huguenot silk manufacturer of Lyons, who was driven out of France) was the grandfather of the late Mr. Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, and Samuel Wood was brother to Francis.

An old newspaper cutting records an accident at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, in the year 1823, while the bells were being rung on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's procession. "The tenor, or great bell, fell out of its hanging with a most tremendous crash into the pit beneath to the great alarm of the ringers who were three floors under, and who were shook as if by an earthquake. The accident was caused by the gudgeons, by which the bell was sustained, giving way, owing to their having worn down by constant friction for nearly two centuries. The more singular part of the accident was that the crown and upper part of the bell was completely severed from the remaining part, as if cut with a knife, notwithstanding its great thickness. The weight of the bell was 3,300 pounds, and it was remarkable for its fine, sonorous tone and for its having formerly for many years been tolled on the mornings of the execution of the criminals at the Old Bailey, a practice only lately discontinued. It is now, of course, rendered quite useless, and a new tenor must be cast for the peal. No blame whatever attaches to the ringers who were ringing at the time in the most skilful manner the celebrated Whittington changes in honour of the Lord Mayor."

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

HELP FOR THE BEGINNER.

From Grandsire Doubles it will probably be best to go straight to Grandsire Triples, leaving the other methods on five and six bells to later articles, and, as we pass on, I would especially emphasise the necessity of carefully studying coursing order, which, in Grandsire Triples, is, perhaps, more difficult, and therefore more important, than on any other number in the same method. Before going into this subject, however, let me remind the beginner of the effect which bobs have upon the work of a bell. Each of the positions into which a bell can fall at a bob has a specific name. When the observation bell comes to make 3rd's place it is called "Before." When the bell is called into and out of the hunt, it is known as "In" and "Out" respectively. The number of leads which a bell may be in the hunt may, of course, be anything from one to five, and therefore in calling a bell "Out," we add the number of leads, if it is more than one, such as "in and out at two," "in and out at three," etc. The other places into which a bell may fall at a bob are 6-7 down, 6-7 up and 4-5 up, which are known as 'Wrong,' 'Home' or 'Right,' and 'Middle' respectively.

As in Doubles, the calls are made when the treble, on its way to lead, comes into 3rd's place and to secure uniformity in the timing of the calls, they should be made when the bell which is coming "Before," pulls off at lead. Now, it must not be overlooked, that a bob, or single in Grandsire, causes a bell to miss one of the sequence of dodging places. After 3rd's place has been made, the dodging, provided there are no bobs, comes in the regular order of 4-5 down, 6-7 down, 6-7 up and 4-5 up, but, assuming that a bell has dodged in 4-5 down at one lead and that a bob be called at the next, the dodge in 6-7 down will be omitted, and the dodging (double in this case) will take place instead in 6-7 up, the effect of the bob being, as a matter of fact, felt before 6-7 down is reached. To the beginner who has to rely at the outset totally upon memorising the places into which his bell is going to fall at the bobs, this is an important point to remember, or he will find that he has called his bob a lead too late. To call himself in 6-7 down, or "Wrong," for instance, he must remember that the call must be made the lead after 3rd's place, that 6-7 up or "Right" comes the lead after dodging in 4-5 down, that 4-5 up or "Middle" comes the lead after dodging in 6-7 down, and that to call one's-self into the hunt, the call must be made at the lead after 6-7 up. The only position unaffected is the ordinary 3rd's place, which comes at a bob—as at a plain lead—the lead after dodging in 4-5 up. The following, which is not at all unmusical, will make a good practice touch for a beginner, for in it both the 6th and 7th are called into every position in each of the two parts, while, in the course of the whole touch, each of the other bells is called into every position.

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| 2 3 4 5 6 7 | |
| — 7 5 2 6 3 4 | I |
| — 4 6 7 3 5 2 | O |
| 4 3 6 2 7 5 | |
| — 5 2 4 7 3 6 | M |
| 5 7 2 6 4 3 | |
| 5 6 7 3 2 4 | |
| — 4 3 5 2 6 7 | R or H |
| 4 2 3 7 5 6 | |
| — 6 7 4 5 2 3 | B |
| — 3 5 6 2 7 4 | W |
| 3 2 5 4 6 7 | |

The bob leads are marked, as is customary in pricking changes, with a — to the left hand side of the figures, and on the right hand side I have indicated the position of the seventh by the initial.

This calling repeated gives a touch of 308 changes.

CONDUCTOR.

THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

A FUNERAL IMPRESSION.

On this beautiful autumn afternoon, the golden sunshine filling the sweet air, the birds trilling their lay, and the crisp leaves falling to the ground (their living part in the great scheme of nature finished), I walk round this quiet well-kept God's acre where many of the illustrious dead of the great industrial city of Sheffield sleep their last sleep.

Musing on the similarity of human life to nature, with its spring of vigour and beauty followed by the autumn of rest and peace, I come to the open grave prepared to receive the mortal remains of one of nature's gentlemen, the late Charles Henry Hattersley. No man has played his part in the chief things of life with greater devotion. His business career extended over 50 years, and for a greater period the recreative side of his character was spent in absolute single-minded attachment to the sweet sounds of the bells. He gave his best thought freely to produce the musical combinations of changes so highly prized by the skilled ringer, and his name will be borne down the ages and revered with all the old masters of the art.

Listen to the bell, calling him to his last resting place, see him reverently born thither on the strong shoulders of his comrades—men who have often listened to his words of advice and been influenced by his sterling character—and followed by many others, some from distant places, but all silent and thoughtful, with the knowledge that the genial companion will be no more seen in the flesh, that never again will his cheery voice help them along the road of life. Only memory remains.

"The life well lived is never lived in vain." The dust returns to the earth, but what of the personality, the spirit, the character? Have they not been imparted to others to help them on their journey? As we stand around this open grave and hear the sweet cadences of the handbells feelingly rung, we think of his pleasant companionship, his helpful, cheery word, his thoughtfulness for others, and we feel convinced that as long as memory lasts the inspiration gained from his genial, buoyant presence will be reflected and perpetuated by all who knew and loved him.—R.I.P.

CUMBERLANDS' SYMPATHY.

At a meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, on Saturday, a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Hattersley and her sons, upon the death of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, was passed.

MESSAGE OF REGRET FROM THE FRONT.

Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, late hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, writing to us from "somewhere in France" says: "Deeply grieved to read in the 'Ringing World' of the death of Mr. C. H. Hattersley. The Exercise is all the poorer for his loss. I have received many letters of kind encouragement and advice from him, and shall mourn him as a true friend. I also counted Mr. E. A. Davies as one of my friends in London and am sorry to hear of his death." Mr. Cave adds that he is hoping to spend a few days at home next week—an intimation which will be welcomed by his many friends in Bristol.

A muffled peal, recorded elsewhere, was rung to the memory of the late Mr. W. Snowdon and Mr. C. H. Hattersley by members of the Yorkshire Association at Headingley on Saturday.

The name of Mr. Thomas Maude, of Pudsey, one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association at the funeral of Mr. Hattersley, was incorrectly given in our last issue as Mr J. H. Maud.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful practice meeting of the Western District was held at Idle, near Bradford, on Saturday week, and despite a damp and foggy day, over 30 members attended from Bolton, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, Holbeck, Pudsey, Skipton, Shipley, Tong, and the local company. The bells, a fine new peal of eight with tenor of 15½ cwt., by Messrs. Taylor, were well utilised during the evening, the following methods being rung: Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent, Oxford and Bob Major. Handbell ringing terminated a very enjoyable practice.

A pleasing feature of this belfry is the attached cloak-room with lavatory accommodation.

The committee take this opportunity through the medium of "The Ringing World" of thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, also the local company for making the necessary arrangements.

MORE LADY RINGERS.

A guild of women bell ringers has been formed at Penn Parish Church, Bucks, by the Vicar (the Rev. B. J. S. Kerby), to take the place of the men, who have nearly all enlisted. A dozen ladies were enrolled, and there is practice four times a week.

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Capt. Cyril Elliott-Davies, who holds a commission in the Army Service Corps, is a member of the St. Andrew's, Plymouth, band.

Lieut. Pryce Taylor bears a name honoured throughout the Exercise. He is a son of Mr. John W. Taylor, the senior partner of the celebrated Loughborough firm of bell founders. Mr. Pryce Taylor, who

was educated at Shaftesbury Grammar School, and at University College, Nottingham, went into the Loughborough business after a short time at the Humber Motor Works. With his brother Arnold, he enlisted in September, 1914, in the 4th Public Schools Battalion (Royal Fusiliers). In February both were given commissions, Mr. Pryce Taylor being gazetted to the 10th Leicestershire Regiment.

BELL RENOVATION AT SOUTHPORT.

LADY'S GENEROUS UNDERTAKING.

The bells of Christ Church, Southport, having been in very bad running order for some time past, a lady member of the congregation, who wishes to remain anonymous, kindly offered to defray the cost of the necessary renovation. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, were engaged to thoroughly overhaul and repair the bells and frame, and they have fitted new gudgeons and bearings, and stayed and wedged up the frame which was found to be very loose. Caps had to be designed to fit over the gudgeons to keep out of the bearings, as much as possible, the sand which blows through the louvres in large quantities when strong winds prevail from the sea. This has been very well arranged with felt pads at top, which bind on the spindles, but do not interfere with their free running. The work was completed on Oct. 28th, and in the evening the ringers met in the belfry, and after a preliminary trial rang a touch of 448 Grandsire Triples, a feature of which was the ringing of two bells by Mr. John Thomas, of London, who has been in charge of the work. The ringers were: R. C. Bowkett 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2 and 3, S. Kay 4, J. Brandreth 5, W. Sutcliffe 6, L. Tyldesley 7, F. R. Parnell 8. Later in the evening 1058 Bob Major was rung: Jos. Rimmer 1, J. Brandreth 2, S. Kay 3, R. C. Bowkett 4, F. R. Parnell 5, W. Sutcliffe 6, L. Tyldesley 7, J. Thomas 8.

The bells will be rung as usual for the services on Sunday, and the practices will be resumed on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. The local band of ringers have had the pleasure of visits from a great number of soldier ringers who have from time to time been billeted in the town, and any who attend the belfry at the ringing hours will be sure of a hearty welcome.

"TOMMIES" TAKE UP RINGING.

Rifleman B. Prewett, of the London Rifle Brigade, who, by the way on Sunday rang his 950th peal, is improving the shining hour, as it were. Stationed at Southwold, he has roused the interest of several of his comrades in the battalion, and is teaching them to handle a bell and ring rounds. If they stay long enough near a peal of bells, doubtless he will be able to teach them, also, the rudiments of change ringing. Some of them are very keen, and promise to turn out good ringers.

DEATH OF AN OLD SUFFOLK RINGER.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Adams, of Glemsford, Suffolk, which occurred on November 4th. He was one of the old Glemsford company of ringers, and rang his first 720 at Stanstead, Suffolk, on May 20th, 1865, in which the late Mr. Samuel Slater also rang. Mr. Adams helped to found the Glemsford company of ringers in 1868, and was one of its first members. During his membership the society flourished and rang 720's in about twenty different methods, in which he took part. He had rung several peals of Treble Bob Major in the district, including one at Lavenham, of which he was very proud.

He was church clerk and sexton of Glemsford for 47 years, the last time he did duty being on October 1st, 1911. He was also the recognised town crier and bill poster. By trade a weaver, he was one of the leading members of the Weavers' trade union (now broken up). He also filled the office of grave digger at the churchyard, where all the parishioners are now buried. When the factories were in full swing it was the custom to have funerals and weddings on Saturdays. But for this he would doubtless have extended his knowledge of ringing a little more, the writer having seen him ring the tenor to Treble Bob Minor and Major. The deceased had an affection of the throat, and as he got older he became very short breathed, which caused him to cease ringing altogether. Almost the last ringing that he did was at Haverhill in 1904, on the occasion of a wedding on Shrove Tuesday of that year, just a week after the bells had been opened.

Mr. Adams died, as previously mentioned, after a long illness in his 75th year, having been born on June 13th, 1841. He leaves a grown-up family to mourn the loss of a kind father. May he rest in peace, for he was an honest and straightforward man. T. E. S.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: *J. Norris, junr., 1, *J. Perkins (Creditor, Devon) 2, A. Warboys 3, G. Cottis 4, E. G. Fenn 5, A. C. Hardy 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, G. W. Faulkner 8. * First quarter-peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—For afternoon service, on Oct. 17th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Fleming 1, J. Avis 2, W. Drew 3, A. J. Lincoln 4, H. Phillips 5, G. Hardy 6, T. King 7, F. Watling (conductor) 8; and a course of Grandsire Triples, J. Punchard ringing the tenor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT STEEPLE ASHTON.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the grand old Church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, on Saturday last, and, favoured with a fine day, a goodly number of ringers assembled. The bells, which have been recently rehung and put into thoroughly good order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, going off into a course of Grandsire Doubles, much to the delight of all who heard them, especially as the bells had been silent for some considerable time past. Ringing in various Major and Minor methods was kept up until half-past four, when a beautiful and most impressive service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. E. P. Knubley, M.A., Vicar of the parish, who also gave a very excellent address. The authorised Diocesan form of service was used, and the musical portion was ably rendered by Mr. H. Garrett, the organist of the church. The chanting of the Psalms and Canticles and the singing of the hymns was well sustained by the ringers present.

Subsequently the whole party, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwarden, proceeded to the "Long's Arms" Inn, where a capital tea was put on by Host W. Hill, to which 39 sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the repast.

Afterwards a short business meeting took place, kindly presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. secretary, and ringers from Trowbridge, Keovil, Southbroom, Steeple Ashton, Bradpole, Holt, Westbury, Swindon, Devizes, Melksham, Bath, Seend, and Edington.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. P. Knubley for the use of the church bells, and for the service in the church to which the Vicar very genially responded, saying it gave him much pleasure to welcome the Guild to his parish, and expressing the hope, that, when the fine summer weather and longer days once more came round, they would pay him another visit and also inspect his grounds and garden.

The ringers then returned to the tower for more ringing, which brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. MEETING AT SHOREDITCH.

A meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Shoreditch on Saturday last, when a goodly number enjoyed a pull on these historic bells. A capital muster sat down to tea in the Parish Room, and the business meeting followed. It was suggested by the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) that a practice be held at Shoreditch every third Saturday, the first to take place on November 27th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. and finishing before dark. The suggestion was received with great enthusiasm, and it was accordingly decided that the meetings should be held. Will members and other ringers, therefore, make a note of the arrangement.

Mr. Henry Dains proposed that a letter of condolence be sent by the hon. secretary to the widow of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and that a resolution be placed in the minutes expressing the members' regret at the loss to the Exercise of such a valuable asset. Mr. Dains said he had known Mr. Hattersley for very many years, and had had the pleasure of ringing at least two peals with him, one in London and one in Yorkshire.—On being seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, the resolution was carried in silence by the members.

Mr. H. C. Stubbs, of Stoke Newington, and Mr. Arthur Mason, were proposed as members, and were elected.

Mr. Wightman proposed that the annual meeting be held at St. Martin's, which, on being seconded by Mr. Stubbs, was carried.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar of Shoreditch by Mr. Doran, who coupled the name of Mr. H. J. Bradley with the resolution, for the use of the bells, and the welcome to Shoreditch.—This was heartily carried, and the business proceedings then terminated.

Many members then amused themselves by a few courses on hand-bells, and Mr. T. Scarlett caused some merriment by a few "airs."

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. THE ALLOCATION OF TOWERS.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Moulton on Saturday last, the following towers being represented: All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Edmund's and St. Giles', Northampton; Boughton, Ecton, Castle Ashby, Kingsthorpe, Easton Mauduit, Easton Neston, Weston Favell, Finedon, Harpole, Orlingbury, and the local ringers. The variety of methods was somewhat restricted owing to the long pull and difficulty of control, but a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor was successful during the evening.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Williams) conducted a short service in the church, which was much enjoyed. Tea was provided at the White Lion, at which 35 sat down, including the vice-president (Mr. J. Clarke) and the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford).

It was decided, on the recommendation of the committee, to hold the next quarterly meeting at Kingsthorpe.

A discussion took place on the more even distribution of towers for the different districts, and it was considered that the Central Committee ought to take the matter in hand first and submit a scheme to the district committees.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and local ringers, and to the vice-president brought the meeting to a close, and ringing was then again indulged in till 8 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. FRANK WEBB, KIDLINGTON.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Frank Webb, who passed away at Kidlington on Saturday, October 30th, at the early age of 33 years, after some months' illness, from that dreaded disease, consumption.

Mr. Webb assisted his father as a bell hanger, and was much respected as a ringer. He was a member of Kidlington prize band, and as a boy was in the choir.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week at Kidlington, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn), who is also chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Guild. The bearers were members of the prize band and two of his brother ringers. The Vicar's wife was at the organ, and at the commencement the hymn, "O God, our help, in ages past," was sung, and, after the Psalm, the hymn, "Rock of Ages." Among the ringers present were: Messrs. W. Stone (Oxford), W. Cox (Eynsham), A. E. Lock (Sutton Courtenay), Miss K. Holfield and H. Holfield (Abingdon), G. Holfield, senr., G. Holfield, junr. (Appleton), Miss M. E. Chillingworth (Bradfield), Mr. A. E. Reeves (Guild secretary), etc.

Before the service the bells were rung fully muffled, with the tenor open on one side, a 336 of Grandsire Triples being conducted by Mr. A. E. Reeves. Directly after the mournful ceremony a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, also conducted by Mr. A. E. Reeves. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was accomplished, a report of which appears on another page.

BOSTON GUILD ACTIVE.

The Boston (Massachusetts) Guild have been active lately. On Sunday, Oct. 17th, they rang 545 of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey 2, H. Petts 3, W. Bashford 4, J. Goodhead 5, E. E. Randall (conductor) 6, J. F. Laker 7, R. Newton 8. This was the longest touch of Grandsire Triples the conductor has yet called. A 336 in the same method was rung by: G. A. Matthews 1, R. Newton (conductor) 2, H. Petts 3, E. E. Randall 4, P. J. Allfrey 5, W. Bashford 6, J. F. Laker 7, J. Goodhead 8. A 560 in the same method was rung at the Church of the Advent on the same day by: R. Newton 1, P. J. Allfrey 2, Mrs. Margaret H. Shurleff 3, H. Petts (conductor) 4, W. Bashford 5, E. E. Randall 6, J. F. Laker 7, J. Goodhead 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On August 22nd, 720 of Double Court: A. Symonds 1—2, *M. Symonds 3, *C. Poulson 4, S. H. Symonds 5—6. * First 720 in the method.—On Sept. 11th, 720 Single Court: A. Symonds 1—2, C. Poulson 3, M. Symonds 4, S. H. Symonds 5—6. First in the method by all; by the same band.—On Sept. 23rd, 720 of Oxford Bob, first 720 in the method by all.—On Sept. 25th, 720 St. Clement's, first in the method, by C. Poulson and M. Symonds.—On Sept. 30th, 720 Double Oxford Bob, first in the method by all.—On October 5th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, first in the method, by C. Poulson and M. Symonds. All conducted by S. H. Symonds.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Crick 1, S. Sparrow (first in the method) 2, A. Hollocks 3, A. Symonds 4, T. Hollocks 5, W. Hollocks (conductor) 6.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 26th, in 22 mins., 720 Bob Minor: H. Chinnery 1, A. Kealing 2, G. A. Jones 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, F. Hayes 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The latter four ringers came from Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, and wish to thank Mr. Chinnery for making a ring possible after mustering one short for Surprise, and also Mr. Kealing for his kindness.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, 476 Grandsire Triples: V. E. Butler 1, Alfred Ballard (Leicester) 2, Sid Wright 3, F. Dainty 4, W. Cross 5, F. Davis 6, T. Vaughan (conductor) 7, H. Coles 8. 272 Bob Major: Alf. Ballard 1, T. Vaughan 2, Sid Wright 3, F. Dainty 4, F. Davis 5, W. Cross 6, J. W. Jarvis 7, F. T. Cooke 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, at St. John's Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Forsdyke 1, F. Bacon 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, A. G. Bennington 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, W. W. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. B. Crowder 8. For evening service another quarter-peal in 38 mins.: R. Forsdyke 1, F. Bacon 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, E. J. Pannett 4, T. Deal 5, W. W. Jefferies (conductor) 6, J. Law 7, E. B. Crowder 8.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sept. 28th, for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence 1, F. G. Goddard 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, P. H. Smith 4, T. Beadle 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, W. New (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, three courses of Stedman Triples: W. Souter (Stowmarket) 1, S. Sparrow (Finborough) 2, H. English (Coddensham) 3, E. Welham (Finborough) 4, E. Diaper (Stowmarket) 5, A. Grimwood (Finborough) 6, A. Symonds (Lavenham) 7, W. Welham (Stowmarket) 8. Also three courses of Double Norwich: W. Welham 1, S. Sparrow 2, C. Alderton (Stowmarket) 3, H. English 4, W. Souter (conductor) 5, A. Symonds 6, A. Grimwood 7, E. Diaper 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—Recently at St. Mildred's Church, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, J. Mantilow 2, H. Rummery 3, G. Neve 4, W. Savage 5, A. Allen 6, C. Tribe (conductor) 7, F. Gilbert 8. Also five courses of Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, W. Tickner 2, W. Savage 3, C. Tribe 4, J. Mantilow 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, F. Gilbert 8.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, 720 K. Treble Bob: W. Mead 1, W. Sear 2, J. D. Matthews (London) 3, H. Morris 4, W. Pether 5, H. Sear (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers 1, 2, 4, and first in the method on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Mr. J. Bowell, of Ipswich.

SLOUGH.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bedford 1, T. Smith 2, A. Leader 3, J. J. Parker 4, G. T. Leader 5, R. Flaxman (conductor) 6. W. Welling 7, A. Perryman 8. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. Sergeant, who was for over 30 years parish clerk and vergier at St. Mary's Church, and was very much respected by all who knew him.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 336 Double Norwich Major: H. Morris 1, J. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, W. Sear 4, L. Meager 5, F. Ston-ton 6, F. Hedges 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. First touch Double Norwich by the local band. Also 336 Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, H. Sear 2, W. Pether 3, H. Morris 4, L. Meager 5, W. Sear 6, F. Ston-ton (first touch as conductor) 7, F. Hedges 8.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Binnersley 1, G. Jacobs 2, R. Moy 3, F. Shaw 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, A. Morris 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of Treble and 2nd.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), each six-scores called differently: J. Simmonds 1, E. Simmonds 2, J. Rance 3, W. Eatwell 4, J. Brant (conductor) 5, E. Brant 6. Also on Thursday, October 7th, 720 in the same method, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Blay, for many years a ringer and chorister at St. Mary's Church: F. Blunden 1, E. Simmonds 2, J. Brant (conductor) 3, W. Eatwell 4, A. Head 5, E. Brant 6.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on October 3rd, for evening service, 1251 Stedman Caters, in 49 mins.: R. W. Green 1, A. W. Grimes (composer and conductor) 2, E. Gibbs 3, C. Lee 4, C. H. Pullen 5, F. Perrin 6, C. H. Horton 7, Corpl. J. E. Davis, R.E., 8, A. A. Hughes 9, A. S. Pettett 10. Rung to oblige Corpl. J. E. Davis, R.E., who was spending a week-end in London.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): F. Derbyshire 1, J. H. Ridyard 2. *F. Grundy 3, W. Jones 4, G. Way 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, Joseph Ridyard (conductor) 7, *W. Oakes 8. *First quarter-peal.

EPPING.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, H. Rumens 2, G. Dent 3, H. Smale 4, J. Rann 5, G. Carter 6, G. B. Lucas 7, G. H. Pighthing 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1295 changes): D. Jinks 1, W. R. Small 2, J. Smith 3, T. W. Cattel 4, H. S. Smith 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, H. Smith 7, G. Williams 8. Composed by the late William Mickelwright, of Dudley. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Thomas, a lifelong member of the above Parish Church. Also to the late Mr. Harry Fenton, D.C.L.I., who fell in action on Sunday, Sept. 26th.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Monday, October 4th, in the tower of the Church of the Immanuel, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. L. Garfath 1—2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3—4, I. Attwater 5—6, Miss E. Bennett 7—8.

GUILFAL, PENZANCE.—Truro Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, Oct. 8th, 770 Grandsire Triples: Miss Eileen Symons 1, A. W. Brighton, London (conductor) 2, J. Wood 3, Dr. J. Symons 4, F. Jelbert 5, A. Triggs 6, R. Hickens 7, J. Cockell 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: *W. Wood 1, Dr. J. Symons 2, *J. Wood 3, R. Hickens 4, *F. Jelbert 5, *A. Triggs 6, A. W. Brighton (London), conductor 7, *F. Cockell 8. *First quarter-peal.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Riches 1, A. Prior (first 720 as conductor and first attempt) 2, W. Doran 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller 5, J. Moule 6. 720 Cambridge Surprise, W. Theobald, conductor.—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, 720 Newcastle Surprise: W. Smith 1, A. Prior 2, H. Torble 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Surprise, W. Riches treble, rest as above.—On October 11th, 720 Chelsea Surprise, A. Prior 1, H. Torble 2, W. Doran (first in method) 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6; also 720 Munden Surprise, the first by all the band and first attempt: W. Riches 1, H. Torble 2, A. Prior 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

NOTICES.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. each, in schoolroom at 5. Business meeting immediately after in the same room. Intercession service in the church at 6.30, to be followed by the unveiling of a peal board by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

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

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, November 13th. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Wilson P. De Vine, M.A., R.D. (Vicar), who will also give the address and preside at the business meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warmley (6) on Saturday, November 13th. Bells open 3.30, service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Visitors warmly welcomed. Subscriptions now due.—G. W. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., 22, Court Road, Horfield.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, 7, Grove Street, Raunds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 13th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at Chase's Restaurant at 5 o'clock, business meeting immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual Meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) from about 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage at 6. Tea provided for those who let me know by Nov. 16th.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A special general meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, November 20th, 1915. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Service at 6.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 4th, 1915. Bells available from 2 till 6 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each, at the Infants' School, 6.30 p.m., followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, December 1st.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

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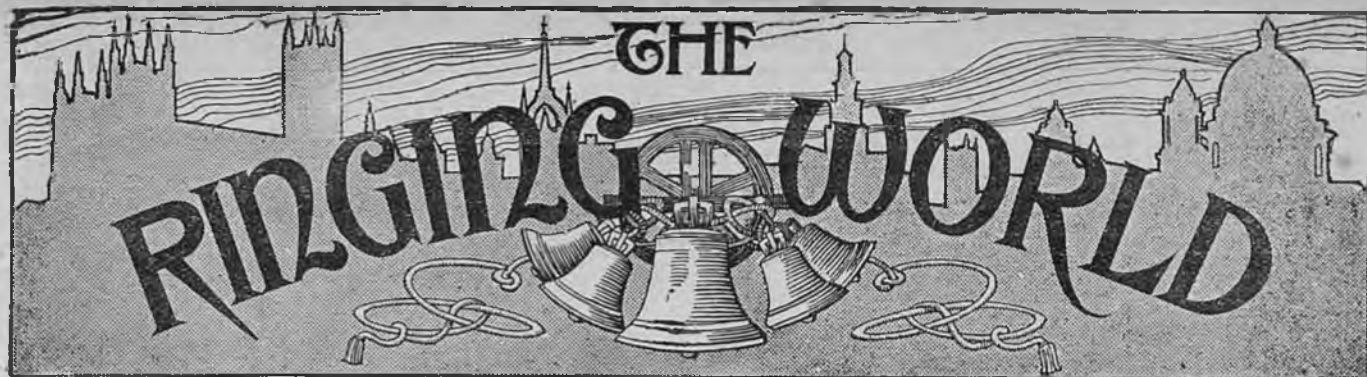


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AFTERNOON PRACTICES.

The restrictions which the authorities have placed on ringing after dark in numerous towns liable to aircraft attack opens up the question as to whether Saturday afternoon practices can be made general in those areas. In many places, of course, practices have been suspended altogether, not on account of the fear of Zeppelin raids, but because it is felt that, in such a period as that through which we are passing, ringing ought to be curtailed to a minimum, and also because so many bands are depleted to a number which makes ringing out of the question. In the latter case, as we suggested last week, those who are left ought to bestir themselves to fill up their ranks by recruiting the services of youths — experience has shown that they can quite well be taught from, at any rate, the age of twelve or thirteen years—or ladies, whose influx into the Exercise in such numbers, in the emergency, ought to be doing much to swell the ranks of the Ladies' Guild.

Where local feeling has brought about the cessation of ringing on week days, no one would wish to influence those concerned to turn from the course which they believe to be the right one, although, to our mind, there are obvious and reasonable arguments in favour of maintaining practice, in order that the performance of Sunday duties may be efficiently carried out. But where practices have had to be suspended on account of the bells providing a possible guide to enemy aircraft at night, which, after all, is only a reasonable precaution, there does seem to be a good opportunity of utilising the Saturday afternoon—or some other convenient afternoon—for ringers to get in their practice. In London the Cumberland Youths intend to try to experiment at Shoreditch, where they are to meet every three weeks. Perhaps the College Youths may also find it possible to open some of their towers in a similar way, and London ringers would then get back some of their opportunities for indulging in the Art.

In the Metropolis, of course, there is always the certainty of a well-advertised practice being attended in sufficient numbers to make it successful, but in the smaller provincial centres there is no such certainty. Local circumstances are a greater factor, but, carefully organised, there is no reason why afternoon gatherings of the kind indicated should not be as successful as the more formal association meetings. There have recently been such practices in some of the Bucks towers, and while they have not been held in restricted areas, they have nevertheless shown what might be done. If there is objection to meeting at one particular tower every week, neighbouring bands might well arrange to visit their different bell-fries in succession, and in this way a good deal of profit might accrue from a ringing point of view.

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On Tuesday, November 9 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

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| THOMAS RUSSAM Treble | THOMAS MILLER 7 |
| CHARLES DICKENS 2 | JOHN CARTER 8 |
| JAMES L. WELLS 3 | ERNEST MANSELL 9 |
| THOMAS H. REEVES 4 | JAMES GEORGE 10 |
| ALBERT WALKER 5 | JAMES E. GROVES 11 |
| A. PADDON SMITH 6 | JOHN NEAL Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the bells in the inverted titmuss and hand-stroke home positions, with all the 5 6 7 8's in both positions.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Charles Henry Mattersley, who was a very highly esteemed member of this Guild for over forty years. Mr. Mattersley rang many peals at St. Martin's, including his first and last of Stedman Cinques, on May 28th, 1878, and November 22nd, 1910, respectively.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, November 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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| GEORGE R. PYE 1—2 | ERNEST PYE 5—6 |
| WILLIAM PYE 3—4 | CHARLES T. COLES 7—8 |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: A. S. WADDINGTON.

* First peal on handbells. W. Pye's 1200th peal.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

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| WILLIAM T. POWELL 1—2 | EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5—6 |
| JAMES HUNT 3—4 | FRANK SMITH 7—8 |
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9—10 | |

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Witness: J. W. TRAPPIST.

First peal on ten bells in hand by a Bell Foundry Band. It is believed to be the first of Bob Royal on handbells by Royal Cumberland Youths.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers are now serving with H.M. Forces:

Pte Thomas William Rowley, of St. Weonard's, Hereford, 1/3rd Herefordshires, now at Oswestry.

Pte F. C. Clark, of St. George's, Benenden, Kent, Royal Flying Corps.

From St. Mary's, Harrow:—

Gnr. F. Hill, senr., R.G.A.

Pte F. Hill, junr., 9th Middlesex Regiment.

From St. Mary's, Brecon:—

Pte A. Matthews, and

Pte R. Kinsey, R.A.M.C., now at Netley.

From All Saints', Great Marlow:—

Sapper E. W. Coster, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.

Victor Gibson, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.**

On Saturday last members of the Manchester Branch met at Eccles. Several members of the Bolton Branch also attended. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the bells were kept going until tea-time, the meal being admirably served in the School Room by the Eccles company of lady ringers. After full justice had been done, the business meeting was held, and was presided over by our esteemed President of the Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., who, on behalf of the members, expressed appreciation of the excellent and kindly manner in which the Eccles company, with their lady friends, had provided for the wants of the visitors. He was glad that day to be at Eccles at a Manchester Branch meeting, especially under the circumstances that brought them together. He would also take the opportunity of again expressing his thanks to those who were not at the annual meeting for the beautiful present they had seen fit to bestow upon him. His many friends, especially the members of his congregation at Bolton, were highly pleased and delighted at the beautiful model which was a credit to the bellfounder's art. Sympathetic reference was made to the sad and painful circumstances in which Mr. Francis Wood (son of that esteemed and respected member, Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne) met his death, and a vote of condolence was passed sympathising with the relatives.

A vote of condolence was also passed, sharing in the sorrow and loss which the Sheffield ringers had sustained by the death of Mr. Charles H. Hattersley.

Ashton-under-Lyne was chosen as the next meeting place on Dec. 11th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to the local ringers for having the bells, etc., in readiness.—The Rev. Griffith responded on behalf of the Vicar, who was unable to be present owing to illness, the members wishing him speedy recovery.

Mr. John Myles, on behalf of the ringers and lady friends, said it gave them the greatest pleasure to know that each and all were well satisfied with their visit to Eccles.

An intercession service was conducted in the church by the Rev. —. Griffith and the Rev. H. J. Elsee when the ringers attended in full numbers.

After service, the ringers proceeded to the belfry, where the chief item of the day's proceeding was to take place, viz., the unveiling of a peal board to the late Mr. James Barrett.—The Rev. H. J. Elsee, in performing the ceremony, spoke in kindly and sympathetic terms of Mr. James Barrett, referring to the esteem in which he was held by his many friends, and to the sterling qualities of the deceased, which were such as each one might emulate.

The Rev. Griffith proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for unveiling the board, which along with the one at Pendleton, were presented to the respective towers by Mr. Amos Trippier, of Eccles.

Ringings were then again indulged in, the lady ringers, along with Mrs. Wolstencroft, ringing in rounds, etc., "conducted by W.B."

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.**MR. BERT HUGHES RE-ELECTED MASTER.**

At the annual meeting of the College Youths, held at the Coffee Pot on Tuesday last week, Mr. A. A. Hughes was re-elected Master of the Ancient Society. Mr. Hughes has admirably fulfilled the duties attaching to the post in a difficult year, and the fact that his was the only nomination received points not only to his popularity among the members, but to their appreciation of his services. There was a numerous attendance of members.

A letter was read from Mrs. C. H. Hattersley acknowledging the society's vote of condolence passed upon the death of her husband.—A letter was also read from Mr. A. B. Peck thanking members for the sympathy shown with him in his serious illness, and stating that he was now convalescent, but unable to see visitors. He hoped, however, soon to be among the members again.

The balance sheet for the year showed receipts amounting to £5 18s. 7d., and expenditure to £5 16s., leaving, with the sum brought forward, 14s. 0½d. in the treasurer's hands. The society had also £96 19s. 1d. invested in the savings bank.—The balance sheet was adopted, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) was thanked for his services, it being pointed out that he had forgone all his expenses except the payment for advertising the society's meetings.

The veteran, Mr. Ted Horrex, was voted to the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows:—

Master: Mr. Albert A. Hughes (re-elected).

Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. T. Cockerill (re-elected).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Arthur Hughes (re-elected).

Trustees: Messrs. C. F. Winney and Walter Primo (re-elected).

Senior Steward: Mr. J. C. Adams (re-elected).

Junior Steward: Mr. A. W. Grimes.

A vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services during the past year, and this was acknowledged by the Master.

One new member (Mr. Payne, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington) was elected, and at the conclusion of the business, the remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEETINGS TO BE RESUMED.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Romsey on Saturday last. The Abbey tower was open to members from half-past two, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Bob Major were rung on the bells. Tea was provided in the Temperance Hall at 5.15. Only 24 members had sent notice they would require tea, and provision was made for 30, but 40 were present. It would save much inconvenience if members would notify the district secretary beforehand. Fortunately the caterer (Mr. Chaso) proved equal to the occasion.

The Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. H. M. Tapper) presided at the tea and at the business meeting which followed. There were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. G. Williams (hon. secretary of the Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Cathedral Band), the Rev. E. Banks James, and members from North Stoneham, Hursley, St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Holy Rood, Southampton; Dibden, Andover, Titchfield, Romsey and Winchester Cathedral.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the balance sheet was adopted. The receipts for the year were £11 13s. 0½d., and expenditure £3 3s. 6d., leaving a favourable balance of £8 9s. 6½d.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Rev. Canon Braithwaite (chairman), Mr. J. W. Elkins (district secretary), Mr. C. H. Russell (assistant secretary) and Mr. G. Smith (auditor). Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. Tucker were re-elected to represent the district on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the district at Winchester on the second Saturday in November, 1916, provided permission can be obtained to use the Cathedral bells.

Mr. Tucker proposed, and Mr. Fray seconded the proposition: "That the district quarterly meetings be resumed next year."—This was supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester and Mr. G. Williams, and carried.

The Rev. E. Banks James proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Romsey for presiding, and for the use of the hall and bells.—The Vicar, in replying, said he was very pleased to meet fellow church workers and to hear the sound of the full peal of bells, as under present circumstances they were not always able to do. He hoped the Guild would soon pay him another visit.

Apologies were received from Canon Braithwaite, who had been summoned by telegram to France to see his son, and from Mr. W. Shimmick, of Romsey.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee it was decided to hold a quarterly meeting at Alresford, in February; another at Twyford or Hursley, in May; and a third at North Stoneham in September.

BIRTHDAY OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS.

On Saturday evening, by kind permission of the newly-inducted Vicar, the Rev. Riddlesdell, a friendly gathering of ringers of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at St. Michael's Church, Bray (where the tenor is 26 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs., in D), to celebrate the birthday of the King of the Belgians. The visitors were courteously received by the Vicar, who, in the interval of ringing, left the tower to hold the usual evening service at 7 p.m. to the accompaniment of his bells. Six scores in Stedman and Grandsire were interspersed with touches of Oxford and Bob Major: J. Worsfold 1, B. Ludlow 4, E. Saunders (conductor) 5, and J. Russell 6, of the local company, achieved a good six-score with visitors on 2 and 3, Messrs. Goodchild, Maidenhead; J. Brant, of Winkfield; G. Alder, Burnham; and T. Smith, Slough, also joined in the ringing. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 31 minutes, by: W. A. Garraway 1, J. J. Parker (conductor) 2, W. Henley 3, J. Eldridge 4, G. Martin 5, W. H. Fussell 6. The treble and tenor men took part in the first 720 Minor (Grandsire) on these bells on 26th April, 1885, rung in 29½ mins.

A general practice will be held at Burnham tower at 7 o'clock, on Saturday, the 20th inst.

The branch committee meeting will take place at Boyne Hill (All Saints' Vestry), Maidenhead, on Saturday, December 4th, at 4.30.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE WEALD OF KENT.

On Sunday morning last a party of change ringers visited Cranbrook Church—the Cathedral of the Weald of Kent. Mrs. Gatehouse, wife of the Vicar of Headcorn, who is an enthusiastic ringer, made the arrangements, with the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Bell), who readily granted the permission asked for, and visited the belfry to give the ringers a cordial welcome. Mrs. Gatehouse rang several rounds, and those participating in the change ringing (comprising Grandsire Triples and Doubles) were Messrs. F. Chapman, O. Waghorn, A. H. Wellard, J. Blake, T. Ashenden and G. Billenness (Hawthurst), W. H. Lambert (Benenden), and a Headcorn ringer. Several local men were present. This is the first time a change ringing party has been to Cranbrook since the bells were overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank some twelve months ago. The visitors expressed their satisfaction with the ring, the "go" being all that could be desired.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

These being quiet times for ringers, I have just dropped in, as it were, to have a gossip with the fraternity—a chat to friends known and unknown—about things in general, and ringing in particular. The Editor has offered me a corner occasionally and, as we all are able to do very little for the present by way of acquiring campanian fame—thanks to the wiles of the wildman of Europe and his gang of piratical cut-throats—it is, perhaps, not a bad time to talk over our affairs, and to think about some of the things that we have done, as well as some of those we should like to do. In these stray notes, from time to time, I'm just going to chat about things which I hope will interest ringers. Whether anyone will ever agree with anything I shall say doesn't matter, because if they desire to heave brick-bats, or election eggs, there will always be the Editor as my "sure and certain shield." But it should be quite clearly understood that I do not want my readers to take me too seriously. It never was my way to be serious—at least, that is what my schoolmaster used to say, and his corrective measures appear to have had no lasting effect, though, as a temporary expedient, they proved no laughing matter—to me.

CHANGED HABITS.

This war has turned the world topsy-turvy. Many of us have had to change, more or less abruptly, the habits formed by years of regular practice. For instance, there's old Jim Brown (that's not his real name), who for 30 years never missed his whisky and milk at half-past six in the morning on six days of the week, at the Blue Bird, now finds the door bolted against him at that hour under the Defence of the Realm Act. The war has changed his habits, but I don't say Jim goes without his morning nip—he has the trouble of getting it in over night. Take my own case; when I've met a friend he's usually asked "What's yours?" Now I have to pay for my own. Even theatre lovers are having to change their habits, and evening performances are becoming matinees, and the once-a-week matinee is now the once-a-week evening show. You see it's safer to be at home at night if a Zeppelin should happen to pay a call and leave his card on the roof of the theatre. And these Zeppelins are responsible for other things. They have stopped a lot of ringing o' nights, and we who used to drop in at two or three practices a week now have to stay at home, for we find our evening occupation gone.

SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

The Cumberlands, however, have found a happy way out of the difficulty. They have taken a leaf out of the book of the theatrical world, and why should not all the societies, whose evening practices are cut off, follow their example and have regular Saturday afternoon gatherings for the purpose. London isn't the only place where there must be no ringing of bells after dark. In far-off Newcastle, and at many intervening East Coast places, a similar fiat has gone forth. But there is no interdiction on afternoon ringing. Let us, therefore, follow the lead taken by the theatres, and have matinees instead of evening performances. I warrant they would be well attended.

AT THE "COFFEE POT."

I was among the College Youths the other night when they met, as is their wont, at that famous hostelry near Ludgate Hill, where something besides Coffee may be obtained from the Pot. The occasion was their annual meeting, and centuries of existence have made their business formalities something of a ritual. With the emblems of their craft conspicuously displayed, with a sedate and dignified master filling the chair (more or less, according to his size), and with a wise and solemn-looking secretary by his side, the proceedings are conducted with a gravity that befits such a venerable institution. Levity would be as much out of place as it would be in the musty Law Courts, a little farther west. The College Youths have had their ups and downs (happily, more ups than downs) in their nearly three centuries of unbroken life, and it is, after all, really good to get occasionally into that ancient atmosphere, which has been handed down from generation to generation, not by written rules but by the practice of successive occupants of office.

SHARING THE HONOURS.

Many famous men have, as we all know, occupied the College Youths' chair, which, fortunately, has never been allowed to become the freehold of any one man, such as has been the case in regard to similar offices, in some other ringing associations I could mention. My own opinion is that these offices ought always to go round—the man who freezes to a job of this kind, unless he has exceptional recommendations, fails in the very thing which it should be his endeavour to promote—the encouragement of the members. All ought to have the opportunity of aspiring to the highest post of honour. In the College Youths' history the principle has always been acted upon, and it has done not a little. I should say, to create ambition among the members. And here is a suggestion which I offer to the ancients—free, gratis and for nothing—why not give each past master a distinguishing title, by putting a handle to his name, or pinning a rail on to it. Why not decorate him with Past Master's jewel, like the Freemasons, and pass a resolution enabling him to use the initials P.M. (no, not post-mortem) after his name. How do you think this would look, for instance, in a peal re-

cord: Alfred W. Grimes, P.M. Not bad, would it—but that's an honour to come. But there, I forgot! Have we not been told—I believe it was at the last Central Council meeting—that the College Youths, in meeting assembled, had decided that they don't want to be labelled? So perhaps my suggestion won't find favour, after all.

