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## THE WAR'S INTERRUPTION.

Nothing could bear more striking testimony to the war's effects upon ringing than the Peals Analysis Committee's report which was published the other day. At no period since the early years of the development of county and diocesan associations has there been so few peals rung as in the year 1915, for we have to go back to 1882 to find a smaller number rung in twelve months than in the first complete year of war. But even between these far distant years there is no comparison, for the smallness of the totals is due to very different reasons. The early eighties witnessed the first stage of the boom in change ringing and the first really marked spread of the art to places outside certain old established centres. From about 150 peals in 1881, the yearly total grew, with very few checks, until 1913, when the record number of 2,359 was rung. Then came the war, and with it, in August, 1914, the practical abandonment of peal ringing, except for special occasions. In the early part of the crisis the voluntary dropping of peals was due to the ringers' desire to accommodate ringing to the general feeling of the public. War time peals for any but special reasons were considered out of place, and still are. But as the year progressed another reason entered into the cause of the falling off; so many ringers joined H.M. Forces to help in upholding the great cause for which this nation is fighting, that belfries were so depleted that peals, even when opportunities occurred, were out of the question.

In comparing the number of peals rung it is interesting to note that in the last five months of 1915 there were only 117, as against 165 in the same period of 1914, and no fewer than 1,158 in the concluding five months of 1913. Even in regard to handbell peals there was a notable falling off. There are some associations who did not ring a peal of any kind during the period covered by the Analysis. Those who appeared in the list for 1914, but who are absent in the table of 1915 are the London County Association, the Hertford County Association, the Cambridge University Guild, the Devon Guild, the Peterborough and Districts Association, the Towcester and District Association and the Liverpool Diocesan Association, while several of those who usually occupy a conspicuous position in the analysis did not get into double figures with their total. On tower bells only five associations rang over nine and two others did so on handbells. All this goes to show one of the striking effects which the war has had upon the activities of ringers, and we look forward with longing to the time when the interrupted progress of our art may be resumed.

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## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 1, 1916, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

*FRED BARLOW ... .. Treble	ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 5
JAMES ALLRED ... .. 2	FRED BANKS ... .. 6
HARRY ALLRED ... .. 3	MALCOLM OLDFIELD ... .. 7
JOHN MYLES ... .. 4	EDWARD OLDFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. BANKS.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late vicar (the Rev. W. W. Wilkinson) who died on his anniversary, and was laid to rest in the burial ground of his own Church.

## SIX BELL PEAL.

WOODSTONE, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 24, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's differently called.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 6 lbs.

T. VAUGHAN ... .. Treble	T. TEBBITT ... .. 4
† H. HOARE ... .. 2	F. DAINTY ... .. 5
* S. WRIGHT ... .. 3	F. T. COOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. T. COOKE.

\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal on the bells. The peal was rung on the second anniversary of the hanging of the bells. T. Tebbitt, a native of Northampton, was elected a member prior to starting for the peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, June 27th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 1—2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 3—4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 7—8
HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 9—10	

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, June 29, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 size, in B flat.

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

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

Referee: MR. WM. KENT. Witness: MR. F. W. PERRENS.

It is 28 years since Mr. Russam rung a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are serving with H.M. Forces:—  
From St. Peter's Church, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire:—

Spr. J. Preece, Royal Engineers, now at Llandudno.  
Pte James Miles, 3rd Batt. Shropshire Regt.  
Pte Frank H. Lane, 3rd Batt. Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

From Broxbourne Parish Church, Herts:—

Pte W. Saban, 35th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, now in France.  
Pte H. Brenton, Army Service Corps, now at Salonica.

From St. Mary's Church, Billingshurst, Sussex:—

Spr. James Burdfield, Royal Engineers, now at Chipstone, Notts.  
Gnr. Raymond Wood, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Bexhill.

**DIED OF WOUNDS.****CLAPTON BAND'S SECOND LOSS.**

The band at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, from whose ranks eight members have joined H.M. Forces, have lost another of their members, George H. Orford having laid down his life for his country. Pte Orford, who was in the 10th Royal Fusiliers, received a wound in the head from a high explosive shell a week or ten days ago. An operation was performed, and the poor fellow lingered for a day or two, but, alas! has now succumbed. He had been out in France for about ten months, and it was only a month ago that he was home on a well-earned leave.

Deceased took up ringing in 1908, and, although he has never aspired to anything beyond ringing the tenor behind, he has been one of the most regular service ringers since the band at St. Matthew's was formed. He was never keen on peals, but he was induced to attempt one when the society were on their annual outing one year, and he rang the tenor well to a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Galleywood, Essex, on May 10th, 1913. He had been the hon. treasurer of the St. Matthew's Society for the last four or five years, and had always carried out his duties in a most willing and competent manner. He was a member of both the Middlesex and Essex Associations.

Capt. H. J. Sudell, of the Army Service Corps, who died in August last year from wounds received in Gallipoli, was also a member of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton.

**COLSTON BASSETT RINGER KILLED.**

A member of the Colston Bassett company, Alfred Faulks, has given his life for his country while serving with the British Army in France, and last Saturday, with the bells of the Parish Church half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to his memory, after an attempt for a peal of Double Norwich, which failed chiefly owing to the bad going of the tenor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) was rung by the following members of the Midland Counties Association: W. E. White (Cotgrave) 1, W. Wilson (Leicester), conductor, 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston) 3, W. White (Cotgrave) 4, W. C. Hunt (Beeston) 5, A. Coppock (Beeston) 6, E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) 7, P. Price (Beeston) 8.

**TWICE WOUNDED AND ONCE BURIED.**

Pte H. J. Dewey, R.A.M.C., writing from the Tinge Military Hospital, Malta, to Mr. W. Lawrence, of Ealing, says: "It is now more than eighteen months ago since we met, when I spent a very pleasant Sunday afternoon and evening with you at Ealing. I have been out to France twice, and was sent home wounded each time; the first was a bayonet wound in the arm, and also the effects of being caught with a shell; but I recovered, and was sent to the front again; and, at Loos whilst resting in a dug-out a shell came and buried me, and I was unconscious for nearly a week. I am pleased to say I am in the best of health now."

**A FAMOUS SHIP'S BELL.**

A recent product from the famous Whitechapel Foundry is the ship's bell, weighing 200lbs., for H.M.S. "Malaya," one of the mighty Super-dreadnoughts which put the Germans to flight in the great naval engagement off Jutland on the last day of May. The bell is particularly interesting, not only on account of its magnificent workmanship, but also for its associations. The ship, as most people are aware, is the gift to England's navy from the Federated Malay States, and the bell has been presented to the ship by Sir Ernest Birch, K.C.M.G., and a few colleagues. It has been cast from an amalgam, the tin in which came from an Australian mine. On one side the bell bears the arms of the Federated Malay States over the inscription: "The sound of this ship's bell fires the hearts of brave men." On the other side is the naval crown surmounting the words: "H.M.S. Malaya, 1916. To the Malaya from Malayan friends." The bell, which has the characteristic mellow tone of Whitechapel Foundry bells, is an extremely fine casting, and is highly polished all over.

**MUFFLED RINGING AT IPSWICH.**

Lord Kitchener was High Steward of Ipswich, and in connection with the memorial service held at St. Mary-le-Tower Church to coincide with that at St. Paul's Cathedral, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang, with the bells fully muffled, touches of Grandsire Triples. Although handicapped by the fact that two bells are dismantled, owing to the recent fire, the ringing took place both before and after the service, those taking part being: W. L. Catchpole, E. Pemberton, W. P. Garrett, W. Motts, E. Reeve, J. Motts (conductor), R. H. Brundie and E. Evans.

On Saturday the 10th ult., by permission of Canon H. D. Williamson (Vicar), an attempt was made for a fully muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Margaret's Church, but a change course unfortunately brought it to an end after about 3,500 changes had been rung: J. Rose 1, E. Pemberton 2, E. Evans 3, R. H. Hayward (Marlesford) 4, W. L. Catchpole 5, W. Motts 6, J. Motts (conductor) 7, H. C. Gillingham 8.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. Warnett, jun. 4, W. W. Fox 5, Pte C. F. Bailey, A.S.C. (Leiston, Suffolk) 6, H. Warnett, sen. (composer and conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE MASTER'S RETURN FROM THE FRONT.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Winchester on Saturday week, the proceedings commencing with the business meeting in the afternoon, followed by a special service at the Cathedral, and a tea at St. Maurice Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews, of Titchfield), who has recently returned from the front, and there were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (hon. treasurer), Mr. G. Williams, Southampton (hon. secretary), Mr. T. W. Fairey (Recorder of Peals), Mr. H. White (hon. auditor), Mr. J. W. Elkins and Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester), Messrs. W. R. Melville, S. Hazeldon and J. J. Jones, Guildford; Messrs. F. Hansford, H. Collis, F. Pragnell, E. Ayliffe, G. Grant, G. Paice, Basingstoke; Mr. H. J. Smith, Wickham; Messrs. J. A. Woodrow and W. Shepherd, Hersham; Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, Cranleigh; Messrs. W. H. George, W. G. Tucker, E. Dumper and A. A. Jones, North Stoneham; Mr. W. Linter, Swanmore; Mr. G. Preston, Christchurch; Mr. G. W. Miles, Southampton, and others.

The annual report stated that the year 1915 was still over-shadowed by the war, in which many members of the Guild were taking part, including the Master, who had been acting as senior chaplain to the forces during the past year. The quarterly meetings had been held in some districts, but it was hoped they would become more general this year, otherwise bands and ringers generally may get out of touch with each other. Peal ringing had been almost wholly deferred, and as a result the peal recorder's task this year had been light. The total number of peals rung was 12, ten of which were rung on handbells. The accounts showed a satisfactory balance in hand, which was attributed to the small number of quarterly meetings, and the total absence of instructors' fees. There were 54 honorary, 524 full and 66 probationer members. It was with deep regret that the committee had to record the retirement of Mr. J. W. Whiting from the secretaryship of the Portsmouth district through ill-health. He was one of the most influential members of the district for a great many years. They also regretted having lost the active services of Mr. G. B. Edser, the late secretary of the Yorktown district, through removal.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £71 11s. 1d., against £47 1s. 6d. last year, whilst the Special Purposes Fund had a balance of £220 10s. 1d.

The report having been adopted, it was proposed by Mr. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Fairey, that Mr. J. P. Stilwell be re-elected President of the Guild, and this was agreed to.

The re-election of the Rev. C. E. Matthews as Master was also cordially agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Fairey, seconded by Mr. White, and in acknowledging his re-appointment, the Master said he considered it a high honour to be allowed to serve his country at the front as a senior chaplain. He had seen a good deal of the fighting, and he thanked God from the bottom of his heart for safe deliverance on two very dangerous occasions. Once he might have been blown to bits by a shell which just passed his arm. Speaking of the Guild, he said he had been connected with it for 22 years, and should be delighted to continue to do everything he could for ringing in the Diocese (applause). Referring to the resignation of Mr. Whiting, of the Portsmouth district, the Master said it was his privilege recently to attend a gathering at which Mr. Whiting was presented with a cheque for £10, subscribed for as a token of appreciation of the valued services he had rendered.

The whole of the other officers of the Guild were re-elected: The Rev. W. E. Colchester, treasurer; Mr. H. White, Basingstoke, auditor; Mr. T. W. Fairey, Camberley, recorder of appeals; Mr. G. Williams, general hon. secretary; and Mr. A. M. Kennet, Camberley, hon. solicitor.

The questions of inter-affiliation and alteration of place of annual meeting were postponed.

The members attended the Cathedral service at which the address was given by the Master. Subsequently the Cathedral bells were open for ringing, but owing to two of the bells being in course of re-hanging, only the front six were available, and the members rang touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

At the tea, which followed, Mr. Miles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Master for his address, and the Master took the opportunity of again referring to the loss which bell-ringing had sustained by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, the President of the Central Council. He (the speaker) wrote from the front expressing their sympathy with Lady Heywood, and received a very nice letter in reply (thanking the Guild (applause)).

A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the Dean for allowing the members to ring the Cathedral bells.

A course each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells.

The next annual meeting will be held at Whit-Monday, 1917.

**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.**

The bells at Winchester Cathedral are being overhauled, and the fittings adjusted by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Owing to their being under repair, ringing upon them at the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild was confined to the front six.



## HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

### HELP FOR BEGINNERS.

In my last articles I have endeavoured to show how the young conductor, by a knowledge of the bells "before," can call touches and peals without being dependent upon ringing the observation bell. Sometimes, however, the conductor may want to call a touch or peal of which he does not know the bells "before," but instead knows the "calling" of the "fixed" bell. To be able to call such from a non-observation bell is not so easy a task, and is one which requires a fair amount of practice. It can probably best be done by what is known as transposition, that is, by a ready knowledge of the number of leads between any two given places and the ability to calculate, without hesitation and without confusion, while he is ringing, the point to which that number of leads will take his own bell.

It would, of course, be quite easy for a beginner to work out on paper for himself the number of leads from any one position to a bob at any other position, but as I am out to help my readers who are just getting their foot on the ladder of conducting, I will set it out in table form for them.

From	To.	W.	H.	M.	I. & O.	S.
In and out	.....	5	1	2	3	4
Wrong	.....	4	5	1	2	3
Home	.....	3	4	5	1	2
Middle	.....	2	3	4	5	1
Before	.....	1	2	3	4	5

I have given "in" and "out" of the hunt as if they were one call, because the two must go together, although they may be separated by any number of leads up to five. Once a bell is in the hunt you can call it into no other position until it has been called out.

Now, let us examine a short touch. Here is one given by the calling of the 7th and selected, because it gives bobs at all the possible intervals of one to five leads. The 7th is called:

In, and out at 2.  
In, and out at 3.  
Home.  
Twice Before.  
Twice Home.

Suppose the conductor to be ringing the 2nd. I assume that anyone who knows anything about calling is aware that, at starting, the calling of the 7th into the hunt necessitates a bob at the first lead, and this bob will, of course, bring the 2nd out of the hunt, by dodging in 4-5 down. Now, the touch tells us that the 7th is to be called "out at 2." A bob two leads from 4-5 down will bring the 2nd to 4-5 up, or "middle," as it is also called. This will be seen from the table by finding the "in and out" in the first column, running along until you come to the figure 2 and seeing what place occurs at the heads of that column.

When a bell is called "out" at one bob and "in" at the next call, there are three leads between, and three leads from "middle" bring the 2nd "home," just as three from a "home" bring a bell "wrong," three from a "wrong" bring a bell "before" and three from a before bring a bell to "middle," as, again, can be seen from the table.

Then the 7th, having been called "in," has to come out "at three," and a bob, three leads from a "home," will bring the 2nd "wrong."

Next, the "home" call of the 7th means a bob the following lead, and that will bring the 2nd in the "middle,"

which is, of course, the position into which one is landed by a bob the lead after dodging in 6-7 down.

After this, the 7th has to come twice "before." These calls can certainly be made by looking out for the 7th herself; and then come the two final homes. From "before" to "home" means a bob at 2, and, the 2nd being "home" at the second before, she will be called "before" at the first "home." From "home" to "home," as "wrong" to "wrong" or "middle" to "middle" is four leads, and a bob four leads from "before" brings the 2nd into the hunt and the bells round.

There are, of course, lots of little points one picks up with practice which are not often found in books, and as my young conductor advances he should look out for these guides and note them, for they often come in useful in keeping bells right. For instance, such things as these:

That two bobs at consecutive leads keep three bells coursing in the same order—the bell that is called "in and out," and its course and after bells.

That bobs at an interval of two leads reverse the coursing order of the bell that goes into the hunt at the first lead, and its course bell.

That a bob at three calls the same bell back into the hunt that was called "out" at the last bob.

That a bob at four brings the same three bells behind, i.e., the bells dodging at W., H. and M. are the same as at the previous bob.

CONDUCTOR.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and district branch was held at Coaley on Saturday week. Most of the branch towers were represented, and several lady ringers were present, as well as visitors from the Gloucester, Bristol, Swindon and Stroud branches, and Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of Llandaff Association. Owing to the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Lindam) being away from the parish he was unable to give his usual welcome, but he placed the tower at the disposal of the Association.

Twenty-one sat down to tea at the Swan Inn, and the business meeting followed. Mr. John Austin, the new Master of the Association, presiding. Tortworth was selected as the place for the next meeting, on July 22nd, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells. The company then parted, some going over to Frocester, where permission had been obtained for a ring, while others remained at Coaley.

### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society met at North Wingfield on Saturday, and in spite of a very wet mid-day, proved a very successful and enjoyable gathering, between 30 and 40 ringers being present from Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Dore, Eckington, Mansfield, South Normanton, Sheffield Cathedral, Staveley, and the local company. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and continued until past eight (with the exception of an interval for tea). The ringing included a good variety of methods, and the striking attained a very high level.

The Rector (the Rev. Canon Boden), with his customary generosity, kindly provided tea which was served in the School Room, owing to the al fresco accommodation being somewhat damp. After tea, the evening proving fine, some of the visitors played various games on the lawn or strolled around the old-world garden. Others kept the bells on the move, and gave sweet music to those who played, 11-9 being called to the music of the tenor travelling from front to back in Superlative, and 21-15 was reached to the accompaniment of some good Double Norwich, a really delightful meeting ending much to soon.

### PEALS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

To-day is the anniversary of the first ringing of Holt's "Original" for it was on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, that the author conducted the peal from manuscript at St. Margaret's, Westminster. A board records the peal, rung by the Society of Union Scholars, although there is no entry of the peal in the society's book.

In the preceding year on July 8th, at the same church, a peal of Double Bob Major was rung, in which Holt took part. This was also by the Union Scholars.

On the same date, in 1734, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Lawrence's, Reading.

On July 9th, 1749, a peal of 6000 Bob Major was rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster. This, too, was by the Union Scholars.



## RINGS OF TWELVE IN ENGLAND.

By J. R. JERRAM.

In the *Clavis* of 1788 we find first of all some mention of the old peal of twelve at York Minster, at that time recently replaced by Lester and Pack's peal of ten, which were destroyed by the fire of May 20th, 1840. Next we find a list of eight peals of twelve, which were all that then existed in England. In 1872 the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe published a list of the peals of twelve, which then numbered twenty-two; but apparently from some oversight he omits to mention St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. In 1876 Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon published a corrected list, numbering twenty-four in all. Both the above lists included the 12 at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, now reduced to ten; the two trebles given by Mr. Lewis in 1868 having been sold in 1883 to defray the expense of recasting the present eighth and ninth.

I herewith give a complete list of the peals of twelve at the present time, with founders' names, dates, and such other particulars as I have been able to obtain. If there are any errors or omissions I shall be glad if any of your correspondents will correct me.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—St. Michael's and All Angels'.—Treble and second by Mears and Stainbank, 1889; third by Thomas Mears, 1839; fourth, sixth, eighth, and tenth by Thos. Rudhall, 1779; seventh, eleventh, and tenor by Thomas Mears, 1818. Tenor 27 cwt.

**BIRMINGHAM, ST. MARTIN.**—Originally a peal of ten by Lester and Pack, 1758; sixth and eleventh recast by them in 1769; two trebles added by Pack and Chapman, 1772; second recast by Barwell, 1913; fourth and fifth recast by Blews, 1870; ninth recast by W. and T. Mears, 1790. Tenor 35 cwt.

**BRISTOL, ST. MARY-REDCLIFFE.**—In 1636 only 4 bells, made 8 in 1698; and 10 in 1823; and finally augmented to 12 in 1872. In 1903 the front seven bells, and the ninth and tenor were all recast by Taylor and Co. The eighth and tenth are by T. Bilbie, 1763; eleventh by T. Purdue, 1622. Tenor 48 cwt.

**CAMBRIDGE, ST. MARY-THE-GREAT.**—Augmented from ten to twelve by the addition of two trebles cast by Pack and Chapman, 1773; third to tenth inclusive by R. Phelps, 1722-3; eleventh by W. Dobson, 1825; tenor by Pack and Chapman, 1770. Treble and second recast by Taylor, 1911. Tenor 29 cwt.

**CHELMSFORD, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.**—All by Warner and Sons, 1913. Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

**CHELTHENHAM, ST. MARY.**—Back eight by John Rudhall, 1823; third and fourth added by him in 1833. Two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, 1911. Tenor 23 cwt.

**CIRENCESTER, ST. JOHN.**—All by Abraham and Abel Rudhall. Treble and second, 1722. The others cast at various dates ranging from 1713 down to 1787. Tenor dated 1736; ninth recast by Taylor, 1895, who added a flat sixth at the same time, to enable the middle eight to be used as a peal of eight. Tenor 28 cwt.

**HALIFAX, ST. JOHN.**—Front four bells by C. and G. Mears, 1857; back eight by W. and T. Mears, 1787. There is also a sharp second, so that the front eight can be used as a peal of eight. Tenor 25 cwt.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, ALL SAINTS.**—Treble, fifth, ninth and tenor by Mears and Stainbank, 1909; second, ditto, 1905; seventh, ditto, 1890; third and fourth by J. Briant, 1788; sixth and tenth by R. Phelps, 1711; eighth by Thos. Swain, 1756; eleventh by Thos. Mears, 1802. Tenor 31 cwt.

**IPSWICH, ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.**—Treble, fifth, ninth and tenor by Warner and Sons, 1866; second and third by Taylor, 1845 and 1844; fourth by Christopher Hodson, 1688; sixth, eighth and tenth by John Darbie, 1611; seventh by Miles Gray, 1607; eleventh, ditto, 1610. Tenor 32 cwt.

**LEEDS, ST. PETER.**—All by Thomas Mears and Sons, 1841. There is also a sharp second, to enable the front eight to be used as a peal of eight. Tenor 35 cwt.

**LIVERPOOL, ST. NICHOLAS.**—All originally by Wm. Dobson, 1812-13; fourth recast by him, 1825; tenor recast by Warner, 1911. Tenor 40 cwt.

**LONDON, ST. BRIDE, FLEET STREET.**—All by Abraham Rudhall; back ten, 1710; trebles added, 1719; fifth and sixth recast by Samuel Knight, 1736. Tenor 28 cwt.

**LONDON, ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE.**—Back ten by Pack and Chapman, 1772; tenor recast by Robt. Patrick, 1787; treble and second added, and third recast by John Briant, 1792. Tenor 36 cwt.

**LONDON, ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.**—Back eight by Thos. Lester, 1739; two trebles added to make ten by Lester and Pack, 1765; two more trebles added by Thos. Mears, 1823; tenor recast by Blews, 1875. The four front bells recast by Warner and Sons, 1913. Tenor 35 cwt.

**LONDON, ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.**—Back ten by Abraham Rudhall, 1725 (tenor 1726); two trebles added by him, 1727; these two replaced by two others by Abel Rudhall, 1758; third recast by Thos. Rudhall, 1770. Tenor 31 cwt.

**LONDON, ST. MARY-LE-BOW.**—Back ten by Lester and Pack, 1762, except tenor, which was cast by R. Phelps and T. Lester in 1738; two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, 1881. Tenor 53 cwt.

**LONDON, ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.**—Originally a peal of ten by Richd. Phelps, 1728; two trebles added by Thos. Lester, 1746; eighth recast by him, 1740; fifth and tenor recast by Thos. Mears, 1795; eleventh recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1910. Tenor 41 cwt.

**LONDON, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.**—All by Taylor and Co., 1878 (tenor dated 1876). Tenor 62 cwt.

**LONDON, SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.**—All originally by Samuel Knight, 1734-5; tenth recast by C. and G. Mears, 1844; eleventh recast by Thos. Mears, 1820; tenor recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1911. Tenor 50 cwt.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, CATHEDRAL.**—All by Taylor and Co.; back ten, 1892; two trebles added, 1914; a flat sixth also added in 1914, to enable the middle eight to be used as a peal of eight. Tenor 37 cwt.

**NORWICH, ST. PETER MANCROFT.**—Originally all by Pack and Chapman, 1775; tenor recast by Thos. Mears, 1814; a flat sixth added by Mears and Stainbank, 1909 (as at Newcastle). Tenor 41 cwt.

**OLDHAM, ST. MARY.**—All by Thomas Mears, 1830. Tenor 33 cwt.

**OXFORD, CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.**—A mixed peal; treble and second added by Mears and Stainbank, 1897, who also recast the eighth at the same time; third and fourth by Abraham Rudhall, 1698; fifth and sixth by Abel Rudhall, 1747; seventh dated 1640 (no founder's name); ninth and tenth mediaeval "black-letter" bells without date or founder's name; eleventh by Rudhall, dated 1640; but this is the date of a former bell, not this one. Tenor dated 1589, no founder's name [bears the "Tudor badges."]. Tenor 31 cwt. (weighed in 1897).

**PAINSWICK.**—Originally a peal of ten by Abraham Rudhall, 1731; two trebles added by John Rudhall, 1827, and recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1887. Tenor 25 cwt.

**QUEX PARK.**—All by Thos. Mears, 1819. Tenor 15 cwt.

**SAFFRON WALDEN.**—St. Mary the Virgin.—Originally eight bells by Briant. Front four by Bowell, 1914; Fifth to ninth inclusive by J. Briant, 1798; tenth by C. and G. Mears, 1849; eleventh by Thos. Mears, 1813; tenor by Briant, 1798. Tenor 24 cwt.

**SHEFFIELD, ST. PETER.**—Treble and second by Robert Stainbank, 1868; third, seventh and tenth by Thos. Mears, 1798; fourth, ditto, 1808; eighth, ditto, 1836; fifth, ninth, eleventh, and tenor, ditto, 1804; sixth, George Mears, 1858. Tenor 41 cwt.

**SHREWSBURY, ST. CHAD.**—All by Taylor and Co., 1914; tenor 39½ cwt. Cast from the old peal of twelve which was cast by Thos. Mears, senr., 1798.

**WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—Originally a peal of ten by Thomas Mears, 1816; two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, 1892. Tenor 31 cwt.

**WALTHAM ABBEY.**—Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.—Treble, second, eleventh and tenor by Taylor and Co., 1914; third, fourth, fifth, eighth, and ninth recast by Taylor, 1914; sixth, seventh and tenth by J. Briant, 1806. Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

**WEST BROMWICH, CHRIST CHURCH.**—Treble and second by C. and G. Mears, 1850; third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, tenth, eleventh and tenor, ditto, 1847; sixth and ninth, Thos. Mears, 1829. Tenor 15 cwt.

**WOLVERHAMPTON, ST. PETER.**—All by Gillett and Johnston, 1911. Tenor 33 cwt.

**WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.**—All by Taylor and Co., 1868; a flat fourth, sixth and eighth added 1875, for chimies only. Tenor 49½ cwt.

**YARMOUTH, ST. NICHOLAS.**—Originally a peal of ten by Thos. Mears, 1807; two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, 1898. Tenor 30 cwt.

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## KING'S CLIFFE BELLS.

There is still a considerable sum needed to enable the cracked tenor at King's Cliffe, the little village near Peterborough, to be recast. As has already been mentioned the total amount necessary is about £38, and the church authorities must rely upon outside assistance for the bulk of this sum if the new bell is to be provided within reasonable time. Ringers throughout the country are always ready to rally to the help of such a good cause as this, and we hope that from belfries and meetings everywhere the contributions will flow into the Rectory, so that King's Cliffe may share, with the other villages and towns and cities of the land, the joy of proclaiming peace from the church steeple. It was less than two years ago that the parish raised nearly £200 to have the bells put in order, and the accident which has now befallen the tenor is a sad blow to the aspirations of a young but enthusiastic band of change ringers who had just scored their first 120 of Doubles.

Two of the bells date back to 1612; the tenor, which was 12 cwt. 3 qrs., was cast in 1738. The treble is a bell by Henry Penn, added in 1714, and the two others are bells of later date. The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—Henry Penn made me 1714. John Nelson, Esq., gave.  
2nd.—Miseris Maria Hartleie, widdo, cast this bell 1612. Multi vocati pauci electi 1612. (Many are called but few are chosen.) Richard Bardon Nichola Baili gardian.

3rd.—T. Mears of London, fecit 1832. Archdeacon Bonney, Rector. F. Law, P. Howes, churchwardens.

4th.—William Keywood, Henrie Thorpe, 1792.

Tenor.—Tho Earye A.D. 1738. I. H. S. Nazarenus Rex, Judesrum Fili Dei Miserere M.E.

Any contributions towards the restoration fund will be most gratefully received by the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, rector, whose daughter is the moving spirit in the band which has been organised to develop change ringing in the tower.



KING'S CLIFFE CHURCH.

## NOTTINGHAM VICAR AND BELLS.

### "JOY IN WORSHIP."

Writing in his "Parish Magazine," with reference to the service of dedication of an organ, Canon Field (Vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham), says:—"Some people do not like church bells. They say they make such a noise. I fancy they do not have them rung at Bishop Baynes's church in Birmingham. Our Midland Association of Bell Ringers have made a rule not to ring joy peals in these days, and that is right enough. But to me the bells are like the song of birds, part of the joy and the worship of our lives. We can say our morning prayer all the better, and praise God when we seem to be joining in the praise of His creatures. So I find, and I trust others do, a help and a preparation for joy in worship through the peal of our beautiful bells. And when we came to church on Thursday afternoon, and the tower was silent, there seemed something wanting; 'and no bells ring.' But they rang out merrily for the evening service, and we are grateful to our ringers for joining in the thanksgiving of the dedication of our organ. There was, after all, a symbol and a fitness in the silence at one time and the merry noise at the other. Do what we might, we could not make the service all it would have been in happier days. But yet there was a gladness of thanksgiving, choir and organ, clergy and people seemed to combine in an uplifting and memorable act of praise."

Bishop Baynes, who was formerly Vicar of St. Mary's, is now at St. Philip's, Birmingham, and we think the good Canon is rather under a misapprehension as to the reason why the bells to St. Philip's are not rung. The trouble is that they badly want rehanging.

At St. Mary's the band has been a "stoney" one for 20 years at least. With a Vicar who finds delight in the bells as Canon Field does, we could have hoped for some advance in this direction.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

### A FAVOURABLE YEAR.

Favoured with nice weather on Saturday week, the annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Tamworth. The number attending was fewer than usual, due chiefly to the fact that many of the members have joined H.M. Forces, others are employed in making munitions, and there was also the absence of cheap excursions. The fine old church at Tamworth possesses a nice ring of eight bells (by various founders), but owing to the bad "go" of the tenor (about 22 cwt.) good striking was made difficult.

The Rev. and Hon. M. Peel (Vicar) conducted the service in church—at which the society's forms were used, and he also gave an inspiring address. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, followed by the general meeting, at which Mr. W. Rock Small was elected to the chair.

The committee's report on the year's working was a favourable one, and the accounts showed a balance of £24 1s. 5d. on the right side. The roll of honour had been augmented during the year, bringing the total number to rather more than 50.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Rev. J. A. Price, as clerical secretary and treasurer (retired), in whose stead the Rev. C. H. Barker was elected. The meetings for the coming year are to be held at Coseley (September), Rushall (January, 1917), Wednesbury (April), and Wolverhampton (annual—June).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells, to the Rev. T. P. H. Hyatt (Wednesbury) for the use of vestry, to the Rev. J. A. Price for his services during the year; also to the chairman for presiding, terminated the business.

A nicely-struck touch of Stodman Cinques was rung upon handbells by six members of the St. Martin's (Birmingham) Guild.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Law James, in your issue of June 23rd, hits the right nail on the head. To the question: "What is the use of the Central Council?" he replies in effect, Si monumentum requiris, circumspecte. Look at what the Council has actually done, at its reports, its publications; not merely at the discussions, sometimes wearisome enough, which have preceded or followed them. Take, for example, the report of a committee on the preservation and repair of bells, frames and fittings, published in 1892—an admirable piece of work, acquaintance with which on the part of clergy, churchwardens, and others responsible for church bells would have saved many difficulties, and even disasters. Why is it not better known and acted upon? Partly, I think, because some who are now complaining of the Council as useless have taken so little trouble to make it known in their respective areas. With that report I had nothing to do, and I am free to praise its value. Of certain other attempts to diffuse useful knowledge about bells and ringing, in the newspaper Press or in such a book of reference as the "Encyclopædia Britannica," I will only say that, but for the Central Council, they would not have been undertaken. Nor in this connection should we forget our late President's book on "Bell Towers and Bell-hanging"; a much-needed attempt to promote mutual understanding between church architects and ringers.

It is sometimes, apparently, forgotten that campanology is a science as well as an art; and that the scientific inquirer into abstruse questions of method, composition, and the like has as much right to a voice in its councils as the practical ringer. The practical ringer may feel bored by scientific discussion; but he must not dismiss it as useless, simply because he himself does not understand it. If he complains that such discussion occupies an undue share of time at the Central Council's meetings, let him bring forward matters of more practical interest to himself or the Association which he represents: he will find the Council, if I am not mistaken, always ready to give him their attention.

T. L. PAPILLON,

Late Master of the Essex Association.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

Macclesfield and Prestbury were visited by the Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church ringers for their annual outing the other day. At the former place they were met by Mr. Walmsley, who piloted them to the various places of interest in the town. The visitors then made their way to the Parish Church, where they were met by Mr. Norbury, who had made the ringing arrangements, and who took part with them in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. After tea, a visit was paid to Prestbury, where further touches of Grandsire were brought round. The outing was a very enjoyable one, and the visitors wish to thank Mr. Norbury and Mr. Walmsley for their kindness.

## BISHOP RYDER'S SOCIETY.

The members of the Bishop Ryder's Society, Birmingham, together with several friends of the St. Martin's Guild, held their annual outing on Saturday, when they visited Clent. Although the weather was very unsettled, the party were exceedingly fortunate in "dodging" the showers; and although during the railway journey to Hagley the rain poured down, the sun began to shine as they commenced the very pleasant walk from Hagley to Clent. On the way, several very fine views were obtained of the Malvern Hills in the distance. On arrival at Clent the party were met by Messrs. W. Short and Shilvock, who had everything in readiness in the tower. During the ringing the Vicar of Clent put in an appearance in the belfry, and welcomed the party, and kindly invited any who wished to do so to visit the Vicarage gardens. This was taken full advantage of by the ladies. A very enjoyable tea was served at the Vine Inn, at which the Vicar of Bishop Ryder's, the Rev. G. E. Badger, presided. The Vicar said how pleased he was to be amongst the ringers again, and he also extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. He said they missed very much the genial face of the secretary of Bishop Ryder's Society (Mr. W. H. Carrod), and hoped he would soon recover from his illness.—Mr. J. George proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and this was seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and carried with acclamation. Further ringing took place after tea, and the outing was voted by all a huge success.

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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the Manchester branch held their monthly meeting at Christ Church, Didsbury. A moderate attendance of ringers was probably due to the fact that the Royal Agricultural Show was being held in Manchester, also to the unfavourable weather prevailing. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Birmingham, put in an appearance, and rang during the evening, as also did Pte. J. Hall, 1/9th Manchesters, of Ashton St. Peter's, who is invalided home, and is staying at Didsbury Lodge.

Mr. Ridyard (vice-president) welcomed the ringers present.—Sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mr. Fred Derbyshire, of Worsley, and it was resolved to send a vote of condolence to the family.

It was requested also that the effort being put forth by the Bolton branch to assist Mr. John Potter should be extended to the other branches of the Association. Mr. Potter has been ailing for over six months, and has been unable to follow his employment, and any assistance that can be rendered towards one who has gained the affection and esteem of most ringers will be thankfully received.

Mrs. Wolstencroft was elected a member of the Association.

Reddish was chosen as the next meeting place.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for their welcome to Barlow Moor.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT HANLEY.

### LOCAL BAND'S FIRST PEAL COMMEMORATED.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Hanley Parish Church on Sunday week, when a peal board was unveiled to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Saturday, April 8th, 1916, by the following: P. A. Dale 1, S. Sargeant (conductor) 2, H. Allcock 3, H. R. Cordall 4, W. H. Degg 5, J. Prophett 6, G. Jones 7, A. Lyons 8.

The Rector (the Rev. W. S. Knowles) presided over a good assembly of churchworkers, and interested members of the congregation. In opening the proceedings the Rector very heartily congratulated the members on the transformation in the appearance of the belfry, brought about by their efforts. They had, he said, renovated and beautified the ringing chamber entirely at their own expense, and although he felt sure that it had been truly a labour of love they were much to be congratulated on the result. He also very heartily congratulated the ringers in giving those present the opportunity of meeting them in such interesting circumstances. It was the first time a peal had been accomplished by a band of all Hanley members. He then called on Mrs. Brian to unveil the board, and that lady, in performing the ceremony, expressed her great pleasure, and congratulated the ringers on their excellent achievement.

Mr. Finn (Rector's warden) proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Brian for her kindness, and to Messrs. Brian and Ellis for so generously providing the belfry chamber with such an artistic board. He also congratulated the ringers, and expressed his regret that owing to the demands of the war several of them would shortly be joining the colours.—Mr. R. Hammersley (people's warden) seconded the motion, and in supporting the proposal, Mr. Sargeant, the conductor, said it gave him the greatest pleasure, on behalf of the ringers, to accept that beautiful peal board. He felt very proud, because he knew the performance was a good one, and the reward they had there was surely a fitting one for the event. He felt proud, also, because the peal happened to be also his first peal as conductor, and the first peal by a band that were all members of the Hanley tower. All the ringers felt that that was something to be proud of. He sincerely thanked Mr. Brian and Mr. Ellis for presenting them with such a beautiful record, and referred to the excellent work of Mr. Crewe in executing the board. He had visited many towers, but he had never seen a nicer peal board anywhere. He thanked Mrs. Brian for coming and unveiling the board, and also all who had given those things which had gone to make the ringing chamber look so nice that morning. He wished, too, to thank the Rector and wardens for their share in the arrangements, and as the conductor, he thanked the ringers for their untiring efforts in making the chamber so nice. If they could keep such men together there were great things in store for them as ringers. He was not a great peal ringer himself, but he hoped the time was not far distant when they would have the great satisfaction of ringing a peace peal.

Mr. Brian, who was formerly Rector's warden, in responding on behalf of Mrs. Brian and himself, thanked the speakers for their kind words, and expressed his great satisfaction at the performance of the ringers. He hoped in spite of the depletion of their numbers, the bells would be heard regularly, and he trusted that those who were shortly to leave for military service would come back safely, and once again take up the duties which they had so faithfully discharged in the past.—Mr. Ellis, ex-people's warden, also replied, saying that it had given him real pleasure to see hanging there the magnificent board now before them. The work was splendidly done, and the whole design excellent.

The proceedings concluded by the ringing of a short touch of Grandsire Triples by the peal band.

EASTON NESTON.—For morning service, on May 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Allen 1, F. Hopper 2, A. Andrews 3, W. Sharpe 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. H. Austin 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, A. J. Mawby 8.

## SAFFRON WALDEN'S "RINGING DAY."

The ringers at Saffron Walden, Essex, who are now in the happy possession of a peal of twelve bells, celebrated the 293rd anniversary of the foundation of their society on Tuesday week with the customary "ringing day." The war, of course, overshadowed the event, and some familiar faces were absent on account of it, but the day was, nevertheless, enjoyable. The members of the Saffron Walden company present were: Messrs. F. Pitstow (Master), A. E., E. A. and L. Pitstow, A. Evenett, C. Freeman, A. James, J. F. Penning, W. Parish, G. H. Sparrow, and R. A. Strong. The visitors included Mr. A. Bowell (Ipswich), who added the four trebles at Saffron Walden to make the peal of twelve; Mr. E. J. Butler (Romford), Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden), Mr. H. Tucker (Bishop's Stortford), Mr. W. A. Alps (London), Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), and Mr. G. R. Pye (Chadwell Heath), A. Jordon and D. Jordan (Stansted), Hurry (Pye-ston), R. King (Royston) and A. E. Austin (Shelford).

A short service was held in the church, the Rev. J. J. Antrobus (Vicar) officiating. The 150th Psalm was chanted, and a special lesson was read. The hymn sung was "When morning gilds the sky."

The Rev. J. A. Brinkworth, Vicar of Matching, was the special preacher, and based his discourse on the words "He called unto Him His disciples, and of them He chose twelve, whom also He made apostles" (St. Luke vi., 13). The preacher said they might take that day as one in which they met as twelve ringers. They had twelve bells in their town, and they were the twelve men chosen to ring them. Some of the ringers had come forward to fight for their King and country.

He would ask them why they became ringers, and some would say it was because members of their families were ringers, another that he had a colleague who was a ringer, and he felt that he would like to be, and so on. They liked it, and took their places at the ropes, but he would ask them not to look at the human side of it alone, for there was a divine part of the work. The voice of God had called them there, and they were there because He put them there, and that was the place for them. They were put there to be faithful men to the cause for which they were intended. They should be thankful that they had been chosen and that they had a liking for it. They had a lovely peal of bells for that beautiful church, and it was in their lives to know that ringing was for the best purpose. He urged them during the war to go on with their special mission.

The ringers afterwards dined together at the Cross Keys Hotel.

The ringing, which began at 9 a.m. with a good touch of Double Norwich by the local band, included in addition, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. The handbells were also utilised at intervals.

## PEALS AT PAINSWICK.

The list of peals rung at Painswick and published in connection with our history of those famous bells, was not by any means a complete one, and Mr. William Hale, the hon. secretary of the Painswick Youths, has kindly supplied us with a supplementary list, which we give below. It should be mentioned that Mr. Frank Cole is the steeplekeeper at Painswick, and not Mr. Hale, as mentioned in our article. Mr. Hale gave up the office some years ago.

Date.	Method.	Changes.	Hrs.	Mts.
November 27th	1814 Grandsire Caters	5418	3	48
October 15th	1815 Grandsire Caters	5003	3	19
May 23th	1816 Bob Major	5856	3	48
August 31st	1816 Bob Royal	5000	3	17
February 5th	1817 Bob Royal	5040	3	26
June 4th	1817 Grandsire Caters	5003	3	3
July 7th	1817 Grandsire Triples	5040	2	57
December 6th	1817 Grandsire Royal	5000	3	20
January 23rd	1819 Grandsire Triples	5040	3	16
July 2nd	1820 Bob Triples	5040	3	14
October 4th	1820 Bob Royal	5000	3	25
October 11th	1820 Grandsire Cinques	5213	3	32
November 6th	1820 Bob Major	5856	3	47
May 16th	1824 Grandsire Triples	5040	3	18
April 4th	1826 Grandsire Caters	5165	3	17
June 5th	1827 Grandsire Caters	5579	3	2
April 13th	1828 Treble Bob Major	5088	2	58
December 8th	1828 Grandsire Triples	5040	2	50
February 19th	1831 Grandsire Triples	5040	2	50

Composed by Richard Butler in 1731. Conducted by William Estcourt.

October 10th	1849 Grandsire Triples	5040	3	18
December 27th	1858 Stedman Triples	5040	3	4

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 12 Rung the morning after Mr. Dickenson's and Miss Hyett's wedding.

## BELLS OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I thank your Ipswich correspondent for correction as to date of augmentation of the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower from eight to ten. The fact of the present second and third (formerly the two trebles) being cast by Taylor in 1845 and 1844 respectively mislead me. Evidently these two bells were recast in those years, the original ones having been cast by some other founder in 1812.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.**—On April 14th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Law 1, F. Hopper 2, F. J. Lancaster 3, F. Rollings 4, T. Law (conductor) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. A. K. Swallow, C.F., to the living of Weston Favell. For evening service, on Palm Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Law 1, C. Haines 2, F. Rollings (conductor) 3, A. J. Richardson 4, T. Law 5.—On May 28th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Law 1, F. Rollings (conductor) 2, F. J. Lancaster 3, C. Haines 4, A. J. Richardson 5. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles: W. Law 1, F. J. Lancaster 2, A. J. Richardson (conductor) 3, C. Haines 4, T. Law 5. Rung for evening service, and as a farewell to C. Haines and A. J. Richardson on joining the colours under the Derby Scheme.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Monday, May 9th, a fully muffled touch was rung, in respectful memory of Admiral of the Fleet, Lord John Hay, G.C.B., of Fulmer Place, whose funeral took place, with full naval honours, in the churchyard on that day: Miss A. Swabey (Stoke Poges) 1, Miss F. Cooper 2, Miss J. Dancer 3, E. Harding 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, D. Webb 6.

**HARWELL, BERKS.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Recently, to greet R. G. Rice and G. C. Rice fresh from the trenches, a 720 of Bob Minor: F. T. Groves 1, R. R. Cooper 2, W. Hitchman 3, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 4, R. G. Rice 5, G. C. Rice 6. The two last-named are the sons of Dr. Rice, of Harwell. J. W. Wilkins belongs to High Wycombe, and R. Cooper and F. Groves to Milton. Hopes were expressed that a 5040 might be accomplished in a brighter future.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.** For divine service, at St. Helen's Church, 256 and 420 Stedman Triples: F. Fawdry, F. Barrett, E. Humfrey, J. Juggins, W. Lock, H. Holifield, Miss K. Holifield and J. W. Wilkins (conductor).—On Sunday morning, April 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Langford 1, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 2, Miss K. Holifield 3, F. Fawdry 4, H. Holifield 5, F. Barrett 6. At St. Helen's, for evening service, 365 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 1, F. Barrett 2, G. Blay 3, F. Juggins 4, H. Holifield 5, W. Lock 6, E. Humfrey 7, J. Juggins 8, H. Humfrey 9, F. Fawdry 10.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Peter's Church, on May 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Brown 1, F. Hopper 2, W. H. Austin 3, W. H. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung as a farewell to W. H. Austin before leaving to join H.M. Forces. — On Sunday evening, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, after a memorial service to Lord Kitchener: H. Brown 1, W. J. Allen 2, T. Hopper 3, W. N. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Farey 6, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 7, W. Sturges 8.

**BARKSTON-LE-WILLOWS.**—Lincolnshire.—On Sunday, May 21st, after morning service, 720 Single Court Minor: W. Stokes 1, J. Adkinson 2, W. E. Woods 3, A. Drury 4, A. Palmer (conductor) 5, W. E. Watson 6.—On Sunday, June 4th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Palmer 1, R. Hamilton 2, J. Adkinson 3, A. Drury (conductor) 4, W. E. Woods 5, J. Searson 6.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on May 28th, for Queen Mary's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Harbour 1, W. Lawrence 2, J. W. Fruin 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, C. Hunt 5, Robt. Holloway 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Edwards 8.

**BOLNEY, SUSSEX.**—For morning service, on May 28th, and as a farewell to Chas. Starley, called to the colours, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Walder 1, W. Wheeler 2, A. Absalom 3, T. Gasson 4, C. Starley 5, E. Davey 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder (conductor) 8.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.**—On May 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Trotman 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, J. Collett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8. First quarter-peal in the method and first on the bells.

**BOCKING, ESSEX.**—On May 28th, for evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: S. Sargeant 1, F. Radley 2, W. Grimwade 3, A. Shufflebotham 4, H. Redgwell 5, E. Newman (conductor) 6, E. Radley 7, L. W. Crow 8. Rung as a farewell to E. Newman, called up to join the army.

**BARNES.**—On May 28th, at St. Mary's Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, F. Skevington 4, H. Cook (first quarter as conductor) 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt 7, G. Hunt 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on May 28th, for evensong, 1260 Stedman Triples: B. Chorley 1, M. Smither 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, W. R. Melville 8. Also rung as a farewell to Mr. J. T. Lee, on leaving Guildford for Reading.—On May 31st, the Eve of the Feast of the Ascension, for evensong, 504 Stedman Triples: B. Chorley 1, W. B. Jelly 2, M. Smither 3, C. Hazelden 4, H. Hutton 5, W. R. Melville (first 504 in the method) 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—On Sunday, May 28th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Naish 1, J. Wright 2, Corpl. G. E. Naish 3, J. Howes (conductor) 4, Capt. J. H. B. Hesse 5, C. Slade 6, J. N. Frossell 7, J. Chandler 8.

## NOTICES.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.** — The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles', Reading, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea (1s.) at 5.15 at the "Rising Sun" Institute. All ringers welcome. — Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. Anne, Highgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Ellershaw, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 3 to 7, business meeting to follow. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station, G.N.) on Saturday, July 8th. Tea at 5 p.m. at "White Horse" Inn, 1/6 per head.—Herbert Haigh, Arnold Beck, Joint Secretaries.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on July 8th, 1916, at Shifnal, Salop. Ringing at 3 p.m. Belfry prayers at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. — Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, July 8th. Meeting in the Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Lifeboat Pavilion at 4.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea, 7d. each, at Coffee Tavern, followed by business meeting.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 8th. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock; a short service at 5 o'clock; tea will be provided at 5.45.—Stephen Hazzelden, District Secretary.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, July 8th. Will those who desire tea please notify me?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on July 13th and 27th for handbell practice, and on July 18th and August 1st for general business. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.** — Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (election of district officers).—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 15th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rector of Shenley. Tea at 5 at King's Tea Rooms, Bedford Street. The bells (8) will be available at 2.30.—A. Rust, Hon. Secretary.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Loughton on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open 3 to 6; short service at 6 o'clock. Tea at King's Head to those who notify me by July 12th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A special general meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.15. Service at 4.45. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the President to all who notify me by July 9th. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Feckenham on Saturday, July 15th. Service, with an address, at 5 p.m., at which all possible are requested to attend. Tea will be provided, and it is important I should be notified by those intending to be present not later than the Wednesday previous. The bells (8) will be available. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A practice meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 15th, 1916. Bells (8) available from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The next meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held at 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Secretary, 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).**—A meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a nominal charge at 6 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by July 12th.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

**SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Central Division).**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Start service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5, price 6d. each, to those who let me know by Tuesday, July 18th.—A. D. Stone, 156, Upper Lewes Road, Brighton. Note new address.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service (association form) at 5.30 p.m., and address by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar). Being the first meeting held here it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Tea 1s. per head in the Parish Room, adjoining the Vicarage. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, July 18th, and I trust those doing so will be there. Half rail fares, up to 2s., paid to those attending.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—Owing to the resignation of the Rev. R. L. Gardner as secretary of the above Archdeaconry, Mr. Arthur Symonds, 41, Market Lane, Lavenham, has kindly agreed to act as temporary secretary. — A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

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#### DEATH OF A BEESTON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Paling, of Beeston, Notts, a ringer well known locally. He succumbed to a malignant disease on the 27th ult. Though only a treble or tenor man, he religiously observed the first duty of a ringer in his consistent attendance for Sunday ringing, and had been a member of the Beeston company for nearly 40 years.

He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Beeston on Saturday last, the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, officiating at the service in the Parish Church, and also at the committal portion. The remains were borne to the grave by four of the deceased's brother ringers, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the conclusion of the service by four others. There were a large number of wreaths, and the number of those who attended the sad obsequies indicated the amount of respect which Mr. Paling's character and imperturbable temperament had earned.

His peal record was small, only ten peals being recorded to his name, and his ambition to cover a peal of Stedman was only attained in the last peal he took part in, and in which he rang in considerable pain, through eye trouble.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Ascension Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Banks 1, S. Hayes, senr., 2, J. T. Allred 3, W. Hayes 4, W. Hindley 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, Herbert Allred 7, J. Arrow-smith 8. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th hail from Tyldesley.

**FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.**—Yorkshire Association.—On June 9th, in 21 mins., at St. Chad's Vicarage, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. C. C. Marshall (first 720 on handbells) 1—2, Percy J. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, Harry Williams 5—6.

**LUTON.**—Bedfordshire Association. On June 2nd, on the occasion of a memorial service held at the Parish Church for Lieut. Reginald Cumberland Green (son of Mr. J. W. Green, J.P., O.C., of The Larches, Luton), who was killed in action near Arras, whilst serving with the 1st Batt. Beds Regiment, on May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Shaw 1, C. Wing 2, T. Kendall 3, A. King 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Ascension Day, for divine service in the evening (after meeting short for Caters), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. C. Wills 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, W. Gammon 3, A. R. Brough 4, G. Burt 5, C. Dean 6, C. Kitching 7, F. Hermon 8.

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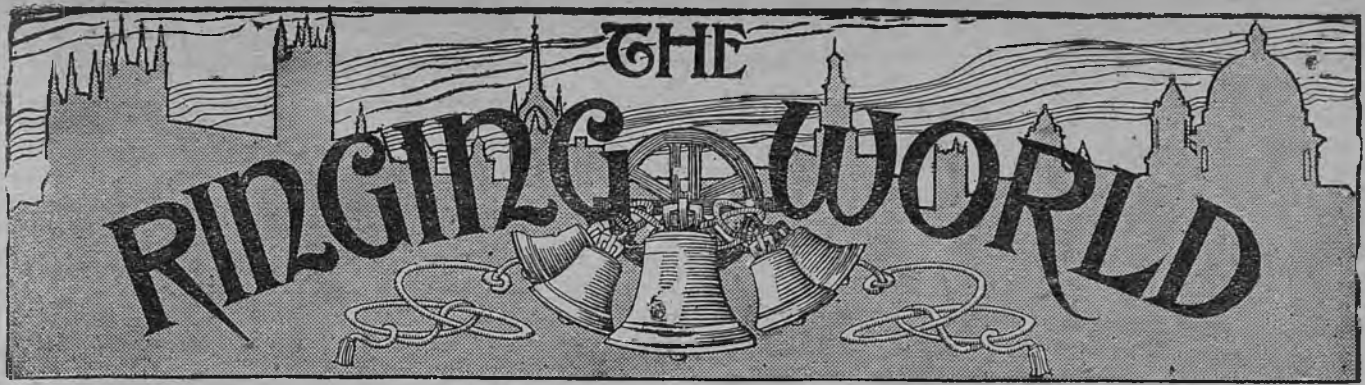
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## MODERN WORK.

### OUTSIDERS NOT WANTED.

There is no greater festival in which ringers can join than that of the dedication of a new or renovated peal of bells. Happy as they may be to see ringing facilities extended, there is, we are glad to say, a deeper feeling among them than this. To-day, ringers are first and foremost church workers, and as such, it is to them a matter of rejoicing that in some familiar steeple an ancient peal, long since silent, has been restored, so that the music of its notes may sound as of yore; or that in some fresh tower a new ring of bells has been set to join in the ever-growing chorus of "brazen-throats" that call to worship, or tell of a nation's joy, or, muffled, mark its periods of grief. They welcome, too, the accession of strength which every new peal ought to give to the Exercise by adding to its devotees and extending its scope.

It is a matter for regret, therefore, that the announcement is made that, at the dedication of the new bells at Wargrave on July 22nd, visiting ringers will not be allowed to ring. It is, happily, very seldom on occasions such as these that visiting ringers are debarred from sharing in the festival. As a rule, when it does happen, the explanation is to be found in a spirit of jealousy animating the local ringers, who wish to keep to themselves exclusively the pleasures of the day. In the case of Wargrave, however, we learn that it is the Vicar and Churchwardens who have intimated that visitors are not wanted. It is difficult to see what the object can be, for we should have thought at a tower so closely associated as Wargrave has been with the Oxford Guild, that neighbouring ringers would have been specially welcomed. It is not too late to withdraw the fiat that has gone forth, so that in this forthcoming festival, which has far more than a parochial interest, a great ringing organisation such as the Oxford Guild is, may take its part. In the absence of a specific reason for the step that has been taken, we can only assume that there must be some misunderstanding or misapprehension.

Wargrave is to be congratulated upon having so quickly restored its church and replaced its bells after the disastrous fire which originated from the misguided activities of certain individuals, who looked upon incendiarism as a path to other more legitimate aspirations. The church is now completely renovated, having been in parts rebuilt, and the Bishop of Oxford is to open the edifice at a dedicatory service. The tower now contains a heavier and, one may venture to prophesy, a better peal of bells than before. Those who have had the work of restoration in hand can look with satisfaction on their labours, but it would be a sad blemish on the consummation of the undertaking if the authorities excluded from participation in the festival those who will rejoice at the restoration of the building and the bells, and whose presence would demonstrate the goodwill and the sympathy of many a parish around.



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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDWARD KERSHAW ... .. Treble	EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 5
ALBERT JAGGER... .. 2	EDWIN WHEATER ... .. 6
FRED HUTTON ... .. 3	MALLINSON TAYLOR ... .. 7
HARRY GREGSON ... .. 4	JOHN WM. WRIGHT... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING.  
Conducted by JOHN WM. WRIGHT.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lord Kitchener and his Staff. Mr. Edgar Whiteley entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, July 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SADLER... .. Treble	JOHN SADLER ... .. 5
JAMES NEWMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON... .. 3	SERGT.-MAJOR FARLEY ... .. 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... .. 4	DAVID ELLIOTT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.  
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal of Bob Major by Sergt.-Major Farley, for whom it was arranged; it was also a birthday compliment to Mr. James Newman on his 67th birthday.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

RETTFORD.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 3, 1916, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven different 720's.

*HAROLD JOHNSON ... .. 1—2	JOHN SEGAR, JUNR. ... .. 3—4
JOHN HURST ... .. 5—6	

Conducted by J. HURST.  
Umpire: G. TURNER.

\* First peal. Conductor's first away from 1—2.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 9th, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,  
IN THE BELL TOWER.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' 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.

Arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury.

## KEEVIL RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Harold Ludlow, of Keevil, who died from consumption in the latter part of June at the early age of 19 years. Deceased was a ringer and one of the choristers at St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, where his father has been the much-respected captain of the ringers for some years past. On the evening of the funeral, the ringers from the neighbouring parish of Steeple Ashton kindly assisted the Keevil men in ringing a muffled peal at Keevil Church, where the deceased was laid to rest.—R.I.P.

## W-H-ET MONDAY A B-L-ANK HOLIDAY.

Several inquisitive ringers and others have kindly made inquiries as to what happened on Whit-Monday last? I can best reply to them through the courtesy of "The Ringing World," and must preface my notes of the day's work by a war apology. The very serious naval and military misfortunes of that time prompted a cancellation of the arrangements, but it was too late to advise everyone, so the gathering was held.

Then again it was thought silence would be golden in regard to bell ringing announcements at that time, which now, many ringers would rather have broken.

The suspension of the Bank Holiday Act led tradespeople to hastily bill their windows stating that they would be "open," and it woke up the Board of Education, who ordered all schools to "carry on" as usual, whilst in Munition areas the war worker willingly continued at an enhanced rate of wages. Then, by what right had bells to be rung when the Court sadly went into mourning for one of England's greatest soldiers and our brave men of the sea, when even the weather combined with the nation in its grief for the fallen by a steady rainfall throughout the Whitsun holiday? To those who have an aversion to a little ringing in war time, I beg to quote a couplet which may be found upon so many of the old Rudhall bells throughout the West of England.

"I, to the Church the living Call  
"And to the grave do summon all."

Half a band met in the rain at Farnham Royal, where Mr. J. J. Parker kindly attended with the keys of the tower at the hour appointed. Nothing daunted, these enthusiasts trudged five miles to Beaconsfield, amidst beautiful Bucks scenery; the walk, the weather, and the war affording subjects for conversation. Arriving to time, with the steeplekeeper in attendance, a surprise muster was attributed to the Great Central Railway; and St. Mary's eight—of growing fame—were soon put to Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, the following men scoring touches:—Messrs. J. and P. Evans, Blackmore, Buckland, Henley, J. Batting, Wingrove, Gransbury, Elburn, White, T. S. Smith, W. H. Fussell, W. Lawrence, J. W. Wilkins, Horne, and Harry Passmore, of London, who was spending his holidays in the district with Mrs. Passmore (a Bucks girl) and the family.—The Rector (the Rev. A. S. Commeline) visited the tower and said a few words, promising the belfry and bells for another occasion.

### RECOLLECTIONS OF BEACONSFIELD AND HUGHENDON.

Our portable luncheons were unwrapped in the George Inn, where we were able to refresh our memories by a chat over pre-war peals and absent performers—Messrs. Cox, Mayne, Rolf, Bailey and Young, all of the local band now serving in the army. Here I may mention that a half-dozen copies of the "Story of the Bells" were soon disposed of in aid of a church bells fund. My readers can also get copies by remitting a nimble sixpence to "Bell Mead, Esq., Clun." This booklet is well worth perusing, for it's not only written by a ringer, promoted to churchwarden, but it is printed by our ringing editor of "The Ringing World."

At Easter I referred to some mysterious bulbs in the potting sheds of the Priory Gardens. The sequel has recently come to light, for the owner of the place, Mr. Colin Romaine, at the recent Rose Show held at Windsor, took three first prizes, one second, and one third for blooms, and the N.R.S. bronze medal. There are a good number of ringing gardeners in this neighbourhood who will be pleased to hear of this success in which Mr. Gutteridge, of Old Windsor, had a share.

The independent cycle and the 2.30 p.m. Central removed our party to High Wycombe, and thence by the picturesque grounds of Hughendon Manor, the home of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, to the Parish Church. Here the one hour's ringing as usual was strictly adhered to, the standard methods rung, a successful snap photo of tower and men taken by Mr. W. Lawrence. Our veteran photographer had pleasant recollections of this parish in 1889, when he called Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire, which Messrs. Truss, of Marlow, and Dentry, of Twyford, will recall as their maiden performances. Excepting Drayton, more peals have been scored at Hughendon than at any other tower in the Diocese of Oxford. I also have similar happy reminiscences of Hughendon in company with Messrs. G. Symonds (Suffolk), G. Alder (Bucks), F. Richardson (Kent), T. Taffender (Middlesex), G. Martin (Berks) and Harold Davis (Surrey), who at various times came here to ring or call their first Double Norwich, and will they ever forget the event? If they should there is a valuable volume of all the peals rung in this tower, for visitors' use, forming a fine local record, which will refresh their memories, but, I regret to say, there are no records at the Fox Inn to which one may have access, especially so when peal ringers frequently catch a fox.

### AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

Our standing orders—tea at the White Lion at 6 p.m. (High Wycombe)—were punctually complied with, Mrs. Dan Townsend, the daughter of a Warwickshire ringer, doing her utmost to make us all comfortable. Ringers visiting our "Chair Town" will find one of the most cosy of such contrivances here, as brother Pitstow can testify, and those who know both will say how well they fit.

The sounds of the bells being raised roused the tea party, who found a strong muster of local members in All Saints' belfry waiting to welcome them, and a touch of Stedman Cinques in progress with Mr. F. Hayes at the helm as conductor. The tower warden, Mr. Ralph

Coles, had everything prepared for a good twelve bell practice, and amongst those present were Messrs. W. Phipps, E. Markham, F. K. Biggs, F. Boreham, E. R. Coles, A. J. Hoing, Smith, C. Wheeler and Wilkins. The first half of this practice was made with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to our departed warriors and Earl Kitchener. Afterwards the muffles were removed, and the ringing ended with a decent touch of Treble Bob Royal, thereby celebrating (although unknown at the time) the official summary of the great naval action in the North Sea on the eventful first of June—viz., that the German victory off "Jutland" which evoked so many joy bells in Prussia was nothing less than a master success for the British Navy in "Joyland," for our sailors were in their element that day. How the White Lion again wagged his tail so well that the Beaconsfield men barely boarded the tail end of their train, and how the cyclists rode on in the down-pour to the southern end of the county may here be briefly touched on. What is of more importance is the revelation of a strong band of brotherhood, among the ringers of Berks and Bucks, spread across nearly 20 miles of country, which will prove to be a great asset in the near future when the boys come home and peal ringing is resumed.

W. H. F.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held at Kettering on Saturday week. Ringers to the number of 33 were present from Northampton, Kettering, Rothwell, Isham, Irthlingborough, Desborough, Wellingborough, Findon, Pychley, Peterborough, Ecton, etc., as well as the local ringers. Service was held in the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Lucas). Tea took place at the Cross Keys Cafe, and at the meeting which followed, the Rev. J. E. Atkins was voted to the chair. He was supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), the district secretary (Mr. R. F. Turner), the Wellingborough district secretary (Mr. Walter Perkins), the Northants district secretary (Mr. T. Law). Welcome letters were read from Lieut. E. M. Atkins, R.E., who is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his wounds, and also from Pte. F. Kilborn (7th Northants Regiment), who is looking forward to the time when the boys come home.

The committee recommended that Stoke Albany be chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and this was confirmed.

The report for the year was listened to with interest. It showed that there were 75 members on the books, that seven had joined during the year, and five had left. Four quarterly meetings had been held and two bye-meetings, the average attendance having been 35.

The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Rev. R. Copeman, Stoke Albany; district secretary, Mr. R. F. Turner, Kettering; central committee, Messrs. D. J. Nicholls and H. Peet; district committee, Messrs. W. T. Wilson, J. E. Chapman and G. Lines.—The Rev. J. E. Atkins proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers.—Mr. F. Wilford seconded, and the motion having been carried, a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Atkins for presiding, brought the business to a close.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening in the following methods: London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held on Saturday week at Haworth, where the bells of St. Michael's Church, and the schools had been placed at the society's disposal, by the kindness of the Vicar. Considering the cold and unsettled weather a good number of ringers and friends attended.

Seven sets of ringers took part in the contest, each set ringing 600 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Broadley and Mr. Cundall, of Bradford. The draw for the order of ringing took place at 3.30 p.m., and the bells were soon merrily ringing, and were in the hands of the competitors till 8 p.m.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the annual meeting took place, and in the absence of the President (Mr. Cotterell) the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. Lawson), who was supported by the other officers of the society.

The balance sheet for the past year, showing a balance of £23 in the society's favour, was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ambler) and duly passed.

The whole of the officers were re-elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools, and to the local company for all they had done for the well-being of the members.

The judge's decision was given by Mr. Broadley as follows: No. 1 company, Heptonstall, 219 faults; No. 2 company, Earlsheaton, 182 faults; No. 3 company, Kirkheaton, rung out; No. 4 company, Thornhill, 217 faults; No. 5 company, Batley, 136 faults; No. 6 company, Calverley, 198 faults; No. 7 company, New Mills, 217 faults. Batley were, therefore, declared the winners.

In the absence of the Vicar, who had unexpectedly been called away, the silver cup was presented to the conductor of the winning team by Mr. Hartley.—Mr. North suitably replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Lawson for presiding concluded a very pleasant and successful meeting.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By "BOB MAJOR."

If a newspaper printing department ever makes a slip by permitting an error to get into print, readers are generally not slow to pull the editorial leg if they can. It is not often, however, that ringers get this opportunity in connection with their own weekly sheet, but I have often thought how interesting it would be if, just for once—I don't think we should want it more than once—we could see the reports, which reach the editorial office, inserted verbatim et literatim. We are not likely to get an edition with this kind of entertainment in it, however. I know that, because, when I suggested it to the Editor the other day he was very emphatic on the point, and said he wasn't mad, if I was—which was rather a nasty insinuation. But he gave me several genuine examples which he said I might reproduce if I didn't mention names. These three are taken from recent touches: One was rung on "With-Sunday," and another by the "Stoke Arch-diagonal Society," and another referred to the "hold, pull and stand." I have no doubt that many such errors are due to genuine misapprehensions on the part of the writers; they write as they pronounce. It reminds me of an old chap I once came across who always used to call a single a "signal"; and of another who, in a tower, where a plain course of Grandsire Doubles was the extent of the change ringing knowledge, the conductor used to call "single" when he wanted the bells round.

## A FINE "DRUMMER."

My inquiry as to what had become of Bill Greenleaf brings a letter from a former employe of his, Mr. A. Weaver, of Penarth, who tells us that when Mr. Greenleaf and his partner, Mr. Tristram, gave up their bell hanging business in Hereford they went to Australia. Mr. Weaver would like to know whether anyone at Hereford can supply any information as to Mr. Greenleaf's exact whereabouts. My correspondent, who had nine years under W. G., bears out what I said as to the old College Youth's abilities as a tuner, and also as to his skill as a hanger, remarking that there are bells round about Herefordshire which he hung years ago, and which go like the proverbial tops to the present day. Yes, there is no doubt Bill Greenleaf knew his work. From what I said on the last occasion it must not be inferred that he could not ring anything but the tenor. He was a finished ringer anywhere, and in nearly anything, but he took a special delight in ringing the tenor and, of this I am sure, there never was a finer "drummer."

## "LIFTING" A BELL.

Some people are great admirers of American methods, and the prototypes of Bill Sykes in this country—no, no, Joe, this has no reference to you—will doubtless look with admiration upon the cool cheek of certain well-dressed "crooks" who have just "lifted" a bell from Kentucky chapel, and carted it away under the very noses of the congregation. The "New York World" describes the incident thus: "The church bell of Highland Chapel, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was recently stolen in broad daylight, while several of the parishioners were looking on. The bell was lying on the ground while a new framework was being constructed to receive it, when two well-dressed strangers entered the enclosure, looked it over and finally loaded it on a team and drove off. The unsuspecting members of the church who witnessed this performance supposed that the bell was removed for repairs. All efforts to trace it have since failed." Some cheek, this, I guess. What the congregation said when they found they had been so cleverly hoodwinked is not recorded. Presumably no respectable paper would print it, but I calculate 'twas some language. It (the theft, I mean, not the language) almost puts the Worcester Cathedral job, which I recalled some time ago, into the shade, for whoever took the bell from that belfry did not do so under the eyes of the congregation.

## COUNTING THE CHICKENS.

Records of peals, sent in minus some important particular, such as the date, as in the case of the peal at Woodstone the other day, are not an infrequent occurrence, and many a time has the Peals Collection Committee of the Central Council had a growl at the careless correspondents who fail to report their performances properly, or make their footnotes sufficiently lucid. But it is quite an easy thing to miss out something essential from such reports, even if one is in the habit of sending them for publication with some frequency. I have found that out myself, and, growing wise by experience, I usually have a copy of "The Ringing World" in front of me—or rather I used to have it in my peal ringing days which now seem so far off—open at the peal page, to make sure that all my details are included. We, most of us, make up our reports of these performances with great care, and what a lot of importance we attach to the time. How we quibble sometimes over the question of a minute or two, and finally decide to split hairs by going into seconds, not so much for exactitude, but to arrive at a compromise! There have been occasions, however, when it would have been no good quibbling over half minutes. I have been told that in those palmy days of peal ringing, now nearly thirty years ago, round Oxford way, they used sometimes to send off the reports of their peals for publication before they went into the tower to ring them. It was counting your chickens before they were hatched, with a vengeance, but I believe there were not many added eggs.

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

## MEETING AT HIGHGATE.

A most enjoyable meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday last, and although, owing to very obvious reasons, the attendance was not up to the usual standard, yet about 36 members and friends were present during the afternoon. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major, were rung, until 7 p.m., when a short service was held. The Vicar (Rev. R. Ellershaw) gave an address, which he based upon the words: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," and the service was concluded by the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help, in ages past."

At the business meeting, which was held in the Vestry, one new member was elected, and for the next meeting Finchley or Hadley were chosen.

A sincere vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of Pte George H. Orford, 10th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, who recently died of wounds received in France. Pte Orford was a member of the St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, band, having for some years been hon. treasurer to that society, and an expression of sympathy with the Rev. O. R. Dawson, Vicar of St. Matthew's, in the loss of a second ringer belonging to his church, was added to the vote of condolence.

A similar vote was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Frederick Rumens, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, who had been a loyal member of the Association since its formation, and had done much valuable work for the society when there was plenty of work to be done.

Mr. F. A. Milne proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Ellershaw for his kindness and courtesy to the Association that day in placing the bells at their disposal, for his very interesting address, and for the use of the Vestry for the meeting. — This was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Baker (tower keeper), and to Mr. Frank Smith and the local ringers for their very kind welcome and for arrangements made, concluded the meeting.

## RINGER LOST IN NAVAL ACTION.

Amongst the gallant crew who went down on H.M.S. Black Prince in the great naval battle off Jutland, was Engineer Artificer A. H. Middleton, an old and esteemed member of the band of ringers attached to Christ Church, Crewe, and step-son of Mr. G. Harding, who is still an active member of the band. Joining the company in 1892 the deceased was one of the regular service ringers till 1899. He then joined the Royal Navy as an Engine-room Artificer, which undoubtedly cut short what would have been a successful peal ringing career.

He rang about eight peals prior to joining the senior service, his first peal being achieved at the age of 15.

Whenever duty would allow, a visit to his tower, and a pull on the bells on which he learnt was what he always looked forward to.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to his wife and child, and father and mother.

As a token of respect to his memory, his old associates obtained permission to ring the bells muffled on June 8th. It was intended to attempt a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, but meeting one short, the following rang two touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples: A. Crawley, J. Dentith, W. Edge, R. T. Holding, W. T. Holding, R. Langford, R. D. Langford and H. Overton; and W. Sutton, of Nantwich.

## PRESENTATION AT TENTERDEN.

On Wednesday week the ringers of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, rang a 518 of Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, N. Tickner 2, H. Rummery 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, W. Savage 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, L. Honess 8—as a farewell to Mr. F. T. Bennett, one of the band, who is leaving Tenterden to reside at Bagshot, Surrey, and to whom they made a presentation of a framed photographic enlargement of the church tower and High Street. Mr. Bennett had always been very interested in bells, but had never had an opportunity to learn to ring until he came to Tenterden, about three years ago. He has been a very regular attendant at ringing for the Sunday services, and will be much missed on that account. But Tenterden's loss will be others' gain, and doubtless Bagshot will be able to avail themselves of his services.

## SERVICE RINGING AT 85.

Mr. J. Bate still rings regularly twice every Sunday for the services at Wednesbury Parish Church. Although he was 85 years of age last January, he is as keen as ever, and often calls a touch of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday week he took part in a quarter-peal rung in 46 mins., by: S. Summerhill 1, A. Blundell 2, J. Bate 3, W. Brittan 4, Hughes 5, W. Cooper 6, J. Barber (conductor) 7, T. Myatt 8.

## WAR'S DEMANDS.

It is stated that the bells of Salzburg Cathedral have been melted down in order that they may be used for war purposes.



## WARGRAVE CHURCH RESTORATION.

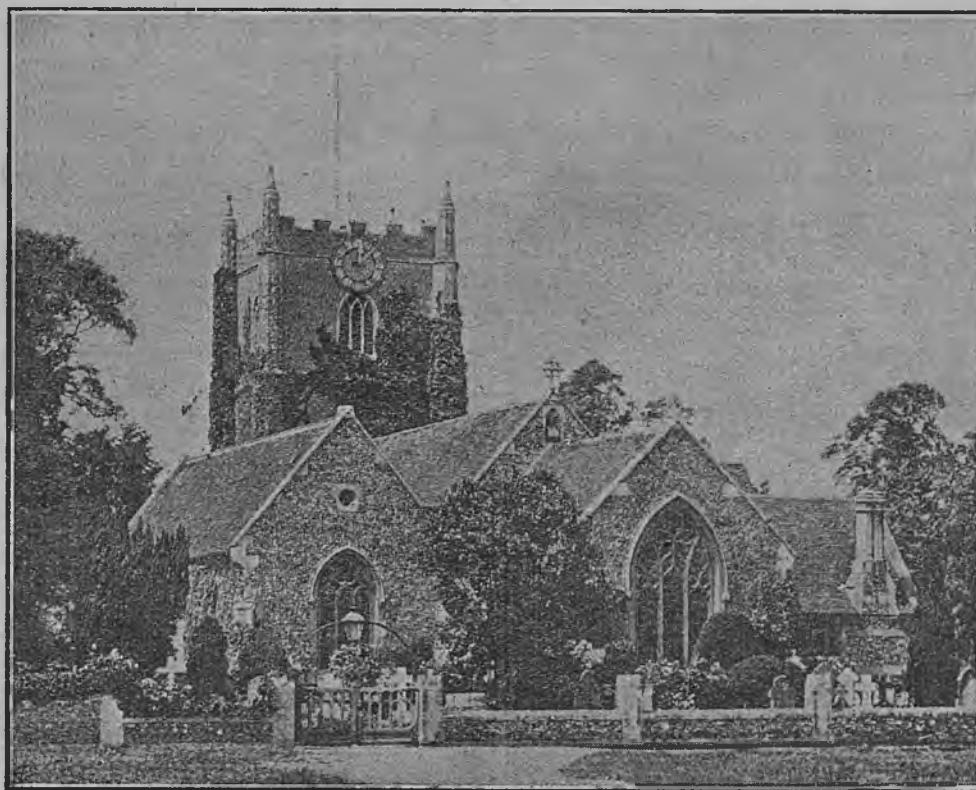
### THE NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

The restoration of Wargrave Church, Berks, which was destroyed by incendiary fire on Whit-Monday, 1914, has now been completed, and the Bishop of Oxford will re-open the building at a dedication service to be held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 3.30 p.m., when admission will be by ticket only.

The old peal of eight bells which was destroyed in the conflagration were cast by Henry Knight at the Reading foundry, most of them in 1668, but the fourth in 1670, and the tenor, which was 16 cwt. in F sharp, in 1688.

The new peal of eight have been cast and hung by Messrs. Mears

and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry, and the bells will be dedicated at the same time as the opening of the church. The upper part of the tower (battlements and pinnacles) has been taken down and rebuilt, and four strong iron stanchions fitted, one in each corner, and built into the walls, rising from the foundations to the roof. The ringing floor is of oak boards on iron joists, and there are also two reinforced concrete floors between the ringing chamber and the bells. The bells are hung in an iron frame, on heavy iron girders, and an arrangement for "silent" practice has been installed. The weights and inscriptions of the new ring are as follows:—



WARGRAVE PARISH CHURCH.

Tenor.—Weight, 17cwt. 2qrs. 10lbs., in E; diameter, 3ft. 11½ins.

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7th.—12cwt. 3qrs. 11lbs.

Let him that heareth come.

6th.—10cwt. 0qrs. 21lbs.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice,  
And weep with them that weep.

5th.—8cwt. 3qrs. 8lbs.

Fear God, Honour the King.

4th.—7cwt. 3qrs.

In this place will I give peace.

3rd.—6cwt. 3qrs.

My lips shall praise thee.

2nd.—5cwt. 3qrs. 9lbs.

Glory to God in the Highest.

Treble.—5cwt. 2qrs. 6lbs.

On Earth peace, goodwill toward men.

It is intended that a record of the fire and the history of the old bells shall be inscribed and set up in the tower.

We are asked to state that the Vicar and churchwardens will not allow any ringing in connection with the forthcoming ceremony by visiting ringers.

### LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

The 105th anniversary of Lavenham bells was celebrated by the customary ringing day, and the visitors, numbering 14, and representing 13 towers, were Messrs. E. Beckwith and W. Howell (Great Coggeshall), D. Elliott (Little Coggeshall), J. Sadler (Great Tey), J. Newman (Feering), W. Elliott (Kelvedon), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex), Trumpet-Sergt.-Major W. Farley (Wells), P. Fordham (Mildenhall), W. Head (Little Waldingfield), T. Hollocks (Preston), T. Slater (Glensford, Suffolk), A. King (Luton, Beds), and T. Fitzjohn (Thetford, Norfolk), the methods rung included Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich, upwards of 4,000 changes being rung, and the conducting being shared by D. Elliott, A. King and S. H. Symonds. The visitors were provided with a tea by Mr. H. Wells, of the old ringers' meeting house, the Cock Inn. Without doubt the unfavourable weather stopped many others, especially cyclists, from coming to join in the celebration.

### KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

We give below the complete list of contributions received towards the King's Cliffe Bell Fund. It will be seen that a considerable further sum is required, and donations should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

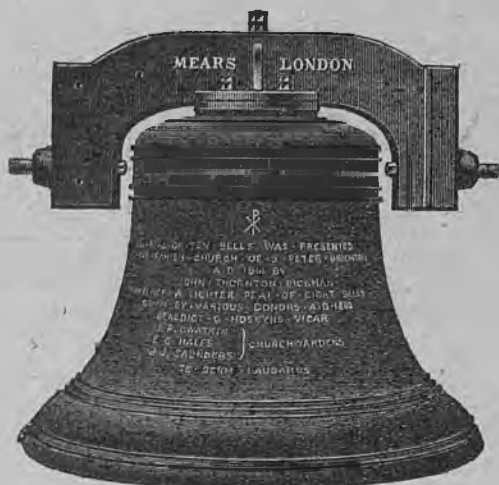
The following subscriptions have been received towards the recasting: Mr. Eric Truscott, 10s.; Mrs. Hare, 10s. 6d.; per "The Ringing World," 7s.; Peterborough and District Bell Ringers' Association, £1 5s. 6d.; Leeds ringers, 5s. 6d.; Northampton District of the Central Northants Bell Ringers' Association, 7s.; Northampton, 2s. 6d.; "Wanderer," 5s.; Nuneaton Society of Ringers, 5s.; the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, 11s. 6d.; Long Stanton Ringers, 12s.; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 5s.; Change Ringers at Messrs. Brotherhood's Works, Peterborough, 4s.; Miss Powell, King's Cliffe, 5s.; Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, 1s.; Mr. V. J. Cooper, Elstow, 1s.; King's Cliffe Ringers, 13s.; Derby Ringers, 12s.; Misses Orlebar, 3s. 6d.—Total, £7 5s.

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## STEDMAN CINQUES "IN HAND" AT BIRMINGHAM.

We give on this page the photograph of the band that rang the first peal on twelve bells "in hand" in the City of Birmingham. This was accomplished on June 15th last, and was noteworthy because, while more peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung at the famous church of St. Martin than upon any other peal of bells in the country, no such peal had been rung on handbells in the city, which for so long has been one of the chief centres of Stedman ringing. Peals of Cinques had, of course, been rung on handbells in the district, the last having been by the Holt Society, at Aston on April 4th, 1888, but Aston was not then included in the City of Birmingham.

The band that scored this first peal for St. Martin's Guild were not

long in accomplishing their object. They met for their first practice on May 27th, and rang six courses and eight courses. At their next meeting, on June 8th, they decided to start "peal fashion," and rang 14 courses, while two days later they met again and got as far as 18 courses, when the bells were brought round owing to a "change course." An attempt reaching to 27 courses followed on June 13th, and then, on the 15th, came success. Mr. Tom Russam was the referee, and on the 29th June, he took part in another peal of Cinques, it being 28 years since he had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand." In that previous peal of his, 3-4 was rung by W. Kent, who came in as referee on this occasion.



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### THE BAND THAT RANG THE FIRST HANDBELL PEAL OF CINQUES IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

F. W. PERRENS	G. F. SWANN	A. WALKER	T. RUSSAM	J. E. GROVES	J. F. SMALLWOOD	J. GEORGE
1-2	3-4	5-6	Referee.	Conductor, 7-8	9-10	11-12

## SALISBURY GUILD.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRATTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday, at St. James' Church, Bratton, near Westbury, Wilts, and the day being a beautifully fine one, the gathering was well attended by ringers from Devizes, Westbury, Holt, Seend, Bratton, Southbroom, Chirton, Trowbridge and Stapleton, Bristol. The Devizes party of 14 travelled in a two-horse brake, supplied by Mr. Hawkins, of the Pelican Inn, and had a most delightful journey to and fro. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Doubles, and afterwards the authorised Guild service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Hawkes) giving a very instructive and impressive address.

Tea was provided on the lawn in Mr. Marsh's Tea Gardens, in Bratton Village, and thoroughly enjoyed in the open air.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. S. Hillier), supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West, and 35 ringers.—The next three meeting places were decided upon as follows: August 5th, Upavon; Sept. 2nd, Steeple Ashton; and October 7th, Bromham. — Seven new members from Upavon, and two from Westbury were duly elected, and the Bratton company also promised to rejoin the Guild in a very short time.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bratton for the use of the bells and the service in church, and to the organist for his kind assistance with the musical part, closed the meeting, and the ringers returned to the church, where some good touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were successfully brought round.

On the return journey the Devizes party stopped at Erlestoke for a short touch of Grandsire on the light ring of six. Resuming the journey through Cheverell Magna and Potterne, they duly arrived in Devizes Market Place at 9.35 p.m., well pleased with the outing.

## LADY HEYWOOD'S GIFT TO THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

A short time after the lamented death of Sir A. Heywood, Bart., Lady Heywood most kindly gave to the College Youths a set of 19 handbells. This set comprises a ring of twelve in B, size 16, and a ring of eight in B, size 23, the tenor of the twelve being also the treble of the back eight.

As a means of preserving a record of this generous gift, the tenor of the twelve has been engraved with the following inscription:—

"The gift of Lady Heywood to the College Youths, May, 1916."

The lighter bells were the set always used at Duffield by Sir Arthur and his daughters, and the last occasion on which they were so used, was only four weeks before Sir Arthur's death, when a touch of Stedman Triples and a plain course of Duffield Major were rung. The society values very highly the possession of this useful and interesting memento of Sir Arthur Heywood, who had long been a most generous and loyal supporter of the College Youths.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Wanborough on Saturday week, and resulted in the election of ten new members. The Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Burgess) and the local ringers were present, together with visitors from Chiseldon, Liddington, Stratton St. Margaret and Swindon.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, where a short business meeting followed. Stratton St. Margaret was selected for the next meeting.

With a view to facilitating the advancement of change ringing it was decided to arrange a series of combined practices at the various towers in the district, the first of which was held last Saturday evening at Stratton St. Margaret with very satisfactory results. The next practice will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, July 22nd.



## THE LADIES' GUILD.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT READING.

The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers held their annual meeting at Reading on Saturday last, and in point of view of attendance, provided a record gathering for the ladies, 32 attending from Edmonton, Basingstoke, Bramley, Bradfield, Bucklebury, Twyford, Berks, Hurst, Guildford, Yorktown, Portishead, Cranleigh, Yateley and Titchfield.

The day was beautifully fine, and the proceedings commenced with ringing at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. As the writer entered the belfry eight ladies were ringing rounds on this fine ring of bells (tenor 28cwt.), and this was the first time I believe (though the bells have been there for about three centuries) that they have been rung by eight members of the gentler sex. A short touch each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples was also rung by mostly ladies.—The Hon. Secretary then intimated that St. Lawrence's bells were waiting, and on reaching this tower the ladies rang the ten bells. Short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were also rung, and then the company passed on to St. Giles', where a short but bright service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. T. G. Evans. Two hymns were sung, and the lesson was taken from Isaiah vi. The Rev. T. G. Evans was the preacher, and addressed the ringers on the lessons to be learnt from the bells, explaining the meaning of the many old customs of bell ringing.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Rising Sun Institute, Silver Street, where a splendid tea was waiting, 54 men and women ringers sitting down to a repast to which full justice was done, especially to the tea-pot.

### SATISFACTORY FINANCES.

After tea the gentlemen retired to one end of the room, and with the permission of the ladies, enjoyed a smoke while the ladies held their business meeting.

Miss Alice White, the President, took the chair, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Secretary (Miss E. K. Parker) read the report and balance sheet. The financial statement was most satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £20 14s. 10½d.

The report, after briefly reviewing the history of the Guild since its formation, stated that although so few members had attended previous meetings it must be borne in mind that the meetings were held in different parts of the country, and consequently the members who attended one were not present at another, so that they had managed to get into personal touch with a good many of the members. They deeply deplored the death of Miss Margery F. Sampson, of Edinborough, who was one of their prominent members. She attended the first meeting at St. Giles', and the annual meeting at Birmingham, and always took the keenest interest in the Guild's work. She was a very accomplished ringer, and although she had no opportunity of taking part in a peal for the Guild, she had rung a good many peals for other societies, including a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham. The Guild had also lost a strong supporter by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood. Sir Arthur was keenly interested in the welfare of the Guild, and was always ready with a word of encouragement and help. It was due to Sir Arthur Heywood's generosity that they were able to start on a firm financial basis, for his donation of £10 towards the funds was a great help. Three of Sir Arthur's daughters were honorary members of the Guild, and the Guild extended to them and Lady Heywood their deep sympathy in their loss. The opportunities for peal ringing were very remote, more especially at the present time, but they had to record one which was rung at Portishead on January 30th, 1915. This was a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, and was rung in memory of Miss Margery Sampson. They congratulated the Portishead band on their achievement, and also thanked them for thus honouring a deceased member. Many happy events have taken place since the last meeting, namely, the marriage of a number of their members, and they extended to them all their hearty congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness. In conclusion, the report reminded members of the object of the Guild as set forth in the rules, namely, "To encourage ringing among Church workers as a spiritual, mental and physical exercise, to assist when and where necessary their brethren in the art of ringing; and to bring into closer relationship all women and girl ringers in the kingdom." They could have no better opportunity than the present of helping their brethren. So many ringers had joined the colours that it was very difficult in most towers to keep the bells ringing for the Sunday services, and it was their duty to give all the help they could and encourage others to come forward and fill up the gaps. The Guild now numbered seven honorary members and 78 ringing members.

The election of officers which followed resulted in Miss Alice White being unanimously re-elected President, and Miss Edith K. Parker, hon. sec. and treasurer. The following were also re-elected to serve as the committee: Mrs. Hardy (formerly Miss Lilian Wilson), Leicester, Northern District; Miss Evelyn Steele, Bedford, Eastern District; Miss Nellie Gillingham, Portishead, Western District; Miss Eva N. Belcher, Bramley, Southern District; Miss Sarah Pigott, Smethwick, Midland District.

The election of nine new members then took place, bringing the total of membership to seven honorary and 87 ringing members.

The Hon. Secretary then took the feeling of the meeting as to whether they would like to have the annual report and balance sheet printed and sent round to the members. The suggestion was unanimously agreed to. On the question of altering the title of the Guild Mrs. A. E. Reeves (nee Miss Chillingworth) said she wished to move the following resolution: "That rule 1 be altered, and that the title of the Guild be known as the Women's Guild of Bell Ringers."—A long discussion took place, and on being put to the meeting the resolution was lost.

### SHOULD LADIES WEAR HEAD COVERING?

Mrs. Reeves then said, as the only lady member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild Committee, she was deputed to bring forward the question of women being covered while ringing. She said the committee of the Oxford Guild considered this a matter of great importance, and as one Vicar said he would never allow any women to ring at his church unless their heads were covered, she thought it would be much better for the members to suggest some suitable covering.

After some discussion the matter was deferred to the next meeting. The question of the next meeting was discussed, London being suggested. This was received with enthusiasm, and it was finally agreed that it should be held on a Saturday in July, 1917.

Miss Parker then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Lawrence, St. Mary's and St. Giles' for the use of the bells; to the Rev. T. G. Evans for taking the service; to the gentlemen present for so kindly keeping quiet during the meeting (laughter); and, last, but by no means least, to Miss Goodship for making all the arrangements for the service, tea and meeting.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, on behalf of the gentlemen present, replied to the vote, and at the same time congratulated the ladies on the businesslike way in which they had conducted their meeting.

A move was then made to St. Giles' belfry, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., when the party separated, everyone agreeing that it had been one of the most successful meetings the Guild had held.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The ringers of Christ Church, North Shields, visited Chester-le-Street for their annual outing. On arriving at their destination, they were met by several of the local ringers, and, proceeding to the church, the bells, a fine peal of eight (tenor 21 cwt.), were soon going to Kent Major. Following a splendid tea, the visitors had a stroll in the neighbourhood of Lumley Castle, returning by the riverside to the church, where they once more turned their attention to the bells, the method on this occasion being Oxford Major. After refreshing the inner man, train time brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable day's outing, the success of which was due to the Chester-le-Street friends, to whom the North Shields ringers tender their sincere thanks.

### A CHESHIRE TRIP.

The ringers of Flixton Parish Church had a very pleasant outing on Saturday last. Leaving the Jubilee Tree shortly after 12.30 in the Palladium motor char-a-banc, and passing through the rural districts of Partington, Warburton, High Legh and Arley, and leaving the ancient Parish Church of Great Budworth on the right, the party arrived at Northwich Church at 2 o'clock, and indulged in a few touches of Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Collier, until 3.30. Leaving Northwich they travelled through Davenham, Bostock Hall Estate, belonging to Col. France Hayhurst; Middlewich, Nantwich, and Church Minshall, to the Wheatheaf Hotel, Over, having covered 30 miles of road from Northwich, through some of the most beautiful scenery in Cheshire. A substantial tea was provided at the hotel, ample justice being done to the good things on the menu, which included salmon, beef, salads, sweets, etc. Adjourning to St. Chad's Church, Over, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. installed a new peal of eight in March last, the visitors indulged in ringing for about two hours, and found the bells in splendid running order. Leaving Over shortly after 9 p.m., the return journey was made through Whitegate, Hartford, Tabley and Altringham, and home was reached at 11 o'clock, the whole of the party having enjoyed themselves immensely.

The anniversary services were held the following day, and for the evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. Johnson 1, R. Davies (Didsbury) 2, J. Eachus (Manchester Cathedral) 3, J. Ridyard (Worsley) 4, S. Collier 5, S. Stott 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, Wright Johnson 8.

### BOLNEY RINGER KILLED.

News reached Bolney, Sussex, on Thursday, the 6th inst., that Pte Stoner, of the Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed in action in France on June 17th. The deceased soldier was 25 years of age, and a highly valued member of the local band of ringers, his genial and happy temperament making him loved and respected by all. He had taken part in peals of Grandsire Triples, and also in the only peal of Major by the local band for upwards of 68 years. He enlisted in November, 1915, and went out to France in March last. On Sunday afternoon, the local band (now reduced to seven members) rang a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to his memory: G. Walder 1, W. Wheeler 3, E. Davey 4, A. Absalom 5, T. Gasson 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder (conductor) 8.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**CHESHUNT.**—Hertfordshire Association.—On Tuesday, April 11th, for the confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Cornwell 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, C. Dille 6, W. Saban 7, G. Radley 8.—On Sunday, April 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): O. Twist 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, F. Jelf 4, H. G. Rowe 5, G. Maxim 6, W. Saban (conductor) 7, C. Dille 8.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Maxim 1, G. Andrews 2, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 3, F. Jelf 4, C. Dille 5, A. Darnell 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8.

**BROXBORNE.**—Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, April 16, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. Downman 1, W. Saban 2, J. Puppelt 3, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 4, A. Darnell 5, G. Radley 6, S. Proctor 7, F. Shepherd 8.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): S. Proctor 1, G. Maxim 2, J. Puppelt 3, H. G. Rowe 4, S. Knight 5, A. Darnell 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, C. Gouldsmith 8.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1120 Cambridge Surprise Major; for evening service, 1152 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, J. M. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. S. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.—On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Bailey 1, Sapper H. Jones, R.E., 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, E. H. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): E. S. Bailey 1, G. Wilson 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. H. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, J. E. Rumsey 7, J. Titterton 8.—On May 21st, for morning service, 1008 Double Norwich: W. W. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, C. F. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, E. H. Bailey 7, E. S. Bailey 8; and for evening service, 704 Cambridge Surprise: A. Keeble 1, G. Wilson 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—At St. Peter's Church, on May 14th, for the annual school sermons, 504 Grandsire Triples. — On June 18th three courses of Grandsire Triples; on June 25th, a touch; and on July 2nd, 700 Grandsire Triples. In each of these, ladies took part, among those sharing the ringing being Mrs. Wolstencroft, Miss A. Wolstencroft, Miss M. E. Thorp, Miss E. Grimshaw, Miss S. Holt, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor), H. Holme (3rd Writer H.M.S. Victory), Regt.-Sergt.-Major Barlow (Australian Contingent), J. H. Shepherd (Birmingham), J. Rolls, J. Harrison, R. Ninepenny and H. Palmer.

**TAUNTON.**—On May 28th, for evening service, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Phillips 1, T. Doble 2, F. Millard 3, E. Burgess 4, W. Evans 5, Pte H. Bosley 6, J. Maddock (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8. Arranged for Pte Bosley, who was home on short leave.

**WHITCHURCH, Near CARDIFF.**—At St. Mary's Church on May 28th, after the funeral of Lieut. Ralph Jenkins, R.G.A., who met his death through a motor accident, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled: T. Middleton 1, W. Biss 2, L. Wright 3, B. Chew 4, J. Bailey 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6, followed by the whole pull and stand denoting the age of this young officer. The ringers desire to convey their sympathy through this paper, to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and family in their sad loss.

**SOUTHGATE.**—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, Pte N. A. Tomlinson (4/7th Middlesex) 2, R. G. Bester 3, G. W. Fletcher 4, W. Pickworth 5, H. Miller 6, Pte F. G. Tegg (East Surrey Regt.) 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 7th, who were home on leave. Also on Empire Day, 312 and 228 Stedman Triples, the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and tenor, together with S. Wade, H. Burlingham and A. G. Crane taking part.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Saturday, June 3rd, a half-peal of Bob Major (2528 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins.: W. Sadler 1, E. Beckwith 2, F. Clayton 3, A. Shuffelbottom 4, J. Sadler 5, W. Elliott 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, Trumpet-Major Farley 8. A peal was started for, but the bells had to be brought round half-way owing to bad light. Longest touch of Major by the tenor man.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett 1, J. Crowder 2, C. H. Walker 3, T. Taylor 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. This was rung in honour of the King's birthday; also of the 21st birthday of the second daughter of H. Warnett.—On Sunday, June 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Warnett (conductor) 5, C. H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. W. Fox.—On June 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. J. Pannett 1, H. Warnett, junr., 2, Bomb. E. W. Marsh (R.G.A.), Plymouth 3, T. Taylor 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS.**—At St. James' Church, on Saturday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Miss E. M. Stuart (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Smith 2, T. Stuart 3, J. Williams 4, J. E. Burles 5, H. Wormwell 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, J. Burrows 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George V.: R. Forsdyke 1, F. W. Richardson 2, E. B. Crowder 3, H. E. White 4, E. J. Pannett 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Law 8.

**OLNEY, BUCKS.**—On June 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Boswell 1, T. Law 2, B. Fisher 3, A. Andrews 4, A. Mawby 5, W. J. Allen 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, W. Freeman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Boswell and Mr. J. Hopper, father of the conductor, on his 77th birthday.

**LUTON.**—Bedfordshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on June 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Rookwood 1, W. Payne 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Kendall 4, F. Hunt 5, C. Wing 6, Pte H. Walker (5th Beds Regt.) 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor (for 12 years hon. secretary of the band), on his 45th birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to ringer of 6th, and as a farewell to the ringer of 5th, who had been called up to join the colours.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Mary's Church, on June 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Coakham, G. Grimwade, R. Maynard, senr., C. T. Coles, J. C. Adams (first quarter-peal as conductor), J. H. Wilkins, H. T. Scarlett, H. Stubbs.