THE ORDEAL.

What I really intended to do was to write something about the College Youths' meeting, but it seems to me that I have shifted course. It was a nice compliment, and a really sincere recognition of services ungrudgingly given, to re-elect Mr. Bert Hughes for a second year of office. This worthy son of a worthy sire has proved his ability, and his re-election has proved his popularity. Well, Bert, we all hope that your wish to celebrate the restoration of peace during your term of office may be gratified—for more reasons than one. If I put forward any other than that we want to see this terrible struggle victoriously, triumphantly ended, I suppose I shall be—metaphorically—kicked by all my readers, but I do want, among other things, to see those famous banquets resumed—the ordeal which, if truth were told, more than half the occupants of the College Youths' chair, dread. I have known some to whom it has been a perfect nightmare for weeks beforehand, and I have watched—shall the truth be told?—with inward pleasure the way they have struggled with the job, and almost writhed under it. Let me make haste to say that most of them have come out of the ordeal with remarkable credit, and the man who does well at that gathering wins his spurs, so to speak. If I mistake not, Bert Hughes is one who would more than justify his selection for the place of honour on one of those occasions.

NO FUSS, PLEASE.

The meeting the other night ended in nearly everybody being re-elected—master, secretary, treasurer, trustees and steward. Of course there was no other possible man as secretary than our old friend, W. T. Cockerill—who never crows. He has come into the limelight, and it was typical that, when thanked for having declined to be reimbursed for the ordinary secretarial expenses, he contented himself with saying he was glad to have done what he could for the society—and hoped there would not be any more fuss made about it. Some secretaries I know need a lot of patting on the back to make them go, but not so with W.T.C. Which reminds me, I wonder whether Mr. Cockerill is still known to the authorities at St. Paul's as "the Bell-ringer." The cathedral, as we know, has twelve bells, with a tenor of 62 cwt., but I believe it is a fact that, in the early days at any rate, the Dean and Chapter recognised only one bell ringer. How they expected all their bells to be rung I don't know, but perhaps they are wiser now than in old George Musket's time.

THE LIBRARY.

How the space does run away, to be sure, when one sits down to put pen to paper. There were lots of things I wanted to "have a say" about, but some of them will have to wait till another time. The College Youths' library—I haven't yet learned whether it is a lending library or not—has gained by the addition of Steadman's "Lintonologia," which Mr. E. F. Pike has presented to it. Is this the outcome of the suggestion made by the Editor the other day, that societies should endeavour to accumulate libraries for the benefit of their members? I hope so, and I would say to other ringers—whether they are of the or otherwise, which are lying unused on their bookshelves, hand them over to your societies, and let the members have the benefit of them—you will thus be doing your colleagues a good service.

A DEPARTED FRIEND.

I feel I cannot close these notes without a brief reference to the loss which the Exercise sustain. The other day by the death of that old friend of many of us—Charles Henry Hattersley. Full tribute has been paid to him in the columns of "The Ringing World" by an abler pen than mine, but I feel his death as a personal loss. His friendship was worth having, and the feeling that was shared by many was expressed in the words of a friend of mine who spoke of him among a group of ringers as "dear old Hattersley." That description hit off unconsciously, but quite happily the position which was held in the hearts of all who knew him by the veteran whose busy life is now ended, and who, up to the very day before his death, I have been told, was busied with figures concerning ringing. What a master he was of the "long sums," which an inquiring juvenile mind once questioned him about. Never was there a more honest composer, never was there a straighter man, and even outside his figures he was, till health prevented, a wonderful ringer. Taking him for all in all, I look round in vain for the man who, at the moment, exactly fills the niche which he has left vacant.

QUARTER PEAL IN AMERICA.

The Boston Guild, who have met with frequent discouragement, have been fairly active of late, and have scored several touches. Last Sunday fortnight they visited Groton School, and, in the afternoon, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in which Mr. S. Warren Sturgess, one of the masters of the College, took part, the band being: S. W. Sturgess (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Letts 2, W. Bashford 3, P. J. Allfrey 4, J. Goodhead 5, E. E. Randall (conductor) 6, J. F. Laker 7, R. Newton 8. In the other ringing that took place during the day both A. Matthews and H. Ancill took part.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

In view of the coming new issue of "Standard Methods," we may recall that the author of that valuable work, Mr. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, died 30 years ago last Tuesday. He was only 41 years old, but those years had been so well employed that he rendered inestimable service to the art of ringing for all time, by the literary work which he undertook. Indeed, to this day, no one writer has done so much for ringers by laying bare the foundations of their art. He died on November 16th, 1885, from typhoid fever, and was buried at his own parish church of Ilkley, where his father was for 34 years Vicar, and a memorial window, erected in the church by the ringers of England, commemorates his work as "historian and expositor of change ringing."

CITY SCHOLARS' PEAL.

One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Caters on record, and probably the longest that had been rung up to that time, was accomplished by the Society of City Scholars on November 23rd, 1732, at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate. It is described in the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum as "a compleat peal of six thousand and twelve Caters," and it is interesting to note that three men were engaged in ringing the tenor, the band being: Jno. Arnold 1. Jona Keate 2. Robt. Mobbs 3. Thos. Nash 4. G. Elton Hall 5. Jos. Griffiths 6. Sol. Thompson 7. Wm. Hilliar 8. Jno. Box 9. Ed. Nodes. Hy. Macfarland. Darn. Newbolt 10.

A NORWICH TRAGEDY.

It was on November 17th, 1760, that the first peal of "Imperial the Third" Treble Bob was rung, at St. Giles', Norwich. So far as existing records go only three peals in this method were accomplished, and the first of them had a tragic conclusion. The peal was finished, and as the bells were lowered, John Webster, who rang the sixth, dropped dead. A tablet in the wall of the belfry, near where the sixth rope falls, has the following inscriptions—

"Near to this place John Webster fell.
Beloved of all who knew him well:
The most ingenious noted Ringer,
St. Giles' Sixth Bell round did bring her.
He closed the Peal, struck well his Bell,
Ceasing the same, down dead he fell.

November the 17th, 1760."

THE FIRST FAMILY PEAL.

What was probably the first family peal ever rung, was accomplished on November 20th, 1809. This was a 5208 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Soham, Cambridge, by eight members of the family of Tebbitt—three brothers and their sons: "Thomas Tebbitt, first; Robert Tebbitt, son of Robert, second; Benjamin Tebbitt, 15 years of age, third; John Tebbitt, son of Thomas, fourth; Robert Tebbitt, fifth; Edward Tebbitt, sixth; Thomas Tebbitt, son of Thomas, seventh; William Tebbitt, son of Thomas, eighth." The Tebbitt family were long associated with Soham ringing. The senior members, Thomas, Robert and Edward took part in a peal in 1790 and Thomas, at any rate, was in a peal in 1822, while the names of some of the sons are to be found in a peal rung in 1830.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Headingley St. Michael's on Saturday week, when the bells, a peal of eight, with tenor of 20½ cwt., were at the disposal of the members between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the tower bells, while touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung on handbells.

The business meeting was held in the scouts' headquarters, with the president in the chair, supported by members from Headingley, St. Chads, Guiseley, Armley, Pudsey, and the local company. The usual routine business was transacted, and Mr. E. Perkins, of Burley, was made a member of the society.

After the meeting, most of the ringers re-visited the tower, where various touches were rung until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

On Tuesday of last week, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to the memory of the late Mr. Hattersley. It is interesting to note that it was at Birmingham that Mr. Hattersley rang his first and last peals of Stedman Cinques.

At Cheltenham Parish Church, where Mr. Hattersley took part in several notable peals, muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung as a last mark of respect by members of the Cheltenham and District Guild, of which he was an esteemed member. Two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung by: W. T. Pates 1. G. H. Phillott 2. A. W. Humphris 3. W. Brinkworth 4. G. Pearce 5. F. Musty 6. J. F. Ballinger 7. J. Parsons 8. T. Pender 9. S. Hayward 10; and five courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by W. T. Pates, with J. F. Ballinger 3. Pte G. Walters 7. R. Trigg 10, the rest as before.

GUARDSMEN RINGERS.

There are at least three ringers serving in the battalion of the Grenadier Guards now in camp near Great Marlow, viz., Ptes F. G. Woodiss, W. Cossins and J. Leech, and at a special practice arranged at the Parish Church they took part in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with the local men.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HACKNEY.

A successful meeting of the North and East district of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday last, there being some 30 members and friends of the society present. Ringing commenced shortly before four o'clock with a touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Grandsire, Bob Major, Bristol and London Surprise, until 5.30, when a short service was held, attended by all the ringers present, and at which the Rector (the Rev. B. S. Batty) officiated. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and amongst the guests were the Rector, the organist, Mr. Elliott, and two friends in khaki, who had come all the way from South Africa, after having served under General Botha, to fight the enemy in Europe.

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the death of Capt. H. J. Sudell, Army Service Corps, who had been for many years Master of the St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Society of Ringers, and a very valuable member of the Association. He died on August 28th of wounds received at Gallipoli, and had been buried at sea. By request of the Vicar, a half-muffled peal was rung in his memory on September 18th, and he (Mr. Coles) had received a letter from the late member's sister thanking the society for the tribute of respect shown to her brother.—The Hon. Secretary stated that, when acknowledging the letter, he had conveyed the sincere sympathy of the members with Mr. Sudell's relatives in their irreparable loss.

Mr. Coles also spoke of the loss of a much-valued member, Lieut. W. D. James, R.G.A., of Cambridge University, who was killed in action in Flanders on September 25th. He had been a life member of the Association for about three years, and during that period had rung seven peals for the society. Amongst these were one each of Stedman Cinques on handbells and tower bells, of the former of which he was very proud, it being rung in his rooms at Pembroke College, Cambridge, the first in the county. He had also conducted the only peal of Bob Royal ever rung by the Association on handbells. He was greatly liked and respected by all who had come into contact with him, and his loss was very keenly felt. The sympathies of the members had been conveyed to the late Mr. James' parents, through the agency of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and an acknowledgment had been received.

The Hon. Secretary asked the members to endorse what he had done, and, further, to pass a vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. A. R. Barker, J.P., of Southgate, who died on October 26th, aged 73. Mr. Barker was Vicar's warden at Christ Church, Southgate, for 26 years, and was an honorary member of the Middlesex Association for a long period.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Armstrong, who stated that on the occasion of the funeral, the local ringers had rung the bells half-muffled, which service had been gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. A. R. Barker.—The Chairman (Mr. F. A. Milne) asked the members to pass the vote of condolence, and to endorse the actions of the hon. secretary, to which the members agreed in silence.

Mr. Milne then proposed that the hon. secretary should convey to one of their vice-presidents, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, their hearty congratulations on his promotion to the rank of captain, which he was sure Mr. Hesse quite deserved.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Pye, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Milne to the Rev. B. S. Batty for the use of the bells, and for his presence amongst them, also to the organist for his services that day, to Mr. A. Riley, the tower keeper, for his great efforts to make the meeting successful, and to Mrs. Soall for preparing tea.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and carried with acclamation.

Whilst the members were smoking the remains of the very nice cigars which had been presented to them immediately after tea by the Rector, that gentleman replied to the vote of thanks, stating how pleased he was to see so many present. He said that he had known many kinds of ringers, amongst them those at Bolsover and at Wargrave, and he always knew them to be men who, when they set themselves a task, made up their minds to carry it out. This was one of the things he admired them for. He mentioned that this meeting had given him some trouble. On the previous Thursday, late at night, a very excited man knocked and rang at the Rectory, and stated that somebody was up in the belfry signalling to enemy aeroplanes. On going out to see he found a number of people congregating round the church, and sure enough, high up in the tower was a twinkling light. On investigating the matter, he found, not a German spy, but Mr. Riley oiling the bells for the meeting, and using a lantern to guide him. This anecdote was received with loud laughter, as also were other interesting incidents related by the reverend gentleman.

After the meeting a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Armstrong, W. Pye, E. Pye, A. W. Grimes and C. T. Coles, whilst a few members adjourned to the tower for about half-an-hour until 8 o'clock, touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative and Bristol being rung.

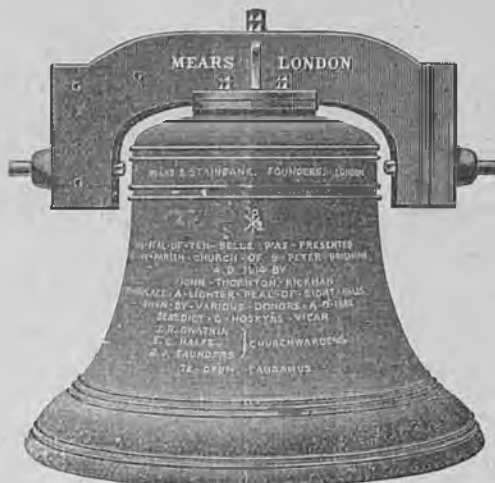
KETTERING.—On Sunday, October 11th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. E. Payne 1. C. W. Bird 3. R. F. Turner 4. F. Sawfoot 5. J. E. Chapman 6. D. J. Nichols (conductor) 7. W. Horden 8; and 214 Plain Bob, conducted by J. E. Chapman.

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ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, OXFORD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The University Church of Oxford (St. Mary-the-Virgin) is not of such great interest to ringers as that of Cambridge (St. Mary-the-Great), inasmuch as it only possesses six bells; whereas the latter can boast of a peal of twelve.

But from an archæologist's point of view St. Mary's, Oxford, is the most interesting; since most of the bells are early seventeenth century ones, and the fourth is the famous "music bell," the only one of its kind known in England.



Although the site of the church is the same, the existing building is at least the third that was erected there; evidences existing both of a Norman and a Decorated church before it. The steeple was finished some time in the fourteenth century, and suffered severely from a violent tempest in January, 1506. The spire was again found to be in a dangerous condition in the winter of 1807-8, and was then repaired under Wyatt's direction. In 1856 the steeple was again repaired, under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott, when the lower part of the newel staircase was blocked up with the idea of strengthening the fabric. Again, in 1893-6 extensive repairs were carried out under the direction of Mr. T. G. Jackson. At

this time all the twelve statues but one were removed from the pinnacles, and were deposited in the Congregation House, where they still remain.

I cannot say whether there were six bells here in the early part of the seventeenth century, or only five. But at the present time there is a heavy peal of six, with a tenor $53\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter, about 28 cwt. We will now examine each of the six bells singly in order.

The *Treble*, cast by Abel Rudhall, was either an addition in 1731, or an old bell recast in that year. The inscription is: PROSPERITY TO THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND. A R . 1731.

The *Second* was recast by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co. in 1895. Previously inscribed **GLORIA DEO IN EXCELSIS 1623 F.S.G.A.H.O.T.H** [a chain pattern of two loops like a pair of spectacles, with a crown in each loop.]

The *Third* has simply R.E: T.B: CHVRCHWARDENS. APR: 8: 1641.

THE MUSIC BELL.

We now come to the *Fourth*, the celebrated "music bell." Round the shoulder is **BE.YT.KNOWNE.TO ALL THAT.DOTH.ME.SEE THAT NEWCOMBE.OF LEICESTER.MADE.MEE 1612**. [in small block capitals, with a running border of foliage above and below the inscription.] Below is the music in two lines, the first extending all round the bell and the second line partly round. It is divided into four parts by the medallions, of which illustrations are given, thus O — — O — — O — —. There are no bars except a double one at the end of each strain. The C clef is used for the upper part, and F for the bass. All the parts have the signature of B flat. It is generally supposed that the music is intended for four parts, to be sung in harmony, but the tune is rather obscure. A specimen of the music is also given in the illustration. The mottoes round the medallions are (1.) "The last strayne is good." (2.) "Keepe tyme in anye case." (3.) "Then lett us singe it againe." (4.) "Excelent well songe, my harts."

The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe remarks: "No record of this bell can be found in the parish archives, neither has any other bell by Newcombe (and they are legion) been found with such a singular style of inscription. . . . From the words, 'well songe, my harts,' it seems probable that it was a favourite vocal exercise of some society of choice spirits, who found pleasant recreation in singing as well as ringing; both which accomplishments were sedulously cultivated by gentlemen at that period."

The *Fifth* bell was cast at the same time as the fourth, and is inscribed: **BE.YT.KNOWNE.TO.ALL THAT.DOTH.ME.SEE.THAT NEWCOMBE.OF LEICESTER.MADE.MEE.1612 THO.L.ELLES-MERE.L.HIGH.CHANCELLOR.OF.ENGLAND.AND.CHANCELLOR.OF.THE.VNIVERSITYE.OF.OXON.ANO.1612 THO.SINGLETON.DOCTOR.DIVINITY.AND.VICE.CHANCELLOR.THOSSELLER.SENOR.PROCTOR.RICHARD.CORBET.IVNOR.PROCTOR.**

[Arms of University of Oxford twice on the waist, an open book between 3 crowns; but in this case the motto on the open book is "Sapientiae et Felicitatis" instead of the first sentence of Psalm xxviii, "Dominus Illuminatio mea," which is now in use.]

The *Tenor* has the following inscription: **LOVE GOD. M.L.LB: CHVRCHWARDENS.1639.** [also engraved

on the shoulder] ROGER BRACEGIRDLE MATHEW CHVB GENT.

In conclusion I may say that though the music on the fourth bell has not been found on any bell elsewhere, two of the medallions (Nos. 2 and 4) are on the second bell at

West Haddon, Northants. The inscription on this bell is precisely the same as on the Oxford one, but dated 1611, and with the addition "Heare I had not hunge but for John Dalington."



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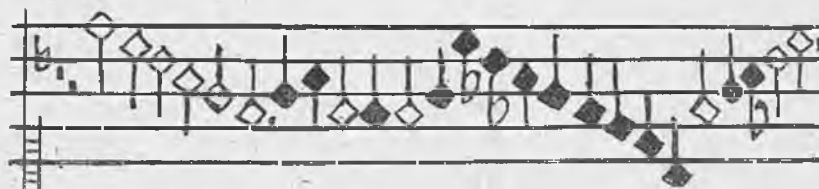
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MEDALLIONS AND
MUSIC ON FOURTH
BELL, ST. MARY
OXFORD.

MIDDLESEX v. BUCKS.

"Those evening bells, those mellow bells,
How many a tale their music tells."

An unofficial gathering of ringers was held at Denham by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. Battiscombe, M.A.), on Saturday week, when a good number of "cycling changers" enjoyed a pull on the famous ring of eight bells at St. Mary's Church, with its tenor of 24 cwt. in E flat.

The parish of Denham, like its tenor, consists of "old and new," the Great Central Railway affording facilities for London men to take an outing into fresh pastures, which the late Rector, a practical ringer, too, for several reasons was loath to encourage. Around the railway station is gathered the modern township, whilst the village itself, a mile away, still preserves the quaint domestic architecture of the 17th century.

The present tenor, by John Warner, 1875, was formerly cast, with others, by:—

James Bartlett made mee

Sixteen hundred and eighty three (1683).

As the inscription poetically describes the event took place at the village of Whitechapel of that period.

The "go" of the bells does not come up to standard, although the foreman of the Denham Society, Mr. Bronsdon, had very kindly given due attention to their appendages. However, at the hour of "fall in" at six p.m. everything was found ready for the "strong and eager," and five methods were indulged in at intervals till 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered "in peal," after a course of Double Norwich, which proved an excellent finish to a good practice.

The touches rung included 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. Chandler; a 504 Stedman Triples by E. Hancock; Grandsire by W. Welling; and Bob Major by J. Pratt—some ten neighbouring towers being represented by the following: Miss Jones, Messrs. Lawrence, Horne, Blackman, Gutteridge, Akerman, T. Smith, W. H. Fussell, Honor, P. Jones, H. Smith, Carter, Kedge, Henley, Holloway, Elburn, Baker, and local men.

This belfry is on the ground-floor, is quite open to the nave by a fine lofty arch, and entered by the west door, the main entrance of the church. The former ringing floor was some 20ft. higher. When the "restoration" was made an ancient peal board was left on the tower walls in its old position, and is now quite 40ft. above the ringing floor. Like the solid brass chandelier, which lights the apartment, it requires to be lowered to discern its beauty.

Some of the party who were newly introduced to the "Hero of Warnham" were surprised at the fairy-like Sussex Bobs called by old Harry on the tenor. The lady made a brave show with the long draught—rope, mind you—and the "go" of the sally; Akerman rang rounds for the first time on eight bells with an inside bell, and earned his star; Lawrence was determined to master the 6th, which he did both hand and back; Pratt refused the 7th for a second venture in Stedman, but kindly coached Miss Jones through a musical touch called by Hancock,

with Horne on the tenor—in fact, the Honor of the evening was, like Henley Regatta, divided equally between the counties concerned.

Denham still observes Guy Fawkes Day, and the bells were rung by the local band the previous evening, following an old parochial custom, so that Sunday peals for services the day after our visit meant three successive spells of bell ringing for the inhabitants to enjoy—a population suddenly increased by some 1,500 men of the New Army quartered in hutments between the village and station. Who knows how many of these sturdy khaki lads were carried "homeward" in memory on hearing Denham bells? What thoughts of their dear old parish church at home and mother's warm fireside, were roused as the bells rang out on the still November air?

"And so 'twill be when I am gone
Those tuneful bells will still ring on."

W. H. F.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO EYE RINGER.

On October 30th a memorial service was held in the Parish Church, Eye, for Sergt. G. E. Day, who, as we have already stated, was killed in action at Suvla Bay on August 12th. A comrade, who was in the deceased's platoon, spoke most highly of the gallant way in which Sergt. Day led his men, only four of the platoon escaping injury.

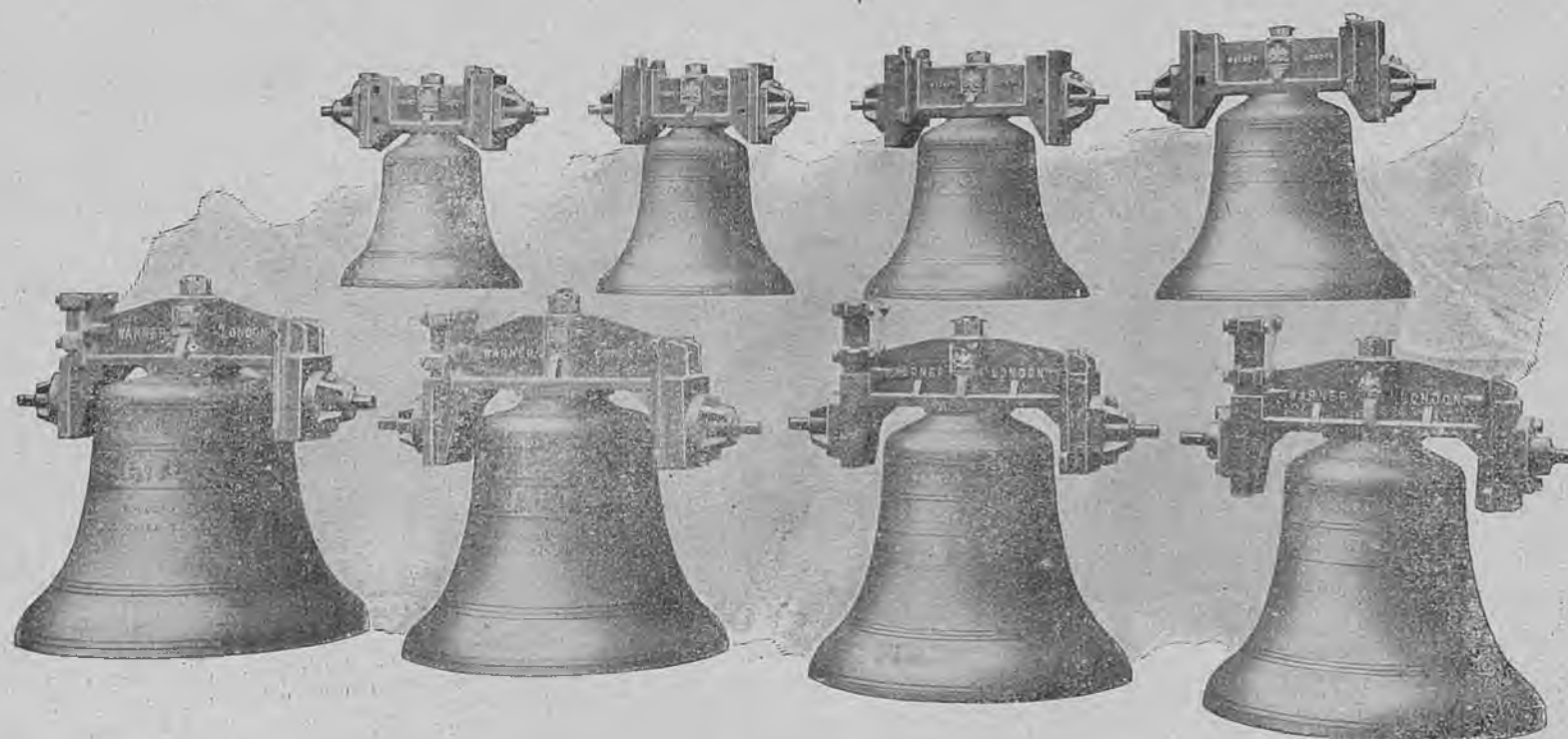
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the members of the Volunteer Training Corps and the Voluntary Aid Detachment (Red Cross) attended the service in uniform. Suitable hymns were sung, and an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. J. F. S. Pritchett.

The bells were rung, with half-muffled clappers, to Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative, by Messrs. F. Borrett, C. Baker, R. Whiting, E. Whiting, E. F. Whiting, F. Piercey (Pulham Market), A. Berry, W. Rose, C. Nunn, E. Youngs (Thornham), J. Betts (Wetheringsett), W. Grimes (Debenham), H. Moss (Yaxley), C. More (Palgrave), E. Linesh (Barnham), T. Fitzjohn (Thetford), and the local company.

To accord with the memorial service at Eye, the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, were, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Douglas Hamilton), rung muffled for divine service on Sunday morning as a last mark of respect. The death of Sergt. George Day is much regretted by the ringers of Ipswich and district, where he was, of course, well known. He assisted his father, Mr. Fred Day, to rehang the first ten bells at St. Mary-le-Tower in 1911, and was often in the belfry. The sympathy of the members of the society goes out to the widow and family of the deceased. The muffled ringing on Sunday included touches of Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters. In addition to the members of the local band, Mr. E. Diaper, of Stowmarket,

ACTON. On Oct. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Harding 1, J. Armiger Trollope (conductor) 2, A. Hubbard 3, G. Hes 4, Robt. Holloway 5, J. W. Frim 6, F. Skevington 7, W. Lawrence 8.

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PLEASANT GATHERING AT WARMLEY.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Warmley on Saturday last. The bells were available from 3.30, and soon after that time were set going to Bob Minor, followed by other methods until five o'clock, when the ringers attended divine service, the Rev. H. A. Cockey (hon. treasurer) and the Rev. F. Rogers officiating. In the course of his address, the Rev. F. Rogers remarked how well his own ringers at Warmley turned up for ringing on Sundays, and at the church festivals, and he thought great credit was due to them for their keenness.

Service over, a move was made to the tea room, some 38 members, representing 13 towers, sitting down, amongst them being the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave (late hon. secretary), and Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, who is now a familiar visitor at ringing meetings in the district.

At the business meeting, the Rev. F. Rogers was voted to the chair. It was decided to hold the annual branch meeting at St. George's, on December 11th, if possible, the meeting being informed that there was a good time in store.

The knotty problem of dividing the branch into districts was then discussed, and finally Q.-M.-S. Cave proposed that the committee be called to draw up a full year's programme, and that the same be submitted to the annual meeting.—This was carried.

Mr. H. Howell then read a report of the business accomplished at the annual committee meeting at Stonehouse.

A hearty vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar and Mrs. Rogers for the splendid reception they had given the visitors, and to the young ladies who had kindly waited upon them at tea. This proposal met with a fitting acceptance, and the Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Warmley. Proceeding, he congratulated the Rev. H. A. Cockey, on behalf of the company, on the mention of his son, Lieut. L. Cockey, in dispatches for his bravery at the Dardanelles.—The Rev. H. A. Cockey, in acknowledgment, said how pleased he was to receive congratulation on such a matter.

Mr. G. Condict then asked the meeting to give a hearty welcome to Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E., who was home from the front on leave, and this also was suitably acknowledged.

Mr. J. W. Jones took the opportunity of congratulating the Vicar on the regularity of his ringers, and said that ringers did not consider a peal of bells complete until there was a full octave. He thought Warmley bells would sound better with two trebles, the music obtainable on the eight being far superior to that on six. To show this in a practical way, Mr. Jones said he would call on the "experts" (as the handbell manipulators are now called), to ring first some Doubles, and then some Triples on handbells.

This was ably accomplished, and fully demonstrated Mr. Jones' advocacy. It is hoped that Mr. Jones' remarks will at all events cause the Warmley folk to think.

The tower was again visited, and various methods were rung until about half-past eight, when the bells were lowered, and brought to a close a most pleasant time.

If this should catch the eye of the gentleman who departed with the wrong hat, perhaps an exchange could once more be effected, for he who was left with the remaining one seemed very anxious as to who had taken his. The writer wonders who had the best of the exchange?

RINGING AT SOUTHWOLD.

On Sunday afternoon, October 24th, several ringers from the district round gathered at St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, to meet Rifleman Bertram Prewett, who is now stationed at Southwold with the London Rifle Brigade. A capital afternoon's ringing was enjoyed, some well-struck touches being brought round. The first was 454 Bob Major, by: Pte T. King 1, Norman Bailey 2, Jas. Spalding 3, J. Spencer 4, J. Larter 5, E. Chatten 6, Rifleman B. Prewett 7, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 8. This was followed by 168 Grandsire, rung by: Gunner F. Osborne, R.F.A., 1, J. Spalding 2, Clayton Parnell 3, Rifleman B. Prewett 4, N. Bailey 5, J. Larter 6, Fred Smith 7, Corpl. Brown 8. Then came 448 Kent Treble Bob Major, by: C. Parnell 1, Rifleman B. Prewett (conductor) 2, F. W. Naunton 3, Jas. Spalding 4, F. Smith 5, Pte T. Chapman 6, Pte T. King 7, Norman Bailey 8, and 224 Bob Major, by: Gunner F. Osborne, R.F.A., 1, W. Fanington 2, Pte T. Sparrow 3, C. Parnell 4, J. Spencer 5, John Larter 6, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 7, Rifleman Bertram Prewett 8. Alderman E. A. Holmes, the Vicar's warden, also took part in some minor touches. The ringers came from the following places: Corporal Brown (Bedford) and Pte T. King (4th Suffolks), Lowestoft; E. Chatten, Halesworth; Pte T. Sparrow, Great Finborough; J. Larter, Henham; Norman Bailey and Fred Smith, Leiston; Clayton Parnell and Jas. Spalding, Beccles; the rest belong to Wrentham and Southwold companies.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Busby 1, H. Hanry 2, R. Devenish 3, Pto H. Jones (A.S.C.) 4, W. White 5, J. Martin 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Price, of Bristol, who attained his 63rd year on that date.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHOREDITCH.—Middlesex County Association.—On Oct. 10th, for evensong, at St. Leonard's Church, 1311 Stedman Cinques in 1 hour: W. J. Nudds 1, R. W. Green 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, I. G. Shade 4, A. J. Neale 5, *H. Rumens 6, *G. B. Lucas 7, F. G. Tegg 8, J. Armstrong 9, R. Sanders 10, H. Flanders 11, W. Pye 12. Rung for the harvest festival. *Longest length of Stedman Cinques.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—For evening service, on October 10th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. J. Balcome 1, W. J. Smith 2, C. Freeman 3, W. H. Brunsdon 4, E. H. Johnson 5, W. T. Cox 6, J. H. White (conductor) 7, F. Brassington 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 10th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker 3, W. Shepherd 4, J. Floyd 5, Owen Bayse (Berkhampstead) 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, J. Floyd, junr. (first 500 with a bob bell) 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival, morning service, 360 Bob Minor: C. Woodbridge 1, T. Wardman 2, T. Hillier 3, M. Bowley 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 5, S. Chapman (1st 360 as conductor) 6. Evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Woodbridge 1, S. Chapman 2, T. Hillier 3, M. Bowley 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth (conductor) 5, A. E. Reeves 6.

CHESTERFIELD.—On October 10th, for morning service, 435 Stedman Caters: J. George (conductor) 1, A. Knights 2, P. Sault 3, G. Davies 4, W. J. Thyng 5, F. Stubbs 6, H. Chapman 7, G. Hollis 8, G. A. Thompson 9, W. Allwood 10. For evening service, 1299 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: Jas. George (composer) 1, B. A. Knights (conductor) 2, F. Jacobs 3, G. Hollis 4, W. J. Thyng 5, G. Davies 6, H. Chapman 7, W. Allwood 8, G. A. Thompson 9, A. Knights 10.

BRIDGWATER.—After harvest thanksgiving service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, October 10th, 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: F. R. Coles 1, Miss Ruth Coles 2, H. L. Jennings 3, V. Carter 4, C. V. Fry 5, A. E. Coles (conductor) 6. The first 720 Bob Minor by all except the conductor.

WHITCHURCH, near CARDIFF.—On Sunday, Oct. 10th, for evening service, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of four 120's of Plain Bob, four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and 360 of Grandsire: B. Chew 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, A. Dawe 5, J. Paine 6. Also several 120's of Doubles after service.

WEST EALING.—On October 10th, for evening service, at St. Stephen's Church (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1261 changes): O. Edwards 1, H. W. Lidbetter (Isleworth) 2, A. W. Davis (Kensington) 3, G. Harbour 4, R. Holloway (Acton) 5, P. H. Smith 6, J. A. Trollope 7, W. Lawrence (conductor) 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—Worcestershire Association.—On October 12th, at the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Bristol Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: J. Woodberry 1, N. Davis 2, G. Davis 3, T. J. Salter (conductor) 4, J. Smith 5, E. J. Brooks 6, W. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry 8. Rung in celebration of the harvest festival. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

CREWE.—Chester Guild.—On October 14th, 634 Stedman Caters: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, H. Overton 3, J. H. Riding 4, R. D. Langford 5, A. Crawley 6, G. H. Crawley 7, J. Denteth 8, R. T. Holding (conductor) 9, W. Edge 10.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on October 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: C. Gentry 1, A. Spellar 2, Pte H. F. Cooper, 5th Essex Regiment (conductor) 3, Pte H. Halford (5th Gloucester Regiment) 4, A. Whight 5, Corpl. W. Yeend (5th Gloucester Regiment) 6, A. E. Acfield 7, H. Allen 8, A. Head 9, W. Pease 10. Arranged for Pte H. F. Cooper, who was home on a week-end leave.

HALIFAX.—At St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on Oct. 17th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Edgar Bottomley 1, E. Kershaw 2, J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) 3, A. Jagger 4, *W. Noble 5, *H. Hanson 6, J. Rushworth 7, M. Taylor (longest length as conductor) 8. *Longest length.

LLANISHEN BELLS RESTORED.

After being silent for some time the bells of Llanishen, near Cardiff, were again heard on October 22nd, when members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association journeyed there to give a trial to the bells which had been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. The work which they have very successfully carried out included new gudgeons and carriages, the strengthening of the frame, etc. The bells had got into a bad "going" condition, and only with difficulty could be rung at all, but now they go excellently, and gave the utmost satisfaction to the following who rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: F. Tyler 1, W. B. Biss 2, W. Bolton 3, T. Woods 4, J. W. Jones 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 23rd, for general business, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual Meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) from about 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage at 6.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A special general meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, November 20th, 1915. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Service at 6.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 4th, 1915. Bells available from 2 till 6 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each, at the Infants' School, 6.30 p.m., followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, December 1st.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Conisborough (8 bells) on Saturday, December 4th, bells available 3.30-7.30.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

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HELPING THE FUND.

There have been some specially welcome donations among those which we have recently acknowledged towards the Prince of Wales' Fund. One was the sum collected at the service in connection with the recent annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. It was a very thoughtful action on the part of the officers of the association and the church authorities which directed this offertory into the National Relief Fund through the channel specially provided for ringers. We could wish that more collections were made at meetings—either in church or at the business proceedings—for this important cause. Much good work has been done by the Fund, and the future will, in all probability, make heavy calls upon its resources. Therefore, wherever there is a possibility, ringers should lend a hand. Undoubtedly district and other meetings form a capital opportunity for the claims of the fund to be advanced, and we should be very glad to see secretaries rising to the occasion more often.

A donation which we acknowledge this week is of special interest, for it has come from the members of the Boston Guild, America. It shows, in still another way, that, though the seas divide us, the hearts of our countrymen are with us. The Boston Guild has had a big struggle to maintain its existence, since it came into being two years ago. It has only been the indomitable perseverance of six or eight enthusiasts that has kept the flag of ringing flying, even for this period, in a country where the art has never flourished. Slowly the little party is going ahead, but they get very little encouragement from anyone in authority. They are able to arrange periodical ringing at one or two of the churches, and the Guild has been kept in being by a monthly business meeting. It says not a little for its vitality that a generous contribution to our list for the National Relief Fund should have been sent, and we hope the example, which this donation provides, may be followed by others from older established Guilds at home.

We know that there are many demands upon the purses of all in this country, but we should like to see our fund assisted from a wider circle of supporters than has lately been the case. Even if regular contributions cannot be sent, an occasional donation might be forthcoming, perhaps, if the tower captain or secretary would just put the matter before his band. It is not necessary that the sums should be large, as long as they are numerous. We hope, therefore, to see a quicker rise of the fund in future, so that the second one hundred guineas we set out to raise may be completed in reasonable time. It needs but a little persistent effort and well applied energy, and a helping hand all round.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

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| *PERCY SAULT Treble | †THOMAS HENSHER 6 |
| *BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2 | SAMUEL WESLEY 7 |
| GEORGE HOLLIS 3 | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8 |
| *GEORGE DAVIES 4 | *JAMES GEORGE 9 |
| ALBERT H. WARD 5 | WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal in the method by the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.

On Monday, November 15, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

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| *PRIVATE F. T. C. CAPLE... Treble | G. BROOKS 5 |
| A. BROOKS 2 | J. MONK 6 |
| T. BULL 3 | J. BROOKS 7 |
| †SERGT. G. C. RICE 4 | *H. BULL Tenor |

Conducted by J. MONK.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell. Rung as a tribute of respect to and sympathy for King Albert, King of the Belgians, and his gallant men, and as a birthday peal to His Majesty. Sergeant Rice hails from Harwell, Berks. Pte. Caple from Exeter.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

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| WILLIAM PALMER Treble | JOHN EATON 5 |
| FRANK WITHERS 2 | JAMES GEORGE 6 |
| ALFRED PRITCHETT 3 | J. S. PRITCHETT 7 |
| THEODORE PRITCHETT 4 | ARTHUR CHAMBERS Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ALDERMAN J. S. PRITCHETT.

This peal was rung as a token of respect for Mr. Josiah Hands, who was born and lived for nearly 87 years under the shadow of the church tower.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE Treble | JOSIAH MORRIS 5 |
| FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 6 |
| HARRY BROUGHTON 3 | *EFHRAIM W. RANDS ... 7 |
| JOHN OLDHAM 4 | EDWARD READER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Leicestershire soldiers and sailors who have fallen during the war.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WITNESHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE FARNISH Treble | GEORGE FLEMMING 4 |
| ALBERT FLEMMING 2 | SERGT. J. BENNETT (R.M.) 5 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor |

Conducted by WM. BURGESS.

Rung to oblige the ringer of the 5th, who home on a few days' leave from H.M.S. "Phaeton," North Sea

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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| WILLIAM WRIGHT Treble | HENRY WRIGHT 4 |
| MISS HILDA WILLSON 2 | JOHN GARRATT 5 |
| CHARLES BROWN 3 | WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung with bells half muffled in memory of the late Rector, Rev. A. G. Lound, M.A., for 35 years the faithful friend of the poor of this parish. Miss Hilda Willson and the conductor hail from Leicester, the remainder are local men.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
AT LAMBERTON LODGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

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| JOHN KEARON 1-2 | RICHARD KEARON 3-4 |
| ARTHUR A. HADLEY 5-6 | |

Conducted by ARTHUR A. HADLEY.

Witnesses: WINIFRED HADLEY and ELIZABETH MADDERS.

Rung at the first attempt. First peal in seven method John and Richard Kearon.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 17, 1915, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. SEGAR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Two 720's of College Single Reverse, two 720's of St. Clements and three of Plain Bob.

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| JOHN HURST 1-2 | JOHN SEGAR, JR. 3-4 |
| GEORGE TURNER 5-6 | |

Conducted by J. SEGAR, JR.

Witness: A. PIERCY.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Sunday, November 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-nine and a Half Minutes,

AT 31, HIGHER ALBERT STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANCES;

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| GEORGE HOLLIS 1-2 | WILLIAM J. THYNG 5-6 |
| CLEMENT GLENN 3-4 | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7-8 |
| JAMES GEORGE 9-10 | |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Witness: B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Knights.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

We have received the following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund:—

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| | £ | s. | d. |
| Amount already acknowledged | 117 | 13 | 5 |
| Boston Guild, U.S.A. (per Mr. Jas. F. Laker, hon. sec.) | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| Total | £120 | 0 | 8 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers have joined H.M. Forces:—

Pte J. A. Hoare, of Swansea, 7th Welsh Cyclists.
Herbert Holme, St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 3rd Writer, Royal Navy, now at Portsmouth.
Pte A. J. Baynes, of West Ham, M.T.C., now in France.
Pte Frank Beesley, Ton Neston, 3rd Northampton Regiment, now at Chatham.
Pte Frank Dickens, of Towcester, 3rd Northampton Regiment, now at Gillingham.
Albert W. Coles, of the Northampton Borough Police, has, with 16 other members of that force, joined the military police, and is now at Aldershot.
Pte John Parker, of Barthomley Parish Church, Cheshire, 5th King's Liverpool Regiment.
Pte Harry Tudor, of Frodsham, A.S.C.
Pte A. Mason, of All Saints', King's Cliffe, Northamptonshire T.F., at Northampton.
From the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester:—
Pte T. Vallance, 10th Batt. Leicestershire Regiment.
Pte H. E. Norman, Motor Transport.

RINGING IN AMERICA.**BOSTON GUILD'S WORK.**

For over two years, six or eight enthusiastic and practical change ringers, from the old country, have tried their utmost to keep a band together in the City of Boston. On Monday, Nov. 7th, they held one of their monthly business meetings, and the outlook of the Guild was discussed at some length.

Considering all the difficulties they have had to overcome, it was felt the Guild had done well to be able to call a business meeting once a month. It was with regret a system of fines was introduced last year, but apparently, rather than show any lack of enthusiasm by being recorded late, or absent, the ringers have attended better, and better ringing has resulted.

Two very good quarter-peals have recently been rung, as already recorded in "The Ringing World," and with only eight or nine practical ringers in Boston, they congratulate themselves that they are slowly going ahead. It is very difficult to get permission to ring for long continuous lengths, but the Guild now have sanction to ring every Sunday evening at the Church of the Advent for 45 minutes, and once a month at Watertown, on a Sunday morning for the same time. Occasional visits are paid to Hingham and Groton, but, through lack of funds, these journeys are not so frequent as the ringers would wish.

Recognising that they could be justly ranked as a ringing society, it was felt by the members that "Boston, U.S.A." would look well amongst the list of those towers and societies subscribing to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund through the "Ringing World." The matter was ably brought forward by Mr. R. Newton at the meeting, with the result that the hon. secretary has forwarded a draft amounting to £2 7s. 3d., which was subscribed by the nine active members in Boston. It may be added that no less than six of the ringers are members of the Order of "Sons of St. George," and with them have done, and are doing, good work for the Relief Fund.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Northern Branch, Gainsborough District, was held at Corringham on Saturday last, at which the towers of Gainsborough, Willingham and Corringham were represented. On the arrival of the Gainsborough contingent they were pleased to learn that seven of the Bigby company (Grimsby district) along with their Rector (the Rev. H. T. Parry) who is also an enthusiastic change ringer, had already made their appearance. This helped to swell the number which, otherwise, under the present and other unforeseen circumstances would only have been rather moderate. The bells, a handy and sweet-toned ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tea was provided by Mrs. Smithson, and was followed by the business meeting.

The Vicar of Corringham (the Rev. C. C. Fowler) presided, and was supported by the Rector of Bigby.—The Ringing Master (Mr. J. C. Tucker) gave a very hearty welcome to the Bigby visitors, which was acknowledged in a very appreciative manner by the Rev. H. T. Parry.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success, concluded the business.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By "BOB MAJOR."

What a wonderful man William Pye is! That's no news, I suppose, to anybody who knows anything about ringing, but did you notice that footnote to a handbell peal recorded in last week's issue? "W. Pye's 1,200th peal," was the bald announcement, but, when you come to think about it, what a wonderful deal it conveys; and the more you think about it the more you wonder. What prodigious application and effort it means, and how puny are some of our own records beside this one. And yet our own small achievements—our struggles and failures as well as our successes—help us to realise something of what the performance of 1,200 peals means. Let us, with a hundred or so peals to our credit, think of all our exertions, even if we have been among the lucky ones, and then multiply it twelve times! Twenty or twenty-five years ago, when William Pye rang his first peal, such a thing as 1,200 peals by one man would have been looked upon as an impossibility. But peal ringing is on a different basis in these days; in some respects peals are not judged by the same standards. Indeed, I do not think it is going beyond the bounds of truth when I say that Mr. Pye is responsible to no small extent for the change in those standards.

TWO GREAT RECORDS.

Mr. Pye, as most readers will know, is the second ringer to reach the 1,200 mark, the other having been the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who, at his death, had rung, I believe, 1,251 peals. But one cannot pretend to make any comparison between the records of these two great ringers. Their performances are altogether apart, although it is true that each has shared in some record achievements. In thinking of the late Vicar of Drayton's record, one has to remember that he was ringing peals before William Pye was born. He was well over 70 years of age when he completed his 1,200th, while Mr. Pye has fulfilled the task in less than two-thirds of the time—indeed, although I have not the dates before me, I should not be surprised if the actual ringing career of the one is not less than half that of the other. In the ordinary course of things Mr. Pye will pass "the reverend's" total by a long way. I wonder whether there will ever come a time when William Pye will "give up work and go in for peal ringing." That was what Parson Robinson, at the age of 68, said he intended to do when he was 70, but I don't think he carried out the idea in the way he at one time really contemplated, for indifferent health robbed him of the opportunities which release from parochial duties might have brought him.

TAKING UP RINGING.

It is not everybody who is in the happy position of being able, at a given age, to snap his fingers at work and embrace his hobby—particularly if he is a ringer. One such I know—have you ever heard his name, gentle reader? I don't think I ought, really, to give it away—he used to hail from Rugby, but, according to latest advices, an address in Birmingham would find him. But the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley. The unfortunate part about the intentions of this vigorous veteran is that as soon as he gave up work with a view to taking up peal ringing, the war put an end to peal ringing. But peace is coming some day, and then—won't there be a time. The 600 mark, which I believe is the immediate objective of the gentleman in question, will be left behind before you can say "Jimmy George," and the other four hundred, to make up the thousand, will quickly be put into the book. More power to your elbow, James, but I see by reports from Sheffield that your form is not deteriorating. What a youth among the veterans you are. How many men at 62 would have tackled that job—and made a job of it, too, as I warrant you did?

A GREAT LITTLE MAN.

While there are only two men who have reached a dozen centuries of peals, so wide is the gap between such enthusiasts as these and ordinary peal ringers, that there are only about two others who have topped the thousand: I. G. Shade and E. Pye. The latter can claim, I believe, to have rung peals in more counties than anyone, more even than William. But the marvel of the age, to my mind, is George Shade. He was peal ringing a generation before some of the present-day peal ringers were born, and the habit has grown with him. Time and distance have been no obstacle to this great little man. If he couldn't get his ringing in London, well, he would go out of London for it, and, while it was not till he fell in with the present band that he rang peals at such a pace, yet for well over forty years he has been pegging away. And he still goes at it with all the zest of a boy—when he has the chance, for chances have been few and far between lately, especially as he has never been a handbell man.

SPARE TIME WORK.

In those palmy days, when some men used to ring round about a hundred peals a year, to say nothing of what they lost—I suppose they lost some, like other people—and of the casual ringing meetings and practices they used to attend, I was often wont to wonder when they found time to do much else but ring. They always reminded me of an acquaintance of mine who filled many public offices. He was a bit of a wag, and was called upon one day, in his public capacity, to give evidence at a Local Government Inquiry. As he seated himself in the witness' chair, the following colloquy took place:

Inspector: I think you are Mr. William Robinson?

Robinson: I am.

Inspector: What are you, Mr. Robinson?

Robinson: I am a member of the Borough Council and chairman of its Finance Committee, as well as being a member of the Highways Committee and the Watch Committee; I'm chairman of the Board of Guardians and on all its committees; I'm a member of the Education Authority. I'm churchwarden of my parish church, and serve on the committees of several local institutions. In my spare time I manage a bank.

One would sometimes be inclined to imagine that some of those who do so much ringing only work in their spare time, were it not that one knows how hard they have to work for their livelihood. Indeed, it's the busy man who always finds time for other things besides his every-day task.

ONLY ONE WHO KEPT A BEAT.

There's a story going the rounds now—it's almost got whiskers on it by this time—about an admiring Scotch woman and her daughter, watching the marching of the regiment in which her son had recently enlisted. As the soldiers passed, the dame exclaimed: "Look, Mary, oor Jock's the only one keeping step." Reading this yarn again the other day, reminded me of an incident that occurred in London some few years ago. A more or less scratch party met, I believe at Cornhill, for a peal of Cinques. At that time of day I do not think Cornhill bells went as well as they go now, or did go the last time I was there. Anyway, the peal attempt did not go any better than the bells, and after they had gone up into a "heap" and the ringing had come to an end, there was some "argifying," which turned, not only on who had put the "finishing touch" to the performance, but also on the striking which had prevailed. The gentleman who had rung the eleventh came in for special criticism. He took it rather sadly to heart, and, feeling somewhat aggrieved, confided in a sympathetic friend afterwards. Said he, "I can't understand why they all wanted to put the blame on to me, why I was the only one of the whole twelve who kept a beat."

BELLS AND POETRY.

That quotation at the top of an article, "Middlesex v. Bucks," in last week's "Ringing World" was, in truth, a misquotation. "Those evening bells, those mellow bells," was written by Thomas Moore as "Those evening bells, those evening bells." Whether they are evening bells or mellow bells, however, matters little to us, as long as they are bells, although whether it be evening or morning we naturally prefer bells that are mellow to those that are otherwise. There is one tower down in Hampshire where, they say, the bells are made of leather, except the tenor, and that's a wash tub. At any rate, there's not much satisfaction got out of ringing them, but when visitors talk to the boss of the belfry about them, he remarks, "Well, they mayn't be much of things, but they are better than nothing." There's much wisdom, as well as a spirit of resignation about this, which many of us might take to heart when we feel a bit discontented, not only with our bells, but things in general. But I have digressed. What I really intended when I began this note was to inquire who has the best collection of verse concerning bells? Have any of my readers made a point of gathering up the fragments of the poets concerning bells? If they have, it must make an interesting collection.

CHESTNUTS.

A couple of jokes that will appeal to ringers:—

Visitor: "I say, my lad, what are those church bells ringing for?"

Small Boy: "'Cos somebody's pulling 'em!"

Sergeant (to new recruit): "What denomination are you? Church of England?"

Recruit: "Oh, I ain't partic'lar. What are yer short of?"

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Thrapston on Saturday week, about 26 members being present from Raunds, Welford, Ringstead, Twywell, Islip, Finedon, Wellingborough, Titchmarsh and the local tower. The bells are a fine peal of eight, and various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was provided at the King's Head Hotel, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by the President (the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, of Islip), who was supported by the Rev. J. Lang, of Twywell; Mr. F. Milford, general secretary, and the district secretary, Mr. F. Stubbs.—An apology was received from the Rector (the Rev. W. B. Stothert), who was busy recruiting, also Mr. James Clarke, of Towcester, who had to leave early, owing to the train service.

The following district officers were elected: Rev. W. B. Stothert, vice-president; Mr. F. Stubbs, district secretary; Messrs. F. Kirk, R. Loveday, D. Redhead, E. Mayes and E. Curtis, committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Twywell.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and local ringers brought a very successful meeting to a close.

CURTAILED RINGING AT NEWCASTLE.

At Newcastle Cathedral, where there has been only one practice since the war started, Sunday ringing is much curtailed, as no ringing is allowed after sunset on account of possible air raids, and on Sunday mornings a soldiers' service reduces the available time to 15 or 20 minutes.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

On Saturday week a quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at St. Martin's Parish Church, Tipton. In the afternoon several touches of Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman Triples, etc., were rung on the bells, and at 4.30 p.m. the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. De Vine, M.A., R.D.), assisted by the Rev. F. N. Fletcher.

The Vicar took his text from the 10th Psalm, "Tell it out that the Lord is King." He said that they were all trying to do their little bit for the country that we love, but that day he was asking them to do their little bit for a grander King. As Christ's messenger, he asked them to tell it out. John the Baptist said his was a voice crying in the wilderness. They, as ringers, had a very great honour conferred upon them. They were men who not only called others to God's house, but came to God's house themselves. As bell ringers they must have clean hands and pure hearts. They must never be slackers. They knew that when war first broke out many of their best workmen joined at once, and their places were filled by inferior men who did not think so much of their country, but came in for high wages. Thus over the bodies of their comrades they rose to success. As ringers of the bells they were mixed up with joy and sorrow. They took a great pride in their ringing, and were banded together all over the country. He was very glad of it. The bells did a noble work. Every scholar in their schools, when the bell rang out at noon, offered a prayer for King, country, and soldiers. There was a great art in bell ringing, and it was worth the time spent upon it.

There was a good company of members of the Guild and other ringers, and their wives, who had been specially invited. To celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. William Rock Small, a veteran Tipton bell ringer, that gentleman kindly provided tea for the company, in the school room, which was greatly enjoyed.

The subsequent proceedings were presided over by the genial Vicar (the Rev. W. T. De Vine), and among those present were: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A. (presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham), Mr. A. Paddoa Smith (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. S. Spittle (chairman of the St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley), Messrs. John Carter, J. E. Groves and J. George (all of Birmingham), Mr. H. Mason (Old Hill), Mr. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Messrs. A. Little, John Bradney, H. Knight, and D. Jones (Wolverhampton), Mr. B. Gough (Coseley), Mr. Herbert Sheppard (hon. sec., St. Thomas's Guild), Mr. John Smith (Church House, Tipton), Mr. William Rock Small (the host), the Rev. F. N. Fletcher, and a good many ladies, about seventy-five sitting down. Apologies were received from Messrs. Albert Walker, T. Rissam, and T. J. Bratton (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Perrins (Tipton).

On the proposition of Mr. W. R. Small it was decided that the annual meeting of the Guild should be held at Dudley. Mr. Spittle said he would endeavour to make them as welcome as they always tried to do.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr. H. Mason proposed a vote of thanks to the provider of the feast (Mr. W. R. Small), and remarked that it gave him great pleasure to be present to attend welcome their old friend. It was not the first time that they had met under similar happy auspices. They congratulated him on having successfully passed another anniversary. On the previous day, as they knew, he entered upon his 77th year. They looked upon Mr. Small and Mr. Spittle as their shining lights, as the two old fathers of the Guild. They trusted that the donor of the feast would be spared for many years to ring the bells at that, and other belfries (applause).

Alderman Pritchett, who associated himself with the vote of thanks, remarked how many years he had known Mr. Small as a ringer. He had had the pleasure of being introduced to two of his stalwart sons and a charming grand-daughter, and congratulated him. Like Mr. Spittle, Mr. Small was on the way to living to a grand old age, which showed that a ringer's life was a healthy one. He would certainly catch Mr. Spittle up if he lived long enough, being only three years behind (laughter). Many assembled there that evening were present to celebrate Mr. Small's golden wedding, and later, the attainment of three-quarters of a century, and he trusted that they would all live to meet together to celebrate the bringing in of peace (applause).

Mr. James George (Master of the Warwickshire Guild) also expressed the hope that Mr. Small would be spared for many years to ring peals.

Mr. S. Spittle then responded to a request to sing the old favourite song, "Many happy returns of the day," which he did in splendid voice, loud and clear, and far from what one would expect from a singer who is not far short of eighty years of age.

The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation, followed by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow" and three lusty cheers.

Mr. William Rock Small, in reply, said that some of those present he met 40, 30 and 20 years ago in following his ringing, and the more he saw of them the more he liked them. He started to ring in 1863, ringing his first peal in 1866, and he had been ringing ever since. The more he rang the more he liked it, and to the ringing he ascribed his good health. There was no better exercise on earth, as it was both a mental and physical stimulant. He rejoiced to know that ringers were altogether a better lot of men than they were in the olden times. Ringers were now properly recognised as Church workers. There

would doubtless be more good ringers if the clergy took a greater interest in them.

Mr. John Smith, in some interesting remarks, moved a vote of thanks to the visitors.

A vote of thanks was also accorded the ladies for being present, Mr. Mason replying on their behalf.

Mr. S. Spittle voiced a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Tipton for so cordially consenting to the service, and to the organist (Mr. G. A. Banner).

The Rev. W. T. De Vine, in response, said he was very proud of the ringers of England.

The National Anthem closed the proceedings.

SURPRISE MINOR RINGING IN SUSSEX.

Recently the Shipley band, with Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, visited the old parish church at Horsham, and rang two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, K. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, W. Denman, junr., 6, A. Cripps 7, O. Sippetts (conductor) 8.—On Tuesday, November 2nd, at Shipley, 720 Chester Surprise Minor was rung: F. Denman 1, O. Sippetts 2, K. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 7th, before morning service, 720 each of Beverly Surprise and Worcester Surprise Minor: T. Adams 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, R. H. Bowell 3, O. Sippetts 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Before evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor: F. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, W. Denman, junr., 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6; and after service, 720 Wells Surprise, G. Lucas taking the place of R. H. Bowell, the rest as before.—On November 8th, 720 Durham Surprise was rung by: F. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, W. Denman, junr., 4, J. F. Bowell 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6.—On Saturday evening, Nov. 14th, at West Grinstead, 720 York Surprise: W. Denman, junr., 1, O. Sippetts 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6; and 720 Carlisle Surprise: F. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, O. Sippetts 3, W. Denman, junr., 4, J. F. Bowell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, before evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, W. Denman, junr., 4, H. Foulle 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6.—On Tuesday, Nov. 16th, at Shipley, 720 Bristol Surprise: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 21st, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Surprise: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, O. Sippetts 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Before evening service, 720 College Pleasure: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.

Mr. O. Sippetts, who has been a most welcome visitor to Shipley of late, has now had to take a farewell of the band, as he is leaving to take his place in the ranks of the 14th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, now stationed at Colchester. The best wishes of all the band went out to him with a hope he may be spared to return victorious amongst them again.

41 SURPRISE EXTENTS.

A capital record has been put up at St. Mary's Church, Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, where by the ringing of 720 Bourne Surprise Minor, the members of the belfry have now achieved the whole of the 41 Legitimate Surprise extents published in the Central Council Legitimate Methods. The 720 Bourne, on November 9th, was rung by: J. W. Bell 1, W. T. Robson 2, T. W. Gilmour 3, J. Martin 4, H. H. Barker (conductor) 5, H. Fyles 6. Other members who have taken part in the ringing of the 41 methods are H. Harrison and Corpl. J. Wilkinson.

OXFORD GUILD GATHERINGS.

We are asked to state that a friendly gathering of ringers from neighbouring towers will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, on Saturday, the 27th, at 7 p.m. Six-bell men will be specially welcomed.

On Saturday, December 4th, the tower of St. Mary's, Burnham, will be open for united practice, to which visitors will be welcome, from 6 to 9 p.m., after the Boyne Hill committee meeting. A train leaves Taplow at 9.12 p.m. for the down and branch lines.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Tuesday, Oct. 26th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: C. Holland (first 720 of Minor) 1, J. White 2, A. Wilson 3, J. Taylor 4, E. Andrew 5, H. Kettle (conductor) 6.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On Monday, Oct. 25th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, F. Bird 3, R. Law 4, T. J. Watts 5, H. W. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—On November 1st, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, F. Bird 3, R. Law 4, T. J. Watts 5, H. W. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: A. Burdock 1, C. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, H. Burdock 4, Sergt. B. Thomson (Romford) 5, M. Smither 6, B. Chorley 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to the three brothers Burdock, who were on the point of joining H.M. Forces.

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Two very popular Guild Masters are serving in France as Chaplains of the Army.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield, has been Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild for many years, and takes a deep and active interest in its work, although he is not so well known as a change ringer. Under his guidance the Winchester Guild has maintained a high position. Among the members, Mr. Matthews is exceedingly popular, and his businesslike discharge of his duties have proved him the right man in the right place.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews has been a Chaplain of Forces since March, 1901, when he was appointed to the old 2nd Volunteer Battalion Hants Regiment, at Southampton, now the 5th Battalion Hants Regiment. He was promoted Chaplain, third class, T.F., in March, 1911. When war broke out he was with his regiment, and served as Brigade Chaplain to the Hampshire Infantry Brigade, on Salisbury Plain, until the Wessex Division left for India in October, 1914. He then served for two months as Brigade Chaplain to the 2nd Thames and Medway Infantry Reserve Brigade (the 5th and 6th K.R.R.'s and 5th and 6th Rifle Brigade) in the Isle of Sheppey. On

being drafted to the front the Rev. C. E. Matthews was at first attached to No. 11 General Hospital at the Base, and is now the C.E. Chaplain at No. 12 Casualty Clearing Station.

The Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, the popular Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, although he has only been connected with the Army Chaplaincy since about Easter of this year, is also doing splendid work among the men in France. As a ringer he is, of course, well known throughout England, being one of the foremost clerical exponents of the Art. No one has a truer conception of the responsibilities of office than he has, and since he succeeded the late Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master of the Oxford Guild, he has furthered its objects in every possible way. He is unquestionably the Guild's most active official, and his aim is always to promote the interests of the members. A ringer among ringers, he is at home at the light or heavy end, while his skill in the higher methods is well known. Those who know him from experience in ringing circles will readily appreciate that his services will be highly valued by Tommy in the field.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A special general meeting of the Guildford District was held at Dorking, on Saturday, November 20th, and although the attendance was smaller than usual, owing to the number of members serving their King and country, it was a very representative gathering, the following towers being represented: Dorking, Leatherhead, Guildford (Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas), Godalming, Farnham, and Cranleigh. The officers were all re-elected, and after some discussion it was resolved to hold three meetings and the annual in 1916; at Godalming in February, Seale in May, Woking in August, and the annual meeting at Leatherhead, in November.

The stately church was greatly admired: the new entrance gates greatly adding to its dignity, whilst the beautiful bells were available afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Chichester), and unanimous expressions of satisfaction and thanks were heard on all sides afterwards, at the very interesting and practical address given by the reverend gentleman.

GRANDSIRE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Matthews' letter, claiming my peal of Grandsire, I beg to state that he has no right to accuse me of peal snatching, seeing that he has not made out his case. He suggests that my peal was obtained from his by a transposition of a few singles, but surely he can see it would require something more than that to obtain it. Anyhow, I would not care to try and get the peal that way. Such a lot of transpositions of calls would be necessary that it would be easier to go in for a new peal. Further, Mr. Matthews has not replied to the remarks in my last letter with regard to the working of the part bells. Therefore, I object to his claim and resent his remarks as to peal snatching.—Yours faithfully,

5, Prior Street, Port Talbot.

A. J. PITMAN

MONKS ELEIGH RINGER'S DEATH.

A promising young ringer has been lost by the death of Lance-Corpl. Robert C. Keeble, R.E., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keeble, of Monks Eleigh, Suffolk. The gallant young soldier died from wounds received in France on September 15th, 1914, at the age of 22 years, and was buried at Vendresse. The deceased began to learn ringing very young, as he piloted the treble through his first 720 on tower bells at the Parish Church, Hitcham, Suffolk, when only 12 years old. He rang several 720's on his own parish church bells before enlisting in 1909 into



the Suffolk Regt. He afterwards transferred into the Royal Engineers, and was stationed at Aldershot, where he got connected with Mr. C. Edwards, of Farnham, and joined the Winchester Guild, ringing in several towers in that district. The deceased had rung only one peal, this being in three methods, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob, on January 3rd, 1914, at his own parish church. He is supposed to be the first member of the Ely Association to lose his life in the war, and his loss is mourned, for Corpl. Keeble, who was of a cheerful and kindly disposition, was held in high esteem by all who made his acquaintance.

FIRST 720 AT GREAT MISSENDEN.

On a peaceful hillside, away from the tumult of war, stands the fine old Parish Church of Great Missenden, from which the massive grey tower rises well above the old yew tree, like a sentinel on guard over the graves in the sloping churchyard beneath. During the past three years the question had often been put: "When shall we try a 720 on the Missenden bells?" and eventually a meeting was arranged for Nov. 13th. The melodious old ring of six (tenor 27-cwt.) were sent off in Grandsire Doubles. By the time this was completed Messrs. Buckland and Blackmore had arrived from Beaconsfield, and the job of the evening was soon under weigh. Bob Minor was the method; but, alas, at the fourth part end one of those unaccountable bobs crept in, which brought an untimely end. After another six-score of Doubles, another attempt was made, and in exactly 30 minutes the bells rolled into rounds, this being the first known 720 rung on the bells. The ringers were: A. Elburn (first 720) 1. W. Thorne (conductor) 2. J. Evans 3. R. Buckland 4. J. Blackmore 5. J. Gransbury 6. More touches were afterwards rung, including a six-score of Stedman Doubles, the ringing concluding with 240 Kent Treble Bob: W. Edwards 1, J. Evans 2, W. Horne 3, J. Gransbury 4, J. Blackmore 5, R. Buckland (conductor) 6. Others taking part in touches were Messrs. E. Redreep and R. Star, of Amersham; P. Evans from Hughenden, and J. Barnes. To the last-named thanks are due for making arrangements and meeting the visitors at the church. It is hoped a bell hanger may be employed at the tower ere long, as the bells, although a heavy ring, do not go well.

MR. WILLIAM PYE'S 1,200 PEALS.

The handbell peal of Stedman Triples rung the other day at Walthamstow was, as the footnote announced, Mr. William Pye's 1,200th peal, and, incidentally, his 900th as conductor. It is rather remarkable that these two round numbers should turn up together in this way. Mr. Pye's list of peals will be read with interest, for it is one which, taken in all its bearings, is unique.

| | On Tower Bells.
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| Seven Minor Methods | 2 | | | |
| Grandsire Triples | 12 | 3 | 1 | |
| Grandsire Caters | 4 | 2 | | |
| Stedman Cinques | 1 | 1 | | |
| Stedman Triples | 163 | 128 | 35 a | 21 |
| Stedman Caters | 159 | 120 b | 37 | 35 |
| Stedman Cinques | 60 c | 41 | 33 d | 31 |
| Bob Major | 4 | | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | 20 | 15 e | 6 | 4 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 27 | 19 | 4 | 2 |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | 7 | 6 | | |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal | 2 | 1 | | |
| Double Oxford Bob Major | 1 | | | |
| Duffield Major | 1 | | | |
| Double Norwich Major | 77 | 57 f | 5 | 3 |
| Superlative Surprise Major | 221 | 156 | 7 g | 4 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | 29 | 19 | | |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal | 17 | 12 | | |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus | 3 | 2 | | |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major | 1 | 16 | 3 | 3 |
| New Cambridge Surprise Royal | 3 | 3 | | |
| New Cumberland Surprise Major | 1 | 1 | | |
| London Surprise Major | 131 | 117 h | 5 | 4 |
| Bristol Surprise Major | 83 | 65 i | 3 | 2 |
| Total | 1059 | 790 | 141 | 110 |

a Including 1 non-conducted.

b Including 18027 (record).

c Including 11111 (record).

d Including 6063 (record).

e Including 10464.

f Including 15072.

g Including 1 non-conducted.

h Including 14112 (record).

i Including 15264 (record).

A KING'S NORTON WORTHY.

DEATH OF MR. JOSIAH HANDS.

A peal was rung at King's Norton, on Thursday of last week, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. Josiah Hands, who was born and lived for nearly 87 years under the shadow of the church tower. For many years he was a member of the church choir, and, in 1892, while churchwarden, he was instrumental in placing in the tower a new clock with two dials and quarter chimes, and in getting the beautiful and noted peal of bells rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

His funeral was largely attended, among those present being the Rev. Canon Hugh Price (Vicar of King's Norton), the Rev. Canon C. W. Barnard, Rector of Sutton Coldfield; Rev. Dr. Smyth, Vicar of Sutton-on-Sea. Amongst his numerous grandchildren who attended, were Lieuts. R. H. M. Hands and A. M. Hands, 1st Battery, South African Heavy Artillery, sons of Mr. Harry Hands, Mayor of Capetown, and formerly Rhodes Scholars, University College, Oxford; Capt. A. S. Hands, 17th London Battalion (T.F.) and Pte Saxby Hands, R.A.M.C., others of his soldier grandchildren being in the fighting line, and unable to obtain leave. There were also present, amongst his nephews, Mr. C. Eustace Hands, the well-known war correspondent of the London "Daily Mail"; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Mr. A. Pritchett and Mr. Theodore Pritchett. Mrs. Rebecca Brant, aged 92, the oldest inhabitant of the village, also attended the funeral.

At the conclusion of the peal, which is recorded in another column, Mr. John Eaton reminded Alderman Pritchett of a promise, made to him when 12 years of age, of a sovereign when they should ring their first peal together, which promise had been in abeyance for 14 years.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, November 14th, at St. Giles' Church, 1263 Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: A. W. Coles (conductor) 1. J. W. Metherell 2. W. J. Allen 3. T. Tebbutt 4. J. W. Sharp 5. J. T. Hensman 6. F. Hopper 7. W. Rogers 8. G. Flavell 9. W. Farey 10. Rung as a farewell to A. W. Coles, who has joined His Majesty's Forces.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursdays, December 2nd, 16th and 30th, for handbell practice, and on Tuesdays, 7th and 21st, for business; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division. The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 4th, 1915. Bells available from 2 till 6 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each, at the Infants' School, 6.30 p.m., followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, December 1st.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Conisborough (8 bells) on Saturday, December 4th, bells available 3.30-7.30.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Leyland, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Reports ready.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Burley on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Parochial Room at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, December 5th, at St. George's Church, Stockport.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horbury, via Wakefield, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 to 8 p.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., in school, near church (at 1s. head) for those who notify J. Smith, 38, Medlock Road, Horbury, not later than Tuesday, December 7th. A good attendance is desired.—Leonard Brightman, District Secretary pro. tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in the Vestry, to all giving notice to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 42, Aireworth Street, Keighley, not later than Tuesday, December 7th.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 4.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SAXMUNDHAM.—After service, on Oct. 17th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Fleming 1, A. J. Lincoln 2, J. Avis 3, F. Watling (conductor) 4, T. King 5, J. Punchard 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Fleming 1, F. Watling (conductor) 2, T. King 3, J. Avis 4, H. Phillips 5, A. J. Lincoln 6. J. Punchard hails from Bramfield, F. Watling from Saxmundham, A. J. Lincoln from Leiston, T. King from Lowestoft; the rest belonging to Kelsale.

MIDDLETON.—Lancashire Association.—On Oct. 17th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 3, T. K. Driver 4, Pte J. Arrowsmith, junr., 5, T. A. Ogden 6, S. Holt 7, T. Wellens 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 3, T. K. Driver 4, Pte J. Arrowsmith, junr., 5, J. Jacques 6, S. Holt 7, T. Wellens 8. Rung as a welcome to Pte J. Arrowsmith, junr., who was home on furlough.

HITCHIN.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Oct. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: *E. Day 1, A. Squires 2, J. Hare (composer and conductor) 3, F. R. Bacon 4, E. Newell 5, *F. Day 6, L. Fidler 7, W. Croft 8. For evening service, on Oct. 10th, 1008 Grandsire Triples: J. Hare (conductor) 1, A. Squires 2, H. Day 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. Croft 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Else (longest touch) 8. * First peal.

GRANTHAM.—On Oct. 17th, for evening service, in honour of the Patronal Festival, at St. Wulfram's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 51 mins.: E. Nidd 1, J. C. Whetstone 2, W. G. Thorpe 3, Corpl. J. Lloyd, R.A.M.C., 4, D. B. Overton 5, Wheeler A. Roberts, A.S.C., 6, S. Proctor (conductor) 7, Sec.-Lieut. H. T. Gibson (North Stafford) 8, F. Turner 9, T. Hall 10. The ringers of 4th, 6th and 8th are encamped at Belton Park, Grantham.

CHESTERFIELD.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday evening, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks), in 35 mins.: A. Knights 1, G. Hollis 2, F. Jacobs 3, *F. Stubbs (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, W. Allwood 5, G. Davies 6, T. W. Gore (first as conductor) 7, G. A. Thompson 8.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 17th, for divine service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Hitchman 1, A. T. Hyland 2, W. H. Keys 3, A. Beecham 4, H. Pratt 5, H. Grosvenor 6, F. W. Perrons (conductor) 7, A. Price 8. Arranged for F. W. Perrons, who hails from Willenhall, Staffs.

STREATHAM.—On Monday evening, October 18th, on handbells, in the belfry of Emanuel Church, 523 Stedman Caters: A. F. Shepherd 1-2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3-4, J. J. Attwater 5-6, H. L. Garfath 7-8, Miss Elsie Bennett 9-10.

BRAINTREE.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 24th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: O. L. Twist (Walthamstow) 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Fluty (Earl's Colne) 4, W. H. Dyson 5, H. Rumens (Walthamstow) 6, G. Lindridge 7, E. F. Slade 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, R. Mackrill 4, C. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, H. Cook 7, G. Hunt 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. Martin's Church, on Oct. 24th, for the Assize service, 504 Stedman Triples: P. Harrison (longest length away from tenor) 1, H. Broughton 2, L. Allen 3, S. Cotton 4, F. H. Dexter 5, H. G. Jenney 6, A. Martin 7, A. Another (Bristol) 8. For evening service, 725 Stedman Caters: P. Harrison 1, G. Cleal 2, S. Cotton 3, H. Broughton 4, L. E. Allen 5, A. Lowe (Beeston) 6, F. H. Dexter 7, H. G. Jenney 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.—On Oct. 26th, 336 Double Norwich: A. Martin 1, *W. H. Humberstone 2, H. Broughton 3, T. Vallance 4, S. Cotton 5, J. Morris 6, E. Morris 7, F. H. Dexter 8. 378 Superlative Surprise: *W. H. Humberstone 1, E. Morris 2, H. Broughton 3, T. Vallance 4, S. Cotton 5, T. Allen 6, J. Morris 7, F. H. Dexter 8. * Longest length in method.

GAINSBOROUGH.—Lincoln Guild.—On Oct. 24th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 54 mins.: G. F. Semper (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Dickenson 2, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Torr 7, A. H. Curtis 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect for those of the 5th Lincolns and other local soldiers who have so heroically fallen for their King and country.

HATFIELD, Near DONCASTER.—On October 24th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 700 Grandsire Triples: G. Wilburn 1, C. W. King (Goole) 2, E. Purdy 3, H. G. Marshall 4, G. Welch 5, H. Howarth 6, D. England (conductor) 7, H. Crowe 8.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on October 24th, 672 Grandsire Triples: L. Robinson 1, W. Parker 2, A. E. York 3, W. Welch 4, B. York 5, A. J. York 6, H. Peet 7, H. Gamble 8. Conducted by A. E. York, who, having joined the Royal Flying Corps, left on the following day to take up his military duties.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On October 30th, 720 Oxford Bob: H. Beavis 1, Spr. T. R. Dennis 2, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 3, W. H. Carr 4, A. E. Austin 5, F. Nunn 6. First 720 by H. Beavis. 720 Kent: F. Matthews 1, A. E. Austin 2, Spr. T. R. Dennis 3, W. H. Carr 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Nunn 6. Also a course each of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine Treble Bob, in which F. Dench and F. Hurry took part. The above ringing was arranged for Sapper T. R. Dennis, general secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, who was home from France for a few days.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for afternoon service, on October 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Wren 1, F. Tester 2, W. Burrell 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, A. Causley 5, Tpt.-Major W. Farley 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, A. Hunter 8.

RESTORATION OF LAKENHEATH BELLS.

The fine Church of St. Mary, Lakenheath, near Brandon, is noted for possessing the unusual feature of a Galilee porch. It has also a ring of five bells quite worthy in size though not in number of the ample tower in which they are hung.

These bells have lately been tuned and rehung, and on Thursday evening of last week the service for the dedication of the work was held, in the presence of a fair congregation, despite the inclemency of the weather. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. M. Stretton). The first lesson was read by the Rev. E. W. Cockell, Rector of Eriswell, and the second by the Rev. W. H. Wood, Vicar of Mildenhall, and Rural Dean.

After the first Collect, the clergy, accompanied by the ringers and choir, went in procession to the tower, where the work was formally dedicated by the Rural Dean. The Vicar then read some special prayers, after which the ropes were handed to him by the churchwardens in token of his custody of the bells, and after he had tolled a few strokes on the second bell the ringers rang some rounds.

Then came the hymn, "Hark on High," followed by a sermon. The preacher was the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton, to whose suggestion the inception of the work was due, and the text chosen, Psalm xc, 17 (Prayer Book version): "Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handiwork." The preacher congratulated the people at Lakenheath on the restoration of their bells, and drew attention to the fact that the funds were only just raised in time before the war broke out, and but for Divine Providence, the work would doubtless have come to naught. He then spoke of ringing as a part of church work, especially ringing for the services of the church. He mentioned that the ringers of Horley Church, in Surrey, had arisen one Christmas morning recently before three o'clock, and rung a whole peal for the first Celebration of the Holy Communion at 6.30 a.m. That, in his opinion, marked an epoch in the history of ringing, being a striking recognition of the Exercise as an adjunct of the highest service in the Christian Church. He spoke about the effect of war upon ringing, and remarked that ringers had contributed their full share to the role of honour. In conclusion, he recommended the text as a prayer for ringers.

After the service some ringing took place on the bells, but little change ringing could be attempted owing to the number of change ringers being one short of making a band.

Besides the local ringers, three were present from Mildenhall and one from Yaxley, near Eye.

The work of rehanging was entrusted to Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the "go" of the bells is a great improvement in their new steel frame. When the bearings of the fourth and tenor have "bitten in" and got well oiled, doubtless it will be better still. The want of a sallie guide was greatly felt, but this is a defect which can be easily remedied. The frame has been made for six bells, and it is hoped that a new treble may be added after the war.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells taken from Raven's "Church Bells of Suffolk":—

- (1) Thomas Mears Founder London 1841 (recast by A. Bowell 1915).
- (2) Sancta Katerina Ora pro Nobis + 21 ∇ 20 +
- (3) Eristas Perpetue Dei Nobis Gaudia Vite + 21 ∇ 20 +
- (4) John Parsley Vicar, Charles Newman made me 1697.
- (5) John Darbie made me 1676. Thomas Denton, James Parlet, Churchwardens.

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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.

MODERN WORK.

INTEREST THE PUBLIC.

We have dwelt from time to time upon the various methods which are open to ringers to recruit their strength for the belfry, and we do not hesitate to return to the subject, in view of the urgent necessity which has arisen in a large number of towers for replacing those men who have gone off to fight their country's battles. Much, in the way of filling gaps, can be done by individual effort, but in these days when the ranks are so sadly depleted, better results would, probably, be achieved by official steps taken by the church authorities. The great point is to get people interested in the subject, and that is not always easy. The idea is widely prevalent that the ringer's task is a monotonous and laborious one, and for that reason many do not give it further thought. They know nothing of the delights and fascination of the art—did they do so there would be no lack of members, and yet it is not easy to bring the attraction of ringing before the public.

One of the best methods is one which we have previously suggested, namely, that of getting the subject raised by a paper read before and discussed by, say, the parochial branch of the C.E.M.S. This society is a recruiting ground already partially prepared, for one of its objects is to bring its members into active touch with church work. In a few places this has been done, and those who have been responsible have been well rewarded by the increased interest in ringing which they have aroused. Only this week we record quite a successful venture of this kind at Daventry, where, by a paper read to the local C.E.M.S., Mr. Arthur Andrews was able to get steps taken to establish a change ringing band upon a workable footing. One of the difficulties of the general adoption of this course, however, is that not everyone is able or in a position to provide the necessary lecture. Indeed, it requires a good deal of time and ability to collect the information needed to make such a paper interesting and appealing in its nature.

Would it not, therefore, be worth the while of either the Central Council or the associations to provide the material for this kind of educative work. The Council has several able men who could prepare such a paper, which would then not only be of an authoritative kind, but also have a literary finish which one prepared in a more or less amateurish way might not have. Then, too, it might be illustrated by lantern slides, which, naturally, add a great deal to a subject of this kind. If the Council are unable to father a scheme of this kind to propagate interest in ringing, then some of the associations, who would, in the long run, benefit by increased membership, might try their hand. We want to get the public—or the right section of the public—interested, and the means we have suggested is, we believe, one way to that end.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

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| JOHN BUTLER Treble | *WM. PHILLIPS 5 |
| TOM MORGAN 2 | FREDK. ATWELL 6 |
| *FRED CHURCHILL 3 | JOSEPH E. SYKES 7 |
| *W. H. RICHARDS 4 | *HARRY TAYLOR Tenor |

Conducted by F. ATWELL.

* First peal. Messrs. Butler, Phillips and Atwell hail from Newport, Sykes from Huddersfield. The rest are local men. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who is shortly leaving the parish.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *C. W. CLARK Treble | TITUS BARLOW 5 |
| JOSEPH LOWE 2 | HARRY CHAPMAN 6 |
| JOSEPH RIDYARD 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| GEORGE PINCOTT 4 | AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor |

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

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the tenor, who was married at St. Thomas's, Bolton, a week earlier, to Miss Olive Bradshaw.

SIX BELL PEAL.

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On Sunday, November 28, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

With the ten callings in Snowdon's book. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| WILLIAM E. MERRINGTON... Treble | ALBERT WOODVINE... .. 4 |
| EDWARD WOODVINE 2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5 |
| JOSEPH HANLEY 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal on the bells, which are considered the finest six in Shropshire. They are also the heaviest, and were given by the late Mr. J. J. Bibby, of Hardwick Grange, and his family in 1894, the founders being Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. E. A. Godson for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

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| *ARTHUR PAYNE... .. 1-2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4 | JAMES E. GOFTON 7-8 |
| *COLIN GREYSTY 9-10 | |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 24, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

At St. Michael's, Joseph Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17 in A.

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| CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 1—2 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6 |
| MAURICE SMITHER 3—4 | SGT. BENJ. S. THOMPSON 7—8 |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. HAZELDEN, MRS. PULLING and MDLLE YVONNIE ELOIE-LELOUIE.

Sgt. B. S. Thompson, 16th Batt. Rifle Brigade, visited Guildford from Witley Camp, and it was his first peal of Triples in hand.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

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| MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2 | GEORGE R. PYE 5—6 |
| WILLIAM PYE 3—4 | JAMES HUNT 7—8 |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD 9—10 | |

Composed by JOHN CARTER and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: C. T. COLES.

On November 26th, 1890, the conductor called his first peal, it being the second peal he took part in. He has thus taken part in 1,200 peals in exactly 25 years. It was arranged to ring Cinques, but Mr. A. W. Grimes was too ill to start and the above had to be rung instead.

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17 in A.

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| CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 1—2 | MAURICE SMITHER... .. 5—6 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4 | BERNARD CLARKE 7—8 |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. CLARKE and MRS. HAZELDEN.

This was the conductor's 450th peal. Mr. Clarke hails from Fleet, and was a former member of the Holy Trinity Society.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers have joined H.M. Forces—

Gnr. J. Worthy, of Cricke, Derbyshire, R.F.A., now in France.

From Parish Church, Luton:—

Pte H. Walker, 3/6 Beds Regiment, stationed at Lowestoft.

Pte A. Rookwood, 3/5 Beds Regiment, stationed at Newmarket.

Pte J. Wing, H.A.C., stationed at Richmond.

From Sible Hedingham, Essex:—

R. Rayner,

H. Wiseman, and

C. Smith, King's Royal Rifles.

Tpr. G. Hasnip, of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, City of London Yeomanry Rough Riders.

Spr. William Davies, of Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, Royal Engineers.

From the Church of All Saints', Oakham.

Lance-Corpl. C. Ball, Leicestershire Yeomanry, now in France.

Corpl. H. Burbeck, Warwickshire, R.H.A., now at Leamington.

Gunner S. B. Higgs, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Leith.

BELL POETRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—With reference to "Bob Major's" query in last week's "Occasional Notes," as to who has the best collection of verse concerning bells, I may say that I have a very large collection of all classes of "Poetry and rhymes on bells," which for the last few years I have made a hobby of collecting, and, as he remarks, they form a most interesting addition to other classes of literature which I also have collected, such as "old ringer's rules; Legends and traditions; History; peculiar uses; and other many and varied curiosities concerning bells," which cover several volumes. At the present time I am engaged in trying to revise and bring up to date, North's "Church Bells of Leicestershire," giving full particulars as to the history, inscriptions, and where possible, a list of all peals rung, at each individual church, something similar to one or two articles which have already been published in these columns, by yours truly.

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ERNEST MORRIS.

A LETTER FROM THE TRENCHES.
RINGERS' PART IN BIG ATTACK.

Two members of the Spitalfields Foundry Staff and Guild, G. Austin and R. N. Runham, who are serving in France with the 1st Batt. Coldstream Guards, have written to Mr. R. Warner, and their many friends in ringing circles will be glad to learn that both are well. Pte Austin, in his letter, speaks of the part they took in the recent great advance. He says: "Since receiving your letter we have been taking part in the advance, and when that was finished we had the job of holding some parts of the new line."

"We started back from our rest a few days before the attack began, and we were held in reserve close by the firing line. I think the 'clerk of the weather' thought we had had enough of dry weather, for, as soon as we started our march, it began to rain, and kept on during the whole time our march lasted, and, for three days and nights we were wet through to the skin. On the Saturday, while we were on the road some of our cavalry overtook us, so we had to stand on the side of the road, while they passed. They came past at the trot. You should have heard us boys 'who were all wet through,' cheer them, amid shouts of 'Leave us a few,' and 'Save us a helmet,' for, if we were wet, our spirits were high, and we were not 'down-hearted,' even if we were tired."