**MANSFIELD, NOTTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on June 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener: D. Smith 1, F. Blood 2, G. Hardstaff 3, T. Bottinson 4, J. Bleazley 5, H. Allsopp 6, Wheeler A. Roberts (A.S.C.), conductor, 7, Farrier J. C. Hanson (A.S.C.) 8. The two last-named are at Clipston Camp, Mansfield. Any ringers in the neighbourhood would be welcome at the above tower.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On June 9th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor was rung with 6-8 covering: C. Edwards 1, G. Ransom 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, T. Beadle 4, H. W. Lidbetter 5, H. Beadle 6, Sergt.-Major Verrall (A.S.C.) 7, W. J. Dickens 8. Sergt.-Major A. T. Verrall is stationed at Park Royal. W. J. Dickens has quite recently learned to handle a bell, and he rang the tenor well.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On Saturday, June 10th, after an attempt for a peal with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lord Kitchener and all others lost in the Hampshire, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: Wm. Clarke 1, W. White (conductor) 2, Rev. C. J. Sherton 3, W. E. White 4, Thos. Squires 5, Percy Price 6.

**GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.**—On Saturday, June 10th, for a special service for the dedication and opening of a new organ, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and after service several touches of Plain Bob by the following: W. Welham, H. Copeland, E. Welham, F. Allard, W. Souter (conductor), A. Grimwood, Pte S. Squarrow (10th Suffolk Regt.), and I. Bartlett (N.R. Camb. Regt.).

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On June 10th, several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled and tenor half-muffled. Also on Sunday, June 11th, for morning and evening service with the bells half-muffled for Lord Kitchener, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: W. E. Tydeman, F. Allard, W. Welham, A. Grimwood, H. Copeland, E. Welham, C. Alderton, W. Souter, E. Diaper, Pte S. Sparrow (10th Suffolk Regt.).

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by W. Coombes of Cardiff, in 50 mins. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Lord Kitchener: J. Goodsell 1, W. Hoad 2, H. Edwards 3, W. H. Perry 4, T. Booth 5, E. Mills 6, A. E. Edwards (first quarter of Triples as cond.) 7, C. Peacock (aged 66) 8.

**HITCHIN.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: H. Day 1, A. Squires 2, C. Cannon 3, F. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Else 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Lord Kitchener.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.**—On Whit-Sunday, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, R. Hall 4, J. Collett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Butler 8. For evening service, 1260: W. Stratford 1, R. Hall 2, J. Collett 3, T. Banning 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, J. Trotman 7, J. Butler 8.—On June 18th, for evening service, 630 Union Triples: F. Pitts 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, H. Gillett 6, J. Collett 7, J. Butler 8.

**WICKHAMBEAUX, Kent Association.**—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Smith 1, J. Cobbold 2, S. Walter 3, H. Wellard 4, H. Smith 5, A. Johnson (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener, and others of H.M.S. Hampshire, also to all who lost their lives in the great naval battle. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th are of the local company, and the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th are of the Littlebourne company.

## NOTICES.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.** — Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (election of district officers).—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 15th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rector of Shenley. Tea at 5 at King's Tea Rooms, Bedford Street. The bells (8) will be available at 2.30.—A. Rust, Hon. Secretary.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Loughton on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open 3 to 6; short service at 6 o'clock. Tea at King's Head to those who notify me by July 14th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A special general meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.15. Service at 4.45. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Feckenham on Saturday, July 15th. Service, with an address, at 5 p.m., at which all possible are requested to attend. Tea will be provided. The bells (8) will be available. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A practice meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 15th, 1916. Bells (8) available from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The next meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held at 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Secretary, 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).**—A meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a nominal charge at 6 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by July 14th.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on July 27th for hand-bell practice, and on July 18th and August 1st for general business. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Central Division).**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5, price 6d. each, to those who let me know by Tuesday, July 18th.—A. D. Stone, 156, Upper Lewes Road, Brighton. Note new address.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, July 22nd. Tea will be provided at the Café, High Street, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells available 5.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service (association form) at 5.30 p.m., and address by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar). Being the first meeting held here it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Tea 1s. per head in the Parish Room, adjoining the Vicarage. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, July 18th, and I trust those doing so will be there. Half rail fares, up to 2s., paid to those attending.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at Enmore on Saturday, July 22nd. Service in the church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3. Tea 5.30. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by July 19th to W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingtonborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Doddington on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at the Stag's Head, 5 o'clock. Election of District Officers.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canon-icorum on Saturday, 29th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. E. H. H. Lee) at 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing till 9 p.m. Stations: Axminster, Bridport, or Lyme Regis. Will those intending to be present inform me by the 24th inst. at latest.—Frank Bugler, Hon. Sec., Beaminster.



**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, 1/- per head, will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel for all who advise me not later than the 26th inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, in the Chapter House at Christ Church, Oxford, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

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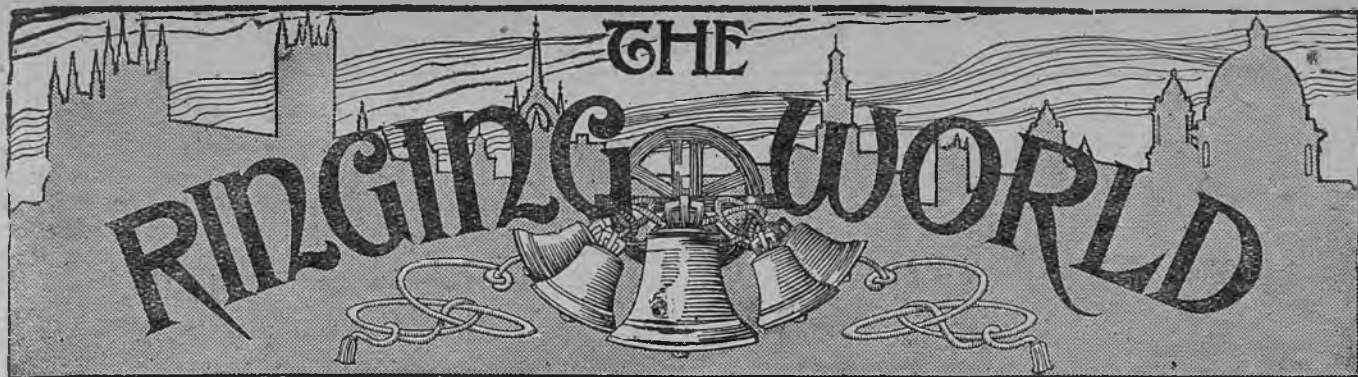
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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## LADIES' GUILD'S PROGRESS.

The Ladies' Guild had the most successful meeting of their career when they met to transact their annual business at Reading the other day. That the attendance numbered over thirty is an excellent testimony to the growth of membership and to the spreading interest in ringing among members of the fair sex, especially in view of the fact that their numbers are scattered. The progress of the Guild, too, is satisfactory, for its roll includes over 90 members, although, from what may be gathered from time to time, the number of lady ringers must be increasing at an even faster rate. The drain upon the belfries by the war, which has robbed many a tower of nearly every man, has brought into service the help of a great many ladies in all parts of the country. Doubtless, in time, they will all be affiliated to the organisation established especially to unite them in their work. This would, perhaps, be quicker brought about if the gentlemen who are responsible for teaching the new recruits would take the opportunity of bringing the Guild to the notice of their pupils.

At the Reading meeting the ladies had two real and serious subjects for discussion—outside the purely routine business which had to be transacted. One question was whether the organisation should in future be known as the Women's Guild, or retain its present appellation. What's in a name? The Women's Guild might have a more democratic sound in these democratic days than the word Ladies. But we are told that manners make the man. Equally, manners make the woman, under whatever title she is known, while it is at any rate more euphemistic to speak of "the ladies" than of "the women." We remember that the same question was discussed at the formation of the Guild, and the members by their decision have only confirmed the view they took in October, 1912.

The other subject of importance which the ladies discussed, and upon which decision was deferred, was the question of wearing a head covering when in the ringing chamber. This is a point which will doubtless require settlement, for it is an important matter of Church rule that ladies should be covered while they are within the precincts of the building. No one would think of a lady attending a service without a head covering, and, as the ringing is now recognised as being as closely allied to the service as, at any rate, the organ voluntary, and the belfry as part of the church, it seems to be in accordance with the canons of decorum that the ladies should wear a head covering. As to what is suitable, that is another question, which the ladies, in consultation with the clergy, must be left to decide. From mere man's point of view we should think nothing could be less conducive to comfort

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and grace in ringing than some of the millinery styles which fashion decrees that ladies should wear. But the members of the Ladies' Guild in their combined and practical wisdom will, we have no doubt, arrive at some form of suitable head gear which will meet the necessities of the situation and prove becoming as well.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 15, 1916, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt., in F.

*CYRIL GENTRY ... .. Treble	HARRY ALLEN ... .. 5
ALFRED TARBUN, Junr. ... 2	HENRY F. COOPER ... 6
JAMES TARBUN ... .. 3	HARRY RICHELL ... .. 7
PERCY TIMSON ... .. 4	*ALEXANDER H. BEWERS Tenor

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

\*First peal. Rung at the special request of the Rector, the Rev. F. R. Thurlow, with the bells fully muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lieut.-Col. Taylor, 2/5 Essex Regt. (churchwarden), who was buried just prior to the start for the peal. Messrs. Cooper and Richell are ex-members of the late Colonel's Regt. The ringers of 2, 3 and tenor are members of the local company, the rest belong to Chelmsford Cathedral. After the peal the Rector met the ringers and thanked them.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, July 15th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. in E.

*WILLIAM BODEN ... .. Treble	ALFRED E. FULLOCK ... 5
*LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 2	WALTER LAGO ... .. 6
JAMES YORK ... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 4	*HAROLD ASTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\*First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Private Frank S. Downing, of 2nd Co., 6th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt., who died of wounds received in action, June 30th, 1916.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper CLAPTON,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

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

GEO. B. LUCAS, Senr. ... Treble	ARTHUR HUGHES ... .. 5
LCE.-CPL. W. J. KEMP ... 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr. ... 3	JAMES HUNT ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	STANLEY H. R. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. KEMP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, at the close of a memorial service, as a tribute of respect to Private George H. Orford, 10th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, treasurer of the St. Matthew's (Upper Clapton) Society of Ringers, who died on June 24th, 1916, of wounds received while serving his King and Country in France.

BRECON.—On Whit-Sunday, for the morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Hargest 1, C. Birch 2, G. Giblin 3, S. Watkins 4, S. Brooks 5, G. W. Frayne (Chester) 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8. For evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples: S. Watkins 1, G. W. Frayne 2, G. Giblin 3, W. Hargest 4, S. Brooks 5, C. Birch 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8. Both touches were rung as a farewell to C. Birch, who is leaving the town.

**ROLL OF HONOUR.**

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the colours:—  
Gnr. W. Pether, of St. Mary's, Bletchley, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Spr. F. W. Naunton, of the Parish Church, Wrentham, Suffolk, Royal Engineers.

Spr. E. W. Leonard, of St. Mary's, Bletchley, Railway Batt., Royal Engineers.

Pte W. J. Croft, of St. Mary's, Hitchin, 5th Bedfordshire Regt.

Pte W. Rose, of St. Mary's, Thornham Magna, Suffolk, 15th Royal Fusiliers.

Pte Robert Matthews, of Wollaston, Worcestershire, 5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers.

Pte George Martin, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, 3/2nd Company Royal Engineers.

R. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, Royal Naval Air Service.

Pte H. F. Hawkins, of High Halden, Kent, Army Service Corps.

Pte W. J. Hawkins, of High Halden, Kent, 8th Batt. the Buffs, now "somewhere in France."

From St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield:—

Driver A. H. Ward, 3rd West Riding (T), Royal Field Artillery.

Pte M. Ward, York and Lancaster Regt., attached 4th West Yorks.

Pte A. Ward, 15th York and Lancaster Regt.

From St. Mary Magdalene's, Bolney, Sussex:—

Spr. G. A. Lewry, Royal Engineers, now "somewhere in France."

Pte C. Starley, East Surrey Regt.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday week the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association held a quarterly meeting at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Brentwood, and there was a good attendance from Boreham, Braintree, Barking, Chelmsford, Rettendon, Widford and Writtle, as well as several visitors, including Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and several soldiers belonging to the units stationed at Brentwood. The bells were raised at 4 p.m., and ringing in various methods occupied the time until service was held in the church. After the service the members adjourned to the Coffee Tavern for tea, 31 sitting down to an excellent spread, presided over by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (general secretary of the Association).—The Rev. Newton welcomed the ringers to Brentwood.

The business of the meeting followed, at which the District Master presided.—Miss V. Robinson, of Fryerning, and Mr. W. Cranmer, of Ingatstone, were elected members.—Writtle was selected as the place for the next gathering, which will be the annual meeting for the district, and will be held in November.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and Mr. C. Howard (Master of the Association) seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The members then adjourned to the belfry for further ringing. The methods rung during the day included Double Norwich, Superlative and Treble Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The bells of Shenfield Church were also available, and several members took the opportunity of visiting this tower.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BERKSWELL.**

A hearty welcome was again extended to the members and friends of the Warwickshire Guild, by their President (the Rev. H. C. A. Back), at whose kind invitation the Guild held their meeting at Berkswell on Saturday last, when about 30 visitors attended from various towers in the county. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and various methods were rung until 4.45, when a short service was held, conducted by the President, who also gave an appropriate address, the Guild's own form of service being used.

The members afterwards made their way to the Rectory grounds, where a sumptuous tea had been provided, and which was presided over by the President and Mrs. Back.

A short business meeting was afterwards held, and Chilvers Coton was selected for the next quarterly meeting on September 30th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Back for the excellent tea which they had provided. The handbells were then brought into use, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Caters were tapped off in good style. Various methods were afterwards again rung on the tower bells till it became time to make tracks for home, after spending a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the grand village of Deane on Saturday last. Members from Ashton, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Tyldesley, Walkden, Worsley and Hindley, with several of the local company, attended. Some very good touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung, and the members were very pleased to welcome and ring with Mr. J. W. Washbrook.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to the local ringers for their kind welcome, brought to a close one of the best meetings held in the Bolton Branch for some time.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****ENJOYABLE MEETING AT MISSON.**

Fine weather favoured the members on the occasion of their first quarterly meeting, which was held at Misson on Saturday week. There was a good gathering of ringers from various parts of the county and some from kindred associations, the towers represented including Anston, Harthill, Norton Cuckney, Workop, Overton, West Retford, Ordsall, Misson, Treeton, and Gainsborough. As it was the village "feast day," the picturesque little place attracted quite a large number of visitors, and by 3.30 p.m. there were upwards of 40 ringers present. Before the commencement of ringing, Mr. Kelk, of Workop, got together a nice little choir of voices, and a few suitable hymns were sung in the church, Mr. Kelk presiding at the organ.

Then followed a muffled 720 of Bob Minor, rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Smith, of Harthill, who for 25 years was a member of the Association, and also a committeeman. After the muffles had been removed a considerable amount of good ringing was done in the methods of Kent, Oxford and Violet Treble Bob. Tea was partaken of by 43 members and friends. The number necessitated two "sittings," a splendid repast being provided by Host and Hostess Whitehead, of the White Horse Inn.—The Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Keene) presided, supported by Mr. S. W. Law (churchwarden) and the hon. secretary and assistant hon. secretary.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) made fitting allusion to the loss the Association had sustained in the death of Mr. T. Smith, of Harthill, and moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the bereaved family. This was carried unanimously, the ringers rising and standing a few moments in silence.

The next meeting was fixed for Everton, in September.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Misson for presiding, for use of bells and schoolroom, and also to him and Mr. S. W. Law (churchwarden) for their attendance and past kindnesses to the ringers; and both gentlemen suitably replied.

During the evening some of the members availed themselves of the opportunity of looking round the Vicarage gardens, whilst the youthful musical enthusiasts accepted an invitation to hear some good selections played by a deft and skilled lady pianist. Others made their way to the gardens to sample the raspberries. Altogether a most pleasurable time was spent, good use being made of the Daylight Saving Bill. A splendid drive home in the beautiful moonlight, or riding by "bike," was enjoyed by all.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**

On Saturday week the quarterly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at St. Andrew's Church, Shifnal, which possesses a fine peal of eight bells (tenor 19 cwt. in E), dating back to 1771, and a very clean and cosy ringing chamber, the walls of which are covered with peal tablets recording peals rung by the Albion Society, including Oxford and New Treble Bob Major, Bob and Grandsire Major and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. It is believed that the second peal of Stedman Triples was rung here, and one notices on some of the boards the name of the late Samuel Lawrence. Most of the visitors to the meeting had a look at the house where he used to reside, and also visited his grave, which is close to the tower. Shifnal probably holds the record for peals in Shropshire towers.

Members attended the meeting from Highfield, Wellington, Coalbrookdale, Malins Lee, St. Peter's and Luke's, Wolverhampton; Shifnal, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury and Prees, there being 26 present. The ringing included Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, and three courses of Grandsire Major were rung to oblige a very dear old friend. Several rang their first touches of Grandsire Triples.

Tea, which was served at 5 p.m., was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. F. Tennison (the secretary) presided. Several new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellington.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Page, the genial captain, for the excellent arrangements, one and all having spent a most enjoyable time.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Gainsborough District (Northern Branch) was held at Owston Ferry on Saturday last, and attended by ringers and friends from Gainsborough, Haxey and Bigby, in addition to one or two of the local company. The bells, a ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening and utilised to the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, but owing to the bad going of the tenor not many touches were successfully brought round.

An excellent tea was provided by Mr. Pettinger, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby) presided. After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. J. C. Tinker gave a very hearty welcome to those who were present from Bigby (Grimsby district) and the Rev. H. T. Parry responded.

The usual votes of thanks brought the proceedings to a close, after which the ringers returned to the church, where the bells were kept going until about 7.30, and, in spite of the aforementioned difficulty, one more red-letter day for the Gainsborough district was added to those that have passed.

## AMERICA'S ANCIENT BELLS.

AN ARTICLE BY DR. NICHOLS.

Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., has contributed another interesting article to the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," and has dealt on his occasion with the bells of Trinity Church, Rhode Island. These bells have an interest for ringers on this side of the Atlantic, for some of them came from English bell foundries. The first of the bells was a small one of 125lbs. placed in the tower in 1702, having probably been cast by Thomas Bibbie, junr., a member of a firm established at Chew Stoke, Somerset, in 1698, and lasting till 1813. In 1709 the original bell was replaced by one weighing 800lbs., the gift of Queen Anne, and which became cracked in 1739. The next bell, 1,000lbs. in weight, was placed in the tower in 1741, and did service for 63 years before it, too, cracked. The fourth in line, was cast in America. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, says Dr. Nichols, the art of bell founding was in its infancy in America, and the crude, unhomogeneous castings of that period resulted generally in fragile instruments of harsh, shrill sound, some specimens of which are still extant. Notwithstanding the difference between castings at that date of domestic and foreign manufacture, the committee accepted in June, 1804, a bid of Fenno and Crocker, of Hartford, Conn., for a bell of 1,200 lbs., with the stipulation that the work of casting should be entrusted to a Mr. Doolittle, "who had a good reputation in that line," and that the old bell should be incorporated in the new amalgam. When installed, 4th September, 1804, it was voted "that the sexton ring her as usual at sunrise, one of the clock, p.m., and at nine in the evening: and that he be permitted to raise money by a general subscription to reward him for doing the same." As to the qualifications of the artisan, Mr. Doolittle, it is perhaps significant that this fourth bell became cracked in November of the same year.

The fifth bell, weighing 1,375 lbs., was cast by Fepton and Cochran, of New Haven, Conn., and was the 115th cast at the same foundry during a period of ten years. This one lasted until 1842. The next one was put up in 1843, and cost 234 dollars. It weighed 1,876 lbs., and was cracked in 1876.

Of the seventh bell, Dr. Nichols gives the following particulars: The present bell, into the amalgam of which the metal of the sixth bell entered, "out of deference to Dr. King and others," was cast by Mency and Company of West Troy (now of Watervliet), N.Y. It weighs 3,450 lbs., is of deep, mellow tone, and bears the following inscriptions:—

Vivos voco; mortuos plango.

When I do ring, God's praises sing.

When I do toule, pray heart and soule.

The Gift of Queen Anne to Trinity Church, Newport, R.I., 1739.

Recast in 1843. Recast and doubled in weight, 1876

Inasmuch as this seventh bell weighs more than four times that given by Queen Anne and contains no portion of its metal, the above inscription is of questionable propriety. It may be said, however, in explanation, that inscriptions on old bells are sometimes reproduced as a matter of sentiment on modern instruments with which they may have a certain relation. Thus, on three bells of the English peal placed in 1912 in the Memorial Tower at Hingham, Mass., are repeated the identical inscriptions brazed on the bells of St. Andrew's at Hingham, co. Norfolk, Eng., the old home of many of the pioneers of the Massachusetts settlement.

## OTHER ANCIENT BELLS.

Comparison with other old bells bearing authentic dates indicates that the bell of 1702 is one of the few of that period which have escaped the mismanagement of a careless sexton. When tracing the history of the bells cast by Revere and Son the writer learned that while fifty were broken, presumably by faulty handling, no less than thirty-nine disappeared when the church edifice was destroyed by fire, attributed almost invariably to an overheated stove or furnace.

The original bells of Trinity Church, New York City, cast about the year 1700, are said to have been the gift of Queen Anne. Of these, three were transferred to Trinity Chapel and a fourth is still in use in St. Paul's. Of the peal of bells now suspended in Trinity steeple, five remain of those imported in the year 1797 from the Whitechapel foundry, London, and one bears a date prior to the Revolution. Another bell, given to this society by the Bishop of London, was cast in 1704 and now hangs in St. Augustine's steeple. In the steeple of the Dutch Reformed Church, Fifth Avenue, is a bell cast at Amsterdam in the year 1731 and removed from the old church on Nassau Street, a legacy from the will of Col. Abram de Peyser. Preserved in the Washington Headquarters at Newburg, N.Y., is a bell of 25lbs., cast at Amsterdam in the year 1716, and given in 1719 to the first settlers of Newburg, who loaned it temporarily to the Lutheran Society in New York, until a church was built by the pioneers in 1733. It is probable that the oldest English bell remaining in this country is that in the Court House at Barnstable, Mass. It is inscribed: "Si Deus pro nobis, quis contra nos. 1675," and was the gift of the widow of Peter Adolph of New York to the First Parish Church, Sandwich, Mass., in gratitude to the people of that town for recovering the body of her husband, who had been drowned in a wreck off the shore. After the sale of this church the

bell came into possession of the County Court House. Although this building was totally destroyed by fire in 1827, the belfry tipped forward in such a way as to bring the bell to the ground uninjured. Raised to the cupola of the present Court House in 1833, it was cracked by blows from a blacksmith's hammer, 4th July, 1872.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Burnham on Saturday week, when 85 members were present, representing 18 towers. On account of the war the customary dinner was omitted, and the business meeting was held in the Church Hall in the afternoon, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. G. S. Atchley, Godney; the Rev. E. de Saint Croix, Holy Trinity, Bridgwater; the Rev. H. Tritton, Burnham; Mr. F. G. May, Bristol, and others.

## MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master read his annual report, in which he said: "We meet again under the shadow of a war which is being felt in every department of the nation's life; but we, as an Association, have much to be thankful for in that our position remains sound financially, and that so far our efficiency has not been materially lessened. Our secretary has received the names of 218 members who have joined the Forces, but a large number of towers have failed to send in their lists, and the total is probably far greater. We regret that our annual meeting could not be held in Wells, but as it was the wish of the Bishop and the Dean that the cathedral bells should not be rung we had no alternative but to change the place of meeting to Burnham. We are, therefore, most grateful to the Vicar of that parish for receiving us so kindly at so short a notice. I regret to note that 15 towers have been lost to the Association. Some have resigned and others have dropped out owing to arrears. On the other hand we have added four towers to our list, so that our numbers have not decreased to any great extent, and, including performing, honorary, life members, etc., total 1,416. The treasurer's report is satisfactory. The receipts from the Deaneries are not so large as they have been in the past, but, under the circumstances, they have done very well, and we have a small balance to the good, which for one reason and another we have not had for some years. Four meetings were held during the year, and the following towers were added to the Association: Keynsham (8 bells), Tinsbury (6), All Saints', Clevedon (6), Radstock (6). Peals, except for some special reason, are not encouraged during the continuation of the war, so that there are only three to chronicle last year, amongst them being a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by ladies at Portishead. The others were a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bath, and a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Ubley. Let me conclude my report by expressing the hope that every Deanery tower and member will do their utmost to maintain the interests of our Association in these trying times, and though we cannot expect a great advance yet, let us be ready when peace is declared, with God's help and blessing, to increase our usefulness in the service of the Church and Diocese."

The Secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess) presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts for the year amounting to £72 17s. 8d., and expenditure £70 9s. 8d. This was adopted, and the usual honorarium was granted to the secretary, on the proposition of Mr. Holmyard, seconded by Mr. Prescott.

## OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The next business was the election of Master, and Mr. Taylor, after paying a high tribute to the Rev. C. C. Parker for the way he attended the meetings and conducted the business, proposed his re-election. — This was seconded by Mr. Maddock, and carried with acclamation, and Mr. Parker returned thanks.—Mr. Moulton proposed, and Mr. Prescott seconded, the re-election of the secretary and treasurer, and this having been carried, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. A. J. Hook for auditing the accounts, and his re-election was agreed.

Thirty-one new members were elected, among them being two new bands of lady ringers, who received a hearty welcome to the Association. These companies have been formed on account of the men joining the colours.

The places for the quarterly meetings for the year are West Coker, in September; Long Ashton, in December; and Dunster after Easter.

On the motion of Mr. W. G. Prescott, seconded by Mr. F. G. May, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart; Messrs. Henry Dains (London), Charles Hattersley (Sheffield), and James Fussell (late secretary of the Bath Deanery).

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Master to Preb. Hayes Robinson, Vicar of Burnham, for arranging the service and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. H. Tritton for assisting, and to the organist for his services.—This was carried unanimously, and concluded the business.

Tea was partaken of in the Lifeboat Pavilion, after which service was held in the Parish Church, at which Preb. Hayes Robinson gave a very appropriate address.

During the day touches in various methods were rung on the Parish Church bells, in which several of the ladies took part.



# **PROOF AND COMPOSITION**

## **OF TREBLE BOB METHODS**

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from Page 237, Vol. x.).

In my last article I gave the 64 possible sets of thirty true course-ends which can be used for Treble Bob composition or any method with the same proof scale. I now append a five-part table which is built up from No. 53.

FIVE-PART TABLE.

I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.
1 42635	35426	26354	54263	63542
56324	35246	64253	26534	43562
35264	26543	54632	63425	42356
23564	52643	65432	46325	34256
52364	65243	46532	34625	23456
2 42356	35264	26543	54632	63425
63524	56243	42653	64532	35462
56234	64523	43652	32465	25346
3 25463	56342	64235	43526	32654
34652	63524	42653	52346	35462
63542	42635	35426	26354	54263
56342	64235	43526	32654	25463
4 54326	42563	26435	63254	35642
63245	26453	35624	63245	54362
26435	63254	35642	54326	42563
5 34256	46325	65432	52643	23564
23456	34625	46532	65243	52364
64532	56324	56243	25436	25364
56432	25643	32564	43256	64325
45632	62543	52643	24356	36425
64352	56423	25634	32546	43265
36452	45623	62534	53246	24365
6 43265	64352	56423	25634	32546
24365	36452	45623	62534	53246
32465	43652	64523	56234	25346
54623	65234	26534	52346	34652
65423	52634	32646	34265	66352
46253	65324	52436	23645	34562
24653	36524	45236	62345	53462
62453	53624	24536	36245	45362

This table is built up in the following manner: Rule your paper into five columns, and spaces for six courses in each column. Then take each block of five course-ends separately and find the M lead in each course (treble seventh and tenor can be omitted). This can be done quickly by transposing each course by 42635.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Thus } & \underline{2345678} & \text{CE} \\ & \underline{4263857} & \text{M} \end{array} = \begin{array}{rcl} & \underline{23456} & \\ & \underline{42635} & \end{array}$$

Having obtained the M leads of a block, write them in the table, one in each column. Then proceed with the remaining five till the whole thirty are disposed of.

Now these thirty M leads are from natural course-ends, and cannot be followed by a bob in the same position. Any additional leads to be bobbed to them must precede them, not follow them.

As the whole sixty M leads can be introduced we now look through those we have written in the table, observing the last two bells, with the idea of bringing each pair behind to its full complement, namely, three.

Some pairs you will find have their three representatives in the table. Underline these, as they can be extended no further. For example, see M leads with 35 behind. Their three members appear in Col. I, Course 1, Col. III, Course 3, and Col. III, Course 4. We will now take an example of two members appearing in the table. Take 56 behind. In Col. I, Course 2, we have 42356, and in Col. I, Course 5, 23456. Therefore, in 42356 and 23456 the missing lead can only proceed 23456. Add this missing lead above

23456 and underline the two members to show they have been dealt with. In Col. I, Course 6, with 65 behind, we have an example of only one member appearing in the table, viz., 32465. The two missing members can both be placed before it in their proper order.

Having examined all the M leads, and filled in all the missing members possible, we next proceed to fill in the first W lead in each course that will turn up after a bob before has been called. This is done by transposing the last middle lead in each course by 64532. These W leads can now be examined, and their missing members filled in where possible. This filling in can be done in a downward manner and not upward, as was the case with the Middles.

Great care must be made to avoid the course 1 M. B. 1 W. You will sometimes find that after one in the middle has been added that you can add 1 W. This must not be added, as it would split up five courses into five round blocks.

After all the possible W's have been added, transpose the last W's by 42536, which will give the first H in each course. These can be examined and extended in the same manner as the W's.

The rows to the right of each course denote the W lead that would turn up if the Bob before was omitted.

In my next article I will endeavour to show how peals can be obtained from this table.

## **BROMLEY YOUTHS' TRIP.**

The Society of Bromley Youths, the ringers attached to the old Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, held their annual outing on July 3rd, when eight members, accompanied by Mr. W. Hewett, of Camberwell, visited the towers of Edenbridge and Chiddingstone, Kent. An early start was made, Edenbridge being reached at 8.45 a.m., where the party were met by Mr. J. W. Steddy, the genial secretary of the local band, who had kindly made the necessary local arrangements.

The first move was, of course, for some refreshments, which partook somewhat of the nature of breakfast and lunch combined and the next for the belfry, which contains a really splendid ring of eight, with a 14 cwt. tenor, installed some six years ago by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The bells were raised in peal, and several touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung, Mr. Steddy taking part in a touch of the former method. After a look round the church and another touch in each method, the bells lowered in peal, every one of the visitors expressing his opinion that, for the weight, the tone and go of the bells leave nothing to be desired. After a capital dinner at Belton's, in the High Street, a pair-horse brake conveyed the excursionists to Chiddingstone, about half an hour's drive through beautiful country, bringing them to the small but pretty village of Hever, whose ancient castle is the home of the newly created peer, Lord Astor, who is said to be rich enough to ignore the Daylight Saving Act. Here the party stayed a short time, and had a look round the church, where there is a peal of six, but could not get permission to ring, as there was a death in the parish, and it is a rule there never to ring the bells when a parishioner lies dead.

One of the sights of the church is the tomb of Sir Thomas Boleyn, father of Ann Boleyn, who lived at Hever Castle. On the top of the tomb is a beautiful brass of Sir Thomas, in his full insignia of a Knight of the Garter. Next the visitors inspected the house across the way, the King Henry the Eighth, with its unique signboard, the front view of the King of many wives on one side, and the back view of him on the other. Then the journey was continued to Chiddingstone, where Mr. Steddy had also obtained permission for ringing. One interesting point about the visit to this tower was that there is recorded in the old peal book of the Bromley Youths a peal of Grand-sire Triples, Holt's ten course, rung at Chiddingstone by the Bromley Youths on August 4th, 1798.

On arrival the bells were raised in peal, and three courses of Stedman Triples were followed by touches of Double Norwich and Bob Major. The bells are a very good old peal (tenor 19½), but the ringers were soon satisfied so they lowered the bells in peal and adjourned to the Castle Hotel for tea. Some of the party visited the chiding stone in the park, from which the village is supposed to take its name. A pleasant walk to Penshurst Station, and home to Bromley by rail, concluded what all agreed had been a very happy and enjoyable day. The excursionists' one regret was that their lads in khaki were not able to be with them, only one of five who have joined up being able to accompany the party, whose thanks are due principally to Mr. Steddy, who did all that was asked of him; to the incumbents of both parishes, and also the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness and thus assisting the Youths to spend a very enjoyable day.

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## CASULTIES AMONG RINGERS.

## KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THE BIG "PUSH."

In the great British offensive in France, which began on July 1st, many ringers took their share, and some of them have laid down their lives in this new phase of the titanic struggle which has begun.

## SECOND-LIEUT. A. G. SHORTER.

Among the toll of lives which have been taken is that of Second-Lieut. Alfred George Shorter, who was killed in the offensive. The deceased officer was an enthusiastic ringer, and did good service for many years in the Durham and Newcastle Association. He was captain of the Consett company, which he brought to a high state of efficiency, but enlisted soon after war broke out in the Royal Field Artillery. In March of last year he obtained a commission in the 7th Batt. Durham Light Infantry, and he proved himself a very keen soldier. The son of the late Mr. A. J. Shorter, Unionist agent for North-West Durham, and of Mrs. Shorter, of Bank House, Consett, the deceased was formerly employed in the offices of the great Consett Iron Com-



SEC.-LIEUT. A. G. SHORTER,  
7th Durham Light Infantry.

pany. His death will be much regretted among the ringers of the Northern dioceses, but his example in always striving for the best in the belfry as elsewhere will ever remain a cherished memory.

## "WOUNDED AND MISSING."

Among the officers reported as "wounded and missing" is Lieut. R. W. Falconer, of the 16th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers. Lieut. Falconer, who belongs to Gosforth, has been a tower of strength to the Durham and Newcastle Association, in which he takes the greatest active interest. A clever ringer and a magnificent type of the manly Northumbrian, he quickly responded to the call of duty, and has carried into his soldiering the same characteristic energy that marked his doings in peaceful pursuits. Much sympathy will be extended to his family in their anxiety, with the sincerest hopes that he may be quickly restored to them.

Pte Slarke, of Towcester, grandson of Mr. James Slarke, President of the Towcester and District Association, was wounded in the advance while serving with the Northants Regiment. One leg has been severely damaged, and he is now in hospital at Rochester, and is going on as well as can be expected.

Nothing has been heard of Lance-Corpl. Faulkner, of the same tower, who has been missing since the Loos fighting on Sept. 25th last.

We shall be glad if ringers' friends will inform us of casualties among members of the Exercise.

Pte W. Stratford, a member of Bishop Ryder's Society, Birmingham, was wounded on July 2nd (his 21st birthday) by a bullet through the shin during a bayonet charge. He is now in Rouen Convalescent Hospital. He writes: "Nearly all my pals were killed in that charge, and I was buried twice with shells bursting near. Now I am convalescent. I have plenty of good food, cigarettes and chocolates, and am quite comfortable. I should like a pull on the bells again. You ought to see some of the church towers out here, close to the line; they are in a terribly battered state. I think the war will soon be over."

## SEC.-LIEUT. ARNOLD TAYLOR KILLED.

Another gallant young officer, whose death will be much deplored throughout the Exercise, is Second-Lieut. Arnold Bradley Taylor, fourth son of Mr. John W. Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and the late Mrs. Annie Mary Taylor. Born on January 23rd, 1894, Lieut. Taylor was educated at Shaftesbury and Denstone College, where he was in the O.T.C. for two years. On leaving Denstone he joined his father's business at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

On the outbreak of war he enlisted in the 4th Public Schools Battalion, and was given a commission in January, 1915, in the 9th Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment, and went to the front in February, 1916. He fell in action on Tuesday, July 11th.

Three of his brothers are serving in the forces in France. Lieut. Pryce Taylor, who was also in the Loughborough business, has gone



SEC.-LIEUT. ARNOLD TAYLOR,  
9th Leicestershire Regiment.

through the great advance safely up to the present with nothing worse than a hand scratched by barbed wire. A brother officer by his side was wounded in the foot, and is now in Newcastle Hospital.

Mr. J. W. Taylor was on military duty at Retford when the sad news of the loss of his gallant son reached him. It is interesting to note, too, that Mr. Taylor's daughter is a Red Cross nurse in France.

The fullest sympathy of ringers in all parts of the kingdom, among whom he is so well known, will go out to Mr. J. W. Taylor and his family in the loss of one so dear to them. The deceased officer was an hon. member of the Midland Counties Association, of which his respected father has just been elected President.

Mr. J. W. Taylor has received the following letter from Sec.-Lieut. Batchelor, a brother officer of Lieut. Taylor:—

"Dear Sir,—A few lines to let you know how very deeply I sympathise with you in the loss of your son, Sec.-Lieut. A. B. Taylor, who was killed in action near ——— last Tuesday, the 11th instant. It happened about mid-day. He had just come back to the trench after helping to bring wounded in, when a heavy shell burst near by, and a piece of it went right through his body. He only lived a few minutes. I was not present when he was hit, but am confident he did not linger long. I am writing this because he was the best chum I have had out here, and just before going into action we exchanged addresses in case anything happened to either of us. He was the most conscientious subaltern in the company, and his loss will be sadly felt by all of us."

## COALBROOKDALE RINGER KILLED.

It was with deepest regret, after waiting a week for further news of Pte Frank S. Downing, 2nd Company 6th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment, who was wounded in action in the great battle of the Somme, on June 30th, that on Sunday, July 9th, the sad news arrived at Coalbrookdale that he had died of mortal wounds at No. 7 Collecting Hospital, in France. The deceased was one of the local ringers,



and the sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his wife, parents, relatives and friends. Pte Downing was one of eight of the Coalbrookdale band that have joined the forces, and are serving in various parts of the world.

In 1907 he took up ringing, and did much good work to raise the standard of the belfry in many ways and ringing generally. He was a member of the Hereford Diocesan and Salop Guilds, and a member of the C.E.M.S. He rang 13 peals in all, including Grand-sire Doubles 2, Grandsire Triples 10, including the first by a local band, and in which six of the ringers averaged only 18 years of age. This peal was also the first rung by a local band for 19 years. He also took part in the first half muffled, and muffled peals on the bells, two of these being for the late King Edward VII. On Tuesday, December 27th, 1910, he rang his only peal of Stedman Triples at Coalbrookdale with St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, company, and a local tenor man, he being the first local ringer to ring a peal of Stedman with a bob bell. Ten of his peals were rung at home, one at High Ercall on October 22nd, 1910 (the only peal rung there since 1812), one each at Malinslee and Madeley, Salop.

The deceased also took a keen interest in friendly society work, and after passing through the various offices of Court Royal George A.O.F., Ironbridge, in 1912 was appointed Chief Ranger.

At the end of that year he went to Birmingham and worked there till November 11th, 1914, when he joined the Warwickshire Regiment, and after training in various camps in England went out to France on May 21st last. His last visit to Coalbrookdale was in April, when he took part in the ringing for morning service on Sunday, April 9th, while on the Saturday afternoon he spent an hour at the belfry tapping handbells double-handed, he being one of the first local ringers to ring changes double-handed, and being able to ring 5-6 with ease to Grandsire Triples and Caters.

He was very consistent in all he undertook. As a ringer his regularity and punctuality were a pattern to all. Bands of ringers losing such valuable members as he was must and will find it most difficult to fill their places.

On October 17th, 1859, the deceased's grandfather, Thomas Downing, rung the sixth bell through the first peal on the bells, a peal of Treble Bob Triples (5040 changes), in 3 hours 10 minutes, the band being: William Aston 1, George Cowner 2, George Beardshaw 3, George Parker 4, Thos. Parker 5, Thomas Downing 6, John Rogers 7, Joseph Pritchard 8. Conducted by John Rogers.

Pte Downing's father was also a ringer.

On Saturday last a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory at Coalbrookdale Parish Church.

#### BROTHERS WOUNDED.

In the rank and file among those who were wounded were the brothers Lance-Corpl. W. Emerson and Pte T. Emerson, of Radcliffe Parish Church, Lancs. They were serving in the Loyal North Lancs Regiment and were wounded on July 7th in the advance on Contalmaison. They reached the German third line before they were hit, being in action 3½ hours. Lance-Corpl. Emerson had a finger smashed by a bullet, and Pte Emerson suffered a bullet wound through the hand. These two brothers enlisted together, went out to the front together, were wounded at the same time, and are now in hospital together at Bury, about three miles from their home. While in France they were in action on various parts of the front, including that at Vimy Ridge, which they helped to capture, but which was subsequently retaken by the Germans.

#### HARTHILL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has taken place at Harthill, Notts, of Mr. Thomas Smith, one of the local ringers, and an enthusiastic churchworker.

A native of Everton, near Bawtry, he came to reside at Harthill when a boy, and here he lived for nearly 60 years, taking an active and useful part in the religious and social life of the village. He was employed an engineman at Kiveton Park colliery for 48 years, earning the goodwill and confidence of his employers and fellow workmen alike.

In the village life deceased will be much missed, his genial disposition and generous nature having made him many friends. He had been connected with All Hallows' Church Sunday School as a teacher for over 30 years, and up to the time of his death he was a sidesman and a whole-hearted churchworker. The Coronation Hospital Committee lose in him a hard-working member, he having been a collector since the fund's inception 13 years ago.

Deceased was a good six-bell ringer, and had been connected with the North Notts Association 25 years, but had done little peal ringing at Harthill on account of the bad "go" of the bells. He was 68 years of age.

The Rector, the Rev. B. Darley, late secretary of the North Notts Association, officiated at the funeral, which took place amid many signs of regret. In the church the hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung, and in the evening a muffled peal was rung to his memory by his old colleagues, and an evening or two later the Anston company met at the Harthill belfry and paid a similar tribute of respect to his memory.—R.I.P.

H. H.

#### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### A MEETING REMINISCENT OF PRE-WAR TIMES.

On Saturday last a most successful meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Giles', Camberwell, a large number of members attending from Southwark, Chelsea, Fulham, Mitcham, Leatherhead, Beddington, Croydon, Westminster, Clapham, Barking, Wolverhampton, Swindon, Bishopsgate, etc. The splendid ring of ten were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent and Cambridge Royal until 7.30 p.m.

At a business meeting, held subsequently at the Stirling Castle, adjacent to the church, three new members were elected unanimously, viz.: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Clapham; Mrs. T. Walker, of Bishopsgate; and Mr. Percy H. Smith, of Eccleston, Chester and London, the two ladies having taken part in a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on handbells about a week previously.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of Pte A. Fluck, of Clapham, a much respected member of this Association, who unfortunately had been recently killed in action.

Sympathetic reference to the illness of Mr. A. W. Grimes, a member of the society, was made by Sapper Pike, R.E., Mr. W. A. Alps and others, and the hon. secretary was requested to convey to him by letter their regret at his continued illness, and hopes of his speedy and complete recovery.

The date of the next meeting was again left to the secretary to fix, with the request that St. Luke's, Chelsea, be applied for, failing which All Saints', Fulham, notice of which will duly appear in "The Ringing World."

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Reeve to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the Association, and Mr. A. J. Perkins (Beddington) proposed a similar vote to their old friend and member, Mr. H. Flower, tower-keeper, for the excellent manner in which the arrangements were made by him for the comfort of all.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to touches on the handbells in various methods, and tunes by Mr. F. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. T. Walker, interspersed with a song or two. This enjoyable evening, reminiscent of pre-war times, was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

#### SALMON AND GREEN PEAS.

The annual Severn salmon and green pea supper arranged at Lydney, Glos., by the genial local ringing enthusiast, Mr. J. W. Davies, took place on Saturday week, and proved to be, as in the past, a great success. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major had been suggested for the afternoon, but fell through owing to keenness for peals being "off" under present circumstances.

Early in the afternoon the visitors, including Mr. S. Hector, of Trowbridge; Mr. R. J. Wilkins and Mr. C. Gordon, of Bristol; and Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, put in an appearance at the church, where the Vicar, who is always a trump to ringers, was waiting to give welcome. The bells were raised, and after a few touches had been brought round, the Gloucester visitors arrived, including the Master (Mr. J. Austin), Mr. J. Gillett, Mr. G. Costick, Mr. T. Baldwin, and others. At 6.30 the company assembled at the Queen's Hotel, where Mrs. Mays, the proprietress, had prepared a most inviting spread, which included an abundance of the principal items of the menu. The excellent repast was fully enjoyed, and afterwards the usual toasts were given.

The social which followed was presided over by the Master of the Association, and several excellent songs were rendered, interspersed with the handbells, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

Arrangements had been made for the visitors to stay the night, and after an early breakfast, a start was made with a pair of horses and brake for a drive through the Forest of Dean to Ruardean to ring for service. On arrival there the party found that the locals had already got the bells ringing to welcome the visitors. They immediately handed over the ropes, and a touch of Stedman Triples was brought home. They were met there and joined in the ringing by Mr. Chew, of Whitechurch, near Cardiff, formerly of Mitcheldean. After giving the horses a rest, and refreshing the inner man, the drive was continued to Mitcheldean, where it had been arranged to ring during the afternoon. Halt was made on the way at the residence of Mr. Chew's parents, from which spot a magnificent view was obtained of the Severn and surrounding country. After partaking of Mr. Chew's hospitality, and enjoying a stroll on the lawn, which was surrounded with magnificent roses, the party drove on, reaching Mitcheldean somewhat later than expected, and to meet them there, after a four hours' bicycle ride, and a long wait, was the Swindon enthusiast, Mr. J. H. Shepherd. Various methods were rung, including Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

Then the drive was resumed to Newnham, at which place the party had to separate, the Gloucester and Bristol friends having to catch their train at this point. Those who remained returned to Lydney, seven miles distant, and as they drove off the Newnham bells struck out for evening service, but time did not permit the visitors to ring here. Beautiful weather was experienced the whole time, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The party are grateful and indebted to Mr. J. W. Davies for making the whole of the arrangements, and it is hoped that next year a similar trip may be arranged.

**DOMINION DAY.****BURNHAM BELLS' CELEBRATION.**

Those who, with fame eternal, their own dear land endowed,  
Look on them as a mantle the shade of death's dark cloud;  
Yet dying thus they died not, on whom is glory shed  
By virtue which exalts them above all other dead.

*Sir J. Rennell Rodd.*

Domination Day was not only celebrated by the ringing of Burnham bells on July 1st, but also by the British advance in France, on the west front, where Dominion and Colonial troops gloriously distinguished themselves, as well as a regiment of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. Therefore, the ringing of bells in the County of Bucks by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild appears to be a fit and proper duty on such a day. Owing to the sad illness of the late Vicar, and the absence of the steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Alder, who, with Mr. J. Eldridge, of Boyne Hill, had been away on war work in South Wales, the practices at this tower had been suspended for awhile.

On Dominion Day, however, the under-mentioned members of the local branch, representing seven towers, met at the belfry, and London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung to oblige all-comers. The ladies and the Vicar took part in a touch of Grandsire Triples, much to the interest of the Vicar's daughter, who came to see the work, with the hope of taking it up some day.

The Branch Hon. Secretary, on behalf of those present and a few absent friends, congratulated the Rev. P. P. Nott, M.A., upon his recent appointment as the Vicar of Burnham, the advent of a "ringing parson" always being a matter of much interest to adherents of change ringing.

This the Vicar acknowledged with thanks and appreciation, expressing a wish to organise a special ringers' service during the autumn on some suitable Sunday, and similar to others held by him in Lancashire.

The Misses Dancer, Gudgeon, Cooper and Nott, Messrs. G. Martin (looking fit and well in khaki), J. Eldridge, W. H. Fussell, G. Alder, P. Jones, T. Smith, W. Garsway, W. Welling, W. Burden, J. Bert, W. Henley, G. Gutteridge and G. T. Leader were those who took part in the ringing. W. H. F.

**PATRIOTISM AND PROFIT.**

Sir,—I have just read the annual report of the Essex Association and my eyes has caught the comments of the Master—Mr. C. H. Howard who, *inter alia*, says:—"The balance sheet discloses that £50 of our reserve fund which was formerly in the Post Office bank at 2½ per cent. has been re-invested in the 4½ per cent. War Loan, thus showing our patriotism to the national funds, and securing a larger income from the capital."

Will the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard, kindly enlighten me, as a student of finance, where the patriotism comes in, to take from one Government bank at 2½ per cent. and re-invest in another bank of the same Government at 4½ per cent.? I think I am right in saying that up to the moment of writing, the Government has not asked for the P.O. savings to be disturbed; and that for reasons which must be obvious. While the country, i.e., the Government, needs money to carry on the war to a victorious conclusion, perhaps ringers have as much right to bleed the country white, and demand their pound of flesh the same as every other horde of shylocks; but to mention it and patriotism in the same breath is, to my mind, the acme of cant—or thoughtlessness.—Yours very truly,

Leicester, July 15th.

W. WILLSON.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.****A "STRAWBERRY" MEETING.**

The twenty-six members and friends of the Middlesex County Association who attended the meeting held on Saturday last will remember the tea-table with its piles of luscious fruit, for one always associates Harlington with strawberries, and this year the fruit was very fine. We found kind ladies, too, who take a pleasure in entertaining us, and a Rector (the Rev. H. Wilson), whose joviality at once puts everyone at his ease. The ladies who took part in the ringing were Mrs. and Miss Newman, of the local band, and two visitors—the Misses Honor and Maidment, from Hillingdon; and we had the pleasant company of Mrs. and Miss Elson at the tea.

The business meeting followed with its usual formula.—Mr. Wm. Shepherd thought that St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, should be the next place of meeting, and this was generally approved.—He proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, and to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tea and in the belfry.

The Rector, in replying, said how pleased he was to see the ringers at Harlington again. He regretted that so few of the local band were present to meet them, but so many were away serving their country.

The members present included the District Master (Mr. T. Beadle), and representatives from Heston, Hershams, Hillingdon, Harlington, Isleworth, Putney, Sunbury, Willesden and West Ealing.

In the evening some of the ladies added their charms to a pretty photographic view—which was taken by one of the ringers—and it included the fine western avenue of yew trees, the large cedar tree, and the church and tower with its interesting and curious bell cote.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT FROCESTER**

Beautifully fine weather, a splendid peal of bells which go excellently, and a most hearty welcome from the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers, were the conditions with which the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association met at their quarterly meeting at Frocester on Saturday week. There was an excellent attendance, 31 ringers being present and representing most of the towers in the Stroud branch, and others from the neighbouring towers of Wotton-under-Edge branch. Everything was in readiness, and the bells were raised in peal and rung during the afternoon. Many musical touches were brought round, two lady ringers from Dursley, who were accorded a hearty welcome, taking part. The Vicar (the Rev. G. N. Unwin) visited the tower and welcomed all.

A service was afterwards held in the Parish Church, and then a nice walk brought the ringers to the Vicarage, where kind friends had tea laid on the lawn, where all were well looked after by the ladies present, and a most pleasant time was spent.

A business meeting followed, and Haresfield was unanimously selected for the next quarterly meeting, and Stroud and Leonard Stanley for the monthly meetings.—Three new members were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Fussell, and seconded by Mr. J. Singleton, to the Vicar for his excellent address; the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and kind hospitality; and the local ringers, organist and ladies for making the meeting so successful. Several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the fine peal of handbells kindly lent by Mr. J. Earl, in which the lady ringers took part. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept merrily ringing in musical touches in standard methods till 9 p.m. Some of the bells in Frocester tower date from the year 1639.

**CHELTEMHAM PARISH CHURCH.****NOTABLE EVENTS RECORDED.**

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church, Cheltenham, after evening service on Sunday week, when the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Wilson) unveiled a board recording notable events in the history of the tower and bells. The board, which is of handsome design, records the restoration of the tower and the augmentation of the bells from ten to twelve, the first peal (Grandsire Cinques) on the larger number, and the long peal of Grandsire Caters rung in 1889.

The ceremony began with a short service, and then the Rector removed the flag which hung over the board, and read the inscription. He also said how pleased he was to make this visit and to testify to his confidence that the ringers entered into their work in as earnest spirit as did the preachers in the pulpit and the office-bearers in the church.

Mr. E. B. Wethered (churchwarden) next explained the steps taken to secure the record, and pointed to some of the most interesting features of the belfry.

Mr. W. T. Pates, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for his kind words, and asked him to wait while the bells were rung, which was done. Among those present were Mrs. Wilson and daughter, Messrs. Ayris, Whittaker, Ballinger, etc., and a number of the choir boys.

The board bears the following record:—

"The Parish Church, Cheltenham.

"By the gale of December 16th, 1910, the apex of the spire was damaged, and in 1911 the upper part, some 14ft. in height, was rebuilt, a previously discarded old weathercock being refixed on a shortened vane. The whole steeple was repaired, internal stages renewed, and the walls of the belfry strengthened. The ten bells were re-hung, the old 6th bell being re-cast, and the peal augmented to twelve by the addition of two bells, the latter the gift of Alderman J. B. and Mrs. Winterbotham. The work was completed and dedicated by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on February 25th, 1912, the total cost amounting to £1,243 6s. 8d.

"On Thursday, March 19th, 1914, the first peal was rung on the twelve bells by the local company in 3 hours and 38 minutes, 5016 changes: W. T. Pates treble, G. H. Phillott, M.A., 2nd, A. W. Humphris 3rd, W. Brinkworth 4th, G. F. Pearce 5th, W. Dyer 6th, H. Halford 7th, F. Musty 8th, G. Walters 9th, W. Yeend 10th, J. Ballinger 11th, J. Parsons tenor. Composed and conducted by W. T. Pates. Guild Master, D. Davis; secretary, A. W. Humphris. Weight of tenor 22cwt. 2qrs. 16lbs., in E flat.

"Canon F. L'Estrange Fawcett, M.A., R.D., Rector; F. W. Dwelly, M.A., F. Tucker Harvey, B.A., curates; E. B. Wethered, J.P., T. Overbury, wardens; F. Ticehurst, hon. treasurer.

"On Easter Monday, April 22nd, 1889, ten members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change Ringers rang in this tower a true peal of Grandsire Caters, 15,227 changes, in 9 hours 43 mins. This peal superseded all previous records in any method of ten bells: F. Musty treble, G. H. Phillott, M.A., 2nd, S. Reeves 3rd, H. Roberts 4th, F. E. Ward 5th, C. H. Hattersley 6th, J. Plant 7th, W. T. Pates 8th, T. Reynolds 9th, tenor A. W. Humphris. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by W. T. Pates; Mr. J. Belcher, umpire."

## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday), July 22nd, 1916, at Bury Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on July 27th for hand-bell practice, and on August 1st for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Central Division).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5, price 6d.—A. D. Stone, 156, Upper Lewes Road, Brighton. Note new address.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, July 22nd. Tea will be provided at the Café, High Street, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells available 5.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service (association form) at 5.30 p.m., and address by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar). Being the first meeting held here it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Tea 1s. per head in the Parish Room, adjoining the Vicarage. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares, up to 2s., paid to those attending.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canon-icorum on Saturday, 29th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. E. H. H. Lee) at 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing till 9 p.m. Stations: Axminster, Bridport, or Lyme Regis. Will those intending to be present inform me by the 24th inst. at latest.—Frank Bugler, Hon. Sec., Beamminster.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, 1/- per head, will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel for all who advise me not later than the 26th inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, in the Chapter House at Christ Church, Oxford, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Winscombe (Cheddar Valley) on Saturday, July 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting (at Bird's Restaurant) to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Som.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, July 29th, 1916. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present at tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, the 25th inst. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rumney, near Cardiff, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea provided. — Rev. Connop L. Price, J. W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 7th. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, M.A., Vicar of Hoylake. Particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Secretary, New Mills.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Treeton, near Rotherham, on Saturday, August 5th, six bells, available from 3 to 8 p.m. Treeton Station. Midland Railway.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—In consequence of the postponement of the Bank Holiday the annual meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, August 5th, 1916. The bells of the following towers will be available all day, except during the time of service and meeting: Braintree (8), Bocking (8), Felsted (8), Stisted (6), Rayne (6), Black Notley (5). A short service in the parish church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. France, M.A.), at 4.30 p.m. Tea to be followed by the annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute at 5.30 p.m. It is most important that those who intend being present should give me notice not later than Monday, July 31st.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

## DEATH.

**TAYLOR.**—Killed in action in France on July 11th, Arnold Bradley Taylor, Second-Lieut., 9th Leicestershire Regt., fourth son of John W. Taylor, Bellfounder, Loughborough, Leicestershire, and the late Annie Mary Taylor. Aged 22 years.

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



**HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.**

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**KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.**

Subscriptions to the fund for recasting the tenor bell of King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, are still coming in, though not as rapidly as one could wish. There is need for wider help, for it is a claim upon the generosity of ringers which should commend itself to all. The parish is quite unable raise the money necessary, having less than two years ago spent nearly £200 on bell restoration. Now £38 is needed, owing to the tenor cracking, and an appeal is confidently made to the Exercise at large to come to the aid of the parishioners. The following further amounts have been received: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, 5s.; All Saints', Hull, band, 5s.; O. W. L. and J. H. S., Slough, 5s.; Air-Mechanic W. H. P. Mellin, R.N.A.S., 5s. From the list given last week we omitted the contribution of 4s. 6d. collected at a district meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Stow, which brings the total amount to date to £89s. 6d. Contributions should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.****PLEASANT MEETING AT LOUGHTON.**

The summer quarterly meeting of this society was held on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members were attracted to Loughton, Essex, by the prospect of a pull on a good peal of eight and a few hours enjoyment of this pleasant countryside on the edge of Epping Forest. The bells were set going at three o'clock, and continued at intervals until just after six, when an adjournment was made to the King's Head, where tea had been arranged for by Mr. Rann, one of the local ringers. This proved very acceptable, and was followed by a very brief meeting, there being but little business to transact.

The chief of this was, perhaps, the vote of condolence, passed in the usual manner, with the relatives of the late Mr. F. Rumens, of Walthamstow, who in May last had made the necessary arrangements for the Cumberland meeting at his tower, and had then expressed his hope to meet the society again at Loughton.

The next quarterly meeting it is hoped may be held at Shoreditch some time in September.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Mr. Rann for their kindness respectively in allowing the use of the bells and making the arrangements, regret being expressed that the Vicar had been unable to fulfil his intention of being present at the meeting owing to unforeseen circumstances.

An enjoyable hour was afterwards spent with the handbells, Grand-sire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Major and Royal being successfully brought round, while Messrs. Scarlett and Stubbs intervened with a few airs, the former also rendering his well-known "patter" turn. Nine o'clock saw the members wending their way stationwards after a very enjoyable meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**ILMINSTER.**—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Sibley 1, V. Crabb 2, C. Raison (Trowbridge) 3, W. Coombs 4, J. Matthews 5, H. Shire (Clevedon) 6, D. G. Taylor (conductor) 7, H. Raison 8. For evening service, 672: H. Shire 1, G. Sibley 2, V. Crabb 3, W. Coombs 4, J. Matthews 5, C. Raison 6, D. G. Taylor (conductor) 7, H. Raison 8.

**BARNES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, R. Mackrill 4, F. Skevington 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 minutes, by the same ringers, conducted by F. Skevington.

**STRETTFORD.**—Lancashire Association.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob. For evening service, in 1 hr. 6 mins., a date touch of Box Minor (1916 changes). The ringers taking part were: J. J. Moss, C. W. Birchall, T. Birchall, W. Wigglesworth, T. Aldcroft, A. Bannister, W. J. Moss (conductor). Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Whitsun Day, for morning and evening services, 240 and 180 Oxford Bob, 216 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, the following taking part: G. Bertram, E. Chatten, J. Spencer, A. J. Naunton, L. Naunton, N. R. Bailey, F. W. Naunton (conductor).

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—For Whit Sunday services, 408 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, F. Hedges 3, W. Sear 4, J. D. Matthews (London) 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. 224 Bob Major: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, F. Storton 4, H. Sear (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, F. Hedges 7, W. Sear 8. 336 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, J. Mead 2, W. Mead 3, H. Sear 4, W. Sear 5, E. Marks 6, F. Storton (conductor) 7, F. Hedges 8.

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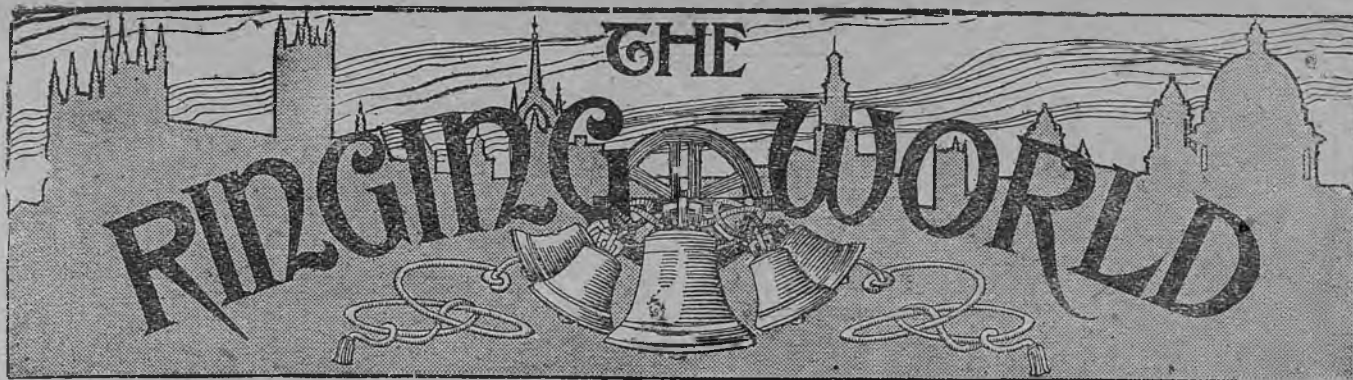
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## THE TOLL OF WAR.

The ranks of the Exercise have lost many good men by the toll which the war is taking from the finest manhood of this country, and the great offensive upon which our valiant Army in France is now engaged has added to the losses which have been sustained. Already the deaths of several ringers concerned in the recent fighting have been announced, and it is too much to hope that the list is yet complete, for the fierce fighting is still going on, and even the early casualties are not yet fully known. But that there are large numbers of ringers taking their share in the struggle at the Somme is certain, for the new Armies and the Territorials are bearing the brunt of the attack, and it was to these forces that ringers flocked after the outbreak of war.

Before there was any question of compulsory service ringers throughout the land responded with alacrity to the call to the duty and sacrifice, and there can be very few towers now that are not represented in the ranks. Our roll of honour, published week by week, has contained the names of thousands who have gone from the belfries of this country, and the roll will remain an imperishable record of the contribution which the Exercise has made to the fighting forces of the Empire. At home large numbers of other ringers have been and are "doing their bit" in the munition factories, so that the share of the ringers in the energies of the nation is a very material one.

To those who have embarked on "the great adventure" the best wishes of those at home go out. The memory of those who have laid down their lives will ever be cherished, and with those who are left to mourn the dead the Exercise deeply sympathises. The tragedy of the war is brought home to us, who are safe in England, never so deeply as when we learn of the death of some comrade of the days of peace, and as the list of friends, who have given all for their country, grows we realise more and more the sacrifice which those who go out are ready and willing to make. In the comparatively small circle of the ringing exercise we have seen young valuable lives carried off which could ill be spared, but how much greater is the loss to the loved ones left behind. The consolation that these men have died the death of heroes and have set a noble example of devotion to duty is all that remains to those left behind, but we trust it may be some balm to the stricken hearts. And with all who have sons and brothers in the fray, and who must be wrung with anxiety, there will be the warmest sympathy, for there can be few homes now from which some man has not gone out to war, and between us all there is a common bond of sympathy such as can be forged only through the fires of a great ordeal.

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## ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

From St. Alphege Church, Greenwich:—

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From the Parish Church, Saffron Walden:—

Pte F. J. Pitstow, Army Ordnance Corps.

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## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northampton District was held at Brixworth, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: St. Giles', St. Peter's, St. Edmund's, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton; Ecton, Boughton and Weston Favell, as well as the local ringers. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. J. White, Rector of Pitsford, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. A. K. Pavey) owing to an accident.

Tea was served at the Crown Inn, 22 sitting down. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Clarke (vice-president, supported by the Rev. J. White, Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. R. Turner (Kettering District Secretary), and Mr. F. J. Bowley, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire, who was elected a life member during the meeting. Three ringing members were also elected.

A discussion took place as to someone being placed in charge of the ringing during the meeting, to look after the younger members and see that they had some ringing with those more advanced, instead of letting them wait about until they could find enough who were no better than themselves, or, as sometimes happens, go away without having had a pull, which was not good either for them or the Association.—It was decided that one of the committee should take charge.

It was reported that during the year quarterly meetings were held at Duston, Moulton, and Kingshorpe, and the special meetings at Yardley, Hastings, Wootton, Dallington and Great Brington.—Four hon. members, fourteen ringing members and one life member were elected. There are now 140 members on the books, and 41 on the roll of honour.—The Rev. J. White presided during the election of vice-president.—Mr. J. Clarke was unanimously re-elected and resumed the chair.—Mr. T. Law, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell, was re-elected district secretary; Messrs. F. Hopper and B. Soden on the Central Committee, and Messrs. H. Clarke, A. Mawby and J. Metherell on the District Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. White for conducting the service, the Vicar for the use of the bells, the local ringers for having them ready, and the officers for their services during the past year.

## LETTER FROM Q.M.S. CAVE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to let you know I am alive and well, and thanking God daily for it.

I am once more, through the kindness of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, receiving "The Ringing World" regularly, and following the correspondence and articles therein.

With regard to the former, I am chiefly interested in that concerning the Central Council. I have not the time to write all I would like to, but I wish to say I am strongly in favour of mending rather than ending it. When a discussion of the merits of the Central Council has cropped up, my chief argument in favour has been those excellent publications mentioned by the Rev. T. L. Papillon in your issue of July 7th.

My principal object in writing, however, is that, as Mr. Jerram invites correspondents to correct errors or omissions in your list of twelve-bell towers, I think I am right in saying that Redcliffe tenor weighs 50 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs. (a postcard to Messrs. Taylor would confirm this) and not 48 cwt. as stated.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

The opening of the peal board at Cheltenham the other day, recalls one of the finest performances in peal ringing that was ever accomplished. Dear old Charles Hattersley, who took part in that performance, was wonderfully proud of it, and if he said ringing was good, you may depend upon it that it was good. Evidently the men who took part in the peal of 15,227 knew the method, for C.H.H. has told us that for more than five hours on end not a word of correction was spoken. The 120 course-ends of Stedman that were rung that day must have been worth listening to, and I am surprised to learn that the peal had not been permanently recorded in the tower before. It is nearly 30 years ago that it was rung, but now that the record has been put up it seems to have been done in worthy fashion. It has often occurred to me that it would be interesting if a list, as complete as possible, of all the long peals rung, could be got together and published. Jasper Snowden did a good deal in this matter in some methods, but his writings only give particulars of each new record. Many interesting peals running into eight, ten or more thousands have, however, been scored in the past which were not new records, and the Exercise in general has now no cognizance of them. The details may be hung in the tower where the peal was rung, but are seen only by those who visit the belfry concerned.

## A NEW EXPERIENCE.

Having in my time rung one or two bad going bells to peals, I thought I knew what hard work was, but I gained fresh experience last week. I don't mind telling you I'm no farmer, but I had always looked upon the life of the agriculturist as one of the most placid, go-as-you-please businesses under the sun, and I had often bethought myself what a delightful holiday it would make if one could just spend a day or so helping to get in the harvest. Just at present, too, when there is a great scarcity of labour I fancied I might kill two birds with one stone, as it were, by doing a farmer a good turn and doing myself one at the same time by having a day in the country, away from the stuffy office, which seems to get smaller as the days get hotter. Whenever I have watched a farmer at work he has always struck me as being one of the happy few able to go through the world at his own pace. I know now why those horny-handed tons of soil—I mean sons of toil, who labour on our farms, appear to go easy at their work. I have had a turn with them in the hayfield, and I have found out that it is not the man, but the job that limits the pace.

## "BAYONET" PRACTICE.

Having found a kindly soul, sufficiently patient to put up with my shortcomings and large-hearted enough to give me my keep—I have only realised his patience and generosity since, I may tell you, because when I started I thought I was the person conferring the favour—I set out early one morning for the hayfield. I was surprised to learn how many hours the haymakers had already been at work. They must be daylight saving at both ends of the day. The process of carrying the hay was in progress in one field, and I found Bert on the top of an ever-growing load. Having been shown which end of a prong to hold—I always used to associate this instrument with the presiding genius of warmer regions than any on this earth—I proceeded to help to "pitch," and Bert is likely to remember my efforts. When he wasn't looking, and I was more energetic than watchful, I "caught him bending," so to speak, with the business end of my prong, and he was quick to remind me that he was not there for me to practice bayonet fighting upon. As the work went on and the sun began to blaze down on us, without the slightest consideration for our comfort, I soon found that ringing was not the only job it is necessary to "peel" for, and coat, waistcoat, collar and tie soon had to come off, and more would have been shed had I dared to do it.

## "FATHER DIDN'T LIKE IT."

We had rather a long way to carry the hay to the rickyard, and to save time every available conveyance was pressed into service, even the donkey cart (No, gentle reader, I was not in the shafts). But it was the donkey that led to trouble. Usually very patient, there is one thing he wouldn't stand, and that was a fly in his ear. With the cart piled high with hay, and Bert on top, Neddy, after flapping his big ears to get rid of his tormentor, reared himself in the air. Up went the cart, and the hay and Bert were promptly unloaded, with Bert underneath. We dug him out, and he was relieved to find that it was not a German mine that had brought about the catastrophe. At any rate our rescue was a quick one, and Bert's experience was not as trying as that of one man I have heard of. Going along a road one day, a hay cart tipped over and the lot was turned out by the roadside. The boy that had been leading the horse was pretty much distressed at what had happened. Then someone living near by came on the scene and told him not to bother about getting the load up just then, but to go home with him to dinner and they would both come back afterwards and pick up the hay. The lad, however, wanted to get on with the job. "If I don't," he said, "father won't like it." "Never mind," said the other, "come and have some dinner; we shall work a lot better after." So, somewhat reluctantly, the boy went away with his new found friend for dinner, but throughout the meal he showed a good deal of restlessness, and as soon as it was over was anxious to be off. "Better stop a few minutes and rest,"

said his host. "No, I'd better not," replied the boy, "father won't like it." "But why won't your father like it?" asked the man. "'Cause father's under the hay," came the reply. But we knew Bert was there, so we didn't leave him till after dinner.

## GREASE SPOTS AND BLISTERS.

In the afternoon we had to go out and turn a field. I wondered how that was going to be done till I was told to bring a rake to turn the hay over with. We worked round and round and round that field, making a mess of the swaths of grass so neatly laid by the mowing machine. I seemed to work harder than any of the others, but I couldn't keep pace with these steady-going farmers, and it was then that I realised, if ever I did, that it is not always the man who appears to be busiest who really does most. When we had finished that field there was not much left of me but a few spots of grease and a blister or two, and there would not have been as much as that had not two angels, in blue and white, come on the scene in the middle of the operations with a bountiful supply of liquid refreshment. At the end (of the work, I mean, not of the refreshment, which was strictly non-alcoholic) I was glad to lay up in the shade to rest. But the others just went on, and on and on, and they were still going on with their haymaking when I left them to pedal homeward on my bike, aching and weary, but having learnt that haying isn't such a soft job as some people imagine. It is also a rare thing to improve one's appetite. I doubt if my labour paid for my keep, and that's why I think the farmer was generous as well as patient.

## THE OTHER SYKES.

When I wrote that note about the American Bill Sikes, who carried off a bell from under the nose of the congregation, I was careful to point out, that it had no reference to our friend Joe, whose home is at Huddersfield, but who rambles over the globe, and who just at present is at St. Chamas, B du R., France. ("Somewhere," the place where all our British troops seem to be concentrated, is scarcely less vague to those of us who are left this side of the channel). Joe seems to be now in a place where the English colony, at any rate, would be glad of a visit from the American lifting brigade, for they have got a bell over there that evidently gets on Joe's nerves. He writes to me thus:—

Dear Bob Major,—The issue of "The Ringing World," dated July 14th, reached me to-day, and, needless to say, was welcome. In your third paragraph you mention the great William. Of course it was not me; my name is spelt with a "y" not an "i," as was, I believe, the great William's, and as well I early learnt the meaning of "Honi soit qui mal y pense," ergo "Je pense rien de mal." Besides, whoever heard of a ringer looting bells, unless they are spelt with an "e"! But should you ever come across the address of the gentry who were slick enough to rob a Yankee Church in broad daylight, send them right along, as within these ancient castle walls there hangs an abortion of the founder's art, yclept, a bell, which insists on striking each hour, and half-hour twice, thereby making the whole twenty-four more hideous than the other various noises have already done. Would it had joined those of Salzburg. Should the Kentucky gentry turn their attention to it they will earn the undying gratitude of the English colony here—only four of us.—Yours sincerely,

OLD JOE.

P.S.—Don't cut your notes so short.

All right, Joe, as soon as I can get the address of those Kentucky bell snatchers, I'll ring you up. Your postscript makes me blush.

## HATS.

The question of ladies wearing a head covering when ringing in the belfry opens up visions of "The Ringing World" with fashion plates illustrating the latest Parisian models in hats and gowns suitable for wear in the ringing chamber. Of course, I'm no more a milliner than I am a farmer; therefore, I am afraid that any advice I could give would not be worth much, but those gorgeous bits of decoration which I generally manage to get seated behind if I ever happen to have a theatre ticket given to me, and which effectually blot out the view of the stage, would, I imagine, hardly suit the case. The care with which ladies adjust their head gear would all be lost if a kink in the rope should give the hat an awkward flip, and the knowledge that a choice bit of millinery was on one side would, I am sure, be enough to distract any lady's attention and make her miss a dodge, or forget that she was in the slow. Please, ladies, don't think I am trying to dictate as to the kind of head gear you should wear. No man in his senses would try to dictate to a lady. They say it is not gentlemanly, but there is another reason, so my married friends tell me. No, I wouldn't give the game away for worlds. But ye who do not believe me, just try it on! Head gear for ladies is not a man's question, and, to tell you the truth, the clergy may not have an enviable job when it comes to approving of what is to be worn.

## C.B. FOR ABSENTEES.

I hear there has been a Court Martial down Birmingham way. They have to mind their p's and q's at Bishop Ryder's now, you know, and if they don't turn up regularly and promptly for the ringing there is a gentleman who wants to know the reason why. The other Sunday evening there were three absentees without leave. When they went "on the carpet" afterwards they pleaded that they had only stayed away to lend a hand at another church, but the Ringing Master, I am told, sentenced them to ten years C.B.

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## PATRIOTISM AND PROFIT.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I am surprised that Mr. Willson should question the patriotism of our association for withdrawing part of its Reserve Fund from the Post Office Savings Bank, and responding to the appeal of the Government to take up 4½ per cent. War Loan. In the first case there is an undertaking to allow depositors, after giving three days' notice, to withdraw part or whole of the money invested, consequently a large reserve has to be kept to meet withdrawals which cannot be used for prosecuting the war. But in the latter case the Government have full control of all the money invested until 1925, or, if it wishes, for 20 years beyond that period.

By the strong appeals that were made for small investors to apply for allotment through the Post Office, it is obvious that the Government expected that depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank would show their patriotism by transferring their money into the War Loan Inscribed Stock, and for the use of the same the Government were prepared to pay an extra two per cent. for the accommodation, the investor taking the risk of having to realise at below par if the money was required before the date of redemption.

Braintree.

C. H. HOWARD.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I rather fancy that Mr. Willson's criticism may cause other Associations to pause and consider. I must myself plead guilty and ask, "Which is the merchant here and which the Jew?" and suggest to "the student of finance" that he should consider the difference in investment in the Post Office Savings Bank and War Loans. The first is so readily realised; in fact, in almost the same position as if it were in the box at home: and the interest is a gift—the others cannot be withdrawn until a specified date, and the interest is a payment.

It appeared to me that as the Government has no certainty of retaining Post Office deposits and cannot make the use of them as in the case of War Loans—that he is a truer patriot who places his money at the disposal of the Government, than he who keeps it in hand or in the Post Office Savings Bank, which is to all intents and purposes much the same; and that he is receiving a gift instead of a payment.

Saffron Walden, July 21st, 1916.

J. F. PENNING.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a most successful and interesting meeting of the Manchester Branch took place at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish. A large number of towers was represented during the afternoon and evening. The recently inducted Rector (the Rev. Hugh B. Lester, M.A.) presided at the business meeting. He had been suffering with an attack of influenza, but so anxious was he to give a welcome that he attended at very great risk. He was, he said, very pleased to welcome the visitors to what he described as one of the finest modern churches in Manchester, and hoped they would not miss the opportunity of looking through the building after the business meeting. He went on to give a very interesting description of various campaniles he had seen on his travels, much to the pleasure of the listeners. He also spoke of his initiation in the art of ringing a bell, and said he had so far escaped hanging through the able tuition of their leader, Mr. Alfred Barnes.

Miss Thorp, of Ashton St. Peter's, was elected a ringing member on the proposition of Miss Edith Barnes.

Worsley was chosen as the next meeting-place, on the 19th August. Nominations for the official positions of the Association are to take place at that meeting, viz., president, general secretary and treasurer. Ringing was indulged in in various methods during the day.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness in attending and granting the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers for having things ready.

## TWELVE BELL RINGS.

SOME CORRECTIONS.

As will be seen from Q.-M.-S. Cave's letter the weight of St. Mary Redcliffe, tenor is 50 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

Mr. T. H. Reeves writes that the weight of Christ Church, West Bromwich, is 23 cwt.

In regard to the twelve at Sheffield Cathedral Mr. Sam Thomas writes:—"The treble of the old ten was cast in 1809, this being the date on the bell, not, as Mr. Jerram has it, the 2nd (in ten) 1808. The 2nd in ten was and is a 1798 bell, the others are given correctly. I have before me a brief historical booklet on the Sheffield Cathedral Church (1916), which gives the following description of the bells: 'The tower contains a peal of twelve bells, the majority of which date from 1804, when a new peal was purchased. Now to be exact, there are only four 1804 bells in the tower, viz. (in twelve) the 5th, 9th, 11th and 12th. So even the newest account is misleading.'

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Whit-Monday, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled, in the memory of the late Lord Kitchener and his staff: M. Clark 1, C. Ward 2, J. T. Holmes 3, J. H. Clark (conductor) 4, H. P. Nash 5, A. Dixon 6, W. Woods 7, F. Ekins 8.



## CASUALTIES AMONG RINGERS.

It is with great regret that we have to announce further losses among ringers in the fighting that is now going on in France.

### LIEUT. ROBERT W. FALCONER KILLED.

We much regret to announce the death of Lt. R. W. Falconer, of the 16th Service Batt. of Northumberland Fusiliers, who, as we mentioned in our last issue, had been reported missing. The deceased officer was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Falconer, of Gosforth, Newcastle, and he was killed in action on July 1st in the great advance.

At the outbreak of the war Mr. Falconer joined the 16th Service Battalion, N.F., as a private, and rapidly rose to sergeant, and became instructor of musketry to his battalion. After nine months' training he was offered a commission—still remaining musketry instructor—and went to France in the latter part of November, 1915. While there he was one of two picked out of his division to instruct at the Telescopic Sight and Sniping School, and he re-joined his battalion just before this last advance.

Mr. Falconer was a keen and active change ringer, and during his career made many close friends. He was a member of the band of All Saints', Gosforth; an hon. member of the Newcastle Cathedral



LIEUT. R. W. FALCONER.

Guild, member of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, in which he had held various offices from time to time; a member of the Yorkshire Association, and became a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild while training with his regiment on Salisbury Plain. He was one of the original ringers of Gosforth, and he learned to handle a bell in the year 1901 (when the new bells were opened), under the able tuition of the late Mr. Robert Story.

Mr. Falconer had rung 37 peals in the following methods: Stedman Caters 2, Triples 10, Erin Caters 1, Triples 2, Double Norwich 4, Duffield Major 1, Shipway Major 2, Forward Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Dublin Complex Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, London Surprise Major 1.

He was loved and held in great esteem by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed, especially by the band, where he did so much in teaching and helping others in the art. His loss to the Durham and Newcastle Association is also a great one, and his death is deeply lamented by a large circle of ringing friends, who extend to his parents their sincere sympathy in their sorrow, and in the loss of such a promising life.

The bells at All Saints', Gosforth, and Newcastle Cathedral, were rung muffled to the memory of the deceased officer on Sunday, and at the Cathedral a muffled peal was to be attempted on Monday.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

### A BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY AT EVESHAM.

On Saturday week, the St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral Society, Birmingham, visited Evesham, on the occasion of their annual outing. They were met by some of the local ringers, and after being introduced to the Evesham ringers' headquarters, the Golden Heart, where some remarkably fine Worcestershire ale and cider is dispensed, they had a look round the interesting old town. The evening was pleasantly passed at headquarters with songs and handbell ringing. On Sunday morning the visitors met at the famous campanile, where the grand peal of ten were set going to Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and other methods. Afterwards the party made their way to the pretty village of Haffenden, where a capital dinner was awaiting them, to which, needless to say, full justice was done. Permission having been

### LIEUT. SHORTER.

In memory of Lieut. A. G. Shorter, whose death we recorded last week, the bells of Consett Parish Church were rung muffled on Sunday week. Lieut. Shorter was secretary of the local band and their representative on the Durham and Newcastle Association Committee. —The Vicar (the Rev. J. Hudson Barker), in his sermon at Matins, made sympathetic allusion to the death of the gallant young officer, and at evensong, Mr. J. Surtees played Chopin's Funeral March at the conclusion of the voluntary.

### CAPT. THOMAS MURRAY AMONG THE MISSING.

In the lists of officers reported as missing has appeared the name of Capt. Thomas Murray, of the 11th Batt. Cheshire Regiment.

Capt. Murray, who was a language master at Wallasey Grammar School, won extremely rapid promotion when he joined the army as a private on Sept. 11th, 1914. Within a week he had risen to the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant, and on the seventh day was given a com-



CAPT. T. MURRAY.

mission. Before the regiment left for France he had gone through further steps, and had been gazetted captain. Formerly he was captain of the ringers at Rothbury, and on removing to Wallasey joined the band at St. Mary's, Liscard.

### DONCASTER RINGER'S WATCHWORD—"DUTY."

Another ringer who has fallen in the great fight is Corpl. Harry Champion, of the "C" Battery, 168th Brigade, R.F.A. Corpl. Champion was a member of the Doncaster band, and of the Yorkshire Association. His parents, who reside at Penistone, have received a letter extending the deepest sympathy of the N.C.O.'s and men of the battery in the loss of "your dear son and our true comrade Harry. He was a fine soldier, manly and true, and never once found wanting in courage and faith. He died a noble death, doing his duty manfully. Duty was his watchword." The letter adds that deceased was mending a line of communication, and during the heavy shelling was hit by shrapnel.

As soon as possible after receipt of the news of the brave young corporal's death, the Doncaster ringers met at St. Mary's Church and rang the bells half-muffled, including a touch of 1008 Stedman Triples by H. Fevre 1, G. Clow 2, J. Holmes 3, F. Ashe 4, C. Scott 5, A. Ashe 6, G. Halksworth (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

obtained to ring on the six bells of the parish church, the belfry was visited, and some Grandsire Doubles were tried, but it was found that the bells badly needed rehanging. After tea the party returned to Evesham, and, having spent a pleasant hour at the Golden Heart, returned to Birmingham, having thoroughly enjoyed the outing. The visitors wish to thank Messrs. Middleton, Morton, Johnson and others for their kind co-operation in making the outing so successful.

### ROCHESTER RINGERS AT SALEHURST.

The staff of Rochester Cathedral had their annual outing on Saturday week, and among the places visited was Salehurst. The party, numbering 30, arrived by motor, and after partaking of an excellent dinner at the New Eight Bells Inn (Host Best), the ringing members visited the belfry of St. Mary's Church, where short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the bells.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN BRANCH MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT FECKENHAM.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Feckenham on Saturday week, when there were ringers present from Worcester, Malvern, Evesham, Hampton, Upton-on-Severn, Stoke Prior, Bretforton, Toddington, etc. At the service the Rev. W. Davis Winstone gave an excellent address. Tea was provided by the Vicar and his mother, Mrs. Davis Winstone, and was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, the weather being all that could be desired.

A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. Two honorary members and several performing members were elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Feckenham, with Mr. J. D. Johnson as conductor. It was further resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Stanton, subject to the approval of the Rector (the Rev. T. W. Reynolds).

The Secretary reported that several more members from the branch had joined H.M. Forces.

Upon the proposition of Mr. E. Barber hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells; also to him and Mrs. Davis Winstone for providing such an excellent tea to the ladies who had waited upon them, and to the organist who so kindly presided at the organ during the service.—Needless to say these votes of thanks were carried with applause.—The Vicar briefly replied, and the meeting closed.

The bells, a peal of eight, were kept going afternoon and evening in various standard methods.

**WINCHESTER GUILD.****SPADE WORK IN THE YORKTOWN DISTRICT.**

A combined practice of the Yorktown District took place at Pirbright last Saturday, and those who took part in it will not regret their attendance, for much good was done locally, and it is hoped that the ringers will soon become members of the diocesan organisation. It is many years since the Guild arranged any ringing in this pretty but remote village (in the churchyard of which Sir Henry Stanley, the great explorer, lies buried), and though the visitors did not muster in large numbers the ringing impressed the local "strings" very much. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor were the methods rung on the peal of six, and perhaps the most satisfactory thing was that, after a lot of pressing, two of the local men were induced to have a 120 of Grandsire Doubles, on condition that the treble went straight up and down and the tenor kept behind.

A peep at the bells and a look round the quaint little church brought up the subject of handbells, and the Pirbright men were treated to a touch on eight bells, some of them not having heard that number rung for a very long time. Parting time soon came, and, aided by motor cycle, auto-wheel, push bike, train and foot, the company departed homeward, all having helped in that useful spade work which is always so much needed, especially in a big diocese like Winchester.

Two interesting boards are to be found in the belfry. One records the various punishments for ringers in years gone by who came to ring the "worse for drink," etc. The other board records that in 1826 a ringer from Twickenham visited the tower and performed a 720 Treble Bob Minor on the bells. Rather a tall order for one man!

**KENT ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Maidstone District was held the other day at Boxley, and was well attended, there being present, in addition to those from the district towers, members from the Rochester and Ashford districts. The bells were started soon after three o'clock, and a couple of hours' ringing was indulged in before service, which was conducted by the Rev. Best Dalison, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Hale), who is serving as Chaplain to the Forces at the front. Tea was very kindly provided by Mrs. Best Dalison, and a company numbering 46 sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, one new member was elected, and the Rev. Best Dalison became an hon. member of the Association. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wrotham, on Saturday, Oct. 7th.

Many of the visitors then made a pleasant round of the gardens and glass-houses of Park House, the Rev. Best Dalison conducting them and giving them quantities of flowers. Afterwards ringing was again the order until it became time to depart.

**BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—Midland Counties Association. — On Sunday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Pte A. D. Aldham 1, W. White 2, W. A. Needham 3, R. C. Belton 4, C. H. Belton 5, Pte T. W. Belton 6, G. P. Garner 7, A. R. Aldham (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Earl Kitchener, and for those brave heroes who have fallen in the recent battles on land and sea. Pte A. D. Aldham belongs to the 10th Batt. South Staffordshire Regiment, stationed at Rugeley, and Pte T. W. Belton to the Shropshire Light Infantry, stationed at Shrewsbury.

**NOTICES.**

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canon-icorum on Saturday, 29th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. E. H. H. Lee) at 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing till 9 p.m. Stations: Axminster, Bridport, or Lyme Regis. —Frank Bugler, Hon. Sec., Beaminstor.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, 1/- per head, will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, in the Chapter House at Christ Church, Oxford, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Winscombe (Cheddar Valley) on Saturday, July 29th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting (at Bird's Restaurant) to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Som.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, July 29th, 1916. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to but not exceeding 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rumney, near Cardiff, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea provided. — Rev. Connop L. Price, J. W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on August 1st, 15th and 29th, and for handbell practice on the 10th and 24th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Vincent), at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Treeton, near Rotherham, on Saturday, August 5th, six bells, available from 3 to 8 p.m. Treeton Station. Midland Railway.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 7th. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, M.A., Vicar of Hoylake. Particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Secretary, New Mills.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 5th, 1916. Bells available from 6.30 p.m. Business meeting in the Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, August 5th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The Branch Secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—In consequence of the postponement of the Bank Holiday the annual meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, August 5th, 1916. The bells of the following towers will be available all day, except during the time of service and meeting: Braintree (8), Bocking (8), Felsted (8), Stisted (6), Rayne (6), Black Notley (5). A short service in the parish church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. France, M.A.), at 4.30 p.m. Tea to be followed by the annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute at 5.30 p.m. It is most important that those who intend being present should give me notice not later than Monday, July 31st.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

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**ISLEWORTH.**—On June 11th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, G. Spencer 3, T. Beadle 4, W. New 5, W. H. Lidbetter 6, A. Beckensale 7, H. Beadle 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Beadle, who was joining the service with his group. He formerly belonged to Northampton and holds the Indian Frontier medal.

**LEICESTER.**—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Margaret's Church, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, called by J. Morris; also 240 called by Pte E. Morris. For evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles and 336 Grandsire Triples, the latter by: F. Sharman 1, W. Aldridge 2, E. Smith 3, A. Ballard 4, Pte E. Morris (conductor) 5, Gunner T. J. Hardy 6, J. Morris 7, J. Vernon 8. Rung as a welcome to Gunner T. H. Hardy (R.G.A.) and Pte E. Morris (Sherwood Foresters), who were home on week-end leave from Weymouth and Langwith respectively.

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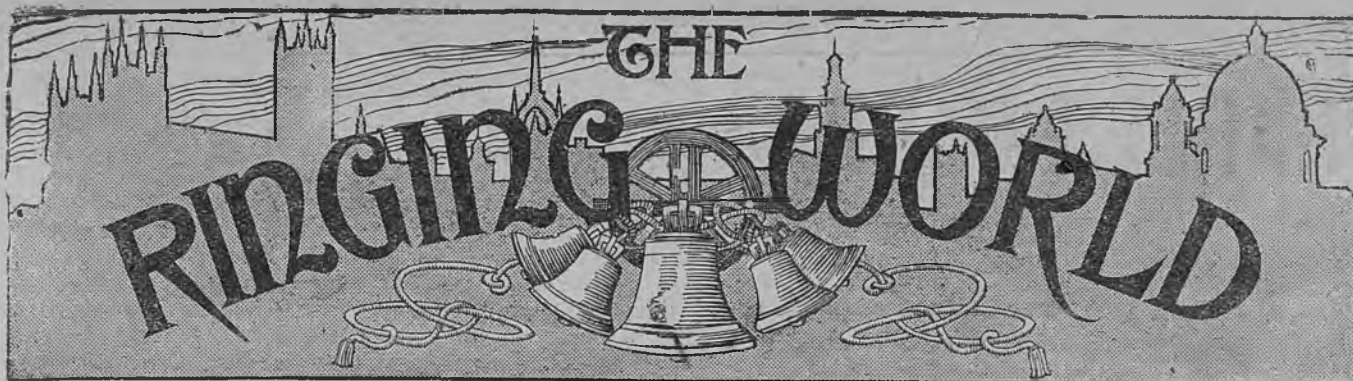
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## CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

In a letter in another column a correspondent asks the pertinent question why the Central Council do not advertise their publications in a ringing paper. How, he inquires, are the younger hands to know of them if they are not advertised, and where is an advertisement likely to procure a better sale for them than in a ringing paper? For the information of our correspondent and others similarly placed, we may say that the Central Council, in their wisdom, have declined to advertise their publications in "The Ringing World." It is a matter upon which we have said very little in the past, because there are those who would be certain to say that any comment we made would be from purely personal motives, but now that the question is directly raised—even at the risk of this view being taken—we think the full facts might well be placed before the Exercise.

The actual details will be found under our correspondent's letter, and it is not necessary to reproduce them here. The reason why we have refrained from publishing them before is that, whatever may have been our feelings towards our former rival in the newspaper world, we would say nothing which might be construed as savouring of spite. But now that that paper is *non est*, we feel at liberty to say what really happened. As to whether "The Ringing World" was treated quite fairly in the matter by the Council we leave others to judge. We have always been ready and anxious to publish, for the benefit of the Exercise, the proceedings of the Council and the reports of the Committees. But for the action which "The Ringing World" has taken in providing its own report of the Council's meetings, the Council, presumably, would have gone on paying the sum of two guineas annually, as they had done for years, in order to secure a report of their discussions for publication in "The Bell News," but that amount was saved to the Council on their three last meetings because they were satisfied to depend upon the enterprise of "The Ringing World." Yet it has been most significant that the Council officially have never given "The Ringing World" any reciprocal support.

As we pointed out, when we commented last year on the publication of the official minutes, the Council, when asked by us to advertise their meetings, as all the Associations do, decided to summon their members by circular; and when invited to advertise their publications in a paper that has not only given them every support, but actually saved them money, decided to issue slips. We do not complain, we only state the facts, but it has always seemed to us that the Council's policy has been a short-sighted one in this matter.

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Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,  
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The Council set great store upon the value of their publications, yet did any member of the Council ever know of a book that gained a popular sale without efficient advertising? Advertised effectively, the Council would sell more of their publications in a month than they now do in a year. They are contemplating the printing of two new books—had it not been for the war they might have been out by this time—but what would be the use of spending a lot of money for this purpose unless they take adequate steps to make known what they have for sale? Perhaps some of the business men on the Council will wake up when next there is a meeting.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1916, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

JESSE GILLET ... ..	Treble	CHARLES DYSON ... ..	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... ..	2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... ..	7
FRANCIS S. WILSON ... ..	3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... ..	8
JOHN AUSTIN ... ..	4	GEORGE CONDICK ... ..	9
THOMAS BALDWIN ... ..	5	JOHN W. DAVIS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The composition has the 6th 24 courses behind the 9th in the tittums, 8 courses behind 7th in the inverted tittums, and 24 courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, and was composed in 1874.

The band tender their very best thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells, and for his generous hospitality after the peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
CHARLES W. COOPER ... ..	Treble
WILLIAM SHORT ... ..	5
RALPH MOORS ... ..	2
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... ..	6
JOSEPH SMITH ... ..	3
GEORGE POPNELL ... ..	7
JOHN BASS ... ..	4
ALFRED W. DODD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the officers and men fallen in the war, including several from this parish.

## SIX BELL PEAL.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY ... ..	Treble	WALTER PERKINS ... ..	4
HARRY MEADOWS ... ..	2	ANDERSTON Y. TYLER ... ..	5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... ..	3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of those who have lost their lives in the war. Quickest peal on the bells.

TENTERDEN.—On June 13th, at St. Mildred's Church at a memorial service for the late Lord Kitchener, two 168's of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a ringers' tribute, those taking part being: A. Johnson, G. Johnson, L. Honess, R. Edwards, G. Neve, A. Allen, J. Manktelow, W. Savage, H. Baker and C. Tribe.



**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently.

CHARLES POULSON ... .. 1—2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4—5
PTK. LAURENCE POULSON 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to oblige L. Poulson, of the 2/6 Suffolk Cyclist Regt.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently.

CHARLES POULSON ... .. 1	*GEORGE DEACON ... .. 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2—3	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 25, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT, 41, HIGH STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 1—2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... 4—5
*WHITTINGHAM W. J. ROPER 3	CHARLES POULSON... .. 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT RUMNEY.

Favoured with beautiful summer weather there was a capital attendance at the quarterly meeting held at Rumney on Saturday last. The bells were available for ringing from three o'clock, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity, touches in the standard methods being rung. Tea was partaken of at the local hostelry, at the kind invitation of the Vicar of the parish, who was awaiting the members.

At the conclusion of the tea the business meeting took place, the Vicar presiding. His opening remarks were a hearty welcome to the Association to Rumney. He dwelt at some length on the history of his bells and upon the ringers' duties, and mentioned how indebted he was to the Association for coming to the assistance of his own ringers, after having had the bells restored and augmented, by teaching them change ringing. Members of the Association, he said, would always be made welcome at Rumney, and he appealed to those who could, now that his band was depleted and young ones were being taught, to give a hand at any time they might be passing.

Correspondence was then read in reference to the treasurer, and also a letter from one of the hon. secs. (the Rev. Connop L. Price), who is now a senior chaplain to the garrison at the Curragh, Ireland.

It was decided to leave the selection of place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting until the annual meeting.—The next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre in September.

New members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality. The tower was then again visited, and several touches rung. Afterwards a social evening was spent with the local ringers, who did all they could for the enjoyment of the visitors. The meeting was a most pleasant and successful one.

**THE CHELTENHAM PEAL BOARD.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to correct the report I sent to you last week with reference to the unveiling of the peal board of the Grandsire Cinques rung at Cheltenham. This is the only peal recorded on the board. Your correspondent, "Bob Major," seems to be under the impression that the long peal of Grandsire Caters is published on this board, but it is not so. There are two peal boards hung in the tower, one recording the long peal of Stedman Caters rung in 1888, and the other recording the long peal of Grandsire Caters rung in 1889. The report I sent to you was taken from the local paper. I wish to apologise to you, as it was entirely my mistake if any wrong impression was created.—Yours truly,

Cheltenham,

H. HALFORD.

**CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Wellingboro' District was held at Doddington on Saturday week, and was attended by ringers and friends from Irthlingboro' Wellingboro', Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Wilby, Easton Mauditt, Northampton, Isham, Sharnbrook, and the local tower. The bells, a ring of five, were available during the afternoon and evening, and utilised in the methods of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. It has been suggested that an extra bell shall be added which will make a splendid peal of six.

An excellent tea was provided on the lawn by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Smith), and was much enjoyed by all, about 33 sitting down. Tea was followed by the usual business meeting.—Owing to the Vicar being away from home the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) presided. Amongst those present were: Mrs. B. Smith, Mr. Sharpe (churchwarden) and Mr. and Mrs. W. Willson, of Isham.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Easton Mauditt in September. — The Rev. B. Smith (Vicar) and Mr. Sharpe (churchwarden) were elected honorary members, and five ringing members were elected from Doddington, and one from Wilby. Mr. G. N. Cochlin, of Halesowen, was elected an out-county ringing member.