A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK.

"The end of the third day brought us to our old trenches. It was Sunday, and so our side had advanced some distance. Already there was a lot of difference in the way we moved up to the firing line. We moved up the road that leads to Vermels in brigades; before the advance we used to go up about a dozen at a time in single file. On both sides of the road the cavalry were 'standing to' ready to move if they were required. We stopped in a field just behind our trenches, and had our tea. Later on we had the 'rum' served out, and we were glad of it, for it was cold, and it did warm us up. Early next morning we moved up and took over the old German trench, which had been badly knocked about by our artillery. All over the place lay German rifles, equipment, and ammunition while inside the trenches were a large number of various sorts of bombs. We stopped in the trench till tea-time, when we had the order to get dressed, as we were going to attack. I got through this all right, except for knocking a few inches of skin off my leg, caused by falling off the top of the trench when getting out to start on the attack. The attack was a success, and later on in the night we had to dig ourselves in. As soon as we began to dig it began to rain, and so it was not long before we were wet through and covered in mud. We stopped in these new trenches four days, during this time we had bully beef, biscuits, jam, a small bit of bacon and cold water for rations. All the time we were wet through, and unable to get any sleep, so none of us felt very grand. On the second day in the trenches we made another attack, during which we lost a lot of officers and men, but both R. Runham and myself came through safely. The end of the fourth day we were relieved, and when some distance from the trenches our 'band' met us, but even with their help the lads could not march, we were all too much 'done up.' I, for one, would have laid down on the side of the road and had a sleep, but they don't let the 'Guards' do things like that. After a few days' rest we went up to another place where there was 'bags of work' to do, but we had no trouble here, except for a few 'coal-boxes' that dropped by our trench. After five days in the trenches we went for a few days' rest."

GRUESOME WORK.

"The next time we went up we went to a redoubt, which our side captured. It had been taken and retaken a few times, and when we got there we found it in a nice mess. Most of the trenches had been blown in, and so we had to dig them again. During this job we came across a lot of bodies of men who had been buried alive, and also parts of bodies which had been blown to pieces. We were all glad when we finished this job; as it was, it turned a lot of us off our food during the time we were there."

"While in these trenches I had a narrow escape. I had been sitting down in the trench, and for some reason I moved further down the trench. About half a minute after a small German shell blew the trench in where I had been sitting. I have the 'nose-cap' of this shell for a souvenir. Shortly after this, while a young chap, who had just come out, and myself were mending the trench, our artillery started bombarding, but there was something the matter, for their shells were dropping by our trench. I told my mate to come along with me out of the way. We went some way down the trench and joined some other fellows who were talking together. We had only been there a few seconds when one of the shells dropped a couple of yards behind us, blowing all the sand-bags in the air, but before these fell we were all up the trench out of danger. One man was wounded in the arm, another had his leg hurt with a falling sand-bag, and two more went to hospital suffering from shock; I got off with a slight shock and a lot of 'music in my ears.' We stopped in these trenches eight days, and now we are having a rest. I am glad we have not been in the trenches during the last week, for it has been pouring with rain all the time, but I expect we shall be in again before long."

"By-the-way, I have joined the bomb throwers, and while in the trenches the last time we made a successful bomb attack on the Germans. R. Runham and myself are both quite well and getting on all right."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

There was a very good attendance at the annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, which was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday week. The bells were available from 2.30 until 6 p.m., and touches in various methods were rung.

Tea was partaken of at the Nag's Head, and much credit is due to Mrs. Walford, the hostess, for the admirable way in which the catering was carried out, although a larger number of members attended than was expected. Tea finished, the business of the meeting was proceeded with. The district master (Mr. E. J. Butler) presided, supported by the district secretary (Mr. H. Rumens). There were no new members for election.

The retiring master and hon. secretary were re-elected, the members evidently being quite satisfied with the officials who have held office together for the past two years. It was reported that district meetings were held during the year at Hornchurch, North Weald, Dagenham and Walthamstow, and all were well attended.

The Master proposed that Saturday afternoon practices should be arranged at the various towers during the coming winter months, and it was decided to make arrangements accordingly, and to publish notices of such practices in the ringing papers. It is hoped to hold these practices about every month, and that the members will do all in their power to make this new departure a success by attending as frequently as possible.

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barkington, who was a former master of the district. He was well known amongst Essex ringers for the good work he had done for the Association, and by his death the Association had lost one of its most ardent supporters.—A resolution was passed, tendering the members' heartfelt sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Davies in her bereavement, the hon. secretary being instructed to write to Mrs. Davies accordingly.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Lampen) for the use of the bells, to Mr. F. Rumens for making the arrangements, to Mr. J. C. Adams for having everything in readiness, and to Mrs. Walford for the excellent tea provided.

As the tower bells were not available after dark, the members spent the remainder of the evening in handbell ringing and music. Mr. R. K. Knight is to be thanked for his kindness in allowing the members the use of his handbells. Mr. Richardson's playing at the piano was thoroughly enjoyed, and the songs by Mr. H. S. Waddington and Mr. O. L. Twist were much appreciated.

Amongst the visitors present were Staff-Sergt. W. C. Wakley, 2/6 North Staffs, and Sergt. R. Pickering, 2/6 South Staffs, who are at present stationed at St. Albans.

PERFORMANCES OF THE PAST.

Last Saturday was the anniversary of one of the only three peals recorded to have been rung by the London Scholars, who flourished nearly 200 years ago. This was a peal of 6204 Grandsire Cinques rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 27th, 1729.

November 27th is also the anniversary of a peal of Oxford Treble Ten rung by the Cumberland Youths at All Saints', West Ham. This peal was rung in 1758, and consisted of 5400 changes, "being the greatest performance ever completed in this method on ten bells." The band was: John Sibery 1, Natl. West 2, John Frazier 3, Thos. Burrell 4, Francis Wood 5, Thos. Haydon 6, John Purlewent 7, Saml. Wood 8, John Harris 9, Robt. Wight 10. Samuel Wood called bobs.

In 1735, on November 28th, a peal of 6012 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 4 hrs. 45 mins.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung on handbells. This was achieved at Sheffield in 1811 by that famous old band, of which the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley's grandfather was one.

To-morrow is an interesting anniversary for the College Youths, for it was on December 4th, 1803, that they rang their first peal of Stedman Triples. This was at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

MR. J. POTTER'S 150 PEALS.

| | Rung. | Conducted. |
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| Stedman Triples | 68 | 37 |
| Stedman Caters | 4 | 2 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | 28 | 7 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 3 | |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | 2 | 1 |
| Grandsire Triples | 12 | 6 |
| Grandsire Caters | 1 | |
| Bob Major | 8 | 2 |
| Bob Triples | 2 | |
| Superlative Surprise | 7 | 1 |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major | 6 | 2 |
| Duffield Major | 3 | 2 |
| Darlaston Bob Triples | 2 | 1 |
| 7 Minor Methods | 2 | 1 |
| 4 Minor Methods | 1 | 1 |
| 3 Minor Methods | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 150 | cond. 64 |

FELSTEAD BELLS.

PARISH CLERK'S BEQUEST.

The deficit upon the Felsted Church Tower and Bell Restoration Fund has been cleared by a generous bequest of £300 by the late Mr. Elias Taylor, who was for 51 years parish clerk of Felsted, and who passed away recently at the age of 93 years.

It will be remembered that the tower has been restored at considerable expense, and the bells were recast and made into eight by Messrs. Warner and Sons, with very satisfactory results. An appeal was issued through our columns for support for the restoration fund, and several very welcome contributions were obtained in that way. We are asked to state that the Vicar and churchwardens are extremely grateful for the assistance given by members of the Essex Association, and that no further subscriptions are now needed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association has just been issued, and shows that the present membership of the association is 1416, made up of 85 hon. life members, ten hon. members, 371 life performing members, 811 performing members and 141 non-resident members. Last year the total was 1,359, but the report points out that the increase may be more apparent than real, as, in the special circumstances of the year, very few names had been removed from the books. Ten members had been lost by death. The income of the Association was £41 11s., and the expenditure £51 9s. 7d. A sum of £20, formerly in the Savings' Bank had been invested in the new War Loan. During the year 21 peals were rung, made up of Grandsire Triples 9, Stedman 3, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Guildford Surprise Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 2, Bob Minor 1, in three Minor Methods 1, in five Minor Methods 1, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1. The comparatively small number of peals rung, says the report, needs no special explanation. The fact that 15 of the peals were rung muffled is sufficient to explain the gravity of the situation. It is abundantly clear that there are times when sweet music seems to jar the ears; and ringers, even in the few towers where they have a peal band left, have had no inclination for it during the past year. The report concludes with thanks to the secretaries of the various branches, to whose energetic services the Association owes so much.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Wickwar on Saturday week. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung until 5 o'clock, when the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Garnett) invited the ringers to tea at the Rectory. Some 28 members, representing ten towers, were present, and were joined by Mr. Ansell, churchwarden, who takes a great interest in the ringers, and who attended all the meetings of the Association held at Wickwar.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, the Rector presiding. —One new lady member was elected, making the sixth lady ringer the branch has added to its membership this year.—It was proposed to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Stone on December 18th.

Mr. F. K. Howell (Master of the Association) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Garnett for providing such an excellent tea. He also thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, which he said were in splendid going order. The only fault he could find was that there ought to be eight bells in the tower instead of six. —The Rector, responding, remarked how pleased he would be to extend a similar welcome to the Association when the time came round again for them to visit Wickwar, which he hoped would be during the summer-time (applause).

A short special service was afterwards held in the church, conducted by the Rector, and was rendered the more enjoyable by the assistance given by the organist, to whom thanks are tendered.

The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going in several methods by the various bands till 8.30 p.m., all enjoying the splendid tone and "go" of the bells, and appreciating the great interest taken in the meeting by the local ringers.

SWINDON BRANCH MEETING.

The members of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a meeting at Wroughton on Saturday week. Although the gathering was a small one, those who attended spent a pleasant time. The Rev. A. C. Clarke-Kennedy readily granted permission to use the bells, and also arranged a service during the afternoon, at which he gave an address. Special hymns were sung, and the organist and choir boys rendered valuable assistance in the singing. An excellent tea was provided at the Church Institute, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The church bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

A short business meeting was held in the belfry, at which Mr. W. Cook presided. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wamborough on Saturday, December 4th. —A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. C. Clarke-Kennedy for the use of the bells and for the service. A similar compliment was paid the organist and choir boys for their kind assistance at the service.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The November meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild took place on Saturday last at Wittersham, Kent, where there are five bells. The local men turned up in full force, and visitors came from Fairfield, Hawkhurst, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden. Bob Singles, Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the ringing concluded at about 8.30 by the lowering of the bells nicely in peal.

An adjournment was then made to the Queen's Head for the business meeting. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) read letters from Mr. G. Johnson (Appledore), and Mr. J. Nash (Iden) returning thanks to the members for their messages of sympathy, Mr. Johnson having had a son killed in France, while Mr. Nash has a son a prisoner of war in Germany.

The Hon. Secretary then briefly addressed the members, informing them that he was taking his departure from Rye, having accepted a better situation at Ashford. In consequence of this, his new abode would not be so conveniently situated to conduct the work of the Guild, and he thought that a secretary should reside in as central a spot as possible, thereby giving him easy access to all towers. He felt that a secretary should endeavour to attend as regularly as possible, and as he did not think he could be with them so frequently as in the past, he asked them to accept his resignation that evening. He would continue being a member and come whenever he could. He thanked all of them for their kindness, co-operation and assistance during the time he had been secretary.

THE GUILD'S LOSS

Mr. C. Tribe voiced the gratitude and thankfulness of the members to Mr. Youngs for his services, and warmly praised Mr. Youngs for the energetic manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Mr. C. W. Player and Mr. G. Billewess also testified to Mr. Youngs' valued services. The Hon. Secretary suitably acknowledged the remarks of the speakers, and announced that the Guild had a balance in hand of about £3 5s.

The resignation of Mr. Youngs is a great blow to the Guild, but the members are exceedingly pleased to know that he has secured a more lucrative post than he had at Rye. He took great pains in attending to the Guild's correspondence, and everything was done thoroughly and willingly. While his successor will have a hard task to fulfil the office so efficiently, yet he will know that his predecessor set him an excellent example, for he brought the society's affairs up to a high standard. One could say much about the sterling qualities of Mr. Gilbert Youngs, but the Exercise will realise from the above remarks that the Romney Marsh Guild have had a very energetic secretary, whose sole aim was to raise and maintain its efficiency, and in this he succeeded.

The question of a new secretary was the next consideration. Mr. Tribe proposed, and Mr. Player seconded, that the matter be left over until the annual meeting, in January, and requesting the Master (Mr. G. Billewess) to attend to the correspondence in the meantime, which course was agreed to. Mr. Tribe moved, and Mr. Youngs seconded, that the next gathering be the annual meeting, and that it be held at Appledore, on Saturday, 15th January. This was carried, and likewise the proposition that the tea be defrayed out of the Guild funds.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (the Rev. A. Howell Smith) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Addy, one of the local ringers, for approaching the Rector and securing permission for the Guild to come to Wittersham.

DONCASTER RINGER'S DEATH.

Death has removed an old and much esteemed member of the St. George's, Doncaster, company, in the person of Mr. Robert Bayles, who was a ringer at the Parish Church almost from boyhood. He died at the age of 55 years. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1879, and had rung five peals for that society, his first having been in the year of his election, with the late Mr. Thomas Hattersley.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, and in addition to the family mourners, there were present the churchwardens, representatives of the ringers and a large gathering of the deceased's fellow workmen and friends, some of whom carried him to his last resting place.

In the evening the bells of the Parish Church, which he loved so well, were rung, muffled, and touches of Stedman Triples, aggregating about 1,500 changes, were rung by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Lieut. J. H. R. Frechorn, H. G. Wilson, H. Brock, H. Fevre, A. Ashe, G. Clow, F. Ashe, C. Armitage, C. Scott, J. Holmes and G. Halksworth.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEMBERS' PRACTICE.

A very successful combined practice was held at Curdridge, Hants, on Saturday last, when Messrs. Andrew Mears and Ryves, of the local band, rang their first touches of Double Norwich Major. Those attending, besides the local band, were Messrs. G. Williams, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker (North Stoneham), L. H. Page (Titchfield), the Rev. E. Bankes James, Messrs. J. B. Williamson, Thompson, White, C. Wilkins (Lee-on-the-Solent) who are all practically attached to the Titchfield tower. The next meeting for practice will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, December 11th, at 6.30 p.m., instead of at North Stoneham.

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SEC.-LIEUT. G. R. GOODSHIP,
3rd Royal Berks. Regt.

Second-Lieutenant A. G. Shorter, Durham Light Infantry, who was captain of the belfry at Christ Church, Consett, Co. Durham, and a very safe and steady ringer in the Standard Methods, joined the Royal Field Artillery as a private on September 3rd last year. He was promoted to bombardier in October, 1914, and was given his commission in the 7th D.L.I. on March 10th, 1915. In a letter to the writer he says: "At present I am training recruits, and so far have been successful, my men proving good soldiers in every respect, and I am perfectly happy in the knowledge, that although not actually fighting, I am rendering useful service. Last week I lost the 'pick' of my men, who have been transferred to an Expeditionary Force company, preparatory to going to the front. These men had only three and a half months' service, and so long as old England can produce such stuff I have no fears of her future. It is a grief to lose such men, but I hope to meet them at the front in a month or two."

Lieut. Shorter has done good service for many years in

the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. He is a good ringer and a good comrade, and we all hope he will return safely to his family and his belfry with honours which he has well deserved.

Second-Lieut. G. R. Goodship, though not a very prominent member of the Exercise, has been a ringer at St. Giles' Church, Reading, for the past 11 years, and is a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the outbreak of the war he joined the Berks Yeomanry as a trooper, and was soon raised to the rank of sergeant. He would have been with them in their brilliant charge in the Dardanelles had he not received his commission last May. He was then attached to the 8th Royal Berks, but at the departure of that battalion he was transferred to the 3rd (Regular) Battalion Royal Berks, which is now stationed at Portsmouth.

Previous to the war he had been a member of the Territorial Force.

GRANDSIRE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Pitman's letter last week he either does not, or does not want to, understand variation. The peal under discussion was first composed in 1893 in six-part formation. Then I found it would run in twelve parts. This peal contains the following structure: 15 leads which form the Bob and Single peal and five "B" Blocks, and as long as this structure remains in 12-part form the peal is bound to be the same or a variation, no matter how it is arranged. For further information I refer Mr. Pitman to Grandsire reprint.—Thanking you in anticipation,
Sutton, Macclesfield.

W. MATTHEWS.

WEDDING BELLS AT BOLTON.

Recorded in another column is a peal rung at Bolton to celebrate the wedding of one of the ringers, Mr. Amos Trippier, who was married to Miss Olive Bradshaw at St. Thomas's, Bolton, the week before. After the peal the ringers were invited to the Swiss Hotel, of which Mrs. Trippier is the hostess, there to drink the health of the happy pair. A splendid tea was provided for those who had taken part in the peal, and other ringing friends, and afterwards a pleasant evening was spent with handbells and songs. The thanks of the company was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Trippier for their hospitality and good wishes expressed for their future happiness.

LAVENHAM RINGER'S WEDDING.

The wedding took place at Buxhall, Suffolk, on November 15th, of Mr. T. Garrard, a member of the Lavenham company, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrard, of Lavenham, and Miss B. Mitson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitson, of Lefty Hall Farm, Buxhall. The Rev. E. Coppinger Hill officiated, and the bride was given away by her father. The hymns, "Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us," and "O Perfect Love," were sung, the organist being Miss Mitson, sister of the bride. After the service the bells were rung, and Plain Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round. Mr. R. Steed, Buxhall, and Mr. W. Mead, Stowmarket, took part in the Plain Bob and Grandsire, and the Stedman was rung by A. Symonds, E. Welham, Finborough, S. H. Symonds, H. Crick and W. Fayers. The ringers were entertained at the residence of Mr. Mitson on their way home, and in the evening, at Lavenham, 1280 of Bob Major was rung to celebrate the event, by: S. H. Symonds 1, A. Symonds 2, H. Smith 3, W. Head 4, T. Hollocks 5, H. Crick 6, L. Leeks 7, W. Fayers 8.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

As Mr. Garrard, junr., was leaving the district he entertained the ringers of Lavenham (of which company he had been a member for about six years) to a farewell supper on November 8th, an excellent spread being provided at the residence of Mr. T. Garrard, senr., who presided, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. Garrard, junr. After the cloth had been removed, Mr. Garrard, junr., proposed the toast of "Absent ringers of Lavenham, who are serving their country," and wished them a speedy and safe return. Music and handbell ringing afterwards sped away an enjoyable evening. Songs were contributed by Mr. T. Garrard, senr., Mr. G. Bird, Mr. B. Garrard, Mr. L. Leek and Mr. H. Crick, Miss K. Garrard and Miss B. Mitson (of Buxhall) acting as accompanists. Miss K. Garrard tapped off on the piano in fine style a course of Bob Major, specially arranged by Mr. S. H. Symonds, and Miss B. Mitson rang the 4th to touches of 240 and 360 Bob Minor on handbells, her instructor having been Mr. T. Reed, of Hadleigh. Selections of airs were tapped on handbells by Mr. S. H. Symonds, and were much appreciated, and, in addition, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung "in hand." Mr. A. Symonds, on behalf of the ringers, took the opportunity to present Mr. T. Garrard, junr., as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services in the tower, with an enlarged and framed photograph of Lavenham Church, asking him to accept with it their best wishes, and hoping it would for many years remind him of the happy times spent in the tower with them.—To this Mr. Garrard suitably replied, and Mr. Garrard, senr., also thanked the ringers for presenting his son with such a fine photograph of the grand old tower and church of Lavenham.

Mr. S. H. Symonds then thanked Mr. Garrard, junr., for providing such a capital spread, and also Mr. and Mrs. Garrard and family for their kindness during the evening.

The happy proceedings then terminated with the National Anthem.

THE PEAL AT WHITWICK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The peal of 5056 Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Whitwick, Leicestershire, on November 20th, and published in your last issue, was composed and conducted by Ernest Morris, not Edward, and the following are the figures:—

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WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov 14th, for afternoon service, 216 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 120 College Single, and 216 Canterbury Pleasure, the following taking part: G. Bertram, J. Spencer, E. Chatten, W. Mellin, L. Naunton, Rifleman B. Prewett (London Rifle Brigade), F. Naunton (conductor).

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On October 24th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: P. Webb (conductor) 1, A. Starr 2, E. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. Lilley 6. Rung as a farewell for P. Webb.

ROTHERHAM.—On Oct. 24th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 756 Stedman Triples: R. F. Deal (conductor) 1, F. Davis 2, C. H. Hughes 3, F. Renton 4, C. H. Pullen 5, T. Walker 6, T. H. Taffender 7, G. Harman 8. Mr. R. F. Deal has recently returned from Sydney, Australia, to join the Royal Engineers.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. E. Norman 1, A. Lawrence (conductor) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, J. H. Odey 4, D. W. Jackson 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, G. W. Townsend 7, T. Robinson 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, whose age is 13 years.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Monk (conductor) 1, A. Brooks 2, T. Bull 3, W. Cox 4, G. Brooks 5, Sergt. Rice, M.T., A.S.C., 6, J. Brooks 7, H. Snell 8. Messrs. Cox and Snell hail from Yarnton, and this was their first quarter-peal.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas', on Oct. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Radford 1, E. Etheridge 2, H. Mason 3, E. Raddon 4, T. Lee 5, S. G. Steer 6, T. W. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—For evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Southover, on Sunday, October 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Richardson 1, R. Hyde 2, F. Sturt 3, G. Sturt 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, Chas. Errey 8.

BENHILTON, SUTTON.—At All Saints' Church, on October 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by Cornelius Charge: A. Winch 1, A. J. Perkins 2, W. H. Joiner 3, C. Dean 4, J. Webb 5, W. R. Grimwood 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, H. Bryant 8. Rung after meeting short for London Surprise Major.

BUSHEY.—Hertfordshire Association.—On Oct. 31st, for morning service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans, 288 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Parslow 1, R. Darlow 2, A. Andrews 3, Rifleman B. Prewett (conductor) 4, W. J. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, M. F. R. Hibbert 8. Also 448 Kent Treble Bob Major and 93 Stedman Triples: P. Parslow 1, M. F. R. Hibbert 2, A. Andrews 3, R. Darlow 4, W. J. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, Rifleman B. Prewett (conductor) 8.

BRECON.—Hereford Guild.—On Sunday evening, October 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Hargest 1, S. Watkins 2, G. Giblin 3, R. Kinsey 4, C. Beech 5, W. Evans 6, A. Matthews (conductor) 7, S. Brooks 8. Rung as a farewell to R. Kinsey and A. Matthews, who, having answered "the call," left Brecon the following morning, (their brother ringers wishing the "God-speed" and a safe return.—On November 9th, during the installation of the new Mayor, Councillor Gwilym T. Jones, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: C. Beech 1, S. Brooks 2, S. Watkins 3, G. Giblin 4, W. Hargest 5, W. Evans (conductor) 6, W. Griffiths 8.—On Sunday afternoon, November 14th, for the men's service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Trooper E. Davies (Glamorgan Yeomanry) 1, C. Beech 2, G. Giblin 3, S. Watkins 4, W. Hargest 5, S. Brooks 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8. For the evening service, 630 and 168 Grandsire Triples: Trooper E. Davies 1, W. Hargest 2, C. Beech 3, S. Watkins 4, G. Giblin 5, S. Brooks 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8. Rung as a farewell to Trooper Davies, who hails from Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, and who has been training at the local camp, but has now left for Dublin.

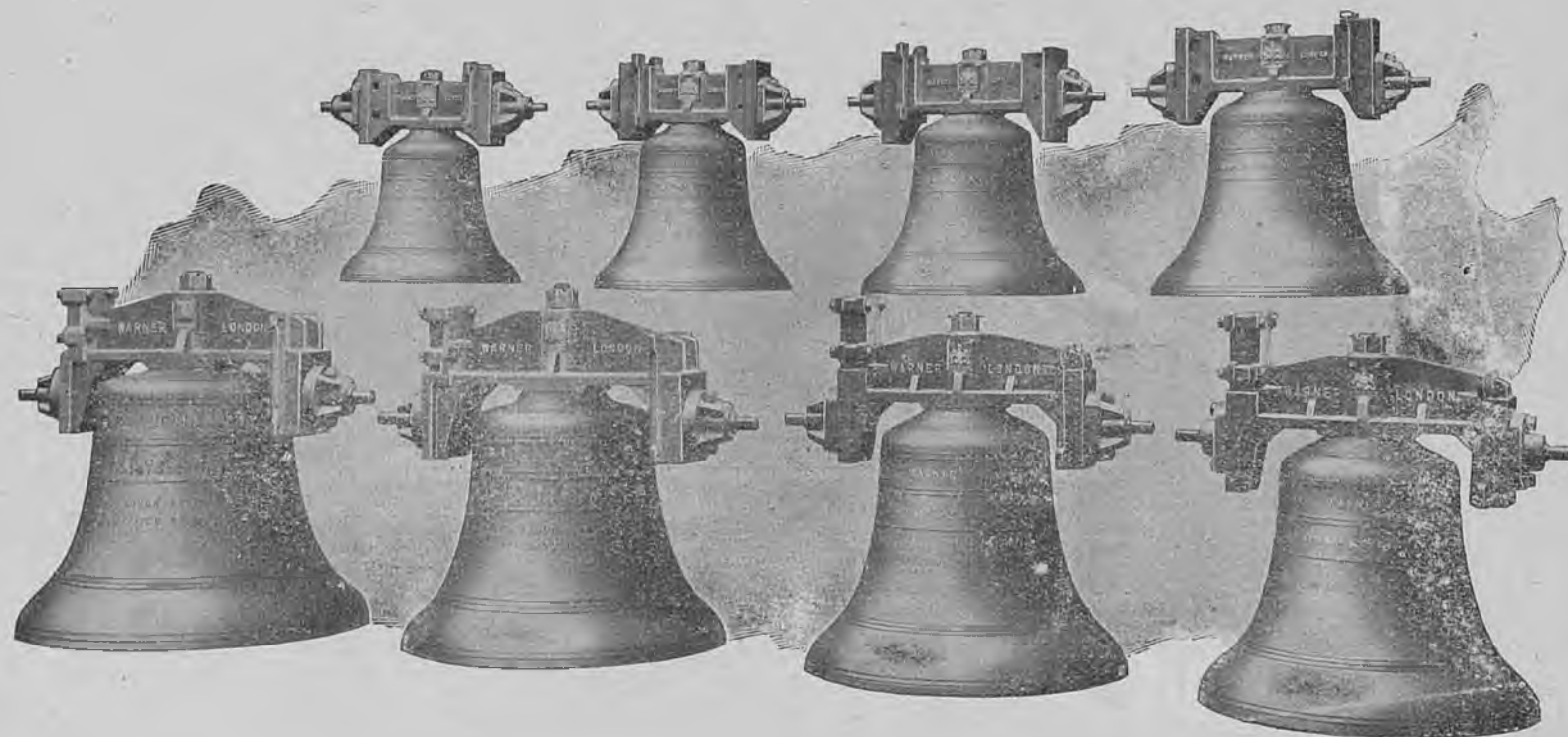
HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' Church, on the Eve of All Saints' Day, for evensong, 1308 Stedman Cinques, in 62 mins.: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, E. R. Coles 2, R. Coles 3, G. White 4, C. C. Mayne 5, F. K. Biggs 6, W. Horne 7, G. Twicken 8, E. Markham 9, J. Blackmoore 10, J. Gransbury 11, F. W. Boxell 12. First quarter-peal of Cinques by Messrs. E. R. Coles (aged 17), Horne and Blackmoore.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on the eve of All Saints' Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes): J. Dean 1, A. Hensman 2, H. Blundell 3, J. Metherell (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, H. Rainbow 5, W. Farey 6, J. Hensman 7, W. Allen (conductor) 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st, in 46 mins., at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Henry Reader (first quarter-peal) 1, Walter Orton 2, Thos. W. Chapman 3, Roland Pollard 4, Thomas Dickinson 5, James Clarke, senr., 6, James Clarke, junr. (conductor) 7, Alfred Hancock 8.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 1st, 720 Bob Minor: F. Moore 1, Wm. Short 2, J. Parton 3, A. Pardoe 4, Geo. Popnell 5, H. Martin, senr., 6. Rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the Rev. J. H. Eld, late Rector of Belbroughton, who died on October 29th, as the result of a burning accident, at the age of 92.—On Oct. 10th, 360 Bob Minor: Geo. Hubble 1, H. Martin, junr., 2, J. Parton 3, A. Pardoe 4, Geo. Popnell (conductor) 5, H. Martin, senr., 6.

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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On November 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Marsh 1, A. White 2, F. Trustler 3, G. Steele 4, W. White 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6. First in the method by all the band, and first on the bells.—On November 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Marsh 1, G. Steele 2, F. Trustler 3, A. White 4, R. Stredwick 5, F. Steele (conductor) 6.

GARGRAVE, Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on November 3rd, in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Preston, the former having been sexton of the above church for over 40 years a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Beazley 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, A. R. Jones (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, G. E. Wane 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 6th, 1915, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Speed 1, S. Freke 2, J. Hambleton 3, E. Chivers (conductor) 4, A. Speed 5, I. B. Holmyard 6, Wm. Keavill 7, G. Seymour 8. Rung to welcome Lance-Sergeant Oliver Brooks, V.C. hero, on his return home from the front for a few days' leave.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties' Association. — On Sunday, November 7th, for evening service, at St. Michael's Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. A. G. Lound, who was interred on the previous Tuesday, at Sapcote, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins.: Edgar Chamberlain (Sharnford), first quarter-peal, 1, Henry Briggs (Stoney Stanton) 2, Nunn Walker (Stoney Stanton) 3, George Wood (Sharnford) 4, Thomas Wright (Stoney Stanton) 5, W. Hyde Inglesant (Broughton Astley), conductor, 6, Charles H. Briggs (Stoney Stanton) 7, William Jones (Stoney Stanton) 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On November 7th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Lasbury 1, F. Wines 2, B. Davies 3, H. Page 4, G. Wines 5, W. Page 6, J. Cross 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major: H. Page (conductor) 1, F. Wines 2, F. Lasbury 3, B. Davies 4, W. Page 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page 7, J. Cross 8. First touches in the methods by all and first on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, after an attempt for a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, for evening service, a 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Bailey 1, W. H. Fussell 2, G. Gutteridge 3, C. Mayne 4, W. Welling 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland 7, J. C. Truss (conductor) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, Nov. 7th, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 52 mins.: H. Lucas (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, O. L. Twist 2, G. W. Cooper 3, W. J. E. Jones 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. F. Hull 6, Corpl. F. W. J. Butler, R.E., 7, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Leeson 1, A. Chambers (composer and conductor) 2, Stan Bragg 3, H. Shepherd 4, R. Bragg 5, Sam Bragg 6, J. Withers 7, J. Bragg 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On November 7th, for evensong, at St. Thomas' Church, the last 742 of Holt's Original: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. For morning service, three six-scores Stedman Doubles: T. Scammel 1, W. Chambers 2, A. Callaway 3, W. Scott 4, W. Upton 5, J. Leal 6. Two called by W. Upton and one by T. Scammel.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, for morning service, as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, on his return after three months' illness, 336 Grandsire Triples: A. Towers (first touch of Triples) 1, T. Law 2, A. Andrews 3, A. Moore 4, F. Hopper (conductor) 5, J. Dean 6, A. J. Mawby 7, A. Clark 8. Also touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. J. Allen. Messrs. A. Towers, Moore, Andrews belong to the local band, the rest to Northampton.

A LECTURE ON BELLS.

On Friday evening of last week, at the monthly meeting of the C.E.M.S., at Daventry, Northants, a paper was read by Mr. Andrews on "Bells and Change Ringing." The history of bells was traced from the early ages down to the present day. The art of change ringing and the brotherhood of change ringers was compared with the un-musical call changes of the "Stoneyites," and the lack of fraternity amongst them. The condition of ringing matters in Daventry (possessing a fine ring of eight bells in splendid ringing condition) was compared with other towers where change ringing is done. The concluding remarks were on "the management and care of bells, and the responsibilities of the church authorities with regard to bells and ringers; and the duties of the ringers themselves." The bells and fittings, etc., were explained by means of a working model.

Discussion followed, in which the Chairman (the Rev. C. J. Millar), Ald. Wykes (churchwarden) and others took part. It was suggested that a committee be formed, responsible for the care of the bells; that belfry officers be elected, and steps taken to have a change ringing band established; and it is hoped, in time, to have better ringing and striking for service on Sunday.—A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Andrews for his paper, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursday, December 16th and 30th, for handbell practice, and on Tuesdays, 7th and 21st, for business; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division. The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 4th, 1915. Bells available from 2 till 6 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each, at the Infants' School, 6.30 p.m., followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. — William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Conisborough (8 bells) on Saturday, December 4th, bells available 3.30-7.30.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Leyland, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Reports ready. — A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Burley on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Parochial Room at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting for practice will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock to 6 p.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend in order to make this new departure a success.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horbury, via Wakefield, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 to 8 p.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., in school, near church (at 1s. head) for those who notify J. Smith, 38, Medlock Road, Horbury, not later than Tuesday, December 7th. A good attendance is desired.—Leonard Brightman, District Secretary pro. tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at St. George's (6). Bells open at 3; service 4.30. Tea, meeting and social to follow. Friends gd. Subscriptions now due. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by December 7th to G. W. Tomkins, 22; Court Road, Horfield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in the Vestry, to all giving notice to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 42, Aireworth Street, Keighley, not later than Tuesday, December 7th.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 4.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, December 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wick St. Lawrence on Saturday, December 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, meeting to follow. Bells available 3 o'clock.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, December 18th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. Annual reports will be ready for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Sergt. Fred Holden, R.M.L.I., is now serving on H.M.S. "Manzanita," and his address, with the name of the ship, is c/o G.P.O., London.—The address of T. K. Driver, secretary of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, is now The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

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MITCHAM.—Surrey Association.—On November 10th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1280 changes): J. A. Lambert 1. A. J. Perkins 2. D. W. Drewett 3. L. Atwater 4. C. Dean 5. C. W. R. Grimwood 6. J. Webb 7. W. S. Smith (conductor) 8. First quarter of London by all except A. J. Perkins. Also on Saturday, November 13th, at the same tower, for special practice, 768 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. L. Garfath 1. J. Howes 2. A. J. Perkins 3. W. H. Joiner 4. C. Dean 5. A. Calver 6. W. S. Smith 7. C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 8.

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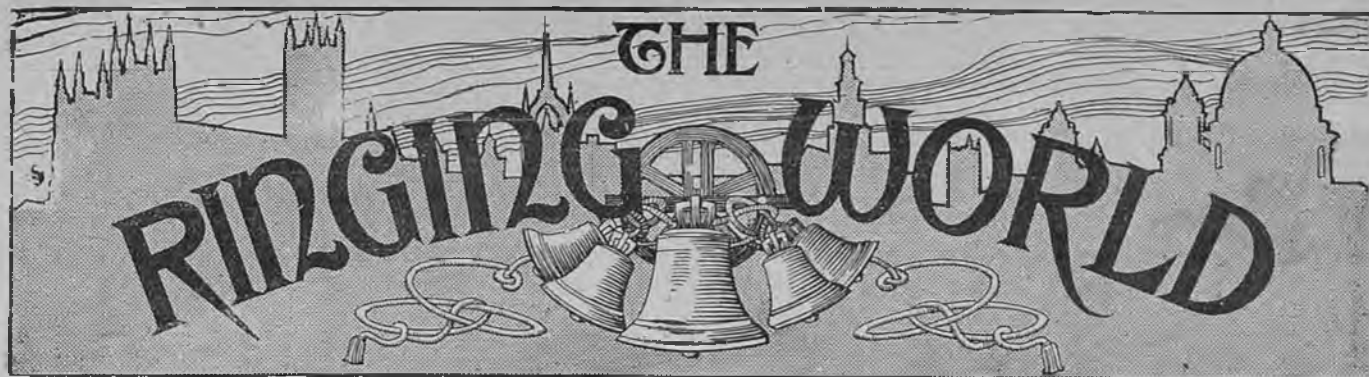


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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

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.

EXETER BELLS AND DEVON GUILD.

Ringers generally will be gratified to learn that the famous peal at Exeter Cathedral—famous not only for their historic associations, but for the pre-eminent place they take among the world's bells—are once more complete, and that the treble, cracked by coming in contact with the chiming hammer, has been recast. It was, perhaps, not generally known that since the early part of May this grand ring of ten has been partly silent, but the people of the western city have now again heard the majestic notes of these noble bells—the heaviest peal in the kingdom hung for ringing—sounding from their exalted station “mid-way 'twixt the earth and sky.” The recasting of the treble was carried out by the generosity of the Dean of Exeter (Lord Bishop of Marlborough), and this is not the first occasion on which he has shown his love of the bells, for, when the peal was restored about fourteen years ago, he bore the expense of recasting the fifth. He has composed the inscription for the new treble, and for all time it will remain as a reminder of the stirring period when it was placed in the tower. The hope expressed in the couplet will be re-echoed in every heart, with the further prayer that the triumphs of our arms may make its realisation possible at an early date.

In conjunction with the restoration of the bell another gratifying step has been taken by the Cathedral authorities. They have established a competent band of change ringers, who will be responsible to the Dean and Chapter for the regular and efficient ringing of the bells. The company is to be a paid one, and, although for our own part, we prefer, generally speaking, to see the ringing carried out in our churches by those who voluntarily render their services, there is no doubt in this case, as in some other notable instances we could quote, advancement from the point of view of change ringing will not be neglected. Indeed, we look forward to the time when the Exeter Cathedral Society may be the centre about which the work of the Devon Guild may revolve. The step which is now taken should prove a distinct help to the Guild, for hitherto, we believe, the mother church of the diocese has had no official connection with the county ringing organisation. That it should now come into recognised affiliation is a capital step forward which ought to have its effect on the influence of the Guild among the many towers of Devon which still remain outside the society. Devon has its special difficulties with regard to organisation, but, without in any way casting a reflection upon the Guild's past work, which has been carried on with perseverance, in face of many obstacles, we believe that by more enterprising and spirited methods of administration its sphere might be largely extended and its objects grasped by a far larger number of towers.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt., in D.

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| *BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS 6 |
| WILLIAM SHORT 2 | JAMES L. WELLS 7 |
| *THOMAS J. BRATTON 3 | ARTHUR CHAMBERS 8 |
| THOMAS H. REEVES 4 | JAMES E. GROVES 9 |
| *WILLIAM FISHER 5 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN, of London, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Treble Ten. First peal of Royal by the Guild. This peal was arranged to be rung on the 62nd birthday of Mr. James George, namely November 27th, but unfortunately had to be postponed on account of the death of Mr. John Sanders, an old Birmingham ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 4, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHARLES DICKENS Treble | WILLIAM J. MEERS 5 |
| GEORGE GARRISON 2 | ALFRED HACKETT 6 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 3 | GEORGE PARSONS 7 |
| *EDWARD BRETTLE 4 | JONATHAN PRESTON Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal. The ringers of the 4th and 6th hail from Halesowen, and were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late John Henry Sanders, tower keeper of the above church.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble | WALTER WEBB 5 |
| HARRY TUCKER 2 | ALBERT D. CULLUM 6 |
| FREDERICK POUNDS 3 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7 |
| JOSEPH HANDS 4 | HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver, who has been Vicar for 17 years; also as a "golden wedding" compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hibbert of East Ilsley, Berks., the parents of R. T. Hibbert, and grandparents to the treble man, whose age is 15 years.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. MOORE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| *PTE. ALBERT DEVONALD ... Treble | JOHN W. JONES 5 |
| CHARLES GREEDY 2 | SIDNEY DAWE 6 |
| FRANK J. BAILEY 3 | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 7 |
| WILLIAM B. BISS 4 | *THOMAS MIDDLETON ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to both J. W. Jones and W. B. Biss, this being the eve of the 50th birthday of each of them, the ringers wishing them many happy returns. It was also the anniversary of the dedication and reopening of the church and bells after complete restoration. The ringer of the treble, who was elected a member before starting, belongs to the Welch Regiment, and is now recuperating at Cardiff after receiving wounds at the front. He hails from Cadoxton, Neath.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 29, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Residence of T. COLE, 53, St. Thomas's Street.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores called in ten different ways.

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| *THOMAS COLE 1 | JOHN R. BARTON 3-4 |
| †HARRY PRIEST 2 | JOHN R. FRYIRS 5 |
| J. W. NESS 6 | |

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witness: MISS COLE.

* First peal on handbell. † First peal on an inside bell.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1915, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

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| ARTHUR PAYNE 1-2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4 | R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8 |
| COLIN GREYSTY 9-10 | |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 4, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

IN THE OLD SCHOOLROOM AT KING EDWARD VI'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18 in G.

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| CHARLES HAZELDEN 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER 5-6 |
| ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4 | SGT. B. S. THOMPSON, R.B. 7-8 |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further subscription to the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund has been received:—

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| York Minster Society, November collection | | | |
| (per Mr. G. Horner) | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Total | £120 | 4 | 2 |

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers are serving with H.M. Forces:—

Sapper E. B. Mallinson, of St. Bartholomew's Church, Colne, Lancs, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.
 Sapper W. B. Reeve, and
 Sapper L. L. Gray, of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Pettistree, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.

CHAPLAIN'S PROMOTION.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master of the Winchester Guild, has been appointed Senior Chaplain (Church of England) to the 7th Division, B.E.F., and is at present attached to the 7th Division Ammunition Column. His promotion dates from October 30th, 1915.

ANOTHER LADIES' BAND.

Another village, so it is reported, has lost all its male ringers. This is Sherington, Beds, where all the obliging men have enlisted, and ladies have now taken the places of the bell ringers.

OXFORD GUILD.

We are asked to state that the Berks and Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild will hold united practices for neighbouring towers at Hughenden on Saturday, December 11th, and at High Wycombe on Monday, the 13th, at 7 p.m.

HER LADYSHIP.

A RINGING EXCURSION TO EGHAM AND STAINES.

Why should a maiden without a lover

Resemble a bell without a clapper?

The recent gift of a "war baby" to Mr. and Mrs. G. Beeby, of Slough—kindly note this, ye Faversham boys—led to eight cycling ringers visiting the Parish Church of St. John, Egham, Surrey, on Sunday week, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was scored, without trip or word—in 46 minutes—the band being members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild: W. Henley 1, W. H. Fussell 2, E. Butler 3, T. S. Smith 4, G. Beeby 5, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, H. Cropley 8. The happy parents were married at this church, hence their desire to have "Doris Mary" baptised there, which important ceremony was carried out the same afternoon and celebrated by the bells.

"With rings on her fingers and bells on her toes,

She shall have music wherever she goes."

Permission was kindly given by the Vicar (the Rev. Wm. Trevor Nicholson, M.A.), who is still in active health, though nearing his 86th birthday, and it is over 30 years since the writer first applied to him for leave to use his bells.

Mr. G. Gigg, whose two army sons were home on leave; was in attendance as steeplekeeper, and made the party welcome. With the local men he took part in a touch, afterwards rung for evening service, the bells being then lowered in peal.

Mr. Marshall courteously stored the cycles which were dusted—as on a June day's riding—after the spell of dry, frosty weather.