This being the annual meeting of the district, Mr. G. Bashford, of Finedon, was elected on the Central Committee in the place of Mr. A. Smeathers. All the other officers were re-elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to him and Mrs. Smith for providing tea, and to the churchwarden.—Mrs. Smith suitably replied, and hoped the ringers would soon come again.

The handbells were then brought into use, when Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were tapped off in fine style. This proved to be one of the best meetings in the Wellingboro' District.

**BOSTON'S TRIBUTE TO KITCHENER.**

The sympathy which a large section of the American public feel with Great Britain and her Allies in the present struggle has been demonstrated in a remarkable manner in Boston, Massachusetts, where at St. Paul's Cathedral an enormous concourse assembled on July 9th on the occasion of a Kitchener Memorial Service. In connection with this service the Boston Guild met at the Advent Church and rang a half-muffled 720 of Bob Minor: A. Matthews 1, J. F. Laker 2, J. Goodhead 3, E. E. Randall 4, W. Bashford (conductor) 5, R. Newton tenor. This was the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor by J. Goodhead and A. Matthews.

On the preceding Tuesday (July 4th), the Guild rang at the Perkins' Institute, Watertown, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: A. Matthews 1, J. F. Laker 2, J. Goodhead 3, E. E. Randall 4, W. Bashford 5, R. Newton (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 of Kent by the ringer of the treble, and the first as conductor, in the method, by R. Newton.

**LADY RINGER MARRIED.**

The wedding took place recently of Mr. A. E. Lock, of Sutton Courtney, Berks, where he was the respected leader of the local ringing company, and Miss Kate Holifield, daughter of Mr. H. Holifield, of Abingdon, and a member of the Ladies' Guild. Both the bride and bridegroom are well known in Oxford Guild circles, and good wishes go out to them upon their marriage.

In the evening, after the ceremony, a few of their ringing friends met them at Sutton Courtney Church, and a well-struck 360 of Bob Minor was rung by T. Hanks (Sutton) 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, H. Holifield 3, H. R. Cooper (Milton) 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. W. Wilkins (High Wycombe), conductor, 6. Also two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 1, T. Groves (Milton) 2, H. Holifield 3, H. R. Cooper 4, A. E. Lock 5, T. Hanks 6.

The bridegroom has since entered the Royal Flying Corps.

**TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I thank Mr. Cave, Mr. Reeves and Mr. Thomas for their corrections. As regards the tenor at St. Mary, Redcliffe, I must have taken the weight of the old tenor before recasting. By-the-by, this at one time used to be quoted at 52 cwt., but was afterwards found not to exceed 48 cwt. My information with regard to Sheffield was derived from Mr. J. Eyre Poppleton's account of the bells of West Riding. Evidently he transposed the present third and fourth inscriptions, and misread the date on third (1808 instead of 1809). My information about West Bromwich was taken from Mr. Lynam's "Church Bells of Staffordshire," published in 1889. He gives the diameter of the tenor as 44 inches, which would make the bell about 15 cwt. This is certainly a mistake, and I find the weight given in Mear's list as 23 cwt., which no doubt is right.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

**RINGER INJURED.**

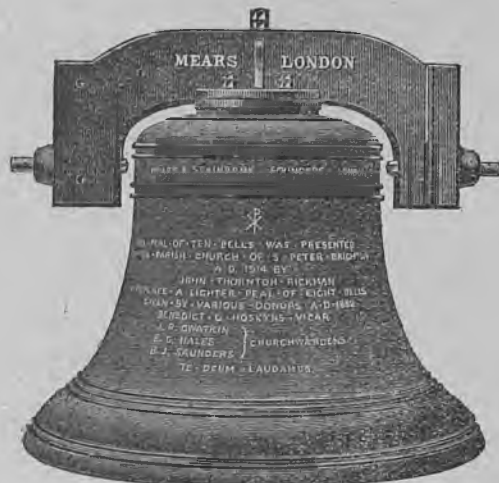
Sergt. Thomas Gee, A.S.C., a ringer at Handsworth Parish Church, is now in hospital at Exeter, having been injured in France. On his arrival in England an operation was found necessary, and for a time his condition was serious. His progress now, however, is satisfactory. Sergt. Gee is a son-in-law of Mr. T. Verry, the tower keeper at Handsworth.

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## PUBLICATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—In your issue of June 23rd, the Rev. H. Law James, in his letter re "The Council's Real Work," refers to a list of publications by the Central Council and advises ringers to buy them. I have been a reader of "The Ringing World" for some time, but I do not remember having seen these works advertised. Older ringers might be acquainted with these publications, but how are the younger hands to know of them if they are not advertised, and where is an advertisement likely to procure a better sale than in a ringing paper. I should be pleased to buy some of these works, but have no idea where to send for them.—Yours truly,  
A. T.

[Some long time ago application was made to the Council by "The Ringing World" for an advertisement of their publications, and on the instructions of the Standing Committee we were offered an advertisement on the same terms as the now defunct "Bell News," viz., 10s. for a year, the advertisement to be inserted ~~once~~ a month. This offer was declined, the price being absurdly out of proportion to the value of an advertisement in a paper reaching as many ringers as "The Ringing World" does. We, however, submitted the price at which we should be prepared to accept an advertisement, and the matter was discussed by the Council at their meeting in London last year. The respective charges by the two papers were mentioned, and, by a majority, the Council decided to continue to advertise in "Bell News," but not to advertise in "The Ringing World," and, instead, to issue slips, giving details of the publications. This course was decided upon, on the strength of the prices quoted, without apparently any consideration of the relative worth of the two papers as advertising media. It was not until a decision had been come to that the Council heard the truth of the matter. After the vote had been taken, the President explained why the proprietor of "Bell News" was satisfied with the small amount which was paid to him. The previous owner had been advanced a sum of money by the President, who in return stipulated that in future all matter relating to the business of the Central Council should be inserted free of charge. That arrangement continued until the paper changed hands, and the annual charge of 10s. for the advertisement was arrived at with the new proprietor as a sort of compromise.

Further reference to this matter will be found in our leading article.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## PATRIOTISM AND PROFIT.

### TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM POST OFFICE

"DOES NOT ASSIST THE COUNTRY."

In view of the discussion which has arisen under the above heading, concerning the re-investment of Association Funds, which had previously been in the Post Office Savings Bank, and which have been transferred to War Loan securities, we have taken the opportunity of securing for the benefit of our readers an official view of the question as to whether it is in the national interests that funds should be so transferred. The following is the reply which we received from the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank:—

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., in which you ask whether the Government desires that money should be withdrawn from the Post Office Savings Bank for investment in War Loan, or "whether, indeed, it is patriotic to do so," I beg to explain that money left in the Post Office Savings Bank and money invested in War Loan, Exchange Bonds, War Savings certificates, or other Government Securities, is in each case lent to the State, and that the mere transfer from one security to the other does not assist the country as no fresh funds are thereby provided for the war.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. DAVIES, Controller.

Post Office Savings Bank, West Kensington, London W.  
27th July, 1916.

## SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS ASSIST AT WEDDING.

On Thursday week the marriage of Mr. F. S. H. Judd, J.P., to Lady Bailey (widow of the late Sir James Bailey), of Rickling House, was solemnised at the Parish Church, Rickling, Essex. Mr. Judd is a life member of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association, and took a great interest in the repairs of the bells and making the new belfry and staircase. Six members of the Saffron Walden Society therefore decided to go to Rickling and ring the bells in honour of the interesting event. Several six-scores in different methods were rung after the service was over, and some of the local ringers then joined in and assisted to ring Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

The homeward journey was then commenced. At the Cricketers (which stands on the Rickling Green, of cricket fame) liquid refreshment was much in request, as the sun was very hot and the belfry stuffy. The handbells were brought out, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The journey was then continued, a short stoppage was made at the celebrated Coach and Horses, Newport, and then home. This finished a very enjoyable afternoon's outing. The ringers from Saffron Walden were: F. Dench, A. James, J. F. Penning, A. E. Pitstow, L. Pitstow and F. Pitstow. The locals were represented by Mr. D. Jolley and four others.

## RINGERS WHO HAVE FALLEN.

As we have already recorded, several ringers have fallen in the advance which the British have undertaken, and on this page we reproduce the photographs of two who have laid down their lives. Corpl. Harry Champion, of Doncaster, was serving with the Royal Field Artillery, and Pte. Frank Downing with the Royal Warwickshire Regt.



CORPL. HARRY CHAMPION, of Doncaster.



PTE. F. S. DOWNING, of Coalbrookdale.

### GREENS NORTON RINGER KILLED.

Among the ringers who have fallen in the present British offensive on the Somme, is Lance-Corpl. J. B. Hornsby, of the Greens Norton band. He was a member of the Towcester and District Association, and enlisted at the outbreak of war in the City of London Regiment. Just prior to this he had rung his first peal, one of Doubles. He has a brother, also a ringer, serving with the colours. On Sunday evening the bells were rung muffled to his memory.

### HEAD COVERING FOR LADIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the question of head gear for lady ringers, it is quite a mistake to imagine that there is any Scriptural authority for requiring women to have their heads covered in a sacred building. The Apostolic injunction applies simply and solely to women actually taking part in Divine Worship. It may, it is true, be argued, on the lines of your leading article, that ringing is so closely allied to Divine service as to form part of it: but except from that point of view, a woman is just as free as a man to appear in the belfry with head uncovered. See 1 Cor. xi., 5, 13. Yours obediently.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, St. James' Day, 1916.

### SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Central Division of the Sussex Association held a quarterly meeting at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday week, and the gathering proved a success, progressively and numerically, over 30 being present. Ringing commenced at 2.30 and continued until 4.30, when the members attended a special service in church at 5 o'clock. All assembled at the Schoolroom for tea, which was admirably arranged for by the local band. This was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Piggott) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. C. Bond (Rector of Clayton and Keymer), and the local clergy.

Three new members were elected, viz.: The Rev. C. H. Piggott (hon. member), the Rev. M. H. Waller and A. E. Berry, Hurstpierpoint.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness in allowing the Association the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding, and to the Rector of Clayton and Keymer for his excellent address.—This concluded the business.

At the invitation of the Rector, the ringers paid a visit to the Rectory gardens, after which they again visited the tower, where the bells were soon going again in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise, until 8 p.m., thus, as is usual on these occasions, giving all an opportunity for a ring in whatever method they desired. The following towers were represented: St. Peter's, Brighton; Lindfield, Seaford, Burgess Hill, Shoreham, Balcombe, and the local band; also a few friends from London.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### WEST DORSET BRANCH MEETING.

Glorious summer weather prevailed for the meeting of the West Dorset Branch, which was held at the historic Parish Church of SS. Wite, Candida and Holy Cross, Whitechurch-Canonicorum on Saturday last. The modern motor, the useful push bike (and the hills around take some pushing up), the more plebeian waggonette and even shank's pony were brought into requisition to bring representatives from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Lyme Regis and Swindon, to meet the few local members who have not yet had to be called upon in their country's service. The peal of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) were up, and very soon were sending forth their sounds over the hill-encircled Vale of Marshwood.

Ringling continued till 5 p.m., when a short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. H. Lee) gave a brief account of the church tower. He stated that the present 15th century tower was certainly the second if not the third tower that had stood on that site, and to prove that the tower had been well used by ringers he stated that this was the third set of stone stairs that the present tower had had, the records showing that two renewals had taken place since the building of the present structure.

Service over, all adjourned to the Vicarage orchard, where under the shade of the old apple trees a most welcome tea was partaken of.

Thirty sat down to the spread, amongst whom were the Revs. C. F. Langford and S. L. R. Sharp. The Rev. J. W. Coulter, who had been present at the ringing and service, had to leave before tea.

The business was quite formal. Stoke Abbott was chosen for the next meeting, on Saturday, 30th September.—The Vicar was thanked for his hospitality, and then all adjourned again to the church, some to ring, some to listen with intense interest to the Vicar's lucid description of the many points of interest both inside and outside the building and others to listen to an impromptu organ recital by one of the ringers. Thus in this peaceful place, where only the absence of so many of the able-bodied men makes one realise there is a world-wide war, was held a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Tortworth on Saturday week, ringers attending from Bristol, Newport (Mon.), Berkeley, Dursley, Stinchcombe, Thornbury, Tytherington and Wotton-under-Edge. The bells, a peal of six, were kept going afternoon and evening in various methods.

In the absence of the Rector of Tortworth, who was on holiday, the Rev. H. Massiah, in charge of the parish, came amongst the ringers and brightened the afternoon's proceedings. Thornbury was selected for the next place of meeting, on August 12th.



## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On June 13th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, as a compliment to Mr. J. Blackbourne, of Sheffield, who was on a visit to Bottesford: T. Rawden 1, D. Gilden 2, W. Turner 3, M. Bend 4, R. Bend 5, H. Thorlby 6, S. Baker (conductor) 1, J. Jackson (first 720) 8.

**DERBY.**—Midland Counties Association.—On June 13th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: Geo. Cook 1, J. Pagett 2, A. Braines 3, C. Draper 4, E. H. Clarke 5, A. E. Thomson 6, Geo.-Freebrey (conductor) 7, A. Gamble 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener and others of H.M.S. Hampshire.

**OXTON.**—Chester Guild.—At St. Saviour's Church, on June 13th, 2520 Grandsire Triples, the first five parts of Holt's 10-part, in 1 hr. and 34 minutes: C. Owens 1, H. Brocklebank 2, H. Martin 3, R. Birchall 4, W. Hughes 5, H. J. Samuel 6, F. S. Barnes (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener and others of H.M.S. Hampshire.

**NEWTON LONGVILLE.**—At the Parish Church, 508 Grandsire Triples: W. Crane (Bangor) 1, H. Sear 2, J. Mead 3, W. Mead 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, H. Taylor 7, R. Nichols 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples, and a course of Bob Major.

**KETERING.**—On Tuesday, June 13th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Lord Kitchener, the "whole pull and stand" was rung, and also touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the following ringers taking part: C. Bird, A. Payne, F. Sawfoot, J. E. Chapman, M. Hobbs, R. F. Turner, D. J. Nicholls, G. Foster, and Pte H. Baldwin (of Bray, Berks), of the Army Remount, A.S.C.

**NUNEATON.**—On Tuesday, June 13th, at the Parish Church, a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and two courses of Double Norwich: H. Argyle, R. Pollard, W. Martin, T. W. Chapman, J. Clarke, senr., J. Clarke, junr., J. Ballard, W. Horton, J. Greasley. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled after the memorial service to Lord Kitchener, and those who lost their lives in the great naval battle, of whom several belonged to Nuneaton district.

**ANSTON, SHEFFIELD.**—On June 13th, the day of the memorial service to Lord Kitchener, a muffled 720 Kitchener Surprise, in memory of the great soldier. This method was composed by C. Fowler, of six-bell fame, in 1900, and was rung for the first time by this company in the same year. The 720 was rung by: E. F. Stenton 1, W. Platts 2, Hy. Stenton (conductor) 3, R. Smith 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler 6.

**LONDON.**—Royal Cumberland Youths.—On June 18th, for evening service, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, A. W. Hardy 2, H. Burton 3, M. Woodcock 4, B. Foskett 5, F. Smith 6, W. H. Theobald 7, H. T. Scarlett 8, G. Card 9, W. Berry 10, H. Flanders 11, H. C. Stubbs 12.

**DAVENTRY.**—On Sunday afternoon, June 18th, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): \*A. Towers 1, A. Andrews 2, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 3, W. R. Parker 4, F. Hopper 5, T. Law 6, W. J. Allen 7, \*H. Abel 8. Rung for a memorial service for the officers and men of the King's Navy and Army, who have given their lives for their country, especially Lord Kitchener, and those who fell in the great naval battle of Jutland. Messrs. Towers, Abel, Andrews belong to the local band, and the others to Northampton. The first quarter-peal on the bells, which were hung in 1735. \* First quarter-peal.

**LONDON.**—London County Association.—On Sunday evening, June 18th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: W. A. Alps 1, F. Andrews 2, F. A. Smith 3, T. H. Taffender 4, F. Davis 5, T. Walker 6, R. N. Runham (conductor) 7, J. Hunt 8. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Patron Saint. Corpl. R. N. Runham, R.F.C., was in London on week-end leave from Farnborough.

**CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.**—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, June 18th, for a memorial service to Lord Kitchener, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled, and 6-7 dodging behind: F. A. Watkins 1, C. Minton (conductor) 2, G. Robinson 3, G. W. Roberts 4, W. Mead 5, Rd. Jones 6, G. W. Griffiths 7, I. Davies 8. Messrs. Minton and Robinson hail from Bishop's Castle, and kindly came over to assist the local band, who are short-handed.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, June 11th, as a birthday compliment to H. Argent, of the local band, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Hayes 1, Pte Varo (Suffolk Regiment) 2, G. Ambrose 3, G. Morrad 4, H. Holden 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

### KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

The £38 needed for the recasting of the tenor bell at King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, is still a long way off completion, and we hope that those bands who are in full enjoyment of their own ring of bells will all put their shoulders to the wheel and give the fund a push. Any contributions will be gratefully received by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Orlebar), who acknowledges with thanks 10s. from the Erith ringers, 5s. from Mr. William Story, and 10s. from St. Peter's band, Bedford, bringing the total up to £29 9s. 6d.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on August 15th and 29th, and for handbell practice on the 10th and 24th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Vincent), at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Treeton, near Rotherham, on Saturday, August 5th, six bells, available from 3 to 8 p.m. Treeton Station. Midland Railway.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, August 5th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The Branch Secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—In consequence of the postponement of the Bank Holiday the annual meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, August 5th, 1916. The bells of the following towers will be available all day, except during the time of service and meeting: Braintree (8), Bocking (8), Felsted (8), Stisted (6), Rayne (6), Black Notley (5). A short service in the parish church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. France, M.A.), at 4.30 p.m. Tea to be followed by the annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute at 5.30 p.m.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 7th. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, M.A., Vicar of Hoylake. Particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Secretary, New Mills.

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

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION** (Wotton-under-Edge Branch).—A meeting at Thornbury, on August 12th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m.; service in Church, 4.30; tea at 5 by kind invitation of Vicar. Will those intending to be present please notify me by August 9th.—W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

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

**AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING** will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available at 3; service at 4.30; tea (free) at the Rectory at 5; ringing again afterwards. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

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

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

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

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

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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## ASSOCIATION FUNDS AND WAR LOAN.

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

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

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

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FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 3	LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. 7
EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 4	CHARLES MUSTOE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

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

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 size, in B flat.

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

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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	

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

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

Leonard J. Wyman, of Thrapston, Royal Engineers.

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

## ANOTHER RINGER KILLED.

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

## KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

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

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT BRAINTREE.

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

### THE SERVICE.

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

### THE PRODUCT OF CHRISTIANITY.

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

### WORKING FOR GOD AND MAN.

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

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

### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

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

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

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

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

### GREETING FROM THE BISHOP.

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

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

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

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

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

### AN M.P.'S INTEREST.

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

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

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

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

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

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

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

#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

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

#### FORMER GUILDFORD RINGER'S LOSS.

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

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

#### PATRIOTISM AND PROFIT.

To the Editor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leicester.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

#### PATRIOTISM OR PRINCIPLE?

To the Editor.

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

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

J. F. PENNING.

Saffron Walden.

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

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

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

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

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## DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR HUGHES.

HEAD OF THE FAMOUS WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY.

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



THE LATE MR. ARTHUR HUGHES.

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

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

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

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

### TRADITIONS OF ANCIENT FIRM MAINTAINED.

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

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

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

### NOTABLE CONTRACTS.

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

### CONNECTION WITH THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### THE FOUNDRY'S GREAT HISTORY

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

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

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

#### THE ROMANCE OF THE MEARS' FAMILY.

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

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

#### BEQUEST FOR BELL RINGING.

##### £1,000 FOR BINGLEY.

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

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

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

##### To the Editor.

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

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

#### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

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

#### A HELPING HAND.

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

#### WRITTLE BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

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

## DEATH OF A LLANDAFF RINGER.

## MEMBER OF CATHEDRAL BAND DIES WHILST IN TRAINING.

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

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

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

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

## ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

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

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

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

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

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

## 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By W. PAGE, WORCESTER.

23456		23456		36425	
42356	7 in and out at 3	43625	S 1 and 89	52634	8 in 2
25346	8 in 3	32645	8 in 3	23654	8 in 3
54326	8 in 3	24635	8 in 3	62354	9 in 3
35426	9 in 3	62435	9 in 3	35264	8 in 3 S
43526	9 in 3	46235	9 in 3	25463	89
32546	8 in 3	63245	8 in 3	42563	9 in 3
24536	8 in 3	34265	8 in 3	23456	9 in & out at 2
52436	9 in 3	23465	9 in 3		
45236	9 in 3	42365	9 in 3	Round at hand	
53246	8 in 3	36245	8 in 3	S Has 5 & 6 the extent	
24356	8 in 3 S	64235	8 in 3	in 6th's	
32456	9 in 3	26435	9 in 3		
43256	9 in 3	42635	9 in 3		
35246	8 in 3	23645	8 in 3		
54236	8 in 3	34625	8 in 3		
25436	9 in 3	63425	9 in 3		
42536	9 in 3	46325	9 in 3		
23546	8 in 3	62345	8 in 3		
34526	8 in 3	24365	8 in 3		
53426	9 in 3	32465	9 in 3		
45326	9 in 3	43265	9 in 3		
52346	8 in 3	26345	8 in 3 S		
34256	8 in 3 S	64325	8 in 3		
23456	9 in 3	36425	9 in 3		

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## NOTICES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### DEATH.

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

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

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

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

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

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

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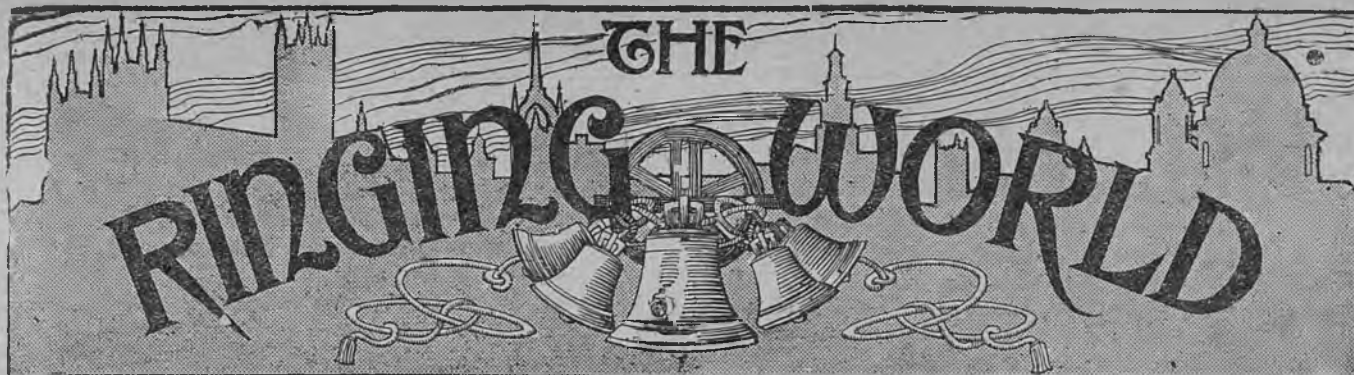


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## MODERN WORK.

## KEEPING THE BELLS RINGING.

Our readers will, we think, agree that considerable interest attaches to the chronicle of the doings, published in another column, of that virile branch of the Oxford Guild which covers the district of East Berks and South Bucks. As it appears in cold print it is just a resumé of a number of pleasant and useful gatherings in various parts of a beautiful district—unofficial meetings, free, easy and enjoyable, and providing for those who participate the opportunity of keeping up their practice in the art. But there is more behind it, even than this, which in itself would be ample justification for the efforts which are made to bring the ringers together. What is being done in this corner of the Oxford Guild is a splendid example of what enthusiasm and co-operation may accomplish at a period when almost every tower is suffering from a lack of members. These ringers—and they include both sexes—are showing an energy and initiative which might well be followed in many other districts. They make the most of the restricted opportunities for practice, and, while one may see in what is done the evidence of a specially active organiser, the ringers respond with eagerness to the call "to keep the church bells ringing till the boys come home."

Efforts such as are being made in the Oxford diocese, are being made also in some few other places, although we doubt if there is a single district where the work is so well sustained. We rather wonder that, despite all the concentration of energy on the affairs of the war, more has not been done in a general way to organise these frequent combined practices, and visits to towers where, for the most part, the bells have now perforce to remain silent. The summer has not entirely gone and there is still time for organising such enjoyable little ringing gatherings as those of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the O.D.G. undoubtedly are. Our correspondent who records the doings in that charming corner of old England has his own breezy way of telling us what has been done, and those who read his notes can readily realise the pleasure which is got out of the gatherings. But what we feel is that these reports have a value beyond being a mere chronicle. They show how much success may be attained by a little effort and organising ability, and should be an incentive to others.

It is the sort of thing that associations might officially encourage more than they do, for there is nothing like activity to keep up interest, and the associations have much to lose if they let go the hold on their members at a time like this. If these local inter-tower visits could be established more or less generally throughout the country during war time they would develop into a great source of strength when, with the arrival of a victorious peace, things will begin to return to the normal.

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Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lieut. Michael V. Molloy of the 2nd Batt. Sherwood Foresters, who fell whilst leading a machine gun section at Hooze on August 9th, 1915.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined the colours:

Pte A. V. Inns, of Kettering, Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Pte Samuel Porter, of Alfreton, Derbyshire, Durham Light Infantry.  
Pte George Bester, of Christ Church, Southgate, Army Veterinary Corps.  
Rifleman G. B. Edser, late hon. secretary Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, Queen Victoria Rifles.  
W. Jarman, late hon. secretary St. Lawrence company, Ramsgate.  
From Bolsterstone, near Sheffield:—  
Pte Archie Brearley, West Riding Regiment, Labour Battalion, now in France.  
Pte D. J. Brearley, York and Lancaster Regiment.  
From the Romney Marsh Guild:—  
Pte G. Billenness (Master of the Guild), 3rd Buffs, Crowborough, Sussex.  
Sergt. Raymond Dunster, Royal Sussex (T.F.), somewhere in France.  
Corpl. Reginald H. Philips, Royal Engineers, Essex.  
Pte Cyril Wenham, Royal West Kent Yeomanry, Egypt.  
Pte James Neve, Army Service Corps, somewhere in France.  
Pte John Neve, Army Service Corps, Salisbury Plain.  
Pte Fredk. Underdown, Army Service Corps, somewhere in France.  
Pte Harold Bach, Royal Engineers.  
Pte Percy Milton, Medical Transport.  
Pte F. Apps, 3rd Dragoon Guards.  
From St. Mary's Church, Chepstow:—  
Pte Cyril Priest, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, killed at Ypres, May 8th, 1915.  
Pte Ivor Priest, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, wounded, and made prisoner of war, at Ypres, May 8th, 1915, exchanged last autumn.  
Sergt. F. Bye, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment.  
Pte W. Arnold, Motor Transport Section, A.S.C., now in India.

## ANOTHER KETTERING RINGER KILLED.

The Kettering band have lost another very promising young ringer by the death of Sergt. Arthur Plant, of the Northamptonshire Regiment, who was killed in action in France on August 4th last, and much sympathy will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Plant, who have lost their only son. The following letter, testifying to the popularity and esteem in which the deceased sergeant was held by his comrades, has been received. Writing to his parents, C.-Q.-M.-S. Frost says: "Your son was killed instantly on the morning of the 4th of August, when he was marking out a trench, quite close to the enemy. He was the nicest boy I ever had dealings with. Nothing was too hard for him, and he was the most obliging lad one could wish to meet. We are all extremely sorry to have lost him; he was more like a young brother to me than one of my sergeants. I am sure he must have died happy, because it was his nature to always look on the sunny side of life. One thing you can always treasure in your mind is that he was a good soldier and always a brave one."

Sergt. Plant, who would have attained his majority next month, enlisted as soon as war broke out, and went to France on the 20th May, 1915. Seven weeks ago he came home on leave for a week, and joined his fellow ringers in ringing for the Sunday services. He will be much missed in the Kettering belfry. Of a quiet, unassuming nature, he made rapid strides in learning change ringing, having mastered Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich in a very short time. His only two peals were rung just before war broke out (Grandsire and Double Norwich), both at the first attempt.

In addition to Sergt. Plant the Kettering band have lost the services of Pte W. Smart, killed in action and Pte W. Mace, severely wounded, who has lost his right arm, while Pte P. Inns is a prisoner of war in Germany.

## THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA.

### STORY OF VANCOUVER'S BELLS.

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When, just over five years ago, ringers in England learned with interest, through "The Ringing World" that a peal had been rung in Canada, they little realised the years of patient work that had been involved, just in getting the bells which now hang in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, and then in collecting a band able to attempt a peal. The achievement was due almost entirely to the energy and perseverance, in face of almost insuperable difficulties, of one man, Mr. A. C. Limpus, who, although not at the time a practical ringer, was so enthusiastic in his love of bells, that he laboured for more than five years to get the octave and then for five more years before a band was got together capable of ringing a peal. Mr. Limpus is now in England, serving in the Canadian Engineers, and we have induced him to tell, for the benefit of our readers, how the bells (on which he himself learned to ring), the ringers and the peal were obtained. He writes:—

#### COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

"I think it is high time I kept my promise to you and sent you the little account of how the peal, which was rung in Vancouver, on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1911, was accomplished. I must, however, ask you to forgive what mention I may make with regard to myself throughout this little narrative, but as I am largely responsible for this now historical performance (perhaps under circumstances over which I had no control) it is almost unavoidable. To begin with, then, the first few years of my abode on this planet were spent within the walls of a building which contained a peal of bells, none other, in fact, than those hung in the old curfew tower at Windsor. But my interest in campanology did not awaken until I was installed in a new home at Twickenham seven years later, and so I must ask you to go back with me in thought to that pretty little town on the banks of the Thames, which was out off from Greater London by green fields stretching from the railway station all the way to Isleworth. It was long before the tram cars and motor-buses came rumbling down newly-made streets. It was when the music of the horn of the stage coach mingling with the clatter of horses' hoofs coming round the bend from the Richmond Road into Church Street, and when the band on the penny steamers, playing 'Twickenham Ferry,' whilst passing up behind Eel Pie Island on their way to Hampton Court, were the only sounds to mingle with the pealing of the bells of St. Mary's on a Sunday morning. Some of these bells could be seen swinging in the old tower from the back windows of the old Vicarage, which was long since ruthlessly torn down.

"Here, then, some 37 years ago begins the history of the ring of eight in the tower of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Pro-Cathedral in Vancouver, British Columbia. Inquisitive lad that I was, I must needs make a closer acquaintance with those sonorous monsters hanging in Twickenham tower, and so, taking down the belfry door key, which, by-the-way, weighs about half-a-pound, and climbing up the dark winding staircase, I spent many an hour in watching the working of the bells from the entrance to the bell chamber. Once, finding the clapper tied, an elder brother and I ventured on a little practice of our own at the end of the rope, and this one occasion was my only experience with a bell rope in England. But the whole thing so fascinated me that I made a small working model bell of cardboard, which could be raised and set, and which, perhaps, more than anything else helped to secure our peal. My model was so placed that it happened to throw a shadow on the wall from a gas jet, and a friend, entering the room with my father, made the remark that I should be employing my time in a more profitable manner. But my father seemed much amused at my endeavours, and said, 'Leave him alone. You know coming events cast their shadows before.'

"Could this, indeed, be the foreshadowing of our peal? I have good reason to think it was, though 7,000 miles or more was a long way to cast a shadow, and thirty-five years was a long time to take in reaching, as it finally did, a city yet unbuilt, in the land of the setting sun, where your humble servant had made up his mind to travel to as soon as he was big enough to go on his own.

#### THE FIRST BELLS COME TO VANCOUVER.

"Meantime the great Corporation known as the Canadian Pacific Railway Company were slowly pushing the construction of their road through the mountains to the waters of the Pacific Ocean, where, at the head of Burrard Inlet, the statutory terminus of the road, sprang up quite a town, known as Port Moody, the inhabitants of which expected it to remain the terminus of the railway. But the company had larger plans in view, and, getting an extension of their charter, pushed their line 15 miles farther down the inlet and proceeded to lay out a city worthy to be the terminus of their great road, which Sir William Van Horne, the then President of the Corporation, so aptly named after that illustrious navigator who did much towards exploring the coast, and whose body now lies buried in the little churchyard at Petersham, just across the ferry at Twickenham and within sound of the old bells at St. Mary's Parish Church.

"About the year 1900 it was announced in the Vancouver papers that a fine peal of bells was being cast for the new Catholic Church, then being erected by 'the most famous founders of bells in the world,' viz., Messieurs S. and F. Pacsard, of Savoy, France, and it was with interest I watched their installation in the tower. Soon, however, I began to have doubts about their being a peal at all. They numbered but seven; the largest weighed 4,690 lbs., and was 60 inches across the mouth, whilst the smallest was but 560 lbs. in weight, and only 30 inches diameter; also the notes were C, E flat, E, F, G, A and C (treble). They were entirely without stays, sliders or even proper bell ropes, a new manila rope half-an-inch in diameter being used which was attached to the top of the wheel, which, in its turn, reached but half-way down the waist of the bell, while the clappers weighed one-twentieth the weight of each bell. The four larger bells were hung on a kind of roller bearing, and when rung they were swung in a wholesale jumble, which soon caused complaints through the Press that the bells were out of tune.

"Getting acquainted with those of the congregation who were pulling the ropes, I gradually got them interested in our English method of ringing, and with the help of Mr. Bond, who hailed from Cheltenham, contrived to fit the four smallest bells with stays, sliders, pulleys, etc., and getting some soft second-hand ropes and working a very respectable sally into each of them we had four bells on which we could now ring rounds. This arrangement, poor though it was, proved such an improvement on the old clatter that I found many willing ears among my pupils as to increasing the peal to five, by the addition of a B flat bell, and the recasting of the treble, and it gave me such encouragement that I decided to work on procuring a full peal of eight. Getting estimates from some of our bell founders at home, I found that, by selling them the three larger bells and little treble, it would just pay for the five new bells required, also for taking them down from the tower, for cartage and shipment to England and return to the tower in Vancouver with a margin of £8 to spare, after paying also for modern rehanging. So my little band of amateur ringers broached the subject to the Church Committee, and right here my real work began.

#### OPPOSITION TO ENGLISH BELLS.

"If anyone has read Dr. A. H. Nichols' account of his attempt to install an English peal of bells in the new 500 foot tower of the Customs House, at Boston, U.S.A., he has there a facsimile of the history of the work, which happily lead to the instalment of our peal, only one was fought out in the U.S. Congress and the other in the committee-room of the church. Practically the same objections were raised in both cases. That they would be English bells seemed to be the chief trouble in the States; so also was it in Vancouver. In the States it was, perhaps, more or less for patriotic reasons, but in Vancouver it was more for private reasons. If it will not try the patience of your readers, I will try and lay a few of these reasons before you, and you will then, perhaps, appreciate what I was up against. First, the whole fabric of the church, organ, bells, etc., were built, and most of the money loaned by the Oblate Fathers, with headquarters, I believe, in France; about one-third of the congregation was Quebec French, and at that time two of the priests were French, while the Bishop of the Diocese, a Belgian, and one other, were friends of the bell founders in Savoy, and they were present at the casting of the bells; couple this with the fact that their cost was ten thousand dollars, or, roughly, two thousand pounds. Add to this, again, that I did not belong to the congregation, and was practically an intruder in the tower without any credentials whatsoever, and that there was not a single individual in the whole congregation who seemed to have the slightest idea of what a peal of bells was.

"I had to go it alone, but I soon got some of the committee on my side. I say soon, because it took about one year of meetings, averaging about two a month, before getting the consent of the Rev. Father McGucken. Alas! fate was against my efforts. Father McGucken was just then taken suddenly ill, and died in a few days, and Bishop Dontenwell, of New Westminster, B.C., took his place as parish priest temporarily. So the whole of the work had to be done over again. Finally, after another year, the Bishop gave his own consent, but wished it put to a vote of the rest of the clergy, and, much to my dismay, I received a firm but very kind letter telling me of an adverse decision. Happily, by this time, the congregation began to know of the efforts being made for a change, and this gave me encouragement to try again, and at last, after another six months or so, we received consent, but an unlucky remark by one of the committee, to the effect that as the bell founders had charged one shilling and eightpence per lb. they should be written to and asked to buy them back as bells and not as old metal for which we could only get about eightpence and thus save much money, proved a source of a further delay—a few months being spent in correspondence with the founders—and a great obstacle in my path.

"Strongly advising the authorities not to make any change without advising them of what was wanted, and to explain to them the difference between the bells at Vancouver and a peal, and also the difference in the hanging, the founders in France notified us that they were sending out to Vancouver at their own expense three more bells which they knew were just what was wanted. It took just about a year for them to arrive, and they proved to be on nothing more or less than the late Mr. Tayler's balanced clapper patent for large single bells.

(To be continued).



## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ACTIVITY IN E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

From the diary of the District Secretary the following notes are compiled showing a month of activity in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild:—

Tuesday, July 3th, Horton.—Three ladies (the Misses Swabey, Gudgin and Cooper), six old hands (Messrs. Smith, Gutteridge, Welling, A. Leader, G. Leader and W. H. Fussell), three young hands (Messrs. G. Cutts, W. Burden and D. Tindall) and two local men attended this practice. Doubles and Minor were rung. The foreman, Mr. Law, was engaged with the hay harvest, but his pupils rang 1 and 6 to their first six-score. The date coincides with "Independence Day," U.S.A., and we are looking forward to a good report of change ringing in Boston in celebration of this, the greatest of Uncle Sam's Festivals. We have a similar independence day in England, Thursday, June 15th, the day when Magna Charta was signed A.D. 1215, at Runnymede, within a mile of two of this tower, when King John's misdemeanours were subdued by the Barons of Britain, thus securing the freedom of the Britisher.

Thursday, July 6th, Slough.—A quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples failed at the latter end, and was followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire, several local hands attending to join in the congratulations to the conductor on his birthday, which event brought about this meeting. It is one of the little pleasures of the ringing craft to honour each other by some particular touch, and I find the keener the ringer the more voluntary work he performs, hence, his worthy claim to birthday bell greetings, our particular branch having quite a batch to announce this month. The band was: Bedford 1, Smith 2, A. Leader 3, G. Leader 4, W. H. Fussell 5, E. Hooper 6, P. Jones (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8.

Saturday, 8th, Chalfont St. Peter's.—A happy little cycling run was made of this practice for six-bell work. The village is the first of some half-a-dozen parishes, having rings of six, all lying upon the banks of the Missbourne, a pretty stream enclosed by woodland hills, the most remote being Wendover, near Aylesbury. We were met by four local ringers, including the foreman, Mr. J. Stone, and joined by four of the six ladies expected, the Misses Gudgin, Cooper, Swabey and Bateman. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford, Plain and Treble Bob Minor were practised by Messrs. Jones, Smith, Gutteridge, Welling, Leader, Fussell, Burden, Tindall, Henley. Two of the Misses were missing on the Missbourne to-day. Perhaps they were dancing.

### USEFUL PRACTICES.

Wednesday, 12th, Fulmer; Thursday, 13th, Stoke Poges.—The usual weekly practices here were well attended in both cases, some of the ladies attempting Minor at the former tower, whilst at the latter the Vicar's wife, Mrs. A. T. Barnett, accomplished her first pull in rounds after very few lashed practices, under Mr. G. Gutteridge, the local instructor at these two towers. The Misses Bateman and Cooper, younger sisters of those before mentioned, made good progress at these meetings. To-day we are reminded that an important treaty was signed in 1878, known as the "Peace with Honour," but there can be no peace nor honour for Europe until the "dishonour" of Belgium, that land of bells and independence, has been fully and handsomely wiped out.

Saturday, 15th, Farnham Royal.—The attendance here was an agreeable surprise to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. J. Parker, whose bee-swarming and hay gathering prevented his giving full time to this practice. Present: Messrs. Alder, Basden, Welling, Gutteridge, Smith, Jones, Cutts, Burden, Tyndall, Bedford, Henley, Hooper, Cropley, G. Leader, A. Leader, Fussell and Flaxman, the last-named having some lively recollections of this belfry in the old Minor days of the early Eighties. The ladies who came were the Misses Bateman, Swabey, Gudgin, Cooper and Fuller.

Sunday, 16th, Slough.—An excellent quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was scored here in 48 minutes for the evening service at the Parish Church by Messrs. G. Bedford 1, R. Flaxman 2, A. Leader 3, T. Smith 4, G. Leader 5, E. Hooper (conductor) 6, P. Jones 7, J. H. Cropley 8. The first seven men afterwards wished the tenor man "many happy returns of the day." He was also presented later on with a gold bell pendant for the watch chain, supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

Thursday, 20th, Slough.—Forty minutes' good striking in Stedman Triples was all that could be done to honour the birthday of Brother T. Sidney Smith with a quarter-peal. Other touches and congratulations followed, not upon the failure of the quarter but rather upon his youthful appearance for his years. Local men and friends came to add their mite. The High Street of the town found a compact party in the "Crown and Anchor" comfortably enjoying a birthday supper composed of edibles grown in Australia, Canada and Buckinghamshire.

### WARFIELD'S INTERESTING CHURCH.

Saturday, 22nd, Warfield.—This outing was fixed up as a solace for the disappointed hopes of those ringers of this district, who had been looking forward to a visit to Wargrave. Always a difficult matter to quite satisfy the wishes of everyone, when a new peal of bells are to be handled for their first important duty, there was never a tower bell opening yet but what it found someone with just a little heart-burning, be they near or distant members of the calling. It was a

delightful afternoon's spin into a remote district, far from the railways, where a beautiful little Parish Church dedicated to St. Michael is practically hidden among the Berkshire hayfields. The chancel and lady chapel here are considered to be (in the opinion of Mr. G. E. Street) amongst the most exquisite and original works of the 14th century in the country.

There is a 15th century oak screen on the north side of the chancel with very unique features of stair and rood loft. There is a cradle roof of chestnut to the nave, and four Elizabethan brasses. The first Vicar was known by name as Johanne de Bohun, 1290. By request of Edward II, when Prince of Wales, the church was dedicated by letter from the Herald's College. The Rectory, apportioned to the Priory of Hurley, was, in 1547, given by the King into lay hands, in which it has since continued. Warfield was originally in the Diocese of Salisbury, but is now in that of Oxford, within the bounds of East Berks and South Bucks. By mutual arrangement it was allotted to the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Guild with the neighbouring tower of Binfield. The registers date from 1599, and there are 4,500 acres of twelve miles circumference in the parish. The tower has been quite recently restored, viz., in 1913, and the old ring of five made into eight bells (by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs., in E.), and a memorial stone let into the base of the tower is inscribed as follows, but the tall, commanding, handsome old gentleman whose name it bears was buried near it only a few weeks ago in the 95th year of his age.

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Georgiana Lady Brownlow of Warfield Hall. This crumbling tower was restored, and its long silent bells rehung by her sorrowing husband. Field-Marshal Sir Charles H. Brownlow, K.C.B. A.B. M.XCMXIII."

The now familiar roll of honour, hung in the porch in every parish, reveals the absence of 125 on war service, fourteen of whom will never again hear the Warfield bells, for they have laid down their lives on the field of battle.

Our party were kindly met at the church by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Thackeray, who gave us a hearty welcome and leave to come again. Due attention having been paid to the inner tubes and the inner man, the cycling return was safely completed, along level roads shaded with lofty elms and scented with new-mown hay. Some of the Slough men lingered at the local Crown and Anchor, not willingly realising that their own little house of that name was eight miles distant. There were present: Messrs. Brant (Warfield), Welling, Cutts, Burden, Tindall and Air Mechanic Bennett, R.N.A.S. (Old Windsor), G. and A. Leader, Smith, Jones, Bedford, Hooper (Slough), Cropley, Datchet, and Henley and Fussell (Farnham), all of whom rang various touches in four methods from 6 to 8 p.m. Our Davie Tindall is the third generation of his family to help with the ringing at Old Windsor, his father and the grandfather having been members of the local company before him.

Monday, 24th, Fulmer.—The honour of being the first lady bell ringer in the county of Bucks to achieve a complete quarter-peal has been won by Miss Winifred M. Cooper, one of the band of six women members of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who carry on Sunday service ringing during the war. The method was Grandsire Triples, and the time 46 minutes. It was scored by kind permission of the Vicar (on Miss Cooper's 20th birthday) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, by the following ringers, Miss E. Gudgin being present as witness—Miss W. M. Cooper treble, W. Lawrence 2, W. H. Fussell 3, J. J. Pratt 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, P. Jones 6, H. Chandler 7, Thomas Smith 8.

### RINGING BISHOP INDUCTS RINGING PARSON.

Thursday, 27th, Burnham.—An urgent whip brought together nine good men to do justice to the induction of the new Vicar—an hon. member of the Guild, and a practical change ringer. The new Vicar, who was inducted by the Bishop of Buckingham, is the Rev. Percy Pleydell Neale Nott, M.A. Educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, he was ordained by the Bishop of Manchester in 1898 and licensed to the curacy of Croston under the present Bishop of Whalley. In 1902 he became assistant curate of Hornsey, North London, under Dr. Donaldson, the present Archbishop of Brisbane, whom he followed to Australia in 1905, and became Rector of Roma, Queensland (a bush parish of about 2,500 square miles), and in 1908 became Rector of Toowong, a suburb of Brisbane. Returning home in 1913 he was appointed to the living of Bear Wood, near Wokingham, in 1914, and resigned at Christmas, 1915. Since January, 1916, he has been in charge of the parish of Burnham, and has already won the respect and admiration of the parishioners. Previous to the institution an excellent quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 58 mins., the bells ceasing well before the hour of service: \*E. T. Hooper 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. J. Parker 3, \*P. E. Jones 4, W. Welling 5, W. H. Fussell 6, W. Henley 7, George Alder tenor. \* First quarter-peal in this method. At the conclusion of the service, touches of Stedman Triples, in which G. Leader took part, were rung, and the bells lowered in peal. The feature of this event was the appointment of a ringing parson blessed by a ringing Bishop and celebrated by Guild ringers from six parishes, who were personally thanked by the Vicar after their quarter-peal.

Saturday, 29th.—The choice of three directions in which to direct one's ringing energies divided our band, some going to St. John's, Hillingdon, to get a ten-bell practice, where, with local and visiting

members, a good all-round meeting resulted; three represented the branch at the annual committee meeting at Oxford, and the third, Burnham, was postponed.

Sunday, 30th, Beaconsfield.—For evening service, as a farewell to the local conductor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples attempted and ended with seven minutes to go: H. Wingrove 1, Leonard Batting (R.N.A.S.) 2, W. Healey 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. Elburn 5, W. Horne 6, R. Buckland (R.N.A.S.), conductor, 7, J. Blackmore 8.

#### WORK CONTINUED BY COMBINED EFFORT.

By the foregoing it will be seen that we still have a few men scattered about the Deanery able to continue the work of the Guild by combined effort, amongst them ineligible, age-limits, medically rejected, munition workers, tribunal and committee men. I would like to remind the members of this branch of the coming "National Mission of Repentance and Hope" to be held next October, throughout Great Britain, for which all the Clergy of England are now seriously making preparations. The method in which this will be adopted will, shortly be put before the public, but it will vary in different parishes, although the fundamental principle will be the same everywhere. Now would be a good time for some central body to suggest what ringing, if any, should be done. Excessive muffling would be too despondent for most people, besides we have much to be thankful for after two years of war, with all our sad errors of administration and strategy.

Two recent War Orders will much affect the ringing throughout the country during the coming winter. Ex-military men may now enlist between 41 and 60 years of age—further depleting the membership of our Guilds and Associations. Defence of the Realm regulations contain a new order as to "any audible sounds after sunset" quite distinct from the older one of last winter, combining "lighting" as well. It will be advisable to arrange for lashed tower bell and enclosed handbell practices during the long winter evenings, and make the most of Sunday mornings and afternoons for open touches for the services of the church. In any case there will be plenty of hard work to be done teaching young hands, say, from 12 to 16 years of age, who will be ready for that peace to which we are all looking forward, when our arms have finally and completely triumphed over the enemy  
W. H. F.

#### MET IN GREECE.

##### HOW "THE RINGING WORLD" MADE FRIENDS.

The spirit of Freemasonry which exists between ringers throughout the world, is always strong enough to bring strangers together as friends, but the difficulty often is to obtain the knowledge that the community of interest exists. How "The Ringing World" brought two ringers together near the Bulgarian frontier is told by Pte P. Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, who is now with the Army Service Corps in the Salonica Force. He writes under date July 23rd:—

"I thought I would like to let you know how I came across a ringer out here. I was a good way up the country, near the Bulgarian frontier, and was not feeling very fit, so I went to see a doctor at a field ambulance close by, and he kept me there for a few days. One morning (June 27th) I was having another look through my 'Ringing World,' when one of the staff brought my milk. He soon saw the paper I was looking at. 'What,' said he, 'are you a ringer?' 'I used to ring in England,' I said. 'You are the first one I have seen since I left home,' he added, 'and I have been out here ten months.' He sat down with me, and we had a long chat about the ringing we had done and the ringers we had met. This copy of 'The Ringing World' which I had then got contained a view of Painswick Church, and it turned out that my new friend, F. Oakhill, of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, had rung there several times. He came to my tent every day for a chat, but I only stayed there five days, and then I was sent down to the base for a rest, where I still am. He came to see me off, and took my kit to the motor for me, and I promised to send on my 'Ringing World' to him each week, which I have done.

I have had a look inside a Greek Church in a village out here. It was a grand interior, with a lot of oil-paintings, and candles of all colours, some of them burning. The priest chanted something out of a Bible to me, and gave me a bunch of flowers from off the altar, and seemed pleased when I gave him a small reward. I hope the war will soon be over. I should like to be in England before the winter, and have a good pull on the dear old bells on Christmas morning. I hope you are in the best of health, as I am glad to say I now am."

#### LINCOLN GUILD AT SCUNTHORPE.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Scunthorpe on Saturday week, when members were present from Grimsby, Barrow, Barton, Waltham, Gainsborough and Bigby. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Minor and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the evening. Tea was generously provided by the home band at the Carlton Cafe.

The subsequent meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. H. C. Parker, who gave the ringers a very cordial welcome and spoke highly of the loyalty of his own company.—Mr. C. H. Bird was heartily thanked for the excellent arrangements made, which greatly enhanced the success of the meeting. The officials present were Mr. J. W. Seamer, general secretary, and Mr. T. H. Parkin, district secretary.

#### THE LATE MR. ARTHUR HUGHES. FUNERAL AT ILFORD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Arthur Hughes, which took place at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford, on Wednesday of last week, drew together a representative body of London ringers, who feel keenly the loss which they and the Exercise at large have sustained by the death of the head of the Whitechapel Foundry. The service was of quite a simple nature and was impressively conducted by the Vicar of Whitechapel. The ringers, the foundry staff and others who assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to one whom they held in such high esteem, met the cortege at the entrance to the cemetery and followed in the procession to the church and afterwards to the graveside. The family mourners were the widow (Mrs. Hughes), Mr. Albert A. Hughes, Pte Robert A. Hughes (who had been given leave from the Front) and Mr. Leonard A. Hughes (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes (brother and sister-in-law) and Mrs. Gould (sister). Among those who were also present were: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths) T. H. Taffender (Master) and T. Walker (hon. secretary London County Association), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary Middlesex County Association), Edwin Horrex, Walter Prime, Challis F. Winney, T. H. Faulkner, W. A. Alps, W. D. Smith, W. Garrard, E. A. Young, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C. Lee, J. Waghorn, S. Pettitt, G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), A. Coles, H. Alford, E. J. Smith, G. Dorrington, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), R. K. Knight, J. H. Wilkins, J. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, T. Watson and G. Grimwade (St. Mary's, Walthamstow), etc. The Whitechapel Foundry staff included Messrs. Sam Lawrence, E. Dunwell, W. Vincent, J. Vincent, W. Barker, H. Browning, H. Belton, M. Silverstone, B. Oliver, R. Foster, F. Spackman and W. Black. In addition there were representatives present of the City of London special constabulary, of which Mr. Hughes was a member. At the conclusion of the service the following rang a course of Stedman Caters on handbells over the open grave: Messrs. T. H. Taffender 1—2, C. F. Winney 3—4, T. H. Faulkner 5—6, W. A. Alps 7—8, W. T. Cockerill 9—10. There were many beautiful flowers, wreaths being sent, in addition to those from the widow and family, by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Milnes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Karn, Mr. Gilbert Malley, G. and A. Carpenter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and family, C. H. and G. P. Lansdown, Mr. and Mrs. Sharling, the Staff of the Foundry, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, his colleagues of the City of London Police Reserve, L Company, and many others.

In the evening there was muffled ringing at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Clapton and Bethnal Green. At Walthamstow, a mixed band of College Youths and Middlesex men rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1275 changes), in 54 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, H. J. Wilkins 2, G. B. Lucas 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, W. A. Alps 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. T. Scarlett 7, George Smith 8, F. G. Maynard 9, A. Chapman 10.

At St. Matthew's Church, Clapton, the same evening, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Hughes, the "whole pull and stand" was rung 54 times, denoting the years of his life. This was followed by 601 Grandsire Triples, the bells being half-muffled: Arthur Coles 1, Albert Coles 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, J. Hunt (conductor) 4, S. Lawrence 5, W. T. Powell 6, S. H. R. Cooper 7, A. S. Pettitt 8. Mr. Hughes rang his last peal at this church, Grandsire Triples, on July 15th.

#### A BELL WANTED. OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AN AFRICAN PARISH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am an old ringer, but have been in the wilds of Kaffraria for five years, and so have lost touch with most of my ringing friends. I will ask you, therefore, kindly to allow me an opportunity of using your correspondence columns to make known to them—or to any chance reader—a very real need. I am shortly returning to South Africa, and shall have charge of a little parish (West Pondoland), which is about the size of an English Diocese. Its central station (St. Barnabas' Mission) has a nice big native church, which is worthy of a better bell than the tin can which at present summons our very scattered congregation to worship. The twenty out-stations must be content with a ploughshare, or any old piece of iron; but I am really most anxious to get a fairly big bell for the parish church. "Why not buy one?" Because our funds (which never show a credit balance worth mentioning) are more than ever depleted by the war. Now, has anyone a cast-off bell which he would like to see the last of? If so, he could not possibly do better than employ me as his agent for its removal, free of all cost to him, to a land where bells are quite a rare luxury—even cracked ones. I should prefer one that is not cracked.—Yours, etc.,  
A. P. F. ERSKINE (Rev. the Hon.).

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#### HERNE BAY PEACE BELLS.

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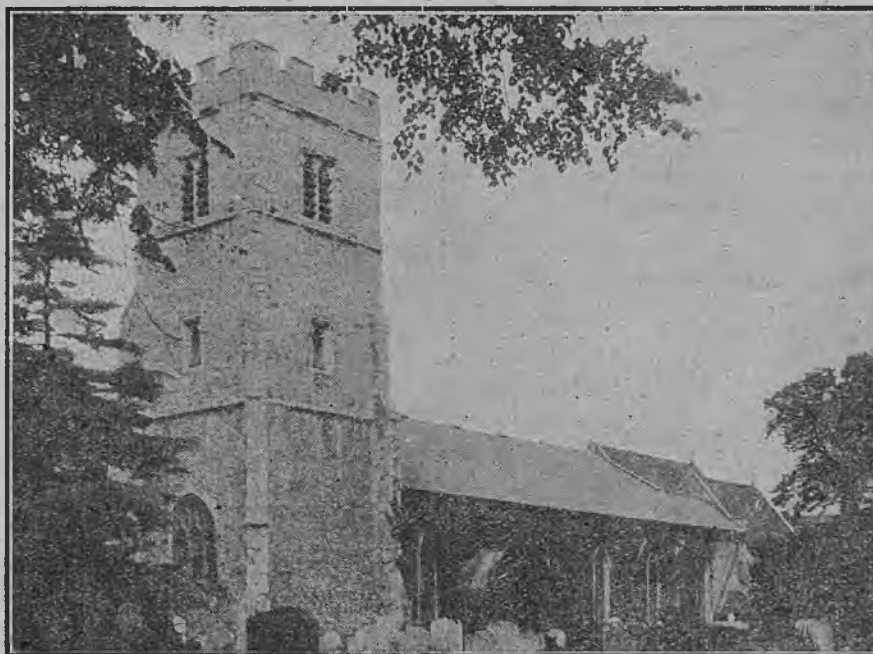


**BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.****ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, BROMLEY, KENT.**

By E. J. PANNETT.

Tradition says that the first church on the site of the present building was built by Gundulph, Bishop of Rochester, who resided in his Manor of Bromley soon after the Conquest. The original structure, however, has been at various times largely altered, and the nave, with the exception of the 15th century west wall, was rebuilt in 1830. The chancel was built from the designs of Mr. T. G. Jackson, R.A., and consecrated in 1884.

The most interesting features of the church are the Norman 12th century font, the 13th century arched recess, now used as a credence, the 14th century door in the south-west porch, and the 14th or 15th century tower. There are also many interesting monuments, notably the Lacer Brass, of 1361, and the Thornhill Brass of about 1600. The church accommodation is about 1,200.



SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH, BROMLEY.

The peal of four bells of 1553 (subsequently increased to five) was further increased to eight bells in 1773, when the Society of Bromley Youths was founded to ring them. The tenor is a bell weighing 19½ cwt. The inscriptions are as follow :

*Treble.*

Prosperity to the Parish of Bromley. Thomas Janaway. Fecit 1773.

*Second.*

Musica est Mentis medicine. Thomas Janaway. Fecit 1773.

*Third.*

He and he only aims aright  
Who joyns industry with delight.

Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

*Fourth.*

When from the earth our notes rebound  
The Hills and Valleys ecco round.  
Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

*Fifth and Sixth.*

Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

*Seventh*

The ringers art our grateful notes prolong;  
Apollo listens and approves the song.

Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

*Tenor.*

Joseph Shirley and John Mann Churchwardens. Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

The following are extracts taken from the peal book, which is securely locked in the Ringing Chamber, and valued as almost priceless :—

" Minutes of the several peals of changes, rang by the Society commonly call'd the Bromley Youths since the commencement of the Society in the year 1773."

" On Monday, 14th June, 1773, was rung at Bromley, 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. and 7 mins.

William Davis	Treble	George Tilby	5
William Cook	2	John Freeland	6
William Tilby	3	James Barham	7
Thomas Austin	4	Thomas Lacy	Tenor

Call'd by James Barham.

This is the first long peal ever rang on them bells, though there has been two companys from London to try."

" May 12th, 1775. The Society rang at Bromley, 5040 changes of Grandsire Tripples, commonly call'd Holt's Delight, which they performed in 3 hours and 5 minutes by the members underwritten.

William Cook	Treble	Henry Sale	5
John Chapman, jun.	2	John Heath	6
John Day	3	William Chapman	7
John Cowdrey	4	James Carter	Tenor

The Bobs were call'd by Mr. Chapman, jun."

" February 15th, 1783. The Society rang at Bromley, 12,672 changes of Bob Major, in 7 hrs. and 48 mins.

Performed by the under-written members:—

John Day	Treble	Henry Sale	5
William Dixon	2	James Barnard	6
Thomas Kelly	3	John Chapman, jun.	7
John Heath	4	William Chapman	Tenor

The bobs were called by W. Chapman."

A muffled peal was rung here on January 12th, 1817, believed to be the first muffled peal ever rung.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The report of the annual meeting of the Chester Guild is unavoidably held over until next week.

## A HYMN FOR RINGERS.

By THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS,  
Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The Church Bells ringing from the height  
Of many a tower or tapering spire,  
Convey a message to our souls  
As sweet as sung by any choir!

They call us on God's Holy Feasts  
To Eucharist and Vespers low;  
They ring, they chime in cadence clear  
For sacred worship, joy or woe.

Glory to God, good will and peace  
Each Christmas day they early greet;  
At Easter Festival they hail  
The resurrection's message sweet.

For ever down the stream of time,  
Which slowly bears its sons away,  
The old familiar changes sound  
When evening practice ends the day.

Ring forth in change and well-known course,  
By methods and by striking true;  
Bring touch and peal completely round,  
Ring out the old, ring in the new.

Lord! give us ringers grace to serve  
Thy Church with loyal and Godly zeal!  
So by Thy mercy we may share  
In those blest joys Thou wilt reveal.

Amen.

(To tune of No. 425 A. & M. Old edition.)

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## IN MEMORY OF A GALLANT OFFICER.

### MUFFLED PEAL AT SHENSTONE.

On Saturday last week, seven Sutton Coldfield and Erdington members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, together with the Ringing Master (Mr. J. E. Groves) paid a visit to the very fine Parish Church of Shenstone. Although the church is situated in Staffordshire, and the Lichfield diocese, the Sutton and Erdington ringers have during the past few years received so many favours from the Vicar that they have almost come to regard Shenstone, with its beautiful peal of eight bells, as part of their own diocese. The visitors were the guests of the Rev. E. Molloy and Mrs. Molloy, and the object of their visit was to show, in a small way, their abiding respect for and to honour the memory of Lieut. Michael V. Molloy, of the 2nd Batt. Sherwood Foresters, who fell gloriously in action whilst leading his men at Hooze on August 9th, 1915. A perfect peal in every respect was rung, and is recorded in its proper place. Afterwards the ringers inspected a beautiful reredos erected to the memory of the late officer, and a gun-metal tablet, bearing a suitable inscription, which are the gifts of his parents and their parishioners. The additions are a great improvement to the east end of the church.

The ringers were subsequently entertained to tea at the Vicarage, from the grounds of which the countryside can be seen for miles around. Through the medium of "The Ringing World," the ringers wish to express their thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Molloy for their kindness on this first sad anniversary of the loss of a brave son who in happier times had expressed to the writer on more than one occasion how he loved to hear the bells properly rung, and his appreciation of the work carried on by the diocesan guilds in their endeavour to advance this important branch of church work.

T. B.

## DONCASTER RINGER'S TRAGIC FATE.

### LIFE GIVEN IN SAVING A BOY.

The band at St. George's Church, Doncaster, have lost a highly-esteemed member by the death of Mr. Herbert William Brock, who met with a tragic fate last week. The deceased was 52 years of age, and had been connected with St. George's Church for many years. He was a most reliable ringer in all the standard methods, and had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1880. He lost his life after gallantly rescuing a boy from the river Don. From the story told at the inquest it appears that the lad while bathing had got out of his depth near to the Sprotbro' Bridge. He was rescued by Mr. Brock, who, however, was unable to reach the bank himself. The tragedy was witnessed by the deceased's wife and children.

Mr. Brock and his family had been camping out during the summer at Levitt Hagg, where they occupied a bungalow. On Thursday afternoon deceased was bathing in the river between the wash and the bridge, being accompanied by several boys. One of the latter, Harry Robinson (12), became exhausted, and, according to the evidence of Mrs. Amy Beatrice Carlyle, who with Mrs. Brock and another lady was on the bank, the boy put his arms round deceased's neck and they went down. Mr. Brock struck out for the bank, but they went down again. Coming up, deceased made another effort and managed to push the boy nearer the bank, when he himself suddenly sank. The boy was seized by others and helped out in an exhausted condition. The deceased's body was afterwards recovered in 10 to 12 feet of water, two yards from the bank.

The Coroner said he had known the deceased something like 20 years. He had occupied a highly responsible position, and was very greatly respected by his employers and everyone. It was appalling that the tragedy should have taken place in the presence of his wife and family. There was no doubt he acted very bravely in saving the boy's life. It was a duty to extend sympathy to the family, and express their appreciation of deceased's gallantry.

A juror said Mr. Brock was very highly respected at Levitt Hagg.

The jury, in returning a verdict of "Accidentally drowned," endorsed the Coroner's remarks.

Much sympathy is extended to the widow, who is very well-known in the Doncaster Parliamentary division, being secretary of the Women's Liberal Association, and an active worker in connection with the B.W.A.T.

On Sunday, with the bells muffled, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. George's Church to the memory of the deceased by H. Fevre 1, G. Clark 2, J. Holmes 3, F. Ashe 4, C. Scott 5, A. Ashe 6, G. Halksworth 7, H. Baldwin 8.

## WOUNDED CORPORAL'S COMPOSITIONS.

Lance-Corpl. G. H. Cross, the well-known Norwich ringer and composer, is now in hospital at Alexandria recovering from wounds in his right arm and chest, sustained on April 22nd at Suna-u-Yat, in Mesopotamia. He is, we are glad to say, now well on the road to recovery. Writing from No. 8 Room, C Block, British Red Cross Convalescent Hospital No. 7, Montazah, Alexandria, he sends us for publication two peals which he has composed during his convalescence.

### DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

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Repeat 5 times, with bob for single, except in 4th part. Reduced to 5040 by calling first two courses in one part:—

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which produces third course end.

Repeat, omitting the last two singles.  
Contains all combinations 4-5-6.

WEST EALING.—On July 2nd, for evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Boddington 1, W. Lawrence 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, C. Edwards 4, A. Davis 5, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 6, Staff-Sergt. Verralls (Tunbridge Wells) 7, A. E. Smith 8. Staff-Sergt. Verralls (A.S.C.) is stationed at Park Royal.

## WEDDING BELLS.

## RINGER'S MARRIAGE AT CHESTERFIELD.

On Monday week the marriage took place at the Parish Church, Chesterfield, of Signaller W. H. Peabody, R.N.V.R., and Miss L. Knights. The bridegroom, previous to joining His Majesty's Navy, was a ringer, and was secretary of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association, whilst the bride is the daughter of Mr. A. Knights, the eminent composer, whose name is known so well throughout the Exercise. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon E. F. Crosse.

In the evening, to honour the occasion, the ringers met and rang a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344 changes), in 57 mins.: W. J. Thyng 1, G. Davies 2, G. Hollis (conductor) 3, F. Jacobs 4, A. Knights 5, T. W. Gore 6, G. A. Thompson 7, B. A. Knights 8.

## A LUTON WEDDING.

At the Parish Church, Luton, on Wednesday week, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ella Cumberland, only daughter of Mr. E. Anthony Cumberland, J.P., and Mrs. Cumberland, of Luton, and Captain James Ernest Sutcliffe Smith, R.A.M.C., of Bacup, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes) was rung in 50 minutes: B. Wilson 1, J. Rookwood 2, A. Brightman 3, W. Hill 4, B. Jarman 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. King 1, B. Wilson 2, W. Hill 3, A. Brightman 4, W. Payne 5, B. Jarman 6, T. Kendall (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Rookwood 8.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Madresfield on Saturday week. The weather being fine, the towers were fairly represented, but not in great numbers, for many members, of course, are serving their King and country with the colours. The meeting should have been at Crowle, but that place not being convenient, Madresfield was offered. At the service the Association form was used, with special prayers for ringers serving in the war. The Rector gave a very suitable address.

Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was nicely served on tables on the Rectory lawn. Afterwards the Rector presided at the meeting, at which he and the Warden of Worcester Cathedral Guild were made honorary members. It was decided not to attempt a quarterly peal this time, and the next meeting was fixed for St. John's, Worcester, on October 14th.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor.

Earl Beauchamp had promised to preside, but to the great disappointment of all he failed to put in an appearance. An apology was received by the secretary later in the evening, saying how sorry his lordship was. He was entertaining scouts in his park, and, on going to welcome them, found them not very comfortably provided for. While looking after them, he forgot the ringers until he heard the bells going again.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Marden, and was attended by about 50 members from Benenden, Bromley, East Peckham, Ashford, Hadlow, Lamberhurst, Headcorn, Penshurst, Rolvenden, Tenterden, Gillingham, Horsmonden, Tunbridge Wells, etc. A special service was held in church at 4 o'clock, the Association form being used, together with short prayers of intercession for our sailors and soldiers.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Johnston) gave a short address on the subject of "Duty." Mrs. Johnston presided at the organ.

After service the members adjourned to the Vicarage, where an excellent tea was provided on the lawn by the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston, and was much enjoyed, the weather being all that could be desired, and the pretty gardens looking at their best.

The business meeting followed, when several new members were elected. It was decided that if the restrictions as to ringing after sunset were still in force, that the annual district meeting (which was to be held at Penshurst in January) should be postponed to a later date.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston for their kindness in providing the tea and arranging the service, and to Mr. D. Hodgkin for making the arrangements, concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where some excellent ringing in the standard methods was done.

## THE DEATH OF MR. T. COX, LLANDAFF.

At St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, on Thursday week, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by: D. Thomas (conductor) 1, F. J. Bailey 2, W. B. Biss 3, F. Edwards 4, W. Bolton 5, S. Dawe 6, with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Tom Cox, a member of the Llandaff Cathedral band, whose death was announced in the last issue of "The Ringing World." It was on these bells that deceased rang his last peal in June, 1914. He then rang the 5th, and for the above 720 the rest of the band stood in the same order as in the peal.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 2nd, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Lee 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. A. Smith 3, J. W. Chapman 4, F. Davis 5, C. F. Winney 6, J. Attwater 7, H. W. Smith 8.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORD.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, July 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Hibbert 1, Pte A. T. Reeves 2, C. H. Pullen 3, R. T. Hibbert 4, E. G. Franklin 5, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on July 5th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Durling 1, E. B. Crowder 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, I. Emery 6, C. Bailey (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. C. Bailey hails from Leiston, Suffolk, and was on a visit to Beckenham.

CREWE.—At Christ Church, on July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, A. Crawley 3, R. D. Langford 4, Geo. Harding 5, J. Dentith 6, R. T. Holding (conductor) 7, W. Edge (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter-peal on the back eight since the bells were recast.

LONDON.—On Thursday, July 6th, at the residence of Mr. F. Walker, 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1—2, W. A. Alps (conductor) 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, Mrs. T. Walker (first quarter-peal) 7—8.

RINGSTED, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and touches of Cambridge, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob were rung by W. Perkins, A. Perkins, A. Tyler, J. Mawby, C. Newman, J. Houghton (from Irthlingborough), and W. Gilbert, R. Loveday, G. Roberts and E. Mayes. The ringers afterwards adjourned to "The Axe," where touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells.

FLIXTON, LANCs.—On Sunday, July 9th, on the occasion of the Anniversary Services, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Johnson 1, R. Davies 2, J. Eachus 3, J. Ridyard 4, S. Collier 5, Lieut.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, W. Johnson 8.

LONDON.—On July 9th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes), composed by the late J. P. Bradley, in 53 mins.: H. Springall 1, E. Gibbs 2, W. G. Matthews 3, W. H. L. Buckingham 4, F. A. Smith 5, W. Alps 6, T. Walker 7, C. F. Winney 8, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 9, F. Davis 10.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, July 9th, for the Sunday School Festival, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Stuart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist (first 720) 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Watson 5, F. Burrows (conductor) 6, T. Stuart 7 (cover).

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 9th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford: F. S. Shaw 1, T. J. Salter 2, W. Short 3, S. Grove 4, H. Withers 5, R. Matthews (conductor) 6. This was the last touch by the conductor previous to joining the colours.

STAMFORD HILL.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. C. Ringrose 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. G. Symonds 3, T. Langdon 4, F. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

BACUP.—On Sunday, July 9th, at St. Saviour's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, for evening service: D. Campbell (conductor) 1, H. Tomlinson 2, T. Lord 3, G. Brown (Bacup) 4, N. Townend 5, W. Ashworth (Bacup) 6, R. Haworth 7, J. W. Heys 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Inwood 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, W. Brown 3, H. Sear (conductor) 4, W. Webb 5, E. Lathall 6, E. Lambert 7, W. F. Smith 8.

BARNES.—On July 9th, at St. Mary's Church, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, P. H. Smith 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Wilmott 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, for evening service, on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Porter 1, C. Mackenzie 2, T. Miller 3, G. Bott (conductor) 4, W. Webb 5, F. Stoneley (Manchester) 6, J. Newman 7, T. Felrick 8. Arranged for F. Stoneley. The ringers of 1, 4 and 7 belong to Bishop Ryder's.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 9th, before evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Underwood (Cavendish) 1, G. More (Clare) 2, S. H. Symonds (Lavenham), conductor, 3, E. Perkins (Cavendish) 4, R. Gowers (Long Melford) 5, T. E. Slater (Glemsford) 6.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, June 11th, with the bells half-muffled, out of respect for the late Lord Kitchener, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Hoskins 1, A. S. Beer 2, F. W. Thornton 3, W. J. Rawling 4, I. G. Shade (conductor) 5, Pte G. Rawlings (R.M.L.I.) 6, Sergt. T. Jake-man 7, F. H. Gooch 8. Also a touch in which Pte T. Pervin, A.O.C., of Coventry, and Pte G. Noakes, A.O.C., of Brooklands, Kent, took part.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 15th, 720 Bob Minor: J. T. Tyler 1, H. Overton (first 720 of Minor) 2, A. T. Baker 3, J. Elcock 4, J. Overton 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6.



## CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should feel greatly indebted to you if you could give me the names of a few places in Cumberland and Westmorland, where there are peals of eight or ten bells, or perhaps some of your readers might give me the necessary information. We do not get a great deal of ringing news from those parts, and I wondered if there is any Guild or Association that encourages ringing there.—Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

EDWIN J. PANNETT.

[Peals of eight and ten bells are not very numerous in the counties mentioned by our correspondent. We believe there is an Association in Cumberland, but little is heard of its activities. Westmorland is covered by the Lancashire Association, Furness and Lake District Branch, of which Mr. W. Robinson, Annan House, Church Street, Ambleside, is the hon. secretary. There is a peal of ten bells at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal (tenor 25½ cwt.), and peals of eight at St. Mary's, Ambleside (tenor 32½ cwt.), and Bowness (12½ cwt.). There are also several peals of six in the district.—Ed. "R.W."]

## A VICAR'S SACRIFICE.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Chepstow ringers, assisted by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, rang "the whole pull and stand," and several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of the Vicar, the Rev. Percy Dewe, who lost his life on Saturday, August 5th, while bathing in the Severn at Portskewett. Although a strong swimmer, he lost his life in saving his son from drowning. The Vicar, a kindly man, always ready to welcome a band of ringers to his tower or to give permission for the use of the bells for a peal, will be sadly missed by the people of Chepstow, and by the ringers especially. The deceased clergyman was 41 years of age, and had been Vicar of Chepstow for seven years.

## TWELVE BELL TOWERS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The old tenor at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, only turned the scale to 39 cwt. odd. She was just under two tons, and was weighed at Loughborough before being broken up. No doubt Mr. Taylor can give the weight to a pound.—Yours, etc., JOHN H. B. HESSE,  
358 M.T. Co., 3rd Repair Unit, B.E.F., France. Capt., A.S.C.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH. — On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, 720 Bob Doubles, by the Woodston band: T. Hoare 1, Pte S. Hoare 2, C. Hoare 3, E. Martin 4, H. Hoare, junr. (conductor) 5, H. Hoare, senr., 6. Rung for Pte Hoare, who was home on leave. This was the first 720 rung on the bells for divine service, and also the first 720 by four of the ringers.

ACTON.—At the Parish Church, on July 16th, for the usual third Sunday afternoon ringing, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: C. Hunt 1, J. W. Fruin 2, Robt. Holloway 3, Staff-Sergt. Verralls 4, W. Lawrence 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, Ernest Newell (first quarter-peal of Stedman on inside bell), Farnham, Surrey, 7, A. Edwards 8.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church, on July 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, C. J. Tricker 2, A. Beckensale 3, T. Beadle 4, Staff-Sergt. Verralls 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, W. J. Dickens. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Dickens, this being his first quarter-peal and longest touch.

SLOUGH.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, July 16th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. (as a compliment to Mr. J. H. Cropley on the 40th anniversary of his birthday): W. G. Bedford 1, R. Flaxman 2, A. Leader 3, T. Smith 4, G. T. Leader 5, E. Hooper (conductor) 6, P. Jones 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—On Sunday evening, July 16th, before evening service, 480 Bob Doubles: J. Kingsbury 1, C. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3, H. Cornell 4, W. Head 5. After service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Poulson 1, H. Cornell 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, W. Head 5. The bells were rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Pte H. Butcher, a chorister, who was killed in action in France.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, J. Waghorn 2, A. Worboys 3, A. J. Neal 4, A. Hardy 5, E. Andrews 6, R. Sanders 7, R. Fenn 8.—On June 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 minutes: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, J. Carrier 2, R. Fenn 3, A. J. Neal 4, E. Andrews 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Sanders 7, D. Carrier 8. J. Carrier hails from British Colombia, and is training in England with Canadian Field Artillery.—On July 9th, for morning service, 1312 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 minutes: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, T. Faulkner 2, A. Worboys 3, A. Neal 4, F. Newman 5, R. Sanders 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, A. C. Hardy (composer) 8.

## NOTICES.

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

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

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

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

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—By kind permission of the respective Incumbents it is proposed to hold practices at the following towers at 6.30 p.m. All Guild members and friends are welcome. Beaconsfield, Sat., August 19th; Farnham Royal, Sat., August 26th; Slough, Sat., Sept. 2nd; Burnham, Sat., Sept. 9th.

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

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will (p.v.) be held at Northenden, on Saturday, August 26th.—A. T. Beeston, Hon. Branch Secretary, New Mills.

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

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

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

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock for ringing. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

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

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

#### BIRTH.

**MORRIS.**—On Thursday, August 10th, at Leicester, to the wife of Pte. Ernest Morris, Sherwood Foresters, a daughter.

#### HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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

#### A GATHERING AT GREEN'S NORTON.

On Monday week a band of ringers from widely scattered districts assembled at the Parish Church of Green's Norton, Northants, and enjoyed to the fullest extent the pleasure of such a re-union. The ringing consisted of 720 Plain Bob Minor, the following taking part: J. Slarke (Easton Neston, Northants) 1, R. Christian (Great Yarmouth) 2, A. Deacon (St. Edmund's, Northampton) 3, W. S. Smith (Miteham, Surrey) 4, J. Unwin (Easton Neston, Northants) 5, W. Rogers (St. Giles', Northampton), conductor, 6; also touches of Grand-sire Doubles.

After the ringing the Rector kindly entertained the ringers and their friends to a sumptuous tea on the lawn, the beautiful surroundings being greatly admired. On the proposition of Mr. J. Slarke, seconded by Mr. W. Rogers, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (the Rev. H. Hoskin) for his hospitality.—The Rector, in response, said how pleased he was to hear the bells, and hoped that they would soon be rung again to celebrate the declaration of peace, and that he would have the pleasure of again entertaining them. The party were more than satisfied with the enjoyable afternoon that they had spent, and wish to thank the steeple keeper for services rendered.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A fairly well attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday last, 14 members being present from Walkden, Deane, and most of the local towers. Some very good touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung.—One honorary and four performing members were elected, and it was proposed that the next meeting be held at the Saviour's Church.

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Gentlemen,

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

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

## MODERN WORK.

## WAR-TIME ORGANISING.

The difference in the enthusiasm of ringers is often very marked, and the activities recorded in our last issue by a district secretary of the Oxford Guild brings out a striking contrast this week from a district secretary of the Sussex Association. In the former instance we learned of three or four meetings or combined practices a week; in the latter only one district meeting for nearly a year, not through lack of any official desire for meetings but because, apparently, the members failed to respond to the request to invite the association to their towers or to suggest where they would like to meet. It is often the case, however, that when an association or district waits for an invitation none is forthcoming, not because the association is not wanted, but from lack of thought and sometimes of interest on the part of those connected with the towers. Then, too, as time elapses, the fact that the association has asked for invitations is overlooked.

Asking for invitations is quite a good method to pursue in fixing up meetings under certain circumstances, but when it fails to bring the desired results it does not follow that the members do not want meetings, and it ought not to be the end of effort. There is always a great apathy among certain classes of ringers, who, while ready to join in the pleasures which are provided for them, show a great lack of energy in helping themselves. For that reason the task of the general or district secretary is always onerous because, while he has among his members those who are ready and willing to do what they can to help when their assistance is invoked, there are far too many who are prepared to leave everything to someone else.

In the case of the Oxford Guild's successful efforts in East Berks and South Bucks, there can be no doubt that it has all been due to the ready co-operation of those for whose benefit the arrangements have been made, but doubtless the district secretary found it necessary to take the initiative in fixing up, at any rate, the more important of the gatherings. And it is working upon these lines that associations can best hope to keep the interest of their members and maintain the energy of their forces. Despite the number of ringers who are now engaged in more strenuous tasks, there are still enough left at home to make up successful gatherings, as is evidenced every week by the reports which we are able to publish, but those associations who neglect or fail to make their opportunities now will unquestionably have a more difficult task when they endeavour to revive their activities. When a tower slips away from affiliation it is astonishing what a long time it usually takes to bring it back to the fold, yet neglect to keep the ringers interested in the doings of an association by bringing them together, at meetings and so on, is a very easy way of letting them drift.

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## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	CHARLES TRIBE ... 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 2	EDWIN LAMBERT ... 6
WILLIAM J. THOMAS ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 4	ALBERT C. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and  
Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

The conductor was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 14, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5-6
WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4	GEORGE R. PYE ... 7-8
JAMES HUNT ... 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER and  
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Umpires: R. SANDERS and E. S. BUTLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and W. Pye, both of whose birthdays fall on the above date.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving in H.M. Forces:—  
A. Kearman, of Yateley, Hants, 3/4th Hants Regt.

From St. Giles' and All Saints', Orsett, Essex, the following, most of whom are members of the Essex Association:—

Corpl. E. W. Ridgwell, Essex Yeomanry, died of wounds received in action on May 13th, 1915.

Tpr. H. Joslin, Essex Yeomanry.

Gunner Walter Harrod, R.G.A.

Bomb. Wilfrid Harrod, R.G.A.

Pte A. Harrod, 6th Essex Regt.

Pte H. Chinnery, East Surreys.

Corpl. T. Kimmings, R.F.A., somewhere in France.

Gunner C. Bridge, R.G.A.

## THE DEATH OF SERGT. A. PLANT.

MILITARY FUNERAL IN FRANCE.

A ringer comrade of the late Sergt. Plant, whose death we recorded last week, sends us some further particulars. Our correspondent, Pte E. Tigwell, 12006, Signalling Section, 5th Batt, Northants Pioneers, 12th Division, B.E.F., writes from the trenches: "You will regret to hear of the sad death of Sergt. A. Plant, of the 5th Batt. Northamptonshire Regiment (Pioneers), and of the Kettering Parish Church bell ringers. He was engaged in leading his men, helping in the 'Great Push,' when he was instantly killed by a shell on the night of the 4th inst. Those who knew him in the battalion feel his loss very much, especially myself, as we were brought together as members of the ringing Exercise. He came out with his battalion fifteen months ago, and was liked by all who knew him.

"He was given a military funeral on Sunday, the 6th inst., at which I was present, in a cemetery which has been consecrated for the burial of the British heroes who have fallen serving their country. "As a brother ringing my sympathy goes out to the parents of Sergt. Plant, and also the Kettering ringers in the great loss which they have sustained.

"Sergt. Plant and myself have often explored different towers of churches out here when we have been on our well-earned rests, and some of them have proved very interesting."

Pte Tigwell adds: "All the time I have been out here (15 months) the 'Ringing World' has never failed to reach me regularly every week. I always look forward to it, and it has been read in some funny places, and under a good many funny circumstances. I am pleased to say I have been blessed with good health since I have been out here, and have so far been lucky to escape 'Fritz's' implements of torture, with, of course, a good many narrow 'squeaks,' but a miss is as good as a mile, isn't it?"

## THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA.

### STORY OF VANCOUVER'S BELLS.

(Continued from Page 67).

In continuing his article on the history of the bells of the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, Mr. A. C. Limpus writes of the French founders of the first bells:—

"They also asked us in their next letter to explain to them the word 'peal,' as they had no such word in their language, and right here, I think, I struck the nail on the head that sealed the coffin of their argument, when I contended that a foundry could not manufacture a peal if it was something they knew nothing about. Everything now seemed fair to win, when the Bishop appointed a new parish priest in his place. This was the Rev. Father Welsh, one time of Manchester, England.

"My house of cards had fallen again, and all the work had once more to be begun from the beginning. Father Welsh being somewhat in ill-health and not able to stand the strain of numerous meetings, we met two or three of us at a time, and talked matters over in a quiet way. The priest asked me to make drawings, comparing the bells we had and those we required, to show where the difference really was. Now this proved to be quite a work for an amateur, but by taking a plaster cast of a section of our prospective tenor, the bell in F natural, making a full-size line drawing of it and photographing the drawing; using the negative in a lantern, I could make a tracing of all the other seven bells as cast on the continental plan for an octave of bells, where the treble is exactly one-half in all its measurements of the bell an octave below. I was assisted by the late Lord Grimthorpe's drawing in his book entitled 'Clocks, Watches and Bells,' for the outlines of the five new bells required, which I made on transparent paper, so as to lay them over and compare them with the contour of the others. This, I think, it was that won over Father Welsh, for no more meetings were needed, only patient waiting for another year—about five years in all. Then, one Sunday evening, I received a telephone message to drop in and see him after service, and I received the much longed-for permission to go ahead with the necessary alterations, providing there was no expense to the congregation.

"Monday morning found the contractor, Mr. D. J. McPhalen, at work with his carpenters, tearing holes in floors and ceilings to lower the bells, our largest being 60-inch across the mouth, and they were soon down on the dock waiting for the steamship 'Oanfa,' which took them to Liverpool, whence they were transhipped to Avonmouth, and there turned over to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of the Castle Green foundry. The bells sent them were treble, note C, about 560lbs.; E, about 2,500lbs.; E flat, about 3,000lbs.; and C (tenor) 4,690lbs. By return mail I received a communication asking us to send them the other three bells, our proposed tenors, F, G and A, a request which was very wisely acceded to by the church committee, and the small amount of money required for the purpose was raised by them. As the bells were shipped as ballast, the cost was but a few dollars.

#### THE NEW BELLS ARRIVE.

"This gave the bell founders a fair chance to properly tune the five new bells to them, and saved us the trouble of rehanging them here. Following this came another letter wisely advising us to hang the whole in an iron and steel frame, a suggestion which, to my surprise, was received by the authorities with much favour, the Bishop donating 50 dollars, the Rev. Father Welsh 50 dollars, and one of my pupils 50 dollars towards the cost, the balance of money required being donated by the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic order just instituted in Vancouver, and this being one of their first acts. The whole peal was assembled in the foundry and tested, then taken down, marked and re-shipped to Vancouver.

"On seeing them unloaded at the dock I certainly thought my troubles were about over, but alas! it was not so. While loading the whole peal on to a huge dray I was stopped by a Customs officer, who wanted 30 per cent. duty. We naturally had a few words, as church bells had always entered Canada free, but as luck, or rather ill-luck, would have it, there had been a readjustment of the whole Canadian tariff whilst the bells were away and church bells were not either on the dutiable or free list, having been entirely overlooked. I at once, with Father Welsh, had a parley with my friend Colonel Warsnop, the Customs collector for Vancouver, but he found under the circumstances he could do nothing for us but advise an interview with Mr. McPherson, the then Member of Parliament for Vancouver, who happened to be a member of the congregation. He, after some delay, managed to get a special Order in Council passed placing church bells on the free list, an order which is, of course, still in force. At last I had the pleasure of seeing everything connected with our peal inside the tower door. The five heavy steel beams were raised and cemented in the tower walls.

#### RECORD BELL HANGING.

"The bells and frame were hoisted into the bell chamber one morning, and at one o'clock that day the contractor and his crew of five, one of whom was a ringing recruit, set to work to put the whole together. It was, of course, done under my directions, and by five o'clock that same evening they were ready for ringing. I believe that

in itself is a record in bell hanging, and was due to the perfect fitting by the founders to the measurements I had given. Not a hitch of any kind occurred, and not a bolt has been touched since, except the tightening of the clapper bolt of the seventh. No ringer we have ever had in our tower will admit that there is a better going peal anywhere, and the splice of the five new bells is perfect. I do not believe any founder has ever been called upon to perform a similar feat of splicing to foreign bells, for, as you know, they are of quite a different contour to our own. So here ends the history, as far as I had anything to do with installing this ring of bells in Vancouver.

"Of the previous history of the bells and their first arrival from France in the year 1900, I know very little. Our three tenors are dated 1900, and the present 6th, among other decorations, has the old city of Vancouver crest, while the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th have recast on them the inscriptions of the older French bells, completing the seven Sacraments, with the new crest of the city of Vancouver on the 5th, whilst the treble has the inscription, 'Augustus ora pro nobis,' Augustus being the Bishop's Christian name. All the new bells are dated 1906.

"Though my work was sometimes very trying and often seemed almost hopeless, I never met with anything but the utmost kindness from all the seeming adversaries to my scheme, and those who at first were my strongest opponents became at last my strongest friends. The history of the bells themselves I honestly believe can be surpassed by but few, if any, for in those five years they three times travelled nearly three-quarters round the globe, first from France to China and thence across the Pacific to Vancouver; then to England, back by the Pacific, and finally back across the same ocean to our city on the western gateway of our Empire.

#### GETTING THE RINGERS TOGETHER.

"If I have not already wearied you too much, I should like to write something as to how the first peal in Canada was rung on these bells, and how the ringers, who took part in that event, were gathered together. The bells were opened at Easter, after I had gathered a few round ringers who I happened to run across, and a few of my pupils, after practising on an apparatus I contrived, whereby the clappers could be tied and the respective notes struck on a set of tubes I made in the ringing chamber. We soon got to ring rounds fairly well, when a gentleman, by the name of J. B. Cherry, asked to be allowed to come up, and, as he said he was a member of the College Youths, I knew I had fallen across a valuable assistant, as he certainly proved to be, for a finer tenor man we never had. About this time I had worked out on papers a number of changes, which were placed one before each ringer so that on each change being called he could see at a glance what bell to follow. This arrangement, at that time, seemed the best, as no one knew just how to call changes, or at least each old ringer had a different way, thus causing great confusion, while I was myself only a novice.

"So, for about a year, we jogged along in this manner. When we were ringing one Sunday evening for service a quiet, unassuming young man, with a rather thin face and fair hair somewhat inclined to be curly, was strolling along the shore in Stanley Park, some two miles from our tower. The sound of our rounds, queens, tittums, etc., struck his ears. And what manner of man was this? His very legs ran away with him! Closer and closer towards that familiar sound he rushed. When, however, he arrived in the vicinity of several towers the bells had ceased, but night after night he waited outside the most likely looking tower, and was noticed by one of our band wistfully gazing at the light in the ringing chamber. He accepted an invitation to come up and have a look round. Of course he was asked could he ring, and, on informing us that he had rung before in England, he was given a rope, and proved himself such a steady ringer that he was asked if he would come along and give us a hand. We also learned that his name was George W. Foster, of Borden, Kent. He proved one of the most steady type, and he had been ringing with us from our papers for some months, when he disappeared suddenly for six months or more. Meantime, we had procured a set of handbells, on which we used to practise change ringing after service, and one evening, to our delight, our friend, George Foster, reappeared, having been down in San Francisco. But I believe bells, though composed of copper and tin, have a kind of magnetic influence over some people, and I think this attraction was the most powerful in this case.

#### THE FIRST TOUCH.

"Meanwhile we had picked up many ringers, and amongst those claiming to be change ringers were Mr. J. B. Cherry, of Dublin; Mr. Eldred, Mr. F. M. Bresssey, Mr. Maskell, of Reading; and Ernest Coppen, whilst your humble servant was doing his best to learn to hunt the treble. We had at least six change ringers, and the return of Mr. Foster brought out the fact that he was one too. Then it was that our first course of Minor was rung and my papers, which I had prepared with such care, I was persuaded to burn, by whom you can surely guess. But alas! my action seemed to get me into serious trouble, for we lost our round ringers altogether, and it was some time before we made up our band of eight, but one day Mr. Matthew Bennett turned up, completing the band, and finally we managed a course of Grandsire Triples. About this time we were honoured by a visit from San Francisco of no less a personage than Mr. Jack Tassell, also late of Borden, Kent, who had the distinction of calling the first touch of Grandsire Triples, though it was but three bobs. He did not stay



with us very long, but after his departure we were reinforced by Mr. R. Warner, and were soon able to have some very decent ringing. We made three or four attempts to secure a peal, but it was not to be. Once, after ringing two hours and thirty minutes, with splendid striking, there was a trip. Our conductor, Mr. Foster, had managed to get all bells coursing again properly, but the ringer of the third had set his bell. It was, perhaps, better so, as the first peal in the country should be rung without a trip. But I shall never forget that striking. It was almost perfect, and I think mostly due to our splendid tenor man, Mr. J. B. Cherry. Then, unhappily, we lost Mr. Maskell, Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Coppen. So inserting an advertisement in our local papers, we secured Mr. Farrington Jones, and Mr. Gilbert Pearce, both good ringers, and also about this time, Mr. R. J. Carrier, who, next to Mr. Foster, was the very life of our band. Although only a lad when he left England, and 14 years had passed since he pulled a rope, after a week's practice he proved himself both on the tower and handbells one of those rare specimens of ringers so valuable to our art. And now a finer band of ringers it would be hard to find. Oh, what ringing we had those days! Sunday morning, for service, then from three to five in the afternoon, when we would all go to some restaurant for supper, and then ringing once more for service in the evening. I am afraid it will be some time before we can enjoy such times again.

#### THE PEAL.

"Now as to the peal itself. Set for the 26th June, 1911, Coronation Day, we were all waiting the arrival of Mr. Carrier, who, we afterwards learned, was detained in the Carriboo country, some 250 miles away. Therefore, we could do nothing. But he turned up all O.K. on the first of July, Dominion Day, and away we went first, by arrangement, for a course and stand. All seemed comfortable at their respective ropes as follows: A. C. Limpus treble, G. W. Foster 2nd, F. M. Bressey 3rd, G. Pearce 4th, R. Warner 5th, M. Bennett 6th, R. J. Carrier 7th and F. Jones tenor. A couple of rounds and "Go Grand-sire Triples" was called. Each and every man settled down to business, and all went well for about half-an-hour, when our tenor man showed signs of distress, but he stayed by his bell like a man through-out the peal, which he rang with practically one arm, the other becoming more or less useless through an accident a few days previously. Still, not a hitch, not a trip, not a word, but the occasional 'Bob.' And oh, what music! Now the queens, now the tittums came up, smile after smile appeared on the faces of eight determined men as each familiar change was recognised. One hour, two hours, another half-hour. Now a general flutter, even the bells seemed to know they were again in the home course, and became somewhat careless as to their striking. Then only did our worthy and clever conductor speak. 'Let's have a little striking, boys, or we'll never get this peal. We are in the last seven hundred.' And there was certainly a look of anxious doubt on his face. But everyone settled down to that steady beat, determined not to spoil a splendid peal. By-and-bye a glance at the clock showed two hours and fifty odd minutes, and our conductor's face again grew very anxious as he called 'Single.' But all was well and at last again 'Single,' and 'This is all.' The bells dropped into rounds at two hours and fifty-nine minutes to the dot.

#### THE KING'S INTEREST.

"A prouder set of men in all Canada would have been hard to find, especially when Mr. Doddington appeared in the tower and told us a better struck peal he had never heard, and he had heard it from start to finish. Here ends the history of the first peal on the Continent of America rung by eight men, and also the first ever rung in Canada. "We all went home with but one regret, which was that the peal was not rung as intended on Coronation Day, and could not be recorded as such. But even that was to be surmounted, for on my return from my trip to England, reading a book given me by my brother, entitled 'The King to his people,' I discovered that the Coronation festivities did not come to a close till July 1st, when His Majesty returned to Windsor. In my opinion, therefore, I felt it would be appropriate to consider it a Coronation peal, and as secretary to the British Columbia Change Ringers' Association, I wrote to His Majesty to learn his views on the matter, knowing him to take a certain interest in bell ringing. Alas! I received no answer. Month after month I waited patiently, and had made up my mind I had received a pass-over, as it were, from my King. How mistaken was I? It was the King himself who was waiting for an answer to his letter of inquiry, asking the Archbishop to allow a peal tablet to be placed in the tower. Archbishop Casey having been installed in the diocese but a few days, entirely overlooked the matter. And now followed an act by His Majesty which makes one proud to be in his service (for I have now joined his forces, as most of us have done to fight for right and liberty to continue to ring our church bells as we will). It was no less than to press for an answer, as the King himself saw no reason for withholding consent. Of course things were attended to in short order, and in due course I received a communication from Mr. Pope, secretary to our Governor-General, the Duke of Connaught, which I greatly treasure, as it reads thus: 'I have it from His Highness the Duke of Connaught, on command of His Majesty the King, that the peal rung by your Association on July 1st, 1911, be recorded on the walls of the tower as a Coronation peal.' Thus all's well that ends well. I feel that although my calling in life has been humble, that at least there has been one thing done, and that done thoroughly. Perhaps, after all, coming events do cast their shadows before."

A. C. LIMPUS.

#### WINCHESTER GUILD.

A quarterly meeting, of the Yorktown District was held at Ottershaw on Saturday last, when the members were honoured by the presence of Mr. G. Williams (hon. general secretary of the Guild) and Mrs. Williams; Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon; Mr. F. E. Dawe, of Bramley; and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh. The company included six lady ringers, and Mr. Dawe had the pleasure of ringing the tenor and conducting a short touch for five of the fair sex. The ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor.

At the meeting a vote of condolence was passed to the parents and brothers of Mr. Arthur F. Shepherd, of Hersham, who passed away on Thursday, August 17th, at the early age of 25 years. The deceased will be much missed in the district, for he was always willing to give a helping hand to others, very often at great inconvenience to himself.

Mr. Dawe, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, said that Ottershaw ought to feel proud of their beautiful peal, which, if two trebles were added, would make an ideal peal of eight.—The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the ringers to Ottershaw, and hoped they would soon come again. He would very much like to have two more bells added to complete the octave.

#### KEEPING THE BELLS RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest Mr. Fussell's account of the doings of the Oxford D.G. In our Association (Sussex) the committee issued a circular to the secretaries of the affiliated towers asking for invitations to be sent to the divisional secretaries wherever a meeting was desired. Out of the whole of my division only one invitation has been received, that of Rotherfield, and the meeting was held in August last year. Such apathy does not give much heart to secretaries who are trying to keep the work of their Association going.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. H. HOWSE,

Secretary, Eastern Division of Sussex Association.

Eastbourne.

#### MR. A. W. GRIMES' ILLNESS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It may interest all his ringing friends to know that the continued illness of Mr. A. W. Grimes has necessitated his going into the hospital for special treatment, and that his address there will be No. 12a bed, Level Ward, Ipswich Hospital, Suffolk. As he has been unable to write he has asked me to thank all who have written him, and I trust they will accept this as an acknowledgment to their letters.—Yours truly,

WM. HEWETT

Camberwell, S.E.

#### ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, CITY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I trespass upon the valuable space of "The Ringing World," to notify that there will be Sunday service ringing at the above church on the first and third Sundays in each month at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. until further notice, when all ringers will be welcome.—Yours faithfully,

T. WALKER.

#### DEATH OF MRS. STILWELL.

##### WINCHESTER GUILD LOSES A GOOD FRIEND.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Stilwell, of Hilfield, Yateley, Hants, wife of the esteemed President of the Winchester Guild. Mrs. Stilwell was well known to the members of the Guild as, whenever possible, she attended the annual meetings with Mr. Stilwell. She took a great and practical interest in change ringing, always requesting that, when the local ringers held their annual meeting at Hilfield, the handbells should be brought and changes rung after the meeting, and she always followed the ringing with great keenness. By her death the Guild has lost a good friend, and the deepest sympathy of the members will go out to the president and his family in their sad loss.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—Recently, for practice, two 504's Grandsire Triples: W. Inwood 1, F. Tompkins 2, W. Smith 3, E. Lathall 4, W. Webb 5, H. Warren 6, W. Brown 7, W. Ellis 8. Conducted by W. Webb and F. Tompkins. Also for Sunday evening service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples in 48 mins., to welcome the return of H. Warren, of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force: W. Inwood 1, F. Tompkins 2, W. Smith 3, E. Lathall 4, W. Brown 5, H. Warren 6, W. Webb (conductor) 7, W. Ellis 8. First quarter by the local band, and first attempt.

HAWKSHEAD.—On Sunday, July 16th, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: C. E. Webb (conductor) 1, E. H. S. Truscott, of London (first 720) 2, F. W. Coward 3, T. Bradley 4, T. Townson 5, J. Ellwood 6.

## WILLIAM SHIPWAY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. Clayton says that Shipway was a humbug. Your nameless contributor thinks he is much over-rated. Mr. George Baker holds that, at any rate so far as method construction goes, he was ignorant and incompetent. Perhaps this latter opinion is no great matter since all of us, or all of us that know anything of the subject, come under the same condemnation. But I have always thought a good deal of Shipway; maybe for the same reason (only topsy-turvy wise) that these others criticise him. For while it appears he contradicts some of their pot theories, he agrees with some of the doctrines I have been preaching these many years ago.

So I said within myself: I will write a critical study of the man and his work; I will show the Exercise the debt it owes him. I have not done so; but I have done what it is perhaps permissible to suppose these gentlemen have not done; I have studied his book carefully to see what the man had to say for himself.

And now, how shall we judge him? Where shall we place him among the other ancient authorities? Well, not in the first rank. He was not a great composer as Holt and Reeves were; not a great writer like Stedman; not a great ringer and conductor like George Gross; not a great man like old Ben Annable. He was capable, accurate, well-informed and industrious; and he made a book which is certainly the best of its kind we possess. Which is to say that, of all the books written to be comprehensive guides to ringing, such that a ringer might have at his hand from the time he first touched a rope till the time he had attained his best, it is easily first. It is far better than Hubbard, or Sottenstall, or Banister, and to-day the ringer who knows all there is in Shipway knows a great deal more than the average competent ringer does, and would by no means be out of date if he went among the very best bands. And that although the book was written one hundred years ago. We may go so far as to say that if all the books on ringing had to be destroyed and their learning with them, and one only retained, that one would have to be "Shipway."

That is high praise. But it does not mean that "Shipway" is the best book on ringing, for it is not. It is the best of its kind, and the pity is for Shipway's present day reputation that, being so good, it is not better. It fails in this thing, that the author had two ambitions, and they clashed to his undoing. He wanted to make a good book, and he also wanted to appear as a great composer; and the composer is continually getting in the way of the author. As author he was interested in explaining things to his readers; as composer he was anxious they should not know too much, lest they should be as wise as he, and so his fame be dimmed.

That idea was not peculiar to Shipway; it was the common thing among the old ringers. They felt that a good thing is made cheap, when it multiplied. So long as there is only one peal of a sort it will be held in high honour as a masterpiece. But once its secret is made common property so that any competent person can go and repeat it, it becomes of no particular value at all, and the reputation of the original author suffers accordingly. If Holt had given away his secret with the first figures of his Original, and other men had produced similar peals then, as they have these latter years, the Original would not be the one outstanding composition in Grandsire Triples it is now.

It was not only in compositions that the old ringers acted thus. They did the same in peal ringing. Look at the records of some of the famous old bands, the Norwich band, for instance. They did just enough to keep themselves right at the head of the Exercise for a good century and a half, and this is roughly their record. One peal in each method; if possible the first that ever was rung. If they could not ring the first peal then they rang the longest peal. And having rung one peal they did not attempt a second, nor let other men practice the method with them so that other peals could be rung. It was better to have their names on an expensive peal board and let men wonder how they could do such things than to have the thing cheapened by being repeated.

Consciously or unconsciously much the same feeling was in Shipway when he wrote his book. He knew a great deal more than many people give him credit for, and so, for the matter of that, did a lot of the ancients. But he was not going to give away all his knowledge. Therefore, he did not attempt to explain composition. He knew, for instance, that you can take any peal, and by beginning at different lead ends produce different variations with different part ends. He might have said, after he had given Holt's Ten-Part, "Now if you like you can take this same peal and ring it in various ways, and for my part I prefer the variation which has my favourite part-ends." Something like that Stedman would have said. But Shipway gives the variation as his own "on Holt's plan." He was so anxious to show that he could produce peals of Grandsire Triples, and every other method that he forgot that, while good composers were quite likely to be many, good writers of ringing books must necessarily be few. And so, instead of being in later years remembered as one of the select circle of men who have been able to teach ringers, he is too often remembered as the man who stole Holt's peal.

But there is another reason perhaps why Shipway did not attempt to explain scientific ringing which is because he could not. Do not let anyone run away with the idea that the man who knows most of a thing is always the best man to explain it. You cannot tell other people what you do not know yourself, but, also, you very often can-

not tell them what you do know; and to write a good explanatory book on ringing requires not only knowledge but a further gift which very few of our writers possess to any marked degree. Sir Arthur Heywood had it, and his "Duffield" is a model of what a ringing book should be. Jasper Snowden had it, but in less measure. Perhaps in his case it was not so much the gift of exposition that was lacking as real knowledge. For Snowden explaining practical ringing, and especially elementary practical ringing, is altogether admirable; but Snowden explaining theoretical ringing is not nearly so good. For instance, you do get the impression after reading his chapter on the In and Out of Course of the Rows, that the thing is a real mystery, a fact which you can recognise, but which, like so many other things in life, you cannot really understand.

Perhaps no man has ever quite equalled Fabian Stedman as a writer on ringing. He had a perfect knowledge of the subject, so far as it was developed in his day, combined with a complete ability to tell what he knew, so that others could, if only they would, understand. You cannot class Shipway as a writer with Stedman. His book has almost all its value in the figures of the methods and peals, and the way they are arranged—little in the letterpress. In arrangement and general accuracy it is a great improvement on "The Clavis," but Shipway could not write like "The Clavis" people could; he could not, for instance, have penned that well-known florid passage about John Holt, though he, too, lived to eulogise him. He has no more literary grace than, say, one of Mr. Law James' letters, though in both cases you can usually know what the writers would be at.

Shipway was, I think, the first author who thought it necessary to label every peal with a composer's name. I do not mean he was the first man who did so. In that respect no doubt he was the child of his time. Ringers had already got the idea that, just as every child born into this world must have had a father of some sort or other, so every peal must have had a "composer," an idea not only pernicious but eminently foolish. It is as if one should maintain that there was a time when some man first invented the fact that two and two make four. But, as I said, Shipway wanted all the glory he could get of being a great composer, and could not resist the temptation of clapping his name to the foot of compositions. "The Clavis" people were more modest. They did with no small pride refer to Superlative Surprise as "our own," but they say nothing about the authorship of the rest of the figures, and it is only tradition that tells us it was Reeves, and not Jones or Blakemore, that composed the peals given in the book. Perhaps (who can tell?) one of these others supplied the literary talent and the other the business capacity which made the book a success. And which was it that went down to Norwich and stole those notes on which, as the tale goes, the book was founded?

As I said, the value of Shipway's book lies in the selection of methods and peals and in the way he arranges them, and in these respects it is admirable. Whatever his limitations were he was methodical and industrious. You cannot tell from his letterpress what he really knew, but there are many asides and footnotes and other indications that his knowledge was very considerable, and that he could, if he would, have added very much more to scientific ringing than he did. Why did he not tell the Exercise plainly the relation between odd and even bell variations? He knew it well enough, and used it to produce Double Norwich Caters, Oxford Triples, etc. He does in one place say, in a half-hearted sort of way, that "Grandsire is merely bob ringing with a bell in the hunt," and "the term Grandsire ought to be attached to all methods having a bell in the hunt along with the treble"; but he never told the Exercise why. If he had we should, perchance, have been spared the painful spectacle of many very clever people exciting all their ingenuity to disprove what, if you look at it aright, is one of the most obvious of facts.

I set out with the intention of saying a good word for Shipway, and behold! I have been finding fault all along. But, indeed, his shortcomings are obvious. What really makes him, in spite of all, one of our leading authorities lies deeper, and can hardly be dealt with in an article like this.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Thornbury on Saturday last. Most of the branch towers were represented, and a number of visitors from the Cirencester and Bristol branches were also present. Several touches were brought round before the service, at which the Rev. Canon Cornwall (Vicar) officiated, and, in his address, welcomed the Association to Thornbury Church. His remarks on the bells and bell ringers were very appropriate to the occasion. The special form of service of the Association was used, and the singing of the hymns was hearty.

The members were afterwards invited to the Vicarage, where Mrs. Cornwall had tea waiting, a company of twenty-five sitting down. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the visitors enjoyed a walk round the Vicarage gardens.—The business meeting was then held, the Vicar presiding.—Mr. H. T. Burchall, one of the churchwardens, was elected an honorary member, and Upper Cam was selected as the next place of meeting on September 9th.

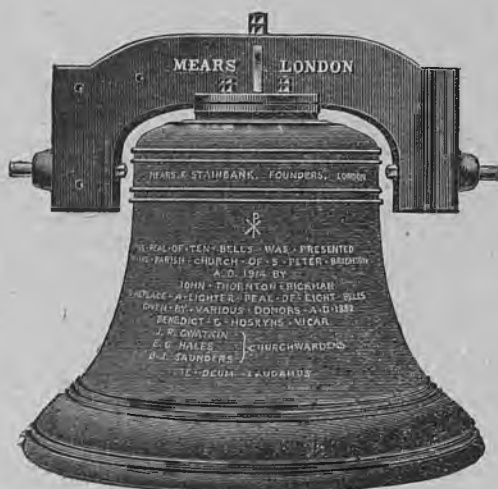
A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Cornwall for their kindness, which, needless to say, was carried unanimously. More ringing on tower and handbells concluded a pleasant afternoon.

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**BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.**

ST. PETER, LEEDS.

By J. R. JERRAM.

According to Thoresby, the tower of St. Peter's Church, Leeds, contained a peal of ten bells in the latter part of the eighteenth century. In his *Ducatus Leodiensis* he gives the inscriptions as follows:—

*Treble.*

SOLI DEO GLORIA PAX HOMINIBVS. 1712.

*Second.*

SOLI DEO GLORIA. 1672.

*Third.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. 1682.

*Fourth.*

DEO ET REGI SACRYM. 1682.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER, LEEDS.

*Fifth.*

VENITE EXVLTEMVS DOMINO. 1671. TIMOTHY BROOKE WILLIAM CALVERLEY.

*Sixth.*

GLORIA IN ALTISSIMIS DEO. 1671. TIMOTHY BROOKE WILLIAM CALVERLEY.

*Seventh.*

IESVS BE OVR SPEED. 1652.

*Eighth.*

[A cross floree with "GOD" and "ibs" and "maria."]

*Ninth.*GOD SAVE HIS CHVRCHE. 8851 [*i.e.* 1588].*Tenor.*

all men that bear my mournfull sound  
repent before you ly in ground. 1623.

According to the tablets in the belfry these bells were replaced by another peal of ten in 1798. The following records the first peal and several subsequent peals rung on them:—

This Peal of Ten Bells first rung February the 5th, 1798; and on December the 25th was rung by the Saint Peter's Company of Change Ringers a complete Peal of GRANDSIRE CATORS, consisting of 5040 changes, which was performed in 3 hours and 37 minutes by the following persons, viz. :—

William Ellbeck ... .. <i>Treble</i>	Richard Willcock... .. <i>Seventh</i>
Thos. Wigglesworth ... .. <i>Second</i>	William Preston ... .. <i>Eighth</i>
Joseph Whitaker ... .. <i>Third</i>	Thomas Normington ... .. <i>Ninth</i>
James Sawyer ... .. <i>Fourth</i>	Benjn. Skirrow ... .. <i>Tenor</i>
William Shaw ... .. <i>Fifth</i>	James Blackburn ... .. <i>Assistant</i>
Benjn. Stocks ... .. <i>Sixth</i>	William Preston conducted the peal.

On Saturday, 25th October, 1800, was rung by the Saint Peter's Society a complete peal of New Treble Bob Royal, ten in, consisting of 5040 Changes, with the 6th at home twelve times wrong and twelve times right, which was performed in 3 hours and 37 minutes by the following persons, viz. :—

William Ellbeck ... .. <i>Treble</i>	Thos. Bedford ... .. <i>Seventh</i>
Thos. Wigglesworth ... .. <i>Second</i>	William Preston ... .. <i>Eighth</i>
Joseph Whittaker ... .. <i>Third</i>	Thomas Normington ... .. <i>Ninth</i>
James Sawyer ... .. <i>Fourth</i>	Joseph Tebbs... .. <i>Tenor</i>
Benjn. Tebbs ... .. <i>Fifth</i>	James Blackburn ... .. <i>Assistant</i>
Benjn. Skirrow ... .. <i>Sixth</i>	Joseph Tebbs conducted the peal.

On the 25th of October, 1816, was rung in this steeple Tebb's curious production of GRANDSIRE CATORS, having in so few as 5579 changes produced the sixty eight-nines and sixty nine seven eights, which is the whole to be obtained with the bells in course, and was rung in 3 hours and 38 minutes by the undermention'd performers:—

[Here the course ends of the peal are set out in full detail.]

Performers' names.

Richard Nicholson ... .. <i>Treble</i>	John Hudson ... .. <i>Seventh</i>
David Robinson ... .. <i>Second</i>	William Preston ... .. <i>Eighth</i>
Joseph Whitaker ... .. <i>Third</i>	Joseph Tebbs ... .. <i>Ninth</i>
Thomas Bedford ... .. <i>Fourth</i>	Joseph Moxon ... .. <i>Tenor</i>
Richard Paley ... .. <i>Fifth</i>	S. Preston... .. <i>Assistant</i>
Abraham Beevors ... .. <i>Sixth</i>	The peal was conducted by the author, J. Tebbs.

Another tablet records a peal of 5079 Stedman Caters rung November 5th, 1818.

Another a peal of 5040 New Treble Bob Royal, rung April 23rd, 1828.

The next one has the following record:—

On the 3rd of February, 1838, being the 40th and final anniversary of the opening of the old Peal of Ten Bells, which formerly occupied the Tower of our old Parish Church, the Saint Peter's Company of Change Ringers, Leeds, rung on that occasion a complete Peal of GRANDSIRE CATORS, consisting of 5040 Changes, which was accomplished in 3 hours and 9 minutes by the following persons, viz. :—

John Clarkson ... .. <i>Treble</i>	John Mortimer ... .. <i>Sixth</i>
John Hudson... .. <i>Second</i>	Samuel Smallpage ... .. <i>Seventh</i>
John Groves ... .. <i>Third</i>	William Gawkrödger ... .. <i>Eighth</i>
Christopher Isles ... .. <i>Fourth</i>	William Groves ... .. <i>Ninth</i>
Isaac Greenwood ... .. <i>Fifth</i>	William Pulleine ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

The Peal was composed and conducted by Samuel Smallpage.

In 1841 these ten bells were replaced by a peal of twelve, with the addition of a sharp second, so as to enable the front eight to be used as a light peal of eight. The inscriptions are as follows:—(All in plain Roman capital letters)

*Treble.*

The gift of William George and Samuel Smith.

Thomas Mears & Sons, of London. 1841.

*Second.*

The gift of James Rhodes, Esq., of Knostrop, and his wife Maria. Thomas Mears & Sons, of London. 1841.

*Sharp Second* [not used with the twelve].

These bells were cast from a design of Mr. W. Gawkrödger, of Leeds, being the first peal of 13 bells ever cast in this kingdom. Thomas Mears & Sons, of London. 1841.

*Third to Eleventh, inclusive.*

Thomas Mears & Sons, of London. 1841.

*Tenor.*

Rev. W. F. Hook, D.D., Vicar; Rev. W. J. Clarke, B.A., Lecturer; Rev. G. Elmhurst, B.A., Curate; Rev. E. Browne, M.A., Clerk in Orders; Rev. W. D. Morrice, B.A., Assistant Curate. Thomas Mears & Sons, London. 1841.

The tenor weighs 35cwt. 1qr. 9lbs. The Vicar, whose name appears thereon, was the celebrated Dr. Hook, afterwards Dean of Chichester.

The following tablets record the early peals rung on the new peal of 12 bells:—

This Peal of 13 Bells was first rung on the 26th of February, 1841, and on May the 1st, 1842, the Saint Peter's Company of Change Ringers, Leeds, ascended this tower and rang a complete peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES, in the Tittums, consisting of 5148 changes, which was completed in correct style in 3 hours and 43 minutes and 9 seconds by the following persons, viz:—

Saml. Smallpage ... .. Treble	Jons. Baldwin ... .. Seventh
Jno. Robinson ... .. Second	Jno. Mortimer ... .. Eighth
Jno. Groves ... .. Third	Benjn. Ely ... .. Ninth
Jno. Hudson ... .. Fourth	Wm. Gawkrödger ... .. Tenth
Jas. Gill ... .. Fifth	Wm. Groves ... .. Eleventh
Christ. Isles ... .. Sixth	Wm. Pulleine ... .. Tenor

The above Gentlemen had the honour of Completing the first peal of Cinques in the County of York.

There is also a record of a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung July 7th, 1842; and a peal of 5040 Stedman Triples rung January 8th, 1846: both on the light front eight bells.

**MEETING AT HUNTSHAM.**

The glory has indeed departed from the once-famous belfry of Huntsham, North Devon. The bells, originally three in number, were augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1866, and further increased to the full octave in 1874 by that same firm, who recast the fifth bell and added a treble and tenor. The oldest bell (the 6th) is by T. Pennington, and is dated 1663. A distinctly pleasurable link with the past history of this tower was formed by the attendance at the meeting which was held on August 12th of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who often rang on these bells in their palmiest days. He happened to be staying in the neighbourhood, and learnt of the meeting through seeing it advertised in "The Ringing World." Messrs. J. Heard and C. Henson had kindly spent much time and trouble in getting the bells ready, a very necessary procedure, seeing that they had not been rung for nearly a year. There were 16 ringers present from Bampton, Chipstable, Crowthorne (Berks), Huntsham, Sampford Peverell, and Swindon (Mr. J. H. Shepherd). Change ringing took place on the back six, but the small attendance prevented anything but rounds and call-changes being attempted on the full octave. The Rector (the Rev. A. R. Hudson) gave an address at the service, and afterwards very kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Rectory. The next meeting was fixed to take place in the middle of October at Morebath, subject to the consent of the incumbent.

**WELL-KNOWN YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Walter Coates, of Rotherham, Yorks. After suffering severe affliction of the limbs for some years, he was seized by paralysis, which a few days afterwards terminated fatally on Sunday, August 6th.

He was connected with the Rotherham Parish Church for about 40 years, and was a member of the College Youths and the Yorkshire Association. A clever performer, both on tower and handbells, he had taken part in about 100 peals in various methods, many of which he conducted. Some of them were of a notable character, as the first peal of Grandsire Caters at Rotherham on 29th January, 1874, composed by the late Mr. Wm. Booth, and conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley; Grandsire Triples on the back eight at Sheffield in April of the same year, and Stedman Cinques at Sheffield on April 10th, 1882, this being the first of its kind in the county of York, composed and conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley. The deceased was well known and respected throughout the South Yorkshire district, and the ringing fraternity has sustained a distinct loss.

He was laid to rest in Masbrough Cemetery on Wednesday, August 9th, and the sympathy of his large circle of ringing friends goes out to his widow and family.

**HELP OFFERED.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Having now settled for a time at the above address, I am taking the liberty of asking you if you could help me, through your columns, to find a tower where the ringers would be glad of help to keep ringing going on Sundays. Of course, I should like it to be handy my home. I am a change ringer on either 6, 8 or 10 bells in the most regularly practised Standard methods, such as Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob, and am willing and anxious to learn any other methods to suit any band.—Yours truly,

39, Avenue Road, Camberwell, London, S.E.

C. ROLLINGS.

**DEATH OF MR. A. F. SHEPHERD.**

A GREAT HANDBELL RINGER.

Ringers in many parts of England, as well as of Ireland, will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Arthur Francis Shepherd, of Hersham, Surrey, youngest son of Mr. Ferris Shepherd. The deceased passed away on Thursday of last week, at the early age of 25 years, after an illness borne with the greatest patience and fortitude. Although he had not the appearance of being physically robust, Arthur Shepherd was a man of grit, and his final illness was accelerated if not entirely caused by his devotion to duty. He was in the service of the London and South-Western Railway Company when war broke out and, having the confidence of his superiors, was then called upon to do important work at the Railway Executive Committee's offices. For many months he uncomplainingly discharged duties which were too exacting for his strength, and trying work and long hours undermined his constitution. There were times when his only rest for days was a few hours' sleep snatched at the office. After nearly twelve months his health gave way, and, though he partially recovered, he was never the same afterwards. A few months ago came the collapse, which ended in his death, and much sympathy will go out to his parents and brothers.

Born at Exeter on January 17th, 1891, Arthur Shepherd could be placed among the best of handbell ringers. Not only was he gifted with unusual skill in this direction, but he was an extraordinary "safe" ringer. As an example of this may be mentioned the fact that in the record peal of Stedman Caters, at Guildford on August 31st, 1912—19,738 changes in 9 hrs. 32 mins.—he rang for more than six hours without a misblow, a feat of concentration of mind and energy of the first order. His first ringing was done when he was still quite a boy at Arklow, Ireland, and before his 14th birthday he had scored five tower bell peals, one of them being the first of Bob Major in Ireland. Shortly after this the family came to reside at Hersham, and here he took part in the first handbell peal by the Surrey Association. He also rang in the first handbell peal by the Devon Guild, which was rung in February, 1910, as a "family" affair, his father and two brothers, with himself, making up the band. In the same year that he rang in the record peal of Stedman Caters referred to above, he also took part in 14,031 Stedman Caters and 8,099 Grandsire Caters "in hand." Altogether he had rung about 150 peals on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, including the "Arthur" peal of Kent Treble Bob, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells, a "silent" and an "all conducted" peal of Bob Major, also in hand. Although capable, he never bothered about calling peals, being content to do his own part and help others. He only conducted two peals on tower bells, and none, as sole conductor, on handbells. In the death of Arthur Shepherd handbell ringing has lost one of its cleverest exponents.

**THE FUNERAL.**

In the beautiful churchyard of the village of Hersham, beneath the sound of the bells he loved so well, the mortal remains of the late Mr. Arthur Shepherd were laid to rest on Tuesday afternoon last. The impressive service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Fellow), and a numerous gathering of sympathising friends assembled to pay a last tribute of respect. The family mourners included Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Shepherd (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. Ferris J. Shepherd (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd (brother and sister-in-law), and other relatives. After the committal service the Vicar paid a touching tribute to the deceased, referring to his years of church work as a ringer. Over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was then rung on a heavy set of handbells, the roll of the bells having an impressive effect. The ringers were: G. Woodiss 1—2, F. E. Dawe 3—4, W. A. Woodrow 5—6, J. Emery 7—8. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths. In addition to those sent by the family and personal friends, were wreaths: "In affectionate remembrance of Arthur from his brother ringers at Hersham;" the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of Oatlands, the Yorktown District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, "in loving memory of a skilled and much respected brother ringer;" "the Master and members of the Surrey Association, in affectionate remembrance of their brother craftsman;" the indoor and outdoor Goods Managers and Staff, Nine Elms; the Staff of the Railway Executive Committee, etc.

**TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I thank your correspondent for correction as to the weight of the old tenor at St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol. I fully expected when I published my list that I should have some corrections as to weights of tenors. In cases where I had the diameter and the note I was able to form my own judgment as to the approximate weight; but in several cases I had neither of these particulars. Very often tenors were estimated at fabulous weights by old ringers. I may mention the case of the tenor at Christ Church, Oxford, which many years ago used to be called 42 cwt. She was weighed in 1897 and found to be a little over 31 cwt.—Yours, etc.,

Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

WARSOP.—On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, 432 Singles, consisting of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Oxford, by: Pte E. Morris 1, T. R. Flint 2, F. Sharp 3, Pte E. C. Thrale 4.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT CREWE.

The 29th annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Crewe on the 7th inst., and the day's proceedings were both enjoyable and successful.

The proceedings commenced with a service at Christ Church in the morning, conducted by the Rev. W. Bidlake, Vicar. The lesson was read by Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke (Master of the Guild), and the sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, Vicar of Hoylake. Taking for his text the words, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net," the Archdeacon delivered a message from the Bishop, who is president of the Guild, the purport of which was that his lordship was making good progress, was deeply interested in the work of the Guild and sent the members his best wishes. Referring to the forthcoming National Mission, the preacher said this object was to rouse the whole nation to a higher religious and moral effort. A leading thought which tended to bring home the part they were to play in this work was derived from the similitude which our Lord used in the text—"the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net." If the net had broken meshes in it much that was valuable might be lost. Each of them had their places in that net. Those present had their place in the ringing of the bells, which were among the most attractive things of the Church. He remembered the time when the work of the bell-ringers was hardly noticed by the Churches. When he first came to the diocese there was no prayer in their belfries, and nothing special to distinguish their ringers and their work. The effect of the work of the Guild had been to change all this. Men came more regularly to practice, and were to be seen more regularly at worship and the Holy Communion. There was a responsibility upon each one to make a stand for righteousness.

### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held in the Parish Room under the presidency of the Master (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke). Those present included the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, the Revs. W. Bidlake (Christ Church), H. V. Pigot (Grappenhall), A. T. Beeston (New Mills), the hon. secretary and treasurer, J. F. Amies, Mr. John Stringer (Sandbach), and others.

The Chairman said he would like to bear testimony to the gratitude they felt for the lively interest taken in the Guild by the Dean and Chapter of Chester Cathedral. They could have no more tangible proof of that than the splendid work and great interest shown by the late Ven. Archdeacon Barber. Of Church work ringing was no means the least important part, and they felt their position was strengthened by the recognition of the Cathedral authorities in kindly allowing the memorial of their late Master, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, to be placed in the Cathedral free of charge. They had to thank the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox for the personal welcome he gave them on the occasion of the unveiling and for officiating on that occasion. In connection with the forthcoming mission, a great responsibility would be laid upon the members of the Church of England in connection with the national crisis, and they would recognise and feel that they had a real part to play in the affairs of the Church and nation. He moved that a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Dean and Chapter for the help they had given to the Guild, and more especially in connection with the memorial to their late Master.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox said he was hardly qualified to respond to this, because he was not a member of the Chapter of the Cathedral, properly so-called. He was more or less associated with the Cathedral; in fact, it had been found that the chief remuneration for such duties as he performed consisted in the possession of three seats in the Cathedral. He had plenty of seating accommodation there, but not much remuneration besides that (laughter). He would convey their thanks to the Dean and Chapter. He knew the Dean had the matter of the memorial very much at heart. It was his predecessor (the Ven. Archdeacon Barber), he believed, who had to do with the organisation of that Guild. He was deeply interested in the ringers and their work, and they must never forget what they owed to him (applause).

### THE REPORT.

The annual report stated that the sum of £50 had been invested in the 4½ per cent. war loan. The balance in the hands of the treasurer was £66 18s. 9d., and in the hands of the branch secretaries £52 11s. 10d. Seventy-two belfries were now represented in the membership, which was classified as follows:—Life members five, honorary members 66, ringing and probationary members 676, non-resident members 116; total 863. Twenty-nine members offered themselves for service in his Majesty's Forces during the year, and the Guild roll of honour now contained 64 names. Beyond service ringing very little appeared to have been done. Only three peals, all of Grand sire Triples, had been rung—one on handbells at Stockport, one at Barthomley, and one at Old St. Mary's, Chester.—On the motion of Mr. John Stringer, seconded by Mr. Cliffe, the report and accounts were adopted.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke was unanimously re-elected Master of the Guild, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston hon. secretary and hon. treasurer. The committee was constituted of the following: Honorary members,

Rev. H. L. Mallory, Rev. C. V. Barley, Rev. H. V. Pigot, Mr. Hatt Cook, Mr. H. A. Heywood, Mr. J. Stringer and Mr. B. Warrington; seven ringing members, Messrs. J. Ashmole (Northwich), W. Bibbey (Grappenhall), J. Fernley (Stockport); R. Langford (Crewe), J. Morgan (Chester), J. Norbury (Macclesfield), and W. Wilcox (Wirral). It was decided to ask Messrs. Jackson, of the Stockport branch, to undertake the duties of auditors.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the Central Council had lost its President, Sir Arthur Heywood. He wanted to know whether the members thought the Council was doing its work, and ought to be continued, or whether they considered it useless. The meeting of the Council for this year had been postponed, and was to be held at Gloucester next year. The term of the present Council would be for four years, and their representatives were only elected for three. Did the Guild wish the present representatives to act during the life of the present Council?

The Chairman: What is your own idea?

The Secretary: I have no hesitation in saying that the Council is doing excellent work, and it will be a very sad day indeed for the Exercise generally if the Council comes to an end.

It was decided that the Guild's representatives should remain in office for four years.

Mr. Lewis thought they should have some expression of opinion as to what their representatives were to do. Were they to vote for the Council continuing in its present or in an altered form? There was a great deal of grumbling that its discussions were somewhat academic, and not understood by the people. He would like the committee to take their academic discussions in private and report results to the Council. He thought a really strong chairman should be appointed.

The Chairman thought academic questions in connection with change-ringing might be relegated to the particular sphere of a committee. Matters for the general improvement of the organisation—the commercial business, and social side—might be dealt with by the Council. Very often heated discussions arose in connection with academic questions of change ringing.

### NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Stockport on Saturday, July 28th, 1917.

Miss M. Walker, Miss A. Walker, Miss A. Rigby, and Miss M. Ogden, of Frodsham, were elected members of the Guild.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar and wardens of Christ Church, and the chairman and secretary.

The members afterwards dined together at the Crewe Arms Hotel. In the afternoon they divided themselves into parties. Some visited Barthomley Parish Church, and others went to Nantwich, Acton, and Wybunbury, where they were allowed to ring on the bells. Christ Church, with its peal of ten, also naturally attracted a considerable number.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### MANCHESTER BRANCH MEET ON AN ISLAND.

On Saturday last the Manchester branch held a meeting at Worsley. It being the children's annual festival, the local ringers met at 2 p.m. and rang for a short service in church. Afterwards a procession was formed, and the children were led through the extensive grounds and woods of the Earl of Ellesmere, and subsequently enjoyed a sumptuous tea and games to their youthful hearts' content.

During this time the visiting ringers indulged in various touches on the bells. At 4.30 they assembled at the entrance to the flower gardens and hall of the Earl of Ellesmere's residence (which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the British Red Cross Society, and is now occupied by some 100 of our wounded officers). Mr. Joseph Ridyard, the genial leader of the Worsley company and an employee of the noble Earl, led the party through the grounds, where a very pleasant time was spent. Whilst in the grounds the meeting was held on the lake island, Mr. Ridyard presiding over the meeting. Sympathetic reference was made to the present indisposition of Mr. W. Ryder, of Birch, and hopes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Richard Newton, an old member of the Manchester branch, and now of Boston, U.S.A., sent not only his sympathy to Mr. John Potter, but his practical help in the shape of monetary assistance.—Letters were also read from Mr. Wilfred Moss, who is at present at Altcar Camp, and Mrs. G. Caister, daughter of Mr. Ryder.

Ashton St. Peter's was agreed upon as the next meeting place, and the meeting will be held on the 23rd September (not the 16th, which would be inconvenient).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Earl of Ellesmere for granting permission to visit the grounds, and to the local ringers for having things ready. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and various methods were rung.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, July 2nd, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: Pte S. Meadows (A.S.C.) 1. A. H. Winch 2. T. Beadle 3. C. Bird 4. E. F. Cole 5. C. Hunt 6. F. Skevington (conductor) 7. W. Brooks 8.

SHREWSBURY. On Sunday, July 2nd, 501 Stedman Caters: G. Boylin 1. J. Tudor 2. G. Scarratt 3. G. Crawley (Crewe) 4. W. R. Stockdale 5. Pte T. M. Bolton 6. C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7. G. Jones 8. A. E. Fullick 9. H. Jones 10.



## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**LEICESTER**—On Sunday, July 16th, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, 560 Grandsire Doubles: B. Kirby 1, A. Ballard 2, W. Aldridge 3, J. Morris 4, Pte E. Morris 5, F. Sharman 6. For evening service, 479 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Pte Ernest Morris, of the Sherwood Foresters, who was home on short leave.

**EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS**—On Wednesday, July 19th, an enjoyable evening was spent by the following ringers: F. Blood (Mansfield), T. Bettison and J. Radford (Mansfield Woodhouse), R. Flint and W. Osborne (Warsop), Pte E. C. Thrale (late of Newark, now stationed at Clipstone), Pte E. Morris (late of Leicester, now stationed at Langwith). During the ringing, touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were called by F. Blood and Pte E. Morris.

**BLACKPOOL**—On July 21st, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith (Blackpool) 1, J. Cope (Lichfield) 2, G. Walmsley (conductor), Heywood, Lancs., 3, W. Martin (Nuneaton) 4, T. Ascroft (Heywood) 5, J. Bolton (Blackpool) 6, F. Whitside (Blackpool) 7, J. Atkinson (Blackpool) 8.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS**—On July 22nd, at St. James' Church, 896 Grandsire Triples, in 32 mins.: Miss E. M. Suart 1, H. Smith 2, J. Henry (longest touch) 3, F. Williams 4, J. E. Burles 5, F. Burrows 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, J. Ashton 8. The ringers of the 1st and 6th hail from Dalton, and the ringer of the tenor from Blackburn.

**LONDON**—On Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Gibbs 1, H. Springate 2, F. Davis 3, C. F. Winney 4, W. G. Matthews 5, J. Milner 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, H. Dyas 8.

**ACTON**—Middlesex Association and Acton (St. Marv's) Guild. — For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on 23rd July, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. R. Sims 1, W. Phillips 2, C. Edwards 3, W. Lawrence 4, R. H. Boddington 5, Robert Holloway (conductor) 6, B. Brewer 7, A. E. Smith 8.

**ISLEWORTH**—On Sunday, July 23rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, G. Ransom 2, T. Beadle 3, A. Beckensale 4, W. Lidbetter 5, C. Tricker 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, W. Dickens 8. At evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, G. Ransom 2, Pte F. Smith 3, T. Beadle 4, Pte C. Dell 5, W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, W. New 7, H. Brooks 8. Pte F. Smith hails from Tunstall, Staffs., and was on sick leave from the front.

**LEWISHAM, KENT**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. J. Pannett 1, C. H. Walker 2, H. Warnett, senr., 3, T. Taylor 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

**WOLLASTON**—On July 30th, at St. James' Church, 720 Bob Minor for morning service: T. Henthcock 1, O. W. Cooper 2, R. Moors 3, A. E. Whatmore 4, A. W. Dodd 5, J. Bass (conductor) 6.

**HASKETON, SUFFOLK**—On August 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: L. Last 1, H. Burch 2, G. Ahlitt 3, C. King 4, J. Last (conductor) 5, T. Walker 6. Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, on the occasion of a memorial service to the men of the parish who have given their lives for King and country, and kindly arranged by the local company for Mr. T. Walker, of London, who was on holiday in the neighbourhood.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, August 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: Pte A. Catterwell (5th Essex Regiment) 1, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 2, A. Whight 3, F. Edwards 4, H. Allen 5, P. Timson 6, W. Chalk 7, C. H. Howard 8, H. Richell 9, A. Head 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by Messrs. Catterwell and Chalk. The conductor has now called a quarter-peal of Caters from each working bell in this tower.

**HERSHAM, SURREY**—On Sunday, July 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, W. A. Woodrow 3, A. Woodrow 4, A. J. Smith (Wolverhampton) 5, F. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, J. Emery 8. Arranged for Mr. A. J. Smith.

**ALDRSHOT**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Edwards 1, J. Thomas (R.F.C.) 2, T. Mann 3, Pte C. W. Cooke (R.W. Kents) 4, Gnr. J. Gorlick (R.G.A.) 5, Lance-Corpl. A. Gozzett (Essex Regt.) conductor, 6.

**BROMLEY, KENT**—On August 8th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1008 Stedman Triples: A. J. Perkins (conductor) 1, G. Durling 2, A. James, senr., 3, P. J. Spice 4, G. Dowling 5, G. Huxley 6, I. Emery 7, A. Bygrave 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. D. G. Simpson, late churchwarden, and an honorary member of the Kent County Association, whose remains were removed for interment in Scotland on that day.

## NOTICES.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—By kind permission of the respective Incumbents it is proposed to hold practices at the following towers at 6.30 p.m. All Guild members and friends are welcome. Farnham Royal, Sat., August 26th; Slough, Sat., Sept. 2nd; Burnham, Sat., Sept. 9th.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, August 26th, 1916. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15; tea in the Bede House at 5 o'clock; meeting to follow.—F. Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

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

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

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

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Preston Branch.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock for ringing. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

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

**HERTFORD ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley to-morrow, Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) open at 3. Tea at 5 o'clock. Ringing after. District Secretaries, F. A. Smith, A. F. Edwards.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on August 29th and September 12th and 26th, and for handbell practice on September 7th and 21st, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Idle on Sept. 2nd, 1916. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m. Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 2nd, 1916. Bells available during the day.—T. Smith, 12, Sutton Street, Goole, Hon. District Secretary.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Sept. 2nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, members 6d., others 8d., at 5.30. All members will be made welcome. Will those who can notify me?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Woking on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 o'clock. Service at 6; Preacher, the Vicar.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—On account of the war the two next quarterly meetings of the above Guild will be suspended and the annual meeting will be held at Dudley as usual, date of which will be published in due time.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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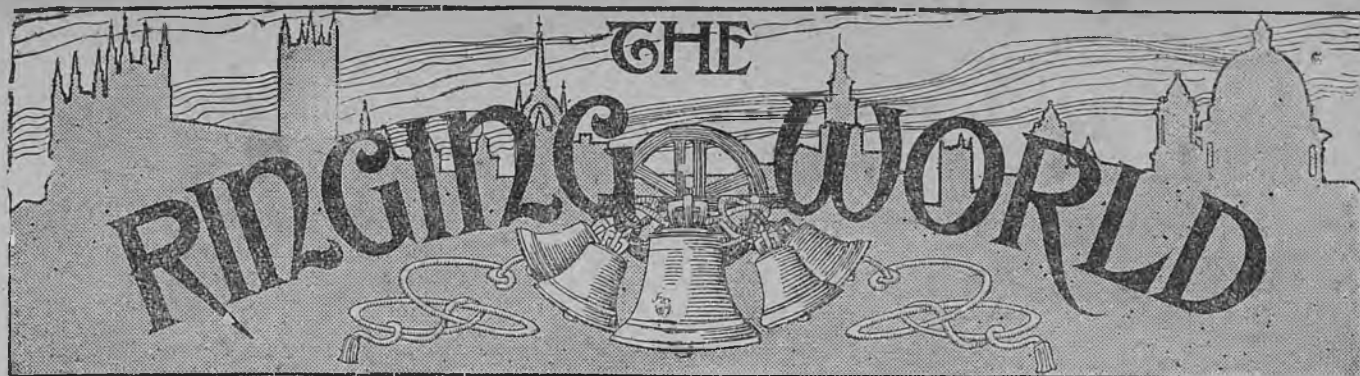
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## RINGING ASSOCIATIONS' FUNDS.

The Chester Diocesan Guild, the report of whose annual meeting we published last week, is exceedingly fortunate in its financial position, for its funds amount to nearly £170. This is an extremely satisfactory position for an association to be in, especially at a time when the war is having serious effects upon the income of many similar organisations. The resources of the Chester Guild, have, of course, only been built up by many years of careful administration, but its present position gives a sense of security and of promise for the future. Ringing societies are not money-making concerns—their characteristic being, indeed, to provide their members with as many facilities as possible to practice and extend the art, and where this can be done in combination with a gradual accumulation of funds, so much the better.

There are, no doubt, a good many ringing associations who would be glad at the present time to have as substantial a financial foundation as the Chester Diocesan Guild possesses. It is not for lack of good men to manage their affairs that some of these organisations find themselves to some extent handicapped for want of funds. In most cases it will be found that they charge too little or give too much, and while it may be quite all right at the end of the year if it is found that the expenditure has been just within the income, yet the absence of a reserve of funds is always a source of anxiety to those who are responsible for the management of a society's affairs. There is nearly always a difficulty in getting in some members' subscriptions, and this gives the officials much extra work without the satisfaction of better results for the increased labour. This is a matter in which the members can individually help the financial side of their organisation.

But the principal manner in which those associations, who have an almost continual struggle to make ends meet, might help to establish themselves on a firmer financial basis, should, we think, be by asking the members to pay a little more for the privileges they enjoy. "Ninepence for fourpence" is all right when someone else is paying the other fivepence, but unless the balance is forthcoming from another source no Association can go on indefinitely giving even five pennyworth for fourpence, and we do not think members expect it. There are several Associations whose financial position would be eased if the annual subscription were increased by, say, sixpence a member, and although there is a natural reticence to take such a step as this, increasing the contribution or reducing the facilities is a question which some of them will inevitably have to face—unless they can find some other more agreeable solution.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1916, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK MORRIS ... .. Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD ... 5
*TITUS BARLOW, Junr. ... 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
†JOHN PLATT ... .. 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
ROBERT ALLRED... .. 4	TITUS BARLOW, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the men of Deane who have fallen in the war, among whom are Sec.-Lieut. J. Y. A. Lyne, South Staffordshire Regt., son of the Vicar of Deane, Lieut. J. Farnworth, Loyal North Lancashire Regt., late Superintendent of Sunday School, and Pte. J. E. Ball, 15th Welsh Regt., uncle of the conductor.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 24, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD KERSHAW ... .. Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 2	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 6
JOHN LAWSON ... .. 3	MALLINSON TAYLOR ... .. 7
ERNEST LAWSON ... .. 4	ALBERT JAGGER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

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NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 26th, 1916, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER ... .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	PTE. ALF. JONES, A.S.C. ... 6
CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 7
ALBERT MARKS ... .. 4	*CHARLES AYLIFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sec.-Lieut. Richard Thomas Cyril Willis-Fleming, R.H.A., T.F., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis-Fleming, of North Stoneham Park, who was killed in action on August 6th, aged 20 years.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 26, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN ATER<sup>al</sup> 5079 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 size, in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. 1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3—4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7—8
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: ALBERT E. NORMAN.

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## RINGER'S HYMN.

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## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

They say that open confession is good for the soul. That has been so long an accepted axiom that I am not going to dispute it, but while confession may be good for the soul it is not always equally good for the body, as when the small boy found when he confessed that he had chopped pussy's tail off to see what Manx cats looked like. But I am going to confess for the sake of my soul—and to obey orders. When my last scribbling should have appeared I, so to speak, "missed a bob," and my readers missed "Bob Major." Not that they worried about that, of course, for they probably felt it to be one of the misses that is as good as a mile. A friend of mine says a miss is better than a mile because you can kiss a miss—and he may be right, until he gets caught by his missus. But when those notes should have been written, I was taking my annual bath at the seaside, and in that fit of laziness which seizes most people when holidays are being endured, I mentally consigned writing, the Editor and all my other troubles to that warmer climate where some of us would like to see a good many people and things that worry us in this world. So that is how it is I have been absent from these columns so long. The "knight of the blue pencil" has told me I ought to explain it, and here you have it.

SEVEN DAYS' HARD.

In these times I suppose I really ought not to have taken a holiday, if I would be considered patriotic. But the temptation was too great. And, mind you, when I have a holiday, I like a holiday and not a week's hard work like some of those fellows who, before the war, used to go off for seven days' ringing, at the rate of two peals a day. I have known ringers on some of those trips work harder during their "holiday" than during any other week in the year. I met one once who had just come back from one of these strenuous little affairs, and I asked him if he had had a good time. "Splendid, splendid," said he. "Plenty of good ringing?" I inquired. "I should think so," he replied, "just look at my hands." And I counted up his blisters—twenty-three of them. Yet he had had a splendid time! I mentioned just now that my holiday caused me to "miss a bob," which reminds me that once in conversation with a friend, I told him that I had just been out for a peal, but that we had to stop because the conductor missed a bob. "What, did he lose it or was it stolen?" he innocently asked. And then I had to explain that there were other "bobs" besides coin of the realm.

APATHY.

I was interested last week to read the experiences of the Sussex district secretary who got only one invitation to hold a meeting from all his towers in a year. It is strange what an apathetic lot many ringers are. It doesn't matter whether it is meetings or peals, or what it is, they just want everything done for them. You meet men, not unfrequently—or you did in those now seemingly prehistoric times which preceded the war—who grumbled and said they were never asked to stand in peals, although "so and so" was always getting them up. When I used to meet men of this kind I used to ask them if they had ever mentioned to "so and so" that they would like to stand in. The reply was more often than not that they hadn't, while as for arranging a peal themselves and asking "so and so" to take part, well, they had never dreamt of it. The man who gets on in this world is the man who make opportunities for himself, and it is equally so in peal ringing as in the sterner things of life, yet how many ringers realise it! They wait to be asked. With regard to waiting for invitations to meetings that has always seemed to me a slow way of progressing, and things might move a bit faster if the old saying was acted on that if the mountain won't go to Mahomed, Mahomed must go to the mountain. But who would be an Association secretary? I wouldn't, I know that, although I suppose someone must be. The secretary of a well-known society said to me only a few days ago, "Some of these chaps do want some putting up with," and I could quite believe him.

THE BELL FOR PONDOLAND.

Has anybody yet hunted up that spare bell that is wanted for Pondoland? As a rule there are not many oddments in bells lying about in churches, and you can't pick them up cheap on remnant days at the sales, so that the Rev. A. Erskine is hardly likely to find people, however good their intentions may be, falling over one another with their offers of bells. I don't like to suggest that he should engage those slim gentlemen, who recently carted off one in broad daylight from under the noses of an American congregation, to look round for some unconsidered trifle which might be useful to him, because if they happened to get caught it might lead to awkward questions. But how about some of our English bell founders? Doesn't there happen to be an oddment in some foundry yard somewhere, that might well be used in Kaffraria? I don't suppose the natives would mind if the bell were not tuned on the Simpson principle, but I hope Mr. Erskine, whose little parish is as large as an English diocese, will not have to go back with his appeal unrealised.

TIMED TO THE TICK.

The story of Leeds Parish Church bells—another of that long series of deeply interesting articles which Mr. Jerram and others are providing us with—contained two little points which may have escaped the

notice of some readers, but which certainly caught my attention. I always thought it was only in these later days when ringers bothered their heads about splitting minutes in the time of peals, but apparently there was an equal desire for exactness in the distant days of '42, for we read that the first peal of Cinques was rung at Leeds in 3hrs 43 mins. 9 secs. That is accurate timing if you like. To go one better than that you will have to have your peals timed with a stop watch, so that you can get down to seconds and fifths, like the policemen do when trapping the unwary motorist. The other little matter which I thought specially noteworthy was the description of the second tenor man. He apparently did not, at Leeds, a century ago, count equally with the man on the box, for in three peals he is described as "assistant." Nowadays when two men ring the tenor they are bracketed as equally responsible for the job. And, by-the-way, I notice that one of those peals was rung a hundred years ago next month. Is there going to be a centenary peal? There ought to be, war or no war.

WHEN THE BISHOP RINGS!

No doubt every reader of "The Ringing World" read the other day of a ringing parson being inducted by a ringing Bishop. I believe the Bishop of Buckingham is the best that can be found among the bishops, so far as ringing attainments are concerned, but he himself has confessed that his experience has been limited. However, we hope for the day when we may see a bishop taking part in a peal. At Southwell, I believe, there is a very capable ringer in the Archdeacon, so that most of the stages up the ladder to the episcopate can now provide a ringer. There are curates, vicars and Rural Deans, as well as the Archdeacon, and if they could only prevail upon the Bishop to practice a bit, what an interesting band might be made up. How about this for an "official" company: The Sexton treble, the Clerk 2, the Churchwarden 3, the Curate 4, the Vicar 5, the Rural Dean 6, the Archdeacon 7, the Bishop, who ought also to be the conductor, tenor. There would certainly be a peal board for the first performance of that kind.

## KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.

The fund for recasting this bell is still a long way from completion, and contributions towards the £38 required should be sent to and will be gratefully received by the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, at King's Cliffe Vicarage, near Peterborough.

## THE DEATH OF MR. A. SHEPHERD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me, through your columns, to thank the many ringers who have sent letters and tokens of sympathy to us in our recent sad bereavement, as they are far too numerous to answer separately.—Yours faithfully,

Leyland, Hersham.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

## WILLIAM SHIPWAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Although my name is mentioned by your contributor in his article on William Shipway, I do not intend to be drawn into a controversy on the merits or demerits of the departed gentleman.

It will be sufficient if I express my opinion as follows: If Shipway had known anything of Reciprocal Proof he would have been clever enough to have made use of it, and to have understood the significance of same, with the result that many methods now to be found in Shipway would have been eliminated entirely, others would have been given in their correct form—starting from the fundamental row and having a simple transposition row at the lead-end, the latter being a characteristic of every perfectly constructed method, coursing or non-coursing, that has ever been invented.

Shipway's book then would better deserve the enlogies bestowed on it by your contributor.—Yours faithfully,

Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

## THE FIRST 720 AT STEVENTON.

On Sunday, August 6th, by kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Meara (Vicar), the 1st 720 ever scored on the bells of Steventon Parish Church, Berks, was rung. This was 720 Bob Minor brought round in 24 mins. by: T. Groves (Milton) 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock (Abingdon) 2, H. Holfield (Abingdon) 3, H. R. Cooper (Milton) 4, G. Abury (Theale), A.O.C., 5, J. W. Wilkins (conductor), High Wycombe, 6. Owing to the people having to pass between the ringers when entering the church, together with the troubles of defective ropes and the indifferent go of the tenors, this was a meritorious performance, every change being well struck. On a previous occasion one of the local men pushed a bicycle between the ringers, and dodged the ropes to shelter behind a curtain on one side of the church, which put an end to the ringing after over 600 changes. But this time he made amends by standing at the entrance, cautioning interested persons who assembled to maintain silence, and thus enabled the peal to be rung. The conductor, though having a warm job on this hot summer evening, was much pleased at the result of a long deferred wish, this being the church in which he was married, and at which the christening of two of his children took place. Mrs. Lock, formerly Mrs. K. Holfield, was complimented on her ringing.



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## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT HIGHAM FERRERS.

The annual meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday last. It was originally intended to hold the meeting on Whit-Monday, but owing to the general holiday being cancelled it was decided to postpone the gathering. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and at 4.30 service was held in the Parish Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Eric Robson, who is doing duty in the neighbouring parish of Rushden for his brother. His very able discourse was listened to with marked earnestness.

Tea was served in the Bede House, presided over by the President (the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell), who was supported by the Vicar of Higham Ferrers (the Rev. K. Fry), the Rev. J. Lang, Rector of Twywell; Mr. Owen Parker, J.P., treasurer; Mr. F. Wilford, general secretary; Mr. J. Slarke, Towcester; Messrs. F. Stubbs, and R. Turner, district secretaries; R. Sanders, London, and about 60 members.

At the annual business meeting which followed, the report and balance sheet were adopted. It was resolved that all members serving in H.M. Forces be exempt from payment of subscriptions until the end of the war. It was decided that a new district be formed, called the Guilsborough District, and that towers be visited which belong to no Association, and asked to join the Central Northants. Fourteen meetings were held in various parts of the county during last year. These were well attended, especially by the younger ringers, much useful instruction being given them, to enable them to take the vacant places in the belfry caused by the war. Cordial thanks were given the clergy for granting the use of the bells where these meetings have taken place.

A collection was taken for the Kingscliffe Bell Fund, and £1 2s. was contributed.

The Rev. W. St. George Coldwell was re-elected President; Mr. Owen Parker, treasurer, and Mr. Fred Wilford (Northampton), general secretary; and thanks were accorded the officers for their work during the past year.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Rothwell.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. K. Fry) for the use of the bells; to the Higham ringers for the very excellent tea they had provided, and to everyone who had made the meeting such a success.

The Rev. K. Fry said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Higham Ferrers. He was sorry he was not able to talk to them in church owing to being under the dentist's treatment.—Mr. George Randall responded on behalf of the ringers.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

### THRAPSTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Islip on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Raunds, Thrapston, Ringstead, Twywell, Wellingborough and Peterborough. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell), and tea was afterwards served at the White Hart Hotel, Thrapston. The Rev. W. St. George Coldwell (President of the Association) occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. F. H. Lang (Twywell). The report showed there had been four quarterly meetings and two by-meetings held during the year, and that there are now 48 members on the books and eight on the roll of honour.

The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Rev. F. H. Lang (Twywell); district secretary, Mr. F. Stubbs (Raunds); Central Committee, Messrs. R. Loveday and F. Kirk; District Committee, Messrs. D. Redhead, E. Mayes and E. Curtis.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Woodford.

One new member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, on which various touches of Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

### BLIND RINGER'S PERFORMANCE.

The observance of Hospital Sunday took place at Devizes on August 27th. In the morning several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung at St. Mary's Church, where the bells have been rehung, by: Miss A. Bolland 1, Miss E. Jones 2, W. Lawrence 3, Second Air Mechanic B. Kilborne 4, S. Hillier 5, W. Greenland 6. At the special service held in the afternoon at St. John's Church a large number of members of the Friendly Societies, together with the Fire Brigade, and Boy Scouts, attended, and the sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Wilts (the Ven. E. J. Bodington, M.A.). Both our own and the Russian National Anthems were sung, and the collection amounted to £12. Prior to the service 336 Grandsire Triples was rung by: Miss A. Bolland 1, O. J. Hunt 2, Miss E. Jones 3, W. Lawrence 4, B. Kilborn 5, S. Hillier 6, R. Phillips 7, T. Merrett 8. In this touch the 7th was rung very correctly by a blind man. For the evening service a touch of Bob Major, Mr. H. D. Higginbotham taking a rope, and a 672 Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Hillier, both the ladies taking part, C. Mead ringing the 6th. Miss Bolland rang her first touch of Bob Major in fine style, and Miss Dally also rang, showing good mastery over a bell near the heavy end.

## FALLEN IN BATTLE.



SERG. ARTHUR PLANT,  
Northamptonshire Regiment,  
of Kettering, Northants, killed in action in France, on August 4th.



LCE.-CORPL. WILLIAM BUTLER,  
Gloucestershire Territorials,  
of Long Ashton, Bristol, died on July 20th, of wounds received in  
action on the previous day.

#### DEATH OF MR. F. E. WARD. PAST MASTER OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

Ringers generally, and particularly those of an older generation and those connected with the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Francis Edward Ward, of Wotton-under-Edge, and formerly of Cheltenham, who died on August 5th at the age of 56 years. A native of Cheltenham, the late Mr. Ward commenced his business life at the County of Gloucester Bank, Cheltenham, where his father was accountant. The bank having been taken over by Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Mr. Ward was for many years cashier at the Cheltenham Branch, and was later appointed accountant at the head office, Birmingham, where he remained until February, 1913, when he was appointed manager at the Wotton-under-Edge Branch. This position he held for about a year, when a breakdown in health caused his retirement. It is a fact worthy of recording that the family connection with the banking profession has continued uninterrupted for 150 years—four generations.

Those who were intimate with the late Mr. Ward knew him to be a man of great ingenuity, and in this connection it may be stated that in 1903 he secured patent rights for an improved trolley pole reverser for electric tramways, his invention having since been widely adopted, and may be seen in operation at Bristol, Cardiff, etc.

Mr. Ward was an ardent ringer, and took the keenest interest in all things appertaining to the art, which was his lifelong hobby. He was known throughout the Exercise, and did a great deal of splendid work in helping beginners, as well as being an accomplished ringer himself.

In 1889 he took part in the then second longest peal ever rung—15,227 changes—at Christ Church, Oxford, rung in 9½ hours.

In the year previous he rang in the longest peal of Stedman Caters ever rung up to that time—13,054 changes—at St. Mary's, Cheltenham.

Altogether he had rung about 120 peals. For many years he was one of the mainstays of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and was Master from 1887 to 1889; he was also a member of the College Youths, the Bath and Wells Association, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place at Gloucester Cemetery, and as the funeral cortege left Wotton, the parish church bell was tolled. Owing to the fact that the death of Mr. Ward was unknown to the members, the Gloucester and Bristol Association was not represented.

#### WOUNDED.

Second Lieut. W. R. Irving, of Hawkhead, has been wounded in the back and arm, while with his regiment in the Somme battle, and is now in hospital at Reading.

Another wounded ringer is Pte Fred Davies, of the Chesterfield company, who was hit in the thigh and right arm, while serving with the Sherwood Foresters. He is now in hospital at Taplow.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, last Saturday, and proved to be a very successful gathering, nearly 40 members attending from Todmorden (Rochdale Branch), Bolton, Worsley, Burnley, Accrington, Clitheroe, Church (Kirk), and the band of lady ringers from Oswaldtwistle. Ringing began soon after three o'clock, and was continued until after five, when an adjournment was made for tea.

The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Vice-President of the Association (Mr. Jos. Ridyard, of Worsley). Mr. Wm. Heaton (Colne) was again re-elected President of the Branch, and Mr. J. Watson to fulfil the duties of branch secretary.—On the motion of Mr. T. Redman, Mr. W. E. Wilson was re-elected on the committee of the Association.

It was decided that the next branch meeting should be held at Church (Kirk), on Saturday, October 14th.

Mr. H. Anderton, of Blackburn Parish Church, was elected a member of the Association.

Mr. T. Redman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman for presiding.—The bells were rung during the evening till nearly nine o'clock.

#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Appledore on Saturday last, about 20 members attending, representing the following towers, Ashford, Rolvenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Rye, Woodchurch and Tenterden, and the two surviving members of the local band. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and the bells were kept merrily swinging till five o'clock, touches of Bob Doubles and Minor, and Grandsire Doubles and Triples being brought round. Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion, the hostelry adjoining the churchyard, and Host Noakes fully deserved the thanks accorded to him for providing such an excellent meal. After tea the tower was again visited, when the ringers had the honour of a personal visit from one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association, the Bishop of Woolwich, who is staying at Appledore Vicarage for a few weeks, and who thanked the members for the pleasure the ringing had given him. He handed to the district secretary a donation as a token of his great interest in the Association's work.

#### FORTY YEARS A RINGER.

The Easton-in-Gordano (Somerset) company, have lost one of their oldest members by the death of Mr. H. Gale, who was a ringer at the Parish Church for 40 years. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, was rung to his memory, in 45 minutes, on August 8th, by: E. Gregg 1, F. A. Atherton 2, A. Rumble 3, G. Bennett 4, J. Caple (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Porter 6.

## NOTICES.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, September 2nd, 1916, Bells available during the day.—T. Smith, 12, Sutton Street, Goole, Hon. District Secretary.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Sept. 2nd, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Brown Bear, members 6d., others 8d., at 5.30. All members will be made welcome. Will those who can notify me?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Woking on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 o'clock. Service at 6; Preacher, the Vicar.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Stoneham, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available at 2.30. The Rector of North Stoneham has kindly promised to provide tea at 5 o'clock, but members intending to be present must inform me not later than Wednesday, September 6th.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-Under-Edge and District Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Gloucester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea (11d. each) provided for those who notify Mr. W. A. Wooler, The New Lodge, Wortley, by Wednesday, September 6th.—Leonard Brightman, District Sec., pro tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Battersea, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. A business meeting will be held at the conclusion of ringing. T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells ready 4. Business meeting in the Church House at 7.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs. pro tem.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A special practice will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Sept. 9th. All ringers invited; 4.30 till 8.—W. Wolstencroft.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on

September 12th and 26th, and for handbell practice on September 7th and 21st, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. A special service will be held in the Church at 6 o'clock. Tea provided by the Association at 6.30 for all members who notify me of their intention to be present on or before Tuesday, September 12th. A general meeting will be held after tea for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 6. All ringing friends welcome. The Hon. Sec. begs to remind members that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Hefton, Hounslow.

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## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a very pleasant and successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Hadley and Barnet, upwards of 40 members and friends attending during the afternoon and evening. Ringing commenced at Hadley about 3.30, and continued until 5.30, when the company was reinforced by the ringers who had been enjoying a pull on the fine peal at Barnet, and partook of tea, which was most admirably served in the Church House adjoining, by a member of the Hadley band.

At the business meeting following, the chair was taken by the District Master, now Rifleman J. Armstrong, K.R.R.C., whom everybody was delighted to see, and who looked very fit after two months' training in the army.

One new member, Mr. W. E. Farr, of the Finchley band, was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, City, if it is possible to obtain permission, and failing this at Willesden.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the recent sudden and quite unexpected death of Mr. Arthur Hughes, a very highly respected and valued member of the Association, whom they were all sorry to lose. On receipt of the sad news, he (the hon. secretary) had, on behalf of the members, written a letter of sympathy to Mr. A. A. Hughes, conveying to the relatives of the deceased member their deep sorrow at the great loss they had sustained. A reply had been received from Mr. Hughes, thanking them for their sympathy, and, to enable him to record this in the minutes, the Hon. Secretary asked the members to pass a resolution confirming his action in the matter. —This was done by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Revs. R. H. O. Stubbs and W. Manning, Rectors of Hadley and Barnet respectively, for the use of their bells, and to the former for allowing them the use of the Church House for tea; also to Messrs. T. Lilley and J. Sumpter for having the bells in readiness; and to all those who had contributed towards the success of the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. G. M. Kilby, and carried unanimously.

Mr. W. E. Farr suggested that a resolution should be passed, wish-



ing success and a safe return to all brother ringers who had gone gallantly forth to fight their country's battles. In the future it would be seen by those who were thus serving that they had not been forgotten by those who stayed at home if such a resolution were placed on the minutes. Mr. Farr said he thought it would be better if one of the older members moved that this be done, and the resolution was proposed by Mr. W. Pickworth, Mr. Farr seconding.—The Hon. Secretary supported the motion, saying how pleased they all were at seeing their Master, Rifleman J. Armstrong, with them that day, and adding that they all hoped it would not be long before all their absent friends were amongst them again.—The resolution was carried unanimously, and the Master, on behalf of the members on service, replied, saying how much it would help them to know of the good wishes of their fellow members.

Ringling was continued at both churches until about 8.30, whilst good use was made of a pretty peal of handbells brought by Mr. G. M. Kilby, amongst the methods rung on these being Stedman Doubles and Triples and Grandsire Caters.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The St. James' Society, Bolton, Bradford, had their annual outing to Gargrave, Skipton, and Kildwick. Starting by the 6.45 a.m. train Gargrave was reached about 8.30, and there they were met by some of the local men who took them to the church, which contains a musical peal of eight.

The bells were soon on the way for a quarter-peal of Grandsire, with the bells half-muffled, and it was brought round in 46 minutes by J. Nichols 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, J. Palframan 3, A. Gill 4, W. Waland 5, F. Horwood (conductor) 6, B. E. Howe 7, S. Palframan 8. The party then set off for Skipton, where dinner was waiting at the Ship Hotel, a five miles' walk through most beautiful country enabling ample justice to be done to the good things provided. After dinner the handbells were brought out, and a very pleasant hour was spent.

Then the excursionists started on their way to Kildwick, which is another five miles' jaunt. Here they found tea awaiting them, and after it had been disposed of they made their way to the tower, and, with some of the local men standing in, several touches were rung for evening service. Home was reached again, about 9 p.m., after a most pleasant day. The party take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar's churchwarden and ringers for the arrangement for the enjoyment of the visitors; and Mr. J. Nichols, who made the arrangements for the occasion, and ably carried out his duties.

### ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On August 12th, Bristol St. Stephen's Guild held their annual outing, a visit to Trowbridge and district being made by twelve of their members, with the following visitors: Mr. T. King (Tiverton, Bath), the Rev. E. Banks James (Leigh-on-Solent), Lieut. Alec. Miller (London), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Mr. S. Abrahams (St. Thomas'), Mr. A. Sevier (St. James'). The war has naturally made inroads into the ranks of the Guild, and those who were specially remembered on this occasion were Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E., J. Tyler, R.F.A., Corpl. G. Seward, Australian Contingent, and Corpl. E. Ridler, R.E., all on active service.

Arriving at Trowbridge no time was lost by the party in visiting the belfry of the Parish Church, and for the first time in local history touches of London and Cambridge Major were heard, and Stedman Triples were also rung. On leaving the tower the handbells were brought into play on the green, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung, to the intense pleasure of a large audience. There was an adjournment for tea at Messrs. Smith and King's Restaurant, a capital spread being laid by Mr. and Mrs. Weston. At the close the handbells were again heard in a course of Stedman Cinques, following which the party took brake for Bratton. The drive through Heywood, Yarnbrook and along the road skirting the Westbury Hills and the White Horse proved highly enjoyable, the rain which threatened happily keeping off.

A first halt was made at Bratton. This pretty little hill resort is now full of visitors, and as they partook of tea in the pleasure gardens the ringers gave a touch of Grandsire Caters which was greatly appreciated by the company. Continuing the journey, Steeple Ashton was the next objective, on reaching which the bells of the grand old church were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. A further drive of a mile and a half brought the party to Keevil, where the bells of St. Leonard's were soon pealing to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor.

At the fall of the bells there was an adjournment to the Beach Arms, where supper was found laid 'neath the trees in an old-fashioned garden. The journey home was via Hillperton, where a halt was made, and at the cross-roads the handbells were again rung in a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples, in which Mr. S. J. Hector, the conductor of the Trowbridge ringers, took part. A course of Stedman Cinques was also rung. Arriving at the railway station the waiting time was spent in more handbell tunes, etc., including the popular "Blue Bells of Scotland" to the evident enjoyment of the waiting passengers.

The day proved highly enjoyable in every way, and before entraining the party expressed their thanks to the Rector of Trowbridge and Vicars of Steeple Ashton and Keevil for the use of their bells, and also to Mr. Hector, who so kindly made the local arrangements, which gave so much enjoyment to the party.

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### THE SINGLE BELL.

There are always to be found those who, given the slightest opportunity, complain of the ringing of church bells and who take every occasion open to them of trying to stir up agitation through the columns of the newspapers. Such an opportunity has again been made by a few individuals arising out of the recent suppression of "cab whistling" in the London police area. As is usual in these cases, the few who try to raise opposition make far more ado than the many who have no objection to church bells, to say nothing of the vast majority of those who really appreciate them. The fact of the matter is, we believe, that most of the opposition comes from those who have to endure the frequent clanging of the often harsh and grating tones of a single bell, hung in some neighbouring church turret, and the complaints which thus originate are not always without foundation.

If all the complaints which are made could be investigated it would probably be found that not a large proportion relate to the proper ringing of peals of bells, for it is seldom that this form of calling people to worship takes place more than twice on a Sunday. But, as has often been pointed out, it does behove ringers to give of their best when ringing for service, not only because the occasion calls for the best that can be given, but also because those who hear the bells, without being specially interested in the call they make, should have no secular ground for complaint.

But it is to the incessant ringing of single bells that the strongest objection is taken, and it is here that we ringers have really very little influence in improving matters. It could only be done, we think, by reaching the individual clergy and whether any influence could be brought to bear on them to reduce to an absolute minimum the clanging of single bells, particularly in populous areas, by approaching them through the Bishops is a matter which the Central Council might well take into consideration. The question is a delicate one, for, while the single bell is undoubtedly the great offender, it might be difficult to get the powers that be to discriminate in favour of rings of bells, with their rhythmical pealing. Whatever is done can only, of course, be a matter of recommendation, but anything that might eliminate a smouldering opposition which, perhaps, at some time or other, might burst into violent flame and seriously interfere with the exercise of our art, is worth consideration. There is no need to take any alarmist view of the situation. Two or three letters in the Press do not mean a general uprising against bells, but in such matters it is well to look to the future, especially in an age when a comparatively few determined people are sometimes able, by distorting facts among those who are really ignorant of a subject, to secure legislation which has far-reaching effects.

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## SIX BELL PEAL.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... Treble	CHARLES JORDAN ... 4
PTE. WILLIAM DEAN ... 2	THOMAS ANSLOE ... 5
ALBERT WRIGHT ... 3	WILLIAM BANYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

The peal was arranged for Pte. William Dean, who was wounded on July 3rd, and was home on leave till Aug. 28th. All except the conductor belong to the Bisley Society. Charles Jordan was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 26th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
IN THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

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 and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: MR. ROWLAND SPIRES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Johnson; also as a compliment to her on passing the Oxford Senior Local Examination with First-class Honours. She will consequently take the first prize in the top form, and the prize for the best scholar in the school at Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham. She is the first girl pupil from the school to pass this examination with First-class Honours.

RET福德, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, August 31, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Seven different 720's.

JOHN HURST ... 1-2	JOHN SEGAR, Jnr. ... 3-4
GEORGE TURNER ... 5-6	

Umpire: HY. WARBURTON.

The peal was non-conducted.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are serving with H.M. Forces:—

Pte Reuben Law, of Stansted, 3rd Essex Regt.  
Gnr. Ernest F. Creed, of All Saints' Church, Castle Cary, Somerset, R.F.A.

Spr. L. Meager, St. Mary's, Bletchley, Royal Engineers.

Pte W. Berry, of Middleton, Lancashire Fusiliers.

From the Parish Church of St. Mary, Hornsey, N.:—

Pte Woodcock, killed September, 1915, at Dardanelles

Pte L. Williams,

Pte F. Gregory,

Pte H. Barney,

Pte A. Boote,

and six other members have been attested, but are on Government work.

From St. Mary's, Willesden:—

Arthur French, Royal Engineers, Maidstone.

Harry Kilby, Middlesex Regt., Aldershot.

## MARRIAGE OF PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER.

On August 24th the bells of St. Peter's Church, Portishead, were rung by the local band for the marriage of Miss Mary G. Hudleston to the Rev. James E. Staley, M.A. The bride, who is a member of The Ladies' Guild and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, commenced ringing two years ago, and had rung several quarter-peals. She was most regular in taking part in Sunday ringing, and will be very much missed by the band. Among the numerous presents was a silver bell instead from the Portishead ringers.

On August 16th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: Miss M. Hudleston 1, Miss D. Sage 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 4, H. Shire (Clevedon) 5, Miss B. M. Hole (conductor) 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. L. Gale 8.

## BUCKS, BERKS AND OXON.

### A SUNDAY CYCLE TRIP.

"Oh! could I flow like thee, and make thy stream  
My great example, as it is my theme:  
Though deep, yet clear; though gentle, yet not dull;  
Strong without rage; without o'erflowing, full."

From "The Thames."

There are some fine biped cattle in these three counties, which are led by the "rope" as easily as a lamb, provided there's a bell at the other end of it. Distance and fatigue are no deterrent to a man when once the fascination of bells and ringing enter into his innermost heart. In this district I find bicycles and biceps valuable adjuncts in the pursuit of both.

From the House of Lords down to the House of Labour the question of holidays, derived from ancient Holy Days, is one of paramount importance, since both the coming Parliamentary vacation or 'recess' and the ammunition workers' 'week off' have been definitely agreed upon, so why not a little relaxation on the seventh day for members of the ringing fraternity?

There are some who say, Why ring bells at all whilst war is raging? like a certain writer in "The Times" recently who wrote disparagingly of the annual Eistedfodd in Wales. Those who read Mr. Lloyd George's spirited reply at Cardiff, in answer thereto, may include ringing with the singing without any misgiving. I feel that we owe some explanation for having a day out, and have offered the above remarks as a preface to my account of our excursion.

A run to Henley-on-Thames with Bill Henley had been on the cards for some six months. It was once deferred on account of air raids and once abandoned for bad weather, when only one man, Mr. Wellington, faced the elements, and he scored his quarter-peat with the local men, and left us to go and do likewise. Through the kindness of Mr. W. Appleby, and with permission of the Rector, the run has now been brought to a successful conclusion. This was on Sunday, August 27th, when the order, "Meet at Salt Hill at 8 a.m. and bring your lunch," brought all the eight boys to their appointment within four minutes of the hour. With fine sunny weather till noon and a head wind, on an excellent tarmac road (the famous London and Bath thoroughfare) eight bicycles carried their riders through Maidenhead, where the river divides Berks and Bucks, over The Thicket to Knowle Green and thence to Wargrave, a wealthy and populous village, picturesquely straggling on the banks of the river at one of its most fashionable boating centres. Timed to arrive at 9.30; we had made an inspection of this costly and complete example of modern church restoration, had stored away the cycles, and exchanged greetings with local men—Messrs. W. Fuller (foreman), W. H. Easterling, A. Gey and C. E. Fuller—well before 10 a.m. With half their men on war service, Wargrave's C.R. Society has been broken up, but with new hands, a side for rounds can still be raised here.

### A QUARTER PEAL AT WARGRAVE.

The Vicar, the Rev. S. M. Winter, had graciously sanctioned our coming to ring, but pointed out that the contractor's work was not quite finished in the tower. The ringing room is exceedingly noisy, so our "handyman" soon made use of the builder's plant to cover over five openings in the ceiling with mortar board, sheet iron, coats and sacks, a precaution which accounts for our successful quarter-peat rung by W. Henley 1, T. S. Smith 2, G. T. Leader 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. Beeby 5, P. Jones 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. A short touch of Grandsire Triples, with Mr. Fuller as conductor, was a sort of prelude, and formed a compliment to him upon the birth of a daughter on the 25th inst., and, of course, congratulations were tendered. What the new arrival means to Mr. and Mrs. Fuller you will understand when I tell you that the previous baby is now a strapping young ringer of 17 years of age, and blessed is he that hath his quiver fuller.

Wargrave bells are a twin peal to those at Slough, both by the same founders (Mears and Stainbank), and cast at Whitechapel in 1915 and 1913 respectively, the former weighing 9lbs. less in the key of E. We concurred with Mr. Fuller that they are indeed a fine peal of bells, but we would not care to change with him for Slough at any figure. Which is the richer peal of the two I must leave others to decide, but their similarity led to our hasty decision to call and try them on our way to Henley.

There is one little sad memory that I ought to note here. The founder, the late Arthur Hughes, was called to his rest at the comparatively early age of 55 years, just 11 days after this ring of eight were dedicated, and, therefore, it is one of the last of his works to be consecrated to God.

The bells were lowered in peal, and one of the churchwargens kindly found our band comfortable seats in the nave, in a church that was well filled by the congregation. We enjoyed the service, supported as it was by a good choir and organ, the sermon being preached by the Vicar, who afterwards came and shook hands and congratulated us whilst we were waiting for a heavy rain storm to cease. Our organiser was able to book a hot lunch for eight at the Greyhound, the landlady seating us to roast lamb at a large oval table in a comfortable private room, that reminded one of some of the old Sussex touring days. We did just as much justice to the good things as those lounging river folk would have done, had the weather and the cook

favoured them, for it's a mighty bad tide that does not carry some atom of goodness upon its flowing bosom.

After dinner, recollections recalled our six hours' fast and 13 miles ride, so we made easy for awhile; then, when the weather cleared, we quickly sped along the picturesque stretch of riverside scenery between Wargrave and Henley.

We ringers little know who may hear our bells, and less still what memories they may recall to those who hear them when we ring. I want to repeat a Press paragraph which struck me as being very homely and impressive, for we saw and heard during the day similar sights and sounds to those the writer speaks of, in this peaceful England of ours, and one wonders if P.W.D.I. is a bell ringer. The other side of the picture is a complaint by Mr. Twells Brex, and here I think some of our ringing clergy may step into the discussion.

### A COUNTRY SUNDAY.

The grumblers' views are quoted in another column, but here is P.W.D.I.'s graphic pen picture of the English Sunday in the country: "Bell answers bell across the sunny fields from tower to tower of the churches that mother the clustering village homes. Harvest, which has followed a chequered career all the working days of the week, is abandoned voluntarily to-day because it is the Sabbath. Butterfly and bee and swallow go their ways as busily as ever. There is a drone of insects under the sun in dozing lane and field, and every flower that has opened is wide open. The windmill is motionless in the soft breeze that rustles the corn; the dusty miller is in sober black to-day. And there comes a straggle of churchgoers over the fields, only their heads to be seen when they walk through the tall oats. They turn from green by-ways, too, out into the road where the church stands in its trees. And five bells speak to other five bells faintly heard on one side, and to three on another. In the deep of the fields, strangely emphasising the calm of the day, the low clangour sounds. The great horses stand at the gate in their sociable way as though to see who is about; for, whoever may come, no work will be asked of them. At another gate three labourers lounge stiffly in their Sunday suits, and their talk is of anything but harvest, though their eyes rest on a broad wheatfield strewn with sheaves and only two lines of shocks made. Butterfly and bee are busy because all such days are harvest days for them. And the swallow works because he must, though bell call to bell across the peaceful fields."

At Henley, the bridge, the church and the river are still there in their ancient and stately grouping, surrounded by lofty hills and undulating woodland on both banks, and we entered Oxfordshire, to leave Berks and Bucks behind, at the main street of the town, which now reveals the inroads of National Service by the number of "vacant" business premises to be seen. I well remember the late John Nelms telling me of his unique experience in going to Henley-on-Thames in 1857, when on January 1st—60 years ago—the Royal Cumberland Youths Society, rang the first peal on the bells in 2 hrs. 49 mins., which he conducted. There is no regatta held here now owing to the war, although this broad and beautiful stretch of water appears more inviting than ever. For some years past the Regatta Committee have stopped the paid ringing that was one of the embellishments of the old regatta days. The prowess of the oar has been given up for the prowess of war, and many an English officer, who remembers Henley for a stiff back, is now helping to stiffen our front.

The Oxford Hotel was selected for our headquarters. It is ably managed by Mrs. Williams, and here we were joined by Mr. W. Horne, of Wycombe. Mr. W. Appleby met us at the church, and at 4.30 punctually we raised the bells, and soon went off into Oxford Bob Triples; in fact, Oxford was most fashionable just now for the Diocesan Guild, the county, and the method rung all possess the same title. With steady striking and no hitch the quarter was scored, and the band congratulated by the members of the local society—Messrs. G. White (foreman), W. Appleby (hon. secretary), L. Stillwell, just back from V.D.O. war work at Didcot; R. Bushnell, A. Hill, F. King, and H. Chandler. The Rector (the Rev. S. C. Saunders) most kindly permitted us to ring again after service, and friendly teams for touches of Grandsire and Stedman were arranged. The Henley ringers, like other remnant bands, have felt the "drafts"—having half-a-dozen men on war service, whose places cannot be filled by running round the next street to get a man for Stedman Triples.

During the evening service another violent storm came on, but it cleared off by eight o'clock, enabling the visitors to make a fair start for home. The last lap at Boyne Hill found our old friend, Sapper G. Martin, in khaki, on duty at the "Windsor Castle," and here our sandwiches came in very acceptable with a ration of ale. Our return journey was completed without accident or rainfall, guided by the anti-aircraft searchlights of the London area—and all the eight men got to bed by ten p.m., after 30 miles of cycling and 14 hours of real ringers' happiness.

W. H. F.

### KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.

The following further sums towards the recasting of King's Cliffe tenor bell have been received: Miss Bromley, 2s. 6d.; Nurse Norman, 1s.; Tring Parish Church ringers, 5s.; the Central Northamptonshire Association, £1 2s. This brings the total amount subscribed to £11 6s. Further contributions towards the balance of the £28 required should be sent to the Rev. M. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

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## WHEN THE BISHOP RINGS.

Within a couple of hours after reading "Bob Major's" Occasional Notes on Saturday last, a few members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association discovered a new ringer—Bishop Crossley, late of Auckland, New Zealand—and had the pleasure of ringing with him on his peal of five bells, at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, Glamorganshire, where he is now Rector, and also assisting the Bishop of Llandaff in this busy industrial diocese.

A ringing practice had been arranged for Saturday afternoon, and on arrival the Bishop, who had an appointment at 5.30 elsewhere, very kindly had tea waiting on the lawn, and both he and Mrs. Crossley attended to the visitors. In conversation it was found that the Bishop, who is a Yorkshireman, had learned and did his ringing before going out to New Zealand, at Almondbury, near Huddersfield. "The Ringing World" was handed to him to read Bob Major's official company for a peal, but "Oh, no," he remarked after reading it, "I am not taking the tenor."

Steps were then made for the tower, and after the five bells had been raised, the Bishop, who had but a few minutes to spare, doffed his coat and handled his bell in rounds finely—the first time in their ringing career that those present had had the pleasure of ringing with a Bishop.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent, and it is hoped the visit will induce the local ringers to drop their system of obtaining changes and go in for method ringing. The visitors included Messrs. W. Bolton and I. Chamberlain, of St. John's, Cardiff; S. Dawe, Llandaff Cathedral; J. W. Jones, H. Forbes and W. Ridout, of Newport; B. Weaver and J. Jones, of Penarth. Late in the evening Mr. Alfred Rowley, of Tipton, Staffordshire, put in an appearance with his brother, with whom he was paying a visit to Cardiff.

Opportunity is now taken to thank the locals for their very kind welcome, and to the Bishop for his kindness and hospitality.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Stewkley on Saturday week, and was well attended, the following towers being represented: Bletchley, Stony Stratford, Swanbourne, Shenley, Newport Pagnell, Linslade, and Bradwell. Service was held in the historic church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Moxon). This was the first meeting held at Stewkley, the object being to get the local ringers into the fold. As it was a favourable impression was made, and it is hoped that it will not be long before they are interested in the art of change ringing.

About 40 sat down to a good tea provided by the ladies who take an active part in church work, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them.

The usual business was afterwards proceeded with, followed by a visit to the tower, when the bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Rectory grounds were at the disposal of the members, who took advantage of the privilege to have a look round, escorted by the Vicar. A further pull on the bells brought a most successful meeting to a close, after which the ringers dispersed in various directions by motor, waggonette and "on the wheel," all well pleased with the way they had been received.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Hornchurch on Saturday week, 30 members and friends putting in an appearance. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and touches in various methods were rung till 5.30, when an adjournment was made for tea at the King's Head Hotel.

This was followed by the meeting, at which two old members were re-elected, viz., Messrs. Wood and Hanbury, and two new members, Messrs. Ellis, of Hornchurch; and Davis, of Dagenham, were also elected. For the annual district meeting, to be held in December, both Barking and West Ham were proposed, and on being put to the vote West Ham was selected. It was decided to hold one more practice meeting, if possible, at Chigwell Row, and then let them cease for the winter months. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Dale) for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Dale, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness and making arrangements for the tea.

During the afternoon touches were rung in practically all standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise. Ringers were present from Barking, Dagenham, Hornchurch, Little Heath, Orsett, Walthamstow (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Wanstead, West Ham, Woodford and London.

## THURCASTON CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The six bells of the above church were recently removed and sent to the foundry of Mr. Alfred Bowell at Ipswich, where they are to be fitted with all the most modern fittings and hung in massive steel framework for eight bells. The tower is undergoing a thorough restoration, and it will be several months before the bells are re-erected.



**LIEUT. SOWELL KILLED.****"BOLD, PLUCKY AND BELOVED BY HIS MEN."**

The Truro Diocesan Guild have lost a most promising member by the death of Second-Lieut. A. Donald Sowell, only child of the Rev. R. H. Sowell and Mrs. Sowell, of St. Kea Vicarage, Cornwall, who was killed in action a week or two ago. Like his father Lieut. Sowell took great interest in ringing, and was looked upon as a very careful and safe ringer. He also evinced a ready grasp of the intricacies of the art, and would doubtless, had he lived, have speedily reached the first ranks. While receiving his education at Cathedral School, Exeter, he had many opportunities of ringing with his Exeter friends, among whom his presence was always welcome. There, too, he served in the Cadet Corps, and, when war broke out, joined the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. He was a brilliant and brave young officer, "a true British boy" as one, who knew him intimately, described



THE LATE SEC.-LIEUT. A. D. SOWELL, as a Cadet.

him. He was killed by a shell, and from the Major of his battalion his parents received the following particulars of his death: "We were being attacked at the time," the officer wrote, "and there was a very heavy bombardment going on, and he was struck by a shell, or piece of one, and killed instantaneously. He was a bold and plucky officer, one of the few left who joined the battalion originally, beloved by his men, and very keen in his work. His death is a great loss to the battalion, as well as to us all. He was brought down the following night and buried by a chaplain."

Much sympathy will be felt with the parents of the gallant young officer, whose loss to the Truro Diocesan Guild will also be keenly felt.

**BELL WANTED FOR PONDOLAND.**

The Rev. the Hon. A. P. F. Erskine, whose appeal for a bell to take out to his West Pondoland Parish Church was made in our issue of August 18th, was some years ago a very active ringer in this country. He learnt to ring at Oxford in the year 1900, and during the following five or six years rang some 40 peals, and conducted one, which was Holt's Original. After his ordination, in 1905, he worked in Glasgow for six years, and had only time for an occasional touch. In 1911 he went to Umtata, in the diocese of St. John's, Kaffraria, where there are no peals at all, and the only other ringer is Canon C. E. Earle Bulwer. The natives of Pondoland, Mr. Erskine tells us, are a very musical people, and, although he has heard them learning to play tunes on handbells, he thinks it would require the genius of a Washbrook to teach them to ring changes.

The Rev. A. Erskine returns to his "parish," St. Barnabas' Mission, P.O. Mlangana, West Pondoland, Cape Province, South Africa, at the end of October, and anyone who has a good sized bell for which they have no further use should write to him at 16, Lowndes Square, London, S.W.

**TWELVE BELL RINGS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your article by Mr. Jerram, on rings of twelve bells in England, Painswick tenor bell is given as 25 cwt. The correct weight is 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs., and it is 4ft. 5in. in diameter. Mr. John Taylor kindly sent the correct weights of all the twelve bells as they were weighed at the foundry.—Yours sincerely,

Hon. Sec., Painswick Youths,

WILLIAM HALE.

**COMPLAINTS AGAINST BELLS.****ALL-DAY CLANGING.**

Periodically complaints against church bells appear in the Press, and the suppression of the "cab whistling" in London has given certain people the opportunity of voicing their grievance. Here are two letters which have appeared within the last few days in the "Daily Mail." The first one is from "Another Sufferer," living at Bedford Hill, Balham. He writes: "As Mr. Twells Brex pointed out in his recent valuable contribution on 'The Cab Whistle Fiend,' 'Noise makers have always had notoriously nothing but contempt for the complaints of invalids, brain workers, and light sleepers, they are dismissed as the possessors of 'nerves' and temperaments.' Nearly all the points so powerfully scored by him in the above article apply equally to the sufferers from the church bell ringing scandal. Even Sunday, the 'day of rest' anxiously looked forward to by tired workers, brings no relief, but the reverse. On this day a church in this neighbourhood commences ringing at seven in the morning and continues at close intervals throughout the day, and on week-days commences at the same time and continues scarcely less frequently. Why the legitimate and well-earned rest of thousands of wounded, invalids, and professional men and others (many financially ruined by the war and compelled to work far into the night to make a subsistence and to bear heavy taxation) should be broken by the wholly unnecessary clamour of church bells—particularly when early morning services are attended by only two or three persons—passes all comprehension. Nobody wishes to or does interfere with their attendance at any service they may wish; but this does not imply any right for them to interfere with the liberty of the subject by restriction of legitimate rest. The patience of the public has in this respect been tried too long by far, and it is high time that a period be put to the nuisance."

The second writer is W. Livingstone-Learmouth, of Sutton Lodge, Guildford, who says: "The two letters you have published protesting against the ringing of church bells are of more importance than all the protests against whistling for taxicabs. Here is my experience. Twenty years ago I met with a serious accident and was recommended a treatment at Bath. The treatment was excellent, the waters healing, but the place was a simple inferno of bells. Thus, as my nerves were shaken, I could not stand the noise, and was obliged to leave long before my cure was completed. Now, years afterwards, I find myself in Guildford, a small town with military hospitals. Two churches here make Sunday a positive purgatory with their bell ringing. I am a confirmed invalid, but what of the nerve-racked wounded soldiers who have to listen to the cacophonous clangour of those bells, almost incessant, on 'the day of rest'? Bells were originally invented to scare off devils, on the lines of the Chinese joss stick. Neither seems to have been effective! If a German band or a barrel organ annoys me I can order it away. Have the church bells a monopoly of annoyance?"

The writers obviously refer to the clanging of single bells, and complaints against these are often not without foundation. The unfortunate part of it is they, metaphorically, tar all bells with the same brush, and there is nothing done to discriminate between the harsh clangour of these single bells and rings of bells that are properly rung in peal twice, perhaps, on a Sunday and about which few, if any, have real ground for complaint.

**RINGERS' OUTING.****STREATHAM COMPANY AT LEATHERHEAD.**

On Saturday week the ringers from St. Leonard's, Streatham, went for their annual outing to Leatherhead. A few took the journey by bus, and others travelled by train. Ringing started at 4 p.m. at the Parish Church on the splendid ring of ten. Various methods were rung, the most notable touch being one of Grandsire Caters—the first "inside" by Mr. H. Pates, to whom great credit is due, as he is 72 years of age. After the ringing the visitors adjourned to the Leatherhead Institute, where a substantial tea was provided. After a stroll around the district, which is a very pretty one, social intercourse and handbells were enjoyed, and a very pleasant time was spent. The party were sorry that Mr. S. Greenwood was not able to give them the pleasure of his company, but, his age being 86, he felt the trip would be too much for him. Many thanks are due to Messrs. A. Dean and A. Winch, who made all the necessary arrangements.

**SAPPER DEAL TO HIS OLD FRIENDS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your columns to inform my old friends in London and elsewhere that I am still safe and sound, and enjoying good health. We have had a rather rough time lately, but have now reached a fairly quiet part of the line. I have not run across any brother ringers out here, but have been in communication with one old friend, Richard G. Rice, of the Oxford Guild. Needless to say, we are hoping that the time is not far distant when we can renew our acquaintance with what has become almost a "lost art" for so many of us. Wishing you every success, Yours faithfully,

(SAPPER) RICHARD F. DEAL.

226th Field Co., R.E., 2nd Division, B.E.F., France.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF DEVIZES BRANCH.**

On Saturday last a monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the grand old church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, and proved to be a most successful affair, waking up, for the time being, the usual quietness of this ancient village. Soon after 3 p.m. ringers began to assemble by two-horse brake from Devizes, trap from Trowbridge, and cycles from the neighbouring towns and villages, and some good touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman and Bob Minor were brought round. The authorised Guild service was held in the church, 33 ringers being then present, the singing (as usual at the meetings of this district) being very earnest and hearty. An able and stirring address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ponsonby Knubley, M.A.).

Tea was provided at the Long's Arms Inn, 41 sitting down to enjoy the welcome meal. After tea, a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. S. Hillier, branch chairman, who was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), together with the Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett), the Rev. E. P. Knubley, Vicar of Steeple Ashton, and the Rev. E. Banks James, of Lee-on-Solent, Hants; Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of St. Stephen's, Bristol; Mr. I. B. Holmyard, of Midsomer Norton; and Mr. W. Lawrence, of West Ealing; with ringers from Devizes, Trowbridge, Melksham, Westbury, Southbroom, Steeple Ashton, Holt, Keevil, West Ealing, Bristol, Lee-on-Solent, Midsomer Norton, and Beechingstoke. — The Secretary proposed the election of seven new members from Bratton and three from Steeple Ashton. Two new life ringing members from St. Stephen's, Bristol, were also duly elected members of the Guild.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Steeple Ashton for the service in church, and for the use of the bells; and also to the organist for so kindly presiding at the organ. Speeches, short, but much to the purpose, were made by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), the Rev. E. P. Knubley, Mr. Sidney Hillier (chairman), the Rev. E. Banks James, Mr. Wm. Lawrence, and Mr. R. J. Wilkins.

The party then dispersed, many going (on the kind invitation of the Vicar) to view the Vicarage grounds; and on the lawn the handbells were produced, and a well-executed course of Grandsire Caters was rung by S. Hillier 1—2, W. Lawrence 3—4, Rev. E. B. James 5—6, R. J. Wilkins 7—8, S. Hector 9—10; also touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Later on, several of the ringers went to St. James', Trowbridge, where a touch of Bob Major was conducted by the Rev. E. B. James; and three courses of Stedman Triples by Wm. Lawrence. A touch of 350 Grandsire Triples was conducted by Miss Edith Jones, a clever lady ringer, and pupil of Mr. Wm. Lawrence, from West Ealing, this being her first attempt at conducting, and it was also the first touch to be called by a lady ringer in Trowbridge tower. The ringers on this occasion were: A. E. Wilkins 1, S. Aldon 2, Miss Edith Jones (conductor) 3, C. D. Mead 4, Rev. E. B. James 5, W. Lawrence 6, S. Hector 7, J. Francis 8.

The Devizes ringers, after leaving Steeple Ashton at 7.30 p.m., stopped at St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, on their way home, and some very well-struck Grandsire Doubles were rung, the ringers in this being: C. D. Higinbotham 1, H. Brownlee West 2, A. E. Bolland 3, F. W. Bealing 4, S. Hillier 5, W. Greenland 6. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the brake resumed its journey to Devizes, reaching home about 9.30, thus bringing a very pleasant and successful meeting to a close.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****PROPOSED FUTURE MEETINGS IN EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

	Burnham, Saturday, Sept. 9th ...	6 to 8 p.m.
	Woodburn, Wednesday, Sept. 13th ...	6 to 8 p.m.
A.	Slough, Saturday, Sept. 16th ...	5 to 7 p.m.
	Farnham Royal, Saturday, Sept. 23rd ...	5 to 7 p.m.
	Old Windsor, Saturday, Sept. 30th ...	3 to 5 p.m.
	Burnham, Saturday, Oct. 7th ...	4 to 6 p.m.
	Beaconsfield, Saturday, Oct. 14th ...	4 to 6 p.m.
B.	High Wycombe, Sunday, Oct. 15th ...	3 to 5 p.m.
	Burnham, Saturday, Oct. 21st ...	4 to 6 p.m.

A.—A private room and set of handbells will be available afterwards. It's a birthday.

B.—Unveiling of peal board for Stedman Cinques rung March, 1914. London members and friends will be welcome. Tea can be arranged for visitors.

Volunteers are invited to send in their names to W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough, for quarter-peals for the Sunday morning services at Burnham, Sept. 17th; Farnham, Sept. 24th; Old Windsor, October 1st; and Slough, Oct. 8th. All meetings at 10 a.m.

**NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.**

We have to acknowledge the receipt of 6s. from "Wanderer," for the above fund for the months of July, August and September.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. R. Sims 1, W. Phillips 2, J. W. Fruin 3, Staff-Sergt. Verralls 4, B. Brewer 5, Robt. Holway (conductor) 6, E. Newell 7, A. Elliott 8.

**NOTICES.**

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Woking on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 o'clock. Service at 6; Preacher, the Vicar.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Stoneham, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available at 2.30. The Rector of North Stoneham has kindly promised to provide tea at 5 o'clock.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-Under-Edge and District Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Gloucester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea (11d. each).—Leonard Brightman, District Sec. pro tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Battersea, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. A business meeting will be held at the conclusion of ringing. T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION & LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells ready 4. Business meeting in the Church House at 7.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs. pro tem.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church to-morrow, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available from 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested, to elect a secretary for Bolton Branch.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—A special practice will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Sept. 9th. All ringers invited; 4.30 till 8.—W. Wolstencroft.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on September 12th and 26th, and for handbell practice on September 21st, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 6. All ringing friends welcome. The Hon. Sec. begs to remind members that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Hefton, Hounslow.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, September 16th. Tower open from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30; meeting follows.—District Secretaries: F. R. Bacon, W. H. Lawrence.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the North Western Division, for the election of officers, will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, September 23rd. Further particulars next week.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tenor 11 cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the school. All entries for the contest to be sent to me not later than Monday, Sept. 18th.—F. Salmons, Sec., 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, September 23rd, 1916. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at "Tea Table" Cafe, High Street, opposite the Cathedral, for which 6d. per member will be charged. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 20th.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, September 23rd. Committee meeting 4.30. General meeting 5 o'clock, both in Church Vestry. Ringing from 3 to 7.30, except during the time of meeting. Tea at Mander's Cafe, a la carte—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coseley, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3; Service in Church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Lamplugh, B.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Reports are ready. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above, at Headcorn, has been postponed to October 7th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The proposed Sept. general meeting at Ilkley in connection with the William Snowdon Memorial is postponed on account of difficulty in obtaining the metal for the tablet. Members will be notified in due course when arrangements are complete.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary.