Tea—the ever-welcome cup—was provided in another county, a feat easily accomplished in this part of England, viz., at "The Bells," Church Street, Staines, Middlesex, an old, quiet inn just near the churchyard gates, and so convenient for the bell ringers. Here the hostess, Mrs. Gavin, with a cheerful fire, made us comfortable, and it was recalled that the house had been in the same hands for 32 years. The sad side of a glorious war was brought home to us on hearing of the death of one son of three serving their King and country in France. Mrs. Gavin is a youthful looking mother of twelve children.

RECOLLECTIONS OF BYGONE DAYS.

The tenor (diameter 3ft. 10in.) and treble of St. Mary's Church were cast in 1829 at Whitechapel, and increased an older ring of six, dated 1734. One year later, Tom Tolladay visited the tower with a St. James' Society team, and scored the first peal, Grandsire, in 2hrs. 58 mins. There are reasons for concluding that Tolladay took a hearty draught at "The Bells" afterwards in accordance with that ancient custom—"One ring, one drink."

Our landlady's first recollection of visiting ringers commences with February, 1884, when George Newson and his "Highgate Harriers" rang the first Major at Staines for the Cumberland Society. All the men in this band have gone to their "long dodge last," excepting the Fussell brothers, of Slough. The bells were then in a deplorable state, owing to the weakness of a brick tower, and no performance had been recorded on them since Tolladay's. This party had tea at "The Bells," and forty eggs was all that could be found for them by the landlady, who was then in her teens, and highly astonished.

The identical spot in the tea-room where "a burly old clergyman"—meaning the late Rev. F. E. Robinson—stood and made a short speech—was pointed out, and the figure of a tall gentleman, who came with the Middlesex ringers, was also described and evidently referred to Mr. A. T. King. Thus in both tower and inn the ringing chapters of a century can be followed, the late Alfred Wicks forming a valuable connecting link of local interest.

But, to resume, Mr. S. W. Greenwood met the party with the keys of the church and the Vicar's kind consent for a quarter-peal on St. Mary's bells. We were asked to "go" Grandsire by our conductor just as the clock in the ringing room began buzzing 8 p.m., and again met with success: the bells going moderately well, thanks to Lawes' attention, although they need rehanging—and are very seldom used. The time was 45 minutes, and the band: Messrs. Smith 1, Henley 2, Fussell 3, Hooper 4, Butler 5, Beeby 6, Welling (conductor) 7, and Cropley 8.

After lowering in peal the visitors again left the bells for "The Bells," from whence a message of thanks was sent to the Vicar (the Rev. S. T. Wood) from one of his old choir boys, forming one of the team. Thanks to Mr. Beeby and the Baby for the refreshing tea was proposed, and thanks to the ringers for their peals, which at both towns appear, from remarks overheard, to have met with the approval of the inhabitants. The Bucks boys, in their journeys to three neighbouring county boundaries, met with exceedingly favourable weather for the month of November, and now Oxfordshire is hinted at for the fourth trip; perhaps I may have something to tell you then if everything is still well, and Bell is willing.

W. H. F.

MR. A. B. PECK RECOVERING.

His many friends in ringing circles will be extremely glad to hear that Mr. A. B. Peck, of the College Youths, is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his long and serious illness. He has been a patient in the Western Hospital, Fulham, for 23 weeks, but hopes to be out now in a few days.

He desires to express, through our columns, his sincere thanks to all those who have either visited him or written him kindly letters during his illness.

EXETER CATHEDRAL'S TREBLE.

NEW BELL DEDICATED AND NEW BAND OF RINGERS FORMED.

Some months ago an accident occurred at Exeter Cathedral which so damaged the old treble, a bell recast in 1729 by William Evans, that it had to go into the melting pot. A new treble was provided, and on Saturday week this bell was dedicated and restored to its former magnificence in the superb peal of ten for which Exeter is famed. It was on May 6th that the accident happened to the old treble. The bells had been rung in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the accession of King George, and were left up.

By inadvertence, however, the chiming apparatus, connected with the south transept was put on, and when next the bells were pulled off the treble, striking the chiming hammer, was cracked almost from the tip to the crown and across the waste, while the fittings were also damaged. The Dean (Dr. Earle, Lord Bishop of Marlborough), in order that the full peal of ten bells might be available for ringing as soon as possible, kindly undertook personally to bear the expense of recasting and rehanging the treble in the same way as he did the cost of refounding the fifth bell when the complete restoration of the peal was carried out 13 years ago. The work, as on that occasion, was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and needless to say, was carried out with entire satisfaction, the new bell being a perfect "splice."

The inscription on the new bell is unique. It was composed by the donor, and runs:—

"Recast in war, I hope to herald peace,
When all shall love and 'Hymns of Hatred' cease."

THE NEW CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

While the renovation was in hand, circumstances arose which determined the Dean and Chapter to proceed with a re-organisation, which had been contemplated for a considerable time, of the band of ringers. Conferences of invited representatives of Exeter ringing units and of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers were held, and, as a result, the Chapter resolved that there should be a St. Peter's Society of Ringers in connection with the Devonshire Guild, that it should consist of a President (the Dean), Vice-President (one of the Canons Residentiary, who, for the present, will be Canon McLaren), a steeplekeeper (Mr. W. Rowden, nominated by the Chapter), and 13 paid ringers, all qualified change ringers, and drawn from existing Societies in the city, and comprising now the following: Messrs. F. J. Davey and A. W. Searle (ringing masters), T. Laver (hon. secretary), T. G. Bartlett (hon. treasurer), H. V. Richards (prospective representative of the Society on the Devonshire Guild, with which it is proposed to affiliate the Cathedral band), G. Betts, C. Carter, J. Ferris, F. Gardner, C. Glass, W. Lethbridge, J. Moss and F. Murphy. They were drawn from St. David's, Heavitree, and St. Sidwell's, the desire of the Dean and Chapter being to spread the membership as evenly as possible over the three chief Societies in the city, and to make it a mark of honourable distinction. The Dean and Chapter have also sanctioned practices for Devonshire Guild members, in conjunction with the Cathedral band on the second Wednesday evening in each month, and for the Cathedral band alone on the fourth Saturday monthly, subject to suspension during Lent; they have also appointed Christmas, Easter, Whitsun, St. Peter's Day, anniversaries of the Sovereign's accession and birthday as paid ringing occasions, and endorsed a code of rules for the conduct of ringing and ensuring close touch between the ringers and the Chapter, whose approval of any new members will be always necessary.

THE DEDICATION.

The dedication service was conducted in the south transept by Canon McLaren, and, in addition to all others above-mentioned, was attended by Treasurer Pryke, the Rev. E. T. Poweraker, the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux (Hon. Treasurer Devonshire Guild, who kindly assisted in the details of the re-organisation of the band), and Mr. J. Richards (a well-known ringer).

The Dean, addressing the ringers as his colleagues and fellow-workers in the Cathedral, emphasised the need of community of life, and went on to say their special work was apt to degenerate if it was not undertaken on the highest possible grounds. It was with the greatest confidence that he had asked Canon McLaren to act as the direct representative of the Chapter among them, and as an intermediary between the sacred life of the Cathedral and the ringers' work. It was no slight honour to be chosen members of the band of ringers of the finest peal of bells in England, and he believed in the world—certainly the finest hung peal of bells in the world. There were none quite like them. He knew something of foreign bells—he had visited many belfries, including the great one at Mafra (Portugal)—but none of the peals he had heard abroad could approach for excellence the bells of Exeter Cathedral. They were wonderful from many standpoints—their power and tone, their melody, and their capacity for adjusting themselves to the varieties of sound and harmony. It was a privilege, moreover, that they should be handling bells, recast it might be, but the same metal, that had for many centuries rung out from the Cathedral tower, Grandisson, the tenor, was composed of some of the metal that had come down from those dark and difficult, yet magnificent, days in which Bishop Grandisson worked. Possibly, some of the metal was contained in bells that rang out the victory of Agincourt, almost for certain some of it was used to ring out the great victories of Elizabethan days. The bells were mixed up with every possible phase of human life, and their great purpose was to ring forth the presence of God in the midst of the people.

At the close of the service, the ringers proceeded to the belfry, and rang Grandsire Doubles and Caters, with the Rev. G. F. Molineux, Messrs. F. J. Davey and A. W. Searle acting as conductors. General satisfaction was expressed at the way in which the work had been carried out by the founders.

WITH THE SUFFOLK RINGERS.

By G. F. MARGETSON.

Perhaps, during these dark and dolorous days, when the sounds of the bells are hushed into silence and the lights of the belfry no longer gleam above the merry circles of change ringers, whose forms and faces we are beginning to forget, a few notes relating to my recent trip to Suffolk may not prove uninteresting from the pen of a steeple-keeper, whose "office it is to be higher than the pulpit, if not the preacher, for he sends forth a message which reaches the ears of those who hear not the charm of the parson's eloquence—charm he never so wisely."

The steeplekeeper is half-brother to the sexton, who both invariably find their services so valuable that to get a holiday, even for a fortnight, is difficult indeed. This I found to be true in my own case, for after canvassing the parish for a deputy, I found every man, woman and child fully employed, at a remuneration too high to be tempted to the dignity of my position. I, therefore, placed my trust in Providence that during my absence nobody would be so inconsistent as to die or get married. Fortunately for me all went well during my sojourn, for otherwise, on my return, I might have been handed my passports to another parish.

Seven miles from Ipswich there are two villages adjoining, called Holbrook and Stutton, each possessing a peal of six bells, by Bowell and Son. In the last-named parish the church stands far from the main street, and the usual weekly practice is continued. But at Holbrook I learned the ringers had been confined to their homes owing to the Zeppelin raids, and most of the inhabitants reside near the church.

My appearance in their midst made them anxious to have a friendly pull, and their desires overcoming their discretion, we ventured on a weekly practice. What a storm of abuse we created and endured at Holbrook must be inserted in the book of chronicles. Facing the church lived the venerable wheelwright who became furious, while a small gang of yokels awaited us at the conclusion of our campanological efforts. Confusion of tongues reigned, and the language was beyond my comprehension. One of the ringers, acting as interpreter, informed me of the nature of the wheelwright's pique which I put into verse in order to modify the vehemence of his discourtesy:—

Such a row will not happen I wager

Next week if I'm about still;

I'll stop their infernal Bob Major,

If the policeman won't do it, I will!

Just fancy those varnits a-ringing

'With "bacca and Perkin" so dear;

In the belfry I'd have them a-swinging,

With a rope round their necks for a year.

The second Sunday of my visit proved enjoyable and interesting, as at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, I met the clever Brothers Motts, W. Catchpole, R. Brundle, E. Pemberton, etc. We rang a touch of Stedman and Grandsire Caters for the morning service, there being one man short for the twelve bells. During the afternoon J. Motts, R. Brundle and E. Pemberton honoured us with a return visit to Stutton, where we rang a 720 of Oxford for evening service. Fifty years ago Brundle and I, as youths, had visited this tower. The ideality of change ringing must be accountable for our long lives and resistance to Father Time, although the grey locks and deepening furrows tell too plainly of long departed years. All wished to convey by me their kind remembrances to those members of the Exercise whom they have so long not seen or forgotten, trusting that we may again reunite in that brotherly and fraternal spirit so kindred to change ringers.

Thus came to an end, as all things must, my brief holiday in Suffolk. The pleasures enjoyed and the happy reflections (excepting Holbrook) will last for many a day, and what is more may have lengthened life. Yet do I constantly remember that time is ever hastening to that long sojourn, from whence no traveller or steeplekeeper returns; and:—

Then shall another toll in silent loft

For him who rang in merry hour and sad;

Changes he loved so well and rang so oft,

Which, like his verse, too often turned out bad.

MR. F. WOODHEAD'S FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £11 6s.; Bolton, Bradford, 10s.; Mr. J. Heggibottom, 1s.; grand total, £11 17s.

H. TOMLINSON and P. L. COOPER, Hon. Secs.

The fund is now closed.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I desire to sincerely thank all those kind friends who have so generously assisted me, especially those who, without my knowledge, started the scheme. It is often said there is a great bond of sympathy amongst ringers, and I, although an old ringer, never knew until recently how true the saying is. Again thanking you all for your kind action.—Yours fraternally,

FRANCIS WOODHEAD.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By 'BOB MAJOR.'

They have a way with them down about Birmingham that makes all the ringers there a very happy family. They are always celebrating something or other, and now we read of yet another little party—this time to commemorate the birthday of the Tipton veteran, William Rock Small. They live to a good age, do ringers in that neighbourhood. Mr. Small is as enthusiastic and as keen on a peal as any man, although he has reached his 76th birthday. Anno Domini has treated him kindly, but even he is not the oldest of the active belfry brigade in that district, for Sam Spittle can give him three years, and I doubt if he would admit himself any the less keen on the art, which both of them have followed for so many years. Friend Small puts his good health down to ringing and, when you come to think of it, it is surprising what a number of ringers live to a ripe old age. There must be something of the elixir of life in bell ringing; it provides a healthy exercise for the muscles, a stimulant for the brain, and soothing music for the soul—rather poetic that, isn't it? If it could only be advertised a little more widely as a life-extender, no doubt many people would take it up, just for the physical benefits they would receive. Four hours on the tenor box at Bow, say, would work more wonders in keeping them fit than four weeks at a German Spa.

BELLS THAT WORRY.

A writer in "The Eagle" says: "Malta, now a base for our wounded soldiers, is a sultry spot in the summer; you cannot sleep at night without a mosquito net over you and a supply of soda water by the bedside. To a wounded man lying in bed all day, the heat is almost insufferable, and its torments were for a time added to by the ceaseless clangour of the cracked and tuneless bells of the churches. There are five or six bells to each church, and one church to about every hundred people, so there was noise enough to make a Maltese Cross. The Archbishop was appealed to for mercy on the sick, with the satisfactory result that all the bells in all the towns have been stopped, except for a few solitary strokes before some special services. This is good news, and if it has moved the Governor of the island to almost grovelling gratitude we can hardly be surprised. We only sigh for similar relief in our English towns where the bells still worry both the wounded and the well. In the country it is different. There they blend with the surroundings."

THE ROPE BROKE.

Isn't it funny how some writers let their imaginations go; in fact, they imagine things until they believe they are true, although I fancy this is not exclusively applicable to writers, for there are others, such as fishermen. But the bells in English towns are more silent now than ever they were, and ringers well know the reasons why. Perhaps, however, the writer in "The Eagle" refers to the "cracked and tuneless" bells which are to be found hanging in "rings of one" in dove-cotes fitted to the roofs of tin buildings. They are annoying when rung with persistence at an hour on Sunday morning when one desires to turn over and have another snooze. Even those who are fond of ringing bells themselves dislike the clang of these bucket-like instruments, but what a different effect does a well-struck touch on a tuneful octave create? It is enough to fetch the true ringer out of the most comfortable bed at any hour of the day or night. The call of bells is irresistible to the enthusiast. Why, I have even known men dream about ringing. I once shared a bed with a fellow campanologist who was so actively engaged in pulling the bells—in his sleep—that he not only pulled the bed clothes off, but went out of bed with a bang. This brought the "touch" to an abrupt termination—happily for me—and as he was coming to his waking senses he murmured, "I was just going to make the bob and the bloom-in' rope broke."

A NEW TREBLE.

They've got their ten bells at Exeter again now, and, from what I hear, they've got a band to ring them, for the authorities have appointed a change ringing company, selected from the three principal local towers, and who are to be directly affiliated to the Devon Guild. This is excellent news, and should do the art some good in that corner of the country. The new treble became necessary for the Cathedral peal, because the old one got broken through the chiming hammers being put on while the bells were up, and when the treble was pulled off it rather made a mess of things from all accounts. But now that the Loughborough foundry has put matters right the peal is none the worse for the change. There's one thing about it, while the bell was away from the tower, the authorities did know what had become of it, which is more than the Worcester Cathedral folk did when their treble was removed some years ago. They had eight bells there at that time, and one day a visitor was shown up into the tower. He saw the bells, and on the way down was taken into the ringing chamber, where he saw the ropes. "How many bells did you tell me you had?" said he to the guide. "Eight" was the reply. "Well, I only counted seven, when we were up among them," said the visitor. "But here are the ropes, eight of them," said the cicerone. "There may be eight ropes, but I only saw seven bells," was the answer.

GONE!

To convince the visitor the guide took him back up the steps. And then they counted the bells, and sure enough there were only seven. The treble was gone; spirited away, as clean as it might have been in

a conjuring trick by David Devant. There was consternation, not only among the ringers, but also among the authorities. How the bell went or what became of it, no one knew, nor, I believe, do they to this day. Suffice it to say, however, that out of the disappearance of the treble arose the scheme which provided Worcester Cathedral with its present peal of twelve. But there was another sequel, so I have been told, although I cannot vouch for it. Some time later, at some church in the district, a firm of founders were engaged in putting in a new bell, which was sent to Worcester railway station. The founders' men fetched it on a hand cart and, passing through the streets, met a lynx-eyed man in blue—a veritable Sherlock Holmes—who, recalling the vanishing of the Cathedral bell, thought he was on a good thing, and promptly took the workmen and the bell to the police station. Enquiries, of course, soon put the matter right, and the hanging of the bell was not much delayed. But Worcester Cathedral treble was never found.

A WONDERFUL REPERTOIRE.

There was a time, not so many years ago, when a band, which could ring enough six-bell methods to put seven different ones into a peal, imagined they were almost "the limit" in their particular line. Those companies who could go to the extent of fourteen 360's in different methods were considered extraordinarily accomplished, while the band that reeled off 5040 in 21 methods were the wonder and admiration of the Exercise. But things have progressed since those days, and the repertoire of some of the six-bell bands is now almost past belief. I don't know what the record number of different methods rung by any one company is, but I can't help admiring the capacity of such bands as that at Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool, who, we were last week informed, had rung the extent of each of the 41 Surprise Minor Methods published in the Central Council's "Legitimate Methods." Such companies as these are a lot more enterprising than any eight-bell band, for where is the Major company that could ring touches in more than ten or a dozen Surprise Methods? They might take a leaf out of the book of some of these smaller bands. There are plenty of methods to begin on, pending the appearance of the Council's book of Legitimate Major Methods, which has been promised us—some day. I am not quite sure whether the wonderful volume—which is to contain every method, known and unknown, that is legitimate or regular, or whatever the gentlemen, who argue over the definitions of words, like to call them—is to be issued in time to benefit this generation or the next. I'm afraid it won't be in our day, if we have to wait till some of the writers have finished their expositions on legitimate methods and kindred subjects.

BELL POETRY.

I was glad to read last week that at least one member of our fraternity has made a serious attempt to get together a more or less exhaustive collection of bell poetry. I daresay many ringers have collected odd bits from time to time, but Mr. Ernest Morris seems to have done the thing pretty systematically and thoroughly. Our old friend, Bill Fussell, of Slough, has done likewise. His breezy writings are always well interspersed with verse, and the Editor has handed over to me a note from him in which he says: "Dear old 'Bob Major's' correction omits to put right a similar error in my second Dereham couplet, due to my writing from memory at the time, but since his notes appeared, I have refreshed myself on Moore's poem, and find the second verse very appropriate to my musings on the past:

"Those joyous hours are passed away;
And many a heart that then was gay,
Within the tomb now darkly dwells,
And hears no more those evening bells."

"I have collected as much as possible for some years, all poetry and prose, as well as sheet music, relating to bells, and I have not so far discovered any poet who has altogether omitted bells from some portion of his writings. Even Chaucer, one of our Early English poets, sang of bells, and there is also the strong possibility of his having been one of the ringers of Whitby Abbey." This is getting pretty near to the beginning of ringing history if you like, but I guess Chaucer didn't know much about London Surprise, and wasn't worried a great deal about legitimate methods or the proof of Treble Bob.

STRAIGHT FROM THE TRENCHES.

The "chestnuts" which I gave in this column a fortnight ago have brought a good story straight from the trenches. Three Tommies were dividing some souvenirs they had "found" somewhere in France—a watch, a compass and a German knife, besides other "valuables." After a long argument it was decided that the watch should go to the man who could guess the tune another Tommy played on his mouth-organ. After several guesses, one said the tune was "Beer! Beer! glorious beer!" "Yer wrong," exclaimed the organist, but yer aint far off it. The tune as I was playin' yer was "As pants the heart for coolin' streams!"

Another good story of the religious classification of new soldiers comes from the same source:

Sergeant (addressing one of a squad of recruits): "What's yer religion?"

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In many places where the war has taken the ringers away from the belfry for the sterner duty of serving King and country the gaps caused by their departure are being filled by ladies. At Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, the absence of ringers on service, led to the enlisting of the service of a number of ladies, who, led by the Vicar's wife, have entered with zest into their new task. A start was made in July, and in a very short time the ladies were ringing regularly for Sunday services, and within three

months were able to ring the plain course of Bob Minor, while one of their number, Miss Sullivan, has rung the treble through a 720. Their instruction has been undertaken by Messrs. J. Houldsworth (captain), J. Rawcliffe, J. Tomlinson and J. Barnes (who appear in the photograph above), and there is no doubt the ladies have made apt pupils. The belfry at Oswaldtwistle is open to the Church and it is for that reason the ladies appear in uniform.

DEATH OF AN ERDINGTON RINGER.

FIRST GAP IN VETERANS' BAND.

Erdington Parish Church Society has lost one of its oldest and most respected members by the death, which took place on November 22nd, of Mr. John Henry Sanders, who passed away at his residence, 03, Wood End Lane, Erdington, at the age of 83 years. He was taken ill at his work, was brought home by his employer, and expired almost immediately. The deceased had been tower-keeper for a number of years. He was also connected with the ringers of Handsworth Parish Church, many years ago, for some 30 to 40 years, and was a member of the Erdington P.S.A. The deceased did not keep any record of his ringing performances, but he had rung a considerable number of peals, including the long peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham (on the occasion of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, when she laid the foundation stone of the Victoria Law Courts, in June, 1887). He also rang a peal in four methods at Perry Barr—the only one rung—and he stood in the Veterans' Peal, at Aston, to celebrate the 60th birthday of the composer, Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham—a peal of Grandsire Caters, on May 2nd, 1914, all the ringers, it will be remembered, being 60 years of age and over. Since being connected with Erdington Mr. Sanders had rung about 16 peals. He was a member of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and also of the Midland Counties Association of Bell Ringers.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Saturday week, at Erdington Parish Church, and was attended by a number of ringers and friends. The Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. S. E. P. Needham, curate, officiated. As the procession entered the church Mr. H. E. Platt, organist, played "O Rest in the Lord" ("Elijah"), and at the conclusion of the first portion of the service rendered the Dead March in "Saul." The coffin was carried by the Erdington Ringers (Messrs. J. Preston, J. Pywell, T. Bicknell, G. Garrison, W. J. Meers, and G. F. Swann) into the church, and from

the church to the grave, by six members of St. Martin's Guild of Bell Ringers, viz., Messrs. T. Russam, J. E. Groves, J. George, J. Wells, C. Dickens, and W. G. Anker. Before the close of the committal service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, on handbells, by G. Garrison 1-2, G. Swann 3-4, T. Russam 5-6, and J. Preston 7-8. This parting tribute seemed to touch the hearts of the people present, as the bells pealed forth over the remains of their old comrade. The Vicar pronounced the Benediction, and brought the service to a close. The mourners were Mrs. H. Sanders (widow), Mr. Fred Sanders (son), Miss Nellie Sanders (daughter), Mrs. F. Sanders (daughter-in-law), Mr. A. Hughes and Miss Stanley. The following were also present: Mr. G. N. Potter (deceased's employer), Mr. H. Bett, Mr. Guy (road foreman of the old Erdington Council), Mr. G. Parsons, Mr. J. Pemberton, Mrs. J. Preston, Mrs. C. Cottrell, Mrs. W. Meers, etc. The ringers started for a peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, but, after ringing about an hour and quarter, stopped, owing to the bells being out of course. The peal was, however, accomplished on Saturday last, and will be found recorded in another column.

The following sent wreaths: The Erdington Parish Church Ringers (in the shape of a bell), the workpeople of Mr. G. N. Potter, Schoolfield Street, Mr. and Mrs. Le Bon, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Wilks, and nieces.

GRANDSIRE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Matthews' letter last week, I beg to state that I have now come to the conclusion that the 12-part peal of Grandsire, published for me on September 17th, is a variation of his peal. I beg to apologise to Mr. Matthews for the trouble he has been caused through this matter, but I may say I made my claim in all good faith. I am afraid I had formed a wrong impression of a variation, and thank him for his explanation of same. Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

December 5th, 1915.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A JOURNEY IN THE RAIN.

If November ice will bear a duck,
There's nothing after but sludge and muck.

"T'last day 't'owd year in '67 ah went dahn to Wath lad, wi a through train 'at stopped at ivery station, an' when we'd raised t' bells we rung one method after t'other until they call for one and ah didn't know t'middle work and ah called for another and somebody didn't know t'front work so we 'stood' lad and when we carnted up we'd rung 19 sixscores lad."

Such is the tale about an old Sheffield ringer of a bygone day, and the writer travelled in one of G—I nearly said whose—"through trains" 'at stopped at ivery station," on Saturday, en route to Conisbrough, where a Sheffield District meeting was to be held. Every time the train stopped a few got out and a few got in wet and dripping, but we were sorry to lose an old wag at Mexbro', as we could see nothing but mist through the windows down which the water flowed in streamlets, and anything is better than silence in a railway train on a dismal day. After being shunted about a bit we arrived at Conisbrough. It did rain. Ultimately we reached the road (it might have been a river). What! Bells! Why, somebody has been silly enough to come cut into this blackness to ring. Sure enough it was the bells so forward we went right manfully. The belfry is well lighted and furnished, quite a cheerful place after the wet. The bells are a new ring by Taylor, with a 14 cwt. tenor; as a very, very large majority of our "Surprise" ringers were absent, the local aspirants got a good practice, which was probably of more value to the Exercise than if we had rung through all the usual methods.

Much has been written about Conisbrough, its church, and castle, the latter having been "immortalised" by Sir Walter Scott in his "Ivanhoe."

A HISTORIC CHURCH.

The present church consists of nave, with centre and north and south aisles, chancel, and a tower at the west end, and is rich in architectural features from Anglo-Saxon times down to the Perpendicular period. It is certain that an Anglo-Saxon Church stood on the site of the present nave as the huge and oddly shaped "long and short stones" on the north and south side of the innermost tower buttress walls clearly mark the western limit, and one stone bears distinct marks of scratchings and rubbing of tools, i.e., arrow-heads, etc. King Harold had one of his Royal domes here, and Conisbrough Church and parson are mentioned in the Domesday Book. On the south side there is a beautiful late Norman doorway in almost perfect condition. In the interior, on the north side, are three rounded arches on cylindrical pillars with broad bases and beautifully carved capitals; on the south side there are three pointed arches on cylindrical pillars, which must have superseded three Norman arches, probably in the 13th century. Beneath the tower is a lofty and well-proportioned arch in the Perpendicular style of architecture, with a sculptured font beneath, the tower being of this period. Historically, a rather curious feature was that in the years 1094 and 1189, and again in 1253, the Prior and Canons of Lewes had special jurisdiction given over this church and parish. This far-away southern community continued to nominate the Vicars of Conisbrough until the Dissolution in 1535. There is an authentic list of Vicars from the end of the 12th century downwards, the present Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge, M.A.), being the 37th in direct succession, and it was by his energy the church has been completely restored, all the old plaster being stripped from the walls, and the floor of the nave lowered some six inches, thus exposing the bases of the pillars and nave.

After this interesting look over the church we turned towards home again, still it rained. The less said about the homeward journey the better. There being no train for more than an hour we decided to go on to Mexbro' by motor-bus. We went. Arrived at the toll bar, whence run the electric cars every "ten" minutes. We waited under a "tin" shelter about half an hour, and then bolted through the "sludge and muck" for the "Miners Arms," and found it much more comfortable than the "tin" shelter, until one of those "ten" minute cars came along and took us to the station, whence we travelled safely back to Sheffield without meeting with a "wag" to liven up the journey. And it rained in Sheffield. S. T.

WHAT ARE STANDARD METHODS?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Recently in the report of a ringing meeting it was stated "some good practice was obtained in the Standard methods, and Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise."

What are Standard methods, and are not Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Standard methods? They are given as such in "Standard methods."—Yours truly, A. T.

[We are afraid, "A. T.," that this is another case of confusion in definitions. The late Mr. Jasper Snowden's work, "Standard Methods," includes a number of methods which, when the book was first issued, were not in general practice, and Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative were, by many, looked upon as "crank" methods. They are certainly Standard methods to-day in the sense that they are generally practised, but the writer of the article evidently intended the term in the older sense in which it was used, to mean Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob—Ed. "E.W."]

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—On October 13th, at St. Chad's, for the harvest festival, 1097 Grandsire Caters: J. Tudor 1, G. Scarratt 2, W. Brooks 3, W. J. Taylor 4, E. R. T. Corbett 5, G. Jones 6, W. Stockdale 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8, C. R. Lilley 9, H. Jones 10.—On October 17th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Byolin 1, G. Scarratt 2, J. Tudor 3, W. Brooks 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, C. R. Lilley 7, R. F. Turner 8.—On November 7th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brooks 3, G. Jones 4, W. Stockdale 5, W. Weatherby 6, A. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) tenor (39 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.).—On November 1st, at St. Alkmund's Church, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major and 168 of Stedman Triples, on the occasion of a visit of Mr. W. H. Thomas, of St. Stephen's, Bristol, others taking part being: G. Byolin, G. Scarratt, W. Stockdale, J. Tudor, E. V. Rodenhurst, W. Brooks, G. Jones, C. R. Lilley (conductor).—On November 3rd, at St. Chad's, on handbells, 120 Plain Bob and 120 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Smith 1, Miss Barrow 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3—4, W. H. Thomas 5—6.—On November 13th, at St. Chad's, a touch of 560 Bob Major, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major, 84 Stedman Triples: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, Pte E. Mullins (Peadleton) 3, W. Brooks 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.—On November 27th, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. F. Turner 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, W. Brooks 3, Pte T. M. Belton 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8; and 180 Grandsire Caters, Pte T. M. Belton was on a visit, after being wounded in the trenches in France. He was a member of the band, and it is gratifying to announce that he has recovered from his wounds.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On November 8th, 720 Plain Bob: J. F. Penning's composition, 28 bobs and 18 singles: E. Pettit 1, A. E. Austin (conductor) 2, C. Peters 3, J. Maynard 4, T. Finch 5, F. Nunn 6.

LEICESTER.—On Friday, Nov. 12th, at S. Margaret's, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Captain Leslie Corah and Pte W. Quinton Lander, who both fell with the 4th Leicesters, and were prominently connected with S. Margaret's, 447 Grandsire Triples and 720 Caters, by: L. Mason 1, E. Morris 2, A. Ballard 3, Pte T. Vallance 4, W. P. Cooper 5, J. Morris 6, H. Broughton 7, F. H. Dexter 8, T. H. Hardy 9, J. Vernon 10. Also on Sunday, Nov. 14th, 360 Grandsire Doubles for morning service; 549 Grandsire Doubles for afternoon service; and 489 Grandsire Triples for evening service, all the ringing being conducted by Ernest Morris.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At 55, Rhondda Street, on handbells, on November 12th, in 30 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): S. Perry 1—2, J. Hoare 3—4, Pte J. A. Hoare, 7th Welsh Cyclists (conductor) 5—6.

CADOXTON.—West Wales Association.—At the Parish Church, on November 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: W. Jones 1, S. Perry 2, Alf. Jones 3, J. E. Bloxham 4, Pte J. A. Hoare (conductor) 5, E. Phillips 6.

BRAINTREE.—Essex Association.—On November 13th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 657 Grandsire Triples: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, H. J. Collins 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Pte F. Smith (24th Oxford and Bucks) 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 14th, for service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, J. Mead 2, H. Morris 3, W. Crane 4, L. Meager 5, F. Hedges 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. 224 Double Norwich: W. Sear 1, J. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, H. Morris 4, L. Meager 5, W. Crane 6, F. Hedger 7, A. Sear (conductor) 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—For morning service, on Sunday, Nov. 14th, on the occasion of the attendance, in State, of the Lord Mayor (Councillor G. Lunn) and the Sheriff (Councillor W. Bramble), of Newcastle, at the Cathedral, four courses of Stedman Cinques: G. T. Potter 1, A. Dalton 2, E. E. Ferry 3, J. E. Keen 4, W. Sinclair 5, J. McKeag 6, J. Foreman 7, B. C. Dixon 8, A. E. Hillier 9, W. Story 10, R. Richards (conductor) 11, Pte D. Wolstencroft 12. Pte Wolstencroft hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are members of the Cathedral Guild.

RAMSBOTTOM.—Lancashire Association.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 14th, at St. Paul's Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 20 mins.: R. Leach 1, J. H. Haydock 2, J. Leach 3, S. Lord 4, W. Taylor (conductor) 5, J. Houson 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. Booth 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. J. Lewis, who has been Vicar for the last 22 years, and who has been preferred to the living of St. John the Baptist, Hulme, Manchester.

OLDSWINTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On November 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 1008 Bob Triples: Wm. Whitehouse 1, C. Wm. Cooper 2, Thos. Heathcock 3, Jos. Smith 4, Ralph Moors 5, J. Newman 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, P. Pope 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes): Wm. Toogood (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Wm. Cooper 2, Ralph Moors 3, Thos. Heathcock 4, Jos. Smith 5, J. Newman 6, A. E. Whatmore (composer and conductor) 7, P. Pope 8.

ELSTON, NOTTS.—On a recent Saturday the Bottesford ringers paid a visit to this tower, and among other touches rang 720 Bob Minor: A. Mackears (conductor) 1, D. Gilden 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, M. Bend 4, R. Bend 5, S. Baker 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LONDON.—Ancient Society of College Youths.—On Nov. 14th evening service, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes): H. Springall 1, C. H. Hughes 2, E. Gibbs 3, C. H. Pullen (late of Reading) 4, J. Scholes 5, F. Renton (late of Leeds) 6, W. Truss 7, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 8, E. Hall 9, G. Barrett 10.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Nov. 15th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Cross 2, W. Page 3, J. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabbe 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of King Albert of the Belgians; also as a birthday compliment to H. Crabbe.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—Recently, for harvest festival, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stafford 2, H. Packer 3, W. Large (conductor) 4, J. Collett 5, T. Banning 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8. Also 1264 Bob Major: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, E. Pardon 4, J. Collett 5, T. Banning 6, H. Gillett 7, W. Large (conductor) 8; and for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Large.—On November 14th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, E. Pardon 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, J. Collett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.—On November 16th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hookham 1, E. Hookham 2, H. Gillett 3, E. Pardon 4, F. E. Davies 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, G. Pugh 8.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On Nov. 15th, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, R. Law 3, F. Bird 4, T. J. Watts 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, H. W. Watts 8. Also 240 Stedman Doubles: G. Gray 1, F. Bird 2, T. J. Watts 3, H. W. Watts (first in the method) 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, R. Law 6.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On November 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Kendall 1, H. Wiseman 2, L. Wiseman (conductor) 3, R. Rayner 4, B. Pettitt 5, Pte. A. Catterwell (5th Essex Regiment) 6, W. Nice 7, W. Cross 8.—On November 20th, a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Kendall 1, L. Wiseman 2, Pte. A. Catterwell 3, H. Hale 4, S. Hale (conductor) 5, H. Cooper 6, W. Nice 7, W. Cross 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): R. Rayner 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, H. Hale 3, F. Wiseman 4, B. Pettitt 5, S. Hale 6, W. Nice 7, Pte. G. Pannel (Royal Engineers) 8. This was rung as a farewell to R. Rayner, H. Wiseman and C. Smith, who were going off next day to join the King's Royal Rifles.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Saturday, Nov. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Pte. A. Devonald (3rd Welch) 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, J. Jones 3, F. J. Bailey 4, S. Dawe 5, W. Bolton 6. Also touches of Oxford and Plain Bob: D. Thomas, L. Wright, T. Middleton, B. Chew taking part.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Nov. 21st, for evening service, 1299 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: Jas. George (composer) 1, W. Allwood 2, Dvr. F. E. Smith 3, B. A. Knights (conductor) 4, C. Glenn 5, W. J. Thyng 6, F. Jacobs 7, A. Knights 8, G. A. Thompson 9, G. Davies 10.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Mayor's Sunday, Nov. 21st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 27 mins., with 6, 8 covering: J. Shaw 1, A. King (conductor) 2, B. Wilson 3, J. Rookwood 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Shaw 6, T. Kendall 7, Pte. A. Rookwood 8. Pte. Rookwood, of the 3/5 Beds, is the son of the ringer of the 4th, and was home on leave from Newmarket prior to joining the 1/5 Beds Regiment for service abroad.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Pullen 3, F. Renton 4, W. Watchorn 5, E. E. Richards 6, W. J. Aldridge 7, W. Horsley 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late churchwarden, Mr. W. Rahtz, who was buried the previous day.

ABBOTT LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Nov. 21st, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: L. H. Moore 1, A. T. Atherton 2, G. Bennett 3, J. Caple, junr., 4, E. Frampton 5, Corpl. G. H. Gale (conductor) 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO.—On Nov. 23rd, 360 Bob Minor, by: W. Caple 1, A. T. Atherton 2, G. Bennett 3, L. H. Moore, junr., 4, J. Caple 5, Corpl. G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. These touches were rung for Corpl. G. H. Gale, 4th Somerset L.I., who was home on a short leave.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, on handbells, at the residence of Mr. A. E. Pitstow, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, also 336 Bob Major: F. J. Pitstow 1—2, A. E. Pitstow 3—4, F. Pitstow (conductor) 5—6, F. Dench 7—8. First quarter-peal on handbells in Saffron Walden, and by all the band.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—Heavitree Society.—On Sunday, Nov. 27th, for the Bishop's visit, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. Hamilton 1, T. Laver 2, H. V. Richards 3, J. Sandever 4, C. Glass 5, J. Ferris 6, Sergt. Major A. Pye (conductor) 7, H. Seager 8.

MITCHAM.—Surrey Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1280 changes): J. A. Lambert (composer and conductor) 1, J. Howes 2, W. D. Drewett 3, W. H. Joiner 4, L. Attwater 5, R. W. Grimwood 6, C. Rance 7, W. S. Smith 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the conductor's daughter, who was married on the previous day.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursdays, December 16th and 30th, for handbell practice, and on Tuesday, 21st, for business; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Horbury, via Wakefield, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 to 8 p.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., in school, near church (at 1s. head). A good attendance is desired.—Leonard Brightman, District Secretary pro. tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at St. George's (6). Bells open at 3, service 4.30. Tea, meeting and social to follow. Friends gd. Subscriptions now due. Visitors welcomed.—G. W. Tomkins, 22, Court Road, Horfield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Keighley on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., in the Vestry.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells ready at 4.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, December 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wick St. Lawrence on Saturday, December 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, meeting to follow. Bells available 3 o'clock.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. Annual reports will be ready for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On November 28th, for evensong, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Wm. Wibberley 1, Jno. W. Walker (first in the method and first attempt) 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, Wm. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, J. F. Ryles 5, F. T. Dawson 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The branch meeting, which was to have been held at Padiham on Saturday, December 18th, 1915, will not take place.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting 7.30. Reports now ready. — G. Pincott, Branch 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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NOTEWORTHY PEALS OF THE PAST.

What, up to that time, was the longest peal of Stedman on record was rung on December 8th, 1883, and the anniversary of it, therefore, occurred last Wednesday. This peal was rung by the College Youths at Fulham, and consisted of 11,111 changes, in 7 hrs. 12 mins. It was called by the late Mr. James Pettit, and was rung by the following band: James Pettit 1, Francis E. Dawe 2, George Mash 3, John W. Rowbotham 4, Challis P. Winney 5, Edwin Gibbs 6, William Greenleaf 7, Edwin Horrex 8, John Murray Hayes 9, Walter Prime 10. A previous attempt for the peal three weeks before was lost after ringing nearly 10,000 changes.

The longest length of Stedman Cinques up to the present, is, curiously enough, the same number of changes as that in the Fulham peal of Caters, but this stands to the credit of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, who have at different times, in the past, held the palm in this direction. They captured it once by a peal of 7392 changes rung at St. Martin's, on December 12th, 1848, in 4 hrs. 55 mins., the anniversary thus occurring on Sunday. It is also worth recalling that this peal was composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, who also composed the "five ones" rung at Fulham 35 years later.

The anniversary of another 12-bell records falls in this week. The Painswick Youths, on December 9th, 1833, rang a peal of 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus in 6 hrs. 50 mins., the ringers being: Jno. Morris 1, Jas. Savory, junr., 2, Jos. White 3, Saml. Cook 4, Jas. Chandler 5, Chas. Holder 6, Jas. Savory, senr., 7, Thos. Clissold 8, Wm. Holder 9, Thos. Belhell 10, Wm. Estcourt (composer and conductor) 11, Wm. Savory 12. This peal remained unbeaten until Easter Monday, 1911, when the 12,000 was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A NEW TOWER ADDED.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday week, when about 40 ringers put in an appearance. During the afternoon ringing was indulged in by various bands from Pontefract, Selby, Howden, Goole, Sherburn, and a few ringers from Earsheaton, who were visiting friends at Sherburn.

A substantial tea was served in the school-house, and the usual business meeting was held afterwards, when eight new members of the Association were elected, seven of these being members of the local band, and was the result of arranging the meeting at a tower not hitherto attached to the association.

After tea the bells were again set going, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob, etc., were successfully brought round.

One feature of the district meeting that is worth mention is the fact that new members have a chance to practice and fraternise with older and more experienced exponents of the Exercise, and it is thought, at any rate in the eastern district, that, despite the war, every effort should be put forward to obtain new towers and new members, both of which are essential in normal times to the success of an Association, but which will be very necessary at a time like the present to replace those who have left the Exercise for the period of the war.

BELBROUGHTON.—On Nov. 28th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Hubble 1, Wm. Short 2, J. Parton 3, A. Pardoe 4, G. Popnell (conductor) 5, H. Martin, senr., 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, Nov 28th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 1120 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: A. Riley 1, W. A. Alps 2, O. L. Twist 3, T. Walker 4, R. W. Green 5, W. T. Powell 6, G. B. Lucas 7, J. Hunt (conductor) 8.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on November 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples by local men: G. White 1, W. Appleby 2, R. Bushnell 3, — Little 4, H. Hatlo 5, — Nash 6, J. Stilwell (conductor) 7, G. King (longest length) 8.

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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.

ANOTHER LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.

In the past few months we have, unhappily, had to chronicle the death of more than one leading member of the Exercise, notably those two pillars of our art, Mr. William Snowdon and Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who for long years applied their great talents to advancing the cause of ringing. Their passing, however much we regretted to lose them and despite the fact that they could ill be spared, was softened by the fact that they had reached the age when man, in the natural order of things, realises that he has approached the evening of his days, and that life lies behind and not before him. But to-day it is our mournful duty to record the death of another ringer, unsurpassed in his particular sphere, whose life has been ended in its prime. At the early age of 39 years Ernest Pye, one of the greatest ringers the world has ever seen, has gone to his long rest, and the sorrow which will be felt will be the more acute by the tragedy which accompanied his death.

Ernest Pye was certainly no ordinary ringer; he towered above the average man in ringing intellect as much as he excelled in ability in handling a big bell. One had only to ring with him to realise that he was among the very front rank of those gifted men in the practical side of bell-ringing, who, in modern days, have lifted the art to a far higher plane than it had ever before reached. The mere achievement of a thousand peals—in itself sufficient to mark him for all time as a wonderful man—does not represent Ernest Pye's contribution to the progress of ringing. The help which he gave to others, at the sacrifice, often, of time which a more selfish man would have begrudged, was the means of encouraging innumerable ringers to go on to greater things. If circumstances allowed him to achieve much that was beyond the reach of the ordinary men, it was not through that spirit of selfishness which some, unacquainted with the truth, may have assumed—for a more unselfish ringer than Ernest Pye could not be found—but because he was first of all an enthusiast, and because, secondly, his unique merit made his services of the utmost value.