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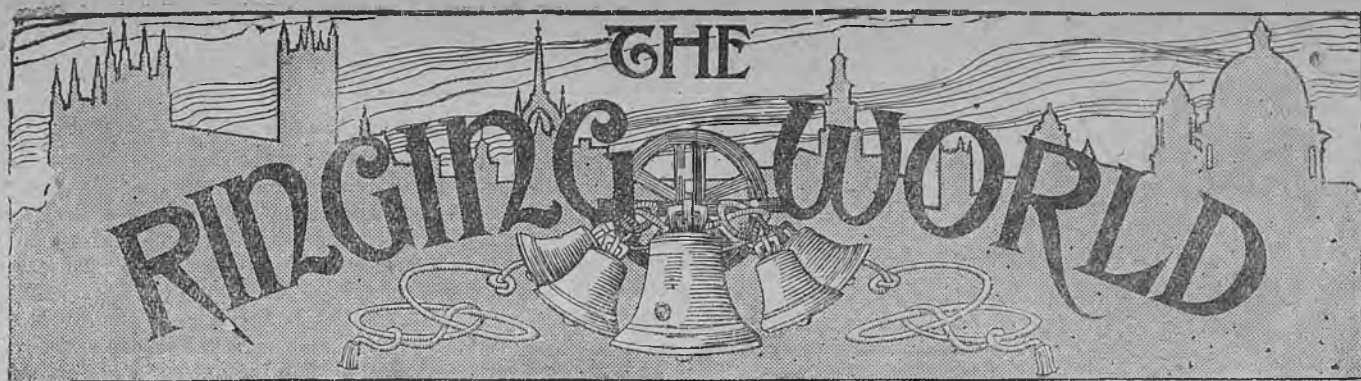


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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,  
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## MODERN WORK.

## THE WARGRAVE OPENING.

In our issue of July 14th we referred, under the heading of "Outsiders not Wanted," to the opening of the new peal of eight bells at the restored church at Wargrave, Berks, which were to be dedicated with the building on the 22nd of that month, and expressed regret that the Vicar and Churchwardens had intimated that ringing visitors were not wanted on that occasion. To-day we publish a letter from the Vicar (the Rev. Stephen M. Winter) in which he encloses a protest from the Wargrave ringers against what was said in our leading article and asking for an apology. While we readily insert the "protest," we must confess that we are at a loss to know for what we have to apologise. The essence of what we said in our previous article was contained in the following extract from it:—

"It is, happily, very seldom on occasions such as these that visiting ringers are debarred from sharing in the festival. As a rule, when it does happen, the explanation is to be found in a spirit of jealousy animating the local ringers, who wish to keep to themselves exclusively the pleasures of the day. In the case of Wargrave, however, we learn that it is the Vicar and Churchwardens who have intimated that visitors are not wanted. It is difficult to see what the object can be, for we should have thought at a tower so closely associated as Wargrave has been with the Oxford Guild, that neighbouring ringers would have been specially welcomed. It is not too late to withdraw the fiat that has gone forth, so that in this forthcoming festival, which has far more than a parochial interest, a great ringing organisation such as the Oxford Guild is, may take its part. In the absence of a specific reason for the step that has been taken, we can only assume that there must be some misunderstanding or misapprehension."

The resolution of protest now passed by the local band tells us that the arrangements made by the Vicar and Churchwardens "were approved by the ringers with formal resolution of thanks on July 8th, by the neighbouring ringers, who wrote in cordial terms, and by the Diocesan Guild, who were represented by invitation on the occasion and had been consulted on the subject of the bells throughout the restoration." All this we accept without question, but we do not see it has any effect whatever on what we said, for all we then expressed was regret that an organisation like the Oxford Guild could not take its share in celebrating the festival, as ringers are permitted to do on practically all such occasions. The local ringers may have been quite well satisfied and have expressed their thanks on July 8th for the arrangements made for the occasion, but presumably they were not asked to approve of what

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had been done until the matter had not only been settled, but had also been publicly announced, for on referring to the "Wargrave Parish Magazine" for July we find this announcement: "It is hoped that an opportunity may arise before long to welcome the ringers of the Diocesan Guild to try our new peal, but the Opening Day will be regarded as a Home Festival and the belfry will not be open to Visitors for ringing." In face of this we still think we were justified in saying that outsiders were not wanted.

### HANDBELL PEAL.

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The Rev. W. G. Le Jeune, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Derbyshire, in his address, read a letter published in the "Daily Mail" on Sept. 6th from one of our soldiers, who had for many months been fighting for his country, on the ringing of bells, and who whilst lying ill in hospital said he was only too glad to hear the bells of England once more after so long an absence from home.

The bells, a peal of five, tenor 14 cwt. in F, were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and are a nice handy peal, the frame, which is of oak, being constructed to hold a peal of eight. The old bells were cast by Daniel and George Hedderly, of Nottingham, the treble and second bearing the dates 1728 and 1725 respectively, the third and fourth 1786, and tenor 1728.

Ringers from St. Andrew's, Derby, assisted by two of the Loughborough foundry representatives, opened the bells, and the "go" of them was pronounced to be very satisfactory.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a very successful meeting was held at St. Mary's, Battersea. In spite of the war and its attendant drawbacks to bell ringing, about 30 members were present from various parts of the metropolis and the provinces. The bells were set going shortly after 4 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung until 8 p.m.

A business meeting was subsequently held at the "Raven," the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) presiding.—Mr. Eric S. Truscott, of Lancaster Gate, W., was unanimously elected a member of the Association.—A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was passed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. Foster Pegg) for the use of the bells, also to the members of the local band for their kind assistance in making matters run smoothly.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to apply for a tower in the N.W. district for the next meeting, particulars of which will appear in the notice columns of "The Ringing World," in due course.

Handbell ringing occupied the remainder of the evening until "Time please" brought yet another enjoyable reunion to a close.

### THE LATE SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S WILL.

Among the wills recently proved was that of the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, third Bart., aged 67, of Dove Leys, Rochester, Staffs. Duffield Bank, Derby, and Claremont, near Manchester, High Sheriff of Derbyshire, 1899, and a magistrate for Derbyshire and Staffordshire, the estate being sworn at £28,029 (net personalty £77,586).



## THE OPENING OF WARGRAVE BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Our attention was not called to your leader of July 14th, 1916, until a long time had elapsed. The first full meeting of the belfry since that date was held yesterday, and by resolution, proposed by the foreman, and carried nem. con., I was requested to send you the enclosed protest.

We are all closely connected with the Oxford Diocesan Guild and anxious to show the most cordial hospitality to its members upon all proper occasions. I, therefore, hope that you will give the same prominence to this protest and to your apology as you gave to the original article.—Faithfully yours,

STEPHEN M. WINTER

Wargrave Vicarage, Sept. 7th, 1916.

## "OUTSIDERS NOT WANTED."

The Wargrave ringers desire to record their protest against a leading article in "The Ringing World" of July 14th, 1916, which in their opinion gave a false impression of the relations existing between the belfry and the Vicar and churchwardens, and a totally false account of the attitude taken towards the Diocesan Guild and the neighbouring belfries on the occasion of the consecration of the Wargrave Parish Church.

The arrangements made by the Vicar and churchwardens were approved by the ringers with formal resolution of thanks, on July 8th, by the neighbouring ringers, who wrote in cordial teams, and by the Diocesan Guild, who were represented by invitation on the occasion, and had been consulted on the subject of the bells throughout the restoration.

The Wargrave ringers do not know the source from which "The Ringing World" was misinformed, but as the arrangements made were acceptable to all concerned it seems unnecessary to explain them further, in order to show that the lamentations of the editorial were misplaced.

[Reference to this matter will be found in our Editorial.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Middleton on Saturday last, members being present from Crompton, Heywood, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Todmorden, Pendleton, Crewe and Worsley. The ringing commenced with 504 Stedman Triples, followed by two courses of Kent Treble Bob and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by: H. Davenport 1. W. H. Shaker 2. W. Crabtree 3. S. Stott 4. R. D. Langford 5. E. Schofield 6. J. Ridyard (conductor) 7. S. Holt 8. Touches were also rung of Plain Bob and Oxford Major, and Grandsire Triples. On the whole, the ringing was good, though it would tend to improve matters generally if the 6th were attended to, as it is a very "false-struck" bell.

The business meeting was held in the Museum at the "Ring of Bells," where there are many curious and interesting exhibits to attract the attention of the visitor. There are a few pictures made up of butterflies, including one of Middleton Church. Napoleon crossing the Alps, the Duke of Wellington standing beside his horse, "Dignity and Impudence," etc. There is also an oil painting representing the raking of the moon out of the canal, and underneath is the inscription: "Its' theer si' thi' rake it eawt mon."

The chair at the meeting was taken by Mr. Joseph Ridyard, and the little business to be done was gone through in a short time.

Two new members were elected, and Mr. Langford, of Crewe, was made a non-resident member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitworth, on October 7th.

It was unfortunate that the secretary of the branch, Mr. T. K. Driver, was ill in bed, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be well and about again.

A vote of thanks to the church authorities brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.**—Warwickshire Guild.—On August 8th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Wilson (Allesley) 1. O. J. Hunt 2. H. J. Balcome 3. H. G. Kettle (Allesley) 4. J. Herron 5. W. J. Smith 6. J. H. White (conductor) 7. W. Clements 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Clements, father and mother of the ringer of the tenor. The ringers were afterwards entertained.—On Saturday, August 12th, the members of the Allesley and Stoke-in-Coventry Societies met at Allesley for combined practice when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Minor, including 720 in the last-named method, were rung.

**CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins.: F. Rainbird 1. G. R. Pye (conductor) 2. G. F. Margetson 3. H. F. Dawkins 4. W. Pye 5. W. Watson 6. Also 360 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Watson: R. Vyse 1. F. Rainbird 2. G. R. Pye 3. E. J. Butler 4. H. F. Dawkins 5. W. Watson 6. The bells are always available on Sunday, 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. (until sunset) to members of E.A.C.R. and other Associations.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. George (conductor) 1. J. L. Wells 2. A. E. Norman (longest touch) 3. A. T. Scrivens 4. W. Kent 5. J. B. Collett 6. W. H. George (Bastleigh) 7. S. Coley 8.

## ORGANISATION DURING THE WAR.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I like the idea of "Bob Major" in the advice he gives on ringers' opportunities and grumblers amongst members of the Exercise. Self-help is one of the first laws of nature. What we want, as your leading article says, is to organise, especially in times like these. No Association or Society is going to make the ringer; he has to fight for himself. One of the main things is in having a good steeplekeeper—there are some, and there are others. Truly, there are those who have been dubbed "Jacks-in-office." Aye, some of them can be there too long, for instead of helping they become stumbling blocks. My experience is that there are some very illiterate, sour-tempered individuals who fill this position; they seem to think the bells belong to them, and that all visitors are nothing more than interlopers. It is surprising to find the number of ringers that exist, even in these days, who never get any further forward. How often do we hear the remark, "I don't get my living by ringing." But where there is £ s. d. attached to it, then it assumes a different aspect altogether. I put these people in the same category as the average "conscientious objector," or those who have recently found that they have a conscience! We have to read between the lines, so to speak, in our association with each other; men have different ways of giving expression to the views they hold. This reminds me of a lad from the Emerald Isle who, after his first voyage to England, was asked by his mother what he thought of England. "All right," was the reply, "but what I cannot understand is that they copper-bottom the tops of their houses with sheet lead." But his mother understood. Also another who said that "the first time he went up a ladder he went down a well," a kind of retrograde movement, slightly out of course. The greatest evil one has to face is illiteracy (generally speaking). It is no good whatever trying to explain ringing matters to people of this class, it often ends in abuse, notwithstanding Forster's Education Act (introduced about the year 1870), and the Amendment Act which followed. It is all very well to be "hail fellow well met" at the local Drum and Monkey, but we want to eliminate from our vocabularies a lot of that under-current which exists amongst us. I think it was Lord Francis Bacon who said, "Nothing equals the secret enmity with which dull men regard an intellect above their comprehension." But there are many who will go on in the same old way, grumbling and growling in the "dog-in-the-manger" style, and to such I would say, "Gather ye rosebuds whilst ye may, but beware of the thorns."—Yours, etc., A. J. P.

## KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

The following further subscriptions towards recasting the tenor bell at King's Cliffe have been received: Mrs. Sharpe, King's Cliffe, 1s.; St. Thomas' company, Pendleton, 5s.; "A Scotch Ringer," 1s., making a total of £11 13s. Contributions towards the balance of the £38 required should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

## LATE NOTICES.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wembdon on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, will be available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Tower open, 3.30—7.30, and 8—9 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Phillip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

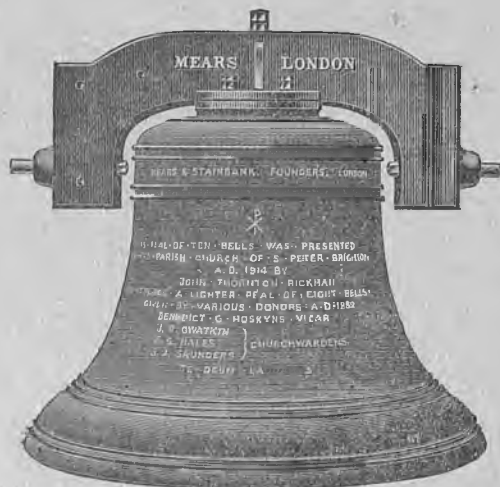
**RUMNEY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Augustine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: John H. Pacey (aged 15) 1. Fred Hannington 2. James Thompson 3. George Gullidge 4. Miss Ethel M. Pacey (conductor) 5. Henry Pacey 6. First quarter-peal for all except the ringers of the fifth and sixth. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who was shortly leaving the band to join the colours.

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## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### MEETING AT WOKING.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday at Woking, that Woking which is a relic of antiquity and not that blotch upon the fair landscape of heather-clad common and pine wood which has sprung up round about the railway station, and which the traveller sees as he passes along the South-Western Railway. The original Woking was a manor belonging to an ancient King, and once stood within the confines of Windsor Great Forest, and it is in that original Woking that the Winchester Guild ringers and numerous other friends, including several in the fashionable wear of the day—khaki—foregathered on Saturday. In the square tower there is a peal of six bells, the tenor of which is about a ton. Some of them came originally from William Eldridge's foundry at Chertsey, a few miles distant, which flourished in the 17th century. These bells were cast in 1684, but there have been various restorations and recastings since that time. But even before 1684 there were five bells in the tower, for in the return of church goods in Edward VI.'s reign we find recorded:—

Item v gret bells in the stepull  
Item iiij littell small bells  
Item a saunce bell

According to an old tradition one of the bells was taken at the Dissolution to the tower from Newark Abbey, the desolate ruins of which stand near by. Whatever may have been the quality of the ancient bells, the present six are indifferent. On Saturday they were turned to a variety of methods, by the thirty or more ringers who put in an appearance, six scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor being rung.

The Vicar of Woking (the Rev. G. Askwith) presided at the tea and meeting, and was supported by the Rev. W. W. S. Fleet.—The Vicar welcomed the Guild, remarking that while that was the first occasion on which they had visited Woking since he came to the parish, he hoped it would not be the last.

The business to be transacted was chiefly formal, but Mr. R. Whittington said that in conjunction with Mr. Hazelden he had endeavoured to arrange a programme of combined practices for the next few months, for the towers on the south side of the district. The arrangements at present made were as follow: Oct. 7th, Cranleigh; 21st, Bramley; November 4th, Cranleigh; 18th, Godalming; December 2nd, Cranleigh; 16th, Woking, all from three o'clock till dusk. They had wondered whether it would be possible for someone else to arrange similar meetings on the other side of the district.—Mr. C. Edwards (Farnham) thought this was hardly possible, for if they were to jump about from one tower to another they would not do any ringing at all. At present they were meeting for practice every Saturday at Farnham. The programme put forward by Mr. Whittington was accepted, and it was agreed to advertise it in "The Ringing World."

The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the service, which was afterwards held in the church, and which was much appreciated by all present. Further ringing was subsequently indulged in till dusk.

### YORKTOWN DISTRICT PRACTICE.

On Saturday evening a combined practice for the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild was held at Chobham, an isolated tower, about 3½ miles from the nearest railway station. Nevertheless sufficient ringers, including three ladies, turned up on wheel to practice Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob, and thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Grundy) for the use of the bells. The visitors were disappointed not to meet those of the local band that the war has not claimed.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Upper Cam on Saturday last, when most of the branch towers were represented, and there were visitors from the Stroud and Bristol branches. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and several touches of Grandsire, Bob Minor and Stedman were brought round before tea. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Roberts) was on holiday, but very thoughtfully made arrangements for the ringers to have tea at the "Welcome" Tavern.

A business meeting followed, at which Stinchcombe was selected for the next meeting, on October 7th.—Two new members were elected.—Mr. H. W. Fussell proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be sent to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for providing such an excellent tea, the motion, needless to say, being carried unanimously. Touches on handbells, kindly lent by Mr. A. Burcombe, and more ringing on tower bells concluded a very pleasant meeting.

### MR. A. W. GRIMES' ILLNESS.

We are glad to be able to say that the latest reports of the condition of Mr. A. W. Grimes, who is lying ill in Ipswich Hospital, is that the doctors think he has had a turn for the better, and is progressing every day. His many friends will be very pleased at the news.

## BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.

### ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, SHEFFIELD.

Until the year 1868 the steeple contained a peal of ten bells only, but in that year two trebles were given by Mr. Henry Wilson, of Sharrow. The inscriptions at the present time, writes Mr. J. R. Jerram, are as follows:—

*Treble and Second.*

ROBERT STAINBANK FOUNDER, LONDON, 1868.

*Third.*

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1809.

*Fourth.*

OUR VOICES SHALL WITH JOYFUL SOUND MAKE HILLS  
AND VALLEYS ECHO ROUND. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON  
FECIT 1798.

*Fifth and Eleventh.* [ditto] 1804.

There have been bells in the tower from the year 1557 onwards. In 1687 the Town Trustees paid £10 to the Church Burgesses in settlement of the latter's account with Thomas Palmer, bellfounder. In the same year, Bagley, the bellfounder, was paid £1 "for coming over about ye Bells." In 1689 the Cutlers' Company paid Humphrey Wilkinson £48 15s. for a new bell, and in 1690 they paid £16 18s. 6d. for recasting the same, with additional metal. In 1695 the Church Burgesses paid Samuel Smith, of York, £6 10s. 11d. for recasting the third, forth and fifth bells.

For the above information I am indebted to Mr. J. Eyre Poppleton's Notes on the "Bells of West Riding." He also gives the inscriptions on the former peal of eight cast by Daniel Hedderly, of Nottingham, copied from Leader's *Old Sheffield*, which were as follows:—

*Treble.* Deo Opt.



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER, SHEFFIELD.

*Sixth.*

G. MEARS, FOUNDER, LONDON, 1858.

*Seventh.*

THE BRIDE AND GROOM WE GREET—IN HOLY WEDLOCK  
JOINED—OUR SOUNDS ARE EMBLEMS SWEET—OF PEACE AND  
LOVE COMBINED.—THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1798.

*Eighth.*

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON, FOUNDER. 1836.

*Ninth* [ditto] 1804.

*Tenth.*

THE REV. JAS. WILKINSON, VICAR MR. JOHN GREAVES  
TOWN COLLECTOR, BENJN. WAINWRIGHT, M.D. CAPITAL  
BURGESS. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1798.

*Tenor.*

FRANCIS FENTON, CAPITAL BURGESS; ROBT. TURNER,  
JAMES WHEAT, SIMON ANDREW, SAMUEL STAINFORTH, JOHN  
RAWSON, JOHN GREAVES, DR. WAINWRIGHT, DR. YOUNG,  
JOHN KENYON, JOHN FRANCIS YOUNG, BURGESSES. ANNO  
DOMINI 1804. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.

Weight of the tenor 41 cwt., note C.

*Second.* Venite exultemus.

*Third.*

Fraternitas nostra est concordia. Refectum 1745. Donum Societatis  
Cultriariorum Anno Domini 1688. John Spooner Master Cutler 1745.  
[Arms of the Cutlers' Company.]

*Fourth.*

Donum Gilberti Comitiss Salop, et Marie Uxoris 1606. Refectum  
1745. Hec olim meminisse juvabat 1745.

*Fifth.*

In terra pax. A.—M.A. Daniel Hedderly made us eight in 1745.

*Sixth.*

Gloria Deo in excelsis. 1745.

*Seventh.*

Et ergo homines benevolentia. Daniel Hedderly made us eight

*Tenor.*

Finis coronat opus. Thomas Waterhouse Capital Burgess 1745.

*Ting-tang.*

1588. I.H.S. G + H.



From these inscriptions it appears that the third bell was originally given by the Cutlers' Company, and the fourth by the Earl of Shrewsbury, both being recast by Hedderly in 1745. The sanctus bell, called by the ringers "Tommy Tinker," bears the shield of Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield.

There have been periods in the history of ringing when the men of Sheffield have been absolutely in the front rank, and at the dawn of the 19th century they were unquestionably no mean company. With only one peal of bells there were two sets of ringers, the "ins" and the "outs." St. Peter's Youths were the former and St. Peter's Independent Youths were the latter. There were changes, of course, and at different times certain members of the "outs" can be found ringing with the "ins," so that it is difficult to draw a dividing line between the two. While the "ins" were able to satisfy their peal ringing aspirations on tower bells, the "outs" turned their attention to handbells, and it was probably the rivalry between the two companies that provided those wonderful handbell performances of a century ago. Mr. Sam Thomas has kindly supplied us with copies of the oldest of the peal boards in the tower, and in themselves they give something of the history of the bells. The first was a peal of Union Treble Bob, which is now known as the Oxford variation, on the eight bells that hung in the tower in 1785. A centenary peal was conducted by Mr. Thomas Hattersley. The second is a peal on the same bells, of which the tenor weighed 33 cwt. It was noteworthy as being a peal of Cambridge Surprise, and although the late Mr. Jasper Snowden pointed it out as false, Middleton's 5,600 being the extent, this does not detract from the merits of the performance of the ringers. The late Mr. C. H. Hattersley once saw a manuscript relating to the peal, which showed it to be conducted by George Wilde, and, as he rang the 2nd, that in itself was a unique achievement in the annals of ringing of that day. The third peal was on the short-lived peal of ten (tenor 30 cwt.), cast in 1798, and opened in 1799. The fourth record was a peal on the 1804 ten.

On Tuesday evening ye 8th of March, 1785, was rung at this Church 5120 changes of Union Treble Bob (eight in) in three hours and 52 mins., without a false stroke, by the following persons only, viz.:—

Joseph Trickett .....	1	John Hill .....	5
George Wilde .....	2	Charles Fletcher .....	6
William Lee .....	3	Samuel Dutton .....	7
Richard Owen .....	4	Thomas Babb .....	8

On Monday, the 5th day of November, 1787, was rung on eight bells at this Church a peal of 6048 changes of that most intricate method called Cambridge Surprise, in 4 hours 18 mins., by the following persons, viz.:—

R. Owen .....	Treble	Charles Fletcher .....	5
Geo. Wilde .....	2	Jno. Hill .....	6
Saml. Willey .....	3	Saml. Dutton .....	7
Wm. Lee .....	4	Thomas Babb .....	8

The weight of the tenor 33 cwt.

The above is the first of this method ever rung in the county.

On Monday, the 20th of May, 1799, was rung at this Church a compleat peal of 5039 changes of Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 33 mins. by the following persons, viz.:—

Richd. Owen .....	1	Wm. Rowen .....	6
Saml. Willey .....	2	Jno. Morley .....	7
Jno. Hall .....	3	Saml. Dutton .....	8
Wm. Lee .....	4	Joh. Grayson .....	9
James Ensor .....	5	Wm. Heald .....	10

Weight of the tenor 30 cwt., called by Joseph Grayson.

On Wednesday evening, 27th November, 1811, was rung at this Church a compleat peal of Bob Major Royal, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 36 mins. This was the first true peal ever rung on these bells, performed by the following persons:—

George Beet .....	Treble	William Wragg .....	6
James Taylor .....	2	Jno. Woodhead .....	7
Robt. Walton .....	3	Richd. Lawton .....	8
John Heald .....	4	Robert Daff .....	9
John Taylor .....	5	Willm. Heald .....	10

Conducted by Jno. Woodhead.

Weight of the tenor 41 cwt.

Among the "Recollections of Mr. John Day," published some 20 years ago, a rather amusing story is told. It appears that some time in "the forties," when the Midland railway between Birmingham and Sheffield was first opened, a guard on the above railway, a well-known Birmingham ringer, having some hours at Sheffield at his disposal between taking an early train up to that town and returning to Birmingham with a later one, used sometimes to visit St. Peter's belfry and ring with the Sheffield men when there was any ringing on. But one of the clergy, zealous for "belfry reform," noticed his guard's uniform, and actually gave orders that he was not to be admitted to the belfry unless he came differently attired.

## NOTICES.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 6. All ringing friends welcome. The Hon. Sec. begs to remind members that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Hefton, Hounslow.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on September 26th, and for handbell practice on September 21st, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tenor 11 cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the school. All entries for the contest to be sent to me not later than Monday, Sept. 18th.—F. Salmons, Sec., 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, September 23rd, 1916. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at "Tea Table" Cafe, High Street, opposite the Cathedral, for which 6d. per member will be charged. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 20th.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, September 23rd. Committee meeting 4.30. General meeting 5 o'clock, both in Church Vestry. Ringing from 3 to 7.30, except during the time of meeting. Tea at Mander's Cafe, a la carte—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coseley, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3; Service in Church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Lamplugh, B.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Reports are ready. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Everton on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tea provided at 5 p.m., 1/3 per head to ringers and friends, and 9d. to members who notify G. W. Stevenson, Field House, Everton, Bawtry, not later than September 19th.—H. Haigh, A. Beck, Joint Secretaries.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the North Western Division, for the election of officers, will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available from 3 till 6.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each at the Chequers Hotel, 6.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, September 20th.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—A general practice is arranged at All Saints, Worcester (10 bells) on Saturday, September 23rd, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at S. Mary's, Kidderminster, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen. Will those taking tea please let me know by Wednesday, September 20th. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Reports can be had on application to the Secretary, E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. The ring of 6 at Batley Carr will also be available. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. to all giving notice to Mr. E. A. Parker, 41, Caulms Terrace, Crackenedge, Dewsbury, not later than Tuesday, 26th inst. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Dore (8 bells), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members please note alteration in date?—Sam Thomas, Hon. Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Ystrad, Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30, meeting at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, E.C., by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. Jessop Teague), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 4 to 7 sharp. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The proposed Sept. general meeting at Ilkley in connection with the William Snowdon Memorial is postponed on account of difficulty in obtaining the metal for the tablet. Members will be notified in due course when arrangements are complete.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary.

**ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.**—The bells of this church will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays during the winter months.

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## MODERN WORK.

### A WISE STEP.

Suggestions have often been made as to the filling up of the depleted ranks of ringers in the many towers that have suffered by the drain of war. There are numerous towers where local action has been taken, and ladies have readily come forward to help, while in others the men left behind have enlisted the services of youths below the military age. It has been left, however, to the Salisbury Guild to take an official step to bring before the clergy the need of filling up the gaps in the belfry personnel. As will be seen by the circular letter which we reproduce in another column, the Chairman of the Marlborough Branch, who is also Rural Dean of Marlborough, has made a direct appeal to the incumbents of all churches in his district with rings of bells to help in preserving our art by enlisting the services of youths of 15 to 17 years.

A suggestion, coming from such an influential quarter, is bound to have some weight, and other associations might well follow the example set by getting, in their respective districts, a clergyman of position and influence, who is interested in the work, to take similar action to the Rural Dean of Marlborough. In these days we pride ourselves upon the fact that we have with us in the work of our associations the interest and goodwill of the clergy, and for that reason there is likely to be very little difficulty in obtaining the help of those whose appeal would carry weight. This matter is one in which the ringing associations may well and usefully request the assistance of the clergy who occupy positions of authority.

There can be no question that if the prosperity of ringing in the immediate future is to be secured, no stone must be left unturned to keep the individual companies up to strength, for few bands will be able to take up their work after the war at the place where they laid it down. Many men, unhappily, will not return; others have been so maimed that for them the pursuit of bell ringing will be out of the question; others again will be drawn away to the colonies by the desire for the wider life, the greater freedom, and, perhaps, the fuller opportunities which will be presented to them if all the after-war schemes, which are talked about, develop and mature. Thus we cannot start where we left off in August, 1914, but any action which is likely to assist in building up our organisation as a whole, and, as the Rural Deal of Marlborough puts it, in preserving a beautiful and uplifting art, is worth serious consideration. "There is grave reason to fear," he says, "that unless steps are immediately taken there will be a set-back which it would take a generation to recover." The Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild has certainly been wise in enlisting the sympathies of the Rural Dean in this matter, and other organisations might with advantage take a leaf out of the Salisbury Guild's book.

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**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, September 13th, 1916, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

**J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

FREDERICK WREN... ..Treble	HARRY STALHAM ... .. 5
HENRY R. BUTCHER ... .. 2	JAMES A. HART ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
GEORGE ADES ... .. 4	GEORGE RICHARDSON ...Tenor

**Conducted by J. A. HART.**

The peal was arranged for Mr. Jones, of Newport, Mon., who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

**BRIERLY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 16, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

**GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

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**Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.**

**Rung for the Harvest Festival.**

## SIX BELL PEAL.

**MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

*On Saturday, September 9, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

**With ten different callings.**

SAMUEL MEADOWS ...Treble	THOMAS LEACH ... .. 4
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	SYDNEY BOYCE ... .. 5
PHILIP POCKETTS ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. GEENS ... .. Tenor

**Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.**

## HANDBELL PEALS.

**LONDON.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, September 14, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3-4	JAMES HUNT ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 9-10	

**Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and**

**Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.**

**Umpire: C. T. COLES.**

**Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett,  
of Brighton, parents of the ringer of 1-2.**

**BIRMINGHAM.**

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

*On Thursday, September 14, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;**

**Tenor 17 size, in B flat.**

FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7-8
MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11-12

**Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS, and**

**Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.**

**Referee: MR. G. YENDALL.**

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.  
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
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On Saturday, September 16, 1916, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM CHESHIRE, ESQ.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor, 17 size in B flat.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1—2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7—8
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3—4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9—10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5—6	JAMES GEORGE ... 11—12

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. BENJAMIN GOUGH. Rung in the presence of about 30 witnesses.

Reference to this peal will appear next week.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 16, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

JAMES HUNT ... 1—2	FRANK SMITH ... 5—6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3—4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7—8

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 9—10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and  
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Umpires: H. T. SCARLETT and H. C. STUBBS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank Bennett (late secretary of the Society) and Mrs. Bennett, of Brighton, for their silver wedding, which fell on the preceding day; also to mark the second anniversary of the marriage of Mr. H. J. Bradley (the present secretary) and Mrs. Bradley, which occurred on the 12th.

**ROLL OF HONOUR.**

The following are serving in H.M. Forces:—

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Pte W. Underwood, of St. Mary's, Cavendish, Suffolk, Army Veterinary Corps, now in France.

Pte J. Grindrod, of Whitworth, 74th Training Battalion.

Pte A. E. Parsons, of Staveley, Notts and Derby Regt.

Pte Charles William Cook, of Long Stanton, 25th Middlesex Regt.

Pte H. W. Watts, of Stansted, Essex, 8th Essex Cyclist Regt.

Pte H. Wolstencroft, of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 12th R.F.W.

From Luton Parish Church:—

Pte C. Wing, Royal Flying Corps.

Pte F. Hunt, 59th Middlesex Regt.

Pte W. Payne, Queen's R.W. Surrey Regt.

From St. James', Stanstead:—

Pte Horatio Pask, King's Royal Rifles.

Pte John Percy Garwood, East Cambs Regt.

**EARLSHEATON RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.**

A touch of 800 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at All Saints' Church, Dewsbury, for evening service on Sunday week by the Earlsheaton Society, the bells being deeply muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Walter Idle, whose death took place on the 4th inst., and who was interred at Dewsbury Cemetery on Sept. 6th. Mrs. Idle took a great interest in ringing, her husband, Mr. Walter Idle, having been a member of the Dewsbury handbell ringers for upwards of 25 years, and a member of the Dewsbury Society of Change Ringers up to a few years ago, when he joined the Earlsheaton Society. The deceased lady always took a great interest in the outings of the ringers, and it was always her wish, when the ringers were going on these trips that the wives should go also, and many a pleasant outing has been the result of her suggestions. The Earlsheaton Society deeply regret the loss their member has sustained, and tender their deepest sympathy to him in his sad bereavement. The touch was rung by: A. Goodall 1, John W. Dews 2, William Arnley 3, Hemingway Dransfield 4, J. Garforth 5, H. Hardy (composer and conductor) 6, Walter Byram 7, J. Hewitt 8. The Earlsheaton Society wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens of Dewsbury Parish Church and the local company for the loan of the bells, the Earlsheaton bells at present being under repair.

**KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.**

Donations towards the fund for recasting King's Cliffe tenor should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliff Rectory, near Peterborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

At the annual business meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at the Chapter House, Oxford, there was a good representative gathering, about 25 members attending, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis taking the chair.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who is serving as Chaplain in H.M. Forces in France, was re-elected with acclamation. The hon. treasurer (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) and the secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves) were also re-elected. The committee was re-appointed, Messrs. Sear and Webb being elected to fill the two vacancies.

The following resolution was brought forward by Mr. Cullum, and seconded by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, "that the representation on the Central Council be considered." An interesting discussion followed, in which the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (representative of the Oxford Guild on the Council) explained the very valuable work that the Central Council had done. One thing he thought the Guild might do with advantage, and that was to send a suggestion to the Central Council that points for peals should be abolished.—It was decided that the Central Council representation should be maintained.

Under the heading of "Any other business," a resolution was proposed by Mr. Cullum, and seconded by Mr. Hibbert "that the secretary be instructed to inform all branch secretaries that a levy of 6d. per member per annum be made to a fund called 'Serving Members' Subscriptions Fund,' the same to be continued until the deficiency caused be paid."

A long discussion followed, during which the chairman was obliged to leave, Mr. J. Evans being voted to take his place. Finally an amendment was passed as follows: "That all branch secretaries be asked to see that there be no deficiencies in subscriptions through members serving in H.M. Forces, and that all members be asked to subscribe 6d. annually to meet such deficiencies."

This closed the meeting.

No ringing took place, but the members were invited to take tea at the hon. treasurer's expense, about a dozen availing themselves of his generosity.

The Secretary of the Guild, Mr. A. E. Reeves, has obtained a commission in H.M. Forces, and is now Second-lieutenant in No. 256 Protection company, at Poundbury Camp, Dorchester. His work as secretary of the Guild will go on as usual, and all communications should be addressed to Mrs. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

**THE GRUMBLERS.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the letter by "A.J.P.," and I must say that I heartily agree with him, although I am sorry that he did not give some useful suggestions. I am only a young man, and consequently, only a young ringer, so am not in a position to give much advice. There are two or three towers that I know of in the Metropolitan area where the ringers are practically all grumblers, and the steeplekeepers without tact and common-sense. So much so, that visitors are very chary of becoming "Interlopers." One tower in particular is supposed to have its annual business meeting. I am informed that they have not had such a meeting for years, and don't seem likely to, while under the regime of the present steeplekeeper. Well then, why should several men be influenced by one? That is the point. Has not one of them the courage necessary to inform the clergy or churchwardens? By-the-way, where do they come in? What I have found is this. Too many so-called ringers are not ringers at all. They may have an "appetite" for ringing, or for "£ s. d.," but when it comes to order and decorum, and conducting the ringing arrangements on business lines, where are they? Outside, grumbling about the striking or the weather, or some more trivial matter. This is all very regrettable, and to one like myself very disheartening, so I hope some of my fellow readers of "The Ringing World" more experienced than myself will be kind enough to give us a receipt for a certain and lasting cure.—Yours, etc. E. G. B.

**RINGING AT SAFFRON WALDEN.**

A very enjoyable day's ringing took place at Saffron Walden on a recent Sunday, when Lance-Corpl. A. Wakley, of the 6th North Staffs Regiment, and Pte F. J. Pitstow, A.O.C., were in the town on leave. The service touches included the following: For morning service, 382 Stedman Cinques: F. Pitstow (conductor) 1, Lance-Corpl. A. Wakley 2, Pte F. J. Pitstow 3, A. F. James 4, R. Strong 5, C. Freeman 6, A. E. Pitstow 7, E. A. Pitstow 8, G. Sparrow 9, A. Evenett 10, F. Dench 11, W. Parish 12; and two short courses in the same method. For evening service a different 382 in the same method, conducted by F. Pitstow, with the same band, except that L. Pitstow took part, and thus rang his first touch of Stedman Cinques at the first attempt. Two courses were also rung in which J. F. Penning took part. Among the handbell ringing during the day were the following touches: 395 Grandsire Caters: F. J. Pitstow 1—2, A. E. Pitstow 3—4, F. Pitstow 5—6, A. Wakley 7—8, F. Dench 9—10; 504 Grandsire Triples, with A. F. James 7—8, this being his longest touch "in hand," and three courses of Stedman Triples: F. J. Pitstow 1—2, A. E. Pitstow 3—4, F. Pitstow 5—6, F. Dench 7—8.



## JOHN GARTHON.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

### I.

About eighteen months ago there occurred an anniversary that all ringers ought to have kept. It was the bi-centenary of the first peal that ever was rung, of the day when the Art of Ringing came of age. There will come again no such anniversary in our time. In eighteen months hence you may celebrate, and you should celebrate the bi-centenary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples, but that was not an event like the other. On May 2nd, 1715, ringing, which had already been some centuries in the making, came finally into its own, and the art as we know it was fixed in all its essentials. Yet the day passed almost without notice. There was indeed mention made of it in "The Ringing World," but no peals were rung, no dinner was eaten to celebrate it. We were at war, and had other and more immediate things to do and think of.

Yet it is well we should remember the rock whence we were hewn and the pit where we were digged, and when we praise famous men and the fathers that begat us we must in no wise forget John Garthton and his band. Not that he was the first of ringers. There were greater than he even before his time; Fabian Stedman, for instance, and without Stedman there could hardly have been Garthton. And Stedman did not consider himself a pioneer, he was the inheritor of many ringers that had gone before. We know nothing about them; they are not even names to us. We know, I think, the name of only one of these old ringers, and he was by far the greatest man that ever belonged to the Exercise—John Bunyan. But Bunyan, though he rang at Elstow, was never quite one of us. In his after life, when he used to look back with that curious mixture of satisfaction and horror with which such men regard the time before they were "saved," he especially marked among his youthful depravities, Sabbath breaking and swearing, and bell ringing. I do not suppose the swearing was any worse than many a respectable Church-going young lady would nowadays consider "smart," and the Sabbath breaking was nothing worse than games on the village green. But Bunyan was marked out for different things, and if ever he was really a ringer he left it all behind him. I do not recall from memory a single allusion to bells in the "Pilgrim's Progress," though there might well have been many. You remember the beautiful passage that tells of the death of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth, which ends, "And all the Trompits on the other side sounded for him." If Mr. Valiant-for-Truth had been a ringer I do not think he would have thought the worse of his welcome if all the bells on the other side had rung out for him.

I do not think, apart from the fact that he was a genius and a puritan saint, that Bunyan was quite the stuff that the ideal ringer is made of. There are certain human and social qualities, not brilliant, but eminently sane, that a ringer should have, qualities that shine more in the meeting room than in the tower. And here, perhaps, is the greatest problem that the invasion of lady ringers causes. For unless a ringer smokes a pipe and drinks beer he cannot by the nature of things be a complete ringer, whereas a woman who does smoke a pipe and drink beer is—but I am wandering from my point.

There was one man much further back than Bunyan, who really was a member of the Exercise, truly one of us. I mean the immortal Peter Bullcalf. Shakespeare said he lived about 1403, but that's all rubbish. He was living in Warwickshire anywhere round about 1600. Not, I think, a very proficient ringer—the tenor behind to Doubles was about his mark. Also when they brought in conscription he was not very keen about soldiering and appealed on "medical grounds."

Bullcalf: O Lord! good my lord captain,—

Falstaff: What! dost thou roar before thou art prick't?

Bullcalf: O Lord! Sir, I am a diseased man.

Falstaff: What disease hast thou?

Bullcalf: A whoreson cold, sir; a cough, sir; which I caught with ringing in the King's affairs upon his Coronation day, Sir.

Falstaff: Come, thou shall go to the wars in a gown; we will have away thy cold; and I will take such order that thy friends shall ring for thee.

Peter did not go to the wars. When the tribunal had retired he squared the corporal. "Good Master Corporal Bardolph, stand my friend, and here's four Harry ten shillings in French crowns for you. In very truth, sir, I had lief be hanged, sir, as go; and yet for mine own part I do not care; but rather because I am unwilling; and, for mine own part, have a desire to stay with my friends; else, sir, I did not care, for my own part, so much.

Bardolph: Go to; stand aside.

There were a lot of Peter Bullcalfs about and among them and better men the art of ringing gradually developed. It took over a hundred years at least, and he it noted it was not the invention of one man or one band, it grew of itself. Then, at last, when John Garthton called the first peal of Triples it was done with its adolescence and was full grown. If you turn to the College Youths' peal book you will find on the first page an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1689, composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable; but that is a clumsy forgery. Garthton's claim cannot seriously be challenged. I wish I knew something about him, but I do not. I cannot even conjure up in my mind what manner of man he might

be. I think I can sketch Fabian Stedman not very far from the life, and Benjamin Annable. But not Holt and still less Garthton. I know he lived in Saint Gregory's parish, at Norwich, and was buried in the churchyard. You may if you have the time and the inclination thereunto no doubt find, by diligent searching, the record of his burial in the register, but you will not find his grave. The churchyard in there still, a tiny bit of ground hemmed in among the houses, much in the same state as it was two hundred years ago. But seven centuries of parishioners have been buried in that little plot; dead body heaped on dead body, till the churchyard is six feet above the level of the surrounding ground. No wonder the grass grows rank among the mouldy tomb stones.

There are six bells in the church tower, all since Garthton's time, in a bad state of repair, and now I should imagine quite unringable. Previously there were five, all old bells, and one of them, unless the contemporary newspaper lied, one of the oldest dated bells in England, or, for that matter, anywhere. It is quite possible it was so. Norwich is full of old bells.

Of course it was at Saint Peter Mancroft on the old ring of eight that Garthton's peal was rung. The board, that records it is there still, or rather it was there a few years since. What is there now is some of the old wood and a good deal of fresh paint. The intention was excellent, but the hand of the restorer was laid very heavily on two of the three most valuable boards in the tower, and the mischief is irreparable. The third is in very fair condition, and so far un-restored. It may be that when it, too, must go into hospital better counsel will prevail.

Garthton's second triumph was to compose the first true peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung in 1718. He did not ring himself, and it may be that, as there is no conductor mentioned, he sat in the tower and called the peal from manuscript. The wording of the board and the figures of the peal and the way they were preserved, are they not written in the Book of Snowdon?

And the Grandsire Triples is true? Which raises the question, was the earlier and more important peal also true? You can argue which way you like. You can say the figures of one have survived, the others are lost, which shows that people kept one because it was true, and destroyed the other because it was afterwards found to be false, as "The Clavis" says was done in the case of the early peals of Treble Bob; or you can say that, if Garthton was man enough to compose a true peal of Grandsire Triples, he was quite man enough for the much lesser job of composing a peal of Bob Triples.

For my part I plump for the truth of the peal. I think we can be very nearly sure not only that it was not false, but also what manner of peal it was. You will remember that Vicars' peal of Grandsire is Garthton's peal improved. Well, Annable's peal of Bob Triples is probably Garthton's peal improved. I do not mean that either Vicars or Annable necessarily saw Garthton's figures, though they may have done so. I mean that Garthton undoubtedly worked on the same lines as Annable, though probably not (since he was the earlier) with such complete success.

(To be continued).

## DEATH OF MR. R. C. HAMMOND.

### A WELL-KNOWN ST. ALBANS RINGER.

We regret to record the somewhat sudden death of Mr. Richard Eden Hammond, of St. Albans, which occurred in the early morning of Wednesday, September 13th. On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, he assisted in ringing for evening service at the Cathedral, and no one present thought that would be the last pull with their old friend "Dick." It appears that he was caught in a storm of rain, from the effects of which he developed a chill, followed by pleurisy and pneumonia, and was called "home" in a few days. He had been a member of the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers for about 25 years, and acted for many years, up to the time of his death, as treasurer. He was also a member of the Hertfordshire Association, and a most regular attendant at the annual meeting, where his voice was always heard. His record of peals was small, his business calls (that of a dairyman-farmer) precluding him from enjoying that pleasure. But he had rung a peal of Stedman Triples and several peals of Grandsire. He was a strenuous worker in his business, and one admired the persistency with which he attended at the Cathedral to ring for evening service, for with a church adjoining his farm, with a peal of six, there was a temptation to avoid the "climb" to the Cathedral belfry. But "Dick" did his part from the highest of motives, and his jovial smile and humorous banter, which emanated from an in-born kindness of heart, will be much missed by his colleagues.

The funeral took place at St. Albans Cemetery on Friday last, the first portion of the service being held at the Abbey, conducted by the Rev. E. H. Evans (curate). The committal service was performed by the Rev. Canon Grimston, in whose parish Mr. Hammond resided. There was a large gathering of friends at the service, including representatives of various bodies. The Cathedral Society (who sent a wreath) was represented by Mr. H. Arnold, and the Hertford County Association by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the hon. secretary. Many other ringing friends would have been present had the sad event been known to them. In the evening touches of Stedman Triples were rung upon the Abbey bells, half-muffled, but owing to lighting restrictions the ringing had to be somewhat curtailed.

## IN BUCKS AND BERKS.

## OXFORD GUILD DOINGS.

"Then ring away, pull away, Ring my boys, Ring,  
As this long peal was rung, we'll merrily sing."

In 1837. Tom Tolliday's 12,000 at Fulham.

My report for the month of August being due, some notes of our doings are here given. It will be seen by the miscellaneous column that some of the Berks boys went into Middlesex, whilst the Bucks boys went down Oxford way, and since the notices of the branch meetings were published I ought to send the results. The small paragraph that was inserted not only saved time and postage in correspondence, but it also brought new faces to join us in our practices, men in uniform, who would never have found the opportunity had it not been for "The Ringing World." The power of the Press has never been so well vindicated as it has during the second year of this great European War, more especially with reference to charitable objects and war organisations. It is, therefore, to be hoped that the Exercise at large will endeavour to do more in the future to extend the score of the "ringers' weekly"—both in circulation and contents—than has hitherto been its reward, and everyone can help a little. Since I gazed with rapture upon the first six-score (in cold print), which I took part in, four similar bell ringing publications have gone under, and their editors, alas! have been placed upon the list of "by-gones" in ringing history; yet, still we ringers are honoured by an enthusiastic disciple taking upon himself the same risky and unthankful task.

August 1st.—A field service postcard arrived from "somewhere," signed G. F. Williams, and his many friends in the Berks and Bucks branch will be glad to know that he is quite well. I was recently informed by one of the Farnham ringers, home on leave, that he came across several men who had been to St. Omer (West front), and had rung the bells, a peal of eight. If it could be arranged there are enough members of the Oxford Guild in France to give the natives a touch of English changes.

## GOOD PRACTICES.

August 5th.—Slough. This Saturday meeting produced a band of eight, a full muster not being expected, as some had accepted invitations to tea at Hillingdon with the Middlesex Association. We left off ringing on the request of a near resident, owing to the serious illness of a lady. I may mention that Slough tower became affiliated to the West Middlesex Association about a year after it was founded in 1874, by the late Rev. C. T. Mayo, and we still have left a dozen Guild members in this branch who were original members of that early society.

The weekly practices at Fulmer and Stoke, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, have been well maintained, being patronised by the ladies mostly. They nearly caught a fox at Stoke on the 17th, but managed a team of their own sex at Fulmer on the 7th of this month. Those taking a rope were the Misses Cooper (2), the Misses Bateman (2), Miss Swabey, Miss Gudgeon and Miss Wear, with progress in Doubles and Minor. I believe last Easter may be remembered as the first occasion that a ladies' band has rung together upon six bells in Bucks.

August 12th.—Burnham. Fourteen members were present; the standard methods (old style) were rung, and good practice made, a heavy storm about 5 p.m. preventing several coming.

August 19th.—Beaconsfield. The Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Commeline, kindly received the visitors in the belfry at the conclusion of evening-song, the following 23 ringers putting in an appearance, and a good all-round practice followed till 8 p.m. in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major: Mr. W. Welling and his three pupils, Messrs. Cutts, Burden and Tyndall, from Old Windsor; Messrs. J. J. Parker, Henley and Fussell, Farnham Royal; Messrs. Evans, senr. and junr., of Hughendon; Mr. J. Barnes, Great Missenden; Mr. A. Elburn, and Air-Mechanic W. Edwards, R.F.C., of Amersham, the latter being home on leave; Messrs. J. Blackmore, H. Wingrove and Pte C. C. Mayne (Army Reserve), home on short leave, of Beaconsfield; Messrs. A. J. Hoing and W. Horne, of High Wycombe; Messrs. Hooper, Smith and Jones, of Slough; Staff-Signaller A. E. Owen, who with his brother, essayed ringing at Fulham, now on short leave at Knotty Green with his wife and son; and Sapper S. G. White, of Wickhambreau (Kent R.E.), now stationed at Maidenhead.

August 26th.—Farnham Royal. A variety of methods and a variety of striking resulted from this gathering. It was a fairly fine evening, and the evolutions of a couple of aeroplanes over the church aided our strong muster of 23. Perhaps these flying men were practising observation of sounds, perhaps taking lead ends. Our local foreman was the only one without his cycle, and twenty-four machines were stacked round the tower, a grand opportunity for the "snatcher" to take his pick of a stock valued, at a low average, at quite £50—practical evidence of the fascination of the art by the owners of these machines who came from ten parishes. The same methods as the previous week were practised, with the addition of "rounds"—the most intricate of all, if we recall our own early ventures with the salient sally. Burnham, Mr. G. Alder; Reading, Mr. C. H. Pullen; Slough, Messrs.

G. Bedford, Smith, Jones, Hooper and Leader; Fulmer, G. Gutteridge; Beaconsfield, J. Blackmore; Old Windsor, Messrs. Walling, Cutts, Burden; Datchet, J. H. Cropley; Farnham Royal, Messrs. Basden, Parker, Henley, Fussell; Halton Camp, near Tring, Corpl. Lawrence (Northampton Regt.), who cycled over on "spec," after reading his ringing paper; and the Misses Bateman, Gudgeon, Fuller and Swabey, the latter home from holidays at Sunbury, where she had a successful pull on the church bells, but nearly met with a drowning disaster during a pull on the river.

The conductors were Messrs. Hooper, Welling and Parker.

## A SUGGESTION FOR PONDOLAND.

Sept. 2nd.—Slough. Another excellent muster, and good use made of the peal of bells while the daylight remained. Proceedings began with a 504 Stedman Triples, the 7th man's first as conductor in the method by Messrs. Smith, Flaxman, Parker, Welling, Jones, Henley, Hooper and Cropley. The Misses Gudgeon, Bateman and Cooper were present, the two latter taking part in Grandsire Triples. Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung, and the following ringers took a share in the various methods brought home: Messrs. A. Leader, G. Leader, Alder, Cutts, Burden, Beeby, G. Bedford, Smith and T. S. Goodchild, of Maidenhead.

Sept. 9th.—Burnham.—Double Norwich, Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung by twenty members, who attended in good time, and the bells were ceased well before the regulation hour. It seemed strange to us to leave the belfry before darkness set in, but knocking off at eight o'clock gave us another hour to discuss the next month's programme, to hear news about old members serving at the front, and to look round at those who will shortly be gathered in by the khaki octopus before the year is out. We were introduced to a new landlord at the Bells, and here I made up my register of attendances: Messrs. Welling, Cutts, Burden, Horne, Blackmore, Wingrove, Elburn, J. Barnes (Missenden), Flaxman, Jones, Smith, Hooper, Gutteridge, Parker, J. Brant (Winkfield), Henley, Fussell, Goodchild, and Miss Gudgeon. Interest was evinced in the Rev. A. P. F. Erskine's appeal for a church bell for Pondoland, he being an old member of the Guild. As his stay here is limited may I intrude on your space to offer him a "suggestion" which diversity of opinion and much correspondence would defeat, by the time he left England: That a deep-noted hemispherical bell be cast with the inscription: "To the Glory of God. From the ringers of England to the Natives of Pondoland, Christmas, 1916."

Likoma Cathedral, Central Africa, possesses a set of eight such bells—tenor 2½ cwt.—that are reputed to answer their purpose exceedingly well, being also most economical. As to the cost, this would be well covered by a grant of one pound from each of our Diocesan Guilds and County Associations raised by a "whip round" amongst the respective members. I feel sure I may safely guarantee a half-sovereign from the members (by what I know of them) of this branch for a start.

There is just one more matter I would like to be allowed to mention. The Editor was gracious enough to praise the work of the "organiser" of the branch meetings. Although a certain amount of work has been necessary, the excellent combined attendances put in by all the members of the East Berks and South Bucks branch is due mostly to a scheme put into operation in 1913 by Messrs. Martin and Parker. Our district was divided into four areas, with a central tower and a specified conductor, who, with volunteer bands, had to visit every other tower in his immediate neighbourhood during the year for combined work with the local ringers of the parishes visited. Hughendon, Mr. Evans; Beaconsfield, Mr. Buckland; Farnham Royal, Mr. Parker; Burnham, Mr. Martin. Although excellent work was done and good progress made on new ground and in new methods, nothing ever appeared in the ringing Press beyond the peal or touch. I have mentioned it now as a hint to those Associations in a difficulty with "unattached" belfries. In this connection a word of praise is due to our North Bucks neighbours for similar work and perseverance in their district.

W. H. F.

## BOYS' HANDBELL PEAL 100 YEARS AGO.

The following paragraph appeared in the "Sussex Weekly Advertiser," published in August, 1816: "On Wednesday evening a party of lads, at Cuckfield, rung 5040 Grandsire Triples, on the handbells in two hours and a half, beating the ringers of the church bells, who commenced the task about the same time. The ages of the boys were as follows, viz.: 1, Francis Leny, 15; 2, S. Picknell, 14; 3, Henry Bennett, 16; 4, Fred Parkhurst, 14; the bobs were called by S. Picknell." If these youths really rang a double-handed peal of Grandsire Triples it was an extremely meritorious performance for those days, though it was not surprising that they beat the church bell ringers in point of time. It is a pity some further details about the peal have not been preserved.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On August 17th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Stanton 1, H. Morris 2, W. Sear 3, T. Best 4, F. Sear 5, H. Sear (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent on the bells.

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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PRESENTATION TO WIRRAL BRANCH PRESIDENT.

A most successful meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Birkenhead Parish Church (St. Mary's), on Sept. 9th last to bid farewell to the Rev. G. D. Oakley, the President of the Branch, who was leaving Birkenhead for Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Members were present from Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Heswall, Liscard, Oxtan, Wallasey and Woodchurch, as well as several unattached members. Service was held in the church, and the Rev. G. D. Oakley gave an address. An excellent tea was afterwards served in the school by ladies of the parish.

After the business portion of the meeting was over, Mr. Mann, on behalf of the branch, asked the President to accept a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell, suitably inscribed, as a small token of remembrance and respect on his leaving Birkenhead.

The Vicar, in accepting the gift, said that it would remind him of the happy associations connected with it and the Guild. There were no bells at Jesmond, but if the ringers liked to pay him a visit there he would entertain them royalty and find a peal of bells in the neighbourhood for them.

Mr. H. Ludkin, Ringing Master of the Branch, referred to what Mr. Oakley had done for ringing generally, and Mr. H. Brocklebank, hon. secretary, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and the address, and the refreshments provided, and also to the ladies for their kindness. — Mr. J. Dillon seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. — Mr. Oakley, in reply, gave credit to the ladies for the arrangements. — The Rev. Mr. Gore (curate), Mr. Edwards (Vicar's warden) and Mr. Clark (people's warden) also addressed the meeting, which closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Ringing was kept up during the evening, the methods rung being Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor.

The present was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday week at Wortley. About 20 members attended, representing Sheffield (Cathedral and All Saints'), Rotherham (Parish Church), Doncaster, Beighton, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Barnsley, Ecclesfield, etc. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob were brought round. The visitors much enjoyed the splendid tea, for which arrangements had been ably carried out by Mr. W. A. Wooler, of the local company.

A short business meeting was afterwards held, the chair being taken by Mr. F. Willey, of Sheffield, in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. T. R. Hensher). — Mr. J. T. Rew, of Sheffield, sent an apology for being unable to attend, but sent his best wishes for a successful meeting.

Three new members were elected, and the next meeting was fixed for Saturday, December 16th, Barnsley being suggested as the place of visit, with Ecclesfield as a reserve.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. T. L. Bradshaw) and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for carrying out all arrangements. Mrs. W. Stubley was also warmly thanked for assisting with tea. — Mr. F. Willey was thanked for presiding, and suitably responded.

## A VISIT TO TROWBRIDGE.

Two ringers from Ealing, who are members of the Salisbury Guild, and whose native county is Wiltshire, visited Trowbridge at the invitation of Mr. Sam Hector, of Prospect Lodge, on a recent day, to take part in a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of 1st Air Mechanic Gilbert H. Harding. The peal, however, was not completed, but nevertheless an enjoyable time was spent, and the following touches were rung: 336 Bob Major: H. Taylor 1, Miss E. Jones 2, W. Lancaster 3, W. Lawrence 4, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), Swindon, 5, T. King (Tiverton) 6, S. Hillier (Devizes) 7, S. Hector 8. 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Hector 1, H. Taylor 2, Miss E. Jones 3, T. King 4, C. Gardiner 5, S. Hillier 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, C. Raison 8. 504 Stedman Triples, in 19 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, H. Taylor 2, W. Lancaster 3, C. Gardiner 4, C. Hector 5, S. Hillier 6, T. King (conductor) 7, C. Raison 8. The visitors expressed themselves as greatly pleased at the reception given to them.

## DOUBLE NORWICH COMPOSITIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reference to the 5184 Double Norwich Court Bob Major by Lance-Corpl. G. H. Cross, published in "The Ringing World" on August 18th, I fear this has already an owner. I composed this peal, course for course the same, in 1910, and sent it to a friend for inspection, and he told me it belonged to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, so I did not publish it, but booked it as one of his. The 5040 is an interesting variation of same. I am sorry to appear to be attempting to do one of our brave men out of anything, but I feel sure Mr. Cross does not wish to own it if it is already out.—Faithfully yours,  
Worcester.

W. PAGE.



## HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.

### SUSSEX RINGER KILLED.

We regret to record that Pte George Gibson, a member of the Cuckfield, Sussex, Parish Church company, who was serving with the 8th Royal Sussex Regiment (Pioneers) has been killed in France.

He was 24 years of age, and had been connected with the church and its bells practically all his life. He used to go up the belfry steps as a young lad with his father, who has been a ringer at Cuckfield for 30 years. He learned to pull as soon as he was old enough, and took such an interest that he was soon able to take part in



PTE GEORGE GIBSON,  
8th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment.

several quarter-peals. He rang his first peal only a few months before he was called up at the outbreak of war. Besides being a Territorial (Royal Sussex) he took a prominent part in football, and was a member of the brass band.

As a mark of respect a few of his ringing friends rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled, on Sunday evening, September 10th, in his old tower: F. R. Hounsell 1, C. Stephenson 2, W. Wheeler 3, T. Gasson 4, A. Absalom 5, E. Davey 6, W. Vincent (conductor) 7, G. Woods 8. The ringers of 1, 2 and 8 are Cuckfield men, the rest belong to the neighbouring tower of Bolney.

### D.C.M. FOR WOLVERLEY RINGER.

The Commander-in-Chief of H.M. Forces in France has awarded to Sergt. G. H. Head, of the Worcestershire Territorials, the D.C.M. Sergt. Head is a native of Wolverley, Worcestershire, where he was a ringer, and a member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. He has been a member of the Territorials since he was 17 years of age, and was called up with them at the commencement of the war. He has been out in France for several months past, and is the first performing member of the Worcestershire Association to obtain this distinction in the field.

### MILITARY MEDAL FOR WARWICKSHIRE RINGER.

The numerous friends of Pte R. Green, of the Allesley, Coventry, band, will be pleased to hear that he has been awarded the military medal for good work in France. He succeeded in establishing and maintaining a telephone post underneath Fritz's barbed wire, and also showed conspicuous pluck in carrying a wounded man back to his own trenches under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

Pte Green was one of the latest recruits of the Allesley band, quickly learning to ring a bell and to master the mysteries of change ringing. He had rung several peals of Doubles and Minor in various towers in the country, and the best wishes of his friends are accorded to him for his future success.

In May, 1914, he left Allesley to seek his fortune in America, and when war broke out later in the same year he joined the Canadians and came over with the second contingent. He is just 21 years old, and has been in France twelve months.

### SUNBURY RINGER "MISSING."

Pte Edie Boulwood, of the Sunbury band, Middlesex, who has been serving in France with the Royal Fusiliers, is reported as missing, and the sympathy of the Exercise will go out to his parents and friends in their anxiety.

After being with his battery at the front for the last five months Bomb. Colin Harrison, of the Royal Field Artillery, and a member of the St. Marie's (R.O.) Ringers' Society, Sheffield, is, we regret to say, now a medical patient at the Lakenham Military Hospital, Norwich.

## TO FILL THE RANKS.

### A RURAL DEAN'S APPEAL TO CLERGY.

In view of the fact that ringing companies have been so very severely depleted through the call of men to the colours, the Rural Dean of Marlborough (the Rev. Arthur E. G. Peters), who is also chairman of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild, has addressed the following appeal to the incumbents of all the parishes in the district covered by the branch where there are five bells and upwards.

St. Mary's Vicarage, Marlborough.

Sept. 12th, 1916.

Dear Sir,—At a recent meeting of the Diocesan Ringers' Guild (Marlborough and District Branch), I was asked to write to the Incumbents of parishes within the branch where there are peals of bells, on the subject of the effect of the war upon the art of ringing. A large proportion of the ringers are, of course, serving in the Forces, and there have already been many casualties among them. There is grave reason to fear that, unless steps are immediately taken, there will be a set-back in this beautiful art of campanology from which it may take a generation to recover. Moreover, when the joyful day arrives when peace is declared, it may be found difficult to celebrate the event in the time-honoured way from the steeples of our dear land. In some places the bells have been silenced since the war began, though it is somewhat difficult to see why the music of the bells within the tower should not remain on an equality with the music of the organ within the church.

The suggestion I am asked to make is that the training of youths of 15 to 17 years in the ringers' art should at once be put in hand, in order to preserve a beautiful and uplifting art which is in danger of becoming almost extinct, to the great detriment of the worship and service of the church.—Believe me, yours very truly,

ARTHUR E. G. PETERS,

Branch Chairman.

## MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING AT SUNBURY.

The South and West District of the Middlesex Association met at the Thames-side village of Sunbury on Saturday last, and between 30 and 40 members spent an enjoyable time. The meeting attracted ringers from a considerable number of towers, including Isleworth, Ealing, Sunbury, Old Windsor, Hersham, Camberwell, Southgate, Mitcham, Bromley, etc., and the melodious bells, set in the curiously designed tower, which is crowned by a look-out gallery, from which a magnificent view of the river is obtained, were utilised in the afternoon and evening in a variety of touches.

The ringers attended service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. Vest), at which intercession prayers were used, in the course of which special mention was made of one of the local band, who is reported missing. In the course of a homely address, the Vicar spoke from his words, "A good soldier of Christ" (2 Timothy ii, 3), emphasising the part that ringers should fill by bearing themselves in all things in a manner befitting a man who wore the uniform of a soldier of Christ.

Subsequently the Vicar hospitably entertained the visitors to tea in the Parish Room, and although the numbers present considerably exceeded expectations, the catering department readily expanded to meet the increased demands. Afterwards the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the Association, and a business meeting was held. Mr. F. Pamphlett, of Sunbury, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, Wilts, was elected a life member. It was proposed to visit St. Peter's, Staines, for the next meeting, failing which Ealing was offered.

The Master (Mr. T. Beadle) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, in providing the tea and for presiding.—The motion, needless to say, was received with acclamation. Subsequently some of the ringers returned to the tower, while others rang Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major on handbells.

## SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—There is a slight error in the account of Sheffield St. Peter's bells, as it appears in "The Ringing World" to-day. It should read "Fifth and Eleventh—as on the third, but dated 1804." The mistake arose from transposing the third and fourth inscriptions to make them in right order according to Mr. Thomas' correction of my account of twelve-bell towers.—Yours faithfully,

Sept. 8th.

J. R. JERRAM.

## RINGERS' HYMN.

Copies of the new hymn, specially written for ringers by the Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) can now be obtained from "The Ringing World" Office, price 2s. 6d. per 100.

## BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

### "TOMMY" GLAD TO HEAR THE BELLS.

A British soldier has given the best answer to those who have written to the "Daily Mail" suggesting that the ringing of bells should be stopped so that they may not be an annoyance to the wounded. "A Mong Veteran," writing in the issue of the great London daily, says:—

Sir,—Perhaps those who write complaining of church bells do not think that many a British "Tommy" is glad to be home here in England listening to them after hearing so much of the firing at the front. Here where I am now one hardly ever hears anything, and I think it would be good to hear a church bell. I thank my lucky soul that I am in England to have the chance to hear the church bells ringing on a Sabbath morn, after twenty-three months in France with the "B.E.F."

### PREVENTION OF ANNOYANCE FROM BELLS.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Sept. 8th you publish letters, also a leading article on church bells being a nuisance. My experience with various people as to the annoyance of church bells is that their grievance is very real, and not at all due to vindictiveness or desire to interfere with other people's pursuits. They are, as a rule, of very highly strung nervous temperament, and the least undue noise, especially the rhythmic beat of bells, sets their nerves on the tingle, giving them positive agony during the time ringing is in progress. I know a case where a shopkeeper is almost unable to correctly count the change when a customer comes to make a purchase. The great difficulty with these people is that they seem to think it absolutely necessary for them to reside as near as they can to a church tower. They do not realise it is impossible to have the tower removed for their convenience.

In many towers I have visited the ringers themselves have done their level best to mitigate the evil, and personally I think it will have to be the ringers themselves who must save the situation, for the perfect tower does not yet seem to exist. The great difficulty appears to be the louvres, which turn the sound downwards, when in reality it ought to go upwards.

There is a very good arrangement at the Parish Church, Ripley, Derbyshire, where the ringers can close up the louvres and open up a trap-door in the roof. Perhaps our friend, Mr. Harry George, will give us full particulars. The ringers at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, have an excellent idea for taking away the harsh clang when the clapper strikes the bell; they have strained some Brattice cloth on wood stretchers covering the whole aperture to meet the trouble. Mr. Wakley told me it was a great success, the effect being as if the bells were some distance away; but will one of the Burton ringers kindly give us the exact details, and say if any preservative has been applied to the cloth to make it weather proof?

I believe another case occurred at St. Nicholas' Church, Leicester, where the ringers themselves built up part, or the whole of one side, to prevent the bells being a nuisance to the business people in the neighbourhood who made complaints. The full details I am unable to furnish, but perhaps Mr. Willson will kindly oblige.

Then again, do ringers pay sufficient attention when sickness occurs near enough to the tower to warrant the bells being silent? In our own case we try to meet every reasonable request, and consequently have very few.

When the Leek bells were rehung, I persuaded the authorities to build up the louvres inside, to the height of the bell frame, and above that, to put wood shutters which can be operated from the belfry, leaving open only the tracery, but this only partly meets the case.

The unsuitability of many towers for ringing purposes, especially those in populous districts, will undoubtedly always give trouble, and I firmly believe it will have to be the ringers themselves who must meet the difficulty. It is with the object of getting those views placed before the Exercise at large, where the greatest success has been achieved, that I have been persuaded to write this letter, and hope those who can, will supply particulars of whatever success they have obtained in this direction, so that those towers which come under the lash of the legitimate, and also the chronic grumbler, may have the best ideas obtainable to meet the situation, and we can follow our favourite pastime without molestation or being a nuisance to anybody.

—Yours, etc.,  
E. A. RIDGWAY.

Leek, Staffs.

### SHALL WE MUFFLE OUR BELLS?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Doubtless many of your readers have perused the different letters appearing of late in the daily Press on church bells. A good many of these letters are not dictated against bell ringing proper, but the continuous clanging of single bells throughout the Sabbath, which has already been admirably dealt with in the columns of your paper. Some letters have some bearing upon lengthy touches in full peal, but I am glad to be able to observe from many issues that our wounded soldiers do not advocate the entire suppression of

bell ringing, but rather welcome the familiar sounds of bell music, from which they derive a large measure of comfort that they are again in happy old England, a complete contrast to the continuous dinning of heavy guns.

Some time ago you published a letter from me suggesting the adoption of muffles, and that they remain on until after the crisis, which we are passing through. I was sorry to note in reply to same some vitriolic criticism at the hands of the Rev. H. Law James, and other sources, including Bob Major (a useful contributor, by-the-way), etc. When my letter was in print it was apparent it was somewhat in advance of the times. The purport of it was that those who are in authority amongst us should give a lead in order to prevent dictation at the hands of outsiders, who, according to the criticism going on, are making their presence felt. The suggestion of mine may have been distasteful to many, but we are labouring in distasteful times, and may have to bow to the inevitable, whatever may be the desire to the contrary. My feeling in the matter was that ringing should not stop entirely, but that we should "carry on" as far as possible for the benefit of novices, who might be capable of filling places in the bell chamber. It is now left to outsiders to bring pressure and put the screw into operation, by suggesting that bells be deeply muffled—to which I am already converted for obvious reasons.

It was very strange that I should have been within hearing of a remark in reference to an application for some bells for a peal. It was something like this: "Yes, with pleasure, but on the understanding that no joy peal is rung. It will be a condition that they are muffled." Here you have it in a nutshell. The attempt for a peal was not made for some unexplained reasons. If outsiders have no objection to listening to muffled ringing, why should ringers? Ringers are not making use of bells in a worldly sense. They have stopped, for what reason. Surely it is not wise to cut off ringing entirely? There are imperative and obvious reasons that ringing should go on in accordance with decency and judgment, in a subdued sense. If we continue to ring bells open during the period of war, the contrast will be infinitesimal when peace dawns. In conclusion, I should like to prevail upon the wisdom of those who are above us, not to steer us into the disaster of entire suppression. It looks very much like the bulb bursting. H.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent on Saturday week, when the Stoke-in-Coventry Society paid a visit to Southam for their outing. Several ringing friends from Allesley were kindly invited, and all met together at Coventry Station, and proceeded to Southam by train. The afternoon was a glorious one, and the distant views that were to be seen en route were much admired. On their arrival the visitors sat down to a meat tea, which had been provided by Host Hughes, and, to judge by the quick disappearance of the good fare provided, the party appeared to be in good form with the knife and fork, several "courses" being quickly got through. After the inner man had been appeased, a move was made to the belfry, and the bells set going to the tune of Stedman Triples. Touches in various methods were rung till dusk, some of the local men standing in to Grandsire Triples. This is the first time that the eight have been rung this year, as the Southam band, like most others, have had their ranks depleted by the country's call, eight men having joined, and Grandsire Doubles is all that they are able to ring at present. Thanks are due to the Rector (the Rev. J. Hart-Davies) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Berry for having everything in readiness, and also to Host Hughes for the able way in which he looked after the wants of the visitors, everyone being pleased at the success of the outing.

### LEYTONSTONE SOCIETY AT SHENFIELD.

The annual two days' outing of the Leytonstone company being abandoned again this year, a half-day was decided on, and a pleasant time was spent by a dozen members on Saturday week, when they visited the pretty village of Shenfield, Essex, where the Rector had kindly placed his peal of six bells at their disposal. The bells, hanging in a tower built entirely of wood, were soon raised, and a good 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung by: W. Doran 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Prior 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson (conductor) 5, H. Torble 6. This was the 100th 720 of Cambridge Surprise by the ringer of the 5th. Miss Brown, of the local band, joined the party, and rang the 3rd to several courses of Grandsire, and was complimented on the way she handled her bell. A 720 London Surprise, containing 21 bobs, followed, by: W. Theobald 1, E. J. Butler 2, A. Prior 3, W. Miller (conductor) 4, G. A. Black 5, R. Sanders 6. Touches of Stedman Doubles, Lincoln and York Surprise, in which Mr. G. T. Clayton and Mr. W. Riches took part, concluded the day's ringing. A walk across the fields brought the party to Ye Old Green Dragon, where a splendid meat tea had been prepared, and, needless to say, ample justice was done. This over, tracks were made for the station, everybody having spent a very enjoyable afternoon. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to tender their very best thanks to the Rector of Shenfield (the Rev. G. N. Gresley) for granting us the use of his bells.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**NUNEATON.**—On Sunday, July 23rd, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a touch each of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. For evening service, a course each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and a touch of Stedman Triples.—On Monday evening, July 24th, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William A. Baker, who was interred on July 24th, and who was for 15 years churchwarden, an enthusiastic church worker, and a true friend to the ringers. The following members of the Nuneaton society and visitors took part: H. Argyle, D. Argyle, A. R. Aldham, J. Clarke, T. W. Chapman, F. Dexter, C. Briggs, W. Martin, R. Pollard, J. Gressley, —, Wilkinson, F. Webb and J. Ballard.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On August 13th, for evening service, and as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Hales) home from the front, 720 Bob Minor: S. N. Simpson 1, W. E. White 2, W. White (conductor) 3, Sapper G. H. Simpson, R.E., 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Squires 6. Sapper G. H. Simpson was home on leave after having been wounded in France.

**EWELL, SURREY.**—On Sunday, August 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Worsfold 1, H. Beams 2, Jesse Beams 3, John Beams (conductor) 4, E. Grove 5, H. Greenhill 6, C. Read 7, F. Lauer 8. Rung as a farewell touch to Jesse Beams, previous to his joining H.M. Forces.

**BARNES.**—On August 13th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Willmott 1, M. Jacobs 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Barrett 4, H. Cook (conductor) 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt 7, G. Hunt 8.

**WESTBURY-ON-TRYM.**—Glos. and Bristol Association.—On Saturday, August 19th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Wilkins 1, \*W. White 2, \*Cadet Alec Miller 3, R. J. Wilkins (conductor) 4, J. Gould 5, G. Wiltshire 6. \* First 720.

**MARSHFIELD, MON.**—Llandaff Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 19th, after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples,—a quarter-peal (1260 changes) was rung by S. Dawe 1, A. Rowley 2, J. W. Jones 3, T. Rodman 4, F. Chamberlain 5, F. Edwards 6, Wm. Bolton (conductor) 7, B. Weaver 8. The band wished the conductor "Many happy returns" of his natal day.

**BARNES.**—On August 20th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, P. H. Smith 4, H. Cook 5, Staff-Sergt. A. T. Verralls 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.—On August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, M. Jacobs 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt (conductor) 6, H. Cook 7, G. Hunt 8.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, August 20th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Morgan 1, W. Hoad 2, C. Tribe 3, C. W. Player 4, A. E. Edwards 5, W. H. Perry 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, T. Booth 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal, in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, A. C. Edwards 2, W. Hoad 3, C. Tribe 4, T. Booth 5, W. H. Perry 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, E. Mills 8.

**KELSALE, SUFFOLK.**—For evening service, on August 20th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Watling 1, A. J. Lincoln 2, Second-Lieut. G. C. Haggard 3, W. Drew (conductor) 4, H. Phillips 5, N. R. Bailey 6, J. W. Avis 7, F. J. Smith 8. Also a course of Double Norwich Major: W. Fleming 1, J. W. Avis 2, N. R. Bailey 3, W. Drew 4, H. Phillips 5, F. J. Smith 6, A. J. Lincoln 7, F. Watling 8.

**STANSTED, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 20th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor, and for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, W. E. Carr 3, H. W. Watts 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, T. J. Watts 6.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—For evening service, on August 20th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, F. Dainty 3, W. Jarvis 4, T. Vaughan 5, F. Cooke 6, T. Tebbitt (conductor) 7, T. Howling 8.

**ALDERSHOT.**—On August 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Croucher 1, L. N. Griffith (R.F.C.) 2, C. Edwards 3, B. Hammond 4, J. Mann 5, J. Thomas (R.F.C.), Edmorton, 6.

**CREWE.**—Chester Guild.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, H. Overton (first quarter-peal of Caters) 2, R. Langford 3, G. H. Crawley 4, A. Crawley 5, H. F. Holding (R.A.M.C.) 6, G. Harding 7, R. D. Langford 8, R. T. Holding (conductor) 9, J. Dentith 10. Also 503 Grandsire Caters, for morning service, with William Edge on the tenor. R. D. Langford standing down. The above ringing was arranged to oblige Pte H. F. Holding, who was over on furlough.

**SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 20th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: J. Ray 1, A. Abbiss 2, W. Mills, junr., 3, F. Evans 4, H. Jerrons 5, Jesse Screen (conductor) 6, W. Mills, senr., 7, Benjamin Fullwood 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Screen.

**WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: J. Dowler 1, T. J. Salter 2, F. W. Perrens 3, A. E. Parsons 4, S. Grove 5, W. Short (conductor) 6.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On the occasion of the marriage on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, of Sergt. S. King, one of the local band at St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks, and Miss Mabel French, second daughter of Mr. James French, churchwarden of St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins.; and 336 after the wedding, by the following: T. Best 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, H. Morris 4, H. Sear (conductor) 5, E. Lathel 6, E. C. Lambert 7, W. Smith 8. The ringers were entertained to the luncheon, and joined in wishing the bride and bridegroom every happiness.

At Swanmore, Hants, on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 6th, at the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Oswald Bailey, of Wickham, and Miss Hilda Margaret Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin, of Swanmore, very old respected residents; the local ringers, with a few friends, including the hon. gen. sec. of the Winchester Guild (Mr. G. Williams) kept the bells going to various methods till dusk, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung, and a 720 Bob Minor by F. Merritt (first 720) 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, Roy Linter 3, Alf. Mears 4, W. Harris 5, W. Linter, senr., 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: Roy Linter 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, W. Linter 3, W. Harris 4, A. Millard 5, Alf. Mears 6. R. Silvester, of the local band, and W. Pook, Curdridge also took part in a number of shorter touches.

## DEATH OF AN OLD GLEMSFORD RINGER.

## SUFFOLK WORTHY'S INTERESTING CAREER.

It is with regret that the death has to be recorded of Thomas Oliver Garwood, which took place at his residence at Glemsford on Tuesday of last week. He was in the 67th years of his age. Born on May 27th, 1850, deceased went to work at an early age, and soon came in contact with Samuel, John and Zachariah Slater. Samuel taught him to read, write and the four rules of arithmetic, and in return Oliver learnt to ring. He proved an apt pupil, soon mastering the art, and making himself proficient.

He was very good at handling a heavy bell, and the late Samuel Slater always used to get his pupils to watch him handle a rope. He rang in most of the best performances of the Glemsford Society, including the only two peals of London Surprise that the Society rang, which was in 1883. He also rang in the peal of seven different methods at Glemsford by all mat weavers. Out of Glemsford he rang in the 7008 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Long Melford, and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Foxearth, and the first and only peal of Double Norwich at the latter place. He also rang in the 6048 Kent Treble Bob at Lavenham. He rang Clare tenor to a peal of Kent Treble Bob in 1901. This was his last peal, and at the conclusion a gentleman gave him some money to ask his comrades to drink, so pleased was he with the performance.

It is rather remarkable that Thomas Oliver, Fred Wells and the late Samuel Slater should ring 50 peals together in their days. The deceased was also a proficient ringer in about 30 Minor methods, and had a favourite plan of calling a lot of short touches right off when on the tenor-box, on which no better man ever stood to ring what he knew. He was a man of very fine build, and in addition to belonging to the Norwich Association, was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. He represented his fellow workmen on the Ipswich Trades Council for several years. He was a most honest, kind, upright man, and he was liked by all who knew him.

He leaves an aged mother, a widow and five grown-up children to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. May he rest in peace.

## LATE NOTICES.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 7th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45. Business meeting after. Will all members of the Association intending to be present let the secretary know not later than Monday, October 2nd.—Stephen Hazleden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Hon. Secretary.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.**—The address of Mr. James George, Master of the Warwickshire Guild, is now 42, Stirling Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Will secretaries of associations and others kindly note.—Mr. T. K. Driver, secretary of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancs Association has removed to 132, Morton Street, Middleton, Lancs.



## NOTICES.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tenor 11 cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the school.—F. Salmons, Sec., 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, September 23rd, 1916. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at "Tea Table" Cafe, High Street, opposite the Cathedral, for which 6d. per member will be charged.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, September 23rd. Committee meeting 4.30. General meeting 5 o'clock, both in Church Vestry. Ringing from 3 to 7.30, except during the time of meeting. Tea at Mander's Cafe, a la carte—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coseley, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3; Service in Church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Lamplugh, B.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Everton on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tea provided at 5 p.m., 1/3 per head to ringers and friends.—H. Haigh, A. Beck, Joint Secretaries.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the North-Western Division, for the election of officers, will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available from 3 till 6.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each at the Chequers Hotel, 6.30 p.m., followed by business meeting.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—A general practice is arranged at All Saints', Worcester (10 bells) on Saturday, September 23rd, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at S. Mary's, Kidderminster, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Reports can be had on application to the Secretary, E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wembdon on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, will be available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Tower open, 3.30—7.30, and 8—9 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, September 30th. Meeting in the Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—The bells of St. Mary's Church, Beddington, will be opened for ringing on Saturday, September 30th, at 3.30 p.m., instead of on October 7th.—Alfred Clayton, 5, Highland Cottages, Bute Road, Wallington.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Harlestone, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Chadwell Heath.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on September 30th. Further particulars next week.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, September 30th. Permission has been granted for the use of the following towers: Chorley, St. Lawrence (8 bells); Whittle-le-Woods, St. John (8); Coppull, St. John (6). Ringing all day up to service time. 4 p.m.—Service at St. Lawrence, Chorley. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Howson, M.A., Rector of Woolton. 5 p.m.—Tea in the Church Institute, price 1s. 3d. Will intending visitors kindly inform Mr. T. Lofthouse, 3, Mayfield Road, Chorley, before September 27th. 6 p.m.—Meeting in the same room.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Ystrad, Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30, meeting at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, E.C., by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. Jessop Teague), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 4 to 7 sharp. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Dore (8 bells), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members please note alteration in date?—Sam Thomas, Hon. Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting afterwards. Short service at 5.—H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Phillip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. The ring of 6 at Batley Carr will also be available. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. to all giving notice to Mr. E. A. Parker, 41, Caulms Terrace, Crackenedge, Dewsbury, not later than Tuesday, 26th inst. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Sawston (1½ miles from Whittlesford Station, G.E.R.) on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (eight) available from one o'clock. — A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. A special service will be held in the Church at 6 o'clock. Tea provided by the Association at 6.30 for all members who notify me of their intention to be present on or before Tuesday, October 3rd. A general meeting will be held after tea for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers will be held at Great Bentley on October 7th. Those who intend to be present please notify Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, who will kindly provide tea to all sending him notice not later than October 4th. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions for 1916.—B. Redgwell, Hon. District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at Whitworth Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, 132, Morton Street, Middleton, Lancs.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.** — Quarterly meeting on October 14th at Shoreditch. Tower open 2.30. Tea to those who notify me by October 10th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The proposed Sept. general meeting at Ilkley in connection with the William Snowdon Memorial is postponed on account of difficulty in obtaining the metal for the tablet. Members will be notified in due course when arrangements are complete.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary.

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

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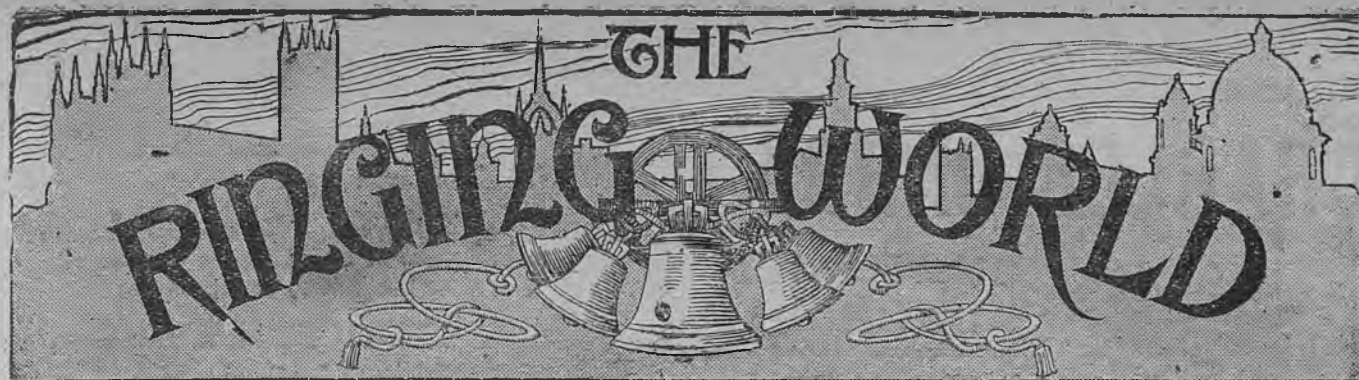
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Such a step has recently been taken at Hull, where it is proposed to establish a Hull and District Association, on similar lines, we presume, to those which exist in the same county with centres at Leeds, Halifax, Sheffield, and Barnsley. These societies, whose boundaries come for the most part in the area of the Yorkshire Association, are strong, healthy organisations, which have done a great deal to encourage change ringing and the efforts of which have proved very valuable in the promotion of the art. Their activities, we believe, have helped rather than hindered the progress of the Yorkshire Association by kindling among ringers, in the districts which they serve, an enthusiasm which has led men to take a more than local interest in matters campanological, and directed their activities to the wider sphere of the county organisation. We know at any rate that many of the officials of the smaller societies are among the most enthusiastic workers in the county association, and it is safe to say that, if the proposal for the Hull and District Association matures, it will by no means weaken the affection which ringers in that part of Yorkshire hold the county association.

There is, in the fact that Mr. A. E. West, the Vice-president of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, was the instigator of the project, and that it was backed by one of the oldest and most respected of Yorkshire Association ringers, Mr. Charles Jackson, sufficient guarantee that the new society will be established on the most intimate basis with the parent county organisation, with which it will doubtless work side by side in the greatest harmony, as do the other societies which are mentioned above. The feeling which has prompted the proposal is that which is animating people in every sphere, a closer unity in the pursuit of common interests, and continued in that spirit there is no doubt the suggested Hull and District Society will, if it materialises, do good work.

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This was arranged for Mr. Claydon, of Earl's Colne, and was his first peal on handbells. Mr. A. Scott, who is sexton and a ringer at the above church, and kindly lent the bells, heard all the peal, and when the ringers came down from the tower they were congratulated on their excellent striking. This is supposed to be the first peal rung on handbells in Sudbury.

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On Wednesday, September 20, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1—2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5—6

MISS EDITH K. PARKER... 3—4 | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON... 7—8

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On Saturday, September 23, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 1—2 | FRANK SMITH ... 5—6

JOHN D. MATTHEWS... 3—4 | JAMES HUNT ... 7—8

Conducted by J. HUNT.

## RINGERS MEET IN FRANCE.

HOW THE CENSOR UNEARTHED A KINDRED SPIRIT.

In an interesting letter Pte H. Harrington, who learned his ringing at Hever, in Kent, and who is now with No. 358 Co. A.S.C., Motor Repair Unit, B.E.F., writes to us of his experiences since joining the army at the beginning of September, 1914. He enlisted in the Rifle Brigade, and when he went across the channel on being transferred to the 1st Battalion, he found the regiment in the firing line, and was just in time to take part in the second battle of —. They had a truly awful time, being under bombardment for ten days. He, however, survived, although the battalion lost heavily, and his brother, who was with him, was wounded. After four months in that district they went further south at the time the British took over part of the French trenches, and there they had a comparatively quiet time. After three months, Pte Harrington, who was formerly in the motor trade, had the opportunity of transferring to the motor transport, and was eventually drafted to the 3rd A.S.C. Repair Shop.

"It was here," he continues, "that I met the first ringer since leaving England, namely, that very well-known ringer, Captain J. H. B. Hesse, who is in the A.S.C. By rather a curious coincidence I wrote to one of my brothers, and mentioned something about ringing, and Capt. Hesse happened to censor it, and, of course, he noticed it. He sent to inquire who I was, and I began to wonder if I had said something I had no business to, but in a few minutes my mind was put at rest on that point, as Capt. Hesse came up to where I was working, and told me who he was. I recognised the name then, and he stayed and had quite a long talk about bells and ringers, and you may be sure I was very pleased to meet him, not having met a ringer before, since I arrived in France."

Pte Harrington concludes: "No doubt you know, as well as I do, that the bells in France are not hung for ringing. More is the pity. I wish they were, as it might be possible to get a band together, which would help to pass a few hours away in one of the best forms of recreation that there is."

## RINGERS' HYMN.

Copies of the new hymn, specially written for ringers by the Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) can now be obtained from "The Ringing World" Office, price 2s. 6d. per 100.

### TEWKESBURY ABBEY RECORDS. PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday week, when two tablets recording the ringing of peals of Grandsire Caters were unveiled by Miss Smith, sister of the Vicar, in the belfry which had been prettily decorated for the occasion by Mrs. F. S. Wilson, and Mrs. E. J. Wilson. There were present the Vicar, the churchwardens (Messrs. T. W. Moore and A. Baker), Miss Smith, Mrs. F. S. Wilson, Mrs. E. J. Wilson, of Portishead; Miss E. Johnson, of Hinton; and ringers from Gloucester, Sandhurst, Newent, Lydney and Leigh.

The Rev. E. F. Smith (Vicar) presided, and prayers having been offered, he said they had few things in connection with the Abbey Church that they had more reason to be proud of than the tower, and they were gathered together that afternoon for the unveiling of two tablets recording the first two complete and successful peals rung of the ten bells. For many centuries they had a fine peal of bells, but in the last few years it had been enriched by two new bells, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Wardell Yerburch and Mrs. F. W. Godfrey. While the ten bells had been rung frequently, no complete peal had been rung until January 8th, when members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Bell Ringers rang the first complete peal, which was half muffled in honour of those who had fallen in the war. In the month of July some of the same gentlemen who had rung then also rang a complete and successful peal, and the Vicar and churchwardens had given a tablet to record the ringing of that peal. They felt those peals were worthy of recording, for not only were they the first peals rung on the ten bells, but were the first complete peals rung in the church for the past six years, whilst no complete peal had been rung by Tewkesbury men for 26 years. Both the peals they now recorded were conducted by the same gentleman, Mr. John Austin, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Bell Ringers' Association, a position he would fill with great honour. Mr. John Austin was greatly appreciated throughout the county. He had a record of 500 completed peals, which was a great record, for as they knew there were a great many peals begun and not completed. In conclusion, the speaker bore testimony to the excellent work Mr. F. S. Wilson had done in that belfry, and he was in no small degree responsible for the two extra bells. He warmly appreciated his work, for he had done much to make the ringers realise that they were church officers of a very important kind.

Miss Smith then graciously unveiled the two tablets, the second of which is in marble, and reads as follows:—

"Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Tewkesbury. On Saturday, July 29th, 1916, in 3 hours and 17 minutes, at the Abbey Church, a peal of Grandsire Caters (5021 changes), tenor 22 cwt. in E: Jesse Gillet treble, Joseph D. Johnson 2, Francis S. Wilson 3, John Austin 4, Thomas Baldwin 5, Charles W. Dyson 6, Thomas Newman 7, Ex-Sergt. J. Williams 8, George Condict 9, John W. Davis tenor. Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and conducted by John Austin. T. W. Moore, A. Baker, churchwardens. Revd. E. F. Smith, M.A., Vicar."

A short touch having been rung, Mr. John Austin, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their gift, said it was quite a pleasure to come over to Tewkesbury Abbey to ring. Since he had first come there years ago there had been many great improvements in the tower.—Ex-Sergt. Williams, of Newent, seconded.

Mr. F. S. Wilson said he had been asked by the ringers to thank Miss Smith for gracing the belfry with her presence that day, and for so kindly unveiling the records of peals, which would stand out in the history of the Abbey. He had been requested by the ringers to ask Miss Smith to accept, as a small remembrance of the event, a framed photo of the marble tablet. This was handed to Miss Smith by Mr. John Austin, and suitably acknowledged.

Messrs. T. W. Moore and A. Baker (churchwardens) having spoken, the proceedings terminated, and a short touch was rung, in which Mrs. E. J. Wilson, one of the lady ringers of Portishead Church, Bristol, took part, this being her first ring upon ten bells.

Previous to the ceremony the bell ringers and friends were entertained to tea in the Vicarage Grounds, and selections on the handbells were given.

### 'CLIPPING' SUNDAY AT PAINSWICK.

The quaint custom of celebrating "Clipping" Sunday at Painswick was observed last Sunday. In addition to the time-honoured ceremony in which the Sunday scholars join hands in "clipping" the Church, the occasion is always regarded as a ringing festival. This year, on account of so many ringers being in H.M. Forces, the attendance was not so large as usual, but about 30 Painswick Youths and visitors from Bristol, Gloucester, Dursley, Newent, Minchinhampton, etc., kept the bells merrily going. An excellent 500 of Grandsire Caters was rung for morning service, touches of Grandsire Triples and Cinques for the "clipping" service at 3 p.m., and before the evening service touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Bob Royal. An excellent touch of Grandsire Cinques, and the twelve bells lowered splendidly in peal brought a most pleasant gathering to a close. All the ringers much admired the excellent "go" and tone of the bells.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District, held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday last, was well attended, ringers and friends being present from Gainsborough, Scotter, Brigg, Bigby and Scunthorpe, in addition to the local company. The bells, 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, to which 27 sat down, including the Rev. H. R. Garvey (Vicar of Kirton Lindsey), and the Rev. H. T. Parry (Vicar of Bigby). To the regret of those present the latter gentleman had to leave immediately afterwards.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by Mr. J. C. Tinker.—Three new members, Messrs. Anthony Davis, Arthur Clark and Seth Garbutt, all of Kirton Lindsey, were duly elected.

The Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild, and stated he was proud to be with such a set of men. He told those present that they could do more in the belfry than the parson in the pulpit, by proving themselves loyal to their Church, and by being God-fearing men.

Mr. T. H. Parkin, of Scunthorpe, strongly recommended the use of rope guides in the tower, and Mr. Luard, of Blyborough Hall, who happened to call upon the Vicar at the close of the meeting, had the matter explained to him, and kindly gave a donation towards the fund for putting these guides in.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, after which the tower was again visited, and further ringing was indulged in until about 7.45, when a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

### GRIMSBY DISTRICT AT LOUTH.

The Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild held a meeting at Louth on Saturday week, when members were present from Grimsby, Gainsborough, Scunthorpe, Bigby and Waltham, in addition to the home contingent. Short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major and Minor were rung on St. James' Church bells during the afternoon and evening.

An excellent tea was partaken of by 30 members, after which the Rev. H. T. Parry, of Bigby, presided over the business proceedings.—Upon the motion of Mr. J. W. Seamer, seconded by Mr. T. H. Parkin, it was decided to discontinue the meetings until the early part of 1917.

The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Lenton) was thanked for the use of the bells, and Mr. T. Robinson, the home band's correspondent, for the excellent arrangements made, upon the proposition of Mr. Heyhoe, seconded by Mr. Shepherd.—Mr. T. Robinson made an appropriate reply.—The reverend chairman was heartily thanked for presiding over one of the most successful meetings ever held at Louth.

### "LUCKY JIM."

#### ENGLISH RINGER'S WEDDING IN AMERICA.

"At the Church of the Advent, 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27th, 1916, James Fitzroy Laker, 292, Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Mass., to Edith M. Smith, late of Wickhambreaux, Kent, were united in Holy Wedlock by the Rev. George Nattress."

So the records of the church read. This event is an interesting episode in the life of a bellringer, same as any other mortal, more especially when it happens in a foreign country—and to a lady of his own nationality. It enables him and his wife to live amid strange surroundings outside and home comforts inside their home. So you see where Jim is lucky. Jim himself hails from Wickhambreaux, and, after three and a half years, the young lady finally decided to venture through mines, submarines, etc., to a strange country for the wedding. So it's lucky Jim, and Plucky Lou. They have the best wishes of the writer and all ringing friends on both sides of the ocean.

To mark "the day" a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in the morning at the tower attached to the Perkins' Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Mass. U.S.A., in 26 minutes by the following: Alex. Matthews 1, P. J. Alfrey 2, E. D. Randall 3, Rd. Newton 4, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 5, J. F. Laker 6, covered by J. J. Goodhead 8. In the afternoon, before the wedding, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung, and, after, a few rounds and "fring," and 360 Bob Minor was rung by above ringers, except, of course, the bridegroom (it was too hot to ring any more). The happy pair went by boat to Portland, Maine, to spend their honeymoon, and on a subsequent day the members of the Boston Guild of Change Ringers made a wedding present to Mr. and Mrs. Laker, at their residence, 292, Chestnut Street, Chelsea, of a very pretty clock which strikes hours and half-hours. In making the presentation Mr. R. Newton spoke in high terms of the bridegroom, and remarked what a pretty bride Mrs. Laker made. He hoped that their future life would be just as pretty.

After a pleasant evening, passed with songs and handbell ringing, and a few words well put by the chairman (Mr. R. Newton) about their brothers across the Atlantic behind the guns, and their sisters in the factories, etc., and a reply by Mr. and Mrs. Laker, the happy proceedings concluded with the singing of "God save the King."

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 13th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Tulett 1, J. Paice 2, W. Hillman 3, G. Norris 4, E. Lindup 5, A. W. Groves (conductor) 6.



## JOHN GARTHON.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

### II.

The peal rung at Norwich in 1715 is named on the board as Grandsire Bob Triples, and the name tells us not only what method was rung, but also what manner of composition it was, and enables us to judge pretty nearly whether it was true or not. It is usually assumed that the title, Grandsire Bob, was used by the ancients to mean exactly what we mean now by Plain Bob. Snowden says\* "What we now call Plain Bob on six bells and upwards was then known as Grandsire Bob. The word Bob was, therefore, a special title to distinguish the Plain Bob method from that of Grandsire," and further, "Grandsire Bob on six bells . . . proves to be merely Bob Minor." Shipway, too, refers to the Norwich peal as "Bob Triples," and incidentally throws doubt on the truth of its composition.\*\* But Grandsire Bob did not mean quite what we now call Plain Bob. It meant one particular way of calling Plain Bob. On this point there is no doubt. We have a most clear and complete description by Fabian Stedman, and when we have studied that we shall be able to decide fairly easily what style of peal was rung at Norwich, and whether it was true or not, especially as we have evidence that if Norwich men knew Stedman's book,†

Generally speaking, there are two ways of composing peals which consist of extents. The two ways are quite distinct, though they are often used together in the same composition. I will call them, for convenience sake, the ancient and the modern ways, though the terms are not good ones, and might, if they are used as anything more than terms, be misleading. The modern way is as follows: You have a given method on a given number of bells, and you want to get a composition that shall contain the full extent of the rows; whether it be the full extent with the tenors together, or with certain bells fixed, or the total possible number. The first thing you do is to set down the rows you want in a certain number of separate independent courses.

Suppose, for instance, you want a peal of Bob Triples. You have 5040 rows, and these 5040 rows will go into sixty separate courses, each of which is a complete round block. For convenience sake you call each of these courses by the course-end—the lead end when the seventh is at Home. Thus, the 84 rows of the plain course we call 23456. The 84 rows of the course that contains the row 2516347 we call 52634; and so on.

We set down sixty of these course-ends, each course-end stands for 84 rows, and we know at the start that the whole 5040 rows are contained in these sixty courses, and not one twice. But they are all separate and independent Round Blocks. Our task is so to call bobs and singles that these sixty are all gathered up into one Round Block.

Different men work in different ways, but they all come pretty much to the same thing as the following: Start with any one of the sixty courses—the Plain Course if you like, but any other will do. Let it be the Plain Course, and in it there are six places where you can call bobs. Select one of them—say, the second lead end. You produce the row 357624, and that belongs to the course we have called 64523. If this is not one of the sixty courses we want, then we may not call a bob there. If it is, complete the "Q set"†\* by calling two more bobs, the first, six leads from the one we have already called, the second six leads further still. The actual rows produced will be—

— 357624  
— 735624  
— 573624

The last bob brings us back into the Plain Course, and what we have done is to take three separate courses, viz., 23456, 64523, 42653; and, by three bobs, weld them into one Round Block. Next in any place in these three courses, call a fresh bob, say, at the first row of the second course, and again complete the "Q set." We add by this means two more courses, and instead of five separate Round Blocks we have now one Round Block—

23456	M	4th In. Out.
64523	—	—
26543	—	—
42563	—	—
42653	—	—
23456	—	—

So we go on, adding courses two at a time till we have included all the courses we want and no more.‡ Then our peal will contain the 5040 rows we want.

This roughly is the style that most competent modern composers work in. Of course, there are many things in many methods that complicate matters, such things, for instance, as internal falseness. If you could set down 5040 rows of Stedman Triples in 60 separate and independent courses, as you can the 5040 rows of Bob Triples it would be the easiest thing possible to compose peals of it. But you cannot set down more than 40. And, therefore, to get your peal you must use composite courses made up of bits of courses. Neither can you in Cambridge Major set down enough true courses with 7—8 together to make up a 5000. Again you have to use bits of courses. These are the cases which do show the composer's ingenuity and ability.

When we consider that the whole duty of a composer is to join courses together, and that the method itself decides how rows and leads are joined together, it would seem that the foregoing is not only

the best, but practically the only way of composing peals. But it was not the way of the ancients. They had other ideas, and to appreciate what they were we must go back to the birth of change ringing and study the way it developed from round ringing and crude changes on three and four bells to the highly complex thing it undoubtedly is now. And first of all we must notice that change ringing was not the invention of one man or one band, or of several men or several bands. It was a natural growth; and it has, and does, develop by reason of its own inherent qualities. As I have said elsewhere, a very close and prolonged investigation has led me to the conclusion that ringing developed as it did because it could not have developed in any other way, and that individual men, eminent or otherwise, had little to do with the matter. The Exercise does not ring Plain Bob and Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative, and the others, because it prefers these methods, and has deliberately selected them from the thousands possible. It rings them because they are the methods in the proper succession of the development of the science. Individual men and individual bands have no doubt considerable latitude, but the Exercise as a whole has none.

And what is true of the methods we ring is true also to a very large extent of the compositions we ring; is true, absolutely, of the earliest compositions. Garthon's Grandsire Triples, Vicars', Taylor's and Holt's peals. Annable's Bob Major and many more are not just individual efforts of clever and outstanding men. They are steps in the natural development of ringing—inevitable steps that must have been taken if the art was to go on growing. If one man had not found them out, another would. If Annable had not discovered his Three-Part, or Holt his Ten-Part, those peals would not have been lost to us. Someone else would have composed them in due course. This does not in the least detract from the credit of those eminent men. But it does help us the better to understand what the true function of a composer is.

In this regular development of method and peal Garthon's Grandsire Bob Triples had its proper place, and we must next see what that place was.

\* Snowden's "Grandsire" 1st Edition, pp. 116-117.

\*\* Shipway's "Campanalogia" Reprint, Vol. III., p. 71.

† See letter by Edward Crane in "Norwich Gazette," 1731.

†\* I presume everybody knows now roughly what a Q set is. See Glossary, page 32.

‡ It is, of course, obvious that if you start with one course and keep adding two you will always have an odd number in your Round Block, and, as every extent consists of an even number of courses, the plan of composition given above by itself will not produce the full extent. But that is another story, apart from my present subject.

## RINGERS' OUTING.

### AMONG NORTHANTS TOWERS.

The annual outing of the St. Edmund's Society, Northampton, took place on Saturday week, when a visit to various churches in the Thrapston district was made. The members were fortunate in having their full complement, as one of their number, who is now in the army, was home on his final leave before proceeding to the front, and another who was engaged on munitions at Peterborough, also made the journey, and brought with him a few fellow enthusiasts from that city. Making Thrapston the base, the party left that town by brake on a glorious day for Woodford. Here they were met by Mr. F. Wilford, the secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, who had motor-cycled over from Northampton. The ringers soon had the bells in motion, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob being rung. There also a few of the party had a pleasant surprise, for while their fellow members were ringing, a member of the Woodford ringers (Mr. T. Wilson) invited them into his orchard, and asked them to sample some of his fruit, whilst a basket of choice plums was thoughtfully sent for the remainder of the party. The visitors then proceeded to Great Addington, where they were received by the Rector (the Rev. D. H. Meggy). Touches of Double Court and Plain Bob Minor were rung at this church. Ringstead was then the destination, and here the excursionists were met by a few of their own members, who had kindly raised the bells for their use. Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung before leaving for Raunds, where on the heavy peal of eight touches of both Stedman and Grandsire Triples were accomplished. The party then returned to Thrapston to partake of dinner, the meal being served at the White Hart Hotel, where a splendid repast was provided. A two miles' walk to Tichmarsh was the next item on the day's programme, and at this village touches of Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round on the splendid peal of bells. Then the party retraced their steps to Thrapston to their headquarters for tea, and afterwards rang touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples on the bells of the Parish Church, thus completing a most enjoyable outing. The best thanks of the visitors are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, all of which were found in good condition, and also to their host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Warren) for their excellent catering.

### CLOSER UNITY AMONGST RINGERS. PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR HULL AND DISTRICT.

A most interesting and encouraging meeting of ringers took place on Saturday week at Sutton, near Hull, when about 20 ringers from Hull and district were entertained, by Mr. Arthur West, the Vice-President of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association. The ring of six at the Church of St. James' were open for the use of the ringers by the kind permission of the Vicar, and were by no means neglected during the afternoon, being kept going to Kent Treble Bob, (including a 720) Plain Bob and Grandsire until 4.30, when a visit was paid to the Ship Inn for tea, kindly provided by Mr. West, and served with great credit by Host Tindall. After tea further ringing took place in the tower, and subsequently a visit to Holly Bank, the residence of Mr. West, was thoroughly enjoyed. A walk round his gardens, and handbell ringing on the lawn, were striking features of the occasion.

Mr. Charles Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. West for his kind invitation and generous hospitality, and Mr. West, in replying, stated that, as everybody connected with ringing knew, he had the Yorkshire Association at heart, and nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see the ringers drawn more closely together with good fellowship, etc. He would also welcome a closer union of Hull and district ringers, by the formation of a society which would, without a doubt, improve the ringing and give practice to those members who in these times are unable to obtain the necessary assistance, owing to their bands being disorganised by the call of their country. Mr. West stated he was very pleased to welcome the old members, including Mr. Hy. Jenkins—who is the oldest ringer in Hull—and hoped the time was not far distant when he would have the pleasure of not only entertaining the Hull and district, but the whole Yorkshire Association, with the Eastern district and the Hull and district combined.

Further handbell ringing brought a very enjoyable and successful meeting, which gave satisfaction and gratification to everybody concerned, to a close.

We are asked to state that names of towers in Hull and neighbourhood, willing to join the Hull and District Society, should be sent as soon as possible, with the number of members, to Mr. E. Cutsforth, 5, Vermont Villas, Vermont Street, Hull.

### HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. EIGHT BELL CONTEST.

The Halifax and District Association held a quarterly meeting and contest on Saturday at St. Wilfrid's Church, Calverley, where there is a peal of eight bells, tenor 10½ cwt., which had been kindly placed at the Associations' disposal by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton). Four companies took part in the contest, each set ringing 704 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, preceded with a plain course for practice. The judges for the day were Messrs. Broadley, of Bradford, and W. Popplewell and J. W. Hudson, of Calverley. The draw for order of ringing took place at 3 p.m., and the bells were kept merrily ringing till 7 p.m.

The general meeting was then held in the school, the President, Mr. J. Cotterell being in the chair, supported by the Vicar, and the society's officers.—Eight new members were elected from Almondbury and Calverley.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schools, also to the local company for the arrangements they had made for the benefit of the Association, and the motion was unanimously accorded.

The result of the contest was announced by Mr. Broadley as follows: No. 1 company, Earlsheaton, 163 faults; No. 2, Birstall, rang out; No. 3, Halifax, 257 faults; No. 4, Almondbury, 279 faults. Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Vicar, in responding to the vote of thanks, and in presenting the trophy to the winners, expressed his pleasure in welcoming the ringers to Calverley. He congratulated the Earlsheaton company on their success, and presented the silver cup to Mr. Hardy, remarking that he hoped their own company would be able to win it on some future occasion.—Mr. Hardy suitably replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, which was carried.

The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

### THE OXFORD GUILD.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On receipt of my "Ringing World" last week, I found a somewhat belated report of the annual general meeting of the Oxford Guild, held at the Chapter House on July 29th. The resolution moved by myself (re serving members' subscriptions) is correct as stated, but, as one who followed the business of the meeting somewhat closely, the amendment is not so. I understood it to read: "That the secretary be instructed to write Branch Secretaries recommending them to do all they could to make up the deficiency caused by members serving with H.M. Forces." No sum was mentioned nor levy suggested. I merely mention this so that the various Branch Secretaries should be in no way misled in their actions, the amendment being simply a suggestion to meet the deficiency.—Yours fraternally,

40, Cardiff Road, Reading.

A. D. CULLUM.

### WANTED: A LEADER. EXERCISE LACKS ORGANISATION.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Judging from last week's issue, the Exercise seems to be in a bad way. In one week we have discussed "Bells as a Public Nuisance," and "Grumblers," and a means of keeping ringing going at all. I am afraid it is not all a case of seeming. That there should be any need for such articles is a scabbing indictment of the organisation of the Exercise. We are, apparently, as a ship foundering in a storm, rudderless and pilotless, drifting whither we know not. We lack everything that even remotely approaches centralisation. The public protests that have appeared in the papers seek to undermine our very foundations, and, therefore, concern every Association, every company, every individual ringer, but where is our official reply to our accusers? If outsiders find indisputable faults in us, then for Heaven's sake let us acknowledge them, unless we do wish to be stopped altogether; but when we are accused wrongly, let us, as any other corporation would, define our position firmly and in a common-sense way, and not be content to labour under the stigma that we selfishly ring on, in season and out of season, with no care for the suffering and inconvenience we may be causing others. Surely we ought to stand up for ourselves at least to that extent. The difficulty is, that nobody wants to take the lead in writing that letter. To my mind there is no doubt whatever whose duty it is. I think nobody would dispute that the gentleman who will take the chair at the opening of the next meeting of the Central Council is at present the acknowledged head of the Exercise, and, therefore, it is to him, as the only man whose signature can represent us all, that we look for the official reply to public criticisms. (I do not know at present who this gentleman is.) It is the fault of the Exercise itself that there is any hesitation in such a reply. We create an officer to whom it is obvious that we ought to look as our chief, but we invest him with no formal power. We prefer to exist in a state of campanological anarchy, every man for himself and the Exercise benefiting not at all. But now, in the face of this common danger, we must all pull together if we would survive, and the only way we can do that is by placing our trust in the President and taking our lead from him. A state without a ruler soon goes under, and the same thing is bound to happen to a Guild without a Master, for the Exercise is, or should be, in fact if not in theory, very similar in organisation to one of the famous craft guilds of the Middle Ages.

Then we have, too, the suggestion that youths under military age should be taught the art in order that the practice of it may be continued after the war. No one, I suppose, will have any adverse criticism of the suggestion. Teach the boys, and teach the ladies, too, where you can get them. I know of towers where both have been done. But why, one cannot but ask, should it be left to a few isolated companies to take the initiative, and the rest to follow if they cared, in a step that should be made in every short-handed tower throughout the kingdom? Surely in a vital matter like this the initiative should come from headquarters, and be transmitted through the Association secretaries to the local companies, it being made almost a condition of continued membership that some action was taken along the suggested lines.

Finally there is the letter on the "Grumblers." The writer speaks of a tower where business is all at sixes and sevens. It is, unfortunately, the usual condition when enthusiasm wanes, but the real trouble is that there is no such thing as loyalty to a common cause to supplement, sustain, or replace enthusiasm. Once a company gets a little weary in well-doing, the bottom is gone out of the ringing, and nothing that anyone can do will keep it together, because the answer he invariably receives is: "Well, I only ring because I want to; and if I no longer want, there's an end of it." This answer should never be made. There should be more esprit de corps, more feeling that, having once laid a hand to the plough, it is traitorous to look back. And this spirit can only grow with the idea of centralisation.

There are dark and difficult days ahead for ringing; and we shall only win through by striving altogether for the common good. But we must have a leader. Let our chief take up the reins: I think very few would resent it even now; and all would have great cause to be thankful later on.—Yours truly,

H. W. F.

[We would point out to our correspondent that the Central Council is at present without a President, no meeting having been held since Sir Arthur Heywood's death.—Ed. "R.W."]

### ANOTHER MILITARY CROSS.

Distinction on the field of battle has been gained by yet another ringer—Lance-Corpl. A. A. Anderson, of the 7th Buffs, of Canterbury, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in the fighting on July 1st in the big push. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Havelock Street, Canterbury, and joined up at the commencement of the war. His home is at St. Stephen's, and he is well known and highly respected by all who knew him. His work was that of gardener in the employ of the Rev. P. P. Somerville. He has since been promoted to the rank of corporal.

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## THE WARGRAVE PROTEST.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As a "neighbouring ringer," and well within the sound of the beautiful peal (a lasting tribute to the memory of their founder) I cannot refrain from upholding your leading article of July 14th. Surely the apology should come from the Rev. S. Winter. There is little doubt all arrangements were made by him. Does he expect the ringing fraternity to visit Wargrave to see his "Magazine"? No! Then why on earth did he not send to "The Ringing World" an explanation with reference to the opening of his bells. Mr. Winter is an honorary member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and surely he must have expected the ringers of the Diocese to pay him the courtesy they generally do on all occasions like this. It is a matter of great regret that the Vicar of Wargrave did not take more tactful action, and that his ringers (good fellows, and several I have known from my childhood) did not see that a proper explanation appeared in "The Ringing World" during the early days of July.—Faithfully yours,  
Shiplake. OWEN W. PORTER.

## THE VEIL LIFTED.

Dear Sir,—Your issue of the 15th inst. has raised the veil of mystery that overhung the opening of Wargrave bells. We ringers of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild now know that the order "No outsiders wanted," did not only come from the parson and churchwardens, who might be excused, because they do not always know the ways of ringers, but also from the ringers themselves who surely ought to know better. I wonder who were the neighbouring ringers whose advice they asked? I have not heard of any inquiries sent to this part of the branch. I can scarcely believe that any ringers could wish to keep their bells to themselves on such an occasion, but, as the ringers of Wargrave, or at any rate a majority of them clearly show they did, I, for one, shall be a long time before I ever go there to ring.—Yours, etc.,

A SONNING DEANERYITE.

[The above letters reached us last week too late for insertion.—Ed. "R.W."]

## SOME QUESTIONS RAISED.

Dear Sir,—Although the Vicar's letter and your leading article of Sept. 15th shed some welcome light on the exclusion of outsiders from participation in the opening of Wargrave bells, there are still some points which it would be interesting to have cleared up. For instance, who were the neighbouring ringers who so cordially welcomed the arrangement shutting them out of the tower, and who were the special representatives of the Diocesan Guild who were present by invitation? It is not for me to quibble with the Vicar as to who he should invite and what arrangements he should make for the ringing, but it was surely a slight to have representatives of the Diocesan Guild present by invitation, and not allow them to ring. And then, what about the protest passed at the full meeting of the belfry? If rumour is true the foreman who proposed the resolution of protest is not the foreman that we have known at Wargrave for twenty years or so, and if this is the fact would it not have been better for the Vicar to have said so, because from what I have heard, I imagine every ringer who knows Wargrave has undoubtedly associated the moving of the resolution with the wrong man. There are other questions which I might well have raised, but I have already trespassed sufficiently on your valuable space. Enlightenment on these matters, however, would be interesting. Yours faithfully,  
O. D. G. RINGER.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Haresfield on Saturday week, and, although owing to very obvious reasons, the attendance was not up to the usual standard, yet 17 members attended from Stroud, Stonehouse, Haresfield, Minchinhampton, Dursley, Frocester, Avening and Painswick. The beautiful peal of bells were rung during the afternoon to various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor till 5 p.m., when a short service was held in the Parish Church. The Vicar (Rev. F. A. Lefroy) gave a most interesting address. Kind friends had tea laid on tables on the Vicarage lawn, to which the visitors all sat down and a most pleasant time was spent.

A business meeting followed, and one new member was elected, and Painswick selected for the annual and Woodchester and Chalford for the monthly meetings.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to Mrs. Lefroy.

The bells were kept merrily ringing during the evening to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor.

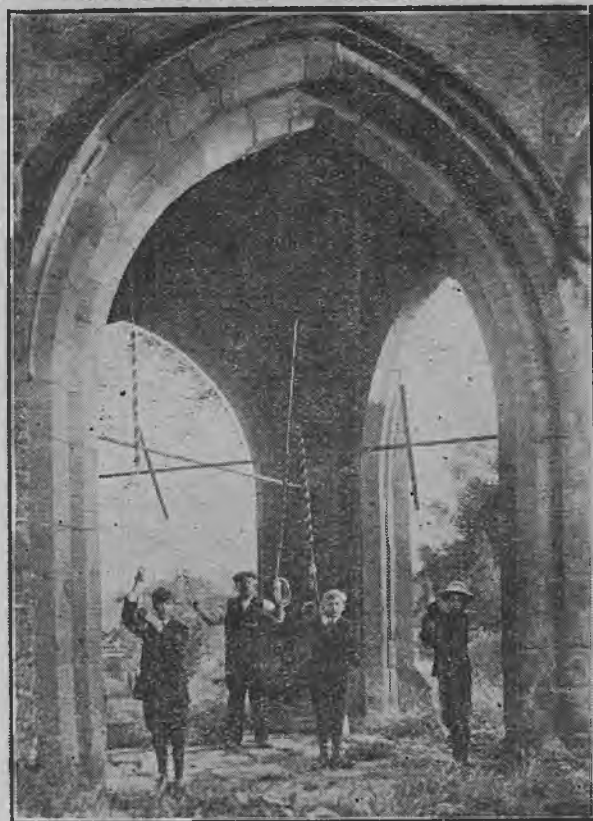
BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Stratford 1, R. Hall 2, H. Packer 3, H. Gillett 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, J. Collett 6, T. Banning 7, J. Buttler 8.



## A UNIQUE RINGING CHAMBER.

Our illustration shows the very remarkable ringing "chamber" at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, at Newnham, near Daventry. It is open on three sides to the winds of heaven, for the lower portion of the tower to which the ropes are brought down forms a porch to the church entrance. The floor of this unique ringing chamber is laid with rough slabs of stone, overgrown with weeds. There are in the tower six bells, the dates of which vary from 1632 to 1660. The tenor is about 17 cwt., and, considering the condition of the frame, the bells go fairly well.

Needless to say, not much ringing can be done at this curious belfry, except under very favourable weather conditions. The height of the arches is 15ft., and the least puff of wind has the disconcerting effect for ringers of blowing the ropes over the iron cross bars, which can be seen in the picture, and which help to strengthen the tower. The ringing "circle" is also very queer. The treble is in the middle of the belfry with 2, 3, 4, along one side, the tenor in the corner diagonally from the 2nd, and the 5th in a like position relatively to the



NEWNHAM BELFRY, NEAR DAVENTRY.

4th. Thus the treble man's position must put at least one bell behind him, so that he needs eyes in the back of his head to see it. The local band, unfortunately not a change ringing one, do most of their ringing in a small chamber under the bells, using the bare ropes, but in this apartment the tenor man is completely hidden in one corner by the clock case.

A little while ago a band of Central Northants ringers visited the tower and scored a 720 of Bob Minor: T. Law, W. J. Allen, W. R. Parker, A. J. Mawby, and F. Hopper (conductor), all of Northampton, and A. Andrews (Daventry).

The visitors found the local men very ready to welcome them. Mr. Abel, one of their number, quickly made arrangements for the ringing, and Mr. Capel, the steeple-keeper, who is seen in the picture, very kindly let down the ropes from the floor above so that the photograph might be taken by Mr. Andrews, to whom we are indebted for the use of the picture.

## PRACTICE AT WORCESTER.

At the ringing practice at All Saints' Church, Worcester, on Saturday, ten members were present, the following towers being represented: The Cathedral (1), All Saints' (4), Suckley (1), Malvern Link (1), Upton (the Western Branch Master) and Madresfield (the Branch Hon. Secretary), together with Mr. J. R. Newman, hon. general secretary of the Worcestershire Association. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung, and two or three learners got a useful practice.

## THE SOUND OF BELLS.

### PREVENTION OF ANNOYANCE TO THE PUBLIC.

The very important question of doing away as far as possible with annoyance to the public by the sound of bells was raised last week by a correspondent who, quite rightly, is anxious to draw out the best advice from those sources where successful experiments have been made. One very satisfactory method of reducing the noise from the bells in the immediate vicinity of the tower was introduced by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, when placing a ring of eight bells in St. Mary's Church, Oatlands Park, in 1913. At this church the belfry is completely open, and there are no louvres at all. The wealthy residents, whose houses were directly underneath the tower, were very adverse to bells, but they are now quite satisfied as the result of the introduction of armoured glass screens in the belfry windows. These screens are quite simple, but it is important to remember that the glass should be in panes of about 18in. by 18in., so that any of these can be removed at any time, so as to regulate the sound.

A great deal of the trouble regarding bells is entirely due to the fact that certain bells throw into certain windows, and when bells are ringing the particular bell against the window you may happen to stand under will appear to be more prominent than the rest of the peal, with far from pleasing results. By enclosing the sound of the bells within the tower you hear all the bells with equal volume, and the harsh blow of the clapper is eliminated, and the sound is allowed to travel out at the point of least resistance, namely, the glass which is also a good conductor, and has certain musical properties. One cannot say that brick is a good conductor, or is in any way musical!

The effect of armoured glass screens is such that bells when heard at the foot of the tower sound like bells some considerable distance away, but the volume of sound is hardly diminished when heard at a long distance.

These screens also enable the belfry to be light and clean, and ingress of birds is prevented, and the metal fittings and framework, etc., are not affected by the rain which would otherwise drive in; so that as well as being efficient as sound diffusers they are also economical, as the life of the framework, fittings, etc., will be increased by many years, and would not require the application of the paint brush or the services of the bellhanger.

We believe that the idea of these screens first occurred to Mr. Robt. Warner when he was travelling between Montreal and Winnipeg, as all the Canadian trains are fitted with three windows, one behind the other with a narrow space in between, and it was by raising these windows one at a time that he noticed the difference in the sound as they were travelling along, especially in some of the deep cuttings through the rocky gorges. As a matter of fact these windows are designed for the sound and cold.

These armoured glass windows have also particularly shown their worth at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, where many complaints were formerly made with regard to the noise of the bells, but these are now stopped.

If there are no houses in the near proximity of the tower it is even then advisable to have these armoured glass screens fixed up to a certain distance, and to leave the stone tracery of the windows open, so that the sound of the bells is diffused when it passes down the louvres, and has free access through the stone tracery of the windows above the louvres, thus passing in a straight and upward direction.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last the members of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild held a successful meeting at Tarporley, ringers attending from Bunbury, Crewe, Wybunbury and Wistaston, and Nantwich, together with a few friends from the Chester and Northwich Branches. Touches in the four standard methods were rung, and those who were not advanced sufficiently to take part on an inside bell were assisted in the art of "drumming," or hunting the treble.

The business meeting was held in the "Done Room," with the Master (Mr. C. J. B. Cooke) in the chair.—Five ringing members were proposed and accepted, together with three non-resident ringing members.

The Master then referred to the coming departure of the Rev. J. F. Amies, curate at Christ Church, Crewe. He thanked him for the interest he had taken in the branch, and, therefore, the Guild, and hoped he would continue to take an interest in ringing and ringers in his new sphere of labour.

The Rev. J. F. Amies thanked the Master for the kind things he had said, and for the way in which he had been treated during his stay in the district by everyone with whom he had come in contact.

The Rector of Tarporley was then thanked for his kindness in providing tea for all, and for the use of the bells.

## 'DOING THEIR BIT' IN AMERICA.

English ringers in America have been "doing their bit" on the other side of the Atlantic by helping to raise money for the Prince of Wales' Fund. All the Boston Guild members belong to the Cabot Lodge of the Order of the Sons of St. George, and they organised an Empire Day festival, which was held in Convention Hall, Boston. Mr. Ernest E. Randall was hon. secretary of this, and other ringers took an active part on the committee. A sum of 650 dollars was raised, and the Order of the Sons of St. George had up to August 1st raised in all 14,526 dollars for the fund.

### THE HANDBELL PEAL AT ERDINGTON.

Erdington is a suburb of Birmingham, and Rose Cottage, the residence of Mr. W. Cheshire, is some six miles from the centre of the city, and takes its name from the three thousand odd rose trees in its gardens. It was amongst these trees that the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques recorded last week was rung, and it is probably the first peal of Cinques to be rung in the open. It is not "everybody's job" to ring a peal under these conditions, and the writer knows some good handbell men who cannot ring if anyone is moving about them. But at Erdington, during the ringing, there were all kinds of distracting noises—tram cars, motor buses passing every few minutes, and a brass band, which nearly eclipsed the sound of the bells, while now and again one could hear voices, and among them was recognised that of Mr. W. Rock Small. Overhead aeroplanes flew, while other winged things settled on the necks and other exposed parts of the anatomy, where the ringers could not get at them. However, despite it all a good peal was rung. It was the composition of Mr. Cornelius Charge (not by the conductor as stated).

In the spacious dining-room of the Rose Cottage afterwards some excellent courses in the "hand and mouth stroke position" were got through, some 40 persons taking part. Afterwards another pleasant hour was spent on the bowling green, and some exciting games were played till dusk drove the party indoors, where some excellent singing was enjoyed, those contributing being the Hostess (Mrs. Cheshire), Madam Anderton, Mrs. A. Walker, and last, by not least, Miss E. K. Parker. Among others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. B. Gough, Mr. Anderton, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. J. E. Groves, and many other ladies and gentlemen. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire for their kind invitation and hospitality.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday last a most successful and pleasant meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. The fine weather brought a large gathering together from the four corners of the branch, including Manchester, Pendleton, Flixton, Prestwick, Oldham, Hyde, Birch, Miles Platting, Didsbury, etc. Several lady ringers from Miles Platting and Reddish, assisted by the local lady ringers, took part in the ringing.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pughe-Morgan, M.A.) presided over the business meeting. He gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, wished the Association every success, and hoped the ringers would keep in mind the responsibility of their office in calling people to service. His reminiscences of the Parish Church of Beguilly, Radnorshire, of which his father was Vicar, were listened to with much interest, and it is hoped that ere long the tower will be restored, and room made for a ring of bells.

Birch was chosen for the next meeting, which will be held on Oct. 28th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his presence during the evening, and his homely and timely remarks.

Touches were rung during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

A pleasant surprise during the afternoon was a visit by Cpl. Washbrook, son of Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Although permanently injured in his right arm, Cpl. Washbrook took part in the ringing. Pte Harry Washbrook, a younger brother, is at present in Cambridge, having been brought back from France suffering from fever effects. The sympathies of all ringers will go out to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Washbrook in their very anxious and trying time.

### DEATH OF A KENT RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Kilpartrick, of Boxley, Kent, which took place on Sept. 9th, after an illness of three weeks. Deceased, who was 56 years of age, had been a ringer for 34 years, and captain of the local company for 30 years. He was also a member of the choir for upwards of 30 years.

The interment took place on September 12th, many relatives and friends attending. Amongst the many wreaths that were sent, was one each from the ringers and choir.

On Sunday, the 10th, and Tuesday, the 12th, muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the Parish Church as a last tribute of respect to the deceased by Lance-Cpl. Clark, R.E. (Hemel Hempstead), Spr. J. W. Shepherd, R.E. (Hemel Hempstead), Spr. A. H. Harber, R.E. (Walsall, Staffs), Spr. W. G. Housley, R.E. (Matlock, Derbyshire), Spr. F. J. Oxenbury, R.E. (Twynford, Hants), Spr. A. E. Moore, R.E. (Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk), Cpl. L. L. Grey, R.E. (Wickham Market, Suffolk), G. Pound, W. Hope and A. Pantony (Boxley). The ringing was conducted by Spr. A. E. Moore.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 13th, for evensong, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: W. Wibberley 1, J. E. Wheeldon 2, S. B. Bailey 3, J. Baddeley 4, J. F. Ryles 5, W. P. Deape 6.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. C. Harmer 1, H. Lewis 2, A. Hayward 3, J. E. Waters 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, W. J. Carter 7, W. J. Finch 8.—On Sunday, July 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Lewis 1, H. C. Bond 2, A. Hayward 3, J. E. Waters 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, W. J. Carter 7, W. C. Cuss 8. Rung as a farewell to G. Dore, who left next day to join the 16th Gloucestershire Regt.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 2nd, for morning service, 1008 Bob Major: W. W. Bailey 1, J. M. Rumsey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, C. Sampson 5, G. Wilson 6, J. M. Button 7, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On July 16th, for morning service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, J. M. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. H. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, Corporal A. F. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On July 22nd, for evening service, 1008 Double Norwich: W. W. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. H. Bailey 4, C. Sampson 5, A. Keeble 6, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.—On July 23rd, for morning service, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob: Major J. M. Button 1, A. Keeble 2, J. M. Bailey 3, G. Wilson 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On July 30th, for morning service, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, E. H. Bailey 2, S. Wolfe 3, G. Wilson 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Wednesday, July 5th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Bassett 1, T. Miles 2, C. Read 3, A. L. Brown 4, D. Snelling 5, A. H. Winch (conductor) 6, A. Dean 7, W. Cropely 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit of the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Newhall 1, J. H. White 2, E. Tarling 3, A. H. Winch 4, E. Dodd 5, H. Boxall 6, A. Dean (conductor) 7, W. Lynch 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On July 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mildred's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: H. Baker 1, C. Tribe 2, C. W. Player 3, W. H. Lambert 4, W. Savage 5, A. Allen 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Neve 8. P.C. A. E. Edwards resides at Salehurst, Sussex, and, as he was visiting Tenterden, the above was arranged specially for him.—On July 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, J. J. Mantitelow 2, F. Sharpe 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, G. Neve 6, J. Arthur (conductor) 7, H. Holdstock 8. Arranged for Messrs. Sharp and Arthur, the former being on a holiday in the neighbourhood, and the latter just lately removed to Sutton Vallance from Petersfield, Hants.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Edington 1, F. K. Howell 2, H. Thurston 3, F. Poole 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. Poole 6, W. J. Carter 7, W. Holister 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, July 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Monk (conductor) 1, M. Woodcock 2, Sapper C. R. Walker, R.E. (T.) 3, A. Kinchin 4, G. Parrott 5, G. Brooks 6, J. Brooks 7, T. Bull 8. For evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: M. Woodcock 1, Sapper C. R. Walker, R.E. (T.) 2, B. Hollis 3, A. Kinchin 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—At St. Andrew's Church, on August 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war. The ringers belong to the Bolton (near Bradford) company: J. Nichols 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, J. Palfreman 3, A. Gill 4, A. Whallen 5, F. Hopwood (conductor) 6, B. C. Howe 7, S. Palfreman 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal was rung by the Gargrave company: J. Beazley 1, J. Langstroth 2, C. Langstroth 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Townson 5, G. Wane 6, A. Jones (conductor) 7, J. McKell 8.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. G. Knowles (conductor) 1, E. E. Barber 2, W. Ranford 3, H. Grosvenor 4, F. Stanton 5, G. Popnell 6, E. Gibbs 7, C. Camm 8. For evening service, at Madresfield, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. M. Troughton 1, C. Camm 2, E. E. Barber 3, H. Grosvenor 4, G. Popnell 5, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 6th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Howes 1, A. Dean 2, J. N. Frossell 3, T. Beadle 4, A. H. Winch 5, G. Spencer 6, W. J. New (conductor) 7, A. Beckensale 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: J. N. Frossell 1, C. J. Tricker 2, G. Spencer 3, F. G. Goddard 4, E. F. Cole 5, Staff-Sergt. A. T. Verrall 6, J. Howes (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8.

MANFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.—For Matins, on Sunday, August 6th, 720 London Surprise Minor: Arthur Munks 1, J. E. Wheelton (Norton, Staffs) 2, C. Rogers 3, T. Bettison 4, J. Radford 5, Alfred Munks (conductor) 6. For evensong, 360 each of College Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet: Arthur Munks 1, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 2, T. Bettison 3, R. Shepherd 4, C. Rogers 5, Alfred Munks 6.

**ACTON.**—On Sunday, August 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Fruin 1, C. Edwards (first 720) 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, R. H. Boddington 4, R. Holloway 5, B. Brewer 6. For evening service the first 518 of Holt's Ten-part: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, Sergt. Verrall 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, C. Edwards 4, E. Newell 5, R. Holloway 6, B. Brewer 7, J. Fruin 8.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, August 13th, at St. Margaret's Church, in honour of the birth of a son to Pte and Mrs. Ernest Morris, 600 Grandsire Doubles: E. Smith 1, Pte E. Morris (Sherwood Foresters), conductor, 2, A. Ballard 3, W. Aldridge 4, J. Morris 5, Gunner T. H. Hardy (R.G.A.) 6, H. Peach 8.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, August 13th, for services, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, H. Morris 4, C. W. Clarke (Bedford), 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear 7, F. Hedges 8; 336 Double Norwich: W. Mead 1, J. Mead 2, F. Stenton 3, H. Morris 4, C. W. Clarke 5, T. Best 6, F. Hedges 7, H. Sear 8.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Sunday, August 20th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 45 mins.: T. J. Salter 1, N. Davis 2, S. Grove 3, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 4, J. Broad 5, W. Short 6, W. H. Smith 7, J. Woodberry 8.

**UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, August 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Miss W. M. Cooper 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, E. Hancox 4, \*W. Burden 5, \*G. Cutts 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, P. Kedge 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday evening, August 20th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Johnson's), in 46 mins.: E. Hobbs 1, W. J. Meers (conductor) 2, J. E. Groves 3, B. Gough 4, Miss E. M. Clarke 5, G. Poppall 6, J. Preston 7, T. Bicknell 8. Rung to oblige the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th, who were on a visit to Erdington. This was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and 5th. The latter handled her bell in fine style, and bids fair to become a fine ringer.

**BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.**—On August 22nd, 168 and 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Wigmore 1, J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) 2, G. Davis 3, J. Abery (Theale) 4, Rev. E. M. Thorpe (Vicar of Bucklebury) 5, A. Matthews (Midgham) 6, W. Lawrence (Baling), conductor, 7, F. Freeman 8. A touch of 308 Grandsire followed, in which E. Piggott rang the treble and S. Chapman the 5th. It was the "first inside" by the latter. Two ladies were present, and took part in the ringing, the Misses Davis and Franklin. After the practice the company was hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. G. Davis.

**MERTHAM, SURREY.**—On Saturday, August 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Woodhouse) ringers from Nutfield and Reigate met at the Church of St. Katherine, and rang two 120's of Doubles, H. Morley, of the local band, taking part; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Ewins 1, G. Hoad 2, A. Wood 3, W. Claydon 4, E. Snelling 5, F. W. Rice (conductor) 6; and 360 Kent Treble Bob: W. Claydon 1, H. Ewins 2, G. Croucher 3, A. Wood 4, F. W. Rice 5, G. Hoad (conductor) 6. A touch of Woodbine was also rung. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells: also Mr. H. Morley for having everything in good order for ringing.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, August 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1264 changes): W. Hoad 1, C. W. Cooper 2, G. H. Pagett 3, A. W. Dodd 4, J. Bass 5, G. Poppell 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, W. Ward (first quarter-peal) 8.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 27th, for morning and evening services, touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, the following taking part: Pte E. McWilliam, R.A.M.C., of Leeds; Pte F. Hammond, of Rotherfield; and Pte G. Piper, of Brighton, 5th Norfolk Regt.; Sapper F. W. Naunton (conductor), Royal Engineers; J. Spencer, A. J. Naunton, W. Sawyer, L. Naunton, E. Chatten, W. Legood, G. Bertram.

**MELTON MOWBRAY.**—On Sunday, August 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Gillett 1, T. H. Gillett 2, J. R. Bartram 3, Lance-Corpl. Signaller Ernest Bartram 4, C. Dalby 5, W. James 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, Jos. Gilson 8. Longest length by A. Gillett. For evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Spiby 1, T. H. Gillett 2, J. R. Bartram 3, Lance-Corpl. Signaller E. Bartram 4, C. Dalby 5, W. Jaggard 6, W. James 7, Jos. Gilson 8, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 9, G. Pike 10, covering with 8, 6, 10. Rung to welcome Lance-Corpl. E. Bartram, home on leave from Ireland. Also as a farewell for J. R. Bartram, who has joined the Motor Mechanical Transport, A.S.C.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS.**—At St. James' Church, on August 29th, 540 Bob Minor: H. Smith 1, Miss Cushing 2, J. Williams 3, J. E. Burles 4, James Burrows 5, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 6.—On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 630 Grandsire Triples: Miss Stuart 1, John Burrows 2, H. Smith 3, J. Williams 4, J. Henry 5, James Burrows 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, E. Beech 8.

**GARGRAVE.**—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on September 3rd, for evening service, as a welcome to Pte J. Hogg, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, home on convalescent leave, after serving in Gallipoli, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Pte J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, A. Jones (conductor) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Giles' Church, on August 29th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): J. Methers 1, A. Deacon 2, A. Mawby 3, B. Soden 4, F. Wilford 5, H. Key 6, F. Hopper 7, W. Rogers (conductor) 8, G. Flavel 9, S. Lawrence 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. W. Gibbins, a much esteemed churchwarden of St. Giles'. — On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. Key 1, T. Hanes 2, B. Soden 3, W. Rogers (conductor) 4, J. Methers 5, W. Faircy 6, F. Hopper 7, H. Blundell 8, G. Flavel 9, W. Allen 10.

**DENHAM, BUCKS.**—At the Parish Church, for evensong, by permission of the Vicar, the bells not having been rung for some months next, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. J. Pratt 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, W. Horne 5, E. Hancox 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, H. Chandler 8.

**SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.**—On Sept. 3rd, for the afternoon service, a 360 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Rolland 1, S. Hillier (conductor) 2, Miss E. Jones 3, W. Lawrence 4, T. Merrett 5, H. Brownlee-West 6.

**BARNES.**—As a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Cook and C. Hunt, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 10th, in 42 mins.: J. Willmott 1, F. Skevington 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Barrett 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

**SLOUGH, BUCKS.**—For the evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) 1, Miss Edith Jones (West Baling) 2, G. T. Leader 3, R. Whittington 4, W. Lawrence 5, E. T. Cooper (conductor) 6, P. Jones 7, F. Purdus 8. The quarter-peal is the composition of J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), and was rung on the anniversary of Mrs. Whittington's birthday.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 17th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. J. Smith (first-quarter) 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, A. King (conductor) 4, L. A. Goodenough 5, T. Kendall 6, Pte H. Walker (Beds Regt.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

**WOLVERLEY.**—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): A. Wright 1, H. Martin 2, R. Moy 3, W. H. Porter 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, A. Morris 6. Arranged for H. Martin, of Birkenhead, who was on a visit to his native parish, and who was formerly a member of the Wolverley band.

**CREWE.**—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 506 Grandsire Caters: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, H. Overton 3, G. H. Crawley 4, R. D. Langford 5, A. Crawley 6, G. Harding 7, J. Dentith 8, R. T. Holding 9, Spr. M. Jervis 10; conducted by R. T. Holding. Spr. M. Jervis belongs to the Canadian Engineer section. He has been wounded, and is now on furlough, after being discharged from Leicester Military Hospital.

**SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): H. Webb (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Wood 2, H. Briggs (conductor) 3, E. Chamberlain 4, J. Garrett 5, H. Wright 6.

**TRING.**—On Sept. 16th, at Tring Parish Church, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Fitkin 1, F. Reeve 2, O. Bayes 3, B. Jarman 4, Pte W. J. Croft (5th Beds Regt.) 5, Lance-Corpl. R. Kindell (5th Beds Regt.) 6, A. King (conductor) 7, W. Redman 8. The ringers of the 3rd hails from Berkhamsted; 4th, Harpenden; 5th and 6th, Halton Park Camp; 7th, Luton; the rest are local men.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 17th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Stuart 1, Miss A. Lindsay 2, Miss A. Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5, T. Stuart 6, J. Burrows 7.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, J. D. Drewett 2, Pte S. Meadows (A.S.C.) 3, J. A. Lambert (conductor) 4, C. Bance 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, W. H. Joiner 7, J. Currell 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Meadows, who hails from Suffolk.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—On Sept. 17th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 behind. \*W. Pike 1, A. Addicott 2, F. Boucher 3, P. Jones 4, G. Cooke 5, \*J. Jones 6, F. Evans 7, \*H. Challas 8. \*First 720.

### A HELPING HAND.

We are asked to acknowledge the following sums received from the Manchester branch of the Lancs. Association for the "John Potter's Helping Hand Fund": Eccles, 5s.; Pendleton, 10s.; Ashton St. Michael's, 7s. 6d.; Manchester Town Hall, 8s.; Pendlebury, 5s. 9d.; Manchester Cathedral, 5s.; Worsley, 3s. 6d.; Baulow Moor, 2s.; R. Newton, 5s.; A. Barnes, 2s. 6d.; J. Watson, 2s. 6d.; W. C. Hunt, 2s. 6d.; W. J. Moss, 1s.; W. W. W., 2s.; W. Brown, 1s.



## NOTICES.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Tower open, 3.30—7.30, and 8—9 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, September 30th. Meeting in the Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Harlestone, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — E. J. Butler, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, September 30th. Permission has been granted for the use of the following towers: Chorley, St. Lawrence (8 bells); Whittle-le-Woods, St. John (8); Coppull, St. John (6). Ringing all day up to service time. 4 p.m.—Service at St. Lawrence, Chorley. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon Howson, M.A., Rector of Woolton. 5 p.m.—Tea in the Church Institute, price 1s. 3d. Will intending visitors kindly inform Mr. T. Lofthouse, 3, Mayfield Road, Chorley, before September 27th. 6 p.m.—Meeting in the same room.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Ystrad, Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30, meeting at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, E.C., by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. Jessop Teague), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 4 to 7 sharp. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Dore (8 bells), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members please note alteration in date?—Sam Thomas, Hon. Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting afterwards. Short service at 5. — H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. The ring of 6 at Batley Carr will also be available. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Phillip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 3 till 6. Tea near the station after, members 7d., others 10d. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 5th and 19th for handbell practice, and on the 10th and 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Sawston (1½ miles from Whittlesford Station, G.E.R.) on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (eight) available from one o'clock. — A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. A special service will be held in the Church at 6 o'clock. Tea provided by the Association at 6.30. A general meeting will be held after tea for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers will be held at Great Bentley on October 7th. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions for 1916.—B. Redgwell, Hon. District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at Whitworth Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, 132, Morton Street, Middleton, Lancs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 7th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45. Business meeting after.—Stephen Hazleden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Hon. Secretary.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, October 7th, 1916. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting in the Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m. Wm. Barton, Hon. Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, 7th October, commencing at 3.30 p.m., until dusk. A business meeting will follow at the Earl Derby, King Edward Road. A hearty invitation is hereby extended to all ringers.—T. Walker, hon. sec.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD**.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1916, at Wellington, Salop. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Belfry Prayer at 4 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting and ringing after. Please reply by Oct. 9th.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**. — Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church (Kirk) on Saturday, October 14th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided for visitors (who notify their intention of being present to Mr. L. J. Williams, 10, Canal Street, Church, on or before October 7th) at the invitation of the Rector.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 14th next. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea provided by the Vicar in the Jubilee Room for those only who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Oct. 14th. By kind permission of the Rector, bells available at 2.30. Service at 6 o'clock; ringers' own form of service will be used. Tea and business at the Institute after; tea, 3d. to members, 1s. to visitors. Members requiring tea let me know not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th.—E. J. Harding, District Secretary, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Guildford District.—Combined practices will be held at Cranleigh (8 bells) on the first Saturdays in October, November, and December; at Bramley (6 bells) on October 21st; at Godalming (8 bells) on November 18th; at Wonsers (6 bells) on December 16th. Bells available from 3 till dusk.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

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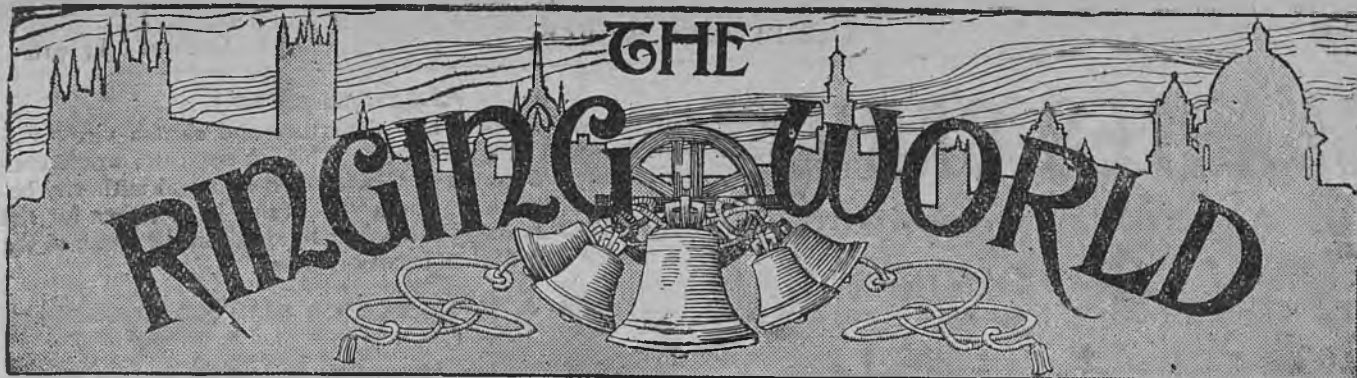
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S POSITION.

The letter which appeared in our last issue, appealing for a leader of the Exercise, has drawn, as was only to be expected, a reply from the Honorary Secretary of the Central Council, who advances reasoned arguments why nothing officially has been done to answer those who have recently been complaining in the daily Press about the ringing of bells. As he points out, local complaints are unquestionably best dealt with locally by those who know the facts, but most ringers, we think, are of opinion that, in the case of an attack of a general nature, there should be someone holding a position of authority in the Exercise to take up the cudgels from the ringers' side, otherwise ringers may be judged by default, and outsiders may very justifiably argue that we have no answer at all to meet the case against us.

The recent agitation has been, perhaps, no worse than many others which have preceded it, but it certainly was of a type that, revived from time to time, might lead to a more serious attempt to suppress bell ringing of all kinds. It is for that that we have to be prepared, and it is certainly a surprise to us to learn that this is not a part of the Council's business. We were under the impression that one of the first reasons for the existence of this central body was to band together the various associations for the protection of the Exercise. We may be wrong, for it is a long time since the purposes of the Council have been fully explained and memory is not always reliable, but our impression has always been that a strong point in the late Sir Arthur Heywood's policy in establishing the Council was that there should be a body ready to hand, representing the whole of the ringers of the country, that could act if ever the need arose. The Honorary Secretary's letter, however, seems to negative this view, and we would therefore suggest that one of the things which the Council might well do when it next meets is to give a plain, straightforward resumé of what the Exercise may really expect of it.

Whether what has just appeared in the public Press was of sufficient importance to merit reply from a leader among ringers, may be a matter of opinion, but, however serious the attack might have been, apparently nothing official could have been done to counter it. This in itself seems to us a dangerous position, for while the Exercise was waiting for the Council to move, events might so shape themselves that the future of the Exercise would be jeopardised—to put it no higher than that. The lamented death of the President has left the Central Council headless, with no one in a position temporarily to fill the gap. To avoid the risk of such a position in future, the Council

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might well make a new departure and elect a vice-president as well as a president. This, at any rate, would considerably reduce the possibility of the central authority being left without anyone as its titular head either for the conduct of its own business or to speak in the name of the Exercise if and when occasion arises.

### MR. J. W. TAYLOR'S SECOND LOSS.

The deepest sympathy of the Exercise will be extended to Mr. John W. Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, in the loss of another son in the fighting in France. Pte John W. Taylor was killed in action on the night of Friday-Saturday, Sept. 15th-16th, and was the eldest son of Mr. J. W. Taylor and the late Mrs. Annie Mary Taylor. He was born on March 26th, 1885, and was educated at Shaftesbury Grammar School and Nottingham University College, from whence he took the B.Sc. degree at London in 1904. After working with his father for some time, he went to Canada, and has been engaged in various parts of the Dominion, and also in California. He enlisted in the Canadian Contingent, and was sent to the front in June. Before going to Canada, about eight years ago, the deceased was beginning to be fairly well known among ringers. Pte J. W. Taylor's youngest brother, Second-Lieut. A. B. Taylor, was killed on July 11th last, and two other brothers are now at the front, while Miss Taylor is nursing at a hospital in France.

### DEVIZES RINGER KILLED.

On Friday evening, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, muffled ringing took place at the Church of St. James-the-Great, Southbroom, Devizes, in memory of Lance-Corporal Leonard Hunt, formerly of Devizes, who fell in action whilst serving his King and country in July last. He had been for some years a chorister and bell ringer at Southbroom Church, and his death is much deplored by those who knew him well, as he was steady and attentive to his duties, regular and punctual in his attendance in the tower. The muffled ringing was done by: H. Brownlee West 1, Alexander T. Weeks (aged 11) 2, Comer T. Mead 3, Thomas Weeks 4, Sidney Hillier 5.

### HIGH WYCOMBE'S LOSS.

The death in action of Lieut. A. J. Bliss, of High Wycombe, has a pathetic interest to members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Although not a ringer, Lieut. Bliss, who was a devout Churchman, was keenly interested in the belfry, and, in conjunction with his brother, generously presented a tablet to record the peal of Stedman Cinques in March, 1914. This tablet is to be unveiled in the belfry on Sunday week at 3 p.m., by, it is hoped, the Bishop of Buckingham, and members of the Guild are invited to be present.

Lieut. Bliss, who was serving in the 7th Batt. Leinster Regiment, was killed on Sept. 9th, when attached to the Royal Irish Regiment. The ringers of High Wycombe rang the bells half-muffled at their weekly practice on Sept. 18th, and at a special meeting passed a resolution of sympathy with the family of the deceased officer.

### MIDDLESEX RINGERS IN YORKS.

Ringers of the Middlesex Association have met at Richmond, Yorks, where they are stationed with their regiments. On Sunday week they rang, with local men, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: Pte E. W. Marshall (Barnet) 1, S. Thorpe 2, J. T. Frenchum 3, R. Todd 4, Pte M. F. R. Hibbert (Bushey) 5, Pte J. A. Trollope, Ealing (conductor) 6, J. Watkins 7, Pte — D. L. I. (Staines) 8. The ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are serving in the Yorkshire Regiment.

### LATE NOTICES.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**—Canterbury District.—Next meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Littlebourne and Bekesbourne Towers available for ringing. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at Littlebourne. Those requiring tea should send me their names by Wednesday, Oct. 11th, to 38, Marine Parade, Hythe.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Dist. Sec., Charlton Lodge, Elham, near Canterbury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, October 21st. Service will be held in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All intending to be present please oblige by letting me know on or before the Wednesday previous. The bells (6) will be available.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**WANTED: A LEADER.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Under the above heading your correspondent "H. W. F." points out, truly enough, that we are at present without a leader who can reply with authority to criticisms against the Exercise. But almost in the same breath he speaks of our (at present) "acknowledged leader," and calls upon "our chief" to take up the reins. Whom does he mean? Our respected secretary, the chief servant of the Central Council and recorder of its resolutions, is the last man to arrogate to himself the functions of a President. And if the Exercise cannot patiently abide the unfortunate, but now unavoidable, delay in selecting a new President without falling (as "H. W. F." seems to fear) into anarchy, it will deserve such a collapse. Surely all can hold together and make the best of things as they are, without crying over spilt milk, or picking up casual stones to fling at the Council—a fascinating, but not very profitable amusement.

The Exercise, we are told, "lacks organisation." That is what the Central Council exists to supply; and the various local Associations might usefully consider what they can do to remedy this defect by a more encouraging attitude towards the central body under its new President, whoever he may be.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, Sept. 30th. T. L. PAPILLON.

**THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT.**

Sir,—Being the unfortunate individual who will have to take the chair for a few minutes at the opening of the next meeting of the Central Council, I think that I may be expected to say a word or two in response to the letter in your issue of this week from "H. W. F." Complaints against ringing appear from time to time in the local Press of almost every part of the country, and it is far better, should the complaints be genuine and really in need of reply, that such reply should be made by the local ringing authority, or by the Diocesan or County organisation. Those latter know the full circumstances of the particular case, and are, therefore, far more likely to deal with it satisfactorily. Even when the complaints arise in the London area the same principle holds good. So far as concerns the Central Council, it would be physically impossible for either its President or Hon. Secretary to fight all the battles against local grumblers throughout the length and breadth of the land, even if such a duty had been formally committed to them, which certainly has not been done. As regards the instances brought forward in the "Daily Mail," a paper which I scarcely ever read, I should have regarded myself as interfering unwarrantably in the affairs of the Surrey Association and of the Winchester Diocesan Guild had I, in my capacity of hon. secretary of the Central Council, written to the public Press regarding the ringing at Balham or Guildford.

Though we honour the President of the Central Council as such, and look up to him as a person of influence and importance, we do not (nor have we the power to) invest him with any authority beyond that of chairman of the Council. To attempt to do so would be a grievous mistake. The Central Council is a body in which ringers take counsel together, and advise each other. The Council's President is the Council's leader, and as such, should always command the respectful attention of members of the ringing brotherhood, but to the world outside this may mean little or nothing.—Yours, etc.

Fretherne, Glos. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

**CENTRALISATION A PRESSING NEED**

Sir,—I am afraid, as you added a footnote to my letter last week, that I did not make myself clear. I was aware that there is at present no President of the Central Council, but I wrote with the presumption that there is a councillor who will, ex-officio, take the chair at the next meeting until the election of a new President. If my presumption is correct, then I think we should regard that gentleman as the acting President; if not, I should imagine that the senior remaining officer of the Council is at present our leader. At any rate, I fear that the need of centralisation is too pressing to wait until the next meeting of the Council.—Yours truly,

**THE CURFEW.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—With the return of normal Greenwich time the ringing of the curfew in many towers at 8 or 9 p.m. will be prohibited by the military regulations. Permit me through your columns to put forward a suggestion which has been made in this Diocese, that instead of discontinuing the custom of eight centuries and more, the curfew be rung ten minutes before the local time for shading lights in accordance with military regulations, or, where silence is enforced after sunset, ten minutes before sunset each evening. The curfew bell will by this means be restored to its original use.—Yours truly,

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

One of the saddest annual meetings held by the Lancashire Association took place last Saturday, when Chorley was visited, for, only a few days before, the respected Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Fletcher) had passed to his rest. As the funeral was arranged for Saturday, the ringing was, naturally, curtailed, but the rest of the Association's agenda was not interfered with. Those who were early noticed among the clergy present at the funeral service the Bishop of Whalley, Bishop Wheldon (Dean of Manchester), and others, as well as representatives of the County Council and various societies of which Archdeacon Fletcher was a member.

The ringers divided themselves among the towers where permission had been given for ringing until 4 p.m., when most of them got back to Chorley Parish Church for service. Some who could not get on the 'buses, either had to walk or wait an hour, which left them late at tea. The President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) intoned the prayers, and the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, M.A., preached the sermon. The lesson was taken from 1 Cor. xv, 51, and the text from the 81st Psalm, 1st verse. The preacher mentioned that it was 40 years since the Association held its first meeting at Chorley, and remarked how it had grown since that time. He recalled the commencement of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which he remembered, as he was then living in the county. They met that day under a cloud; they met in a church which had lost its head, one who had been laid to rest at Tarlton that afternoon, a noted educationalist, and a much respected man. The preacher made a special appeal to ringers to assist in the forthcoming National Mission, and reminded them of the text, "Make a joyful noise," and to apply the lessons it taught to themselves. He mentioned a small bell which was removed from Manchester Old Church, or as they knew it to-day, the Cathedral, to Clayton Old Hall on the outskirts of the city, which bore a motto, "I am hoping and waiting for better things." He advised them to do their best, and hope and wait for better things.—The hymns sung during the service were "O God our Help," "Let Saints on Earth," and "The Church's one Foundation."

**THE BUSINESS MEETING.**

Tea followed immediately after the service, at the Institute, kindly lent for the occasion with the full use of all the rooms and bowling green, and, afterwards, in the same room the business meeting was held. The Archdeacon having another appointment, the Rev. H. J. Elsee thanked him for coming amongst them to preach, and welcomed him as the President of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild to the Lancashire Association, on the fusion of the two societies into one.

The President, in his address, offered the Association's sympathy to the family of the late Rector, and the motion was passed in silence. It was acknowledged by the Curate-in-Charge, who also referred to the fact that the late Sir Arthur Heywood was with them twelve months ago, while since that time they had lost 18 other members. He congratulated the ladies upon filling up the gaps in the various towers.

Mr. Banks presented the committee's report, which stated that they had a membership of 1,400, of which 1,164 were ringers living in the county. They had added 65 new members during the year, among whom were 14 ladies. It was difficult to state how many members they had serving with the colours, but about 150 names had been sent in, and others were coming with each letter. The income for the year was only £31 14s. 5d.—one branch had not sent a return—and the expenses amounted to £39, the chief items being the printing of reports. The peals recorded were 24, 14 have been rung muffled for local soldiers. Lord Kitchener, Archdeacon Maddon (Southport), the Vicar of Eccles, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and others for local ringers in their respective districts. The report closed with a record of thanks to the various branch secretaries, who had the greater amount of the work of the Association to do.

As there was only one name submitted for each of the several offices vacant, the officers were re-elected with applause, and thanked for their past work.

Mr. Marsden, one of the original members who was at the meeting 40 years ago, was on the platform, and gave those present some interesting anecdotes of that meeting, which were listened to with rapt attention.

The choice of next year's meeting was between Oldham and Blackburn, and, on being put to the vote, the last-named place was selected, and, as one said after, it served Oldham right for not sending enough to win it.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the various clergy for the use of the bells, the organist, the committee of the Institute, the ladies, and, last, but not least, Mr. T. Lofthouse, for the way he worked to make everyone comfortable and happy in the sad circumstances under which the meeting was held.

**HELPING HAND FUND.**

A further sum of 5s. 6d. from the Flixton ringers has been received by Mr. W. Wolstencroft, Ashton-under-Lyne, towards J. Potter's "Helping Hand" Fund, making a total of £3 8s. 9d. The name of J. Watson given last week should have been J. Wilson.



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## THE WARGRAVE OPENING.

THE TRUTH IS OUT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A few words from one who knows may not be out of place concerning the opening of the new peal at Wargrave. I took my orders from the Rev. S. M. Winter in person, and in the church, and in sending the account of the bells, etc., to "The Ringing World," I asked the editor kindly to state plainly that visiting ringers would not be allowed to ring, as I knew several friends were coming, and I wished to save them losing time and money for nothing.

My orders were that the opening "peal" was to consist of just one whole pull and stand, and the ringing after the service not to last longer than a quarter of an hour, lest the noise of the bells should interfere with the playing of a string band on the Vicarage lawn, about 200 yards away. The Vicar told me as plainly as possible, and repeatedly, that only local ringers were to ring, unless it was absolutely impossible to get a sufficient number of local men present, and that bad ringing by local men would be preferable on this occasion to good striking by outsiders. These were my orders, and, although I did not like them, I faithfully carried them out. I tried all I could to get leave for an afternoon's ringing, but it was quite useless. All rules drawn up by Mr. Winter are as inexorable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and show neither fear nor favour, nor regard for old-established customs. Of course, the Vicar was perfectly right in giving such orders, as an incumbent has full power to decide whether and when the bells in his charge shall be rung or not.

I should like to know what "Sonning Deaneryite," in spite of his bombast, would, or could, have done had he been in my place. I heard nothing about expressions of approval from neighbouring ringers. Perhaps the incumbents of surrounding parishes may have sent congratulations on the re-opening of the church. Neither do I know anything about the Guild being invited. I am perfectly certain there was no official or special representative of the Guild present in the tower while ringing was going on.

With regard to the protest, a meeting of the ringers was convened on Sept. 6th, at which I was hauled over the coals for a bit of unpleasantness in the belfry, and after a short discussion I resigned my office. When I entered the room I saw a sheet of manuscript lying in front of the Vicar, and after another foreman had been elected, this was read out, and after a short discussion the foreman was asked to propose, and someone else to second, that it be sent to "The Ringing World." Owing to my hearing being defective, I knew nothing of what it was till I saw it in print, and certainly had no part in it in any way. I have no wish to make myself unpopular in other towers, which is my only chance of ringing now. I have been foreman at Wargrave 26 years, having been 36 years a ringer, and was four years organ blower and choir-boy previously. After 40 years as a church worker, I was allowed to resign without a single word of regret for the step I was taking, or of appreciation for past services. I am told the new foreman has to keep a record of ringers' attendances at divine service and Holy Communion. Is this usual elsewhere?—Yours truly,

WILLIAM J. FULLER,

Late Foreman at Wargrave.

## LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### PRESENTATIONS AT PENTRE.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Pentre, Rhondda Valley, on Saturday last, members attending from Aberavon, Bridgend, Cardiff, Llandaff, Caerphilly, Newport and Pontypridd. The bells were available for ringing all the afternoon, and prior to the business meeting Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the Vicar (Canon Lewis), the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. Carson, who, on behalf of the Vicar, welcomed most cordially the Association to Pentre. He explained that the absence of the Master (Mr. W. Biss) was also through illness.—The new members elected included the Rev. C. Carson.

The Hon. Secretary then mentioned that one of the members, Mr. Peppin, of Caldecot, was unfortunately a prisoner of war in Germany, and suggested that a collection be made amongst the members present; the result was that a very useful sum was received, which will be sent to him in kind, through his parents.

The next meeting (the annual) will be held at Cardiff on Boxing Day.

This concluded the formal business, and a very interesting function then took place, two of the local ringers, Mr. Tom Page and Mr. Harry Crabbe being each presented by their tower band with a large, beautifully framed photograph of the Pentre ringers.—The Rev. C. Carson, in making the presentation, congratulated each of the recipients upon taking to himself a wife, and complimented the Pentre band upon their continued perseverance and unity.

An invitation was then given to go to the Vicarage for tea, where an excellent spread had been very kindly provided by Canon Lewis. At the conclusion of the meal, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his hospitality, and to the ladies for so kindly looking after the members. The tower was afterwards visited, and the bells rung, followed by a social hour with the local ringers. The meeting was a most pleasant one.

## RINGER HEROES DECORATED.

Among the decorations won by ringers for conspicuous gallantry on the field are, as recorded in our issue of Sept. 22nd, the D.C.M. gained by Sergt. G. H. Head, of Wolverley, and the Military Medal awarded to Pte R. Green, of Allesley, Coventry.

The particular incident for which Sergt. Head gained his distinction has been described by his Lieut.-Colonel as follows: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Platoon Commander at

choir since he was a boy of seven. He has been a member of the Territorials since he was 17 years of age, and was, of course, mobilised with them on the outbreak of war, and has been in France for some time. Congratulations upon his distinction have been sent to him by his fellow ringers. It is interesting to note that Sergt. Head's wife is a Red Cross nurse.

Pte R. Green, who won the D.C.M., and who learnt his ringing at



SERG. G. H. HEAD OF WOLVERLEY.



PTE. R. GREEN OF ALLESLEY.

Ovillers-la-Boisselle on the night of 18th and 19th. July. He led his platoon most gallantly into the German trench, and when, for reasons beyond his control, a retirement was ordered, he brought in his platoon in a steady manner, and subsequently went out again and assisted some wounded men to rejoin the company."

Sergt. Head has been a ringer at Wolverley, and a member of the Worcestershire Association for several years. Although he has only rung one peal, he was, until the war broke out, a regular attendant at Sunday service ringing. He has also been a member of the village

Allesley, and rang several peals of Doubles and Minor, had been in Canada a few months when war broke out. He immediately joined the Dominion Forces, and came over with the second Canadian Contingent. Although only just 21 years' old, he has been in France twelve months. The act which gained the Military Medal was a particularly plucky one. He succeeded in establishing and maintaining a telephone post under the German barbed wire, and also showed conspicuous bravery in carrying a wounded man back to his own trenches under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

### BEDFORDSHIRE'S NEW PEAL OF SIX.

The dedication of a restored tower and new ring of six bells marks the completion of an extensive scheme of restoration, costing over £3,000, which has been carried out at the noble Parish Church of Eaton Bray, near Dunstable. Originally the church contained a peal of five bells, with a tenor 14 cwt. in F. Two of them were dated 1650, but the bells had been unringable for years. Now the two heaviest have been recast into three light bells, making a very handy and musical ring of six in A flat, with a 9½ cwt. tenor. The work has been carried out very efficiently by Messrs. Bond, of Burford, Oxon. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of St. Albans, and prior to the service a band from the Priory Church, Dunstable, rang a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor, and a course of Kent Treble Bob: E. Franklin, junr., 1, E. Franklin, senr., 2, A. King (Luton) 3, G. Helev 4, Canon W. W. C. Baker (conductor) 5, A. E. Sharman 6. After service 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung, and the bells lowered in peal. The "go" and tone of the bells were much admired.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, held at Coseley on Saturday week, was moderately attended, between 30 and 40 members and friends assembling. Favoured with nice weather, the meeting was a successful and happy one. At the service held in church (at which the Society's Form was used), the Rev. J. L. Lamplugh, B.A., delivered an inspiring address, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A.), who is deputed as a messenger in connection with the Mission of Repentance and Hope.

A bountiful tea was served in the schoolroom by Mr. A. Law and friends, to which full justice was done. At the subsequent meeting four new members were elected, viz., one honorary, one life and two performing members.—The next meeting was arranged to take place on January 13th, at Rushall.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the

use of the bells; to the Rev. J. L. Lamplugh for his address; and to the ladies who waited at the tea tables, was carried with acclamation.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, when various methods were rung, including a course of Cambridge Surprise. Not the least notable performance was that of a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by Miss Edith K. Parker, who was on a visit to the Midlands, as previous records testify.

### WEDDING BELLS.

#### PRESENTATION TO WELL-KNOWN GUILDFORD RINGER.

The ringing chamber at Holy Trinity, Guildford, was the scene of a very interesting little ceremony on Tuesday evening of last week, when the Rector (Rev. E. C. Kirwan, M.A.) attended for the purpose of presenting, on behalf of the Holy Trinity Society, a silver-plated teapot to Mr. Maurice Smither on the occasion of his approaching marriage. The teapot, which is of handsome design, was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, and had been engraved at the Rector's expense, with the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. M. Smither on the occasion of his marriage, Sept. 28th, 1916, by the Holy Trinity Society of Change Ringers, Guildford."

The Hon. Secretary, in introducing the object of the meeting, pointed out that those present were really taking part in a ceremony of more than local importance, in view of the fact that the name of Maurice Smither, in association with that of Alfred Pulling, would be familiar to a very large number of ringers outside Guildford.—The Rector, with a few well-chosen remarks, handed the teapot to Mr. Smither, who expressed his surprise at receiving such a gift, and his thanks to the society for an article which combines both beauty and utility.

Owing to the restrictions under the Defence of the Realm Act it was impossible to ring the church bells, but a capital touch was rung upon handbells by: S. Radford 1—2, M. Smither 3—4, C. Hazelden (conductor) 5—6, Mrs. Hazelden 7—8.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 19th for handbell practice, and on the 10th and 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Sawston (1½ miles from Whittlesford Station, G.E.R.) on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (eight) available from one o'clock. — A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. A special service will be held in the Church at 6 o'clock. Tea provided by the Association at 6.30. A general meeting will be held after tea for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers will be held at Great Bentley on October 7th. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions for 1916.—B. Redgwell, Hon. District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at Whitworth Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, 132, Morton Street, Middleton, Lancs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 7th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea, provided by the Rector, at 5.45. Business meeting after. — Stephen Hazleden, Lower Street, East Farleigh, Hon. Secretary.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, 7th October, commencing at 3.30 p.m., until dusk. A business meeting will follow at the Earl Derby, King Edward Road. A hearty invitation is hereby extended to all ringers.—T. Walker, hon. sec

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 14th next. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea provided by the Vicar in the Jubilee Room for those only who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Oct. 14th. By kind permission of the Rector, bells available at 2.30. Service at 6 o'clock; ringers' own form of service will be used. Tea and business at the Institute after; tea, 3d. to members, 1s. to visitors. Members requiring tea let me know not later than Tuesday, Oct. 10th.—E. J. Harding, District Secretary, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church (Kirk) on Saturday, October 14th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided for visitors (who notify their intention of being present to Mr. L. J. Williams, 10, Canal Street, Church, on or before October 7th) at the invitation of the Rector.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1916, at Wellington, Salop. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Belfry Prayer at 4 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting and ringing after. Please reply by Oct. 9th.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting on October 14th at Shoreditch. Tower open 2.30. Tea to those who notify me by October 10th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3.30. Tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea, and it is essential that all who intend being present should notify me not later than Tuesday, October 17th. — T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Combined practices will be held at Cranleigh (8 bells) on the first Saturdays in October, November, and December; at Bramley (6 bells) on October 21st; at Godalming (8 bells) on November 18th; at Wonerish (6 bells) on December 16th. Bells available from 3 till dusk.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

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## RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

**WEST EALING.**—The bells of St. Stephen's Church will be open to members of the Middlesex County Association and friends for a united practice on Saturday, October 7th, from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

**ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.**—Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome.—F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.**—Owing to the restrictions imposed by the Defence of the Realm Regulations there will be no ringing on Sunday evenings until further notice. Sunday morning ringing will remain as hitherto.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNEY.**—The tower will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays until further notice. Ringers welcome.



**BIRTH.**

**PORTER.**—On the 25th September, at 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, the wife of Lawrence B. Porter, of a daughter.

**DEATHS.**

**LAWRENCE.**—On September 11th, killed in action in France, Stedman William (Sergeant 8th Middlesex Regt.), the eldest son of William and Alice Lawrence, of "Auburn," Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, aged 26.

**TAYLOR.**—Killed in action, about midnight, September 15th-16th, Pte. John Wm. Taylor, of the Canadian Contingent, B.Sc. London, eldest son of Mr. J. W. Taylor, bell founder, Loughborough, and the late Annie Mary Taylor, aged 31 years.

**WHITBREAD.**—St. Albans, on September 18th, 1916, Charlotte, the beloved wife of Edward Whitbread, aged 46.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Chesterfield on Saturday week, and, considering that there were no excursions, was very well attended, representatives being noticed from Burton-on-Trent, Bolsover, Cotgrave, Darley Dale, Derby, Duffield, Ilkeston, Loughborough, Mansfield, Sheffield and Staveley, in addition to the local ringers. The bells were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in a variety of methods. The Association handbells, in their new box, were in the belfry, and were left in charge of Mr. A. Knights until the next meeting.

The general business meeting was held in the Vestry of the Parish Church, the President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) taking the chair, supported by the Ven. Archdeacon E. F. Crosse, and upwards of 30 other members.—Two new members were elected.

The "Roll of Honour" was handed round for inspection, the Hon. Secretary asking that names of members who have joined H.M. Forces, and whose names were not already on the roll, should be sent in to him, care being taken to give correct particulars of rank and regiment, so that the roll may be full and complete.

The President said the question of a memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood had been discussed in committee, and it had been thought advisable to postpone the matter until the next meeting.

The attention of the meeting was also drawn to the unsatisfactory state of the finances of the Association and the difficulty of getting in the subscriptions, the President asking those present to carefully consider the question with a view to some action being taken at the next annual meeting, to improve this matter.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. E. White) moved a vote of condolence with the President, whose eldest son had recently been killed in the war, and thanked him for coming to the meeting, the sad news having reached him only two or three days before.—The vote was accorded by the members rising in their places.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and vestry, and for his presence at the meeting, was passed, on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. P. Tarlton. — The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the Association to Chesterfield, and he hoped the members of the Association would always think of Chesterfield as a place where they would be made at home in the belfry so long as he was the Vicar.

**HELD OVER.**

We are unavoidably compelled to hold over the reports of two or three meetings and some letters to the Editor. These will appear next week.

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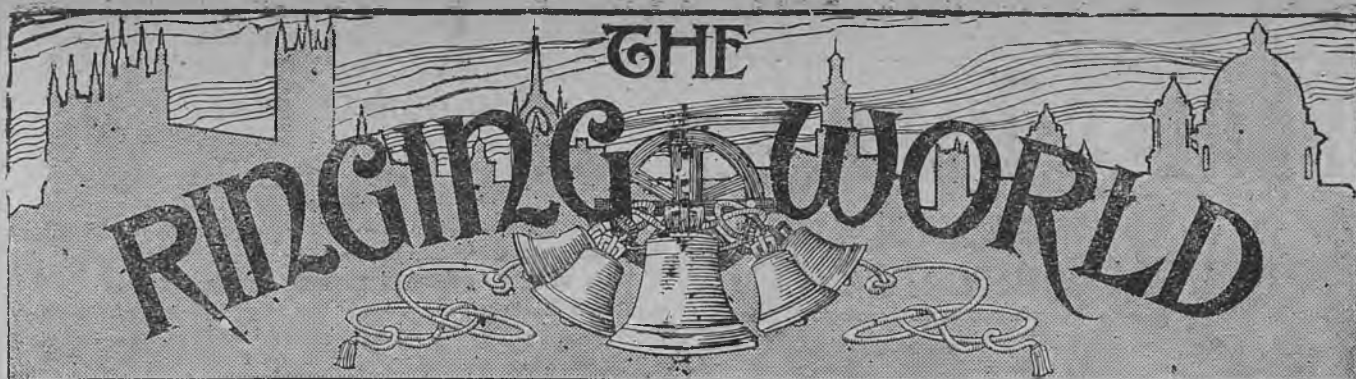
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## A PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The report of the recent meeting of the Midland Counties Association, which we published last week, contained a reference to the proposed memorial to the late Sir Arthur Heywood. The subject had been before the Association's Committee, but apparently consideration had not been carried far enough to enable anything like a definite scheme to be placed before the members, and the matter was therefore postponed until the next meeting. It was a wise proceeding to make known the fact that such a proposal is on foot before any formal scheme is launched, so that the matter may be more widely considered. It was only to be expected that the Midland Counties Association should be anxious to initiate the movement for perpetuating the memory of Sir Arthur, because the late baronet was so intimately connected with that organisation. He was its president and for many years he watched its progress with parental interest. He took a special pride in the Midland Counties Association, and in his more active ringing days helped substantially in building up its history. What more natural, therefore, than that the Association should seek to prepare a memorial scheme?

The honouring of Sir Arthur Heywood's memory, however, seems to us to be a question which rings throughout the Exercise would desire to see take on a wider scope than that of a purely Association one, for Sir Arthur's connection with ringing, through his presidency of the Central Council for a quarter of a century, was, as it were, national, and he was brought into direct official relationship with ringing organisations throughout the country. Doubtless this aspect of the question has not escaped the consideration of the Midland Counties Committee and when their scheme is formulated we imagine it will be such that it can be expanded to meet any desire there may be on the part of other associations to participate in honouring the memory of one who rendered so much service to the Exercise. The Committee have, no doubt, also considered the fact that the Central Council may wish to be officially associated with a memorial to their late president. Apart from what private individuals may desire to do this seems, indeed, obvious. At the same time, unless there are some specially strong reasons to the contrary, it would be unwise to have more than one scheme promoted. But all this, as we have said, the Midland Counties Committee will be certain to take into consideration, even if they have not already done so, and while they may be ready in a month or two with their own proposals, it is hardly likely that any general scheme, appealing to the Exercise at large, can be launched until after the Central Council have met next Whitsuntide.

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## HANDBELL PEAL.

**LONDON.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, September 29, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;**

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ...	1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	5—6
GEORGE R. PYE ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT ...	7—8
CHARLES T. COLES ...	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire: ERNEST J. BUTLER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., President of the above association, on his 71st birthday, which took place on the day following the peal.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are now serving in H.M. Forces:—

Pte J. A. Trollope, of Ealing, Yorkshire Regt.  
Gnr. J. Claypole, of St. Mary's, Finedon, Royal Field Artillery.  
Gnr. Cyril Middleton, of Gooles Parish Church, Royal Field Artillery.

Pte E. G. Cooper, of Pettistree, Suffolk, 28th Middlesex Regt.  
Pte J. F. Smallwood, of Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, 13th Batt. Royal Berks Regiment, now in France.

Gnr. William Oakes, of St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancs, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Pte W. Reeves, of All Saints', Lower Marlow, Hertfordshire Regiment.

Pte C. Horne, of All Saints', Lower Marlow, Devonshire Regt.  
From St. Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth, Yorks:—

Gunner Albert Lamprey, R.F.A., now at Salonica.

Trooper Willie Lindsay, Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons, now in France.

Pte Willie Waller, West Yorkshires, wounded, now in Hospital at Blyth.

Driver Walter Beetham, R.F.A.

## FARNHAM ROYAL RINGER KILLED.

Another member of the Farnham Royal belfry has been killed in action on the West Front (France). Pte H. Skuse, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, fell on the 24th August last. He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

## SEC.-LIEUT. PRYCE TAYLOR WOUNDED.

Following upon the news of the loss of a second son in France, Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, has had news that another son, Second-Lieut. Pryce Taylor, of the Leicestershire Regt., has been wounded in action. He has a gunshot wound through the left wrist, and is now in hospital at Worsley Hall, near Manchester. Mr. Taylor's daughter, who has been nursing the wounded in France, has also been invalided home with blood poisoning. Ringers throughout the land will wish them both a speedy recovery.

## GERMANS COMMANDEERING BELLS.

A recently exchanged prisoner of war, who had been interned in the Ruhleben Camp in Germany, writing in a daily paper, bears out the frequent reports which have been received, of the removal of church bells from towers in enemy and enemy occupied country for use as munitions. The writer says: "The Ruhleben Camp lies just opposite the main line that runs from Berlin to the west, and we were thus always able to see in what direction the troops were travelling. If they went west in large numbers we knew that another offensive was developing in that region; if east, we concluded that the Russians were becoming troublesome again. We saw hundreds of trains daily, truck-loads of ammunition, and cannon of various sizes. We also saw the Red Cross trains coming back from the west with their helpless burdens. The most remarkable spectacle that we ever saw was some trucks bearing immense church bells to the west, doubtless to be melted down for their copper in some foundry. The tallest of these bells appeared to be at least eight feet. By a curious coincidence, the train stopped just when the trucks with the church bells came opposite the main gate of the camp, and as the railway line is on a raised level we were all able to see and wonder. Along that same line are also regularly conveyed the trucks overflowing with the English tin-boxes that are collected in the camp, after they have been emptied of their food contents, in order to be used afterwards for ammunition purposes."

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

A very successful quarterly meeting, in connection with the Worcestershire Northern Branch, was held at Kidderminster, about 45 members being present, representing Smethwick, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Wolverley, Arley Kings, Selly Oak, Edgbaston, Clent, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Belbroughton, Brierley Hill, Old Hill, Oldswinford and Wordsley. Ringing in the tower was indulged in during the afternoon, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen). The address given by the Rev. Richards was very much appreciated.

The tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, and arranged by Miss Palmer, was thoroughly enjoyed. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar being in the chair, letters of apology were read from Mr. Harry Mason, Pte Robert Matthews and Mr. Geo. Hayward.

Old Hill was selected for the next quarterly meeting in January. Two new members were elected, and Mr. Samuel Grove was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. Joseph Pigott, who is serving with the heavy artillery in France, was re-elected representative on the Central Committee, and Mr. E. J. Dowler was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Albert Parsons, in a few well-chosen remarks, spoke of the absence of many of the members serving their King and country, and said he trusted they would all soon be back again in more peaceful occupations. In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the Rev. Richards for arranging the service and the address, and also to the ladies for their very welcome help, Mr. Parsons remarked on the attendance of ringers at service after ringing. While regretting that there was still plenty of room for improvement, he could claim that within the last ten years there had been a great improvement in that direction, and he was sure the clergy would bear him out. But many ringers did not reside as close to the church as the clergy. In most cases they had to come any distance from half a mile to three or four miles, and be at their post an hour or so before service began. He thought, therefore, it was too much to expect ringers to stay at every service, but he would suggest that ringers should stay at least at one of the services for which they rang.

The Vicar, who acknowledged the vote of thanks, said how pleased he was to have the meeting at his church once again, and at any time he would be pleased to offer them the same hospitality. With reference to the remarks of Mr. Parsons, he was of the opinion that if all ringers would attend one of the services for which they rang it would give him the greatest pleasure. He knew how very difficult it was under the present circumstances to get any ringing at many churches, but he hoped everyone would do his or her best to keep the bells going until the war was over.—A very successful gathering was then brought to a close.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Dore on Saturday week, over 40 ringers being present, representing 16 towers, viz.: Anston, Barlborough, Beighton, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Norton, North Wingfield, Rotherham, Sheffield (Cathedral and All Saints'), and Workop. Owing to a late interment, a start was not possible with ringing until 4 o'clock, after which time the inhabitants were reminded that the tower still held a very pretty peal of bells full of sweet music, which they had not heard ring for more than twelve months. Short touches of Major, Triples and Minor following each other in rapid sequence until 7.30, did not fully exhaust the appetite of the ringers, and some would still have liked another touch, but this was the time of ceasing fixed by the authorities, so a very good "fall" completed the programme, which had contained a good measure of excellent striking. Mr. Vice-President Biggin presided over a brief business meeting, when two new members were elected, and the usual routine business transacted.

**BELL FOUNDRY SHAREHOLDERS.**

The following letter has appeared in the "Birmingham Daily Post" from the well-known firm of bell founders, Charles Carr, Ltd., of the Woodlands Foundry, Smethwick:—

"Dear Sir,—We note in the 'Birmingham Post' of to-day (Oct. 7th) a paragraph respecting the assumed trading names of firms ventilated by the Wholesale Traders' Association, Birmingham, and would thank you to insert in your valuable paper, that we—Charles Carr, Ltd., the capital of which is £15,107—are constituted as follows: James J. W. Carr (managing director), Hannah Carr (director and secretary pro tem), Elizabeth M. Carr (assistant to above), Charles H. Carr (manager of factoring department), Mrs. F. Walker (Frogall, Staffs), Charles Carr's trustee (to wit J. J. W. Carr), Major S. N. Thompson, J.P. (chairman), J. W. B. Brown (accountant), who hold £12,228. The six first-mentioned are the children of the founder of this business (Charles Carr, deceased), and beyond this, we may state there are no alien shareholders for the small amounts outside the Carr family.—Yours faithfully,

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**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****"MRS. GRUNDY" OBJECTS TO LADY RINGERS.**

A very pleasant meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Everton recently, when there were upwards of thirty ringers and friends present, Workop supplying by far the largest contingent. More were expected from towers closer at hand, but in spite of their absence the meeting was fairly representative considering the fact that so many of our boys are serving their King and country. Ringing of a mixed sort was indulged in until tea-time, the ringers being then invited to the Vicarage lawn to partake of a good substantial meal, presided over by the Vicar of Everton, who was supported by Mr. W. H. Ord (churchwarden), and the two honorary secretaries, together with 25 ringers and friends of the Vicar and churchwarden. The catering for the tea had been put into the capable hands of Mrs. Ord, and it is needless to add that the visitors were well provided for.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) congratulated the ladies at the conclusion of the meal upon their splendid catering.

The Vicar, in giving a most hearty welcome to the ringers, said at the present time the bells of Everton were silent on the Sabbath in consequence of the village being depleted of young men, gone to serve their King and country. Some two years ago a new band of lady ringers came upon the scene, and did so well that they were able to ring their bells in rounds, and were anxious to go further, but old Mrs. Grundy turned up her hands in pious horror at the very idea of ladies being allowed to go into a ringing chamber where there were a lot of men, so the poor girls had to give up this useful branch of Church work which they were so anxious to accomplish. He (the Vicar) thanked the ringers for coming to Everton that day, as the sound of the bells was always acceptable, and he hoped they would soon come again.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was carried unanimously to the Vicar of Everton for the use of bells and presiding over the meeting; to Mr. W. H. Ord (churchwarden) and Mr. Stevenson for helping the ladies to provide the tea, and to all the ladies who had helped to make the gathering such a success.—Mrs. Ord suitably replied, and hoped the ringers would soon pay them another visit.

Mr. W. H. Ord was elected a Vice-President of the Association, with acclamation.

Some good ringing was done in the evening, when Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Violet Treble Bob were rung, in which three of the Everton veterans took part. At sunset the bells were ceased, and the visitors made tracks for home. The following towers were represented: Everton, Ordsall, Tuxford, Blyth and Workop.

**STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

Dear Sir,—The statement made by your contributor in his recent article on John Garthor—"that you cannot set down more than forty true courses of Stedman Triples"—requires more proof than we have at present for the following reasons:—

(1) With 5-6-7 fixed in Stedman Triples there are eight true courses—four Even and four Odd.

(2) With 6-7 fixed the extent in Even courses is fifteen only, but, in addition, there are five Odd courses that will run true with the fifteen Even courses, making twenty true courses altogether with 6-7 fixed.

(Another way of obtaining twenty true courses with 6-7 fixed is by using ten Even and ten Odd courses.)

(3) We know there are forty true Even courses with the 7th a fixed bell, and the problem that requires solving at the present time is: How many Odd courses are there true in conjunction with the forty Even courses?

Judging from analogy it is almost certain there are additional true Odd courses because in the known forty Even courses the 4th is never in 6th place, while the other bells (1-2-3-5-6) are each eight courses in 6th's.

Although I am not in a position to prove it, my belief at the present time—judging by the eight true courses with 5-6-7 fixed—is that there are at least 48 true Even and Odd courses altogether, perhaps more.—Yours faithfully,

Brighton,

GEORGE BAKER.

**TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN OFFICER.**

A memorial service for Second-Lieut. Alexander Piggott Wernher, Welsh Guards, youngest son of Lady Wernher, killed in action on Sept. 10th, was held in the private chapel at Luton Hoo, on Oct. 1st, General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien and Col. Lord Harlech, Welsh Guards, being among those present. A service was also held simultaneously at the Luton Parish Church, and attended by the Mayor and members of the Corporation. As a token of respect the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled before and after the service, the touches including: 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Shaw 1, B. Wilson 2, A. E. Sharman 3, A. King (conductor) 4, T. Kendall 5, J. Rookwood 6, Pte H. Walker (Beds Regt.) 7, H. Shaw 8; and 224 Bob Major: J. Shaw 1, A. King 2, A. E. Sharman 3, Pte H. Walker 4, J. Rookwood 5, B. Wilson 6, T. Kendall 7, Pte W. Payne (the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt.) 8.

## OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

From various sources in the last few weeks we have read quite a nice little lot of "grumbles." This is the kind of thing that rather appeals to me. When people begin to grumble I always think they are beginning to take an interest, and, besides, no one knows what excitement may develop, when someone replies to the grumbler—and these little wordy battles always entertain the lookers-on. Sometimes, of course, our anticipations of a good skirmish do not mature, but we are not always disappointed, and out of all the grumbles that we have had just lately surely one at least will keep us interested, for a week or two. It is an Englishman's privilege, they tell us, to grumble, and when you come to think about it, there isn't much we do not grumble at. Recently some outsiders—by outsiders I mean those who are not inside the ringing fold—having got tired of grumbling about the weather, and the conduct of the war, have turned their attention to bells. But what I can't understand is why people who don't like bells go and settle down close to a belfry. With all the world to choose from, there ought to be room enough for them to enjoy life out of range of bell sounds. I'm not a lawyer, but I have always understood, when it comes to a question of supposed annoyance, that it depends which came first to the neighbourhood, the annoyance or the resident. I believe I am right in saying that several years ago the question was raised in connection with a ring of bells in London. Some new-comer wanted to have the bells suppressed, but the bells had been rung in that tower for nearly 300 years, and, as the grumbler couldn't claim residence for much more than that number of days, the bells won.

## AFTER THE FIRE.

I hardly know whether it is a subject I ought to touch upon, but I think most of my readers will agree that "The Ringing World" scored in the Wargrave discussion. With the details of the arrangements made for the ceremony, no mere ringer had the right to interfere, and, although that leading article suggested a revision of the arrangements in a perfectly courteous spirit, the protest from "the ringers" badly missed fire. The Parish Magazine had given the game away. I don't know, however, that the local ringers quite deserve the wholesale condemnation heaped upon them in "A Sonning Deaneryite's" letter. Although they apparently acquiesced in the "protest," it doesn't require a lot of imagination to realise what probably happened at that meeting of the ringers with the Vicar in the chair. The protest would probably have been best left unpublished, for it has only added fuel to the fire, which was well on the way to extinction. Now there has been a fresh blaze, and while 'peace at any price' folks may say, 'Let it drop,' there are others who like to get at the bottom of these things and know who really are their friends.

## A MEAN SPIRIT.

The letter from the former foreman last week, must be a bit of a bombshell in the Wargrave camp. Happily its incendiary nature will not damage the fabric of the church, but there is another fabric which it has somewhat spoilt. It has taken the shine out of the "protest," which assured us that everyone was perfectly satisfied with the arrangements. It has always struck me as having quite a humorous touch, that statement that neighbouring ringers had expressed themselves as satisfied with their exclusion from the proceedings. If anybody had told me before that ringers were thankful to be kept away from the opening of a grand peal of bells, I shouldn't have believed them, and it came as a shock to me to hear that there were any such down Sonning Deanery way. But the statement doesn't, after all, square very well with the facts. There is one thing I must add, and that is my sympathy with the man, who, after 40 years of loyal service to the church and parish, was allowed to retire in the way that Mr. William Fuller was permitted to go. Whatever difference of opinion may have caused the resignation, the spirit which allowed such a man to lay down his office after so long an active career, without a word of thanks, is a mean one. But it seems fairly characteristic of the whole proceedings.

## THE RINGING MASTER.

A very active ringing friend of mine, now in the army, attended an Association meeting—which shall be nameless—the other day, and this is what he writes me: "Having seen a meeting advertised at — I thought I would like to add a new tower to my list, so I found my way to the place. I haven't had much experience in conducting, and thinking there might be an opportunity to call a touch, I looked one up in case I was asked. But I wasn't. There was a 'Ringing Master' who took charge of the ringing, and he not only saw that the touches were what he wanted, but also that he called them all. I was in the tower a very considerable time, and as there were a good many present we couldn't all ring in every touch, but the 'Ringing Master' did, and took good care to call them all, as well. Now, don't you think it would have been a bit more 'sporting' to have passed the compliment to others now and again?" Candidly, old pal, I do. But I have met that sort of 'Ringing Master' myself, and the

only way to get up-sides with him is to say 'go' before he does. Never mind about upsetting him, you can settle that afterwards, although he probably wouldn't admit his selfishness by saying anything to you about it. I have heard a yarn about a well-known old London ringer who used to monopolise the calling when he was in a belfry. But one day he apparently opened his heart and asked someone else to call. When the ringing was finished, however, he seemed very dissatisfied with something, and got quite 'huffy.' Presently one of his cronies asked him what was the matter. 'Matter!' replied he in an aggrieved tone, 'matter, indeed. Why I asked — to call a touch and he did.' But there are lots of such men about—and they are not always the best, either."

## CONGRATULATIONS.

If it is not too late I really must extend my congratulations, and I am going to couple everybody else's to them, to our old friend Frank Bennett, and his good wife, upon their silver wedding. Five and twenty years is a goodish spell, not so long to look back upon as to look forward to, perhaps, but I hope I may be here to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bennett when they reach the golden celebration. A good many men give up peal ringing when they get married, but Frank Bennett didn't really begin until he joined the benedicts, and he will be the first to own that a good deal of his success has been due to the encouragement received from his better half. If he only rings as many peals in the next 25 years as he has rung in the last quarter of a century he will have a decent tally when the golden wedding arrives. I never knew a keener man for peals than he, and when he was in London he "bucked things up considerable" among some of the ringers. He did some capital work, too, as secretary of the Cumberlands, a post which he took over when things were not going too well with the Royal Society. They got hold of a ringer of real ability when Frank Bennett came among them, and it was a sad loss for them when he returned to Brighton. Gentlemen, fill up your glasses and drink to the health of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett!

## FOOT THE BILL.

Can't we ringers somehow or other manage to finish off this job at King's Cliffe pretty soon? I know it's war-time, and all that kind of thing, but that £38 that the Rector wants to recast his tenor bell seems to need a deal of getting together. There must be plenty of ringers who are not only 'doing their bit' at home, but 'making their bit' also, and these might 'spare their bit' for this very worthy cause. They are ready to give, I know, if only the collector goes round with the hat. I should like to be the collector, only I'm afraid it would take rather too long. But the Rev. H. A. Orlebar has a hat at King's Cliffe into which the pence, the shillings and the pounds can be dropped if only you will send them to him. That tenor has got to be recast in time to ring in the 'peace' that is now approaching. 'Settling day' with the Huns is coming, and it will be somewhat of a reproach if we ringers haven't managed to foot that little bell of £38 for King's Cliffe, who quite a little while ago raised unaided nearly £200 for the bells, so that the peal at that church can join in celebrating the victory of the Allies.

## THE BELLS OF FRANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see in the "Ringing World" of Sept. 22nd, under the heading "In Bucks and Berks," that several men had been to — (West Front) and had rung the bells, a peal of eight. I have been at — for the last sixteen months, and did not know a peal of eight existed. Perhaps your correspondent will see my letter and let me know. I believe there are five bells at the Cathedral, if they can be called bells. The tenor I should think would go about 70 cwt.; they are out of tune with each other and themselves. At the ruined Church, St. Bertin, there is one bell (there were more originally). This bell I should think would go about 35 to 37 cwt., and is a beauty, and is one of the longest bells I have come across, and a fine casting. If any of my ringing friends are passing this way will they please look me up?

J. H. B. HESSE, Captain, A.S.C.

358 Co., 3rd Repair Shops, B.E.F., France.

## A WEST EALING PRACTICE MEETING.

Fourteen ringers were present at the united practice held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday afternoon last. No great things were attempted, but many touches were rung to suit everyone. Three ladies were present, and they rang together in Grand-sire Triples—the Misses E. M. and D. Filleul, and Miss E. Jones. The District Master of the Middlesex Association (Mr. T. Beadle) and Messrs. G. M. Kilby (Willesden), A. Diserens (Sunbury), Pte C. Raison (Trowbridge, Wilts), J. Fruin (Acton), and G. Harbour were also present. A good finish to a useful practice was a 336 Bob Major, by: C. Edwards 1, Miss Edith Jones 2, A. W. Davis 3, R. Holloway 4, T. Beadle 5, G. M. Kilby 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, E. Newell 8. The Misses Filleul learnt change ringing at St. John's, Devises (where their father was then Vicar), under the tutorship of Mr. S. Hillier.



**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering District was held at Stoko Albany, when members of the Association were present from Northampton, Kettering, Rothwell, Isham, Desborough, and the local tower. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. Copeman), Vice-President of the District, who, in his address, spoke of his experiences in his early days of ringing, and said how glad he was to see a vast improvement in ringers and ringing generally.

Tea was served in the Schools, and at the meeting which followed the Vice-President presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. R. F. Turner). The committee suggested that Burton Labimer be chosen for the next meeting, and this was confirmed.—The District Secretary reported that they had lost another member, who had been killed in action, viz., Pioneer Sergt. A. Plant, 5th Northants.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Copeman and Mrs. Copeman for providing the tea and to the local ringers for their welcome, brought a most successful meeting to a close.

During the day touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung, and some of the ringers also paid a visit to Wilbarston, where Grandsire Doubles were rung.

**NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Harlestone on Saturday week, the following towers being represented: St. Edmund's, St. Peter's, St. Giles' and All Saints', Northampton; Kingsthorpe, Weston Favell, Duston, Great Brington, and the local ringers. A short service was held, the Rev. R. Pattinson (Rector) giving a most inspiring address, in the course of which he said that during his service at the front as chaplain to the forces, he was convinced that our soldiers were realising God's supreme command, and were trying to live a more godly life, and he hoped all would try and help them to keep their faith when they returned.

Tea was provided at the Rectory, 20 members responding to the Rector's invitation. After doing full justice to the splendid repast the business meeting was held, Mr. J. Slarke presiding.—It was unanimously decided to make a 6d. collection in aid of the Red Cross funds, for which special efforts are being made throughout the county during the next week. The sum of 11s. 6d. was collected.