Few members of our craft had so wide an experience in ringing as Ernest Pye, and none had greater accomplishments. One has only to turn to the record of what he did for proof of this. When considering a man's ringing achievements we must always bear in mind that without the help of others he could not have succeeded, but in the case of such a ringer we must also remember that, but for him, there are performances which many another would not now be able to lay claim to. Apart from the many great feats he accomplished in belfries in all parts of the

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British Isles, we wonder whether all those Surprise peals on handbells would have been rung but for him. These performances were no flash in the pan, they were the result of years of patient perseverance and practice, and will ever remain historic. We had hoped that at some future date we might have seen a revival of these wonderful achievements, and even now, of course, this may be possible, but what a breach there is to fill if such records are to be made again! The concerns of ringing are, of course, as of naught in the loss of so valuable a life and of a loved one in a family circle, but the death of Ernest Pye is a serious blow to the Association to which he had so long and loyally given of his best. As a body the Middlesex Association have lost a tower of strength, and ringing generally one of its ablest exponents.

TEN BELL PEAL.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1915, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

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| WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble | FREDERICK WEBB 6 |
| EDMUND HOLIFIELD 2 | F. STEDMAN WHITE 7 |
| HARRY HOLIFIELD 3 | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. ... 8 |
| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. ... 4 | RICHARD WHITE 9 |
| MISS K. HOLIFIELD 5 | ALBERT E. LOCK Tenor |

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late H. Woodwards, who was interred at Appleton on Nov. 29th, aged 80. Deceased was a ringer at the above church and a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ERNEST MORRIS Treble | CHARLES H. BRIGGS 5 |
| HARRY BRIGGS 2 | HARRY ARGYLE 6 |
| FRED H. DEXTER 3 | JOSIAH MORRIS 7 |
| HARRY BROUGHTON 4 | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by the late CHAS. H. FOWLER, and

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal, the composition of which is now rung for the first time, was especially rung with the bells half muffled to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of its composer, the late Mr. Charles H. Fowler, of Leicester, who died on Saturday evening, December 12th, 1914.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
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On Saturday, December 11, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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| *JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Treble | FREDERICK JORDAN 4 |
| HERBERT JORDAN 2 | *FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5 |
| JAMES HEMMING 3 | HARRY MIDDLETON Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First seven method peal. First seven method peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to fallen soldiers in the war.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 11, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| RICHARD CLOUGH Treble | HERBERT ALLRED 4 |
| FRED ABBOT 2 | ROBERT ALLRED 5 |
| RICHARD P. HEALD 3 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, December 7, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

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| CHARLES FOULSON 1—2 | ARTHUR SYMONDS 3—4 |
| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5—6 | |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the mother of the conductor and wife of the ringer of 3—4.

RETFORD, NOTTS.**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, December 8, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. SEGAR,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings.

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| JOHN HURST 1—2 | JOHN SEGAR, JR. 3—4 |
| GEORGE TURNER 5—6 | |

Conducted by G. TURNER.

Umpire: DAVID BLAGG.

G. Turner's first peal as conductor and the quickest peal in the association.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers have joined H.M. Forces:—

A. Bradley, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, Butchers' Section, Army Service Corps.

Pte H. Jarman, and

Pte G. Newson, of Harpenden Parish Church, the Black Watch, now stationed at Richmond, Yorks.

Lee-Corpl. Coot, of Harpenden, Suffolk Regiment, now a Pirbright Camp, Surrey.

Spr. G. Day, St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.

Pte A. Earl, of Sittingbourne, Army Ordnance Corps, stationed at Woolwich.

Pte John Luff, of Twhurst, Royal Naval Air Service, now at Sheerness.

A large number of ringers throughout the country have been attested under Lord Derby's recruiting scheme.

CONDUCTING BLINDFOLDED.

At Halesowen, Worcestershire, on December 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 minutes, the conductor of which, Mr. A. E. Parsons, was blindfolded. The band comprised: H. Lea 1, A. Hackett 2, E. Brettie 3, A. E. Parsons 4, W. Bird 5, V. White 6, G. Cockin 7, M. Hackett 8.

As some of our readers may remember a peal of Stedman Triples has been conducted blindfolded on tower bells by Mr. W. H. Barber, and, we believed we are right in saying, a peal of Bob Major on handbells by Mr. Harry Williams.

THE YOUNGEST RINGERS.

At Broughton Astley, Leics., on Monday evening, at the Parish Church, two plain courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung on handbells by the following: Ed. Webb (7 years of age only) 1—2, Hy. Webb 3—4, H. Webb, junr. (age 9 years) 5—6. Also a plain hunt lead of Minor by the same band. The two boys are Mr. Henry Webb's sons, and are believed to be the youngest ever known to ring double-handed. The performance was witnessed by W. H. Inglesant and Mr. J. Brunt (church clerk).

A DEVON RESTORATION.

It is over a quarter of a century ago since Messrs. Aggett and Sous, of the Church Bell Works, Chagford, Devon, were called in to restore the bells at Marystowe, Devon, and their work on that occasion has stood the test of years. Recently, however, it was felt that the time had arrived when the ring should again be overhauled, and the same firm were entrusted with the work. They have rehung the bells in modern fittings, including the adjustable bearings which Messrs. Aggett invented about 12 years ago, and nearly 3,000 of which are now in use throughout the West of England, and giving the highest satisfaction. After the work at Marystowe had been completed, it was tested by ringers from neighbouring parishes, and everyone concerned was highly pleased with the way the contract had been executed. During the progress of the work a discovery was made in the tower steps of an ancient Pessina in a good state of preservation, and it is to be placed in the porch where, it is considered, it formerly was.

RINGERS INVALIDED.

Second-Corpl. A. R. Macdonald, of Bournemouth, who went out with the R.E. to the Dardanelles, where he contracted enteric fever, is now back in England, and is at present in No. 9 Ward, Booth Hall Military Hospital, Blackley, Manchester. He is now practically well.

Pte Fred Kilborn, of Desborough, Northants, who was gassed in the fighting on September 25th, is now in a convalescent hospital in France, where he is able to perform clerical duties.

Pte Thos. Wall, of Stanton-in-Arrow, Herefordshire, who joined the 10th Gloucesters in October, 1914, has been reported missing since Oct. 6th. He was a chorister as well as a ringer of St. Peter's Church before he entered the army.

A RINGER'S HYMN.

By J. W. WILKINS, HIGH WYCOMBE.

(Suitable tune No. 50 (A. and M.).

Blest bells of England, thee we chime,
For prayer at morn and evening time,
O, let the strains of Love ascend,
Lord guide thy people to the end.

Blest bells of England, thee we ring,
Uplifted to our heavenly King.
Thy sacred tones for all convey,
Fond thoughts of lov'd ones far away.

Blest bells, on every Christmas morn,
Proclaim the tidings Christ is born.
O let each ringer's tribute be,
True changes rung in harmony.

O, Christ, Who rules on land and sea,
Accept our prayers we make to Thee.
For souls whose battle's strife is o'er,
Lord keep them safe for evermore

From every hill, and every vale,
Thrice hallow'd voices still they swell
To Father, Son and Spirit be,
Glad sounds of praise eternally.

Amen.

November 25th, 1915.

EXETER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The good news that your last number has to record of Exeter Cathedral, suggests a few words of comment.

The formation of a change ringing band is admirable, but the list of "paid ringing occasions" looks very meagre as it stands. Is one to infer that only on these six days in the whole year the Cathedral bells will be rung, except for practice? One would have expected to see all Sundays included. And why is Ascension Day denied a place among these "occasions"? This is a most serious omission. More light on this question of the use of the bells under the new regime is much to be desired.

Then with regard to the chiming apparatus. In how many towers has this barbarous parody of the real thing ever been fixed without causing some sort of trouble? One would devoutly wish to believe that the destruction of a magnificent bell by contact with a chiming hammer would serve as a warning to all church authorities against admitting these infernal machines into their bellries. To the worthy Dean of Exeter at any rate the use of the miserable invention should henceforth be anathema. It is incomparably more satisfactory to produce a solemn and dignified effect by raising and lowering the two tenors fifteen minutes before services, as is done at Magdalen, Oxford, than to tinkle on eight bells with a row of futile little hammers.

Kington Magna, Dorset.

F. L. EDWARDS.

11th December, 1915.

DEATH OF MR. ERNEST PYE.

TRAGIC END OF A GREAT RINGER.

The Exercise will mourn to-day the death of one of the greatest exponents of our Art. Mr. Ernest Pye, of Chadwell Heath, and a member of the famous family of ringing brothers, died on Wednesday in last week under tragic circumstances. For about a month past he had been unwell, and for three weeks had been unable to work. He suffered from insomnia, which brought on a mental breakdown, but it was hoped that rest would effect cure. He was by no means an invalid, however, and on Sunday week rang, as he usually did, for service at Romford Church, taking part in courses of Bristol and London Surprise. He rose very early on the Wednesday morning, and left the house, where he lived with his mother and brother. Mr. G. R. Pye, hearing his departure, hastily dressed, and went out after him, but in the darkness of the early morning had no way of telling in which direction his brother had gone. A long search failed to find him, but later in the day Mr. G. R. Pye had the mournful task of identifying his brother's body at Ilford mortuary. The deceased, it appears, had gone straight to the railway line, about a mile and a half away, and had been killed by the 5 a.m. express from Liverpool Street to Colchester. The



THE LATE MR. ERNEST PYE.

especially sad circumstances of Mr. Pye's death will add to the depth of sorrow which will be felt by ringers at his demise, and the sympathy of the Exercise at large will go out to his aged mother and the other members of the family who are left to mourn their loss. Mr. Pye was one of those unassuming men whom ringers delight to honour. Not only for his merit as a ringer was he widely respected, but his cheery, optimistic nature and his ever-ready help and encouragement in assisting others made him a general favourite among all with whom he came in contact. His friends covered a very wide circle, but it is safe to say that he has not left a single enemy.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Aldborough Hatch, on Sunday afternoon, and, although the sad event was not widely known, a number of ringers gathered to pay a last tribute of respect. The little church of Aldborough stands in rural Essex, but those rapidly developing areas of population like Ilford and Romford are fast pushing out their fringes and engulfing the countryside. But for the present the neat little churchyard stands amid the fields, and it was here that on a bleak December Sabbath all that was mortal of Ernest Pye was laid to rest, in the grave where his father, the late Mr. Daniel Pye, was buried about three years ago. Aldborough Hatch boasts no peal of bells, so

no muffled ringing was possible, and only the solemn tolling of the knell marked the coming of the cortege. The service, conducted by the Vicar, was a perfectly simple one, in keeping with the simple life whose close it marked, but those who watched the last sad rites felt keenly the sorrow of a tragedy which has cut short, in the prime of manhood, the career of one whose memory will always be cherished by all who knew him. The family mourners were: Messrs. J. Pye, W. Pye, G. R. Pye and Albert Pye (brothers), Mrs. J. Pye, Mrs. Alfred Pye and Mrs. Albert Pye (sisters-in-law), Mr. Leonard Pye (nephew), Miss Amy Pye (niece), and Mr. and Mrs. Jay. Owing to his having been transferred, actually on the day of his brother's death, to Whitechurch, Salop, Sergt.-Major Alfred Pye was unable to attend. Among those present were Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary) and Mr. J. Armstrong (Master of the North and East district) representing the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Mr. H. Flanders, Mr. A. Porter, Mr. I. G. Shade, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. Wesley Watson, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, Mr. H. F. Scarlett, Mr. W. Theobald, Mr. W. Miller, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, and others, including representatives of the deceased's fellow workmen from the Permanent Way Department of the G.E.R. At the conclusion of the committal service, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells over the open grave as a parting tribute by: J. S. Goldsmith 1-2, J. Armstrong 3-4, J. Hunt 5-6, W. Watson 7-8, C. T. Coles 9-10.

A number of floral tributes were sent, among them being wreaths, etc., from Mr. W. Pye, Mr. G. R. Pye, Sergt.-Major and Mrs. Alfred Pye and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pye, Mr. and Mrs. Jay and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Porter, the St. Edward's Guild of Ringers, Romford; and the St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow, while, modelled in the shape of a bell, was an emblem in white chrysanthemums from "his friends of the Middlesex Association."

A GENIUS AMONG RINGERS.

The death of Ernest Pye removes one of the finest ringers that ever pulled a rope. He was marvellously gifted in the practical side of ringing, and there are few who could pretend to his ability, whether in the actual handling of a bell or in that finer art of conducting by which a man is able to keep the bells in order when there is a tendency for them to get out. One had only to be associated with him in a peal to realise at once that he was a genius. No matter what the bell, he rang it with graceful action and apparent ease; no matter what the method, he rang it with the accuracy and assurance of a past master in the art. His inches and sinews—he was both tall and strong—gave him an advantage which many ringers do not possess, yet go the peal never so badly he seemed to ring without effort. He had acquired that perfect judgment of when and how to pull that enabled him to finish almost as fresh after a big job as if it were quite an ordinary task. His skill in assisting others when ringing complex methods was a positive gift, and the writer has taken part in intricate Surprise peals with him when he has seemed to know what all the bells were doing all the time. And yet this wonderful man did very little actual peal calling. He was always content to let others do that, but his knowledge was supreme. The few peals that he did call were usually called in the expediency of the moment. But this self-effacement in conducting was only typical of his retiring nature. No ringer was ever more unassuming and yet no ringer ever did more of which he might boast. His record, consider it how you will, was a wonderful one, and comparable only to that of his wonderful brother William.

The fifth of six brothers, all of whom have been change ringers, Ernest Pye was born at Chadwell Heath, Essex, on Sept. 20th, 1876, and learnt to ring when twelve years of age on a peal of five at Little Heath. It was not until some three years later that he commenced to ring on eight bells, his first touch of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell being rung on his fifteenth birthday at Romford. His first peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Barking on February 27th, 1892, but as his employment prevented him from getting frequent opportunities of peal ringing until 1898, it has been since this latter date that he has accomplished his wonderful record. In 1898, too, he joined the Romford company, at a time when they were struggling with Grandsire Doubles, and he remained a member till the time of his death, rarely missing the ringing for Sunday services, although it involved a journey of some two or three miles, and witnessing the rise of the band until peals in all the popular Surprise methods had been rung. At one time there were no fewer than eleven members of the company who had rung peals of Bristol Surprise.

MANY RECORDS.

Ernest Pye was well known in ringing circles in four countries, for he had toured Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as the majority of the counties of England in pursuit of his hobby. Indeed, he could claim to have rung peals in more counties than any other man, while the number of towers in which he has been successful is also almost a record. He had rung peals in no fewer than 46 counties and 302 towers, and from the list of his peals, which we give below, it will be seen that the total is not only prodigious, but that the quality of the performances is extraordinary. Out of the 1,007 he has rung, no less than 102 were twelve bell peals, he being the second ringer to reach a century on this number. In the powers of concentration necessary for method ringing his was a master mind, a fact particularly revealed in his handbell ringing. His 155 peals "in hand" include those wonderful performances round about the years 1902 to 1905, when Surprise

peals—Superlative, New Cambridge and London—were rung, and later three peals of Bristol. These peals of New Cambridge, London and Bristol are the only ones ever rung double-handed, and they will always stand pre-eminent in the annals of ringing. His peals of Stedman on handbells numbered 114, of which 34 were Cinques, and of these the only short course peal ever rung "in hand" must be mentioned, for it was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, performances in Stedman ringing ever accomplished. He took part in the only Surprise peal ever rung by four brothers (Messrs. George R., William, Ernest and Alfred Pye), and the only peal rung on the sea, a peal of Stedman Caters on s.s. "Cambria," while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead.

On tower bells Mr. Ernest Pye's record included many memorable achievements. Ill-health kept him out of the world's record performance at Loughborough; otherwise, it goes without saying, he would have shared the honour of that 18,027. But he took part in three other records, viz., the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, the 14,112 London Surprise at King's Norton and the 15,264 Bristol Surprise—the longest length ever rung in a Surprise method—at Hornchurch. His other long lengths included 15,072 Double Norwich, and 10,464 Kent Treble Bob. Among other noteworthy peals were the first of Cambridge, New Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London rung out of England, the first peal of Treble Ten in Ireland and the first peals of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich in Scotland. Ernest Pye was at home on any bell, whether light or heavy, but at the heavy end he had few equals—certainly no superiors. It is not too much to say that a finer ringer of the 9th in Stedman Caters, and the 11th in Stedman Cinques never lived. He took a special delight in these performances, and in the band with which he was associated, and in the Association of his adoption he will be greatly missed. When there was big work to be done, it was only necessary to have William and Ernest Pye at the heavy end, and the job was sure to be done well. Ernest once rang the 9th to a peal of Stedman Caters at both Edinburgh and Newcastle Cathedral in one day, and it was he who rang the 9th at Exeter Cathedral when his brother William rang the tenor single-handed, on the only occasion that Grandisire has been rung to a peal by one man. On this occasion Ernest had been so ill that he had had to go to bed on the previous day, and had taken hardly any food, and it was only his wonderful judgment that carried him through his great task. The most recent of his tower bell feats was when he took part in the four Surprise peals rung in one day by the same band.

HIS SERVICES TO THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

He has rendered great services to the Middlesex Association, which he joined on December 10th, 1898, and out of the large number of peals which he has rung, over 550 have been for this society, while for the Essex Association only one other ringer has rung more than he, Mr. Pye's total being 141. These included some of the handbell Surprise peals.

Of his sterling worth as a ringer much more might be said, but it is unnecessary. The Exercise has suffered a great and lamentable loss by the death of Ernest Pye, a man who, in the ordinary course of events might have been expected to have many years of vigorous life before him in which to add to laurels he had already gained.

Appended is the full list of his peals:—

| Tower Bells | | | | Handbells. | |
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| | Rung. | Cond. | Rung. | Cond. | |
| On Six Bells | 1 | | | | |
| Grandsire Triples | 8 | | 5 | 1 | |
| Grandsire Caters | 3 | | | | |
| Grandsire Cinques | 1 | | | | |
| Stedman Triples | 124 | 5 | 36* | 3 | |
| Stedman Caters | 117 | | 44 | 1 | |
| Stedman Cinques | 56a | | 34 | 1 | |
| Bob Major | 5 | | | | |
| Double Norwich Major | 62b | | 5 | | |
| Double Oxford Major | 1 | | | | |
| Duffield Major | 1 | | | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Major | 13c | 1 | 7 | | |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major | 2 | | | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 28 | | 5 | | |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal | 2 | | | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | 8 | | 1 | | |
| Superlative Surprise Major | 150 | 5 | 7* | 1 | |
| New Cumberland Surprise Major | 1 | | | | |
| Cambridge Surprise Major | 32 | 1 | | | |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major | 21 | | 3 | | |
| London Surprise Major | 114d | 2 | 5 | | |
| Bristol Surprise Major | 83e | 1 | 3 | | |
| New Cambridge Surprise Royal | 3 | | | | |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal | 14 | | | | |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus | 2 | | | | |
| Totals | 852 | 15 | 155 | 7 | |

a Including 11,111 (record)

b Including 15,072

c Including 10,464

d Including 14,112 (record)

e Including 15,264 (record)

* Including one non-conducted.

One who knew him well writes of him as follows:—"Ernest Pye was one of those men who was not spoiled by his success as a ringer. He

was just the same quiet, unobtrusive man—a perfect model—physically, intellectually, and otherwise, of what a ringer should be. No one who ever saw him tackle a heavy bell and ring it through a peal could ever forget the experience, and was bound instinctively to carry away a pleasant picture of the natural ease with which he went to work. There was no labouring with even the most awkward of heavy bells, and his magnificent striking seemed to be inseparable from his expert and graceful handling. We shall all miss him—for he was a tower of strength to the Association of his choice, and was the admiration of a great number of ringers in all parts of the United Kingdom."

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A NEW BAND ELECTED.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Keynsham on Saturday last, when about 40 members were present, representing 17 towers. The fine peal of eight bells, with tenor 27 cwt., was raised in peal just before 3 p.m., and touches of Grandisire Stedman and Bob Major were rung before the service, which was held at 3.30 p.m.—The Vicar of Keynsham (the Rev. D. P. Hatchard), assisted by the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) officiated, and gave a very instructive address from the words: "To every man his work." The organist and choir were also present to assist in the service. After the service tea was partaken of in the old School Room, which is close to the church, and after justice had been done to the good things provided, the business meeting was held, the Master presiding.

Several new members were elected, among them being the Keynsham band.—The Master said that seeing an entirely new band had been elected, who probably did not know much about the Association, he would explain its chief objects, which were: "To recognise the true position of ringers as church workers; to encourage ringing for divine service; to promote order and good fellowship among ringers, and to cultivate the art of change ringing."

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Bridgwater, about the second Saturday after Easter.

The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. P. Hatchard for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells; to the organist and choir for their services; and to the ringers of Keynsham for having the bells in readiness.—In the absence of the Vicar, the Assistant Priest responded.—The Churchwarden also said how pleased the church authorities were to welcome the Association to Keynsham.

This concluded the business, and another move was made to the tower where Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandisire were again rung.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual district meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Saffron Walden on Saturday week. The bells were only available from 2 till 6, owing to the aircraft regulations, but during that time touches of Grandisire Caters, Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandisire Triples were rung. The ringers attended the evening service at 6 o'clock, part of the Association's service being used.

Tea, followed by the business meeting, was held at the Abbey Temperance Hotel, but only 17 members were present, the towers represented being Saffron Walden, Stansted and Wenden.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. F. Pilstow) and the secretary (Mr. W. Watts).—The retiring Master and secretary were unanimously re-elected.—Master Leonard Pilstow was elected a full ringing member of the Association.—It was decided that the next meeting be held at Stansted, in January.—The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding over the meeting, and the Vicar, in replying, stated that it was the wish of the town council that the bells should not be rung after dark. He would, however, be pleased to let them have the use of the bells on any afternoon.

Q.-M.-S. CAVE IN ENGLAND.

The following ringing took place during the brief leave at home of Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E.: At Publoe, on Saturday, December 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by the following members of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol: R. J. Wilkins 1, W. Knight 2, C. H. Tomkins 3, S. Condie 4, J. Burford 5, W. A. Cave (conductor) 6. A touch of Stedman Triples, on handbells: R. J. Wilkin 1—2, J. Burford 3—4, C. Condie 5—6, W. A. Cave (conductor) 7—8. Touches of Bob Minor, Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandisire Doubles were also rung, in which C. H. Gordon and F. Day, of Keynsham, took part. Recently a touch of 672 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells: H. Brownjohn 1—2, J. Burford 3—4, R. J. Wilkin 5—6, S. Condie 7—8, H. Tucker (conductor) 9—10. Also a touch of Stedman Cinques: H. Brownjohn 1—2, H. Tucker 3—4, R. J. Wilkin 5—6, S. Condie 7—8, J. Burford 9—10, W. A. Cave (conductor) 11—12. On December 5th, Q.-M.-S. Cave's last Sunday at home, two courses of Cambridge Royal were rung at St. Stephen's for evening service: W. Thomas 1, H. Tucker 2, C. H. Tomkins 3, R. J. Wilkin 4, S. Condie 5, C. H. Gordon 6, W. Knight 7, H. Pring 8, J. Burford 9, W. A. Cave (conductor) 10. The whole company wishing Mr. Cave every success and a safe return.

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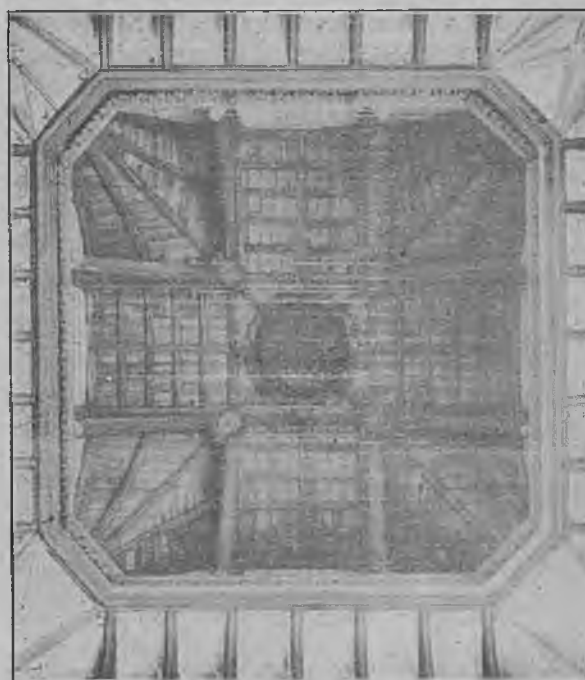


MERTON COLLEGE, OXFORD.

The next stage in the history of the bells we find set forth in detail by Anthony à Wood (author of "Athenæ Oxonienses") in his diary, as follows:—"1656. Jan. 10. A. W., his mother, and his two brothers, Rob. and Christopher Wood, gave 5 li to Merton Coll: towards the casting of their five bells into eight. These five were antient bells, and had been put up into the tower at the first building thereof, in the time of Dr. Hen. Abendon, warden of Merton coll: who began to be warden in 1421. The tenor or great bell (on which the name of the said Abendon was put) was supposed to be the best bell in England, being, as 'twas said, of fine mettall silver sound. The generality of people were much against altering of that bell, and were for a treble to be put to the five, and so make them six: and old sarjeant Charles Holloway,

who was a very covetous man, would have given money to save it, and to make the five, six bells, that is to put a treble to them. But by the knavery of Thom. Jones, the subwarden (the warden being then absent) and Derby [i.e., Michael Darbie] the bell-founder, they were made eight. Dr. Joh: Wilson, Dr. of musick, had a fee from the college to take order about their turning."

I may here remark that Michael Darbie, who cast the original back eight at New College, appears to have been an itinerant bell-founder, who went about the country establishing temporary foundries in various places, and casting odd bells all over the southern counties. The late Canon Raven remarks, "his wretched bells are to be found in many districts, for one specimen of his casting appears to have been enough for a neighbourhood." But to return to Anthony à Wood's diary; next we find: "1657, May 14—All the eight bells of Merton coll: did begin to ring; and he [A. W.] heard them ring very well



LOOKING UP AT THE RINGING GALLERY.

at his approach to Oxon. in the evening, after he had taken his rambles all that day about the country to collect monuments. The bells did not at all please the curious and critical hearer. However, he plucked at them often with some of his fellow colleagues for recreation sake.

They were afterwards recast, and the belfry, wherein the ringers stood (which was a little below the arches of the tower, for while the five hanged the ringers stood on the ground) being built of bad timber, was plucked downe also, and after the bells were put up againe, this belfry, that now is, above the arches was new made, and a window broke thro' the tower next to Corp: Ch: coll: was made to give light."

This shows that there was a ringing floor at a convenient height when the tower first possessed a peal of eight bells. It is a pity this was ever pulled down; as the present arrangement of ringing from the stone gallery on the sides of the tower, with the large open space in the middle, is both awkward and dangerous.

The next entry relating to the bells in Wood's diary is

as follows:—"1681, Feb. 2.—Mert: coll: 8 bells, newly cast by Christopher Hudson [i.e., Hodson] of London, rang to the content of the society; for his work and his metal he is to have above 300 l.—they were before cast from 5 to 8 by one Michael Derby [i.e. Darbie] anno 1656, who spoiled them."

The inscriptions on the present peal are as follows:—

Treble.

CHRISTOPHER HODSON MADE ME.
MDCLXXX.

Second.

D. HEN: ABYNDON, S.T.D. COLL. HVIVS
CVST. R.R. H.R. C.H. CHRISTOPHER HODSON
INSTAVRATVM A.D. MDCLXXI.

Third.

EX DONO THOMA MILBOVRN A.M. ET COLL.
HVIVS NVPER SOCI. CHRISTOPHER HODSON
MADE ME MDCLXXX Col) ∪ (Mert.

Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh.

CHRISTOPHER HODSON MADE ME.
MDCLXXX. Col) ∪ (Mert.

Tenor.

D. HEN: ABYNDON, S.T.D. COLL. HVIVS
CVST. R.R. H.R. C.H. CHRISTOPHER HODSON
INSTAVRATVM A.D. MDCLXXX. Col) ∪ (Mert.

The arms on the back six bells are those of Merton College:—Or. 3 chevrons, 1st and 3rd dexter azure, sinister gules, and the same reversed, with Col-Mert in very small capitals on either side.

The tenor is 54 inches diameter, weight about 28 cwt. The bells are hung in a frame along each of the four sides of the tower, with a large open space in the middle. The ropes descend into the stone gallery below, as before stated; two on each of the four sides.

It need scarcely be added that change-ringing under such conditions is not an easy matter, the ropes being difficult to sight across the open space in the centre, looking down into the chapel below.

There is, however, a tablet, recording the following performance:—

"Merton College, Oxford. On Saturday, January 16th, 1886, was rung on the bells Thurstan's Peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 3 hours and 30 minutes:

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| WM. SMITH | Treble | FREDK. A. CASTLE | 5 |
| HERBERT J. CASTLE | 2 | THOS. PAYNE | 6 |
| SAML. HOUNSLOW | 3 | JAMES W. WASHBROOK | 7 |
| CHAS. HOUNSLOW | 4 | JAMES FRANKLIN | Tenor |
| | | ALFRED BARNEY | |

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

One or two other peals have also been rung there, including, I believe, a peal of London Surprise Major, in which the late Rev. F. E. Robinson took part, and Mr. J. W. Washbrook turned the tenor in single-handed.

We are indebted to Mr. F. E. Dawe for the photographs illustrating this article. That taken from inside needs to be held up flat above the head and looked up at to get the right perspective, for it was taken from the floor of the chapel and shows the underside of the gallery, above referred to, on which the ringers stand to ring.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On November 28th, for event-song, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: Miss M. Neighbour (first quarter-peal in the method) 1. H. Neighbour 2. L. Osborne 3. Miss E. Goodship 4. A. Bailey 5. H. Osborne 6. A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7. L. Leach 8.

INTERESTING PERFORMANCES OF THE PAST.

One hundred and eighty years ago last Sunday, viz., on December 12th, 1735, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. It was recorded in the "Ipswich Journal" as follows:—"Yesterday, in the Evening, was rung by our Town Ringers at St. Mary's Tower, in this town, 5040 changes, being the whole peal of Grandsire Triples on eight Bells, the leader being James Kirridge, aged 61. Which was done in three hours and eleven minutes, to the Satisfaction of all Lovers of the Science."

One of the long peals which regained for Birmingham the record length of Stedman Cinques was rung on December 12th, 1848. This was 7,392, and beat the previous longest peal of 7,126 rung at Norwich nearly five years before. It remained the longest length till 1851, when the College Youths went one better at Cripplegate. The Birmingham peal occupied 4 hours 55 minutes, and was composed and conducted by Henry Johnson. The ringers were: John Hopkins treble, Thos. Powell 2, Josh Spencer 3, William Haywood 4, John James 5, Joseph Mitchell 6, Hy. Johnson 7, William Kitson 8, Robert Yates 9, John Billingsley 10, Thos. Hobday 11, Edward Haywood tenor.

Quite one of the most memorable anniversaries of the week is that of the 8,008 Grandsire Cinques rung by the College Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark, as long ago as 1735. It was rung on December 15th, and was the longest length on twelve bells up to that time, and still is, we believe, the record length of Grandsire Cinques. Moreover, it was believed to be the first peal on that grand ring of twelve. "Mr. Benjamin Annable call'd bobs," and the band was: William Pickard 1, Samuel Lee 2, John Dearmore 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 Ease and R. Wendleborough 12. The peal occupied 6 hrs. 25 mins., and it will be noticed that three men were required to ring the tenor. John Cundell, however, managed the eleventh by himself.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association held their meeting at Ashton-under-Lyne. Owing to very bad weather prevailing there was only a small attendance of ringers, the following towers being represented: Worsley, Pendleton, Didsbury, Deane (Bolton), Reddish, Manchester, Miles Platting and Hyde.

Mr. Joseph Ridyard (vice-president) welcomed to Ashton those ringers who had braved the elements.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Manchester on January 15th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness. During the day touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S NEW VICE-PRESIDENT.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday last at Horbury. Although the weather was very unfavourable, about 30 members attended from Doncaster, Wakefield, Rotherham, Ossett, Bolton (Bradford), Earlsheaton, etc. The bells were kept going with touches of Bob Major, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc., up to 9 p.m.

A short business meeting was held in the Church School, Mr. G. Hawksworth (of Doncaster) presiding.—A letter apologising for not being able to be present was read from Mr. F. Willey, of Sheffield, in which he expressed his best wishes for a successful gathering.

On the proposition of the chairman, seconded by G. Barston, a heartfelt vote of condolence was extended to the relatives of the late vice-president (Mr. C. H. Hattersley).

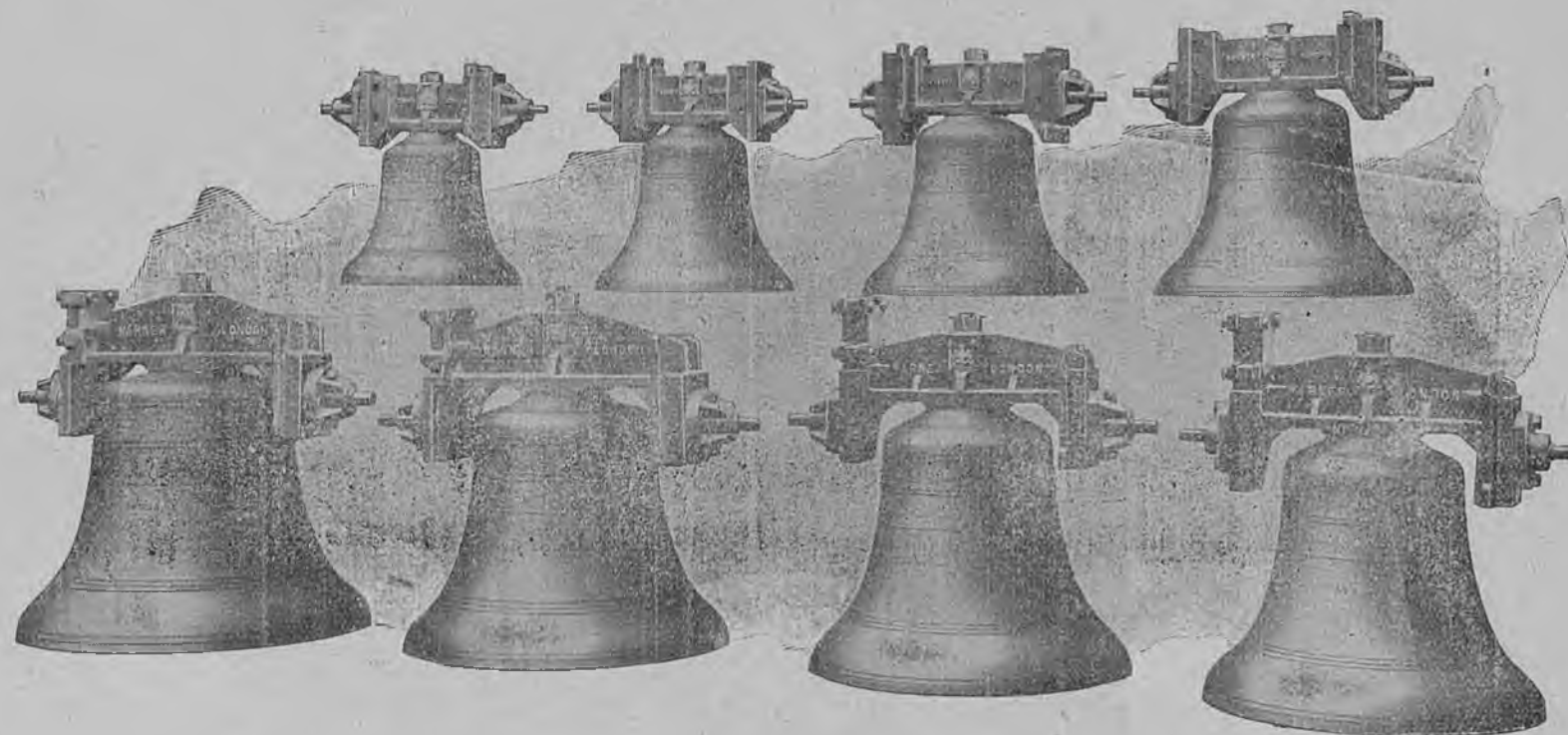
A motion was then proposed by Mr. R. Thickett that a new vice-president be elected at that meeting.—Mr. J. Holmes moved an amendment, that it be left over to the annual district meeting, but this was defeated.—Mr. R. Thickett therefore proposed Mr. T. R. Hensher (of Wakefield), a member of the committee, to succeed the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley as vice-president.—Mr. H. Rowley seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hensher, in replying, said he felt very incapable of following a man like Mr. Hattersley, who had proved such a valuable asset to the Association, both in composing and in the belfry. Nevertheless, he thanked the members for the honour they had bestowed upon him by electing him, and he assured them he would do all he possibly could for the southern district while he held the office.

Two new members were elected, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also to the Horbury company for having everything in readiness.

Mr. L. Brightman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. G. Hawksworth for kindly presiding over the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. G. Hunt, and carried very cordially.—The Chairman suitably responded, saying that he only regretted there were not more present to appreciate the very able manner in which the local company had carried out the arrangements for the meeting.

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NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursday, December 30th, for handbell practice, and on Tuesday, 21st, for business; all at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due.—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, December 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. Annual reports will be ready for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The branch meeting, which was to have been held at Padiham on Saturday, December 18th, 1915, will not take place.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting 7.30. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport, Mon., on Monday, December 27th. Service in St. Woolos Church at 3.30. Meeting and tea to follow. St. Woolos bells (10) and All Saints bells (8) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on December 27th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open from 2 till 5. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, Old Cross, after, members 6d., others 9d. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary District Secretary, Little Munden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch will be held at S James's Church, Trowbridge, on Saturday, January 8th, 1916, at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. each to those who advise me before January 3rd next. Important business meeting to follow; good attendance hoped for.—Henry Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

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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GREETINGS.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild-desires to send greeting to his many ringing friends for a happy Christmas and a brighter outlook for the year that is coming. His friends may be glad to hear that he has happily recovered from his late illness; but he is hardly equal yet to the mass of correspondence involved in the individual greetings which he should like to have sent, as in past years.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their winter quarterly meeting at Calverton, Bucks, on Saturday week. Owing to the inclement weather the gathering was a small one, but those who attended spent a pleasant time. Service was held in the Parish Church at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. F. Rumsey), at which the Rev. W. K. Clay (Rector of Maids Morton) preached a most appropriate sermon. Special hymns were sung, and the organist and choir rendered valuable assistance in the singing. An excellent tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

A short business meeting followed, at which, owing to the absence of the Rev. J. R. Vincent (President of the Branch), the Rev. R. F. Rumsey presided.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. R. F. Rumsey for the use of the bells, and also for the service. A similar compliment was paid the Rev. W. K. Clay for his address, and both suitably responded.

The church bells were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods by ringers from Bletchley, Calverton, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Olney and Stony Stratford.

CHURCH BELLS AND AIR RAIDS. AN ENQUIRY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The question of church bells being rung during war time has been raised in the House of Commons, and Sir John Simon, answering a question by Commander Bellairs, said: "I understand that in some towns it has been arranged to stop the ringing of church bells and the striking of church clocks, but I am advised by those responsible for the defence of London from air raids that in London they contribute so small a part of the general noise that it is not as a rule necessary to take this step. I have not heard of their causing trouble to wounded soldiers, but that would be a matter for the War Office."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BENFIELD SIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, for service, on Oct. 17th: 720 Plain Bob Minor. Oct. 24th: 720 Kent Treble Bob. Oct. 31st: 720 London Surprise. Nov. 7th: 720 Wells Surprise. Nov. 28th: 720 York Surprise. Dec. 12th: 720 Durham Surprise: J. K. Fisher 1, J. W. Forster 2, J. Marshall 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6. First 720 in each method by J. K. Fisher.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On November 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, F. Francis 2, W. Denyer 3, W. Tidy 4, J. Luff 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6. Arranged and rung as a welcome to Pte W. Denyer, who was home from the trenches in France for a few days.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 21st, 720 Bob Minor, at the Parish Church: Pte E. Worsfold 1, E. Lucas 2, T. Streeter 3, G. Elston 4, R. Crowhurst 5, W. Trewin (conductor) 6. Pte E. Worsfold, late of the above band, has been eight years in Canada, and is attached to the Canadian Grenadiers, now stationed at Bramshott Camp.

HAMMERSMITH.—St. Paul's Guild.—On Nov. 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Stevens 1, M. Jacobs 2, H. Barrett 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. Phillips 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 28th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: B. Chorley 1, W. Jelley 2, B. Clarke 3, A. H. Pulling 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, M. Smither 8. B. Clarke hails from Fleet, and is an old member of the Holy Trinity Society.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On November 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) from Holt's Original, in 49 mins.: W. H. Inwood 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, W. C. Brown 3, W. F. Smith 4, E. Lathall 5, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 6, W. Webb 7, W. Golding 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday, December 1st, at St. Peter's Church, with the bells half-muffled, after the funeral service of the late Mr. J. E. Braithwaite, who was for several years churchwarden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Misses M. Hudleston 1, M. Jukes (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, A. Stokes 3, N. Gillingham 4, Mrs. M. E. N. Briggs 5, Walter Watts 6, William Gillingham 7, Albert L. Gale 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on December 1st, for Queen Alexandra's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, H. W. Liddbetter 2, J. W. Fruin 3, W. Lawrence 4, V. Holloway 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Elliott 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, December 5th, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. T. Scarlett 1, Fred Rumens 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, J. C. Adams 4, R. Maynard, senr., 5, H. J. Maynard 6, J. H. Wilkins 7, A. Chapman 8. Rung to commemorate the 50th year of Mr. Robt. Maynard's connection with the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, and a ringer at that church.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, December 5th, at St. Luke's Church, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: Thos. Groombridge, senr., 1, Geo. Durling 2, P. Spice 3, A. E. Newick 4, Pte J. Lyddiard 5, Geo. Huxley 6, E. G. Filtness (conductor) 7, I. Emery 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Pte J. Lyddiard, A.S.C. In the evening, at the Parish Church, also for confirmation service, 304 Stedman Triples: E. G. Filtness 1, P. Spice 2, A. E. Newick 3, Geo. Huxley 4, I. Emery (conductor) 5, A. Bygrave 6, Geo. Durling 7, C. Austin 8. After service, 504 Stedman Triples: I. Emery 1, P. Spice 2, A. James, senr., 3, A. E. Newick 4, Geo. Huxley 5, E. G. Filtness 6, Geo. Durling (conductor) 7, C. Austin 8.

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

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

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

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

THE MEMORY OF THE BRAVE.

"It appears to me to be eminently suitable that we should on the Day of Intercession—Sunday, January 2nd—give emphasis, by the use of muffled bells, to our sense of the loss the country has sustained by the death of the brave men who have given their lives in the cause of what we believe to be loyalty to righteousness and truth."