One new member was elected, and Ecton was chosen for the next meeting.—On the suggestion of one of the members it was decided to ask the authorities at the military hospitals in the district for permission to put on their notice boards an invitation to ringers to correspond with Mr. F. Wilford, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton, who will make arrangements with local ringers to visit our heroes who so nobly changed their ropes for rifles.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. and Mrs. Pattinson for giving such a splendid tea, and to the local ringers for having the bells ready.—The Rector, in reply, said how very pleased he was to welcome the visitors, and hoped they would soon come again under happier circumstances.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor; Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A meeting of the Wirral Branch was held at Upton, a village situated near Birkenhead, on Saturday week, ringers being present from Bidston, Birkenhead, Heswall, Liscard, Oxtun, Lower Bebington, Wallasey, Woodchurch, and the local company. This was the first meeting of the branch at Upton, where the tower contains a ring of five bells, tenor 9½ cwt. The Vicar (Canon Bellamy) held a service for the ringers in the church, and gave an appropriate address, and the choir and organist also gave their services. Afterwards tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the business meeting followed, Canon Bellamy taking the chair. He was very pleased, he said, to welcome the Guild to Upton, and hoped they would come again at some future time. He was very pleased to see present ladies, who were learning bell ringing, and so filling the places of the men who had been called to the colours. He was going to learn himself. This statement was received with loud applause.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, and the ladies who assisted at the tea tables for their generosity and for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers.

Ringling was kept up until 8.15 p.m., the methods rung being Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

**SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.**

In honour of the 73rd birthday of Mr. H. Porter, who has been a ringer at the Church of St. George, Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset, for 60 years, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung last Saturday, in 42 mins., by: H. Sealy 1, J. Gould 2, G. Bennett 3, Pte S. Quinton (Oxford Guild) 4, J. Caple 5, H. Porter 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: H. Sealy 1, T. Atherton 2, G. Bennett 3, Pte S. Quinton 4, J. Gould 5, J. Caple 6. Both touches were conducted by J. Caple.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****BIG MEETING AT DEWSBURY.**

A most successful meeting of the Western District was held at Dewsbury (by invitation) on Saturday week, when over 100 members and friends attended, representing 27 towers. During the afternoon and evening the bells at Dewsbury, Batley and Batley Carr were well utilised, Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major, and several Minor methods being rung, as well as numerous touches on handbells. A committee meeting was held during the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. the visitors sat down to tea in the Schools.

The business meeting followed in the Moot Hall (an ancient building, recently restored, situated in a corner of the churchyard). Mr. G. B. Bolland presided, supported by the Rev. C. O. Marshall (President of the Association), Mr. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Cotterell (treasurer), etc.—Thirteen new members were elected, including three of the local company.

Owing to no invitations being forthcoming for the December meeting, it was left in the hands of the committee to select a place.—The Rev. C. C. Marshall explained to the members that the Ilkley meeting was postponed owing to the difficulty of getting the brass for the tablet for the late Mr. W. Snowdon's memorial, and the sub-committee thought it best not to hurry matters, but to wait a time for the completion of the tablet.

A hearty vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, and Moot Hall, also to the local ringers and ladies who helped at the tea, was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and carried unanimously.—Mr. E. A. Parker, Master of the local company, in replying, said they were very pleased to welcome the Association to Dewsbury. They were a set of young ringers, and they had improved considerably since joining the Association, and were very much indebted to the Earlsheaton company, who had helped them a great deal with their practices. He hoped, before long, that they would have another visit from the Association, and they would do all they could to make them again welcome.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

The Committee thank, through the medium of "The Ringing World," the Vicars and local ringers at Batley and Batley Carr for the use of their bells and having everything in readiness for them.

**VISIT TO WOLVERLEY.**

After the recent Worcestershire Northern Branch meeting at Kidderminster, at the invitation of Mr. T. J. Salter, of the Queen's Head Hotel, Wolverley, a few ringers accepted the invitation to stay with him for the week-end. They were welcomed by Mrs. Salter, who soon proved a real ringers' friend, and after the needs of the inner-man had been supplied, a pleasant hour was spent with the handbells, which Host Salter had got for the use of the ringers. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. After breakfast next morning, a move was made for St. Mary's, Kidderminster—a three mile walk—where a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples had been arranged for morning service. This is one of the churches where, owing to the war, it had been impossible to get a band for ringing without outside help. The bells on this occasion were going at 10 a.m., and a quarter-peal was successfully brought round by the following: J. Dowler 1, G. Davies 2, N. Davies 3, G. F. Swann (conductor) 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Eaton 6, S. Grove 7, J. Woodbury 8. The return journey was pleasantly accomplished, and dinner was then served up in fine style by Hostess Salter, whose efforts, needless to say, were very much appreciated. A walk round the village and the Seabright Institute, which was built in the 16th century, was enjoyed, followed by several touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells. After tea a visit was paid to Wolverley Church, where, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was brought round by J. Dowler 1, C. F. Woodbury 2, G. F. Swann 3, J. Eaton 4, T. J. Salter 5, S. Grove (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: F. Shaw 1, J. Dowler 2, T. J. Salter (conductor) 3, J. Eaton 4, G. F. Swan 5, S. Grove 6. The visit to Wolverley was much enjoyed by all concerned.

**ACCIDENT TO AN ESSEX RINGER.**

Ringers generally will be sorry to hear of a serious accident which befel Mr. H. Dawson, of Great Baddow, on Sunday night, October 1st. A party of ringers went to Danbury to ring for the harvest festival evening service, and, when walking back, and about half-a-mile from Baddow, Mr. Dawson was run into from behind by a motor-car, which was travelling on its wrong side of the road. The unfortunate ringer was picked up, severely cut about the head, hands and arms, and conveyed in the car to a doctor's in Chelmsford, who dressed the wounds, and fortunately found no bones were broken. The car then took Mr. Dawson to his home. Although confined to his bed, Mr. Dawson's many friends will be glad to know he is going on as well as can be expected.

ACKWORTH.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 1st, 1916, at the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, 720 Bob Minor: F. Lindsay 1, Gnr. Albert Lamprey, R.F.A., 2, F. Atkinson 3, K. Macaulay 4, T. Harrop 5, C. E. Lamprey (conductor) 6.

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## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CHILVERS COTON.

What proved to be a successful and enjoyable meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday week at the historical Church of Chilvers Coton, which is associated with the name of George Eliot. About 30 members were present from towers representing Allesley, Barwell, Birmingham, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Grendon, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding. The bells were kept merrily going in a variety of methods till 5 o'clock, when service was held, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Dodds), who gave a stirring and eloquent address from Psalm 150, verses 3, 4, 5. Mr. Dodds also extended a hearty welcome to the Guild.

Tea was afterwards partaken of, and then more ringing was indulged in till dusk. Special mention must be made of the band of six lady ringers who have been trained by the energetic tower-keeper, Mr. H. Reader. Several of Mr. Reader's pupils are now able to ring inside to Grandsire Triples, and the others are also able to pilot the treble. Mr. Reader has got together a band of good material of which the residents are very proud, and it speaks volumes for the care and patience displayed by their instructor, whose action might with advantage be copied by other towers in the county, whose ringers have been called away to serve their country, some of them, alas, never to return.

A short business meeting was held, and Rugby was selected for the next meeting in January. At the close of the ringing the members were invited to the adjoining Schoolroom, where a concert had been arranged as a welcome to them. This pleasant surprise was much enjoyed. A programme, which included songs, piano-forte solos, etc., was provided, added to which were tune and change-ringing on handbells by the Guild members, with a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, with three of Mr. Reader's lady pupils standing in.

### LADIES' GIFT TO RINGING INSTRUCTOR.

The surprise of the evening, however, was the presentation by Miss Lewis to Mr. Reader of a small handbell which had been made from the metal of one of the old bells dated 1616. Miss Lewis, in a happy little speech, asked Mr. Reader to accept it as a small token of thanks for the care and attention which he had given them in teaching them to ring.—Mr. Reader, in reply, thanked all those who had associated themselves with the gift, which he said had taken him quite by surprise, but he assured them he was always very pleased to help any of them in the art. Mr. Lewis proposed "Success to the Guild," and coupled it with the name of Mr. James George, who he said he had heard of many years ago as a peal ringer. Although not a ringer himself, he related an experience in which he once watched an attempt for a peal of Triples. The ringers broke down after 2½ hours, and then wanted to start again.—Mr. James George replied, and mentioned that although he is 64, he is still good for half-a-dozen peals a day, and that the older he gets the heavier the bell he likes to ring.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address; to Mr. Reader for having everything in readiness; and to all those who arranged for the tea and the entertainment which had helped to make a successful and very pleasant meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

### RINGING ASSOCIATIONS' FUNDS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In a recent issue you commented upon the fortunate position, financially, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and said that ringing societies are not money-making concerns, etc. For years I got hold of as many reports as I could to see how they spent their money, and seldom, if ever, could I find any payments made to a professional instructor, which, as I understood it, was the major object of these Associations. The Hereford Guild, I find, have paid an average of £30 a year for the last 30 years, besides travelling expenses, to their instructors, and oh! what a quartet they have had—Messrs. Washbrook, Fussell, Groves and Short—and through the instrumentality of these gentlemen practically the whole of the bells in the Diocese have been rehung, and the belfries made clean and comfortable. The hon. secretary was always happy if there was no decrease in the balance in hand, which was never very large. The annual subscription was only 1s. 6d., the hon. members' subscriptions made any increase unnecessary, and we all got 9d. for 4d. I sent up 18s. a year, and got £3 worth of instruction. St. Martin's Guild pay four shillings and fourpence a year, and pay a dividend of three shillings, and give you instruction in anything from Bob Minor to London. I suppose the Chester Diocesan Guild are satisfied with the proficiency at which they have arrived in the art, so may I suggest they give £100 towards a new and up-to-date peal of twelve for the Cathedral, which is badly wanted, and would add dignity to the edifice and its surroundings.—Yours faithfully,


T. J. B.

# ENGLISH TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

## CIRENCESTER, ST. JOHN.

The tower contains thirteen bells, *i.e.*, a peal of twelve with a tenor of 29 cwt., 54 inches diameter, and a flat sixth, which is used as a fire bell, and enables a light peal of eight to be formed with the ninth as a tenor. This bell was added by Taylor & Co. in 1895, who recast the ninth and rehung all the bells at the same time. The inscriptions are as follows:


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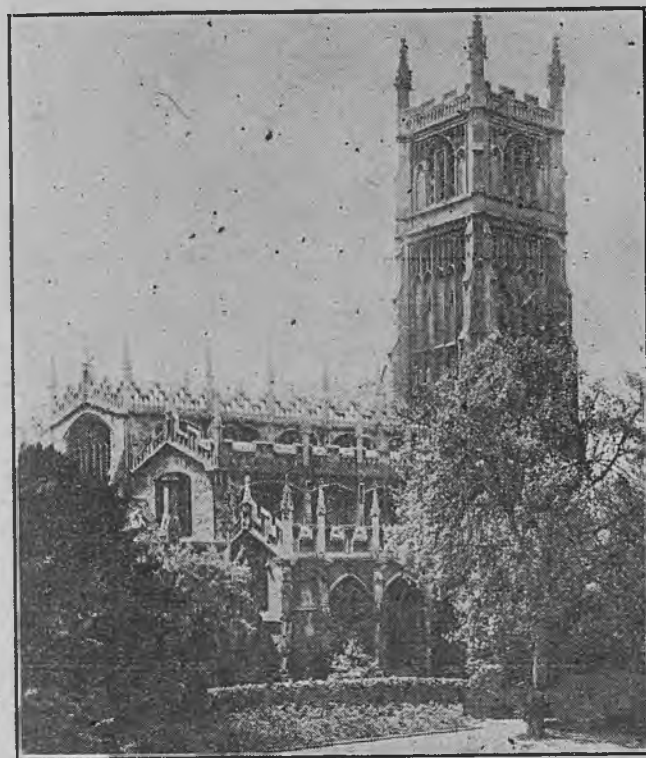
BY A SUBSCRIPTION PROCURED BY MR. HERBERT MASTER. MR. JOHN SMALL, M.P., and MR. THOMAS FEREBIE CHURCHWARDENS. A ♀ R. 1722. 

### Second.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OUR BENEFACTORS. A ♀ R. 1722.

### Third.

PROSPERITY TO THIS PLACE. A ♀ R. 1713. 



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CIRENCESTER.

### Fourth.

PROSPERITY TO THIS PARISH. 1786. 

### Fifth.

JOHN TOMBS and JAS. DEIGHTON CHURCHWARDENS. 1729

### Sixth.

INO. BEDWELL and THOS. VAISEY CHURCHWARDENS. 1787


### Seventh.

JACOB HANCOCK and SAM'L. HEAVEN CHURCHWARDENS.  
A ♀ R. 1761.

### Eighth.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS. A ♀ R. 1718.

### Ninth.

PROSPERITY TO ALL LOVERS OF CHURCH AND BELLS.  
A. R. 1715. RECAST 1895.  [Taylor's medallion, a bell surrounded by label "John Taylor and Co., Loughborough," surmounted by an Agnus Dei.]

### Tenth.

PROSPERITY TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND. A ♀ R. 1746

### Eleventh.

JOHN CRIPPS and THOMAS MASTER CHURCHWARDENS.  
1734. A ♀ R.

### Tenor.

WILLIAM IONES and THOMAS FORDER CHURCHWARDENS.  
1736. CAST BY ABEL RUDHALL.

### Five-bell (flat sixth).

THE GIFT OF THE CIRENCESTER SOCIETY IN LONDON.  
A.D. 1895.

The present commanding tower of Cirencester Church, which is 132ft. high, was completed about the year 1400, being built under the auspices of the adjoining Abbey of St. Mary. According to William of Worcester, two bells were consecrated at Cirencester in October, 1238, but it is uncertain whether he refers to the Abbey or the Parish Church. However, it is known that there were bells in the tower in 1499, in which year there appears in the will of Agnes Benett directions that, in connection with her funeral, "the belle callid Trinite belle and Jesus belle be at sondry tymes rong on the tyme of the said obit." These bells, it is thought, may have been the gifts of the Jesus and Trinity Guilds, and for that reason there may also have been other bells, the gifts of other guilds connected with the church. And whatever number there might have been it is clear from a memorandum in the vestry book that they were sufficient for clock chimes at the beginning of the 16th century. It is possible that these bells, with other treasures of the church, were seized some time between 1550 and 1553, and shared the fate of those of the great church in the dissolved monastery. It is interesting to note that in the Augmentation Office Miscellaneous Book No. 494, among an account of the goods of the recently dissolved monastery, mention is made of "Bells remaynyng in the steeple there viii poiz, by estimacon xiiii. m. lib. weight reserved to the use of the Kynges Majeste." And though there is no account now in existence of the ultimate disposal of these bells, there can be small doubt that they were sold, but at what exact time they disappeared cannot be said.

When change ringing began to develop in the early part of the seventeenth century and belfries began to receive attention and to have rings of bells placed in them, Cirencester was not behind hand, and it is probable that what mediæval bells were left were melted up and recast into a lighter peal. At a vestry meeting held in the year 1634 it was agreed "that the bell founder in respect of his losse and paynes in melting the bells so often shall have £13 over and above his bargayne, to be paid this time twelve months if the bells shall be whole and tuneable then." It is probable that the old bells were recast into a peal of eight, which bells, at the time of the Commonwealth, were threatened with confiscation, and the town paid the Parliamentarian £30 to redeem them. The earliest bell among the present ring, as will be seen from the inscriptions given above, is the 3rd, dated 1713, at which date it is believed the old peal of eight were increased to ten, the second of the two trebles then added being recast in 1786. Further, it is evident that the ring was increased to its present number of twelve in 1722, for both the trebles bear that date. The dates on the other bells show when they passed through the melting pot.

The ancient records of Cirencester contain many quaint references to the ringing or tolling of the bells. The first is to be found as far back as the year 1599: "At the church accompt. the xxist of October 1599, Imprimus yt was then agreed that John Baker the parish clark shall have for the ringing of the day bell yearly at foure of the clocke in the morninge as accustomed heretofore he hath done ffrom the morrow after all saints untill candlemas thirteen shillings iiid." In 1648 there appears to have been some divergence of opinion between the clerk and the sexton with regard to the nature of their duties, which were defined at the vestry meeting, for we find that while William Webb "shall have the benefit of the bells, and he is to keep the bells, clock and churchyard in order, and ring the four o'clock bell in the winter quarter," the other. William Portlock, amongst other things, is "to have a ringer's place in the belfry." Various regulations were made at different times as to the charges for having the bells rung, and in 1661 it was ordered that "when any stranger shall desire to hear the bells rung, or to have a peal, he shall pay for the peal 3s., whereof 1s. go to the church, and if any person of the town shall desire to have a peal he or she shall pay 2s. 6d., whereof 6d. shall remain to the church, and the rest to the ringers' club; that the ringers shall have liberty to ring every Thursday from six of the clock in the morning until 10 in the morning for practice, conditionally that they shall ring at all other times that the churchwardens shall appoint at the wages aforesaid, and that the sexton shall give an account to the churchwardens, or to either of them, once every month concerning the ringing and tolling, under his hand in writing." In 1678 it was decided



"that there shall be no more ringing on the Lord's Day, formerly called Sunday, to church, but chiming two, three, or four bells, more or less, and that the sexton shall see that this order is observed for the time to come."

Although the "day bell" is now no longer rung, many ancient customs are retained at Cirencester, where the curfew and the "pancake bell" are retained, as well as the "Epistle and Gospel" bells and the "sermon bell," while on the Monday and Tuesday in Easter and Whitsun weeks the bells are rung two at a time, commencing with the treble and second. On Saturday mornings the bells are chimed one by one at eleven o'clock.

The first peal rung on Cirencester bells was in 1767, when a band of College Youths visited the tower, apparently at the invitation of Mr. Samuel Blackwell, of Williamstrip, and afterwards of Ampney Park, and who subsequently became one of the Members of Parliament for the Borough. He seemed to be a great patron of the art, and there are still preserved in the belfry an old peal of handbells, a handsome oak chair, inscribed with a bell, and a ram's horn drinking cup, all of which he presented to the ringers. The College Youths' peal book contains the following entry: St. John, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. The underwritten members of this society rang a peal of 5082 changes, Grandsire Cinques, which was performed in three hours fifty-seven minutes, as follows: William Underwood treble, James Darquitt 2nd, Thomas Bennett 3rd, George Meakins 4, William Moss 5th Winstanley Richardson 6th, William Mills 7th, John Lokes 8th, William Scott 9th, William Clay 10th, Robert Bly 11th, Joseph Monk and Thomas Fifield tenor. The above is the first peal of Cinques ever completed upon the twelve bells in the tower above named. It was performed on Wednesday, January 7th, 1767, and was conducted by Mr. William Underwood. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells on March 29th, 1824, and another on December 31st, 1868. These two are recorded on tablets in the belfry as well as some more recent peals, which have included Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Cinques, Plain and Treble Bob Maximus.

For the information regarding Cirencester bells we are indebted to Mr. J. R. Jerram, Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester, and an article which appeared in the "Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard," at the rehanging of the bells in 1895.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

#### THE BELLS AT ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL.

The last quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham for the current year was held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on Saturday week, and was very well attended. The bells—a ring of ten, with tenor about 30 cwt. in D—have previously been fully described in "The Ringing World" so that it is unnecessary to say anything further about them, beyond the fact that they had not been raised since the Guild held a meeting there twelve months ago. However, thanks to the attention of an enthusiastic member, who willingly spent a few hours greasing, etc., on the day prior to the meeting, the bells went quite as well, or better, than could be expected with the exception of the ninth, which still maintains its reputation as a veritable "chest-cracker." The eighth and sixth also show insipient signs of anxiety to share this unenviable reputation.

The position is not quite hopeless, however, thanks to the keen interest of one of the wardens, the veteran, Dr. Malins, who came amongst the ringers during the ringing, and who will not be satisfied until "something" is done so that regular ringing may be resumed. It was again explained to him that that "something" should include the recasting of the entire peal, and its augmentation to twelve, so that St. Philip's may possess a ring of bells in consonance with its dignity as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese. The only objection to this appears to be the monetary consideration, but—well, we may at least hope.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presiding over an attendance of upwards of fifty members.—Three new life members were elected, viz.: Messrs. H. Morton, of Evesham; G. Bass, of Stourbridge; and E. Mitchell, of Wolverhampton.—It was decided to hold the next meeting, which is the annual, at headquarters.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening until dusk, and were finally lowered in peal, to be heard again—?

The thanks of the members are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Rector, Bishop Hamilton Baynes, for granting permission to ring, and to the indefatigable Dr. Malins for obtaining the said permission, and for the interest he takes at all times in the Guild's doings.

A. P. S.

CLIFTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association. —On Sept. 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Sevier 1, S. Woolley 2, J. Barrett (conductor) 3, G. Paillett 4, S. Wesley 5, W. C. Hunt 6. Afterwards, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Paillett 1, S. Woolley 2, James Barrett 3, W. J. Sevier 4, S. Wesley 5, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 6. These are the first two 720's rung upon the bells.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTH WESTERN DIVISION.

A most successful meeting of the North Eastern Division was held at Great Bentley on Saturday, ringers being present from Bocking, Feering, Felsted, Tendring, Ipswich, Colchester, Earl's Colne, Great Bromley, and the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon, when touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. An invitation was extended to the visitors to go to the Sunday School, where an excellent spread had been very kindly provided by Mr. W. J. Nevard.

At the business meeting, Mr. Nevard presided, and the District Master and secretary were re-elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Coggeshall.

A hearty vote of thanks were accorded Mr. Nevard for his kindness in entertaining the ringers; also to the Vicar for use of the bells and school. Handbell ringing followed, and included touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, and a course of Grandsire Caters by: F. Claydon 1—2, W. Chalk 3—4, J. Motts 5—6, Corpl. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent) 7—8, W. J. Nevard 9—10.

The annual district meeting of the North Western Division of this Association was held at Bishop's Stortford, about 25 members putting in an appearance. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane), who also gave an address. After further ringing, an adjournment was made for tea at the Chequer's Hotel.

This was followed by the business meeting. Owing to the Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) being unable to be present through illness, Mr. J. F. Penning presided, with Mr. H. J. Tucker as deputy chairman. Mr. F. Pitstow and Mr. W. Watts were again re-elected Master and Secretary respectively, and Mr. W. Watts thanked the members on behalf of Mr. Pitstow and himself for again re-electing them to office.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. E. Carr, of Stansted.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Harlow, St. Mary's.

Mr. W. H. Lawrance proposed, and Mr. H. Dew seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his splendid address, and this having been carried, Mr. H. J. Tucker moved that a vote of thanks to the Master and Secretary for their past services.

During the time the bells were available touches in the following methods were rung: Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal, London Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples. Ringers were present from Bishop's Stortford, Stansted, Rickling, Saffron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Romford, Little Mundon, Walthamstow, Great Tottenham, and St. John's, Deptford. In the evening several courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### REV H. C. WILDER RETIRES FROM DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Bradfield Branch of the above Guild was held on Saturday week, at Streatley-on-Thames. The service was well attended, and an excellent and appropriate address was given by the Rev. E. A. Phillips, Vicar of Basildon, whose text was: "Greater works than these shall ye do." Fifty members sat down to tea, to which they did full justice. This was followed by the business meeting, the chief feature of which was the resignation of the hon. secretary, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, owing to pressure of business. All attempts failed to persuade the reverend gentleman to reconsider his decision, so the meeting, voiced by the Rev. G. Gore-Skipwith and Mrs. A. E. Reeves, thanked him for his past services, and voted him to be Vice-President of the Bradfield Branch, while Mr. Arthur West, of Pangbourne, was elected to carry on the work of hon. secretary for the ensuing year.

The Rev. H. C. Wilder has rendered invaluable service to the Oxford Guild for many years as hon. secretary to this branch, and previously to the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The Goring bells were also available during the evening.

### DEATH OF A MIRFIELD RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Ralph Ellis, of Mirfield, Yorks, which took place on Sept. 23rd. The funeral took place at Mirfield Parish Church on Tuesday week, many relatives and ringing friends attending.

Deceased was 60 years of age, and had been a ringer with the local company many years, and a member of the Yorkshire Association for 28 years, but at the time of his death was unattached to any tower.

For evening service, on Oct. 1st, at the Mirfield Parish Church, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (600 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect by the following members of the local company: T. Cranshaw 1, P. Goll 2, A. North 3, J. W. Dews 4, H. Fraynor 5, R. Elam (conductor) 6, J. E. Dawson 7 (covering).

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Bromham, and although the weather was very wet and unsettled, a fairly good number of ringers assembled. The bells were raised in peal, and some good touches of Grandsire Doubles, etc., were brought round before tea, which was provided at the Hope Coffee Tavern, and to which 18 ringers sat down to the good spread put forth by Host Sumsion.

After tea the usual business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (who kindly took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Branch Chairman), he being supported by Mr. Hy. Brownlee West, hon. branch secretary, and ringers from the towers of Devizes (St. John's), Southbroom, Bromham, Holt, and Steeple Ashton.—Two new members from Bromham tower were elected members of the Guild. A discussion on the places for the next three meetings then took place, and Chirton and Marden were fixed upon for November 4th; Market Lavington for December 2nd; and St. John's, Devizes, for the annual meeting on January 6th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Bromham for the use of the church bells, and a little more ringing in the tower then brought to a close a very pleasant and successful meeting.

## RINGERS' OUTING.

## ST. HELEN'S, DARLEY DALE.

On Saturday week the members of St. Helen's belfry, Darley Dale, chartered a motor—a seven-seater Daimler, with the versatile Tommy at the wheel—and enjoyed the first outing they have had together since 1913. There are now only seven members left, but fortunately one of the soldier members came home during the week and joined the party. This was L.-Corpl. J. Siddall, just discharged from hospital, after being wounded in July. Starting off about 9.30, the first halt was at Edensor, the Duke of Devonshire's model village by Chatsworth, where a pleasant three-quarter's of an hour was spent ringing the six beautiful bells which are everything to be desired by six bell ringers. Afterwards the party travelled to Baslow, another six bell tower, but here the bells are very ancient, being about the same age as the church. However, the ringing was very enjoyable, and the sound of the bells soon brought on the scene Mr. W. Wallace, of Derby, who was staying in the neighbourhood. From here the route was to Tideswell Church, the Cathedral of the Peak, where the six bells were put through their paces for an hour or so. These bells thoroughly deserve attention by the hangers, the date they were last touched being wrapped in antiquity. The next halt was at the Bull's Head, across the road, where a splendid luncheon was served up. The party then set out for Dore, and arrived there in time for some of them to take part in raising the bells (8) for the Sheffield District meeting, at which naturally enough there was some excellent ringing. Although only one of the party is a member of this society, they all received a hearty welcome from Mr. Sam Thomas, the secretary, and other members. The visitors wish to record their thanks to the clergy for permission to ring at the various churches, and, through Mr. Thomas, to the Sheffield District Society for their reception at Dore.

## 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. J. PITMAN, Port Talbot.

First three parts.			Last three parts.		
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475362 2	345627 1 S		456372 1	734526 5	
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574326 4	647325 3		245736 3	275346 1	
365274 1 S	256734 2		742653 5	732654 5 S	
423765 1	342675 2		537264 2	467532 1	
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BOCKING.—Essex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, for Matins on Sept. 17th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Sargent 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, W. Grimwade 3, W. H. Dyson 4, H. Redgwile 5, G. Lindridge 6, E. Radley 7, L. C. Crow 8.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1312 Double Norwich Major: H. Tullett 1, \*B. Challen 2, \*Mrs. F. I. Haas 3, Air-Mechanic P. I. Haas (R.N.A.S.) 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, A. W. Groves 6, G. Smart 7, E. H. Lindup 8 \* Longest touch in the method. Rung after meeting too late for a peal of Stedman Triples.

BUSHEY.—Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, for divine service, 324 Stedman Triples: J. J. Allen 1, T. L. Simmons 2, R. Darlow 3, B. Prewett 4, W. J. Oakley 5, F. A. Smith 6, R. E. Stavert (conductor) 7, J. Bates 8. 240 Double Norwich Major: R. Darlow 1, T. L. Simmons 2, A. Andrews 3, B. Prewett (conductor) 4, F. A. Smith 5, F. Edwards 6, J. J. Allen 7, R. E. Stavert 8. 224 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Cooper 1, R. E. Stavert 2, A. Andrews 3, R. Darlow 4, W. J. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, B. Prewett 7, F. A. Smith 8. Cadet R. E. Stavert and Rifleman B. Prewett were both home on leave, it being the first time they have met since December, 1914.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 17th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, at St. Edmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. Soden 1, W. Rogers 2, T. Haynes 3, J. Metherell 4, J. Mackay 5, T. Tebbutt 6, F. Wilford (conductor) 7, W. Gammage 8.

BLETCHLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, for the harvest festival, on Friday, Sept. 22nd, and Sunday following, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: W. Mead, J. Mead, H. Morris, T. Best, F. Hedges, H. Sear, W. Sear, J. Stonton, A. Crane, J. Atkins, Gnr. W. Pether, R.G.A. (Bexhill), E. Marks.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Baker 1, C. Tribe 2, G. Cramp 3, C. W. Player 4, Pte A. Snelling (Buffs) 5, G. Neve 6, Trumpet-Major Farley (Wells), conductor 7, L. Honess 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northants Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: W. Rodgers (conductor) 1, A. Andrews 2, H. Blundell 3, B. Soden 4, W. J. Allen 5, J. Metherell 6, F. Hopper 7, A. Moore 8, G. Flavell 9, W. Farey 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by A. Moore and A. Andrews, both of Daventry.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 24th, for harvest festival evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss Hood (first 504) 1, R. W. Melville 2, H. Hutton 3, W. Jelley 4, B. Chorley 5, C. Hazelden 6, W. R. Melville (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for early service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Yates (conductor) 1, T. Tompkins 2, J. Taylor 3, W. T. Tucker 4, W. Bonham 5, H. Tompkins 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: A. Clarke 1, E. Gates 2, T. Tompkins 3, W. Bonham 4, W. Tucker (conductor) 5, A. J. Giles 6. Also 120 Bob Minor. W. T. Tucker hails from Eastleigh, Hants.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for divine service, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1275 changes): W. Rogers (conductor) 1, A. Andrews (Daventry) 2, H. Blundell 3, B. Soden 4, W. Allen 5, J. Metherell 6, F. Hopper 7, A. Moore (Daventry) 8, G. Flavell 9, W. Farey 10.

GOSFORTH.—On Sept. 30th, at All Saints' Church, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): A. M. C. Field 1, J. S. Richardson 2, A. Payne 3, J. F. Bird 4, C. L. Routledge 5, J. W. Parker 6, J. Foreman 7, E. E. Ferry 8. After making two attempts for a peal, the above quarter-peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Lieut. R. W. Falconer, who was killed on the 1st July at the Battle of the Somme.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for harvest festival, 360 Bob Minor: H. England 1, T. Atherton 2, G. Bennett 3, Pte S. Quintin 4, T. Wyatt 5, J. Caple (conductor) 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, W. H. Perry 2, W. Cramp 3, C. Creasey 4, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 5, T. Booth 6. First quarter of Doubles by W. Cramp and C. Creasey. Arranged for C. Creasey, late member of the local band, and now of Faversham, Kent.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Ellis 1, P. Tyler 2, A. E. Wood 3, G. H. Croucher 4, F. Hawkins 5, J. Rice (conductor) 6, F. W. Rice 7, A. Thornton 8. Also 504, standing as before, conducted by G. H. Croucher. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 1st, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Smith 1, W. Hibbert 2, G. Essex 3, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 4, C. Pullen 5, A. D. Cullum 6, E. J. Mendey 7, H. Simmonds 8. The touch was also rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest W. Menday, who was unable to take part.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE. — On Sunday, Oct. 1st, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Johnson 1, W. E. Ryder 2, R. Davies 3, J. P. Potter 4, S. Collier 5, Lieut.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, W. Johnson 8.

ACTON.—On October 1st, as a "parting" touch to Pte J. A. Trollope (who is going abroad), 464 Bob Major: C. Edwards 1, E. Newell 2, J. Frin 3, G. Harbour 4, R. Holloway 5, W. E. Garrard 6, W. Lawrence 7, Pte J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

SEELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 1st, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Norman (first 720) 1, J. Dowler 2, W. Mumford 3, O. G. Norman 4, S. Grove 5, G. Pigot (conductor) 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, and as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. T. H. Evans) a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss Ida Woodrow (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, G. Edser, senr., 3, Pte J. Loveridge 4, W. A. Woodrow 5, A. Woodrow 6, J. Emery 7, R. J. Polley 8.

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## WEDDING BELLS.

On Sept. 27th, at the Parish Church, Luton, the wedding took place of Lieut.-Col. C. A. Stidston, M.D., R.A.M.C. (T.F.), of Wolverhampton, 2/3rd North Midland Field Ambulance, stationed in Ireland, and Olive, youngest daughter of Mr. Hugh Cumberland, J.P., of The Lynchet, Luton. As the bridal party were leaving the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1386 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: J. Shaw 1, B. Jarman 2, A. E. Sharman 3, J. Rookwood 4, B. Wilson 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. This touch contains the 12, 7-4s, 4-6s, and 6-7s.

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## NOTICES.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 14th next. Service at 4 o'clock.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Oct. 14th. By kind permission of the Rector, bells available at 2.30. Service at 6 o'clock; ringers' own form of service will be used. Tea and business at the Institute after; tea, 3d. to members, 1s. to visitors.—E. J. Harding, District Secretary, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church (Kirk) on Saturday, October 14th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided for visitors at the invitation of the Rector.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1916, at Wellington, Salop. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Belfry Prayer at 4 p.m. Tea at 5, meeting and ringing after.—Rev. F. Tension, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Quarterly meeting on October 14th at Shoreditch. Tower open 2.30.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available 3.30. Tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Next meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Littlebourne and Bekesbourne Towers available for ringing. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at Littlebourne.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Dist. Sec., Charlton Lodge, Elham, near Canterbury.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 19th for handbell practice, and on the 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, October 21st. Service will be held in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All intending to be present please oblige by letting me know on or before the Wednesday previous. The bells (6) will be available.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea, and it is essential that all who intend being present should notify me not later than Tuesday, October 17th. — T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Preliminary Notice. — The annual festival will be held on Saturday, October 28th. Further particulars next week.

**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.

#### RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

**ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.** — Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome. —F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

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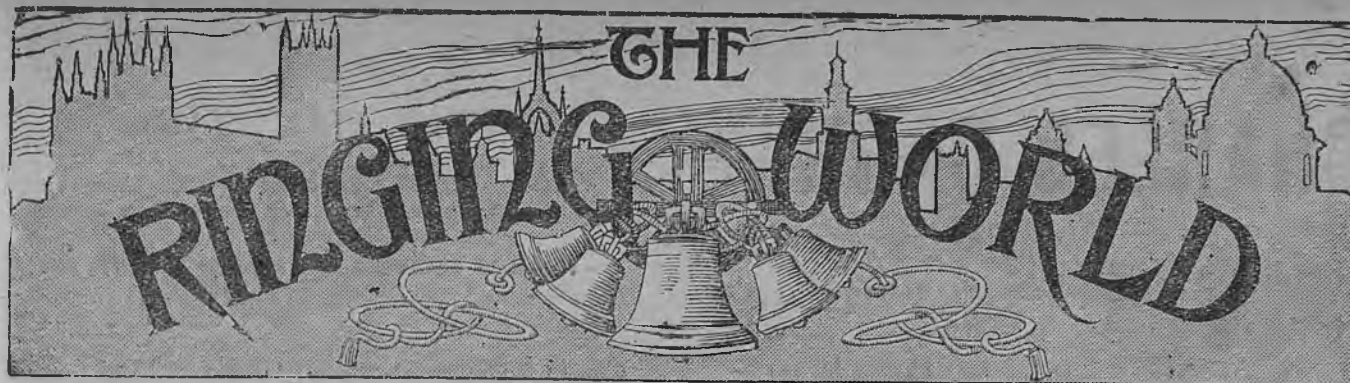
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## MODERN WORK.

## THE KING'S CLIFFE APPEAL.

The appeal for contributions towards the cost of recasting the tenor bell at King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, has not yet met with anything like a sufficient response to enable the work to be put in hand, and the reminder which our contributor in his "Occasional Notes" gave last week was certainly timely. It has also produced a letter this week from a Derby correspondent who illustrates how, despite the best intentions, it is possible for a matter of this kind to get shelved. He quotes the case of a meeting at Chesterfield where the subject of appealing to the members to help the King's Cliffe fund was actually discussed by the committee and decided upon, but, owing to the departure of those who had shown special interest in the affair, the all important part of passing round the hat was omitted. It was only an oversight, but it goes to show how a little thing may rob a good cause of much-needed help.

Ringers, generally speaking, are always ready to give a helping hand where bells are concerned, and a trifle given by each member of a belfry or by each individual at a meeting is not missed, although, in the aggregate, the result is often substantial. We give our coppers very readily on any and every "flag day" to organisations which we know are doing good, but in which we have, perhaps, no real interest. Why, then, should we not help with equal readiness when a call for assistance in a matter in which we are all very much interested is made? The reason is that it is just a want of organisation. Everyone would be ready to give, if only they were asked. What is lacking is the person who will undertake to do the asking. It is not a matter which secretaries ought always to be expected to take in hand; indeed, such appeals come best from the leader of a belfry or the ringing master at a meeting.

But, without going further into the whys and the wherefores of the absence of initiative in these matters, we would urge that without loss of time the ringers of this country, who have not already done so, should just put a hand to the job and complete the £38 which is needed to enable King's Cliffe to restore its peal. It should be remembered that this appeal is not made for some church that has done nothing to help itself. King's Cliffe has comparatively recently spent nearly £200 on the renovation of its bells. A change ringing band was inaugurated, and it has thus shown by practical methods a desire to further the art of ringing as well as maintain its bells in proper order. The loss of the tenor, through cracking, was a serious blow, and it is, we think, one of those cases in which ringers should delight to give their assistance. The necessity for the appeal ought not to be allowed to drag on indefinitely, and it need not do so if ringers in their own belfries or in their meetings will give whatever help they can afford.



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At the Church of St. Mary,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES GREEDY ... .. Treble	FRANK EDWARDS ... .. 5
† HENRY MORGAN ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
JOHN BULLEN ... .. 3	SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 7
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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Arranged specially for G. S. Burley to give him an opportunity to ring his first peal before joining His Majesty's forces, and also as a farewell peal to L. Brown, the leader of the local band, who is also joining.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 14, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN P. TARLTON ... .. Treble	JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 2	JOHN FLINT ... .. 6
THOMAS BETTISON ... .. 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 4	SAM THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

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This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of Capt. H. C. W. Boden, son of Canon Boden (Rector of North Wingfield), who was killed in action in Flanders, Oct. 11th, 1915.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

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On Wednesday, October 11, 1916, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

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## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING AT HAVANT.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Havant on Saturday, when ringers were present from Curdridge, Swanmore, Portsea, Portsmouth, Gosport and Wickham, as well as the local band, the general hon. secretary (Mr. Geo. Williams), Mr. W. H. George (Eastleigh), Rev. E. B. James and company, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon). The bells were going all the afternoon to Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich, but owing to police regulations the bells had to cease at 5.30. Service was afterwards held in the church, at which the Rector of Havant (the Rev. A. G. Musgrave) officiated, the Guild's own service being used. Tea was served in the Institute, when over 30 sat down, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. E. B. James.—One honorary member and one probationer were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Fareham, on Jan. 13th. The Rector paid a visit during tea-time, and gave the Guild members a hearty welcome to Havant. He said he was pleased to know that Havant possessed a peal of bells, and that he should be pleased at all times to welcome the ringers whenever they wished to come there.—On the proposition of the Rev. E. B. James, seconded by Mr. G. Williams, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of bells and institute.—A vote of thanks was also accorded the chairman for presiding.

The rest of the evening was spent in ringing touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells by the Rev. E. B. James' company, and one or two of the local men also took part. Tune playing also was indulged in.

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### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The ringers from Coggeshall and the surrounding Essex towers recently had a Sunday outing to Rayne and Felstead. A call was made at Rayne, where a good 720 of Oxford and 360 Double Court was rung for morning service, and a course of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells outside the Old Swan Inn, to the great delight of the landlady and her aged mother, who had a son at one time a bell-ringer. The party then proceeded to Felstead, where a capital dinner was partaken of at the residence of Mr. Farrow, one of the local ringers. The bells being at the visitors' use for the afternoon, several well-struck touches were rung, including Oxford, Kent and Double Norwich Major. W. Farrow taking part in the Kent. After tea at Mr. Farrow's, the visitors rang for evening service, a capital 576 Oxford being brought round, in which Mr. T. Barker and Mr. E. Claydon, of Stebbing, took a rope. The other ringers who participated in the ringing were: Messrs. E. Beckwith, W. Howell, J. Sadler, D. Elliott, W. Sadler, F. Claydon, J. Newman, A. Shufflebotham and H. Evers. The best thanks are due to the Vicars of Rayne and Felstead for allowing the use of the bells, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Farrow for making the other arrangements, and very kindly catering for the party.

### A PLEASANT SUNDAY OUTING IN NORTH NORFOLK.

On Sunday last a party of the Fakenham ringers drove over to the pretty little village of North Creak, about eight miles distant, and, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Arnold, M.A. (the incumbent), they were allowed to ring on the tower bells, which have been silent, so far as ringing is concerned, for some months past. Upon their arrival the visitors were joined by a few of the local ringers. It being the harvest festival the peal of six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) were at once raised and set going to Bob Minor, two 720's being rung prior to service, which is held at 3 p.m. owing to severe lighting restrictions in this area. The villagers, upon hearing the bells ringing, began to wonder what had happened, but the news soon spread through the main street that the Fakenham ringers were paying them a surprise visit, and the sound of the bells was audible in the valley, which is within two miles of "Nelson's Birthplace," where great endeavours were made in the great admiral's centenary year to place a peal of eight in the pretty little church tower of Burnham Thorpe. After the service, by kind invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Arnold, the party adjourned to the Rectory, and after ringing a touch on the handbells were entertained to a nice tea, which served a fitting purpose by this time. This was followed by a pleasant walk around the well-planned and picturesque grounds. By this time dusk was approaching, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Arnold for their welcome and hospitality. The return journey was then commenced, and Fakenham was reached about 7.30.

### A WEEK-END IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

Taking advantage of the fact that the Ashford District meeting of the Kent County Association was to be held at Headcorn, three members from the Metropolitan area, Messrs. Hewett, Pike and Emery, decided to attend, and stay over the week-end for some ringing on the Sunday at various towers in the district, arrangements for which were kindly made by Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden. Cycling was the order for the whole business, and, starting on Saturday morning, Oct. 7th, Headcorn was safely reached about 3.30. An account of the meeting there, the ringing, and the sumptuous tea which followed will doubtless be recorded by the district secretary. Staying at Headcorn for the night, where splendid arrangements had been made by Mr. P. Hodgkin, an early start was made on Sunday for Benenden, to ring for morning service. Three quarter-peals of Stedman was the idea for the day, but at Benenden, owing to a late arrival, there was not time to attempt one. So two courses of Treble Bob Minor were rung, and then our playful friend turned up, and 504 of Stedman was rung by the following: W. H. Lambert 1, W. Hewett 2, F. Macey 3, C. Tribe 4, E. F. Pike 5, C. W. Player 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, L. Honess 8. After a capital dinner, provided by Hostess Osborn, of The King William IV, who is well-known to ringers visiting Benenden, a start was made for Rolvenden, a much handier peal than Benenden, and, all turning up to time, a capital quarter of Stedman was rung in 42 mins., despite the fact that the organ was playing most of the time: W. H. Lambert 1, W. Hewett 2, C. Tribe 3, E. F. Pike 4, F. Macey 5, C. W. Player 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. The next tower on the programme was Tenterden, that grand old tower and bells which were the main objective of two of the party. After tea, at Tenterden, without which it would have been impossible to ring Stedman, let alone to call it, the tower was ascended, the bells were soon going, and another capital quarter-peal in that method rung in 49 mins.: R. Edwards 1, W. Hewett (conductor) 2, E. F. Pike 3, F. Macey 4, W. H. Lambert 5, C. Tribe 6, I. Emery 7, G. Neve 8. This, of course, concluded the ringing, and after a social hour tracks were made again for Benenden, where we were again splendidly accommodated for the night. Monday morning saw the party once more on the road, facing Londonwards. Several churches were inspected on the homeward way, including Goudhurst, of which the writer has some personal recollections. After a very breezy, but enjoyable ride, Suburbia was reached by dusk, and again another good tea awaited the tired,

thirsty, but happy travellers. Thus concluded a most enjoyable and fairly successful trip, all agreeing that notwithstanding war-time, and October, we had done uncommonly well. Thanks are due to all who assisted in the ringing and in making the necessary arrangements, and also to the Vicar of Rolvenden, who kindly allowed the bells to be rung through the children's service. I. E.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

#### BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Warmley on Saturday. The bells—a ring of six—were available from 3.30 p.m., and soon after that time they were set going to various methods, lady ringers taking part in the ringing, until five o'clock, when service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. F. Rogers) and the Rev. Gregson, of Syston, officiating. The ringers then adjourned to the schoolroom, where a splendid tea was provided.

A short business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, on the 11th November, if possible (particulars to be advertised later).

Before the close of the meeting, the Chairman of the Branch (Mr. H. T. Howell) stated that they would regret in one way that their hon. secretary (Mr. A. W. Seviour) had had to leave them for a time, having joined the army. It was well known to the members that Mr. Seviour had carried out his duties with enthusiasm, and had put in much time and labour to make the meetings as enjoyable as they had been, and he (Mr. Howell) felt they could not let the opportunity pass without showing their great appreciation of his services. He was sure he would carry the best wishes of the members with him.—The Rev. F. Rogers supported the motion, and it was carried with acclamation.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar and the Rev. Gregson for so kindly officiating at the service, and also to the organist.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicar and Mrs. Rogers for kindly providing the splendid tea, and also to the ladies for waiting on the visitors, the Rev. Rogers suitably responding.

Further ringing until 8 o'clock brought a very enjoyable meeting to a finish.

#### A FALLEN MEMBER.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Stinchcombe on Saturday week. Most of the local towers were represented, and Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary to the Llandaff Association, was also present. The bells were rung muffled for the late Mr. Cooper, the donor of the bells, and for Pte Percy Woodward, 1st Gloucestershire Regiment, who fell in action whilst serving his King and country.

By kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Reynell Reynell) the ringers enjoyed a very excellent tea at the Rectory, after which the business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.

Mr. F. K. Howell moved a resolution of sympathy with the parents of Pte Percy Woodward, who will be much missed, as he was a very promising ringer and took great interest in attending all branch meetings before joining the forces two years ago.—The Rector added that the deceased was not only a keen bell ringer, but was always a good church worker, and it was through him that they started a branch of the C.E.M.S. at Stinchcombe, of which Pte Woodward was the hon. secretary.—The resolution was passed by those present standing in silence.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Berkeley on November 4th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his hospitality, and to Mrs. Reynell for so kindly waiting upon the ringers.—A touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells and more ringing on the tower bells brought the meeting to a close.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Wrotham on Saturday week, when the bells were set going soon after three o'clock. A short service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rector addressed the ringers, and gave them a hearty welcome to Wrotham. After the service, the Rector conducted the visitors to the Village Hall to partake of tea, to which 55 sat down.—At the business meeting which followed, six new members were elected, attached to the Bearsted band.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bearsted on January 13th.

### MR. A. W. GRIMES' THANKS.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having recovered so far from my severe illness that I am able to leave the hospital, I feel that I should like to take the first opportunity to thank all ringing friends for their kindness and sympathy shown me, and I hope after a week or two in the country I shall be able to come back to London to meet my ringing friends once more, after my long absence. My present address is: Grace Church Street, Debenham, Suffolk.—Yours faithfully,

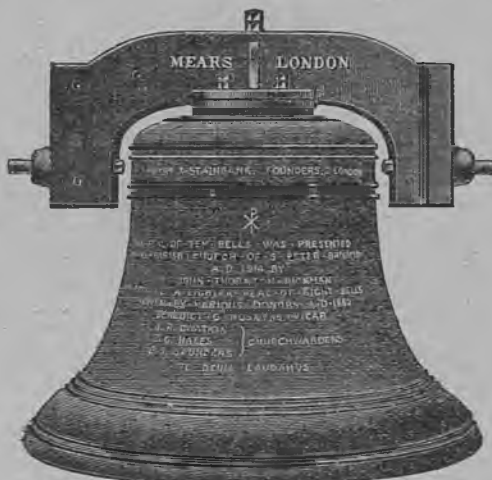
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### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

As will be seen by a notice in another column a memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, is to be unveiled in Sheffield Cathedral belfry on Saturday, November 4th. The memorial consists of a handsome polished mahogany board containing the record of the muffled peal rung on the occasion of the late Mr. Hattersley's funeral, and a mahogany bookcase, which is to contain Mr. Hattersley's books and manuscripts as a nucleus of a ringers' library. This very practical form of memorial was decided upon in consultation with Mrs. Hattersley and two sons, and there could be no more fitting place for its installation than the tower where the late Mr. Hattersley learnt his ringing and spent so many happy hours in his long and active life.

### A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of West End, Southampton, celebrated the 35th anniversary of their wedding, which took place on October 15th, 1881. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Williams need introduction to the Exercise. Mrs. Williams was the first lady to ring a peal, her unique performance being achieved on handbells about 20 years ago. Mr. George Williams has been one of the leading exponents of the art for more than 30 years, and is now the popular hon. general secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. By way of commemorating the wedding day, a peal being out of the question, 720 Bob Minor was rung at North Stoneham by E. Munday 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, W. Rowe, senr., 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker 6. Their many friends throughout the country will join in congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

### KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see "Bob Major's" reference this week to the King's Cliffe appeal for £38 towards recasting their tenor bell, as I feel, like many others, that it is time it was collected. I was greatly disappointed when the Midland Counties Association held their quarterly meeting at Chesterfield that nothing was done, although there were upwards of 40 members and others, who, one would have imagined, would have been able to give a little without feeling much worse off. I myself mentioned it at the meeting held in the Vestry, and it was decided that as the meeting was so poorly representative of the gathering, it be brought up in the belfry and a collection made. Our worthy secretary, Mr. W. E. White, mentioned it there, but as he, like myself, had to go away early, nothing was done, and consequently the fund suffers. It seems remarkable that if a large and prosperous place needs help, it comes in from all quarters, but in such places as King's Cliffe, where it is a struggle both to keep a band together and to pay ordinary expenses, they are looked upon as of no value whatever. It is to be hoped that "Bob Major's" hint will be taken, and that other towers throughout the country will do as we did at St. Andrew's, Derby, when the appeal was first made. The old saying will thus come in, "They have done their bit," and King's Cliffe will be able then to join in the peace celebrations in a proper manner.—Yours truly,

B. MITCHELL.

148, Leacroft Road, Derby.

### RINGING R.E.'s ACTIVITIES.

Gathered in the ranks of the Royal Engineers, stationed in the neighbourhood of Maidstone, are quite a number of ringers, and recently they have been visiting the towers of the vicinity. With the help of local men, touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples have been rung at All Saints' Parish Church, Maidstone; Grandsire Triples and Bob Major at Aylesford, where the soldiers were met by Mr. A. Brooks (secretary), G. May (captain), J. Homewood and Pte J. Baker. A.V.C. Several 720's of Bob Minor have been tapped off at Boxley and Bearsted for Sunday services, and other touches have also been rung, with the assistance of Mr. G. Pound (Boxley), Mr. A. Brooks and Mr. J. Shorter (captain of the Bearsted band). On a recent Sunday 720 Bob Minor was rung for morning service at Boxley, and after dinner the party visited Bearsted, where they were "snapped" by the camera, and then proceeded to the village of Leeds, famed in ringing annals for the 40,320 of Bob Major. It was regretted that all the band were not Grandsire Cater men, and after ringing the fine peal of ten in rounds, a well-struck 378 Grandsire Triples, containing the "queen's" and "tittums," and a course of Bob Major (just to try the vaccination) were rung. After another short touch of Grandsire, the party visited the resting place of James Barham, and then passed through the hopfields, where the hoppers were having a quiet service to themselves. Back in Bearsted in time for evening service, touches of Minor and Doubles were rung, and then the party were piloted to the residence of Mr. Brooks, where they were provided with a capital tea. The R.E.'s who took part in the ringing were Lance-Corps. W. B. Clarke, Hemel Hempstead, Herts (formerly of Guildford); L. L. Gray, Wickham Market, Suffolk; Sappers A. E. Moore, Bury St. Edmunds; J. W. Shepherd, Hemel Hempstead; F. J. Oxenbury, Twyford, Hants; A. H. Harber, Wallsall, Staffs; W. G. Housley, Matlock, Derby. The ringing was conducted by Sapper A. E. Moore, and the ringers wish to thank the respective Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local captains for making the necessary arrangements.



**WELL-KNOWN DEVON RINGER'S DEATH.****MR. WILLIAM FORD, OF DEVONPORT.**

It is with much sorrow we have to report the death of Mr. William Ford, a well-known member of the Devonshire Guild, which took place at Devonport on September 24th.

Born in the village of Burrington, near South Molton, in 1860, he left there for Axmouth in 1884, where he stayed until 1890, and then left for Devonport, where he was first introduced to change ringing. He became a keen and very safe ringer, and had rung between 50 and 60 peals, consisting of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Erin Caters. He rang Exeter Cathedral tenor, with Frank Murphy, to the Devon Guild peal on January 14th, 1905.

Working in His Majesty's Gun Wharf he naturally took an interest in the Dockyard Chapel peal of eight, and on the death of Mr. Steed, some ten years since, he took over the command of that belfry. When the late Rev. J. M. Clarkson was chaplain he endeavoured to form a young band of church workers to ring the bells, and Mr. Ford taught them to ring, and was presented by them with a handsome walking stick.



THE LATE MR. WILLIAM FORD,  
Devonport.

Deceased was endowed with a very placid temperament, and was never known to say an unkind word of anyone. To know him was to love him, and his loss will be felt very keenly. His illness began about February of this year. He rallied a little, and went to work for a very short time. Then he had to give up again, and finally passed peacefully away in his chair from heart trouble.

He was buried in Devonport Cemetery on September 29th, amid many tokens of respect. Among the wreaths was a special one from the ringers.

Having obtained permission from the Admiralty, an endeavour was made to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, at the Dockyard Chapel on October 7th. After one hour's very nice ringing a shift occurred, which brought the ringing to a close. The band stood as follows: Walter H. Marsh 1, William Hooper 2, Harold Bennett 3, Joseph Woodley 4, Rev. Everard S. Powell (secretary Devon Guild) 5, Will Rundle (conductor) 6, William Richards 7, George Kerswell 8.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN BRANCH MEETING.**

A successful quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday last. Short touches in various methods were rung for service, which was held at 4 o'clock, the Association's form being used, the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Waugh) officiating, and giving a very interesting address. A splendid tea was served in the Jubilee Room, and at the business meeting held afterwards it was decided that instead of a quarterly peal being attempted, a ringing practice should be held at St. John's on a Saturday afternoon. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Malvern.

The whole of the officers were re-elected.

The branch was fairly represented, though not by numbers, and among the apologies received was one from Pte E. Gibbs, B.E.F., France.

Courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells, the tower bells not being available for ringing after the meeting.

**HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.****A KENT RINGER KILLED.**

News has just been received at Milton-next-Gravesend that one of the young ringers, Pte Arthur G. Marshall, of the 23rd ("Diehards") Middlesex Regiment, has been killed "somewhere in France" by a shell. He had been in France about four months, having enlisted in the army at the beginning of the year.

Arthur Marshall joined the Milton band some two years back, and by his regular attendance and quiet, retiring disposition soon won the high esteem of his fellow ringers. Although not greatly advanced in the art, he showed great promise of becoming a fine ringer, and by his early death, at the age of 24 years, the Milton band, and the Kent County Association, to which he was elected at the beginning of last year, have lost a promising member.

As a token of respect the bells at the Parish Church of Milton were rung on Sunday morning, the 8th inst., and a fine 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by H. Argent 1, G. Ambrose 2, G. Jones 3, G. Morrad 4, H. Holden 5, Fred Mitchell (conductor) 6. Touches of Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire were also rung, with A. Livermore on the treble.

The band extended their sincere sympathy to the widowed mother, who has two other sons serving King and country, one of whom is recovering from severe wounds received in "the Great Push."

**FALLEN LONDON RINGER.**

A well-known and promising young ringer in the metropolitan area. Pte Christopher Hughes, has fallen in action, the sad news of his death being communicated to his fellow members of the London County Association at their meeting on Saturday week.

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE MAN'S DEATH.**

Pte Percy Woodward, of Stinchcombe, Glos., is another ringer who has recently laid down his life in France. He was an enthusiastic member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, regularly attending the meetings of the Wotton branch, and his ardour also extended to other branches of church work. It was due to him that the local branch of the C.E.M.S. was formed, and he acted as its hon. secretary.

**SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**

On Saturday last a very successful quarterly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at Wellington, Salop, where the Church of All Saints contains a peal of eight bells, with a tenor 19 cwt., although they are not in the best of going order. There were members present from Coalbrookdale, Dawley, Malins Lee, Shifnal, Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton, Bridgnorth, Clent and Crewe, and Stoke-on-Trent and Wellington. The ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., with a 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, followed with Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, Messrs. Short (of Clent), Saunders (of Coalbrookdale), Byolin and Lilley (of Shrewsbury) conducting. At 5.45 an adjournment was made to the Station Hotel, where tea was served by Host Painton, and to which 20 sat down.

The subsequent meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. Tennison—Mr. Langdon (of Stoke) was made a member of the Guild, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury in January. Afterwards an hour was passed away with handbells, a 518 of Grandsire Triples being brought round: T. Abbott 1—2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3—4, W. Saunders 5—6, A. E. Fullick 7—8.

The ringing has much improved at the Guild's meetings, and the four standard methods are rung. One well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was conducted by Mr. Byolin. The bands tender their best thanks to Messrs. Walley and Nutall, of Wellington, for having all ready. A pleasant half-day was spent, and the Salop members were very pleased to see their visiting friends.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ANOTHER MEMBER FALLS IN ACTION.**

At a meeting held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday week, a fair number of members were present, representing Islington, Clapham City, Camberwell, Chelsea, Tottenham, Stepney, Hackney, Marylebone, Hammersmith, Fulham and Bethnal Green. Ringing was carried on from 3.30 to 6, and a business meeting was afterwards held at the "Earl Derby," hard by, presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender).—Mr. C. Stephenson, of Cuckfield, Sussex, and Holloway, was elected a member.

News was received of the death, in the cause of King and country, of another respected member, in the person of Mr. C. H. Hughes (Chris), who was killed in action on the 9th ult.—Touching tributes were paid to his memory by several members, including the Master. Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. A. Alps, and the hon. secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy to his parents, in the name of the Association, regretting this terrible blow that had fallen upon them.

It was decided that a monthly meeting be held at the Headquarters Room, the "Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, on the second Saturday in each month during the winter months, commencing on Nov. 11th, for handbell practice and social intercourse.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of St. John's for the use of the bells, and also to the ringers' genial friend, Mr. A. Riley, for having everything in readiness.—Touches on handbells in various methods, also tunes by Messrs. W. A. Alps and H. Orford, helped to make up an enjoyable evening.

## OXFORD GUILD TOUCHES

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, 17th Sept., for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was lost in the last part: G. Leader 1, T. S. Smith 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, T. Goodchild 4, R. Whittington 5, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 6, G. Alder 7, P. Jones 8. The Vicar visited the belfry and thanked the ringers for their ringing. Messrs. E. Carter and R. Lane, local men, kindly stood out for the Cranleigh visitors.

**BEACONSFIELD.**—The same morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples failed for the want of a "12-13," the conductor having had news of the serious wounding of two of his brothers, Frank and Tom Buckland, old members of the local band. A 504 was afterwards rung for the service by G. Gutteridge 1, W. Henley 2, H. Wingrove 3, W. H. Fussell (conductor) 4, Elburn 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland 7, W. Horne 8.

**STOKE POGES.**—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17th, in 27 mins., a 720 Bob Minor: Miss Swabey 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, J. J. Parker 3, P. E. Jones 4, W. Horne (conductor) 5, R. Whittington 6. Also a touch of Oxford Bob Minor, with Messrs. W. H. Fussell, W. Bateman and W. Henley ringing. First 720 of Minor by the treble ringer. The bells were raised and lowered "in peal." Special permission was kindly given for this 720 by Canon H. T. Barnett to oblige the Cranleigh couple.

**UXBRIDGE.**—At St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, in 26 mins. (after meeting short for Superlative), 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Horne 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, J. Blackmore 5, W. Welling (conductor) 6. It was afterwards ascertained that Mr. Hancox was detained on war work, and Mr. Pratt removed to Brighton on urgent business.

**FARNHAM ROYAL.**—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, being harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Wingrove 1, Geo. Basden 2, J. J. Parker 3, Geo. H. Gutteridge 4, W. H. Fussell 5, J. Elderfield 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, J. Bovingdon 8.

**WARFIELD, BERKS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 24th, for harvest thanksgiving and St. Michael's festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (first on the bells), in 47 mins.: C. G. Bedford 1, T. S. Smith 2, G. T. Leader 3, P. Jones 4, J. Brant 5, J. Rance 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

**BURNHAM, BUCKS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 24th for the evening celebration of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. S. Smith 1, G. Alder 2, J. Eldridge 3, P. Jones 4, W. H. Fussell 5, George Martin, R.E., 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, W. T. Horne 8. The conductor's first attempt to call a quarter in the method.

**OLD WINDSOR.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: D. Tindall (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Burden 2, W. H. Fussell 3, J. Rance 4, J. Brant 5, G. Cutts 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, F. Gutteridge 8. Another quarter-peal in same method was rung for the evening service, in 45 minutes by a local band: Sidney Boore 1, W. Burden 2, G. Cutts 3, J. Gutteridge 4, T. Gosling 5, Arthur Blake (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, J. Brant 8.

**SLOUGH.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Bedford 1, R. Flaxman 2, A. Leader 3, G. T. Leader 4, W. Henley 5, E. T. Hooper 6, P. E. Jones (conductor) 7, A. Perryman (first as conductor in the method) 8.

## THE BISHOP OF EXETER.

The new Bishop of Exeter, the Rev. Canon the Hon. Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield, Herts, is a patron and hon. member of the Hertford County Association. His son, Lieut. Rupert Gascoyne Cecil, who was killed in action in France several months ago, was an active member of the Hatfield band of ringers.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**LITTLE MUNDEN.**—For divine service, 120 Bob Doubles: W. H. Lawrence 1—2, S. Game 3, Pte H. Wallace 4, B. Patmore 5, W. Williams 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob: W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 1—2, S. Game 3, Pte A. Phillips (4th Essex) 4, Pte H. Wallace (Duke of Bedford's Regt.) 5, B. Patmore 6.

**ACTON, LONDON.**—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 17th, in 43 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Hunt 1, A. J. Smith (Wolverhampton) 2, P. H. Smith 3, Robt. Holloway 4, E. Newell 5, Staff-Sergt. Verralls 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Edwards 8.—On Oct. 7th, 464 Bob Major, as a send-off to Pte J. A. Trollope: C. Edwards 1, E. Newell 2, J. W. Fruin 3, G. Harbour 4, Robt. Holloway 5, W. E. Garrard 6, W. Lawrence 7, Pte J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

**WORKSOP.**—On Sept. 28th, in honour of the birthday of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle (the Vicar's warden), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Beck (first quarter-peal) 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, S. C. Walker (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, H. Haigh (conductor) 4, W. Roberts 5, A. Johnson 6, J. T. Wilson 7, G. Hardwick 8. Also touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob.

## NOTICES.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stanton on Saturday, October 21st. Service will be held in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The bells (6) will be available.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Brent on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Som.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 39th annual festival will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, October 28th, 1916. The following bells will be available from 12 noon until 4 p.m.: Cathedral, Newcastle (12, tenor 37½ cwt.), All Saints, Pilgrim Street (8, 19 cwt.), St. John's, Westgate Road (8, 12½ cwt.), St. George's, Osborne Road (8, 17 cwt.). All Saints, Gosforth (8, 22 cwt.), St. Mary's, Gateshead (8, 15 cwt.). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m., with an address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. The committee meeting will be held at the Douglas Hotel, Grainger Street, West, at 5 p.m., and tea in the same place at 6 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Tickets for the tea, 1s. 6d. to members and 3s. to non-members. Those who intend to be present must please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, the 24th inst.—G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Western Branch).—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on October the 28th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Bells available from 2.30 till 5. Those who desire tea please notify us.—F. A. Smith, F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available 3.30 till dusk.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—A memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, consisting of peal tablet and book-case, will be unveiled in the belfry of the Cathedral on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when all ringers who can attend will be welcome. The Ven. Archdeacon Gresford Jones will preside.—Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON, N.E.**—In compliance with the restrictions imposed by the Defence of the Realm Act the Sunday evening ringing has been dispensed with. On Sunday mornings the bells will be rung from 10 till 11 until further notice.—J. H. Wilkins, Hon. Secretary.

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#### RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

**ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.**—Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome.—F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNEY.**—The tower will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays until further notice. Ringers welcome.

**SHIPLEY PARISH CHURCH AND BOLTON (BRADFORD).**—Parish Church have arranged fortnightly practices on Saturday afternoons from 3 p.m., commencing at Shipley on the 28th. Ringers welcome.

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A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District was held at Broxbourne on Saturday week, when the fine-toned ring of eight were open from 3 till 6 p.m. Members attended from Cheshunt, Brockley, Kent; Edmonton, Hoddesdon, Peterborough, Little Munden, and the members of the local band. The younger men are conspicuous by their absence now at all the ringers' gatherings, but the older ones are keeping the bells going and things together as far as possible, looking forward to the time when the clouds of war have passed away and the reunion comes, although some of the once familiar faces in the belfry rest in other lands never again to hear the bells of home.

#### CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday week, and proved very successful, about 27 ringers being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Wilby, Grendon, Castle Ashby, Wollaston, Sharnbrook, and the local ringers. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local ringers and their wives. Afterwards the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), etc.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wollaston, and Mrs. Sturgess and Miss Bowers were elected ringing members of the Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for arranging tea. Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters were afterwards rung on the handbells.

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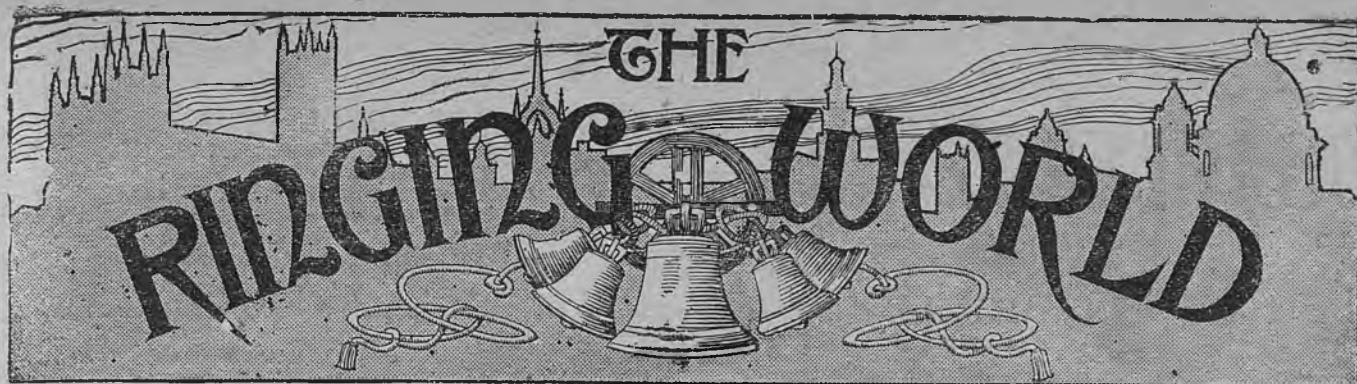
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

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## MODERN WORK.

### THE HATTERSLEY MEMORIAL.

The little ceremony which is to take place in the belfry of Sheffield Cathedral next week has much more than a local interest, for in ringing circles Charles Henry Hattersley was a national figure, and the modest but fitting memorial that is to be unveiled will serve for all time to perpetuate the memory of one whose outstanding ability placed him conspicuously in the forefront of the Exercise, and whose warm heart and genial nature installed him for ever in the love of those who had the privilege of his friendship. His native Sheffield—and no community ever had a more loyal citizen—is naturally the spot in which his memorial should be placed, and it could repose in no more suitable a niche than the belfry where so many happy hours were spent by him.

The form which the memorial is to take seems specially appropriate and would, we believe, have been in the fullest accord with his own wishes, had they ever been consulted. The late Mr. Hattersley, throughout his long career, was never so happy as when helping others to acquire a deeper insight and interest in the Art which he loved so well. It is extremely gratifying, therefore, that his collection of ringing books and manuscripts should be brought together to form the nucleus of a library, which if properly utilised should prove very valuable. Doubtless steps will be taken to ensure the safe preservation of the papers, for a good deal of Mr. Hattersley's work, if lost, would be absolutely irreplaceable, and as long as this one risk can be guarded against, the whole scheme seems to have been most happily conceived. In putting the proposal into execution the Committee have acted in most complete accord with the wishes of the family, and the Exercise is now assured that the results of the life-long labours of one of its ablest exponents shall be kept at the disposal of future generations.

When one realises what labour and pains some of the old masters, who have long since left us, must have bestowed upon their researches, and how little remains to present ringers of all their work, it really is a matter for deep regret. The truth was that no one but a ringer could appreciate their work, and when the end came no ringer was there to save these papers—so costly in time and in thought—from destruction at the hands of those who were ignorant of their value. But the Exercise has been happier in the preservation of Mr. Hattersley's work. The members of his family had a knowledge of its worth, and there were around him in his life men who fully realised all that his long years of effort meant, and who, in any case, could have been trusted to see that so much skill and labour were not wasted after his death. The result is the ceremony which is to take place on Saturday week at Sheffield.

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On Wednesday, October 18, 1916, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
*PERCY E. JONES ... .. 2	JOHN EVANS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	*JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. 8
JOHN C. TRUSS ... .. 4	JOHN GRANSBURY ... .. 9
WILLIAM T. HORNE ... .. 5	RALPH COLES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung, with the bells muffled at back stroke, by Bucks men as a token of sympathy with the Bishop of Buckingham and Mrs. Shaw in their third loss sustained during the War by the death of their eldest son, Edward A. Shaw, Captain; Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, killed in action on Oct. 7.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 22, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
At 31, HIGHER ALBERT STREET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES;

GEORGE HOLLIS ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 5-6
CLEMENT GRENN ... .. 3-4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 7-8
GEORGE DAVIES ... .. 9-10	

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## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are serving in H.M. Forces:—

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Pte D. Tucker, A.S.C. (Motor Transport).

Pte H. Cornwell, 13th Queen's, R.W. Surrey Regiment, now in France.

From St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

Pte Ralph Hubbard, A.A.S., R.G.A.

Gnr. James Harris, R.F.A.

## D.C.M. RINGER KILLED.

Lance-Corpl. Percy Hassock, D.C.M., of Maidstone, who has been serving with the 6th City of London Rifles since the early days of the war, has been killed in France, falling to the bullet of a sniper on Sept. 15th. He was a chorister and ringer at St. Michael's Church, and joined the army in September, 1914. He went out with an early draft, and his work at the front has been distinguished by much bravery. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for saving a machine gun. His comrades on either side of him had fallen, but he continued working the machine gun, and his bravery did much to check the German attack. According to a letter Q.-M.-S. Frank Weedon has sent to his brother, Mr. Hugh Weedon, Corpl. Hassock was to have been recommended for further honours. "He was much admired by both officers and men, not only for his courage, but for his never ending cheerfulness."

Deceased was a native of Downham Market, and was about 30 years of age.

On October 8th the bells of St. Michael's Church were rung muffled, the tenor being open on one side, both before and after morning service, and for the children's service at All Saints' Church in the afternoon five six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and one of Stedman were rung, conducted by T. Mannering.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held recently. The touches rung during the afternoon included Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor. Owing to a small attendance of members the ringing was not up to the usual standard of these meetings, but the members had the pleasure of welcoming two prominent ringers who are now serving with H.M. Forces, viz.: Gunner A. H. Pulling, R.G.A., of Guildford, Surrey, who is stationed at Lydd, and was on a visit to Rye, and Trumpet-Major Farley, North Somerset Yeomanry, of Wells Cathedral, who was undergoing a course of musketry at Rye. They proved a great acquisition to the meeting. Tea was followed by the usual business meeting, Mr. Youngs, Master pro tem., presiding.—It was proposed that the next meeting be held at New Romney. The following towers sent representatives to the meeting, viz., Ashford, Woodchurch, Stone-in-Oxney and Rye.



**STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

By J. J. PARKER.

In your issue for October 13th, Mr. Baker makes some remarks concerning the question of 60 plain courses of Stedman Triples. As I have been rather fully into the question, and have the thing written up, I should like to make a few remarks, with your kind permission, as they may be of interest and helpful to Mr. Baker and others who may be interested in the matter. Mr. Baker may at least get a suggestion, or see some stone that I have left unturned.

Now it had always seemed to me that in order to get a firm grip of this question we should require a table of courses in which the three even rows of every six should be made to fall as slow or quick six ends. This, I found, necessitated 360 plain courses. Here I may say that I never thought it necessary to dabble with "odd" courses, believing that they would confuse matters, as I had always found that if a thing would come at all, it would come readily enough in "even" form.

I will here give a short description of the first set of tables used.

Table I.—The 840 sixes arranged in seven-part form, the groups of sixes being numbered from 1 to 120.

Table II.—360 courses, arranged in groups of seven, and sections of twenty-one (three groups), the groups being numbered from 1 to 54. Here I should explain that one of the sections contained only three courses—the plain course to which the whole thing is built, and two courses of the same nature. This I will call section R.

Table III.—Representing the 60 courses in a condensed form, showing what sixes they contain and to what extent the groups are false one with another.

Table IV.—Representing the groups of sixes, and showing the groups of courses in which they are to be found, their position being shown in Table III.

Table V.—Showing all the connections from course to course, supposing a peal in seven parts were possible by any plan whatever.

Table VI.—A table of results showing what groups of courses are true with each other.

On referring to Table VI, I find that out of 50 full groups there were 27 true in themselves, and 20 cases in which three groups were true with each other, including the three courses in section R, making 24 courses in all. This was the yield from a table in seven parts.

In arranging Table II, I noticed that in the three courses in section R, a three-part relationship existed. I therefore arranged three groups to a section, so that, while the thing represented a seven-part table one way, it represented a three-part table the other. Here I might mention that I noticed two other groups of three courses similar to section R, suggesting a nine-part peal.

From a table of results representing 5,768 tests, I find there were 102 true groups of three courses, but in no case was I able to find more than eight groups true with each other, making 24. This number was to be had many different ways, either in three-part or six-part form.

The tables I arranged for dealing with this question in five and ten-part form were made to do duty, to a great extent for four and eight parts. I noticed that the groups of courses consisted of three distinct classes. I therefore arranged them so, seeing that four groups of each class would be required to make up the desired 60 courses.

Class I consisted of 24 groups (five courses each), in which the 6—7 and 7—6 came behind in "quick" sixes.

Class II consisted of 24 groups, in which the 6—7 and 7—6 came behind in "slow" sixes, these sixes being the same as in Class I.

Class III consisted of 24 groups, in which the 6—7 and 7—6 fall into 4—5 at "slow" sixes, these sixes occurring in Class II as quick sixes.

Concerning Class I, the whole 24 are true as single groups, when paired, eight double groups, and four sets of four groups, including Hudson's, each set showing its own particular family of part ends. Concerning Class II, 20 are true as single groups, ten double groups, and five sets of four groups, including Hudson's. Concerning Class III, the groups are very false, either in themselves or with their sister groups, or in both cases, and in only one case was it possible to get a complete set of four groups true. These were Hudson's. This set I found to be true with one of the sets in Class II, giving us 40 true plain courses. These 40 courses appeared in "The Bell News" for June 6th, 1908, together with 40 from our old friend John Carter, and my namesake, J. W. Parker.

With regard to Mr. Baker's reasons, I will say that I do not consider the fixing of 5—6—7 has any bearing upon the question. He is quite correct about the fifteen even courses with 6—7 fixed. I will also say that there is no question of adding odd courses to our party. As I have already said, if they would come at all, they would come in even form.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON. — On Sunday, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 49 mins., for the evening service, and probably the first in the method on the bells: T. S. Smith 1, P. Jones 2, G. T. Leader 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. Beeby 5, W. Henley 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, F. H. Cropley 8. The visitors desire to thank the foreman of the tower in each case for kindly making arrangements for them, and the respective Vicars for their kind permission to ring.

**MILITARY MEDAL FOR PORTSEA RINGER.**

Corpl. Fred Burrow, a member of the St. Mary's, Portsea, band, who is serving in the Hampshire Regiment, has won the Military Medal. In a letter home he says that he had the ribbon pinned to his coat by the General on the previous Sunday, and was given a card, which stated: "I wish to place on record my appreciation of your coolness in consolidating the third objective and remaining there 48 hours, till relieved, under heavy fire."

Corpl. Burrow is in the machine-gun section, and is an old member of the St. Mary's Club. He volunteered at the outbreak of war, and his short ringing career prior to that was full of promise. He joined the Winchester Guild in August, 1913, as a probationer. On November 23rd of that year he rang his first quarter-peal of Grandsire, and in the following February his first quarter of Stedman. Soon after he rang Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, and, on the Tuesday before the fateful August 4th, took part in three courses of Double Norwich Major. Thus within twelve months he had learned to ring no fewer than five methods. The Portsea band are naturally proud of his success, and hope to see him make the same rapid strides in the army as he did in ringing. Ringers everywhere will join in congratulations to the gallant corporal, and hope for his safe return, and that of his four other colleagues from the same belfry who are also fighting in France.

**ANNIVERSARY OF A CELEBRATED LONDON PEAL.**

Following an early morning visit on Sunday last to St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Oxford Street, W., where touches of Grandsire were rung upon that fine toned peal, eight enthusiasts wended their way to St. Giles-in-the-Fields and rang a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's original, in 45 mins.: W. Dyas 1, C. Stephenson 2, W. Hewitt 3, F. Pike 4, C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, W. A. Alps 6, T. Walker 7, F. Davis 8.

Although this visit to St. Giles' was not prearranged (six of the band were College Youths), by a strange coincidence it happened to be the anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung by the College Youths on Sunday, October 23rd, 1791, and the following particulars appearing on a handsome board in the belfry may be of interest:—

Sunday, October 23rd, 1791.—The Society of College Youths did ring in this steeple the original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples as composed by Jno. Holt, in one continued course, with two doubles in the four last leads, completed in 3 hrs. 7 mins., called by James Bartlett, being the only person that ever rang and called this very difficult composition: Charles Barber treble, William Paris 2, William Kirke 3, William Jones 4, James Brown 5, Jonathan Langley 6, James Bartlett 7, Christopher Stratford tenor. This tablet was restored in 1883.

**WINCHESTER GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE MEETING AT BRAMLEY.**

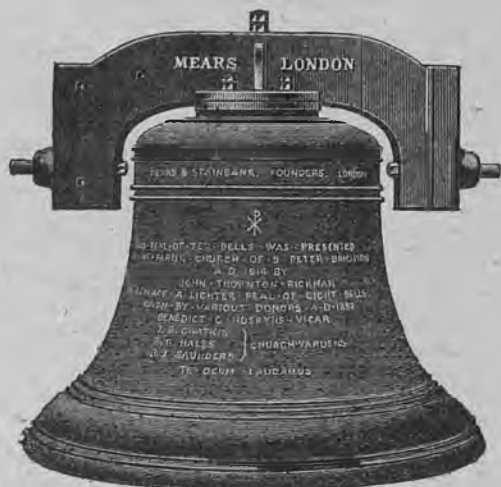
A pleasant little meeting for practice, one of the kind that are, happily, growing in number, took place at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday. It was arranged in connection with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, and a goodly company turned up by rail and cycle to make the best use of the handy peal of six, kindly placed at their disposal by the Rector. The meeting was the second of a fortnightly series which have been arranged to cover the period up to Christmas, in order to give a little stimulus to ringing in this part of the district at both the six and the eight bell towers. Bramley possesses a well-kept belfry, and a light, musical ring, the tenor being about 8½ cwt., but at present there is no local band. The war has claimed them, and the boys who were making a start seem to have disbanded, although two of them (one in naval uniform) were lured on Saturday to the tower by the sound of the bells. Guildfold, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Shalford, Woking and other places were represented, and the ringers included three lady members, each of whom took part in touches. There was "something for everybody," from rounds, for the small boy from Shalford, who was hardly tall enough to reach the sally, but who shaped well nevertheless, to a 720 of Kent Treble Bob to gratify the ambition of another member. This was rung by: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, M. Smither 3, C. Hazelden 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 6. Bob Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were also rung, and the bells lowered in peal before service. Afterwards, at Church Cottage, several privileged visitors were regaled with tea and reminiscences, and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe was much appreciated. The investigation of the curio case, which contains such widely diversified objects as a shell necklace from the South Sea Islands, and relics from the condemned cell at Newgate, a memento of the Stone Age, and the latest pattern rifle bullet, was not the least interesting part of the proceedings, while, in addition, handbells and story passed a delightful hour. Altogether the gathering was voted a great success. The next practice is at Cranleigh on November 4th.

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### DEATH OF MR. A. A. JOHNSTON. HEAD OF THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY.

We deeply regret to have to record the sudden death of Mr. A. A. Johnston, head of the well-known firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have a world-wide repute as bell founders and clock makers. Mr. Johnston on Monday appeared to be in his customary health, and visited the Mitcham Common golf links for a game of golf, a recreation which he always much enjoyed. While playing he collapsed, and died almost immediately.

The late Mr. Johnston leaves a widow, one son (Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston) and one daughter (Miss Norah Johnston) to mourn their loss. Lieut. Johnston, who, soon after the outbreak of war, was given a commission in the Public Schools Battalion, has since transferred to the Grenadier Guards, and at the time of his father's death was with the regiment in France.

The deceased, who was 65 years of age, had been connected with the business since the year 1877.

As clockmakers, the firm's work is to be found in almost every country of the world, and among the clocks of special interest, of which they were the manufacturers, are the Law Courts clock in the Strand, the largest striking clock in the western hemisphere at Toronto, and the first public clocks erected at Jerusalem and Nazareth.

The firm, under the direction of the late Mr. Johnston, has come rapidly to the front in bell founding, and have been responsible for a great many excellent rings in recent years, notably the ten at Wimborne Minster, and the twelve at Wolverhampton, to mention only two of the best known.

Although not a ringer himself, the late Mr. Johnston naturally took a deep interest in all that appertained to bells and ringing, and in addition to being an honorary member of the Surrey Association, served on the committee of that organisation.

The funeral takes place to-day (Friday). The first portion of the service will be held at Croydon Parish Church at 2 p.m., and the interment at Queen's Road Cemetery at 2.45 p.m.

### INQUIRIES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Can you oblige me with the following information:

1.—What are Oxford Singles, as I see in your issue of August 25th, the account of "432 Singles, consisting of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Oxford, rung on four bells"?

2.—How many possible ways are there of calling 120 Plain Bob Doubles?

3.—Where can I obtain a list of the Central Council Publications?

4.—Sometimes I see a peal report and a footnote says: "First peal with Bob Bell." Can you tell me what this means?

If you can spare space to give me the above information I shall be greatly obliged.—Yours faithfully,

"PUZZLED."

1.—Perhaps those who rang the Oxford Singles will supply our correspondent with the information asked for.

2.—There are four customary ways of calling 120 Bob Doubles, which will be found in Snowdon's "Rope-Sight," while Shipway shows how eight other six-scores can be got by the use of Singles, made by places in 2nd's and 3rd's, the bells behind plain hunting.

3.—The hon. secretary of the Central Council can doubtless supply a list of the Council's publications. They are not publicly advertised.

4.—A peal with a "bob bell" is a peal with a bell doing work other than hunting like the treble, or covering like the tenor in odd-bell methods.—Ed, "R.W."

### CLERGYMEN FINED FOR BELLRINGING.

At the Leicester Police Court on Wednesday week, the Rev. A. Tolhurst, of St. Anne's Church, was summoned for permitting a bell to be rung for evening service contrary to the Defence of Realm regulations, which prohibit bells, hooters and horns from being sounded after sunset. A churchwarden appeared and apologised, but the Bench had no option. Being the first case in this district the minimum fine of 5s. and costs was imposed. This is the second conviction for bell ringing in a week in the Midland area.

The Rector of West Horsley (Surrey) has also been fined for permitting the church bells to be rung after dark. There were two summonses against him, one for having unscreened lights showing from the church windows on the west and south sides, and the other in respect of the bells, which the police-sergeant found were being chimed by the Rector's son. The Rector wrote to the Bench expressing regret, and saying that no one thought by ringing the church bells they were contravening the Defence of the Realm Act. The magistrates imposed a fine of £2 in respect of the lights, and 10s. in respect of the ringing of the bells.

BARNES.—For harvest thanksgiving service, on Oct. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, R. Mackrell 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

## INTERESTING RELIC OF BYGONE DAYS.

### A DERBYSHIRE CURFEW LEGEND.

By Pte ERNEST MORRIS.

Whilst on a ramble round Langwith, Derbyshire, I visited the Parish Church of Scarcliffe. In this church is an ancient monument of some celebrity, which is regarded as the most interesting that Derbyshire possesses. It consists of a full length effigy of a lady holding a child on her left arm. It is doubtless of Early English period, and there are but few monuments of that date in such perfect condition. The head rests on a lion, and is adorned with a well-wrought coronet, denoting the high rank of the wearer. The hair is gathered up at the sides of the face in plaited braids, and she wears a long plain tunic or dress, with tight-fitting sleeves, and confined by a girdle at the waist. The tunic is fastened at the neck by a brooch formed of an open circle with a central pin; below it is an embroidered band cross-



SCARCLIFFE CHURCH.

ing the breast, which secures the long flowing mantle that hangs down behind nearly to the feet. A fold of the mantle is brought forward in front and upheld by the right arm. The left arm is passed round the child, whose feet rest on a sort of foliated bracket. The infant's right hand reaches up in a coaxing attitude to the face of the mother, and in the left hand is held a long scroll delicately engraved with the following stanza, in rhymed Leonine verse:—

"Hic sub humo strata, mulier jacet tumulata.  
Constans et grata, constancia jure vocata.  
Cu genetrix, data proles requiescit humata.  
Quamquam peccata capiti ejus sint cumulata,  
Grimine purgata cum prole Johanne beata  
Vivat, prefata, sanctorum sede locata. Amen."

The feet of the effigy rest on a defaced nondescript animal.

Near by is a slab inscribed: "Left by Lady Constantia. Five acres of land purchased for the purpose of ringing Curfew at Scarcliffe for ever. Three acres and three roods now in the occupation of John Coupe, and let at the annual rent of three pounds seven shillings and sixpence, and known by the names as follows: Moor close, one acre three roods; Twenty Lands, one acre and eighteen perches; and Honey Croft, three roods and twenty-two perches. Also one acre and one rood known by the name of Cock-Stye now in the occupation of John Jeffrey, and let at the annual rent of one pound two shillings and sixpence. 1832."

This bequest of Lady Constantia gave rise to the legend (formerly current with respect to the original of this monument) that she and her infant lost their way in the neighbouring woods, and were in danger of perishing of cold and fatigue, when the welcome sound of the Curfew bell of Scarcliffe Church reached her ear and guided her to human habitations. In gratitude she left this land that the Curfew bell might continue its daily toll for ever. Bassano, writing in 1710, says of this monument that it is in honour of a "queen or lady, who, being big with child and benighted, was by ye ringing of ye bells brought to Scarcliffe, where she was delivered of a son, and both dyed in ye yeare 1000." He adds: "I could not read ye scroyle."

The bells of the church are four in number, and inscribed:—

I.—"Sancta Maria ora pro nobis." In small Gothic letters of rough workmanship. The founders mark consists of a cross and the initials "R.C."

II.—"God save His Church. T. S. G. S. W. Revill, W. Hall Wardens. 1698."

III.—"Gloria in Excelsis Deo. I.H.S." The founders' mark is a shield bearing a fillet cross, with the initials "R.H." (Ralph Heathcote) above it.

IV.—"Hinc Venio retro. Cum silis noie Petro." Also under a cross the initials "R.B."

Though the Sanctus bell has disappeared, the bell-cote on the gable of the Nave still remains. The inhabitants of Scarcliffe must have been much devoted to bell ringing, for when the Common lands were enclosed in 1726, four acres were set apart, the rent of which was to provide the parish with bell ropes.

## A RINGER'S JUBILEE.

### CELEBRATION AT STONEY STANTON.

Fifty years a ringer! Before some of us were born, and before the fathers of some of the younger school had seen the light, Harry Briggs, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, had the belfry fever. It must not be thought that because the village is hyphenated by the word "stoney," that the ringing is also of that breed. Far from it. In 1857, when St. George's bells, Leicester, were opened, it was a band of six-bell men from Stoney Stanton that rang the first 720 upon them, the brothers Orton being famous in the hunting shire for their six-bell prowess. St. George's, alas! has now but one bell, the six original having been melted in the great fire five years ago, and the record of the first and only 5040 upon them called by the writer more than twenty years back is but a memory. But change ringing at Stoney Stanton is still like Tennyson's book, and goes on for ever, albeit that more than half the inhabitants (quarrymen) are "somewhere in France."

Harry Briggs carries the hoar frost of Father Time, but is still as energetic at the end of a rope as a novice, and to celebrate his half century of ringing eight men of the Midland Counties Association met at Stanton Church on October 14th to ring, if possible, a 5040 in honour of the event. Thurstan's one-part peal of Stedman Triples was started for by H. Briggs treble, H. Argyle (Nuneaton) 2, W. Willson, Leicester (conductor) 3, F. H. Dexter (Leicester) 4, L. Allen (Leicester) 5, T. Chapman (Nuneaton) 6, A. R. Aldham (Barwell) 7, W. Jones (Stoney Stanton) tenor. All went merrily for about half a peal, when "a slip in the slow" turned two bells over, and we set up. That inexorable censor—the Defence of the Realm Act—prevented a further attempt, so the company adjourned to Mr. Briggs' hospitable board, where the cup that cheers was very welcome, and was as cheerfully served by the good wife and the host, who will ere long (D.V.) see their golden wedding.

There was a time when Harry Briggs and his four sons rang together in a peal, but one after another has been called home, and Charlie alone remains with his father. The company being reinforced by him and by another promising ringer, Mr. Webb, of Croft, the handbells came into use, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Caters and Grandsire Cinques being rung off, while anecdote and joke filled the space until train time appeared, and put an end temporarily to good company; Arthur Aldham to "shomox" back to Barwell (pronounced Barrell), the remainder to their respective places.

The company heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Briggs for their kind hospitality, and trust both will live to see their cherished objective—the golden wedding—when, if we all meet again, the peal may after all become an accomplished fact. W. W.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Woodford on Saturday week, when the fine peal of six was placed at the disposal of the members by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Davidson). Touches of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung by mixed bands from Thrapston, Raunds, Ringstead, Twywell, Isham, Addington, Finedon, Burton Latimer, and Woodford. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector, and hymns were heartily sung.—The Rector, in his address, urged upon his hearers that when they rang the bells they were sending forth God's message; therefore, they were messengers of God.

Tea was provided in the Parish Room, about 35 sitting down, the Rector presiding, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford). Raunds was chosen for the next place of meeting, and the chairman was elected an hon. member of the Association.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local band for having everything in readiness, to the organist, and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.—The Rector, in replying, said it was a pleasure to him and to the parishioners generally to have the ringers there.—Handbells were rung after the meeting.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, at All Saints' Church, Fulham, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: H. Langdon (conductor) 1, A. W. Davis 2, B. A. Arthurton 3, H. G. Owen 4, A. Cutmore 5, W. A. Garrard 6, Sergt. S. A. Wright (Scots Guards) 7, A. W. Darlington 8, W. H. Hollier 9, M. C. Smith 10.—On Sept. 24th, for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters: A. W. Davis 1, W. A. Garrard 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. V. Selby 5, Sergt. S. A. Wright (Scots Guards) 6, W. Langdon 7, A. W. Darlington 8, S. J. Collins 9, H. Langdon (conductor) 10.



## NOTICES.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Brent on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Som.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 39th annual festival will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, October 28th, 1916. The following bells will be available from 12 noon until 4 p.m.: Cathedral, Newcastle (12, tenor 37½ cwt.), All Saints, Pilgrim Street (8, 19 cwt.), St. John's, Westgate Road (8, 12½ cwt.), St. George's, Osborne Road (8, 17 cwt.), All Saints, Gosforth (8, 22 cwt.), St. Mary's, Gateshead (8, 15 cwt.). The service will be held in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m., with an address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. The committee meeting will be held at the Douglas Hotel, Grainger Street, West, at 5 p.m., and tea in the same place at 6 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting. Tickets for the tea, 1s. 6d. to members and 3s. to non-members. — G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Western Branch). — A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on October the 28th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each. Bells available from 2.30 till 5. Those who desire tea please notify us.—F. A. Smith, F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 28th. Bells available 3.30 till dusk.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells from 3 o'clock to dusk.—Thos. V. Worsley, Branch Sec., 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

**SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—A memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, consisting of peal tablet and book-case, will be unveiled in the belfry of the Cathedral on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when all ringers who can attend will be welcome. The Ven. Archdeacon Gresford Jones will preside. Tea will be provided for visitors who give notice of their intention of being present. —Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common. The eight bell tower (tenor 18½ cwt.), will be available from 3 o'clock until service at 5 o'clock. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.) in the Mission Room, Greyhound Lane, close to the church. Short business meeting after tea. Please notify intention to be present to Charles Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1916. Bells available from 3 till dusk. Business meeting, 7 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea

by kind invitation. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by November 1st to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden (8 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2.30 until 5, followed by a short service. Tea (6d. to members, others 9d.) and business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, which will also be available for handbell ringing, etc., afterwards. Nearest station, Neasden (Met.), or No. 8 bus from City. All requiring tea please advise me by November 8th. Members and friends cordially invited. I shall be glad to have all outstanding subscriptions as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting of the above association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. A meeting for business and social intercourse will be held on the same evening at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

**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.

## RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

**ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.**—Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome.—F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNEY.**—The tower will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays until further notice. Ringers welcome.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A friendly meeting will be held at Denham, Bucks, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, Oct. 28th (to-morrow) at 3 p.m.; tea 5.30. November practices are being arranged as follows, all at 2.30: 11th, Stoke Poges; 18th, Burnham; 25th, Farnham Royal; also Dec. 2nd, Slough. Please note there will be no ringing on Sundays or week days after sunset until further notice owing to Defence of the Realm regulations.

## HANDBELLS WANTED.

**WANTED,** a peal of, from 12 to 25, handbells in good order.—State price to Rev. C. G. Everitt, Vicarage, Swanwick, Alfreton.

## SITUATION WANTED.

**GARDENER,** head, or gardener and bailiff, requires situation. Over military age, thoroughly competent; change ringer on any number of bells; good instructor and conductor; married, no young children.—Apply "Ringer," c/o W. H. Fussell, Esq., Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal, Slough.

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GOOD COACH PAINTERS, BRUSH HANDS, COACH TRIMMERS, BODYMAKERS AND WHEELWRIGHTS required, also APPRENTICES for each department. Bellringers preferred. — Apply Wilton Carriage Company, Waddon New Road, Croydon.

#### HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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

#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### QUESTION OF RINGING AFTER THE WAR.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Headcorn, and proved an undoubted success. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock with a touch of Stedman Triples, and this was followed by Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob. Good striking prevailed throughout.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Gatehouse) presiding. The hon. secretary and district representative were re-elected, and quarterly meetings next year were fixed as follows: Hythe (February), Wye (April) and Tenterden (June), and the annual at Ashford, in September.

The district representative was instructed to bring before the Central Committee in November the sending of some little memento from the Association to each member in H.M. Forces, and also to consider the best way to organise ringing in the county when peace shall be proclaimed.

A special service was held in the church, consisting of intercessory prayers and hymns, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., presiding at the organ.—The Vicar, who officiated, asked that the members of the district who were on active service should be specially remembered in the prayers.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, about 40 sitting down, and the Vicar presiding. As there was a great difficulty in finding a caterer to provide a tea at anything like the figure allowed by the Association, Mrs. Gatehouse, the Vicar's wife, herself a ringer, very kindly undertook to cater for the occasion, and right royally she did it. Added to this was the excellent waiting of the ladies in attendance, and the hearty vote of thanks and the resounding cheers which were accorded to them at the close were well merited.

The following towers were represented: Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Biddenden, Folkestone, Hythe, Mersham, Rolvenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower.

A very hearty welcome was accorded to the following distinguished visitors, viz.: Messrs. I. Emery, member of Central Committee; W. Hewett, Camberwell; E. F. Pike, Lewisham; Trumpet-Major Farley, Wells Cathedral (now stationed at Ash-next-Sandwich); F. S. Macey, Sittingbourne; D. Hodgkin, Marden; and the Shepherd, who is responsible for the whole flock. Owing to the existing restrictions no ringing could be done in the tower after tea, but several touches on the handbells, both double and single-handed, were rung, and this passed away the time pleasantly until the party was compelled to disperse, and those who were decidedly past military age felt they had done their little bit by helping to keep the church bells ringing till the boys come home.

#### ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday week the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths spent a very enjoyable time at the autumn quarterly meeting, which was held at "their home," as the fine old veteran, Mr. Wm. Doran, likes to term Shoreditch. The tower was open at 2.30, and many touches were rung during the afternoon, Mr. A. Pye, Mr. J. Thomas and Mr. F. I. Hairs (all in His Majesty's uniform) taking part, whilst all the members were more than pleased to welcome their old secretary, Mr. Frank Bennett, now of Brighton. After tea, which was partaken of in the Parish Room, the business meeting followed. It was necessary to read the minutes of the two preceding quarterly meetings, as those of the spring meeting were not confirmed last time owing to the minute book having been accidentally left in the train by the Master. Happily the book had been recovered from the G.E.R.