In these words the Archbishop of Canterbury gives his official sanction to the observance of the first Sunday in the New Year as a fitting occasion when, from all the belfries of the land, ringers, acting as the interpreters of public feeling, can pay a national tribute to all those who have yielded up their lives in the titanic struggle in which this Empire is involved. The letter from which this extract is taken is published in another column, and was written by the Archbishop as the result of a direct appeal to him, as Primate of the Church, for an expression of opinion as to the most suitable time for uniformity of action in the belfries of the country. Hitherto, diversity of opinion as to when this commemoration should take place, has prevented more than a limited number of towers coming into line on any particular day, but all doubts are now at rest, and we are sure that at every tower where the Archbishop's letter comes under the notice of the ringers, steps will be taken to participate in this muffled ringing.

The significance and value of this tribute to our fallen heroes will only be made fully apparent if the public in every parish are made aware of the special reason for which the bells have been muffled, and elsewhere we put forward some suggestions by which ringers may be able to bring the matter to the notice of those outside their own circle. We would, however, emphasise the importance of bringing the Archbishop's letter before the clergy at the earliest possible moment, so that on Sunday the announcement of the muffled ringing, and its special significance may be brought to the notice of the congregations. It should be borne in mind that this occasion will be an important one. It will not be merely the ringers' personal tribute to the memory of the fallen, but it will be a great public interpretation of what the Archbishop so aptly describes as "the sense of loss which the country has sustained by the death of the brave men who have given their lives in the cause of loyalty to righteousness and truth." Thus the ringers' contribution to the Intercession Services will have a special importance, and we would suggest that the occasion is one which might be emphasised, wherever there is opportunity, by the ringing of a special touch after the evening service. Let it be re-

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membered that this ringing with muffled bells is not by any means in the nature of a mournful dirge, created to depress the spirits of those who hear it, but an impressive reminder of the magnificent sacrifice made by those whose lives have been ungrudgingly and heroically given in upholding their country's cause. Among them have been many ringers, whose memory their comrades will desire specially to honour, and the muffled ringing will be a means by which the example of all those whose lives have been given up on land and sea may be brought specially to the public notice, and their memory honoured.

A further point of importance to ringers arises in connection with the Archbishop's suggestion that, in addition to the observance on the Day of Intercession, "it would be appropriate in very many places to use Saturday, January 8th, to pay the solemn tribute of muffled ringing." This day is suggested by His Grace because he realises, that, apart from Sunday, Saturday is often to ringers the most available day. Thus there is official sanction to the ringing being continued on this day, and it will provide the opportunity, for those who wish to do so, of attempting peals. We should like to see advantage taken of this occasion, wherever it is possible, and, no doubt, with a fortnight in which to arrange details, many muffled peal attempts will be made.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 14, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

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| ALBERT WALKER | Treble | ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... | 7 |
| FREDERICK DICKENS | 2 | JAMES GEORGE | 8 |
| CHARLES DICKENS | 3 | ERNEST MANSSELL ... | 9 |
| THOMAS H. REEVES | 4 | A. PADDON SMITH ... | 10 |
| JOHN NEAL | 5 | JAMES E. GROVES ... | 11 |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD | 6 | *GEORGE YENDALL ... | Tenor |

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

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, and in the inverted tittums and hand stroke home positions, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Miss Horton, who, after worshipping in St. Martin's Church for 72 years, received the home call on Advent Sunday, and was laid to rest in the Cathedral Churchyard on Dec. 3rd.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

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| CHARLES FAULKS | Treble | WILLIAM GOODMAN ... | 6 |
| WILLIAM MILLS | 2 | JOHN GOODMAN, JR. ... | 7 |
| SAMUEL SPITTLE | 3 | HARRY GOODMAN ... | 8 |
| HERBERT SHEPPARD | 4 | BENJAMIN GOUGH ... | 9 |
| JOHN GOODMAN, SENR. ... | 5 | *WILLIAM MEEK ... | Tenor |

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JR.

* First peal and first attempt. The above peal was specially arranged and rung in honour of the 79th birthday of Mr. S. Spittle, the esteemed Ringing Master of the St. Thomas' Society and the Dudley and District Guild. B. Gough bails from Coseley, W. Mills from Sedgley, the rest belong to the Dudley company. On the completion of the peal Mr. Spittle received the hearty good wishes of the band.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 13, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *ALFRED J. MAWBY Treble | JOHN T. HENSMAN 5 |
| FRED HOPPER 2 | WILLIAM FAREY 6 |
| ALFRED P. HENSMAN 3 | WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7 |
| *WILLIAM R. PARKER 4 | WALTER H. AUSTIN Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon Sanders, who was buried at Rotheley on the above date. He was curate at St. Peter's for 21 years and also head master of Northampton Grammar School for the same period.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BOLTON BRANCH).

On Monday, December 13, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

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| HERBERT ALLRED Treble | *WILLIAM HAYES 5 |
| HENRY SMITH 2 | FRED BANKS 6 |
| HENRY HAYES 3 | ROBERT ALLRED 7 |
| SAMUEL HAYES, Senr. 4 | †SAMUEL HAYES, Jnr. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRED BANKS.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. Samuel Hayes was made a member of the association before starting. This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute to those soldiers and sailors who have laid down their lives for their king and country. It was also rung as a memorial peal for the late Mr. John Smith and Mr. David Smith, two of the local company of ringers who have recently passed away.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, December 19, 1915, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

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| *WILLIAM BODEN Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHERST 5 |
| LEONARD HEWITT 2 | WALTER LAGO 6 |
| JAMES L. YORK 3 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7 |
| ALBERT WOODVINE 4 | JOHN ASTON Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. Leonard Hewitt was proposed a member of the Guild before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the soldiers and sailors who have given their lives in the war, and all bereaved friends in the neighbourhood.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| JOHN SPENCER Treble | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4 |
| ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2 | *RIFLEMAN B. PREWETT 5 |
| WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Ernest Pye; also to that of the two soldiers and one sailor from the parish who have lost their lives in the war, viz.: Private F. Johnson, Grenadier Guards, a ringer at the above church; Sapper B. Myall, East Kent Buffs, a sidesman; and H. Martin, A.B., Royal Navy; also of Sergt. G. E. Day, of Eye, who was killed in action at Suvla Bay. Sergt. Day rehung the above peal of bells in 1906.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| JAMES HEMMING Treble | †JOSEPH HALL 4 |
| †WILLIAM PAYNE 2 | GEORGE ASHLEY 5 |
| *GEORGE GEENS 3 | *WILLIAM ALLEN Tenor |

Conducted by W. PAYNE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal as conductor. This was the quarterly peal for the branch.

HANDBELL PEAL.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 19, 1915, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. CHECKETTS, 59, WINDSOR ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

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

JAMES HEMMING 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER and

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpires: HARRY CHECKETTS and HENRY J. PHIPPS. Witness: Master ALBERT CHECKETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Middleton.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving their King and country:—

W. J. Yardley, of St. Michael's, Rushall, Staffs. Royal Naval Reserve, now at Crystal Palace.

Tpr. H. M. Hawkswood, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, 1st Life Guards, now in London.

Pte G. Cornock, of Keynsham, Somerset, 12th Battalion Gloucester Regiment.

Pte F. Parsons, of Keynsham, Army Service Corps.

From Farnham Royal, Bucks:—

Wm. Clarke, Motor Driver, A.S.C., serving in France.

Chas. Norcott, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, 5th Battalion B.E.F.

SOLDIER-RINGER DIES OF WOUNDS.

The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths have lost a much esteemed member by the death of Pte Hubert Hanks, of the 10th Gloucester Regiment, who died of wounds received in action. He was seriously wounded in the advance on Loos on September 25th, and had been in hospital at Nottingham, where he made a long and brave fight for life. At one time it was hoped he might recover. He had to undergo an operation for the removal of a leg, and, at a time when there seemed to be hope for him, grew suddenly worse. His wife was summoned, and was present when he passed away. He died a true soldier's death, and the widow, who, with two children, is left to mourn her loss, has received from Lord Kitchener a letter conveying the sympathy of the King and Queen.

The deceased was a consistent and valued member of the Painswick Youths for about seven years, and, while he was always a tenor ringer, he was an excellent striker. Of genial and cheery nature, his loss will be much felt by the band. He had rung about twelve peals, including 7,325 Grandsire Cinques. Pte Hanks was also a member of the Painswick Fire Brigade, and was given a fireman's funeral, the remains being taken to Painswick for interment. The service was conducted by the Revs. H. Seddon and T. M. Williams, and the sad obsequies were very impressive. Before the service the ringers chimed the bells, and the service opened with the "Dead March" in Saul. The coffin, which had rested in the church since the morning, was covered with the Union Jack, upon which were the deceased's fireman's helmet and coat. The hymns sung were "Now the labourer's task is o'er" and "Peace, perfect peace." There was a large number of Painswick residents present to pay a last mark of respect, and the Fire Brigades represented were: Painswick, Brinscombe, Stroud Volunteer and Stroud Urban Council. The local V.T.C. attended, as well as boys from Painswick School. The wreaths included one inscribed: "With the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths' deepest sympathy for an esteemed member who lost his life for his country," and another, "From the members of the Painswick Fire Brigade. He did his bit."

After the funeral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, and the solemn whole pull and stand by Thos. Wright 1. William Hastings 2. William Halo 3. Albert Wright (conductor) 4. C. West 5. William Statts 6. William Ryland 7. Frank Cole 8.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR FALLEN HEROES.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTEPBURY'S VIEWS.

Primate Approves Intercession Sunday.

Various suggestions have been put forward in the past for setting aside some fitting day on which, throughout the country, ringers might unite in paying, by means of muffled ringing, a national tribute to those heroes who, on land and sea, have laid down their lives in the great struggle in which the Empire is engaged upon the side of right and freedom. On one or two occasions, including Intercession Sunday in January last, a great many companies adopted the proposal then put forward, and the ringing was done with bells muffled to honour those who had fallen. But opinions on the question as to the most suitable day for this observance were divided.

Another national day of Intercession is fixed for the first Sunday in the New Year, and, in view of its approach and of the inquiries which had been made as to whether muffled ringing should again take place on that day, it was felt that, to set the question finally at rest, the highest opinion that could be obtained should be secured, not only for the information of ringers, but in order to strengthen their position, and to ensure, as far as possible, uniformity of action. The facts were, therefore, laid before the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the following in his reply:—

THE PRIMATE'S LETTER.

Lambeth Palace, S.E.

15th December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have delayed my reply to your letter of the 4th inst. in order to obtain a little advice from friends whom in this matter I should naturally consult. It appears to me to be eminently suitable that we should on the Day of Intercession—Sunday, January 2nd—give emphasis, by use of muffled bells, to our sense of the loss the country has sustained by the death of the brave men who have given their lives in the cause of what we believe to be loyalty to righteousness and truth. Saturday, January 1st, being the Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord, and within the octave of Christmas and being also New Year's Day, would not seem to be an appropriate day for this form of commemoration. But as Saturday is often to Bell-ringers the most available day, I think it would be found appropriate in very many places to use Saturday, January 8th, to pay the solemn tribute of muffled ringing. The matter is one for local consideration and decision, but I have told you what appears to me to be wise and appropriate.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) RANDALL CANTUAR.

J. S. Goldsmith, Esq.

The letter which was addressed to His Grace was as follows:—

Woking,

4th December, 1915.

My Lord Archbishop,

There have been, from time to time since the war began, discussions among Church Bell Ringers as to the most suitable occasions when the bells of our Churches should be rung muffled for the heroes who have laid down their lives by land and sea in this terrible struggle. In these discussions, clergy as well as others have taken part and, while it is generally recognised that local circumstances must, to some extent, govern this muffled ringing, there is a feeling among ringers that they would like to pay this solemn tribute to the dead on some day when the muffled ringing might fittingly take place generally throughout the country. Among the days which have been suggested are the Day of Solemn Intercession on the first Sunday of the New Year and the Eve of that day, but a desire is felt that some authoritative ruling should be obtained as to the most appropriate occasion.

May I venture, therefore, to ask your Grace whether the days mentioned are suitable for the purpose, and, if not, what occasion you think the most appropriate for muffling the bells in memory of those who have fallen?

As you will recognise, this question really goes deeper than the mere feelings of the bell ringers themselves, for, in performing a duty of this kind, they are giving expression, through the bells, to the feelings of the general public. Your direct expression of opinion in this matter, or the use of your name as authority for the observance of a particular day, therefore, would not only set at rest any doubts on the question, but would, needless to say, be most highly valued, and I sincerely trust that you will be able to give some direction upon the subject for the guidance of ringers in the many hundreds of belfries where there is a desire to share, at the proper time, in this public tribute.

I have the honour to remain, my Lord Archbishop,

Your Grace's most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. S. GOLDSMITH.

To His Grace

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.
Lambeth Palace, S.E.

The Archbishop's views definitely put an end to any doubts which may exist as to the appropriateness of Intercession Sunday for paying this national tribute to those who have fallen. It now only remains for the ringers to do their part by joining, at every church where the bells can be rung for the services, in this great observance of honouring the memory of the dead. We invite their co-operation in securing universal muffled ringing on Sunday, January 2nd.

We would suggest, too, that the officers of associations might help the scheme forward by, wherever possible, circularising their branches, calling attention to the proposal.

THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CLERGY.

In order that the ringing may be carried out generally throughout the country, it is important that the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter should be brought immediately to the notice of the incumbent of each parish, and, unless there is some special local reason, there is no doubt that there will be ready acquiescence in the proposal. Moreover, it is extremely desirable that the fullest publicity should be given to the fact that the bells are to be muffled for this special purpose, and the assistance of the clergy in this matter would be extremely valuable. If the announcement can be made at next Sunday's services, when there are nearly certain to be some references to the forthcoming Intercession, the congregations will be aware of the significance of the ringing.

In many cases, too, it may be possible to reach the public outside the congregation, by securing the insertion of an announcement in the local Press, which will doubtless be willing to extend the courtesy of its columns for such a purpose, seeing that the proposal has behind it the approval of the Primate.

As to the ringing itself, it will, needless to say, be all the more impressive if the clappers are muffled on one side only, and it is best to have the bells open at hand-stroke.

BISHOPS SUPPORT PROPOSAL.

In order that the suggestion of which the Archbishop of Canterbury has approved may receive the widest emphasis possible the proposal, with the Primate's letter, was on Monday laid before the Bishops, asking for their support. Up to the time of going to Press we had received the following replies:—

THE LORD BISHOP OF LONDON.

The Bishop of London desires me to thank you for your letter, and to say that he is in full agreement with the spirit of the letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury on the subject of muffled bells for those who have fallen in the war.—K. G. Averill, Private Secretary.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ELY.

You are at liberty to say that I concur in the suggestion of the Archbishop's letter as to ringing church bells muffled.—F. H. ELY.

THE LORD BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER.

I am in full sympathy with the Archbishop's suggestion.—EDGAR C. S. GLOUCESTER.

THE LORD BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

I heartily approve of the Archbishop's suggestion.—J. A. LICHFIELD.

THE LORD BISHOP OF LINCOLN

The Bishop of Lincoln desires me to say in reply to your question that he thinks the 8th of January a suitable day for the ringing of muffled peals in honour of the departed heroes.—W. E. Boulter, Chaplain.

THE LORD BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK.

The Bishop of Southwark bids me to thank you for your letter, and say that he quite concurs in the view expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.—Cyril Were, Chaplain.

DEATH OF A SONNING RINGER.

On Friday evening, December 10th, immediately after arriving home from choir practice, there died, in his wife's arms, Thomas Russell. Living in the peaceful village on Sonning-on-Thames all his life of 63 years, a ringer and chorister from his youth up, and taking an active interest in most of those affairs which go to make up the life of a village, it was no wonder that a large concourse of people assembled at the beautiful Church of St. Andrew on the occasion of the funeral which took place on Wednesday of last week.

The coffin, covered with wreaths, including one from the ringers, was borne to the church on a hand bier by special constables, of which body the deceased was a member. The mourners included the widow and two of her soldier sons, Leonard Royal Flying Corps and Jack (R.M.L.I.), both on special leave, the former from France and the latter from the Orkneys. The other son, Dennis, was in the trenches in France, and could not get away. The beautiful burial service, interspersed with two hymns, "Peace, perfect peace," and "On the Resurrection morning," was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Crawford. As the cortege left the church the Dead March in "Saul" was feelingly rendered by the organist.

At the conclusion of the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by four of his old friends: A. E. Reeves 1-2, A. W. Pike 3-4, F. Hopgood 5-6, W. Newell 7-8. Upon the melodious bells of St. Andrew's, in the evening, there were rung, half-muffled, touches of Stedman Triples and the favourite touch of the deceased: 336 Grandsire Triples by W. Newell 1, Miss M. Chillingworth 2, G. J. Wright 3, F. Hopgood 4, L. Russell 5, A. E. Reeves 6, A. W. Pike (conductor) 7, J. Swain 8.

The genial presence of our old friend will be much missed. His death further depletes the band of St. Andrew's. Through one cause and another there are now but four members of the band who a dozen years ago broke away from call changes, and, by perseverance, managed within a short space of time to ring quarter peals of Stedman. And so within sound of the bells he loved so well, we leave him to sleep in peace, until the morning breaks and the shadows flee away.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Dec. 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: S. Chapman 1, T. Wardman 2, T. Hillier 3, M. Bowley 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth (conductor) 5, A. E. Reeves 6. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. Wardman, who is returning to Scarborough after a year's sojourn at Bradfield.

THE LATE MR. ERNEST PYE.

The sad announcement in our last issue of the death of Mr. Ernest Pye came as a great shock to his many friends up and down the country, who had been previously unaware of his decease. Deep regret at his end and sincere sorrow for the bereaved relatives is felt everywhere, as is manifested by the numerous expressions which have reached this office.

Mr. William Keeble, of Kelvedon, Essex, who was associated with the brothers Pye in most of the Surprise handbell peals, as well as many performances on tower bells, writes: "As you well say, Ernest Pye had a wide circle of friends, but has left no enemy. I can go further, and say that, in all the hours I spent in his company—and they were not a few—never once did I hear an angry word from him. If any man ever deserved gratitude, that one was Ernest Pye: ever-ready, always willing, and, to my mind, the most perfect ringer I have ever met, never, even with a bad going bell, making any trouble. All the times I rang with him, only once did I hear him complain, and that was after ringing a peal of London at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on December 22nd, 1906. He asked me when we had still about six courses to ring how many more there were to come, and I told him. When we had finished I asked him what was wrong, but he made little comment, merely saying he had had quite enough, as the 7th went so badly, yet he seemed to me then, as he always did, to have rung the bell with perfect ease. I should like to point out to you that you made a slight error in the record that you gave in last week's "Ringing World," viz., that these peals of New Cambridge, London and Bristol are the only ones ever rung, double-handed. The mistake is in the New Cambridge, as I conducted a peal in that method at Bolsover on July 2nd, 1910, in which, of course, as you may be aware, none of the brothers Pye took part. Thanking you to make the correction, in fairness to others as well as myself."

[The reference to the handbell peals last week was written from memory, and, at the time, we were under the impression that the Bolsover peal was Cambridge and not New Cambridge.—Ed.]

At St. Edward's Church, Romford, where the late Mr. E. Pye was one of the Sunday service ringers, an attempt was made on Thursday of last week for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, but it failed owing to a shift course, after two hours' ringing.

On Saturday, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, the bells were rung, half-muffled, by members of the St. Mary's Society and friends, touches of Stedman Caters being rung. The following were present: H. T. Scarlett, H. Rumens, G. Grimwade, C. T. Coles, J. A. Dart, J. C. Adams, R. Maynard, junr., H. J. Maynard, senr., J. H. Wilkins, R. Maynard, senr., W. Coakham, A. Chapman, T. Watson, F. Rumens, H. Stubbs, G. T. Clayton. It was at this tower that the deceased first attended to learn ten-bell ringing.

At Wrentham, Suffolk, on Saturday, a peal of Minor was rung, half-muffled, as recorded in our peal columns, among those taking part being Rifleman Bertram Prewett, who had rung hundreds of peals with the late Mr. Pye, and who, although away on military duty, was thus able to pay his last tribute to an old comrade and friend.

It was at Little Heath, Essex, not far from the churchyard where he now lies buried, that the deceased learnt his ringing, and on the little peal of five there on Sunday, before the morning service, 360 Stedman the bells muffled, by: W. Theobald 1, A. Scamper 2, F. C. Newman 3, A. Hardy 4, R. Sanders (conductor) 5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BRANCH SECRETARY'S JUBILEE.**

A successful meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at the Burnley Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Saturday, members attending chiefly from Blackburn, Colne and Burnley.—It was proposed to hold the next branch at Accrington, on Saturday, January 29th, 1916. After the usual routine business, congratulations were extended to Mr. J. Watson, hon. secretary of the branch, on attaining his 50th birthday. At the close of the meeting, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by the late Matthew Wood, of London, was rung in honour of the occasion by the following ringers: Fred Wilson 1, A. Brook 2, Tom Redman 3, R. Foulds 4, R. Hartley 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson (conductor) 7, J. W. Heys 8.

CLUN RINGERS' THOUGHT FOR SOLDIERS.

The members of this newly-established St. George's Society of Ringers, Clun, Salop, with kindly forethought for their four members on active service, subscribed to a fund for sending each a Christmas parcel. These have been dispatched by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Mead), and each contain a plum pudding, cake, cigarettes, and other little luxuries. The recipients are: Farrier-Sergt. E. Griffiths at present at Plymouth; Lee-Corpl. W. J. Lewis now in France; Pte Eric Morris in Egypt; Pte Jas. Lunn in France.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Saturday, October 23rd, for afternoon practice, at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, two courses of Bristol and one of Superlative Surprise Major. In the evening, on handbells, 448 Superlative, 224 Double Norwich and Plain Courses of London, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques, by the following ringers: I. and W. Sadler, W. Howell, F. Claydon, E. Newman, W. Keeble, D. Elliott and E. W. Beckwith.

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STAUNTON HAROLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

Staunton Harold is the seat of the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers. The hall is a noble mansion of red brick with stone dressings, rebuilt about 1780, and surrounded by magnificent grounds and park of about 140 acres. The private chapel of the Holy Trinity, standing in the grounds of the hall, and adjoining the mansion, was erected during the Commonwealth as the following epitaph on the monument of the founder shows:—

prisoned in the Tower of London, where he died, not without a suspicion of poison, at the early age of 27. The church he built consists of an embattled tower, a nave of two aisles, and a chancel parted from the nave by beautiful wrought iron gates, on which are the family arms, supporters and coronet. The ceiling is painted. The ascent to the altar is by three steps of bluish marble, whilst the floor of the chancel is paved with marble. The tower contains a peal of eight bells.

TREBLE AND SECOND INSCRIBED:

"Sir Robert Shirley Barr. Donor Hereof Dyed The 28 No.
An. Dom. 1655. 1669."

THIRD.

The bells are so crowded that it is impossible to get a rubbing or clear reading off this: it appears to record that
"Robt. Earl Ferrers donor died 1717"



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STAUNTON HAROLD.

"In the yeare 1653
when all things sacred were throughout the Nation
either demolisht or profaned.

Sir Robert Shirley Barronet
founded this Church,

whose singular praise it is,
to have done the best of things in the worst of times
and hoped them in the most calamitous."

'The Righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.'

The main point of the phrase "done the best of things" may be understood to refer to the building of the church, the only Anglican Church, it is said, that was built in England during the period of the Commonwealth. Certainly his experience in this respect did not encourage others to emulate his example, for, upon it becoming known that he had built a church, an Order in Council directed him, saying: "He that could afford to build a church, could no doubt afford to equip a man of war." Whether he added to the naval as well as to the ecclesiastical establishment of this country is not known. For his fidelity to Charles I he was no less than seven times im-

FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH.
No Inscriptions.

SEVENTH AND TENOR INSCRIBED:

"Sir Robt. Shirley Barr. Donor Hereof died Novr 28th 1656.
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Recast Anno Domini 1831, at the expense of the Right Honble
Washington Earl Ferrers."

Only two peals have been rung on the bells, the first being recorded by a board in the belfry as follows:—

"Nothing so difficult but diligence Will overcome."

On Sunday, June 3rd, 1832, was rung by the Burton-on-Trent Society of Change Ringers. Grandsire Triples with 98 Bobs and 2 Singles, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hours 58 minutes, being the first peal ever completed on these bells, by the following band:—

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
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| John Keates | 2 | David Gilbert | 6 |
| Joseph Hill | 3 | William Morrey | 7 |
| David Allard | 4 | Richard Roe, junr. | Tenor |

Conducted by David Gilbert.

The other peal was Holt's Ten-Part of Grandsire Triples on Wednesday, March 13th, 1889, by the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Society, conducted by W. Canner.

TO OUR READERS.

SINCERE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR
CHRISTMAS.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By "BOB MAJOR."

Though nearly all the world is at war, it will be the ringers' duty to-morrow morning to send out the message of peace and goodwill from the belfries, as has been done for hundreds of years. There may be some who say that bells of peace are out of place when nations are at death grips, but those who reason thus seem to me to miss the real spirit of Christmas ringing. The bells herald the day on which Christendom commemorates the birth of the Prince of Peace, and even amid war it is as well to be reminded of the great central facts of Christianity. The great truths of our religion will be ever present after this war, with all its horrors and suffering, has passed into history, after even the nightmare of its recollection has vanished, and when, like other great upheavals, it will be but a memorable incident in the passage of time. Christmas, therefore, even in war time, ought not to fail to be marked in the time-honoured way in which for centuries ringers have honoured it, a manner enshrined in the heart of every Englishman. Of the traditional merry-making which we usually associate with Yuletide it is but right that there should be curtailment, for there are now few families who have not either lost relatives or who have not sons or brothers daily facing death in some part or other of the great theatres of war. There must necessarily be a subdued feeling among us all, and yet the message of the bells, I make bold to say, will be as welcome as ever on Christmas morning. And to that degree to which circumstances permit it, I hope all my readers will enjoy "A Merry Christmas."

HISTORY RECORDED ON BELLS.

The couplet on the new treble at Exeter Cathedral is not the only rhyme upon a bell that records an event in history which occurred when the bell was in the making. At Wooburn is a bell that, having been damaged, was recast just before King Edward VII was crowned. At the time of the postponement of the Coronation, on account of the King's illness, the bell was hanging cracked, but it was restored in time for the great event when, eventually, it did take place. The fact is commemorated on the bell thus:—

"The King was ill,
And I was still,
The day his crowning fell
My wound was healed
And I was pealed
To tell the King was well."

ERNEST PYE.

What a shock it was to many of us to read of the death of Ernest Pye. Even now one can hardly realise what his loss means to the Exercise, for, strange though it may seem, there is not, so far as one is aware, just exactly another Ernest Pye to fit into his place. You may find men of equal physical strength and fitness; you may find men of equal ability in ringing difficult methods; you may find men with the genius that he possessed for rectifying the mistakes of others; you may find men who were his equal in some respect or other, but I cannot call to mind—and my knowledge extends over a pretty wide field—anyone who exactly combines all the merits he possessed. It was an education to be in a peal with him, and those who never saw Ernest Pye tackling a big job missed one of the greatest of all sights in ringing. Don't let me be misunderstood. There are some splendid big bell men in our ranks, men who have done and are capable of doing big things, but, at the moment, the gap which Ernest Pye has left cannot be exactly filled.

A MAN TO BE RELIED UPON.

To those with whom he was so intimately associated, the memory of Ernest Pye will ever remain green. That cheery nature of his, which made light of difficulties and obstacles; that undaunted spirit which made him ever ready to take on the worst going bell in the tower; that unselfishness which showed itself in his willingness either to stand out or to stand in a peal as occasion required—and there is unselfishness even in standing in sometimes, when it involves giving up other pleasures to make up a band—combined to make a man whom it was a delight to know. It may not be generally known that Ernest Pye was a keenly enthusiastic follower of football, and if Tottenham Hotspur had a particularly enticing tit-bit for its supporters, Ernest did not like to miss it. Yet I have known him give up his afternoon at football to make up a band for a peal of Superlative—of which he rang over a hundred and fifty peals—at some out-of-the-way tower, or to rush away in the middle of some exciting match in order that seven or nine other men might not be disappointed at some distant London belfry. He was a man to be relied upon—for more things than that one. And now he has gone. What a strange thing is Fate!

BLINDFOLDED.

That quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung the other day at Halesowen with a blindfolded conductor "gives one furiously to think" as somebody—I've forgotten who—once said. It was the Master of the Wor-

cestershire Association, if I mistake not, who undertook the task of calling the bobs without being able to see the bells. He is emulating the example of Bill Barber, who called four quarters strung together to make a peal. One must want a pretty good ear for the job, but what would worry me if I were blindfolded would not be my ear, but my neck; what, in fact, would happen to me if I missed the sallie. I should be afraid of an unexpected coil in the rope dropping round my neck and making me the victim of an unauthorised execution, as it were. Absence of body would be better than presence of mind in such a case, but these blindfolded gentlemen do not seem to suffer from fears of any such risks. It seems to me, if you want to call peals without seeing the ropes, the best place to be is outside the tower and, like our friend of Dulcimer fame, "press the button."

FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE.

Some of the wonders of the world are to be found among ringers—no doubt about that—and ringing is about the most wonderful of all hobbies. What other pastime is there, requiring both mental and physical exercise, that man can indulge in for so long a period as ringing? Practically from the cradle to the grave our art is open to its devotees. Fancy a boy of seven ringing Grandsire Doubles, double-handed on handbells! Yet, as we read in "The Ringing World" last week, this has been done at Broughton Astley by Teddy Webb, whose brother, who boasts of two years seniority, rang another pair. It's marvellous! The wonderful juvenile record of the Johnsons, of Hinton, down Evesham way, may yet be beaten. And then at the other end of the scale, why, a man isn't thought to be anywhere near the end of his tether at 75, and there are several ringers about who are still actively engaged at over 80. I remember, some years ago, the Press made a great fuss about a well-known occupant of the Woolsack who played a round of golf on his eightieth birthday, but a round of golf is not to be compared to three hours at one end of a rope with a bell on the other end. If you get tired at golf you can have a rest; if you get tired at ringing you crack up the peal, and I never saw a veteran yet who gave in. I'm told that last Saturday dear old Sam Spittle, of Dudley, rang in a peal of Grandsire Catons in celebration of his 79th birthday. Here's an example for you! No, there is nothing that I know of to compare with ringing, for where will you find a pastime that combines the same opportunities of physical and mental exercise and the absorbing interest which attaches to ringing?

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY METHODS.

The reference in my last notes to the achievement of the Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, company, in ringing the extent of each of the 41 Surprise Minor methods in the Central Council's "Legitimate Methods," has brought me a letter from the Anston band. At this church, which is up in the neighbourhood of Sheffield, they have a company who can boast of having rung 720's in 130 methods. Ghee, whizz! It would make my hair turn grey to get that lot, or half of it, into my head. Up to two years ago this Christmas they had rung 100 methods, all but one being Treble Bob—the odd one being a Canterbury Pilgrim, or was it Pleasure? Since then 30 more in Surprise methods have been added. There are two or three in the book which they have not yet rung, but they are living in hopes. "It is wonderful," says my correspondent, "what can be accomplished if you keep a company together. Four of us have been together 28 years, six of us 20 years, and the last to join us was with us 13 years, but he has just gone away. We have, therefore, enlisted two more learners, who we hope will turn out all right." And I hope so, too. I trust the band will long continue to hang together, and never hang separately.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bradpole on Saturday last, when representatives from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Litton Cheney, Loders, Netherbury, Stoke Abbott and Symondsburys were present. Ringing commenced on the handy peal of eight at three o'clock, and continued until 4.30, when service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Langford), the special preacher being the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth, the hon. secretary of the East Dorset Branch of the Guild. Being a practical ringer, he held the attention of those present in an admirable address on "Goodwill," in which he pointed out that the same qualities of forbearance, unity, and persistence—that went to make up a good ringer, could be applied to every walk in life, and so make up a good parish or nation.

After service an adjournment was made to the Forster Institute, where a capital tea had been prepared by Mrs. Beams, to which the party did ample justice, the frosty nip in the air giving a decided whet to the appetite. At the head of the table, supporting the chairman (the Rev. C. F. Langford), were the Revs. C. C. Cox, Hutton, Owen, Phillips and Sharpe, and it was pleasing to note that four out of the six were ringers. Time, indeed, works changes, for it is only about six years ago that it was difficult to get even one clergyman to attend a meeting in this locality.

The officers were re-elected, and a suggested list of places named for next year's meetings. It was also decided to ask the general committee of the Guild to allow the extension of the West Dorset district so as to take in all that part west of the line from Yeovil to Maiden Newton.

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THE CHURCH: THE KING: THE EMPIRE. THE CHURCH BELLS INQUIRY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The question of the ringing of Church Bells during war time, as being a likely guide to hostile aircraft, and an annoyance to wounded soldiers, was, as reported in your last issue, raised in the House of Commons. The consensus of opinion throughout the country, gleaned from Press comments and personal remarks of invalid and wounded soldiers in hospitals and other buildings adjacent to churches, town halls, etc.; also the individual experience of men in the ranks of Lord Kitchener's Army stationed in all parts of England (where the bell ringer is frequently to be met with wearing the King's uniform) serve to show that the regular moderate pealing of a full ring of bells is greatly conducive to the cheerful spirit and happiness of those soldiers who are quartered near enough to hear a set of bells well rung.

There is scarcely a unit of His Majesty's Forces, both among "Kitchener's Army" and the "Derby Recruits," without some men who have in the past been bell ringers, and no battalion would fail to produce a team of bell ringers; therefore, when so many devotees of other crafts and past-times are eulogised by newspaper men for their war work, it is hardly just to omit a reference to the Campanologist.

The records of our Diocesan and County Ringing Associations will prove—towards the end of 1916—how readily the men of the belfry have enlisted, for it has been estimated that there were upwards of 30,000 ringers before 1914. The humble bell ringer has stood firm upon those three points affecting the welfare of the nation mentioned in the heading of this letter, due to his being entrusted with the solemn duty of emphasising them by a peal on the bells—services willingly given, mostly without fee or reward, or of thanks in some cases.

When we peruse the ringing journals and the local parish magazines, and see the numerous lists of men who have taken up arms, there can be no doubt about the patriotism of the bell ringer right from the commencement of the war, because this is bred in him. Go to the ringing rooms of Great Britain this Christmas-time and watch the remnants of parish bands trying to ring out "the old, old message" to those at home; note the number of lads in khaki who drop into the nearest belfry for a pull; look up the rolls of honour and see what ringers have gone "to do their bit"; and much will be discovered to enlighten the layman.

References to the old subscription lists for church bell, or bell ringing funds in nearly every parish will astonish you, for it will be found that this English love of bells is practically shared by men of all religious denominations. It leaves no room to doubt the Englishman's partiality for the old English custom of ringing bells, for their sounds are free to everyone without distinction of creed in our joy and sorrow, in our trials and happiness, and it is this very freedom of the bell music which has made it so popular.

There may be an isolated case now and again where real cause for complaint arises, but the point to be remembered is that numbers of sensitive people who do not fully appreciate the sound of bells patiently bear with performances as much because it is an old British custom as that of their neighbours' fondness for their bells.

One of the most wonderful facts brought to our knowledge during the war is the staunch loyalty for the motherland shown by her overseas sons, a response clearly indicated some years before the war by the simple process of ringing bells. It should be universally known that no other nation has so far furnished a team of men capable of attempting a complete peal such as we Britishers perform, yet Australia, Africa and Canada has already done so, each colony revealing its natural instinct as a sector of Empire by pealing its bells across the sea.

"OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD."

Slough, December 15th, 1915.

HERTS ASSOCIATION AND THE LATE DEAN LAWRENCE.

To the memory of the late Dean Lawrence of St. Albans, who used to pride himself upon the fact that the Herts Association was formed beneath his roof, and who was an hon. member from its formation in 1884 down to the time of his death, a stained glass window is to be placed in the South Presbytery aisle and a tablet bearing a suitable inscription placed in the Cathedral. With a view to enabling the members of the Hertford County Association to share in placing this memorial in the mother church of the diocese a circular has been issued by the President and Hon. Treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel), in which they say: "We feel that the members generally will be glad to have the opportunity to contribute towards this memorial and, with this view, we invite your co-operation. We suggest that a contribution of one shilling, as a minimum, should be made by each unattached member." Contributions should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, "Duffield," St. Albans.

CARILLONS.

At a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts, on Wednesday in last week, most interesting papers on "Carillons and Carillon Playing," with illustrations, were given by M. Josef Denyn, the famous carillonneur of Malines, whose performances have also delighted audiences in this country, and Mr. William W. Starmey, F.R.A.M., probably the greatest English authority on the subject.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursday, December 30th, for handbell practice, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport, Mon., on Monday, December 27th. Service in St. Woolos Church at 3.30. Meeting and tea to follow. St. Woolos bells (10) and All Saints bells (8) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on December 27th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open from 2 till 5. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, Old Cross, after, members 6d., others 9d. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary District Secretary, Little Munden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch will be held at St. James's Church, Trowbridge, on Saturday, January 8th, 1916, at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. each to those who advise me before January 3rd next. Important business meeting to follow; good attendance hoped for.—Henry Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting for practice will be held at Loughton on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available from 3 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available at 3. Short service at 5.15, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Hamilton). Tea (9d.) in the schoolroom at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, January 4th.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held in the Guild Room at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1916, at 7.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting. The balance sheet will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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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GREETINGS.

To all friends "A Happy Christmas and re-union in the coming New Year," is the sincere wish of

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H.M.S. "Manzinita."

Heartiest good wishes for Christmas and a Victorious New Year to all ringing friends, both far and near, is the sincere wish of

RIFLEMAN BERTRAM PREWETT,

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Southwold, 24th December, 1915.

That all ringing friends may have a happy Christmas-tide, and that the New Year may dawn with bright prospects for all, is the sincere wish of

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RINGING DAYS.—CHIMING APPARATUS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I most heartily agree with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards that Ascension Day ought always to be included in the list of ringing days, whether at Exeter Cathedral or anywhere else. It is certainly of as much importance as Easter or any of the other greater festivals; and much more so than any of the loyal occasions on which bells are usually rung.

But I do not at all agree with what he says with regard to chiming apparatus. It is quite true that no mechanical contrivance can ever in any way be a substitute for ringing; nor can it even produce music like bells chimed on the swing. But in the case of heavy peals of eight and upwards such an apparatus is very useful. It is wellnigh impossible to chime some of our heavy peals of ten and twelve on the swing; and even if it can be done, it would require a man to each bell, and probably more than one man on the heavier bells. Chiming hammers get over this difficulty without the objectionable practice of clacking the bells with clapper ropes.

I fully admit that unless they are used by someone who keeps good and regular time, and opens the leads, the effect produced is irritating in the extreme. In fact, I myself would rather hear a single bell rung or tolled. But, granted that you have a man who can do it properly, it is very convenient to be able to chime even a light peal of eight without being dependent on the services of three or four men, which it is not always possible to command, especially on a week-day.

As regards the danger of accidents, I may say that a manual open and exposed, and placed in the basement of a tower where the ringing floor is above, as at Exeter, must always be a source of danger. All chiming manuals, whether fixed in the ringing chamber or below, should always be enclosed in a lock-up case, so constructed that it is impossible to close the door when the apparatus is in gear. This may best be effected by having a single roller and ratchet arrangement for putting the hammers in gear, with a block so fixed to the inside of the door that it is impossible to shut it while the pawl is down in the ratchet wheel. A printed notice stating that the apparatus must always be thrown out of gear, and the door of the case shut and locked immediately after using is also advisable.

I may here say that many years ago Exeter Cathedral bells were chimed by means of outside hammers falling on a spring (like clock hammers) and worked by levers below, like a keyboard.—Yours, etc.,

December 18th, 1915.

J. R. JERRAM.

NEW YEAR'S DAY RINGING.

Following an old custom, the bells of St. Mary's, Salehurst, Sussex, will be rung at intervals through the day on January 1st. Any visitors will be most welcome. Tea will be obtainable at the Old Eight Bells at 1s. 6d. per head.

At Martock, Somerset, the bells will be available all day on January 1st.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, December 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Radford 1, E. Etheridge 2, H. Mason 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Petter 5, S. G. Steer 6, S. Radford (conductor) 7, W. Loader 8. Rung on the Eve of St. Nicolas' Day.

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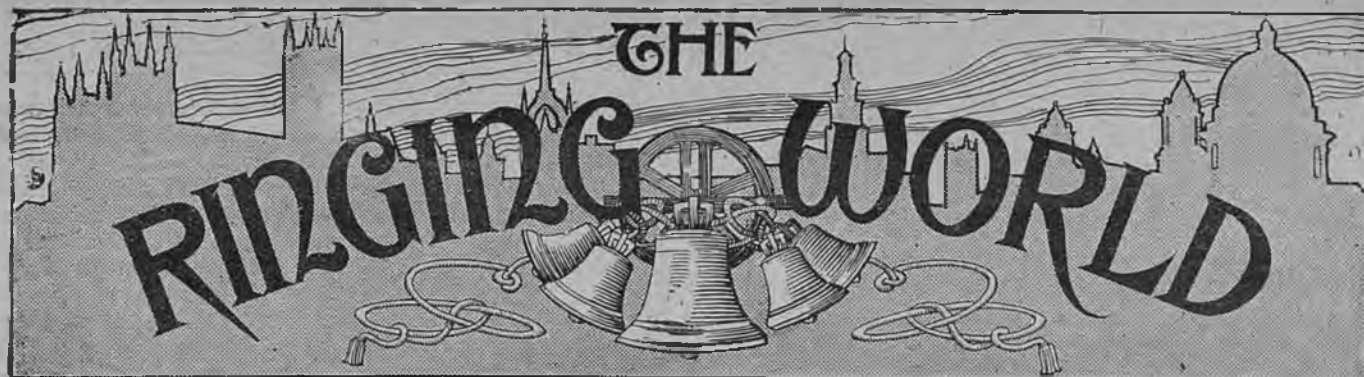


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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SUNDAY'S MUFFLED RINGING.

The suggestion which has the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury and which has also been concurred in by the Archbishop of York and the majority of the Bishops, that the ringing on Sunday—the Day of Intercession—should be muffled, to emphasise "our sense of the loss the country has sustained by the death of the brave men who have given their lives in the cause of what we believe to be loyalty to righteousness and truth," will, so far as we can gather, be acted upon very widely indeed. The opportunity which presents itself of uniformity of action has seldom occurred before in connection with the bells, and ringers generally intend to seize it so that a universal tribute may be paid to the memory of those thousands of heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice in their country's honour. The appropriateness of the day cannot be questioned and the clergy are readily falling in with the idea, which could have, of course, no more weighty approval than that which has been obtained.

We cannot accentuate too strongly the need of making known the reason of the muffled ringing, because its significance lies in the fact that the ringing will not be merely an honour paid by the ringers themselves, but will be a public tribute, in which the ringers are acting as interpreters. That is the difference between an ordinary muffled peal and the purpose of the ringing next Sunday. When a band meets to pay its last tribute to a departed colleague or townsman the act is largely a personal one; here, in this case, the ringers will be playing a national part. The Intercession services will be national and the impressive prelude to them of muffled bells will be national also; although there will, of course, be some cases in which local circumstances will prevent churches coming into line.

Never before, we believe, in the history of ringing has the observance of an event received the direct sanction of the two Archbishops and of so many Bishops as those whose messages we have been able to publish. That, in itself, is something which adds to the importance of the opportunity which occurs next Sunday, and north and south, east and west, ringers will seize the occasion to express through the bells the feelings of the public towards those whose lives have been given in upholding liberty and right. To honour the memory of these men is the least we can do, and it falls to the lot of the ringers to give public expression to those feelings in a way that none else can do.

Apart from the ringing on Sunday, the opportunity of doing something more in the following week must not be overlooked. Those who are unable to take part in the muffled ringing on Sunday may desire to do so on one or

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other of the succeeding days, and Saturday, January 8th, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has pointed out, will probably prove the most suitable day, as well as the most convenient. Wherever hands can be gathered for peals the opportunity should be taken, and even if a peal is out of the question, shorter touches might be possible. Ringing on this day, also, has the general approval of the Bishops, and ringers can go to their incumbents with no stronger case to ask them for the use of the bells. But whatever may be done in the week, we are sure that ringers everywhere will see to it that they join in the great tribute of muffled ringing which will pour out in impressive cadences from hundreds of church towers on Sunday next.

1915.

To-day we see the last of a year which will remain ever memorable in history. It has brought more widespread sorrow than any year since the dawn of civilisation, and yet it has brought out the finest traits that are latent in man and womanhood. Few people, we think, will regret the passing of 1915. So far as ringing is concerned it has been a comparative blank. Like all other things which in the past went to make up our complex social system, ringing has had to give place to the sterner duties which war has called men to undertake, and, looked at from that standpoint, of course, it has been a bad year for ringing.

But there is one feature that stands out boldly in the annals of the year and upon which the Exercise is to be congratulated, and that is the number of men who have gone from our belfries to uphold the honour of the Empire on the battlefields of the world. From every tower some have gone, and, alas, many have already given their lives. But the memory of these latter, and the recollection of the large number of ringers whose deeds have shown them to be ready to make a similar sacrifice if need be, will ever remain to show that the ringers of England are no wit behind the rest in their patriotism.

This removal of men from the belfries has effected a considerable advance in the number of ladies who have taken up ringing, and to them is due the fact that, in many towers, it has been possible to keep the bells going for the Sunday services. We hope, however, that the assistance they are now giving will not be looked upon as merely temporary in character. "When the boys come home" their help will still be valuable, and we have no doubt that those who are responsible for the belfries will see that they are not lost to the Art. In many places the maintenance of service ringing has proved a somewhat difficult, if not a discouraging task, and the church authorities owe a debt of gratitude to those ringers who, in numberless cases, have struggled so hard to keep the bells ringing.

The peals of the past year scarcely need to be mentioned. Those rung on tower bells have been nearly all muffled peals, for peals on other occasions have been, and rightly so, few and far between. What the future may have in store none of us know, but until the day arrives when a victorious peace is proclaimed ringers will continue to restrain their activities and confine themselves merely to discharging their duties. We all naturally look forward to a brighter year in 1916. We look forward with hope to the restoration of peace, and to the time when such a cataclysm as that into which humanity is now plunged may be made impossible, and as we all hope for better things so may we be allowed to wish our readers

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NEW YEAR."**

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, December 27, 1915, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE HOLLIS | ... Treble | SAMUEL WESLEY | 5 |
| ALBERT H. WARD | ... 2 | ARTHUR KNIGHTS | 6 |
| WALTER ALLWOOD | ... 3 | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM T. PEGLAR | ... 4 | JAMES GEORGE | Tenor |

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

The peal contains the 12 6-4-8 course ends, and is the first peal composed and rung in the method on this plan.

SIX BELL PEAL.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Comprising 720 each of London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise,
and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt., in A.

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| GEORGE FARNISH | ... Treble | GEORGE BENNETT | 4 |
| GEORGE FLEMING | ... 2 | ALBERT FLEMING | 5 |
| GEORGE PRYKE | ... 3 | WILLIAM BURGESS | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

This was the Conductor's 50th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1915, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. SEGAR,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Two 720's of College Single Reverse, two of St. Clement's, and
three Plain Bob.

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| JOHN HURST | 1-2 | JOHN SEGAR, Jnr. | 3-4 |
| GEORGE TURNER | 5-6 | | |

Conducted by G. TURNER. Witness: R. MILES.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.On Monday, December 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At 98, CLYDE ROAD, TOTTENHAM,**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

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| MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT | 1-2 | AIR-MECHANIC FRANK I. | |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... | 3-4 | HAIRS, R.N.A.S. | 7-8 |
| JAMES HUNT | 5-6 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... | 9-10 |

Composed by JAMES HUNT and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: REUBEN SANDERS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.On Monday, December 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At 98, CLYDE ROAD, TOTTENHAM**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;**

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|------|
| MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT | 1-2 | AIR-MECHANIC FRANK I. | |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... | 3-4 | HAIRS, R.N.A.S. | 7-8 |
| JAMES HUNT | 5-6 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... | 9-10 |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: REUBEN SANDERS.

Both the above were rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer
of 7-8. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunt for their
kindness during the afternoon and evening.**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Western District of the Yorks Association was held at Keighley, and, although the weather was unfavourable, some 60 members and friends put in an appearance, the following towers being represented: Bradford Parish, Bingley, Denholme, Gargrave, Guiseley, Halifax, Headingley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Kildwick, Lightcliffe, Pudsey, Queensbury, Shipley, Skipton, Silsden, Tong, and the local company. The bells, a fine peal of eight (just recently recast and rehung) were well utilised by the visitors, a variety of methods being rung, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise Major.

A committee meeting was held in the Vestry at 4.30 p.m., and at 5 p.m. a substantial meat tea was served to the visitors.

The business meeting followed, the President (Mr. G. B. Bolland) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. L. S. Robinson (Rector of Keighley), Mr. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Cotterell (treasurer), members of the committee, etc.—It was proposed, and carried unanimously, that Liversedge be approached with a view to the next meeting being held there in March.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Cotterell, the following new members were elected: The Rev. A. C. Blunt, Vicar of Gargrave; J. Bozeley, Gargrave; E. Swallow, N. Sykes, W. Sykes, Kirkheaton; W. Lee, Calverley; and E. S. Morgan, Ashton-under-Lyne.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and vestry.—The Rector, in replying, remarked upon the fascination which ringing had for the ringers, and the wonderful way in which they kept together. He paid a tribute to the regularity of his own ringers every Sunday, and also expressed the hope that before long the ringers would be busy in their respective bellfries ringing a joyous peal to mark the final victory of the allied forces, and the inauguration of a long peace.

Mr. Johnson proposed, and Mr. Lawson seconded, a vote of thanks to the local company for making all the necessary arrangements, and also to the ladies who had kindly assisted with the tea.—Mr. T. Bancroft, of the local company, in responding, said how pleased they were to have the Association at Keighley, and hoped they would soon come again, but under different conditions.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

Afterwards handbell ringing was indulged in, bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

HANDBELL RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The first 720 of Kent Treble Bob and the first quarter-peal of Plain Bob in South Africa have been rung on handbells at Johannesburg. The Rev. G. H. Ridout sends us the following report of the touches—

On 4th November, 1915, at St. Alban's Vicarage, Johannesburg, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Capt. C. W. Kearns 1-2, Rev. G. H. Ridout 3-4, F. P. Powell (conductor) 5-6. First "in hand" in the method by all, and first "in hand" in South Africa.

Also recently three 720's of Bob Minor as above. And on 25th November, 1260 Bob Minor, as above, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Ridout, being the first quarter-peal by trebles, first in hand by tenors, and first as conductor; also first in hand in South Africa.

RINGING ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

To the Editor.

Sir.—Is it usual to ring the bells at 12 o'clock on Christmas Eve, as well as on New Year's Eve? I have not heard it done in any other place but this.—Yours, etc.,

READER OF "THE RINGING WORLD."

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From St. Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham, Surrey:—
William G. Elkins, Royal Flying Corps, now in France.
Edwin Prior, Hampshire Regiment, now at Gosport.
Alfred R. Elkins, Hants Aircraft Parks, R.F.C., T.F., Farnborough.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR DEAD HEROES.

MANY BISHOPS SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL.

With hardly an exception the Bishops of the Church have expressed hearty agreement with the proposal, endorsed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, that the bells of our churches should be rung muffled on Sunday next—the national Day of Intercession—to the memory of all those men of the Empire whose lives have been heroically given in this great war. The Primate's letter published in our last issue made it perfectly clear that the day suggested was eminently suitable, and, after his statement, we imagine there will be few churches where the memory of our dead soldiers and sailors will not be honoured by muffled ringing.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's letter, as we mentioned last week, was laid before each of the other Bishops, and their approval of the suggestions is almost unanimous. Last week we published the replies from the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Ely, the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, the Bishop of Lichfield, the Bishop of Lincoln and the Bishop of Southwark. We give below the replies which have since been received, and these include one of full concurrence of the Archbishop of York.

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

With regard to the ringing of muffled bells as a sign of remembrance of those who have fallen in the war, the Archbishop of York agrees with the suggestion made by the Archbishop of Canterbury. — Robt. A. D. Booker, Private Secretary.

THE LORD BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS.

In this Cathedral (Wells) there is a very ancient custom of ringing a muffled peal on Innocents' Day, and this so nearly coincides with the dates you suggest that I think it would be quite appropriate to let that be the mark in this Cathedral city, and, perhaps, at another church in Wells. If, however, it is desired to have a muffled peal specially rung in memory of the brave men who have given their lives in the war, I see no reason why January 8th should not be used for that purpose. But I should not object to a muffled peal being rung in accordance with what the Archbishop says in the paragraph you quote; only great care would have to be taken that it does not conflict with the hours of service in the particular place.—G. W. BATH AND WELLS.

THE LORD BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM.

I am in agreement with the Archbishop on the muffled peal question; but it must be made quite clear to the general public beforehand as to the intention of the ringing. If you can get a general agreement as to day and hour it should be well announced in the Press, etc.—H. R. BIRMINGHAM.

THE LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE.

I gladly support the proposal which you suggest, for muffling the church bells on Sunday, January 2nd, or Saturday, January 8th, as a tribute to our fallen heroes.—J. W. CARLISLE.

THE LORD BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

I fully agree with the suggestion of the Archbishop, and hope that it will be generally carried out in the Diocese of Chelmsford.—J. G. CHELMSFORD.

THE LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM.

The Bishop of Durham asks me to say that you are at liberty to state that he is in full sympathy with the sug-

gestion to ring muffled peals from church belfries on the occasions of which the Archbishop has approved.—Edward H. Maish, Chaplain.

THE LORD BISHOP OF EXETER.

The Bishop of Exeter desires me to say that he fully concurs with the views of the Archbishop of Canterbury as to the question of the ringing of muffled peals in our churches in memory of those who have fallen in the war.—Hubert G. Chalk, Chaplain.

THE LORD BISHOP OF LLANDAFF.

I entirely concur with the suggestion made by the Archbishop of Canterbury as to muffled peals being rung in our belfries in memory of our fallen heroes.—E. V. LLANDAFF.

THE LORD BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL.

The Bishop of Liverpool desires to say that he is in full sympathy with the Archbishop's suggestion to ring muffled peals for our brave dead soldiers and sailors on January 2nd and January 8th.

THE LORD BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

I am quite willing to support the proposal for the use of muffled bells on the Day of Intercession, 2nd January.—E. A. MANCHESTER.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NORWICH.

I readily fall in with the views expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the subject which you raise. I myself am quite in sympathy with this suggestion, but in any particular church, of course, the wishes of the Incumbent would have to be consulted.—B. NORWICH.

THE LORD BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH.

I am in entire sympathy with your suggestion as to the muffled peal of bells on either January 2nd or 8th, and probably the latter date would be most suitable.—E. C. PETREBURG.

THE LORD BISHOP OF RIPON.

I have no objection to the proposal which you make, should any of the clergy wish to follow it, but I quite agree with the Archbishop of Canterbury when he says that the matter is one for local consideration and decision. Opinions will differ according to temperament.—T. W. RIPON.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

I am thoroughly in accord with the proposal that bell ringers throughout my Diocese shall ring a muffled peal on the first Sunday in the New Year in commemoration of those who have fallen in this war; or, failing the possibility of collecting the bell ringers for the Sunday, that they should render this tribute to our brave men on Saturday, January 8th. I shall be able to draw attention to this in my letter to my Diocesan Magazine at the New Year.—J. R. ROFFEN.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ST. DAVIDS.

I am in sympathy with the Archbishop of Canterbury's suggestion.—J. ST. DAVIDS.

THE LORD BISHOP OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich desires me to say that he quite approves the suggestion as to muffled peals in commemoration of the fallen on a day early in January.—H. Bernard Tower, Chaplain.

THE LORD BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD.

I am entirely in favour of the proposal to have muffled peals rung as a tribute from our belfries to the fallen heroes on the occasions of which the Archbishop of Canterbury has approved.—LEONARD H. SHEFFIELD.

THE LORD BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD.

The Bishop of Wakefield concurs in the suggestions made by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury as to muffled peals in the New Year, subject to his own suggestion of local modifications.

THE LORD BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

I need hardly say that I am willing for the very desirable object of unity, to concur in what His Grace has suggested: Sunday, January 2nd, where possible; Saturday, January 8th, where not. I should myself have preferred the last day of the year; but probably you have reasons against that.—E. WINTON.

THE LORD BISHOP OF WORCESTER.

To my mind there are few more pathetic expressions of grief than the ringing of a muffled peal, and for this reason I doubt whether it would be advisable to accentuate the sorrow we are enduring as manfully as we can. I would rather ring out the joyous bells of hope all over the country on Saturday, New Year's Day, and thus express our belief in a just victory, and our confidence in the happiness of those who have fallen.—HUGH WORCESTER.

The Bishop of Oxford is away on the Continent, and was, therefore, unable to reply.

IMPORTANT RINGING CENTRES GIVE THE LEAD.

From many of the important centres of ringing we have received intimations that the bells next Sunday will be muffled, and the clergy have already taken steps to make known the reasons. For instance, at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday, the Rector (Canon J. W. Willink) made reference to the proposal and asked the people, when they heard the grandly solemn music of the old bells, to give their thoughts to those brave heroes who had laid down their lives, both on sea and land, and by so doing had made the greatest sacrifice it is in the power of man to make.

The bells of St. Martin's will be rung muffled before both morning and evening services on Sunday, and will thus give a lead to the Midlands.

In the north, churches will doubtless follow the example of the Cathedral at Newcastle, where the bells will be muffled on Sunday, and a peal attempt made during the week.

Ipswich among many towns in the Eastern Counties will take its part, by muffled ringing for morning service at St. Mary-le-Tower, and in other important centres of ringing such as London, Bristol, and the big Lancashire and Yorkshire towns the solemn tribute is to be paid to the dead. Edinburgh is also joining in.

We would again point out the importance of letting the public know as widely as possible the significance of the muffled ringing, and, where it has not already been done, steps should be taken to obtain the assistance of clergy by getting them, if possible, to make some allusion to it in the course of Sunday's services.

The suggestion to have a special touch after evening service seems to have found favour in many quarters, and, as this would emphasise the occasion, it is a departure which might very fittingly be made in all the towers possible. In many places, particularly near the East Coast, evening ringing is forbidden for military purposes, and in those cases, of course, it is out of the question, but there are hundreds of churches, outside the area where the

ban is in operation, at which this special touch might be rung.

As was pointed out last week, the most effective ringing will be obtained with the bells open at handstroke and muffled at back.

PEALS OF THE PAST.**THE FIRST 5,000 OF TREBLE BOB.**

It is now nearly 200 years since the first peal of Treble Bob Major was rung. On December 27th, 1718, the Union Scholars achieved the distinction by ringing 5120 changes in what we now know as the Oxford variation at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London. In Snowdon's "History of Treble Bob" he tells us that in accordance with a custom prevailing at that time, the Society called the method after their own name—"Union Treble Bob"—as they considered themselves entitled to do this by reason of their being the first company who accomplished a peal in the method. Still, although the name of Union Treble Bob held to it to some extent, as may be seen by many of the earlier records of the College Youths and other societies, yet this license does not seem to have been generally admitted by ringers, as the name of "Oxford" was also used for it. It was not until after this peal had been rung that the need for the interior proof of Treble Bob was discovered. The discovery resulted in two out of every three of the compositions of that date being found false, but the 5120 rung by the Union Scholars was one of the very few true peals. The calling of the peal is in the Union Scholars' Peal Book, which is now in the British Museum. The particulars of this memorable peal, as entered in the records, are as follows:—

December the 27th, 1718.—This society rang, at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, the first true and compleat peal of 5120 Union Bob: John Hedley 1, Robert French 2, William Freeborn 3, Edward Franks 4, Richard Oswald 5, Thomas Perrin 6, Robert Bawld'g 7, William Balding 8.

The copy of an old peal board, which was formerly in the now vanished Church of St. Dionis, Backchurch, London, is given in another column, in a description of the bells and church. It is interesting to note that it recorded the first peal on the bells, which was rung 130 years ago last Monday, the 27th. It was a 5040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, and among the names of those taking part are the well-known ones of John Reeves and Christopher Wells.

One of the early long lengths of Treble Bob was rung on Boxing Day (December 26th), 1831. This was a peal of 15,168 of Kent, accomplished at St. Mary's, Elland, Yorks, and it was not superseded until the famous 15,840 was rung at Belhall Green in 1868. For some time it was given out that the Elland peal was rung by eight men only, but at length it became known that ten men took part in it, the ringers of the 3rd and 4th having to be relieved. The following are the details of the performance:—

Monday, December 26th, 1831, at St. Mary's, Elland, was rung in 8 hours 43 minutes. Hugh Wright's peal of 15,168 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, being the greatest length composed in that system: W. Haigh (Huddersfield) 1, B. Crowther (Elland) 2, L. Noble and T. Pitchforth (Elland) 3, Jon. Womersley (Huddersfield) and J. Noble (Elland) 4, Jno. Womersley (Huddersfield) 5, J. Hanson (Huddersfield) 6, W. Dumbleton (Huddersfield) 7, S. Goodier (Huddersfield) 8. The first part was conducted by Jonathan Womersley, and the last two by S. Goodier.

December 28th was the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung in Birmingham. This was in 1820, and the length, 6,800, rung in 4 hours 35 minutes, constituted the record number in the method at that time. There is a tablet in St. Martin's belfry recording the performance as follows:—

1820, Dec. 28th.—Six thousand six hundred Stedman Cinques, in four hours thirty-five minutes by the following persons. Conducted by Mr. Thomas Thurstans: William Bennett (treble), James Jarvis 2, Thomas Chapman 3, Thomas Worrall 4, Joseph Powell 5, Henry Coope 6, Samuel Lawrence 7, Joseph Riley 8, Charles Thurstans 9, William Hassall 10, Thomas Thurstans 11, William Marsh tenor.

The first occasion on which Holt's Original was conducted by a ringer taking part in the ringing was on Christmas Day, 1753, at Saffron Walden, a performance which was repeated on New Year's Day, 1754.

Another interesting New Year's Day performance was the first peal of Treble Bob in Lincolnshire as the following peal tablet in the belfry of All Saints', Gainsborough, records:—

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| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
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TWO VANISHED LONDON CHURCHES— AND THEIR BELLS.

By J. R. JERRAM.

There formerly stood in the City of London, within a short distance of one another, two churches; both built from Wren's designs to replace older ones which were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, and both of which have disappeared within the last half-century.

In this article I propose to give a short account of these two churches and their bells.

ST. DIONIS, BACKCHURCH.

The first I shall notice is St. Dionis, Backchurch, which stood on the north side of Fenchurch Street. This church was finished in 1677, though the tower was not added until ten years later. In plan it may be described as an irregular trapezium; that is to say the north side was considerably longer than the south, and the west end much wider than the east end. The aisles were separated by Ionic columns and pillars, leaving an entablature, from which sprang the arched and groined plaster ceiling. In each of the groins so formed was a circular clerestory window, the ceilings of the aisles being flat, with round-headed windows in each bay. There was a western gallery containing a fine organ by Renatus Harris in 1724. The pulpit, with its sounding-board, and the reredos were good specimens of seventeenth century art. The tower surmounted the western bay of the south aisle, and was somewhat of the Italian style, having a heavy cornice at the top surmounted by a balustrade. It rose well above the surrounding houses, being ninety feet in height. When it was finished a peal of six bells, cast by Christopher Hodson, was placed therein. These were superseded in 1726 by a peal of ten, cast by R. Phelps of the Whitechapel foundry, with a tenor of 19 cwt. One or two were afterwards recast, and when the bells were removed in 1879 the inscriptions were as follows:—

Treble.

R : PHELPS FECIT 1732.

Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Ninth.

R : PHELPS FECIT. 1726.

Fourth.

T. LESTER FECIT. HENRY BURT & DANIEL TAYLOR CHURCH WARDENS. 1750.

Eighth.

THOMAS LESTER FECIT. HENRY BURT & DANIEL TAYLOR CHURCH WARDENS. 1750.

Tenor.

RICHARD PHELPS FECIT ++ MESSRS. JAMES HERBERT CHARLES BALL CHURCH WARDENS. 1726.

The following tablets were in the belfry:—

THE ANCIEST SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS did ring on Tuesday, December 27th, 1785, 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in 3 hours 30 minutes. The first on these bells:

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Jno. Reeves | <i>Treble</i> | Chrsr. Wells | <i>Sixth</i> |
| Jno. Anderson | <i>Second</i> | Chas. Grant | <i>Seventh</i> |
| Geo. Harris | <i>Third</i> | Jno. Inville | <i>Eighth</i> |
| Nl. Williamson | <i>Fourth</i> | Wm. Lowndes | <i>Ninth</i> |
| Thos. Blakemore | <i>Fifth</i> | Jno. Heap | <i>Tenor</i> |

The peal was called by T. Blakemore.

SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Established 1637. On Monday, November 22nd, 1852, the company rang a true peal of STEDMAN CATERS, containing 5079 changes, in 3 hours and 15 minutes. Performers:—

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Charles Goozee | <i>Treble</i> | Wm. Lobb | <i>Sixth</i> |
| Jas. Mash | <i>Second</i> | Rt. Haworth | <i>Seventh</i> |
| Rt. Jameson | <i>Third</i> | Geo. Ferris | <i>Eighth</i> |
| Cornis. Andrews | <i>Fourth</i> | Jno. Bradley | <i>Ninth</i> |
| Jas. Dwight | <i>Fifth</i> | Geo. Hand | <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed and conducted by Chas. Goozee.

Cornelius Pugh, Esq. } Churchwardens.
John Norman, Esq. }

About the year 1876 the church was condemned to be demolished, but was not actually pulled down until three years later. In 1879 the bells were removed to All Hallows, Lombard Street, to which parish St. Dionis was united at the demolition of the church. In that steeple they still hang, but are seldom, if ever, rung, as far as I can ascertain.

What became of the peal boards above mentioned when the tower was demolished I don't know. When the bells were in St. Dionis' tower they were hung the wrong way round, i.e., from left to right. The last peal on them in their old home was rung by ten members of the College Youths towards the end of the year 1878 (I have not the exact date). It was a peal of 5200 Kent Treble Bob Royal, and was rung by H. W. Haley, 1; W. Cooter, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; G. Ferris, 4; H. Haley, junr., 5; S. Reeves, 6; G. A. Muskett, 7; J. Pettit, 8; F. Bate, 9; H. Booth, 10. Composed and conducted by H. W. Haley.

ST. BENET, GRACECHURCH.

Near to St. Dionis, at the junction of Fenchurch Street with Gracechurch Street, formerly stood the beautiful little church of St. Benet, Gracechurch.

In plan it was a simple parallelogram, 60 feet by 30 feet, consisting of five bays without aisles, and had a groined plaster ceiling; the groining springing from corbels and being slightly flattened, so as to form an ellipse. Each bay was divided by a broad band ornament, the church being lighted by a double range of windows, the upper ones circular and the lower square with round heads.

The reredos was of the Corinthian order, and over it was a large piece of carved work painted in perspective, representing the pillars and arched roof of a building appearing from under a purple festooned curtain raised by two cupids. There were also paintings of Moses and Aaron. The font was richly carved and had a good canopy. The pulpit and sounding-board were also richly adorned with carving and parquetry.

The west end of the church was divided into two bays, one occupied by the vestibule and gallery stairs, and the other the base of the tower; which was of three stories, and was surmounted by a dome covered with lead, crowned by a turret and spire. This steeple, which was one of the handsomest in London, contained one large *Service-bell*, weighing about 16 cwt., and inscribed:—THOMAS CARR IOSEPH CRAYKER CH: WARDENS. 1692. JAMES BARTLET MADE ME.

There was also a small *Call-bell*, weighing about 1 cwt., inscribed:—A.B. 1668. [i.e., Anthony Bartlet.] There was also a clock with a suspended dial. I need scarcely say that the belfry did not contain any peal boards.

This beautiful church was demolished in 1871, and part of the proceeds of the sale of the site and materials, which amounted to £23,894, was devoted to building and endowing St. Benet's Church, Mile End Road, Stepney. What became of the two bells I have not been able to ascertain.

In conclusion, I would say that it is a great pity that the new church at Stepney (a modern gothic building) was not a faithful reproduction of the old one in the city. At least the steeple might have been re-erected as it was before; even if it was necessary to build the church on a larger scale.

Originally there were three churches in the City of London dedicated to St. Benet, all built from Wren's designs. Each had a tower crowned with a dome, surmounted by a

turret and small spire. St. Benet Fink (which stood behind the Royal Exchange) was pulled down in 1844. The only one now remaining is St. Benet, Paul's Wharf; and this was threatened with demolition some forty years ago, but was fortunately preserved.

Owing to an accident, the illustrations of the two churches for this article cannot be inserted, but will appear next week.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BARKING, ESSEX.—St. Margaret's Society.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 44 minutes: *J. Norris, junr., 1, *A. Perkins 2, *A. Warboys 3, E. G. Fenn 4, G. Cottis 5, A. C. Hardy 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, R. Fenn 8. * First quarter-peal. A. Perkins hails from Crediton, Devon. — On November 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Faulkner 1, W. Beard 2, A. Warboys (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, G. Faulkner 4, E. Andrews 5, A. Hardy 6, C. Fenn 7, R. Fenn 8.—On December 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), by A. J. Perkins, was rung in 48 mins.: A. C. Hardy 1, A. Neal 2, A. Warboys (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, G. Cottis 4, E. Andrews 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.

BURLEY.—On Thursday, December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: A. Armitage (first 720) 1, F. Hutchinson 2, Wm. Barton (conductor) 3, A. Heap 4, E. Perkins (first 720 inside) 5, G. Slack 6.

PUDSEY.—On Sunday, December 5th, 720 Kent Treble Minor: R. Farrer 1, S. Ward 2, J. Ambler (first 720 in the method) 3, Wm. Cordingley (conductor) 4, Wm. Barton 5, P. Cordingley 6. Also on Sunday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor on handbells: *R. Hyland 1—2, Wm. Barton 3—4, *J. Ambler 5—6. Conducted by Wm. Barton. * First true 720 on handbells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On December 5th, for morning service, 480 Oxford Treble Bob; for afternoon service, 180 Double Court, 120 College Single, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the following taking part: F. J. S. Saird (Royal Naval Air Service), Rifleman B. Prewett (London Rifle Brigade), J. Spencer, E. Chatten, W. Mellin, F. W. Naughton, G. Bertram, A. J. Naughton, L. Naughton. The 480 and 120 were conducted by F. W. Naughton, and the 720 and 180 conducted by B. Prewett.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 5th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 45 mins.: Robt. Holloway 1, G. Harbour 2, W. H. Hollier (late of Dover) 3, G. Hes 4, H. Miles 5, W. H. Lawrence 6, J. Armiger Trollope 7, Q.M.S. J. R. Mackman (conductor) 8. Afterwards touches of Bob Major and Royal and 468 Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells: Geo. Harbour 1—2, H. Miles (Kensington) 3—4, Sergt. J. R. Mackman (East Surrey Regiment) 5—6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7—8, W. Lawrence 9—10.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On December 5th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 360 Grandsire Doubles: R. Law 1, G. Gray 2, A. Jordan 3, T. J. Watts 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, H. W. Watts 6.—On Monday, December 6th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, R. Law 3, A. Jordan 4, T. J. Watts 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6, H. W. Watts 8. Also 240 Stedman Doubles.

WEST EALING.—For the evening service, on Sunday, December 5th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Edwards 1, C. H. Hughes 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, G. Harbour 4, A. W. Davis 5, Thos. H. Taffender 6. It was intended to ring a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, but two visitors from a distance failed to come, probably owing to the rough weather.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 5th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. W. Jennison 1, C. Green 2, H. Green 3, A. Jackson 4, J. Hall 5, T. Bancroft (conductor) 6, S. Mugatroyd 7, J. Coulton 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, December 5th, at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7. 8 covering: V. Harmon 1, C. W. Cooper 2, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 3, W. A. Pugh 4, G. Popnell 5, J. Newman 6, W. Hand 7, Pie Frank Clifford 8.

EATON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On December 5th, for divine service, 720 Double Court: R. W. Parker 1, F. Hopper 2, W. J. Allen 3, T. Law 4, W. Faray 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob and 120 Stedman Doubles.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, on December 10th, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 27 mins.: R. Pratt 1, Wm. Crowder 2, P. Hoodlas 3, Hy. Ebbitson 4, Ed. Danuti 5, A. Hoodlas (conductor) 6. The ringers of the 3rd and 6th belong to St. Peter's, Barton-on-Humber.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1269 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Nownham 1, Corpl. A. C. Otway 2, A. H. Winch 3, W. E. Otway 4, J. Wyatt 5, H. Boxall 6, J. Hoyle 7, E. Hull 8, A. Dean (conductor) 9, W. Lynch 10.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 12th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal Double Norwich Major (1488 changes), in 59 mins., by members of Oxford Guild: Harry Wingrove 1, G. Guttridge 2, Wm. T. Horne 3, Cecil Mayne (conductor) 4, W. H. Fussell 5, Wm. Welling 6, R. Buckland 7, John C. Truss 8. A happy afternoon had been previously spent with handbells, at Burkes Parade, thanks to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Mayne.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: R. Hoather 1, H. Statham 2, C. Palmer 3, H. Rann 4, F. Tindale 5, G. Ades 6, F. Bennett 7, W. Palmer 8, Company Q.-M.-S. Mackman (10th East Surrey), conductor, 9, E. Tugwood 10.

BARKSTONE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 12th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 26 minutes, in honour of Pte F. E. Smith, of 3/5th Leicesters: W. Stokes (14 years of age) 1, Pte F. E. Smith 2, A. Drury 3, J. Miller 4, W. E. Woods 5, A. Palmer (conductor) 6.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On December 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 896 Grandsire Triples: Pte F. T. C. Caple 1, A. Brooks 2, E. Brown 3, A. Kinchin 4, J. Monk 5, Sergt. G. C. Rice (longest length as conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, Dec. 14th, at St. Martin's Church, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Canon Sanders, M.A., LL.D., for many years Vicar of St. Martin's, and who was prominently connected with the local charities, and a member of the Education Committee of the borough of Leicester, who died Dec. 8th, in his 69th year, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1265 changes) was rung in 50 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of the St. Martin's Society: *P. Harrison 1, S. Cotton 2, L. E. Allen 3, H. G. Jenney 4, H. Broughton 5, E. Morris 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. Composed especially for the occasion by F. H. Dexter, and conducted by H. Broughton. * First quarter-peal of Caters. Also first quarter as conductor in any method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the combined practice on Dec. 18th, amongst other touches, 1120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Pte Jones (A.S.C.) 1, J. B. Williams 2, C. J. Fray 3, Rev. E. Bankes James 4, L. H. Page 5, G. Williams (conductor) 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker 8. Messrs. A. Marks, Thompson and Wilkins also took part in shorter touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Saturday, Dec. 18th, in honour of the marriage of Mr. V. A. S. George (a member of the Basingstoke band), and Miss O. North, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief about two-thirds of the way through. This was followed by a 504 in the same method: Miss R. A. White 1, F. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. E. Mack 3, W. Hunt 4, F. G. Paice 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White 7, Miss E. D. White 8.

LINCOLN.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch).—On Sunday, December 19th, for evensong, at St. Peter-at-Arches Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Chester 1, G. Flintham 2, T. Pyle 3, W. Clarke 4, C. H. Chester 5, I. Vickers 6, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 7, J. W. Musson 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On December 19th, for evening service, 160 Double Norwich Major: W. W. Bailey 1, G. Wilson 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey 8.—On Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): C. Sampson 1, G. Wilson 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. H. Bailey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. Titterton 8.—On December 26th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Bailey 1, E. H. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, J. Titterton 6, J. M. Bailey 7, C. Sampson 8.

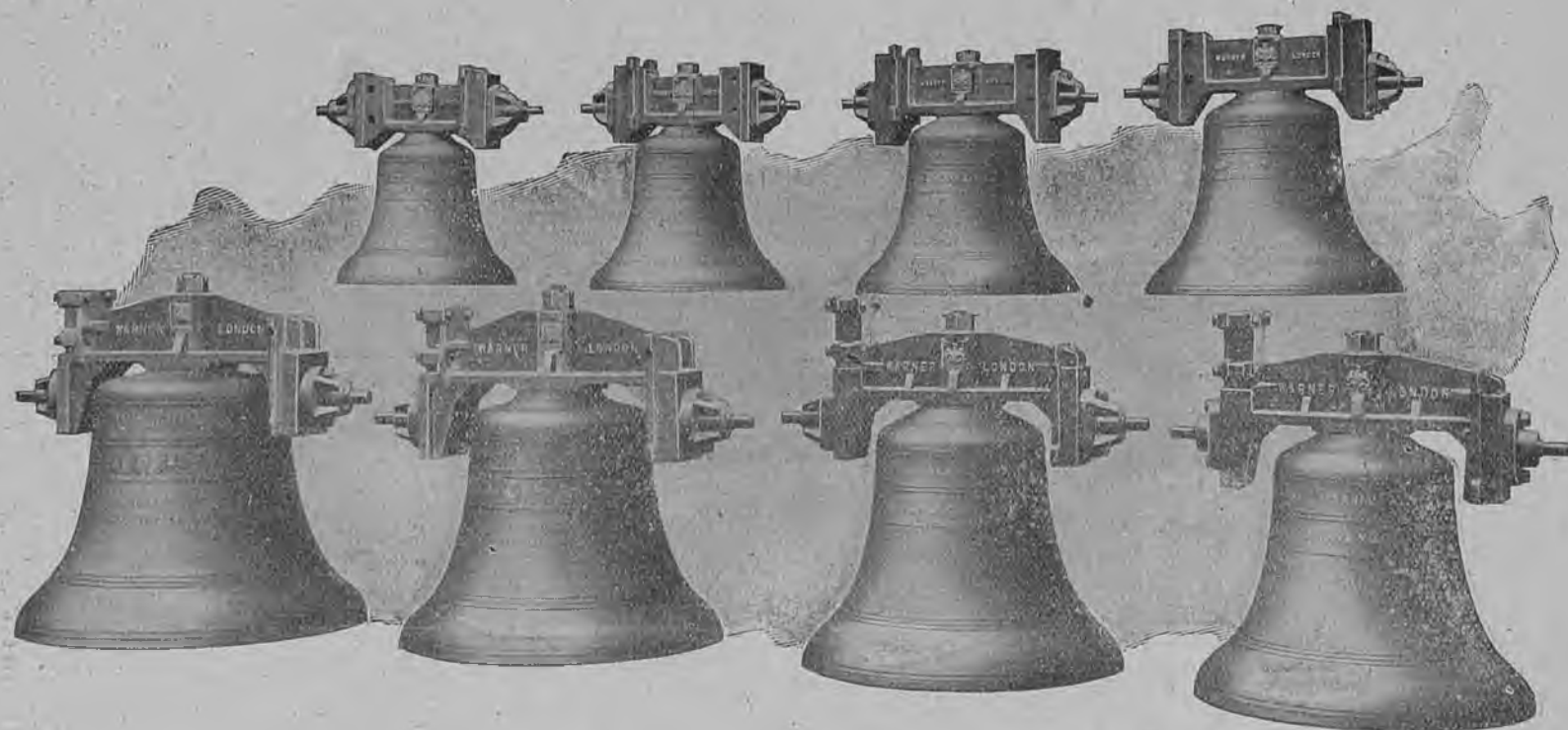
SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.—At St. James' Church, Southbroom, on December 20th, being the Eve of St. Thomas' Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Brownlee West 1, S. Hillier (conductor) 2, G. W. England 3, A. Little 4, T. Weeks 5, P. Hiscock 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1312 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, J. Emery 8.

IPSWICH.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, on Christmas Day, for the morning service, a touch of Stedman Cinques: Pte A. S. Bond (R.A.M.C.) 1, Edgar Pemberton 2, C. J. Sedgley 3, R. H. Hayward 4, W. L. Catchpole 5, W. Motts 6, J. Rose 7, H. C. Gillingham 8, W. P. Garrett 9, J. Motts (conductor) 10, R. H. Brundle 11, C. Crapnell 12.

PULBOROUGH.—On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, the following touches of Grandsire Triples. For early Communion service, 1260 changes, P. Knight 1, S. Stone 2, S. W. Corden 3, Sergt. A. B. Corden 4, G. H. Lee 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. For Matins, 504 changes: C. Greenfield 1, S. Stone 2, P. H. Doick 3, G. H. Lee 4, A. Greenfield 5, Sergt. A. B. Corden (conductor) 6, S. W. Corden 7, H. J. Doick 8. For evensong, 1260 changes: C. Greenfield 1, S. Stone 2, P. H. Doick 3, G. H. Lee 4, A. Greenfield 5, Sergt. A. B. Corden (conductor) 6, S. W. Corden 7, H. J. Doick 8.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Stone on Saturday week. Owing to the inclement weather, the gathering was very small, but those who attended received a hearty welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. T. Veal). Among the visitors were Mr. J. W. Jones, secretary of the Llandaff Association, of Newport, Mon., and Mr. J. H. Sheppard, of Swindon. The bells, a light peal of six, were available during the afternoon and evening.

Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, was partaken of in the School-room, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. The Branch Hon. Secretary presented the accounts for the year, which were passed as most satisfactory, and also read a report of the year's work. He said the branch had held 12 meetings, with an average attendance of 22. Fourteen new members had been elected, of whom six were lady ringers, and three honorary members had been added to the branch. The total membership of the branch was now 81 performing and ten honorary members, of that number, 28 performing and one honorary member were serving in H.M. Forces.

The Rev. T. A. Garnett was elected president of the branch, on the retirement of Mr. F. K. Howell, who is the present Master of the Association. Mr. H. W. Fussell was re-elected vice-chairman, and Mr. G. Sheppard was re-elected representative on the management committee. Mr. W. A. Lewis was thanked for his past services as secretary, and re-elected unanimously. One new member was elected, and Thornbury was selected as the next place of meeting on January 15th.

It was decided to publish notices of future meetings in "The Ringing World."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for providing such an excellent tea, the motion being suitably acknowledged.

Service was afterwards held in the Church, the Association special form being used. The Vicar gave a most appropriate address, and the service was rendered the more enjoyable by the assistance given by the organist, Mr. F. Floyd, and his able choir, to whom best thanks are tendered.

INSCRIPTION AT BRAILES AND ETON.

To the Editor.

Sir, — In "Bells of Buckinghamshire" (p. 384) and "Bells of Warwickshire" (p. 24), the inscription on the tenor at Brailes, and also on the knell-bell at Eton is given as follows:—

GAUDE QUOD POST IPSUM SCANDIS
ET EST HONOR TIBI GRANDIS
IN COELI PALATIO.

These bells are from the first half of the XV century, and are both recast.

Ellacombe is quoted ("Bells of Somerset," suppl. p. 135) as saying that the words are supposed to be from some ancient Ascension Day hymn.

I venture to suggest that they are likely to be found in the third verse of the Sequence for St. Mary Magdalene (22nd July) which begins GAUDE PIA MAGDALENA.

This hymn is referred to in Julian's Dictionary of Hymnology, p. 1639, as being found in various books of the hours, dating back to the fourteenth century.

One written in Spain about 1440 will be found in British Museum (Add. 28962, f. 426); one half a century earlier, written in England, in Bodleian Library, Oxford (Bodl. 850, f. 104); and another at Cambridge, and many others.

A translation of the hymn, by Provost Ball, of Cumbrae, is given in "New Office Hymn Book" (1905), No. 136.

Probably some one of your readers could get access to a copy of the hymn in Latin, and verify.—I am, yours sincerely,

G. H. RIDOUT.

St. Alban's Church, Johannesburg.

RINGERS FORGO CHRISTMAS BOXES.

For many years it has been the custom for the Guild of ringers at Southover, Lewes, to make a collection at Christmas among parishioners and others, the amount thus obtained being the only "remuneration" they received for their services. At a meeting held last week, however, they unanimously decided to forgo the collection this year, in view of the many other demands upon the public. In commenting on the decision taken, one of the vice-presidents (Mr. J. T. Glandfield) pointed out that by their action the ringers were indirectly contributing more than £5 to other local funds.

The Guild, like many other hands, has found it necessary to enlist the help of ladies to keep the service ringing going, and it was decided to postpone consideration of their status in the Guild until the annual meeting in February. Similarly, the question of filling the post of captain, rendered vacant by the resignation, through pressure of business, of Mr. F. Sturt, was left over.

GREETINGS FROM FRANCE.

Corpl. James E. Davis, No. 61857, R.E., sends best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends. His address is now: Royal Engineer Details, British Expeditionary Force, 4th General Base Depot, Rouen, France.

NOTICES.

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

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Headingley St. Chad's on Saturday, January 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the schoolroom.—William Barton, Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters should be paid before February 29th. Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on January 4th and 18th, for business, and on the 13th and 27th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch will be held at St. James's Church, Trowbridge, on Saturday, January 8th, 1916, at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. each to those who advise me before January 3rd next. Important business meeting to follow; good attendance hoped for.—Henry Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting for practice will be held at Loughton on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available from 3 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bloxwich on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available at 3. Short service at 5.15, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Hamilton). Tea (9d.) in the schoolroom at 6. Please send word not later than Tuesday, January 4th.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, January 8th, 1916. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 8th, 1916. Service at St. Mary's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity Parish Hall 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held in the Guild Room at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1916, at 7.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting. The balance sheet will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on January 15th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea can be provided if members let me know by January 12th. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldswinford, Stourbridge, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.45. Tea kindly provided in the Schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. It is very important that all members intending to be present should let me know on or before Wednesday, January 12th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

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MARRIAGE.

HARDY—WILLSON. — On December 27th, 1915, at the Church of S. John the Divine, Leicester, by the Rev. R. S. C. H. Wood, M.A., Vicar, Thomas Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hardy, to Lilian Ada, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Willson, of Leicester. Both bride and bridegroom are well known change ringers.

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FAREWELL MEETING.

The ringers at Royston and Melbourn, Herts, having enlisted under Lord Derby's Recruiting Scheme, and some of them being included in the first groups to be called up, a farewell gathering has been arranged to take place at Royston, to-morrow (Saturday, January 1st). There will be ringing from 2.15 to 5.30, and all friends will be welcome. The bells are to be muffled out of respect to those who have fallen in the war.

SOLDIER RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO DEAD COMRADE.

At the Parish Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, on December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung by the following soldiers of the 83rd Provisional Battalion, as a token of respect to the late Pte Evelyn Ambrose, of the 12th Royal Fusiliers, who was buried with full military honours at the cemetery at Burnham: Lance-Corpl. Coombe (4th Royal Berks) 1, Pte T. Gregory (4th Royal Berks) 2, Pte E. H. Jefferies (5th Gloucester Regiment) 3, Pte A. H. Halford (5th Gloucester Regiment) 4, Pte W. Grace (conductor), 4th Royal Berks Regiment, 5, Sergt. W. Harris (5th Gloucester Regiment) 6. By kind permission of the colonel, the above band also ring for Sunday Church parades, and for Matins and evensong.

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