It was unanimously decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, an invitation having been already received from the Vicar.—One new member, whom all were very glad to welcome, was elected, namely, Mr. Leonard A. Pye, son of Mr. A. Pye, of Seven Kings.—This brought the business to a close, and Mr. J. Raynor, having, with his usual thoughtfulness, brought his handbells along, the members indulged in a few touches on these musical bells, Mrs. Frank Hairs and Mrs. Walker taking part, and by the way the latter lady handled her bells, we may expect to see her joining the ranks of the lady handbell peal ringers shortly.

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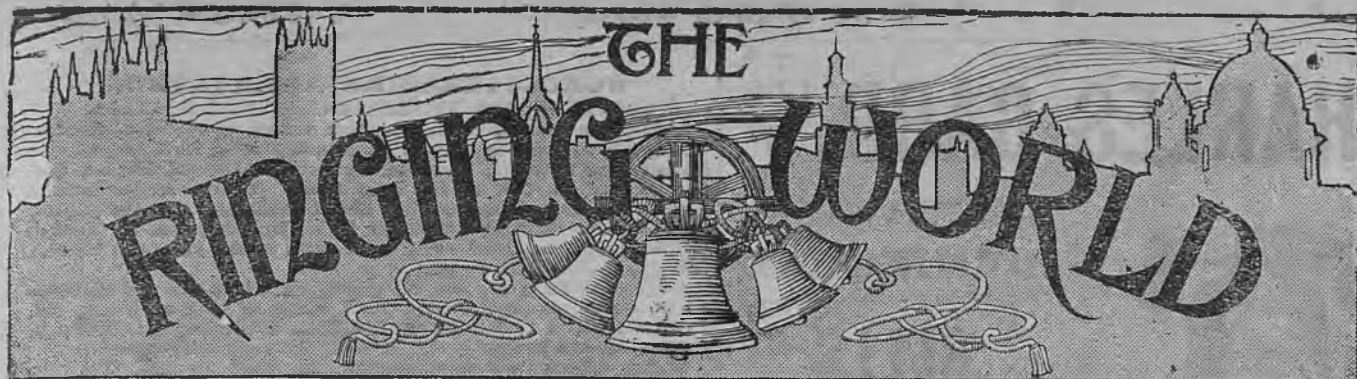
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## MODERN WORK.

## THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

Practically all the ringing associations have made an effort to collect the names of their members who have joined one or other of the branches of H.M. Forces, with a view to perpetuating in their respective records the list of those who are serving their King and country in the great struggle. Notwithstanding the best endeavours, however, few, if any, of the associations have been able to make a complete record, largely for the reason that what is anybody's business is nobody's business, and many of the towers neglect to notify the departure of their men simply because it is nobody's specific concern to do so. This, of course, is a matter for regret, because the real future value of the roll will be in its completeness. The Oxford Diocesan Guild is taking special steps to make its roll of honour as complete as possible, by circularising all the towers, and providing a properly drafted form to be filled up, and this seems to be the most efficacious way of carrying out the scheme. The columns of "The Ringing World" have sufficed as the source of information for some of the associations, but even the lists which have thus been published must of necessity lack the completeness so much to be desired. Each of the associations, if they would have a reliable record, ought to secure it by direct means from the various towers.

For the most part, however, the associations concern themselves only with those towers which are affiliated. In every county or diocesan area there are towers not connected with the central organisations which have supplied their quota to the fighting forces of the Crown. It would be a pity if steps were not taken to obtain similar lists from these belfries, and we would suggest to all those associations who have not already done so, that they might very well include in their records the ringers from every tower, affiliated or not, which comes within their sphere of action. In this way it would be possible later on to ascertain with some degree of accuracy how many men have gone from the belfries of the kingdom. There is no reason why the work of collecting the information should not soon be generally organised. Unless the age for military service is raised, most of those likely to be called up are already in the Forces, and the associations, like the Oxford Guild, might find the present a convenient time to put the matter in hand. In doing so the importance of making the information as full as possible ought not to be overlooked, and those who have been wounded or broken in the war, as well as those who have made the supreme sacrifice, should be specially noted. It is much to be hoped that complete records will be made available so that the future generations of ringers may know what the Exercise did in the greatest war of all time.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTHERN BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT STANTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Stanton on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Evesham, Hampton, Pershore, Bretforton, Hinton, Toddington, etc., as well as the local band. At the service held in church, the Vicar of Stanway (the Rev. E. Bateman) read the prayers, and the Rector of Stanton (the Rev. T. W. Reynolds) gave an excellent address, in the course of which he referred to the history of Stanton bells, which date back to 1660.

A splendid meat tea was afterwards served in the Village Club Room, kindly provided by Mr. S. P. Stott, of Stanton Court. Mr. Stott, the Rector of Stanton and the Vicar of Stanway sat down with the ringers, and the party also included the choir and organist.

At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. Stott presided. The ratification of the election of Miss E. K. Parker, of Enfield, as a life member, was carried unanimously, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal on Stanton bells, with Mr. J. Hemming as conductor. It was also resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bretforton.

The branch officers were re-elected as follows: Mr. H. Middleton, Ringing Master; Mr. J. Hemming, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. G. Dolphin on the Central Committee.

### THE WAR ROLL.

The Secretary announced that several members of the band of Stanton had joined H.M. Forces, making a total of 29 members from the branch. Two had been killed, one wounded and missing, and two seriously wounded. The Secretary also reported he had received a cheque for £1 from Commander B. M. Pyres Monsell, R.N., M.P., as his subscription for 1916, and a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Monsell for his generous support to the cause of change ringing.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Ashley, hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Stanton for the use of the bells, and for his excellent and interesting address, to the choir and organist for their presence at the service, to Mr. Stott for presiding at the meeting and for providing such a splendid repast, and to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them. These votes of thanks were carried with acclamation, and brief speeches followed by the Rector, who replied for the ladies; the Rev. E. Bateman, a north country gentleman, who was also present, and the chairman. This concluded the business meeting.

Mr. Stott, to whose kindness the members were much indebted, is a splendid specimen of an English gentleman, his genial disposition and his thought for the welfare of others making him beloved by all who come in contact with him, and the ringers fully appreciated his generous hospitality.

An hour of harmony followed the meeting. Tunes and touches were rung on handbells, a good touch of Erin Triples being brought round by: Miss E. M. Johnson 1-2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3-4, F. J. Johnson 5-6, J. Hemming 7-8; also touches of Bob Major and Grand-sire Caters, R. G. Knowles (secretary of the Western Branch) taking part. After this the ringers dispersed for their various destinations, many expressing the hope that at some future date another meeting would be held at Stanton.

### TRAFALGAR DAY CELEBRATED AT CROYLAND.

At Croyland Abbey, where, it is supposed, bells were first placed for ringing in England, touches of Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Grand-sire Doubles were rung in celebration of Trafalgar Day. Those taking part were: Miss C. M. Orlebar (King's Cliffe), A. Holland (Croyland), G. Barker, W. Waldron, F. Dainty, H. Hoare, A. Simpson and J. J. Jutson (Peterborough).

The following interesting items are taken from Croyland Parish Records:—

1795.—4th bell recast by Ed. Arnold, Leicester	£22 18 4
Carriage of 4th bell	3 6 10
Nov. 5th gave the ringers for ringing after the bell was up	0 5 0
1798.—18th Oct. paid ringers at Nelson's victory	0 5 0
Paid for powder	0 2 0
1815.—Paid ringers for 3 days' ringing at the celebration of peace	1 10 0

### BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Ilminster, when 30 members were present, representing seven towers. At the business proceedings, held in the vestry (by kind permission of the Vicar), the Rev. C. C. Parker presiding, the Master said he had sent the resolutions of sympathy passed at the last meeting.—One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Long Ashton in December.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Preb. Street for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, and to Mr. D. G. Taylor for making the arrangements for the meeting.—In the absence of Preb. Street, Mr. Taylor replied.

A move was then made to the tower, where touches in various methods were rung until 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, after which service was held, at which Preb. Street welcomed the Association to Ilminster, and gave an address. The tower was then again visited, and touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples rung.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 39th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday last. The bells of the Cathedral, All Saints', St. John's, St. George's; All Saints', Gosforth; and St. Mary's, Gateshead, were open from noon to 4 p.m., and touches in a number of methods were brought round. Ringers were present from various districts, including North Shields, Gateshead, Darlington, Benfieldside, Sunderland, Cramlington, Tanfield, Whitley Bay, West Hartlepool, and, of course, Newcastle.

The usual service was held in the Cathedral, when the Lord Bishop of Newcastle gave an address. Taking as his text Psalm xix. 4, "Their sound has gone out to all lands," he said that he liked the spirit of our ancestors, who seemed to believe more in praise than we did. There must be ordered praise in the House of God. He liked the Psalms, hymns, and other forms of praise. The musical portions were a stimulant, and in that he held the bellringers played their share, whether they rang the muffled peal of sadness or the merry peal of joy. There was something elevating in the sound of the church bells rung as only skilled members like those he was addressing could do. The Bishop impressed upon those present the need of attending service after ringing, and quoted one or two passages from Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner":

"And hark the little vesper bell  
Which biddeth me to prayer;"

and

"O sweeter than the marriage feast  
'Tis sweeter far to me  
To walk together to the kirk  
With a goodly company."

A collection was taken for "The Ringing World" Prince of Wales' War Fund.

A committee meeting was afterwards held at the Douglas Hotel. and subsequently the members, numbering 53, sat down to tea.

### CLERGY AND THE BELFRY.

The annual meeting followed, the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) being in the chair, and proposing the toast of "The King."

He afterwards proposed the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses." — The Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam, responded for the Diocese of Newcastle, and the Rev. A. W. Lister, of Tanfield, for the Diocese of Durham. The latter said he thought it was a pity that only one clergyman was present from each diocese. The ringers, he added, were urged often to attend the service better than they did, but he was afraid that sometimes the clergy left the belfry severely alone.

Letters of apology were read from the Rev. H. S. Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead; Canon Archdale, Tanfield; Mr. Jackson, Pallister; and Mr. Richley, of Corbridge.

The Secretary (Mr. G. T. Potter), presented his annual report, extracts from which will appear in our next issue.

### THE LATE LIEUT. FALCONER'S BEQUEST.

The President mentioned that the late Lieut. R. W. Falconer, of Gosforth, who was killed in action, had left by his will a sum of money to put in two trebles at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, making a peal of ten.

The President also mentioned that Mr. John Simm, of Newcastle, one of the original members of the association, and who was connected with St. Nicholas' Cathedral nearly all his life, passed away on October 27th. The late Mr. Simm was in his 83rd year, and had been a ringer since he was 15 years of age.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was present, and was welcomed by the President.

The retiring officers were re-elected, and, after votes of thanks to them and the election of new members, the meeting closed, arrangements for 1917 meetings having been made as follows: February, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Whit-Monday, Bishop Auckland; July, Stockton-on-Tees; and the 40th annual festival at Sunderland.

### HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the West Herts District was held at Rickmansworth on Saturday last, when the fine peal of eight bells was placed at the disposal of the members by the Rev. A. W. Pain. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung by mixed bands from Oxhey, Bushey, Watford, Willesden, Stanmore, Rickmansworth and Kettering, and the members were very pleased to welcome Mr. C. T. Coles, honorary secretary of the Middlesex County Association. About 24 sat down to tea, the curate (the Rev. A. W. Pain) presiding, but, unfortunately, he was unable to stay for the meeting, at which Mr. W. Hodgetts, of Oxhey, took the chair. Watford was chosen for the next place of meeting. The Rev. C. Ayrust, Vicar of Watford, was elected an hon. member, and two ringing members were elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the curate for the use of the bells, and the members also wish to thank the local band and Mr. Jones for having everything in readiness, and thus helping to make the meeting a success. Handbells were rung after the meeting.

## THE LATE MR. A. A. JOHNSTON. CROYDON'S GREAT LOSS.

The inquiry into the death of the late Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston, of Rushbrooke Lodge, Croydon, head of the well-known firm of Gillett and Johnston, bell founders and clock and carillon builders, who, as recorded in our last issue, died suddenly while playing golf at Mitcham, was held at the Croydon General Hospital on Wednesday of last week, conducted by the Borough Coroner, Dr. T. Jackson.

After evidence of identification and that of Aldermen G. J. Allen and Thomas H. Porritt, who were playing golf with deceased, Dr. Bryce Collier said he had attended deceased, and saw him professionally on the previous Wednesday. Witness added that driving off from a tee required the most exertion in the game of golf, and was quite sufficient to rupture an artery which had become brittle, and, that deceased did rupture an artery, was the only explanation of his sudden death.

The Coroner spoke in very feeling terms of the deceased. The late Mr. Johnston, he said, was always cheery, genial, kind-hearted and full of humour, and was as pleasant a companion as one could wish for. There was no malice in his nature, and he (the coroner) did not suppose he ever made an enemy in his life. All who knew him would deeply regret his death. One might have thought that such a man as he would have lived another ten or even twenty years. Referring to the deceased gentleman's public life, the Coroner said that he had served the West Ward on the Borough Council faithfully and well for nine years, and had cheered the heart of many an old person by providing Christmas dinners every Christmas Eve for over twenty years. In raising this Christmas dinner fund, Mr. Johnston had done something very expressive of his nature. He (the coroner) hoped that the fund would be continued by Lieut. Cyril Johnston, and that the great business, of which the deceased had been head, would be carried on as honourably and well as deceased had conducted it. The Coroner concluded by saying that the death had caused a sore place in the hearts of a good many people.

A relative thanked the Coroner on behalf of Mrs. Johnston, who was too indisposed to attend.

In returning a verdict to the effect that death was caused by the rupture of an artery, due to over-exertion, the jury expressed sympathy with the relatives.

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Friday, the first part of the burial service being conducted at St. John's Parish Church, where, for many years, the deceased gentleman had been a pew-holder. Long before the hour fixed for the service the church was filled with a large congregation, which included the male and female employees from the works in Whitehorse Road, and many of the deceased's old colleagues on the Borough Council, and other friends, while among the ringers present were Councillor J. D. Drewett and Mr. Charles Reading, Master and assistant secretary respectively of the Surrey Association.

A feature of the service was the singing by the Parish Church choir, augmented by 35 choristers employed at the works, all but eight of the latter being females. The hymns selected were "Nearer my God to Thee" and "Abide with me," both favourites of Mr. Johnston. The Vicar of Croydon (Canon L. J. White-Thomson) and the Rev. A. J. Easter (Vicar of St. Matthew's) conducted the service.

The interment took place at Queen's Road Cemetery, where, prior to the arrival of the funeral cortege, some two hundred other employees took up positions around the grave. The coffin having been lowered, and the committal words pronounced by the Rev. A. J. Easter, all joined in singing "Peace, perfect Peace," and a deeply impressive scene was brought to a close.

The family mourners included Mrs. Johnston (widow), Miss Nora Johnston (daughter) and Lieutenant Cyril F. Johnston (son), who was on special leave from the front. The works staff was represented by Mr. R. F. A. Housman (manager), and Messrs. Cooksey, Jerome, Pape, Mellows, Saegar and Clutterbuck (foremen).

Before and after the service at the Parish Church the bells were rung half-muffled, the tenor being tolled at the approach of the procession to the church, and subsequently a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled on the peal at St. Peter's, South Croydon, which, it will be remembered, was recently recast by the deceased's firm, who at the same time gave the two trebles to make a ring of ten. The ringers taking part were: A. J. Perkins 1, William States 2, David Wright 3, Walter Wise (conductor) 4, Charles Dean 5, Sidney Roper 6, Fredk. Hermon 7, Walter Gammon 8.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: A. E. Norman (age 14, first quarter of Stedman) 1, E. Allaway 2, W. Walmsley (Macclesfield) 3, A. T. Scrivens (first quarter of Stedman) 4, J. B. Collett 5, A. P. Smith 6, J. George (composer and conductor) 7, S. Coley 8.

**CAVERSHAM, OXON.**—Recently, several touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples have been rung, in which Air-Mechanic W. E. Jarman, R.F.C., has taken part. Having been ordered overseas, a farewell 504 Stedman Triples was rung, and all the band wished him a safe return: G. Essex 1, F. Pounds 2, W. Hibbert 3, A. D. Cullum 4, E. J. Munday 5, Air-Mechanic W. E. Jarman, R.F.C., 6, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, H. Simmonds 8.



## O.D.G. ACTIVITIES.

## THE MONTHLY CHRONICLE.

If that to ring you doe come here  
You must ring well with hand and eare  
Keep stroake of time and go not out  
Or else you forfeit out of doubt.

Ringers' Rules, Tong, 1694.

I am hoping to be allowed to give you my third chapter of the doings of our local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, for the miscellaneous columns of the "Ringing World" have shown that the harvest month of September has been a busy time for bells and ringers. Eight quarter-peals have been scored at various towers on Sundays for the festival services, and eight unsuccessful attempts were made, the bands and conductors for which were combed out of the neighbouring parishes. It is rather a surprise to count up the number of ex-ringers to be found in most parishes. We did so at Slough recently, and totalled up 41 men able to ring accurately in rounds. Every man counts in war time in the tower, and with a view of keeping the old church bells ringing I have tried to enlist the support of one or two retired men in several towns, among them an old member from Burford, Oxon, now residing at Colnbrook, who rang a Guild peal in 1884, and here is his interesting and happy reply: "I am indeed sorry to say that I cannot assist you in the ringing at present, for I have only recently left the West London Hospital, where I underwent a serious operation, and my doctor says I must be very careful for six months at least. As an enthusiastic change ringer you may guess that I am very sorry to give it up for a time.—Thos. E. Glanville."

We have the Divine promise that seed time and harvest shall never fail, proof of which is amply shown in the agricultural returns for Great Britain, notwithstanding the stress of war and the dearth of labour revealed by the Recruiting Tribunals. The writer of "An Autumn Diary" in the "Daily Mail" fosters the English love of church bells, and I cannot do better than give you what he says—a true literary counterpoise to the pernicious effects of recent Press grumblers:—"There are corn and fruit and flowers in the church, and scents of field and garden drown the odours of ancient oak and mouldering stone. The harvest festival is never so natural a service as in the deep of the country, amid the homes of the men who raised and saved the crops and earned the right and the means to live by doing so. And somehow, they seem to know that it is peculiarly their festival, for you see faces in church to-day which are very rarely present at other times. And the words of the harvest hymns appeal to these folk as much as the luring swing of the tunes. The old countryside lessons have a meaning which they more than all others comprehend. Here, harvest home is never kept if it can be helped until the harvest is home. The bells ring out across the mellow autumn landscape, and the farmer who passes churchward by his broadly clustered stacks and the villagers who see them across the stubble fields from lane and by-path know that they symbolise a fruitful year and the fulfilment once more of the old covenant that seed-time and harvest should never fail."

## LONDON SURPRISE MEN LOST IN SUPERLATIVE.

The ambitious programme has been strictly adhered to—a portion of it, to Sept. 9th, having been reported in Chapter II. Men have made a point of "turning up" to these fixtures, for one never knew who was likely to join us, nor what the latest news might be concerning our "brother strings" serving abroad, and others at home who will soon be joining them.

Woodburn, Wednesday, Sept. 13th.—Eighteen attended, and the first touch, Grandsire Triples, went off soon after the hour of meeting by Miss Winifred Cooper 1, H. Wingrove 2, J. West (local foreman) 3, H. Collins (Marlow) 4, J. Evans (Hugendon), conductor 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, W. Horne 7, E. R. Coles (Wycombe) 8. Miss Gudgein and Miss Fuller also took part in the ringing, as well as J. C. Truss, J. Blackmore, F. K. Biggs, Ralph Coles, F. Hayes (Wycombe), F. Malin (Woodburn) and W. H. Fussell. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich followed, but by some strange freak of memory a picked band could not ring a course of Superlative, although all were London Surprise men. Here I might just refer to the real value of Snowdon's diagrams on "Standard Methods." Had we possessed a copy everyone would have sailed off smoothly into any method named, instead of being tied into a knot, as it were, directly "go" was called. In the pre-war days, at Burnham, I have seen as many as ten copies of these diagrams at one practice, and they have done more than anything else to promote advanced method ringing throughout the country. Afterwards we rested at the Bell Inn—our sandwiches being accompanied by a course of Major Robert on the piano by J.C.T.—quite free of all restrictions, which trouble military areas. We dispersed at eight o'clock with a beautiful moonlit night for cycling home.

## A HOMELY SOCIAL.

Slough, Saturday, Sept. 16th.—Wending my way to the tower I heard the bells sent off into Grandsire Triples by 5.14 p.m., so no time had been lost. Stedman Treble Bob and Double Norwich followed at intervals; 26 visitors taking a rope as opportunity offered, the steeple-

keeper, Mr. G. T. Leader, having a busy evening attending to requests for a "pull" until the octave was nicely lowered in peal at seven o'clock. I believe one touch of "Fabian" collapsed because all the eight men were in "Slough" at the same time, or else the distinguished company present unnerved them. There were a number of introductions during the evening, such as Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh)—the former having been to Brighton to say farewell to their soldier son previous to his going "out," while the latter were enjoying a few days tandem cycling tour in Bucks—and Messrs. C. Giles and A. Webb, of Reading, to Miss A. Swabey and Miss G. Bateman, of Stoke Poges. The others present included Messrs. W. Fuller and his son (Wargrave), J. Barnes (Amersham), T. Goodchild (Maidenhead), H. Wingrove (Beaconsfield), A. Ethurn (Amersham), G. Alder (Burnham), J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), J. Brant (Warfield), and a ringer whose identity has not been discovered, called the dark horse, and the local members, Messrs. P. Jones, T. S. Smith, H. J. Copley, R. Flaxman, G. Bedford, E. Hooper, W. Henley, A. Leader, etc. It is pertinent to ask any conductor if his "touch" was a true one, when "Whittington" came up three times during its performance. Such a true touch was rung at this practice, and is often heard at Cranleigh, by putting two at the rope end and one on the clappers.

The long room at the Grapes Hotel was placed at our private disposal by Host Smith, and a social gathering with four ladies present was certainly a new feature for the local ringers, and gave the proceedings quite a homely domestic touch, somewhat after the style of the Sheffield lads, whose wives and lasses keep their men folk company at most of their important meetings in Yorkshire. Mr. Edwin Lucas, one of our hon. members, joined us, and the handbells were used in double-handed change ringing by Messrs. Giles, Webb, Whittington, Hooper, Henley and Fussell. The bread and cheese and lettuce were highly approved, and due birthday greetings tendered to those concerned—"Mrs. Whi: and Mr. Whf:," and if the non-treating laws spared their purse it also soured their grapes, for we were not allowed to crack a bottle of wine to celebrate the double event, and neither did we crack a bell over it. A reference to the railway time-table dispersed a happy meeting at 9 o'clock, although the hour was not—"time, gentlemen."

"There is no musick play'd or sung,  
Is like good bells if well rung.  
Put off your hat, coat and spurs,  
And see you make no brawls or jares.

Shillingstone, 1767."

Farnham Royal, Saturday, Sept. 23rd.—Nineteen were present, including Misses Gudgein and Cooper, of Fulmer, and a new face—Mr. W. C. Parker, of Staines. A good all-round two hours' practice in four methods finished at 7 p.m.; the towers represented being: Missenden, Amersham, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Old Windsor, Slough, and Burnham. Regret was expressed at the loss of H. Skuse, a local member, who it appears had been promoted to the rank of corporal before he was killed in action. The sights seen by English prisoners of war when interned at Ruhleben, and recently mentioned in "The Ringing World," has been lately confirmed by further information as to church bells being used for war munitions in Germany and Austria. It is reported that 15,200 church bells, aggregating 7,464 tons, have been melted down in Austria, and from Prague, the town of "the hundred churches," 152 bells representing 75 tons, have come. There is one famous monster bell—a very beautiful casting it is said, which the Germans are not likely to break up, called the Kaiser bell, at Cologne Cathedral (with its spire 511 feet high, the tallest in the world), and the ringing Exercise ought to petition the War Office to have it brought to England as a war trophy when "the day" comes. Surely the bell ringers of Great Britain are doing sufficient service for their wishes to merit favourable consideration. The growing confidence of the Allies seems to indicate that the Kaiser bell won't be rung for the victory of Kaiser Bill in this war, although it was rung at the fall of Warsaw, and the German Naval "victory" at the Battle of Jutland.

## IMPORTANT DUTIES.

Old Windsor, Saturday, Sept. 30th.—Mr. Jos. Gutteridge, the foreman, met us with a welcome at 3 p.m., and left us "to it," being busy with church decorations for the morrow's festival. Fourteen ringers (and a dozen cycles) gathered round the tower, mostly the "stickers," the practice ceasing at 7. News of the death of Sergt. Albert Haines (Royal Fusiliers) was received with regret, he being an old peal ringing member of this tower. He was killed in action in August last.

A little while your grave will be o'er-trodden.  
Soon the frail cross have fallen with the breeze;  
No loving hands are there to tend and cherish  
That grave in foreign soil beyond the seas.—  
Perchance the bells which here we often flourish,  
May echo through the sky—from us, to thee.

My readers may have noticed that quarter-peals were put on for the Sunday services following our Saturday practice in most cases. This is one way in which we ringers can repay the clergy and churchwardens for the frequent use of their tower and bells. Ringing for

the Sunday services, especially at festival times, is one of the most important voluntary duties that we can undertake as church workers, and is entirely distinct from the more important and serious duty we owe to ourselves, that of attending a service at least once a week. In the prolific days of peal ringing there existed a certain "ebb and flow" in the records which still exist in all lesser ringing touches—three out of four attempts for "quarters" failing in one week-end, whilst three out of four were brought home in the next, this order being exactly reversed during the following fortnight.

(To be continued).

### RINGER'S STORY OF A "PUSH."

PTE AUSTIN WOUNDED BY GERMAN BOMB.

We have received the following interesting letter which describes Pte C. Austin's experiences in one of the recent attacks in the Somme battle area. Pte Austin, who is with the 1st Coldstream Guards, and was wounded in the knee in the attack, is the son of Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

"For a long time past," he writes, "our division had been holding a place on the left of the British front. The first advance on the Somme started while we were still there, and before long it was whispered that we were going to move down to where the attack was progressing. Some of the lads began to look forward to a 'Blighly one,' while others were glad to get away from the place where we were. At last we started on our long journey from one end of our front to the other. Sometimes we had a train ride, at other times we marched. The weather at this time was very hot, and the roads were thick with dust, so we had a rough time while on the march.

"On reaching the place we were bound for, we had a few days' rest and then moved up to the trenches at a place where no advance had been made. During our stay in these trenches I managed to get too near to one of Fritz's minenwerfers, with the result that I got lifted a few yards along the trench, and partly buried. After being relieved from these trenches we had a few days out, and then another spell in, after which we moved farther along the line to where the advance had taken place. Here we were in billets for some time, during which we were training. At last we began to move up, and spent the day before the attack close by our old front line. During the day our officers explained to us what we had to do, and told us how the attack was to be made. They also told us that our new engines of war were to take part in the attack. These are called 'H.M. Landships,' and are really moving forts, enclosed in armour plate. They can walk over a trench, and if a tree or a house gets in the way they push it down and walk over it.

### NIGHT MARCH TO THE TRENCHES.

"At last night came, and we began to move up. Soon we were marching over ground won from the Germans. It was torn up by shells, and the villages behind the lines were just a heap of bricks and old timber. In Montauban a bit of the church still stood, with a bell standing on its mouth outside. We marched on through woods, or what remained of them, for only broken stumps were left, and as we proceeded the ground began to look like a ploughed field, with a large number of holes in it. At last we arrived at the trenches where three battalions of Coldstream Guards got into the front line trench next to one another, and the reserve dug in just behind them. The ground here was just one mass of shell holes. It was now about three o'clock, so we sat down and tried to get a sleep, as we knew we were to go over at 6.20. From the time we arrived in the trenches until about ten minutes before the attack, there was hardly a shell fired. At six o'clock we were all awake. We had a look to see that our bombs were all right, and bayonets fixed properly. A short time after we heard our guns fire, and some large shells passed overhead, making a noise like an express train dashing through a tunnel. Fritz soon began to reply, and some of these fell a bit too close to be pleasant.

"After a few minutes had passed the signal was given, and the lads were over the top, walking towards the German lines. The ground in this part was so full of shell holes that it was only possible to move across it at a walking pace. As soon as we were on top, the Germans opened with their machine guns and rifle fire, but this did not stop us. We went on until we were nearly on top of the German trench. Here we got into our own barrage fire, so most of us lay down or fell back a few yards.

### HUNDREDS OF BOMBS.

"All this time the Germans were throwing hundreds of bombs at us, but they did very little damage. When our barrage fire had advanced, we made a dash for the German trench, which we got after killing most of the Germans in them. At this time I was wounded in the knee with a piece of bomb. While I was in a shell hole putting a bandage on my knee, I had a look to see how the lads were getting on. I could see they had captured the second trench, and were on their way to the third, which they captured a few minutes afterwards. Some distance behind this trench was the village of ——. Our chaps were soon close to it, and would have taken it, but the divisions on our right were held up, and so there was nothing else to do but to dig in for the night. During the next two days the Germans counter-attacked, but were beaten back. A few days afterwards our division again attacked and captured the village, and carried on some distance past it, where they dug in."

## JOHN GARTHON.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

III.

When I said in my last article that the early compositions were steps in the natural evolution of change ringing that had to be taken if the science was to grow, and that if one man had not composed any one of them another would, I did not mean that it would in that case be exactly the same peal. I did not mean, for instance, that if Annable had not composed his Three Part\*, the first man to compose a 5040 of Bob Major would have necessarily written out exactly those same course-ends and those same bobs. What I did mean was that the peal would have been in all its essentials the same thing. It might have been the same as John Holt's Three Part†; it could not have been the same as Hubbard's Five-Part‡. If you would understand the real nature of the science of change ringing (and unless you do you are not able to understand what the true function of a composer is, or competent to express an opinion as to the originality of a peal), you must understand that a composition is at the bottom merely the statement of an abstract mathematical truth. The abstract truth is one, and does not vary; but it is capable of many "expressions" which do vary, and sometimes very considerably from each other.

Now since the composition is abstract it must be capable of being stated in general terms, which are quite independent of any one set of figures. But directly you want to illustrate the composition, directly you put it to any practical use, you must have a concrete set of figures. But you must remember that these figures are not themselves the composition, they are only one expression out of many, it may be thousands, it may be millions.

Let us take an illustration. The simplest possible composition is three courses joined by three bobs in which three bells are moved. It is a general abstract truth that if you take a course of any method, and in it anywhere make a bob by altering the coursing order of three bells, when you have completed the Q set you have a touch of three complete courses. This is true of any and every method. The composition is the same, but the expressions vary immensely. The same composition gives you three courses of Bob Major by calling three bobs at Home, and three courses of Stedman Triples by calling the seventh in quick.

And what is true of this, the simplest of all compositions, is equally true of every composition. Each can be stated in general terms, and then, given the necessary conditions, can be expressed in many different ways in many different methods.

Does this all sound complicated? No doubt it does. The thing itself is very simple and elementary, but like all simple and elementary things by no means easy to explain. Unless it is understood the science of ringing cannot be understood, and perhaps the one thing which makes Fabian Stedman so far superior to all the ancient writers, and the greater majority of the modern writers as a real exponent of the science is that he did fully realise this truth, and it forms the basis of all his explanations.

\* C.C. Collection, Section II, No. 70.

† C.C. Collection, Section II, No. 71.

‡ C.C. Collection, Section II, No. 48.

### DEATH OF A BRIGHTON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 45 years, of Mr. Frederick Morris Bacon, for several years secretary of the St. Nicholas' Church Company, Brighton. For 28 years he had been connected with the church as bell ringer and chorister, and he had served on the committee of the Sussex County Association. He had rung several peals, but he was never an enthusiast in this direction. He was, however, most regular in the more important work of Sunday service ringing, and while health permitted, faithfully fulfilled his duties both in the belfry and the choir. His illness, borne with characteristic patience, had extended over a considerable time, and debarred him latterly from assisting in the work of the church.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week. The first portion of the service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, and was fully choral, the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Hordern) officiating. Many of the Brighton ringers were present, and as the cortege left the church a muffled touch of Stedman Caters was rung by his old friends of the St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's towers. The interment took place at the Brighton and Preston Cemetery, and many beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from the Sussex County Association.

### THE FIRST "NAME" PEAL.

To-day is the anniversary of an interesting peal, rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1796. It was a peal of 5129 Grandsire Caters by the Royal Cumberland Youths, and it is recorded in the tower as "the first peal ever rung on any bells by any society, the members being all of one name." The band was: William Whitehead treble, William Richardson 2, William West 3, William Stephens 4, William Gibson 5, William Shipway 6, William Brown 7, William Court 8, William Tyler 9, William Castle and William Rigby tenor. "The peal was called by William Shipway."

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## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

The article in last week's issue of "The Ringing World" by Mr. J. J. Parker is very interesting, and shows a vast amount of research, but it will be well for me to say at once that we (Mr. Parker and I) are working on absolutely different lines.

Previous to the discovery—less than three years ago—of reciprocal proof everyone thought (myself included) that Stedman's principle consisted of two separate sixes—quick and slow.

By the use of reciprocal proof we now know that there are two round blocks of Stedman Triples starting from the fundamental—consisting of twelve changes—that are as perfect in construction as Bob Major or Double Norwich, and what is more, coursing-order can be found in the division-end (6432715) when you know how to look for it, equally with any other properly constructed method.

Peal composition in Stedman is quite a different matter, and at present I am not troubling about the latter in the least. What I am concerned with is the understanding of Stedman as a method or principle complete in itself, not something that has to be divided up into sixes for the composition of peals.

It was known to the authors of "Stedman" that there are 49 even false course-ends against every plain course, the fact being mentioned on page 180 of that work, but the actual proof of the method has never to my knowledge been given. The following facts may be of interest.

The proof of the old round block of Stedman discovers 41 false rows against the first twelve changes; to obtain the entire proof of the plain course the remaining six divisions must be transposed by the false rows against the first division, and the final result is: 91 even rows and 98 odd rows false against the plain course, that is to say there are 189 false rows to every round block of 84 changes.

If in composition we decide the 7th is to be a fixed bell, we can reduce the 189 false rows to 99 false course-ends, 49 of which are even and 50 odd.

It may be that 40 true even courses are the extent of the method with the 7th a fixed bell, but I am not yet satisfied that this is so, because with 5-6-7 fixed the extent is eight courses, four even and four odd, with 6-7 fixed the extent can only be obtained by using five or ten odd courses, and if analogy can be relied on the same conditions will apply with the 7th only as a fixed bell.

If Mr. J. J. Parker would care to correspond with me on the subject I shall be pleased, and for that reason I give my address: 2, North Street Quadrant, Brighton.

## KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is hard to believe that the majority of ringers should be so indifferent to the appeals, which have from time to time appeared in "The Ringing World," respecting the "King's Cliffe Tenor Fund." Such appeals have been splendid efforts on behalf of so deserving a cause. I am not capable of augmenting any of these appeals, they having been so completely and plainly stated already. What I wish to point out to my brother ringers, wherever they may enjoy the privilege of ringing, is just this, how light the task will be if we all "do our bit" towards it.

It may not be generally known, that according to latest available returns, there are over 50,000 ringers in this country. Now, if we all do our share, it is quite a simple sum to work out, as to how much each of us would have to pay, if we only went the right way about it. If only 36,480 subscribed one farthing the necessary £38 would be forthcoming without further appeals, or again, if less than one-fifth of us (9,120) subscribed one penny each the amount would soon be raised.

I suppose it is hardly possible that "The Ringing World" reaches more than one quarter of the ringers (I hope it reaches the majority). Should this be the case, many have probably no other medium whereby to get information of this worthy cause. But surely "The Ringing World" reaches 3,040 (less than one-twelfth), who by giving 3d. each could raise enough to supply the necessary £38 wanted.

I am prompted to write this, because many may be under the impression, that unless they can afford to give, say, a shilling or more, their help is not worth having. I am quite aware that as church people in general, many of us are under this same impression very often. But such an impression, in my opinion, is quite wrong, and our true impression upon the point should be that every branch of church work needing financial help should receive such help from the bulk or rather the whole, not from the liberal few, who realise the needs and give to every call. Hoping that these few lines will have some good effect in rousing many to their obligations.—Yours sincerely,

Pentre Rhondda.

HENRY CRABB.

The following further amounts have been received towards the bell fund: Dr. Pink, Lyddington, 10s.; Miss Orr, Podington, 6s.; H. C., 2s.; Pte Cecil V. Ebberson, 1s. 6d.; Mr. A. Rose, Weymouth, 2s. 6d.; Mr. L. W. Wiffen, 2s. 6d. Total, £12 17s. 6d. Further contributions should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, Peterborough.



## HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.

### MISSING NORTHANTS RINGER REPORTED KILLED.



LCE.-CORPL. FAULKNER, of Easton Neston.

We regret to record that Lance-Corpl. Charles Faulkner, of Easton Neston, Northants, who enlisted in the 7th Batt. Northants Regt. on September 7th, 1914, went out with the battalion to France in August, 1915, and was reported missing after the fighting at Loos on September 25th, 1915, is now officially reported killed. Several ringers were in the battalion, and at the various places at which they were stationed while still in England they were able to join in ringing. The last gathering of this kind before they went to France was at Horsell, Woking, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung as a farewell. Four soldiers took part, and Lance-Corpl. Faulkner was as enthusiastic as any. He had rung seven peals before joining up, and was a member of the Towcester and District Association and the Central Northants Association. Before the war he was a regular attendant at the service ringing at Easton Neston, where much regret is felt at his loss.

### WOKINGHAM RINGER KILLED.



PTE. A. V. LOADER, of Wokingham.

The All Saints' company, Wokingham, have lost a promising young member in Pte. Albert Victor Loader, of the Civil Service Rifles, who was killed in action on Oct. 7th. He joined the All Saints' band about three years ago, and rapidly made himself proficient in Grandsire Triples, while, by the time he attained the age to enlist, in June last, he was able to ring Stedman Triples. He was a regular and painstaking ringer, ever ready to assist in ringing for any special service, keenly alert and anxious to do his very best in every department of life. He was in the office of the town clerk of Wokingham, and in business, as in other walks, was a youth of the most manly type. He leaves a widowed mother and a younger brother and sister to mourn their loss. Pte. Loader was cut down in the flower of his youth, falling in his first action. Sad to relate there are many such, for whose loss Old England is the poorer to-day, but the memory of whose noble sacrifice will ever live.

### ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte. C. H. Woodbury, of Kidderminster, Coldstream Guards.  
Pte. A. James, sen., of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, Royal West Kent Regt.  
From All Saints', Wokingham, Berks:—  
Pte. William J. Paice, 1/4th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, now serving in France.  
Sergt. Norman C. Lawrence, 1/4th Batt. Royal Berks, severely wounded. Now in hospital at Bradford.  
Corpl. William J. Brooks, 4th Royal Berks, now serving in France.  
Pte. Albert Victor Loader, 1/15th London Regt., Civil Service Rifles. Killed in action October 7th, 1916.  
From Frodsham Parish Church:—  
Pte. Frank Gleave, Cheshire Regt.  
Pte. Bert Rider, R.A.M.C.

### OXFORD GUILD ROLL OF HONOUR.

Special efforts are being made by the Oxford Guild to compile as complete a Roll of Honour as possible, and to that end every belfry is being circularised with the request that full particulars of all ringers serving with the colours should be made, the return being asked for not later than January 29th next. The Guild General Secretary (Lieut. A. E. Reeves, R.D.C.) adds, in the circular: "At the annual business meeting, held at Oxford last July, it was proposed and carried unanimously that each Branch be recommended to do its best to make up the annual subscriptions of all men serving in any of the Regular Forces in 1916. This generous proposal has already been voluntarily carried out last year (1915) by the remaining ringers in some parishes and the clergy in others, by contributions from the Christmas funds of some companies; whilst in several cases serving

members have continued to subscribe. In the annual report for 1914 a similar appeal was made to Guild members for the names of all 'Army and Navy Ringers,' which, I regret to say, has not been fully responded to, and my reference to their subscriptions was partly misinterpreted. At the outbreak of war our Guild membership was nearly 2,000 strong. It is hoped that three-fourths of that total will be generous enough to contribute the annual fees of the remainder (500) for the current year, the estimated number of our Roll Call to December 31st, 1916."

### CLUN RINGER DECORATED.

Among the recent recipients of the military medal for bravery in the field was Corpl. W. J. Lewis, 7th Batt. K.S.L.I., of Clun, who has been awarded the medal for good work done on the Somme on August 18th last. He has already been through six engagements unhurt.

Corpl. Lewis, who is aged 20, volunteered his services soon after the outbreak of war, and is one of the five ringers from Clun who are serving King and country, and although he cannot claim to be a proficient change ringer, it was only for want of opportunity, he having received instruction, and being one of the newly-formed band to take up change ringing on the new peal of eight, which were dedicated a few weeks after the declaration of war. He had also been a member of the Parish Church choir for a number of years.

### RINGERS' HYMN.

Copies of the new hymn, specially written for ringers by the Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) can now be obtained from "The Ringing World" Office, price 2s. 6d. per 100.

## CITY CHURCHES.

## ANOTHER TO BE DEMOLISHED.

By J. R. JERRAM.

It is stated that the Church of St. Alphege, London Wall, is to be demolished, and the parish united to that of St. Mary Aldermanbury. The tower, however, is to be left standing. From an old record it appears that it once possessed a peal of five bells. In 1638 a subscription was started "for repairing the steeple, making a turret for the saint's-bell, recasting the four bells, and adding a tenour."

In 1649 the whole of the upper part of the steeple was rebuilt. The church escaped the fire of 1666, but afterwards became so dilapidated that it had to be taken down in 1774, when the present edifice was erected. Previous to this, in 1747, the steeple was reported to be in such a bad state that the bells could not be rung, and four of them were then sold.

When the building of the present church was commenced, it was ordered that two bells be hung in the tower, "one tenor of 12 cwt. and the saint's bell 3 cwt."

When the church was finished in 1777 a somewhat heavier bell than was at first intended was put up as a service-bell together with a small call-bell. These are the bells which still remain in the tower. The *Service-bell* is inscribed as follows:—WM. SAVILL LONDON FECIT. 1777. × JNO LOWIDGE & JNO HORTON CH: WARDENS. This bell is 44 ins. diameter. The *Call-bell* has no inscription, and measures 24 ins. in diameter.

Wm. Savill is a founder of whom little is known. Mr. Stahlschmidt, in his *Church Bells of Kent*, remarks that his foundry was situated in the Minories; that he was apprenticed with Joseph Mayor and Wm. Weare; that he took up his freedom in the Founders' Company in 1765, and was Master in 1799; also that he cast some bells for St. David's Cathedral, and a single bell for Belvedere, in Kent.

The bell-chamber contains a frame with pits for five bells, the present service-bell occupying one of them; but the other four are not wide enough to have ever contained four other bells of size large enough to have formed a peal of five with this one as a tenor. The pits are arranged all in a row. The small bell hangs in a cage erected on the top of this frame.

What will become of these bells when the church is demolished I cannot say. Perhaps the Rev. A. Erskine would be glad of one of them for his church in Pondoland.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday morning, Sept. 17th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Haigh 1, F. A. Holden, Sergt. R.M. (conductor) 2, O. Sullivan 3, F. Belsey 4, E. Newman (Lce.-Corpl. Middlesex Regiment) 5, A. Osborne 6, W. Walker 7, J. Rayner 8. First pull by the conductor for 21 months. He was home for a few days from an Adriatic base. The touch was rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Coggeshall, and was leaving to help his comrades push the "germs" over the Rhine with his bayonet. At St. Margaret's Church afterwards, 405 Grandsire Triples, with the evergreen Jimmy Tullet taking part.—At Gillingham, for evening service, on Sept. 17th, a quarter-peal had been arranged, but owing to a belfry full of ringers, short touches were rung in the standard methods, F. Ockwell, C. Belsey, J. Champion, Rainham, J. Trinder and E. Verrier (Sappers, R.E.), C. Winsor taking part, in addition to others mentioned.

WOLLASTON. On Oct. 8th, for the harvest festival services, at St. James' Church, 720 Bob Minor, for morning service: Thos. Heathcock 1, Chas. W. Cooper 2, Geo. Popnell 3, Wm. Short (conductor) 4, J. Bass 5, A. W. Dodd 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Richards 1, Geo. Popnell 2, J. Bass 3, Chas. W. Cooper 4, Wm. Short (conductor) 5, A. W. Dodd 6.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pitts 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, J. Collett 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8.—On August 27th, for service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, J. Collett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8.—On September 10th, for service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, T. Banning 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., for the morning service, being the first on the new bells: W. Henley 1, T. S. Smith 2, G. T. Leader 3, W. H. Fussell 4, George Beeby 5, P. Jones 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, 576 Bob Major: E. Mundy 1, G. Williams 2, C. Fray 3, A. Marks 4, W. Rowe, senr., 5, A. A. Jones (A.S.C.) 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, 576 Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, C. Fray 2, F. Stevens (Hammersmith) 3, L. Harris (Salisbury) 4, W. Rowe 5, G. Williams 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8.—On Saturday, Oct. 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Dumper 1, W. Edwards 2, G. Williams 3, A. Marks 4, W. Rowe 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Weller, of Chandlersford, Hants.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, W. T. Tucker 2, A. Marks 3, W. Edwards 4, W. Rowe 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 3rd, at St. George's Church, 840 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, J. Hamerslag 4, J. T. Allred 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, H. Allred 7, J. Watts 8.—On Sept. 17th, for morning service, 720 Bob Major: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, W. Hindley 4, Harry Allred 5, J. T. Allred 6, Herbert Allred 7, R. Allred (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for the harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, 882 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, F. Bank (conductor) 3, B. Allred 4, Harry Allred 5, Herbert Allred 6, R. Allred 7, J. Watts 8. For the evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, F. Banks 3, B. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, J. Watts 7, J. Hampson 8.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—At St. Chad's Church, on Sept. 3rd, 396 Grandsire Cinques: L. Hewitt 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, G. Byolin 3, J. Tudor 4, W. Stockdale 5, T. M. Belton 6, G. Scarrett 7, G. Jones 8, W. Saunders 9, W. Sage 10, A. E. Fullick 11, H. Jones 12.—On Sept. 10th, 315 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Scarrett 3, G. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, Pte T. M. Belton 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, Pte F. W. Taylor 8, A. E. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10.—On Sept. 17th, 574 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Jones 3, Pte T. M. Belton 4, W. Stockdale 5, Pte F. W. Taylor 6, A. E. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Rung to welcome home on furlough F. W. Taylor.—On Sept. 16th, 720 Kent Minor on the middle six: J. Tudor 1, W. H. Hughes (first 720) 2, G. Byolin 3, W. Stockdale 4, A. Fullick 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Alkmund's, 168 Stedman Triples, rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal.—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, at St. Chad's, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, C. R. Lilley 3, Pte T. M. Belton 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. E. Fullick 7, W. Short, Clent (conductor) 8. Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.).

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—At St. Peter's Church, on September 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mitchell 1, Pte E. Goldstone 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss D. Sage (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, Miss N. Gillingham 5, T. E. Francis (Clevedon) 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. L. Gale 8. Pte E. Goldstone was home on leave before proceeding to France.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sunday, Sept. 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples: W. Bailey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, J. S. Lee (Maresford) 6, J. M. Rumsey 7, G. Wilson (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, 624 Double Norwich Major: W. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, J. M. Bailey 3, J. Rumsey 4, E. H. Bailey 5, C. Sampson 6, G. Wilson (conductor) 7, E. S. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for harvest thanksgiving service, 1008 Double Norwich Major, standing as above, conducted by E. S. Bailey.—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, 672 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, Pte G. Piper (5th Norfolk Regiment) 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, G. Wilson (conductor) 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. M. Rumsey 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on September 21st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Watson 5, H. Haigh, Workop (conductor) 6, T. Suart (cover) 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Suart 5, T. Watson 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

**CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday evening, Sept. 24th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): H. Dawson 1, A. Whight 2, F. W. Edwards 3, P. Timson 4, A. Head 5, G. Green 6, H. Allen 7, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 8, A. E. Acfield 9, J. Poulton 10.

**THEALE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Stevens 1, J. Abery (conductor) 2, J. Bower 3, T. Bitmead 4, Pte G. Abery (Royal Berks Regt.) 5, J. H. Shepherd 6.

**MILTON, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, 360 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) 1, J. Abery, Theale (conductor) 2, J. Bower (Goring) 3, Pte G. Abery 4, M. Kent 5. — Henwood 6. The two last-named belong to the local band.

**BROXBOROUGH, Herts Association.**—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. Downham 1, G. Andrews 2, W. Mumford 3, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 4, W. Cavill 5, S. Knight 6, H. Simmons 7, C. Gouldsmith 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

**CHESHUNT, Herts Association.**—On Sept. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Pte D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, G. Maxim 6, H. Simmon 7, R. Smith 8. — On Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Andrews 1, W. Mumford 2, O. Twist 3, H. Warner 4, H. G. Rowe 5, G. Maxim 6, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8. These quarter-peals were rung for the harvest festival.

**DENTON, Near MANCHESTER.**—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on Saturday, Sept. 30th, 720 of Armley Treble Bob: D. Wilde 1, W. Wright 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor) 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom 6. Also 720 of Denton Treble Bob: D. Wilde 1, Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor) 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt 4, J. Heckingbottom 5, W. Wright 6.

**OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.**—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Saviour's Church, Oxtion, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Battle 1, J. Owens 2, H. Brocklebank 3, S. Barnes 4, H. Martin (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, S. Moston 7, C. Owens 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Owens 1, J. Owens 2, H. Brocklebank 3, R. Birchall 4, H. Samuels 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin (cond.) 7, H. Martin 8. Rung on the occasion of the church parade of the 2nd (Birkenhead) Battalion Cheshire Volunteer Regiment.

**SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—Midland Counties Association.—At the Parish Church, for the dedication festival, on Oct. 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Webb 1, J. Ison (first quarter-peal) 2, G. Wood 3, H. Briggs (conductor) 4, C. Brown 5, J. Garratt 6.

**HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 742 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. Both touches were rung by: J. Busby 1, H. Harvey 2, R. Devenish 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8.

**EXETER.**—At St. Sidwell's Church, for harvest festival, on Oct. 1st, 543 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, T. Bartlett 2, W. Drake 3, C. Carter 4, F. Murphy 5, E. Sargent 6, C. Routley 7, G. Bells 8, J. Moss 9, A. Monkley 10. Also 381 Stedmon Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, T. Bartlett 2, A. Monkley 3, C. Carter 4, W. Drake 5, E. Sargent 6, C. Routley 7, F. Murphy 8, J. Moss 9, W. Acreman 10.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, F. J. Reeve (Tring, Herts) 2, A. Warboys 3, W. Beard 4, A. J. Neal 5, E. Andrews 6, A. C. Hardy 7, R. Fenn 8.—On Oct. 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Fenn 1, W. Beard 2, A. Warboys 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, A. J. Neal 5, A. Mason (Erith) 6, A. C. Hardy 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—At St. Iltyd's Church harvest festival service on Sunday evening, Oct. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. J. Stanley 1, J. Evans 2, R. Evans 3, C. H. Perry 4, H. Jenkins 5, Sergt. R. Bunstone 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8.

**FWHURST, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Rose 1, F. Francis 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, W. Tidy 4, J. Luff 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6. Arranged for Air-Mechanic J. Luff, who is stationed at Felixstowe, and was home on a few days' leave.

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, October 8th, for the harvest festival services, for matins, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: W. R. Thrift 1, H. W. Kirton 2, H. Edwards 3, F. W. Edwards 4, A. Church 5, J. Route 6, W. Allen 7, J. Wood 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: A. Edwards 1, H. Edwards 2, F. W. Edwards 3, W. R. Thrift 4, A. Church 5, J. Route 6, W. Allen 7, H. W. Kirton 8. Both conducted by H. W. Kirton.

## CLUN RINGERS' SOCIETY.

### A PROMISING SHROPSHIRE CENTRE.

The second annual meeting of the St. George's Society, Clun, Salop, was held in the ringing room of the Parish Church on Thursday week, when there was a fair attendance of members and probationers, the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Machen) presiding.—Mr. W. Mead (honorary secretary), in presenting the report and balance sheet, said last year's meeting was their first annual one at which they formed their present society, which had every appearance of being a successful one. They started with a balance in hand of 11s. 6d., which was increased to 22s. 6d., so they had made some little progress financially. With regard to change ringing it had been rather an uneventful year, principally owing to five of their promising members being on active service, but they had managed to keep the bells rung for services, and for this they had partly to thank the junior and lady probationers, who had taken the place of some who had lost interest in the work. During the year some of them had rung their first quarter-peal, it being their sad duty to ring these with half-muffled bells in memory of some who took great interest in their church and bells. With regard to their members on active service, most of them had received well earned promotion, one (Corpl. W. J. Lewis) had been awarded the Military Medical for bravery in the field. They had paid the Guild subscriptions of these members, and their names would appear in the Guild report. Up to the present all so far had come through unharmed. Last Christmas they sent each of them a little parcel, which was much appreciated. He (Mr. Mead) had represented the society at the Guild committee meetings, and also at the annual meeting, and, as they already knew, it was decided not to employ the instructor again this year, but when they got normal times again, his services would be at their disposal. Having no instructor to pay had been the means of increasing the Guild funds, so that the balance in hand was now larger than it had been for many years, and they could look forward to many more years of usefulness from it.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.—The officers were all re-elected, and Mrs. Mead, Miss D. Hamar, Miss H. Cooke and Messrs. F. Wolley and G. Blayney were elected probationers.—The President spoke a few words of welcome to them. It was, he said, the first time in the history of Clun that they had had lady bell ringers, and he was sorry that, owing to restrictions, they would not be able to have the use of the bells for evening services during the winter.

It was decided to again send Christmas parcels to the absent members, and to pay their Guild subscriptions.

The President said he was glad to tell them the debt on the tower and bells was now reduced to £50. It stood at £160 at the beginning of the year.

## AN HEREDITARY CRAFT.

### THE EVOLUTION OF A BELL FOUNDING FIRM.

The recent letter which appeared in the "Birmingham Daily Post," and which was reproduced in these columns a short time ago, with regard to the business of the Woodlands Bell Foundry, Smethwick, of which Messrs. Chas. Carr, Ltd., are the proprietors, recalls the fact that the family of Carr has long been connected with the art of casting in metal, which has been with them something in the nature of an hereditary craft, passing from father to son in succession through a great number of generations. As would be supposed from the name, the family is of Scottish origin. To go back as far as the year 1460, craftsmen of this name had by their skill in the art of mixing metals and alloys won for themselves repute, and were already established abroad in the practice of their calling. Coming nearer to present time, we find their successors still engaged in the same pursuit, but now carrying it on at Warrington at works which were the property of Mr. Patten. About the year 1700 the family removed from Warrington to Cheadle, in North Staffordshire, where, later on, the brasswork for the celebrated Catholic Church in the town was executed by one of the older members, at that time in the employment of Mr. Wilson Patten, who subsequently became Lord Wimmarrleigh. As the larger portion of the work turned out of the Cheadle Works was for the Birmingham trade, this, together with the decline of the mining industry there, led to the latter city becoming more and more a brassfounding centre, and the North Staffordshire works were eventually closed. This new development brought about another change in the situation of the family, for while a portion of it was engaged in carrying on their trade in Birmingham, Mr. Charles Carr removed from Cheadle, where he was born in 1833, and took on the management of a large brass and iron foundry at Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent. Here it was that in 1852 he personally carried out a series of experiments in the production of alloys containing phosphorus, with the result that the foundry in question became noted for the high quality of the bronze turned out from it. In 1863, during the extensive depression in trade in the Potteries district, Mr. Carr, who was anxious to join his relations in Birmingham, found an opportunity of doing so, and coming to Smethwick, established himself in business as a bell and general brass founder, taking into his employ his father and two brothers, who were already settled there. Five of his children are now connected with the business.



## NOTICES.

**SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.**—A memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, consisting of peal tablet and book-case, will be unveiled in the belfry of the Cathedral on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when all ringers who can attend will be welcome. The Ven. Archdeacon Gresford Jones will preside. Tea will be provided for visitors who give notice of their intention of being present. —Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common. The eight bell tower (tenor 18½ cwt.), will be available from 3 o'clock until service at 5 o'clock. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.) in the Mission Room, Greyhound Lane, close to the church. Short business meeting after tea. Please notify intention to be present to Charles Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by November 1st to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on November 7th (nominations for the various offices), and on the 21st for the election of officers for the coming year; also on the 16th and 30th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden (8 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2.30 until 5, followed by a short service. Tea (6d. to members, others 9d.) and business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, which will also be available for handbell ringing, etc., afterwards. Nearest station, Neasden (Met.), or No. 8 bus from City. All requiring tea please advise me by November 8th. Members and friends cordially invited. I shall be glad to have all outstanding subscriptions as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Room on Saturday, November 11th. Service, 5.30. Tea, 6 p.m. There will be ringing in the afternoon.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.—Also practice at Bucklebury (8 bells) first and third Saturday afternoon in the month, 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Welcome awaiting change ringers.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available, 3 to 5.30 p.m. Service, 5.30; tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify by Nov. 7th to C. J. Walton, 4, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The monthly meeting of the above Society at Holbeck is postponed until Saturday, November 11th, 1916. Bells available from 3 to dusk. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Rd., Pudsey.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting of the above association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. A meeting for business and social intercourse will be held on the same evening at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Ringers cordially invited. — T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Nov. 11th. 2.30—Bells (10) available; 5.30—Service conducted by the Vicar; 6 o'clock—Tea at the Institute. Tickets, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1916, at Winchester. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock (or earlier if desired), but the military authorities prohibit the bells being rung after sunset. Service in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5 o'clock, and the business meeting immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec., 20, Culver Rd., Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1916. Bells ready 2.30. Ringing to cease at dusk. Meeting as arranged.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, of "Auburn," Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, acknowledge the kindly letters of sympathy which have reached them on the announcement of the death of their eldest son while on active service. They would have wished to send separate letters of appreciation in reply, but finding it to be a task, they hope that all friends will excuse them.

**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.

## RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

**ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.**—Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome.—F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNEY.**—The tower will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays until further notice. Ringers welcome.

**HORLEY, SURREY.**—The Tower of St. Bartholomew's Church will be open for combined practice on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the winter from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ringers welcome.—A. Songhurst, Secretary.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—It has been arranged that combined practice will be held at the following towers during November, viz.:—Bromley (SS. Peter & Paul), Saturday, Nov. 4th; St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Nov. 11th; St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Saturday, Nov. 18th, and Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 25th, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and following months in the same order till further notice. Visitors will be welcomed.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**HANDBELLS WANTED.**

WANTED, a peal of, from 12 to 25, handbells in good order.—State price to Rev. C. G. Everitt, Vicarage, Swanwick, Alfreton.

WANTED, a secondhand set of 12 handbells in good condition.—Rev. F. Lyle Uppleby, 56, Bexley Rd., Erith.

**SITUATION WANTED.**

GARDENER, head, or gardener and bailiff, requires situation. Over military age, thoroughly competent; change ringer on any number of bells; good instructor and conductor; married, no young children.—Apply "Ringer," c/o W. H. Fussell, Esq.; Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal, Slough.

**SITUATION VACANT.**

WORKING FOREMAN BELL MOULDER required.—Apply "Founder," Ringing World Office, Woking.

**HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.**

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

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****PRESENTATION AT BIRCH.**

The Manchester branch held a very successful meeting at Birch on Saturday last, when members and friends attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Didsbury, Eccles, Flixton, Manchester, Pendleton, Prestwick, Reddish, Worsley and Oldham. Ringing in various methods was indulged in during the afternoon, and a pleasant incident took place when Mr. W. H. Idle, on behalf of the local company, presented Mr. W. E. Ryder with a gold pendant, executed by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking, for his past services as tower-keeper, he having had to resign owing to ill-health. Mr. Harry Chapman spoke on behalf of the Manchester Branch of Mr. Ryder's readiness at all times to make them welcome at Birch.

The Rector of St. James', Birch, presided over the meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers.—Mr. H. Stone (of Prestwick) and Mr. Herbert Collier (of Flixton) were elected members of the Association, and Eccles was chosen as the place for the next meeting on November 18th.

The account of Mr. J. Potter's Helping Hand Fund was passed. This has reached the total of £4 3s. 9d. Mr. E. A. Wreaks, of Paisley, formerly general secretary of the Association, sent a donation of 5s, along with his best wishes for Mr. Potter's speedy recovery to health.

On the motion of Mr. S. Greenhalgh, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the branch secretary (Mr. Wolstencroft) for his kindness in making the effort so successful.—Mr. Potter desires to thank all friends who have so kindly assisted him by their sympathy and monetary assistance.

On the motion of Mr. Ridyard, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things ready.

**OXFORD SINGLES.****A REPLY TO "PUZZLED."**

Sir,—Being the one who sent the touch of "Singles," consisting of Plain Bob, Grandsire and "Oxford," I feel called upon to reply to the inquiry of "Puzzled" in your last week's issue.

For about 20 weeks I was stationed at Langwith, Derbyshire, and whilst there had the pleasure of visiting my friends at Warsop, three miles away, and taking part in the ringing of their four bells. Now, as we all know there are only 24 changes to be obtained on four, and these ringers, being anxious to get on, and get the most out of their bells, used to ring these 24's in as many ways as possible. The "Oxford" Singles, which really are (to me) more like "Double Court," are arranged as follows:—

1234	contd.	contd.
2143	4132	3124
2413	4312	3214
4231	3421	2341
2431	4321	3241
4213	3412	2314
4123	3142	2134
1432	1324	1243
1423	1342	1234

Whilst in camp I "arranged" a good many of such 24's for the use of my Warsop friends, calling them Stedman, Place, Irregular, etc., and if "Puzzled," or any of your readers who have the misfortune to only possess four bells, will write to me, I shall be only too pleased to forward many such 24's.

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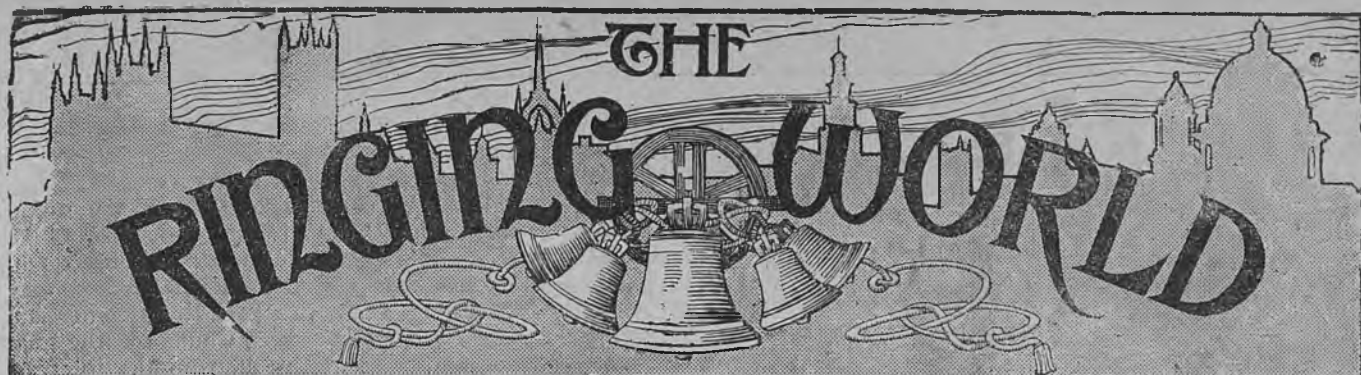
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

### THE FUTURE OF RINGING.

Recent developments have opened a serious position as to the immediate future of bell ringing. The Bishops of Peterborough and Chelmsford, according to the daily press, have addressed communications to incumbents of their dioceses suggesting that, as complaints have been made of the ringing of church bells in industrial areas at the time when Saturday night workers have retired to rest, the trouble might be overcome, either by shortening the period of ringing or by muffling the bells. It is also stated that the Ministry of Munitions favours the curtailment of ringing in munition areas. No ringer in a time of stress like the present, when so many men are striving their utmost by day and by night at a strenuous task to enable the nation to triumph in this war, will desire to do anything that will affect the efficiency of workers, and if ringing for Sunday services inflicted any hardship upon munition workers who are taking their rest, they would, we think, gladly forgo their ringing. But we do not think it is the ringing in which we are interested that is so much to blame.

Unfortunately, as a correspondent points out in a letter elsewhere, all the clanging of the shrill ting-tangs of all the churches, which on Sundays often begins early in the morning and continues at intervals throughout the day, is put down by the public in the same category as bell ringing proper, and in the effort to stop the former, the latter, if we are not careful, will be stopped as well. If this comes to pass, and the public minority who dislike bell ringing can gain an ascendancy, the future revival of ringing will be a very difficult matter. No one supposes that when peace arrives the world is going back to exactly the same conditions as before the war. Those in authority have taken a grip of many things "in the country's interests," which will not be altogether relaxed when the war is over, and lest a similar fate befall the control of bells it is time that someone began to take action in the matter in the interests of ringing and ringers.

There is obviously only one authority that can do this, and that is the Central Council which claims to represent the whole body of ringers. It will be useless to wait until the executioner's axe has fallen and be left with nothing else to do but put on sack-cloth and ashes and bemoan the fate of the Exercise. Now, if ever, is the time to be up and doing. If the Standing Committee are alive to their duties and opportunities they should act without delay. There is no need for panic, but there is need for facing the facts and taking counsel, and if anything can be

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done to meet the legitimate objections to ringing at the present time and to safeguard the future the Council should do it. Influential and collective action is the only thing likely to carry weight, and, whether certain members of the Central Council may think that such work is theirs or not, they ought to realise that real and serious danger may threaten the Exercise, not only in regard to its immediate future, but for all time, and that the Council is the only body at present able to take effective steps in the interests of ringers. But next Whitsuntide may be too late.

## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

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

On Wednesday, October 31, 1916, being All Hallows' Eve, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

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†THOMAS S. SMITH ... .. 4	JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method on the bells. The bells were solemnly muffled and the peal rung as a "Ringers' Requiem" for the officers, N.C.O's. and men of Buckinghamshire who have fallen in the war. Special arrangements for the attempt were made with the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Commeline, M.A., who announced it in Church the previous Sunday.

## SIX BELL PEAL.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1916, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

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## HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 6, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

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WILLIAM T. COCKERILL... 1—2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5—6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3—4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7—8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

## "OXFORD SINGLES."

Several correspondents have written pointing out the rather obvious fact that the method given last week by Pte E. Morris as "Oxford Singles" is Double Bob.

A letter on the extension of the Oxford Bob system by Mr. H. W. Fright is unavoidably held over.

## CURTAILING SUNDAY RINGING.

A CHANCE FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—You, in common with the rest of us, must have read an account in the daily papers last Friday under the large-type heading of "Less Bell Ringing," that the Bishop of Peterborough had given instructions to considerably curtail the ringing of church bells in his diocese on Sunday mornings (of course, it is impossible now to ring on Sunday evenings owing to the restrictions under the Defence of the Realm Act), and he follows by expressing the hope that the complaints as to ringing by the Saturday night workers, whose rest had been disturbed the next morning, might be overcome by shortening the period of ringing or by muffling the bells! It is also announced under the same heading that the Bishop of Chelmsford had taken similar action in his Diocese.

Now, sir, this is "the thin end of the wedge"—and rather a thick one at that, and it is truly amazing the amount of ignorance which obtains in high places as regards bell ringing. Here we have an instance of two distinguished Prelates deliberately going over to the common enemy of our favourite Exercise and Science!

If any earnest ringer deplores the untimely decease of the late splendid President of the Central Council at a time like this, well, I do, for it is now that we want his skilled advice and help. Times out of number I have urged at the great gatherings of ringers, and also in the ringing papers the immediate need of adopting the Boy Scouts' excellent motto—"BE PREPARED"!

I have amongst my cherished possessions the very first letters of Sir Arthur Heywood, addressed to me as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for he always took me well into his confidence, and, at that time I accompanied him about a great deal when he delivered addresses and unfolded his ideas about a central body to the various societies. Being, as he was, able to look well ahead, he saw that at no distant date we should be obliged to have a recognised organisation to represent us in time of need, and his sole object in forming the Central Council was to watch over and protect our rights and privileges, and our interests in the future. Believe me, Mr. Editor, but for this one reason the Central Council would never have come into being! Now, surely some of the older members of the Exercise must recollect all this as well as I do, and I shall be glad if they will write and back me up.

Your very excellent leading articles of September 8th and October 6th on this subject, hit the right nail on the head exactly—in fact, score a "central bull" at every shot, for I can candidly say it was never Sir Arthur's intention to bring together a goodly collection of well-known gentlemen from all parts of England at great expense and inconvenience, to hear lengthy discussions as to whether we should start with 2134 or 2143, or even to begin at backstroke with 132! No. Their real duties were to have ready at hand someone who could go forward at the head of a small and influential committee so as to defend our cause at any time when ringing is likely to be seriously attacked, and also to give practical advice to the chief officers of the church as to how to act to prevent the general public complaining, as they do from time to time, by giving them less cause to do so.

To my humble thinking, the quicker the Central Council or at least its officers have a meeting the better, to at once elect the best man we know of to take Sir Arthur's place, for I should think there can be no two questions about it that the well-known ringing adderman of Birmingham is the man we want. Being an expert legal gentleman he will be well gifted with the necessary power to advise and direct as to how to approach the various church authorities with the best means of lessening and appeasing the public clamour.

I have visited nearly 900 belfries, and have frequently urged the adoption of Seage's dumb practice apparatus, ever since I met the inventor in 1879. I have certainly been his best advertisement—because all should realise that it is a splendid and useful invention—and not from any commercial gains on my part, for I have never so much as had a split lemon from him—or even a "Woodbine"!

Lastly, I am certain that a lot of complaints in the papers as to bells are the outcome of the hideous one's, two's, and three's that are kept ding-donging for an inconsiderate time before each service, to say nothing of the great annoyance in business districts on week-days from the same cause. Personally I have good reason to know of a case where a most worthy and well-meaning man—a really nice and good fellow, is employed every day for morning service at 11, and again for the 5.30, to chime eight bells with the Ellacombe hammers, embodying most futile attempts at Grandfire Triples (it is happening as I write this), so a change ringer's feelings may be better imagined than described, especially when goaded to desperation by singularly uncomplimentary remarks from the denizens of all business offices near at hand, and which are too exasperating for words! Of course, it all goes as "bell ringing" by the public! In this respect I do urge that, if people want to go to church during business hours on week-days, surely in this enlightened age, a discordant din is quite unnecessary to call their attention to the fact that 11 and 5.30 have "come round"!

Now to remedy all this and put ourselves on the safe side—I do not think the cost would be much—I would most respectfully advise the Central Council trying to see their way clear to adopt something like this: Let them officially approach the authorities at, say, 100 towers in the country (the greatest offenders, so far as peal ringing is concerned, and where most complaints are received) with recommendations to shutter-up the louvre boards, or even brick up the opening inside to within a short distance of the top. This will effectively stop the reverberating clang complained of by those near at hand, and cause the sound to travel to greater distances, besides converting the tower into a much sweeter musical box. If the different authorities say they will comply with this recommendation, well and good; but if not, then the only alternative is to get them to kindly provide the material—at no great cost—and there are amongst us plenty of architects, stonemasons, bricklayers, carpenters and others, who I know would at once freely give their services for an hour or two on summer evenings to carry out the work themselves! I know of instances where this has been done with successful results. If funds are needed, surely there are many of us who would willingly give a donation or even an annual subscription of a guinea for such an object. Anyhow, try it, as early action must be taken for the sake of ourselves, our friends, the church authorities, and the public feeling; and above all, for the sake of the unknown enthusiasts who will follow on after it has pleased the Great Spirit of All to call us.—Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

### A PRESS COMMENT.

The "Daily News" of last Friday had the following comment on the subject:—

"The announcement that the Ministry of Munitions favours the curtailment of the ringing of church bells in munition areas because they disturb the rest of night workers will find sympathy far outside these areas, and especially in London. Nothing of a religious nature is involved in the objection to long spells of bell ringing. A Roman Catholic acquaintance tells me that one of the worries of his life is the ringing of the Angelus close to his abode every morning at six o'clock. It never fails to wake him, and it adds neither to his piety nor serenity of temper. As a fact, it is a mistake to associate the introduction of church bells solely with summoning people to worship. It is said that Pope John IX., about 900, ordered bells to be used in churches in order that the ringing might afford a protection against thunder and lightning! Now the case is reversed, as they are silenced as protection against Zeppelins."

### DEATH OF RUMNEY RINGER.

News has been received in Rumney, near Cardiff, that one of the local band, Pte Dan L. Morgan, of the South Wales Borderers, has died of wounds sustained in the fighting near Salonica on the 23rd Oct. Pte Morgan joined the Rumney band when the bells were rung seven years ago. He had been a faithful ringer, and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow members. He joined the colours at the outbreak of the war, and had seen fighting in France before being transferred to the Salonica front.

### SUSSEX RINGER KILLED.

We regret to record the death of Lance-Corpl. John Daughtrey, of Storrington, Pulborough, Sussex. Early in September, 1914, he answered his country's call, and in June, 1915, went to France. He was recommended for the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance on the Somme front on the 14th and 15th July, and received his ribbon and parchment a few days before his death. Lance-Corporal Daughtrey, with his three brothers and father, were the bellringers of Storrington Parish Church. The deceased was an enthusiastic ringer, and when off duty at Storrington would cycle over to Pulborough for the service ringing, and was making splendid progress in Minor and Triple methods. He was a member of the Sussex County Association, and much regret is felt at his death.

His widow has received the following letter from the Captain of his company, dated Oct. 1st: "Dear Mrs. Daughtrey,—I am very sorry to have to write to tell you that your husband, Lance-Corpl. J. Daughtrey, was killed to-day whilst out with a working party in the newly captured German lines. I cannot tell you how sorry the company is to lose him, and we all extend our heartfelt sympathy to you in your loss. Your husband has done remarkably well during his stay in the army. His work was always very thorough and efficient, and his gallantry in his first battle earned for him his military medal, and none deserved it more, and we are all very proud of him. I am glad to say his death was absolutely instantaneous, and we buried him where he fell. A cross will be erected to-morrow, bearing his name and regiment. I am sure you will be proud your husband has given his life for you and his country, even if your grief is hard to bear. With deep sympathy, yours sincerely,

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## REV. C. W. O. JENKYN'S GALLANTRY. OXFORD GUILD MASTER WINS MILITARY CROSS.

Of all the decorations which have been bestowed during the war, none will have given greater pleasure or satisfaction to ringers than that announced in the "London Gazette" last week, viz., the Military Cross bestowed upon the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The brief announcement stated:—

"Rev. Cyril Walford Osborn Jenkyn, Army Chaplains' Dept. — When one of the batteries was heavily shelled, he went at once under shell-fire and assisted the medical officer with the wounded. On another occasion he did fine and gallant work under fire."

This is all that Mr. Jenkyn's friends in England have learned of the details of the work which has gained well-merited reward, but those who know the Master of the Oxford Guild can readily picture the eagerness with which, regardless of personal risk, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn would throw himself into the work of succouring the wounded. It is typical of the man, and, wherever the subject has been men-



THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

tioned, the first comment has been, "Just what he would do." And in that remark is contained all the admiration which ringers have for the head of the Oxford Guild.

No ringing society was ever favoured with a man more splendidly fitted to occupy its chief administrative post than the Oxford Guild with the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn as Master. As enthusiastic for the art, as he is skilful in the manipulation of a bell or the ringing of a method, he has won the hearts of the members by his tact, his thoughtfulness, his thoroughness and his capacity. In forwarding the aims and the work of the Guild he has never spared himself, and time and distance have been obstacles of which he has always made light.

And the spirit in which he worked at home has, with its infinitely greater scope, pervaded all his work among the soldiers who are fighting in France. It is clergy of his type who appeal so strongly to the men who are facing death every hour—every minute; the manly parson, without cant, without side; whose spoken word brings a message of hope and whose example is an inspiration.

Mr. Jenkyn went to France about 18 months ago, and has done some splendid work among the troops. That he would be willing to share their perils all who know him were fully aware, and ringers will rejoice that such conspicuous bravery should have been so happily recognised.

## KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

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## THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT SHEFFIELD.

Saturday, November 4th, 1916, will be long remembered by the representative gathering of ringers who thronged the Sheffield Cathedral belfry to do honour to the memory of their old friend and comrade, Mr. Charles H. Hattersley, by unveiling a peal board and book case.

One feels that this little ceremony and the setting up of this memorial mark an epoch, not merely in the annals of Sheffield, but in those of the whole Exercise; for gathered within this bookcase are manuscripts of almost priceless value, relating to a great number of methods, and representing a very large portion of the leisure time of a busy life. In addition there is a complete series, or very nearly so (bound and unbound) of the "Bell News" and several volumes of "Church Bells," along with our present trusty friend the "Ringing World," also a goodly company of works on change ringing, commencing with the "Clavis" down to the latest, viz., "Stedman," amply sufficient to satisfy the seeker after knowledge of the scientific side of change ringing, and a splendid nucleus on which to build up a really useful ringers' library, which has, indeed, already been commenced, Mr. David Brearley having asked to be allowed to present the books left by his brother, Mr. Arthur Brearley. Needless to say the offer has been accepted.

The bookcase and board are of polished mahogany. The former, which is 4ft. 4½in. by 3ft., enclosed by glazed doors, bears the words: "The Charles Henry Hattersley Library, 1916." The memorial peal board which surmounts it is 4ft. 9in. by 5ft. 6in., and in the centre panel contains the record of the muffled peal rung on the occasion of Mr. Hattersley's funeral. This inscription is as follows: "The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. In Memoriam. On Tuesday, October 26th, 1915, was rung in this tower a peal of Stedman Cinques (5019 changes), in three hours and forty-seven minutes: John Holman 1, George Holmes 2, William Lomas 3, Clement Glenn 4, William Burgar 5, James Evinson 6, Harry Williams 7, George O. Dixon 8, Leonard Charlesworth 9, Albert A. Hughes 10, Sam Thomas 11, James George 12. Composed and conducted by William Lomas. This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers, as a tribute to the memory of Charles Henry Hattersley, one of the foremost ringers of his generation, who was associated with this tower over fifty years, and who died October 21st, 1915, aged 71. H. H. Gresford Jones, M.A., Archdeacon, Vicar; H. H. Williams, A. Cattell, churchwardens." The side panels provide space for the names of "Past ringers of this tower," and the list already contains the following: Henry Lomas, Thomas Whaley, Robert Heald, Vincent Bradburv, George Wilson, George Potter, John Heald, Samuel Nadin, Charles Steer, William Booth, Jonathan Sandford, Charles Bower, John Lomas, Joseph Mulligan, Thomas Hattersley, Charles Rowsan, Edward Woodward, William Bailes, Joseph Atkin, Arthur Brearley, John Mulligan.

### THE CEREMONY.

Archdeacon H. Gresford Jones presided over the short but dignified and impressive service, opening with suitable prayers.

Mr. Sam Thomas explained in a few words the reason why they should honour their departed friend, and the Archdeacon then asked Mrs. C. H. Hattersley kindly to perform the unveiling ceremony. Having exposed the memorial, Mrs. Hattersley added to a graceful act a few well-chosen words, thanking all concerned for the great honour done to her dear husband's memory.

Mr. Harry Hattersley (son) asked the Archdeacon, on behalf of his mother and the cathedral ringers, to "accept and dedicate this bookcase and tablet to the honour and glory of God."

The Archdeacon, in complying on his own and the churchwardens' behalf, gave expression of their thanks, concurring in all that had been said as to why so fitting a testimony should be paid to the memory of Mr. Hattersley, and remarking on the great honour in having it placed in what was probably one of the oldest rooms in Sheffield, viz., the belfry.

To Mr. George Holmes fell the pleasing duty of proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hattersley, who, in addition to giving up all Mr. Hattersley's ringing literature, has borne the expense of the bookcase, and assisted in every possible way, collecting and preserving the various manuscripts, etc. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, President of the Midland Counties Association, who, in his accustomed felicitous manner, said how pleased he was to have the privilege of being present, and spoke as an old and close personal friend of Mr. Hattersley.

Mr. J. T. Rew, in proposing that the thanks of the whole company be given the Archdeacon, mentioned the cordial relations which existed between the ringers and the Vicar and churchwardens, who were at all times "approachable."—The Archdeacon, having replied, closed the proceedings with the Benediction.

### A REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY.

Mr. Harry Hattersley invited the whole company to take tea with

him at Pichard's Cafe, the great majority, between 50 and 60, sitting down to an excellent "knife and fork" repast. A few friends afterwards, on Mrs. Hattersley's invitation, gathered in the dining-room at 38, Dover Road (the scene of not a few such little gatherings), where the recalling of a few reminiscences soon brought train time for the visitors.

In addition to the Cathedral ringers and their good ladies, and representatives of other Sheffield towers, the proceedings were honoured with the presence of the Revs. W. P. Wright and H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake (in khaki), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hattersley, Mr. Churchwarden H. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. James George (representing St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. E. H. Lewis (Frodsham), Mr. D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), Mr. L. Brightman (Rotherham), Messrs. C. D. Potter and G. S. Tyas (Barnsley), Mr. Sam Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), Mr. H. Smith (Hunslet), Messrs. R. W. Jennison and Smith Murgatroyd (Keighley), Mr. C. Glenn (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. B. A. Knights and Mr. W. Nuttall (Chesterfield), Mr. S. Smith (Anston), Mr. H. Beardsley (Ilkeston), etc. Letters of apology were received from Mr. Lawrence Hattersley (military duties), Mr. W. Rock Small (Tipton), Mr. John Carter (Birmingham), Mr. William Whitaker (Leeds) and Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), while the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Yorkshire Association, telegraphed his regrets for not having been able to come.

When more settled times are reached it may be thought fit, as a suitable national memorial, to publish a collection of Mr. Hattersley's peals in book form.

## THE LATE MR. A. A. JOHNSTON.

HIS INTERESTING CAREER.

The following biography of the late Mr. A. A. Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, will be read with interest by ringers, many of whom will learn for the first time of the interesting and varied career which the deceased gentleman had had. The article is taken from a Croydon contemporary.

British scientific industry, says the writer, suffers a severe loss, and



THE LATE MR. A. A. JOHNSTON.

Croydon is greatly the poorer, by the sudden and much lamented death of Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston. As head of the famous firm of clockmakers and bellfounders, which has planted the name of Croydon in practically every country in the world, Mr. Johnston enjoyed the proud knowledge of having taken a big hand in maintaining the supremacy of British workmanship the globe over, so far as the horo-

logical and campanological industries are concerned. As a citizen of Croydon he was full of good works, and in the public life of the borough had a place and influence won by qualities commanding universal respect. By a large heart, broad sympathies, sagacious judgment, irrepressible optimism, ready wit, transparent sincerity of thought and purpose, and an approachability that was no different as between highest and humblest, he gained the affectionate regard of all whom he numbered as friends or acquaintances.

The deceased was a native of Beverley. He spent most of his early days with his uncle, the late Mr. Arthur Anderson, M.P., founder of the P. and O. and the Union Steamship companies, and first Chairman of the Crystal Palace Company. Mr. Anderson lived at The Grove, Norwood, and fifty years ago gave his neighbours the building on Knight's Hill, known now as the Norwood Technical Institute. Mr. Anderson had a famous yacht, "The Eothen," which, after his death, became the first "Sunbeam" of the Brassey family. Nephew accompanied uncle in many delightful trips abroad, even as far as the Fiji Islands. As a lad, the deceased entered the P. and O. Office, but on the death of his uncle bought a partnership in the firm of Gillett and Bland (established in 1844 by Mr. W. Gillett). Clocks only were then made, but after Mr. Johnston's advent in 1877 bell founding was added to the business. Upon the death of Mr. Gillett Mr. Johnston became sole proprietor. "Gillett's Clock," as it is commonly called, has been a great public benefit, except for a few years when, owing to a dispute with the Assessment Committee, its hands were taken off. Mr. Johnston thought it hard to be penalised in doing his neighbours a good turn, for a world-wide business stood in no need of local advertising. However, the district awoke one day to the pleasant surprise of seeing the hands once more faithfully recording the time on the 10½-foot dials.

#### FAMOUS CLOCKS AND BELLS.

The firm, which entirely remodelled the works in 1905, was never content with anything but the best workmanship. Thus certain details of clocks are still finished by hand, and piece work was abolished long ago because of the danger of inferior work slipping through. Government contracts largely make up the history of the business. Post Office, Admiralty and War Office, India Office, and Crown Agents, have been, and are, regular customers. Clocks and bells bearing Croydon's name were erected at the London Law Courts, Toronto City Hall, Sydney Town Hall, Caracas Cathedral, the Dominion Houses of Parliament at Ottawa, and at the Rangoon Courts of Justice. Even Nazareth and Jerusalem have their Croydon-made clocks. Indeed, the inscription on dial plates of "Gillett and Johnston, Croydon," is one upon which the sun never sets.

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#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Eynsford. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the members then attended service. The Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar) having been called away on the National Mission, the Rev. —. Rasleigh, of Horton Kirby, kindly took his place, and gave an address on the observance of the Lord's Day, in connection with the Mission.

The members then adjourned to the Vicarage, where a very nice tea, provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Elphinstone, awaited them, over thirty being present. Mrs. Elphinstone kindly waiting on the company, and afterwards explaining the Vicar's absence.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries presiding. — One new member was elected.—Lewisham was selected as the next quarterly meeting place on the third Saturday in January, 1917.—The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge) and District Representative (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) were re-elected to their offices.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Elphinstone, the Rev. —. Rasleigh, and the organist, brought the meeting to a hasty close, the majority having to catch the 7.44 p.m. train or wait till nearly 11 p.m.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on November 21st, for the election of officers for the coming year; also on the 16th and 30th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden (8 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2.30 until 5, followed by a short service. Tea (6d. to members, others 9d.) and business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, which will also be available for handbell ringing, etc., afterwards. Nearest station, Neasden (Met.), or No. 8 bus from City. Members and friends cordially invited. I shall be glad to have all outstanding subscriptions as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Room on Saturday, November 11th. Service, 5.30. Tea, 6 p.m. There will be ringing in the afternoon.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.—Also practice at Bucklebury (8 bells) first and third Saturday afternoon in the month, 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Welcome awaiting change ringers.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting of the above association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. A meeting for business and social intercourse will be held on the same evening at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1916, at Winchester. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock (or earlier if desired), but the military authorities prohibit the bells being rung after sunset. Service in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5 o'clock, and the business meeting immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec., 20, Culver Rd., Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Glodwick Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 132, Morton Street, Middleton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3 till dusk. Meeting to follow.—W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1916. Bells ready 2.30. Ringing to cease at dusk. Meeting as arranged.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in the Pavilion close to the Church. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members of the Central Committee are informed that the bells at Tonbridge Church will be available for ringing at one o'clock on the date of the meeting there.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Harry Chapman has removed to 26, Kirkmanshulme Lane, Longsight, Manchester.—Mr. H. Middleton, Ringing Master of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, has removed to 40, Norton, near Evesham.—Mr. T. R. Hensher's address is now Excelsior Hotel, Middlesbrough.

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**HARDY.**—On Friday, November 3rd, 1916, at 23, Hopefield Road, Leicester, the wife of Gunner T. H. Hardy, R.G.A. (France) of a son.

#### **WINCHESTER GUILD.**

Another successful practice meeting by the Guildford District took place at Cranleigh, Surrey, on Saturday, when sufficient ringers turned up to enable the four "standard" methods to be put on. Two ladies took part in the touches, Mr. G. Charman, son of the leader of the local band, rang his first touch of Grandsire Triples inside, and Mr. Melville, of Guildford, formerly of Tring, scored his first touch of Treble Bob Major. The bells are a capitally going peal of nearly a ton, placed in a steeple that would have ample room for twelve on one level. The visitors, who included two ringers from Lindfield, Sussex, much enjoyed their afternoon. When the practice is held at Cranleigh on the first Saturday in December it is hoped that a tea may be arranged. The next gathering for practice is at Godalming on November 18th.

#### **A NEW "TENORMAN."**

The following laconic message was cabled across to "somewhere in France," on Friday, to Gunner T. H. Hardy, R.G.A., of Leicester: "A son, will ring the tenor, both doing well." It will be remembered that Gunner Hardy, then district secretary of the Midland Counties Association, married Miss Lillian A. Willson, one of the band who rang in the first ladies' peal, in December last. Congratulations will be extended to Gunner Hardy and his wife on the birth of a son and heir.

The continuation of "Oxford Guild Activities" is unavoidably held over till next week.

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On Saturday, November 4, 1916, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

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*ARTHUR J. HOING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
*GEORGE TWITCHEN ... .. 2	JOHN GRANSBURY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. HORNE ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal of Major. W. T. Horne's 50th peal. Rung with the bells muffled during the octave of All Saints, in memoriam for the soldiers and sailors killed in action during the War. Mr. J. West, the steeplekeeper, kindly prepared the bells.

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On Saturday, November 11th, 1916,

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J. LOWE ... .. 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE ... .. 6
SAM GREENHAGH ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
W. JONES ... .. 4	*WILFRED GRUNDY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal, aged 18 years. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Joseph Ridyard, son of the conductor, who is with H.M. Forces in Egypt; also as a birthday compliment to H. Chapman.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

From St. Mary's Parish Church, Berkeley:—

Rev. H. G. Armour, Vicar (President), Army Chaplain.

Pte Sidney Cornock (tower-keeper, captain), 13th Gloucester Regiment, killed Oct. 26th, 1916.

Pte M. Cornock, 13th Gloucester Regt.

Lance-Corpl. A. Mann, 5th Gloucestershire Regt.

Pte A. V. Pullin (Military Medal), 8th Gloucestershire Regt.

Pte Wm. Watts, 8th Gloucestershire Regt.

Stoker F. L. King, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Stoker A. W. Lewis, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Pte W. H. Hancock, Coldstream Guards.

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Pte Harold Moss, of St. Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth, near Pontefract, Northumberland Fusiliers, 'somewhere in France.'

## DEATH OF A SUFFOLK RINGER.

MR. Z. SLATER, OF GLEMSFORD.

It is with regret that the death is announced of Mr. Zachariah Slater, who passed away at his residence, Hunt's Hill, Glemsford, Suffolk, on Saturday, the 4th inst. He was a brother of Samuel Slater, and the younger of the ringing sons of John Slater. He joined the company in 1873, and before the year was out he could ring Treble Bob Major. He was a clever handbell ringer, and could ring the trebles (his favourite pair) to Plain and Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Double Norwich Major, although he never rang a handbell peal. He took part in the society's best performances, including the London Surprise and the 7008 Kent Treble Bob Major at Long Melford; also a 1080 Bob Royal on handbells with his brother ringing 3rd and 4th, and conducting it, and his father and two uncles ringing the other three pairs of bells. The deceased was not a great peal ringer, about one of a sort and that a good one was the height of his ambition, but among other notable peals in which he took part were 5040 in seven different Minor methods at Glemsford in 1893, and the first peal of Double Norwich Major at Lavenham in 1894, the last peal at St. Gregory's, Sudbury; and the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Cambridge. This was his last peal, but he continued to ring until his health gave way. He was a man of quiet disposition and much respected. He leaves a grown-up family and a widow to mourn their loss. If he had lived until Christmas deceased would have been married 40 years. He was about 60 years of age.—R.I.P.

**O.D.G. ACTIVITIES.****THE MONTHLY CHRONICLE.***(Continued from page 177.)*

Burnham, Saturday, Oct. 7th.—A round dozen rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Miss Merton, a local lady, ringing rounds for her maiden effort. The three faces of the tower clock show Moscow, Paris and London times, all through a well-intentioned effort of the steeple-keeper to set the hands in accordance with the end of the Daylight Savings Act, which the clock works objected to. There's a "good time" coming, boys, when a few of the recent Acts, regulations and restrictions are removed upon that "great day" which England fights for. The German leader of the anti-war Socialist minority, speaking recently at the Imperial Conference of the G.S.D. party, said that if some Germans advocated the theory that greater frightfulness at sea would incline England towards peace, he for his part would retort that the war would thereby be prolonged. Everything depends upon England, as far as the Allies are concerned. It is in England that "we must first ring the bell." He omitted to add that it is in England also where he would have to find the men to do so.

Beaconsfield, Saturday, Oct. 14th.—There was 17 present—Messrs. R. Coles, W. Horne, J. Blackmore, H. Wingrove, R. Buckland, R.N.A.S., J. Barnes, Corpl. W. Lawrence (of Weekly, Northants), R. E. Holloway (Acton), W. Henley, G. Gutteridge, W. Weeding, W. Burden, G. H. Cutts, D. Tindall, W. H. Fussell, and last but not least, the Misses Cooper and Gudin.

Mr. Holloway was elected a member of the Guild in the belfry, and the methods practiced were: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, the company breaking up at 6.15 after a good afternoon's work, one section going in to "T" with George, another to "B" at the George Inn.

A new name has been added to the local Roll of Honour in the church, that of Sergt. Leonard Rolfe, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, who died of wounds received in action in France during the recent Somme fighting. He was a good member of this tower, and had rung a Guild peal.

**AN UNVEILING CEREMONY AT HIGH WYCOMBE.**

"Whene'er the sweet Church bell  
Peals over hill and dell,

May Jesus Christ be praised."

Hymn 303 A. and M.

Another red-letter day for All Saints' belfry was recorded on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15th, when an assembly of 48 people gathered in the spacious ringing room to witness and join in the dedication of a peal tablet by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham, assisted by the acting Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Legge, M.A.), and the resident curate (the Rev. E. L. Dalby). There were also present Miss Shaw, the Bishop's daughter, the Misses Evans (Hugendon), Miss Marchant (Uxbridge), Mrs. R. Coles, with son and daughter, the organist (Mr. G. F. Saunders, F.R.C.O.), and the donor of the tablet, Mr. H. T. Dickens, lately churchwarden.

The local society was represented by Messrs. Gramsbury, Hayes, R. Coles, A. E. Coles, Phipps, R. Biggs, F. K. Biggs, W. Horne, G. Twitchen (Hon. Secretary), H. Butler, A. H. Hoing, F. Boreham and two Hon. Members (Messrs. J. Evans, of Hugendon, and W. H. Fussell, of Slough). The visiting ringers were Messrs. C. H. Pulling (Reading), W. Henley (Farnham Royal), J. Barnes (Missenden), J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield), W. Welling, W. Burden and D. Tindall (Old Windsor), Corpl. Lawrence (Haltom Camp), P. E. Jones (Slough) and several Londoners, the majority of whom are non-resident life members of this branch of the Guild.

At 3 o'clock a well struck touch of Stedman Cinques, the bells being deeply muffled, was in full progress, when the robed clergy filed slowly and reverently into the centre of the room, and "stand" was at once called and obeyed by all. The Bishop's special form of service was used with impressive devotion, and the responses were solemnly joined in by all present. It seemed as if an undercurrent of real sympathy permeated the ceremony, which was rendered more touching not only by the mournful bells above, and the deep sad voice of the Bishop, but also by the painful knowledge that a loving father had given his third dear son during this bitter war to aid and uphold the faith and peace of Europe.

After the dedication, the acting Vicar kindly addressed the congregation, referring to the holy use of church bells as a branch of church music which all change ringers should ever remember in their own towers. He mentioned the Festival of St. Patrick in March, when two years ago these bells were rung at a time of peace to a peal of Stedman Cinques to honour the patron saint of Ireland. He prayed that the days were not far distant when these bells would pour forth their open voices for the blessings of peace throughout these isles.

Another brief touch of 250 changes followed, the clergy remaining to witness and to hear its excellent finish. It was conducted by Mr. F. Bennett; seven of the team bearing names that appear on the new peal board, and the other five, being unable to attend, were made up by local men in this order: Hayes, Fussell, Matthews, Burton, Coles, Foskett, Bennett, Evans, Gramsbury, Sanders, Nudds and Scarlett. Then followed a few minutes quiet conversation, the Bishop personally speaking with several of those present before departing,

when a 504 was rung by Messrs. Matthews (conductor), A. E. Coles, Burton, Hewitt, Horne, Pike, Henley, Pulling, Welling, Blackmore, Theobald and Sanders. Of course a peal of "rounds" was organised for the juniors, who made a brave effort for the first time on twelve; the afternoon's feast of Stedman Cinques closing with a 382 conducted by F. Hayes, in which more twelve-bell men took a rope. Messrs. Phipps, Butler, W. Matthews, F. K. Biggs, G. Twitchen and A. H. Hoing, until everyone was satisfied. At 5 p.m. the tower was vacated, Mrs. R. Coles, Mrs. J. Gramsbury and Mrs. F. Hayes hospitably billeting the Middlesex bands at their homes for tea. A hasty return to the tower permitted a touch of Treble Twelve to be brought round for evening service before we were compelled to desist by the new anti-aircraft regulations.

Later in the evening a friendly gathering, with handbells, took place at the White Lion Hotel, preparatory to the cycling and train time to leave Wycombe. It was here also, in a reserved room, that the London lads sat down as a twelve-bell team to a good lunch at one o'clock, served by our Warwickshire hostess, and rendered more acceptable after their early duty at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and the bracing morning air of South Bucks.

I have since received a letter from London expressing the gratitude and thanks of the visitors for the kindness and courtesy shown them by the clergy and churchwardens, Mr. Dickens, and the Wycombe Society, which I would here like to endorse on behalf of the East Berks and S. Bucks branch.

Burnham, Saturday, October 21st. Trafalgar Day was well observed in London this year, more so than ever, and our practice was appropriate to the day. Fourteen attended, and Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Superlative were rung, Cpl. W. Lawrence and Sapper George Martin, R.E., being in field service uniform. The tower clock was still at variance with Greenwich, but we were not caught by any "Act" such as some of the clergy appear to have been. I should be sorry if any reader of the "Ringing World" was convicted. After my previous reminder, forewarned should be forearmed, although I have no sympathy for the noisy "ling-tangs" that usually swing in open turrets with frequent and unlimited use. Having come to the end of my chapter, I would now like to tender my thanks to the members of the Branch Committee for their willing assistance.

W. H. F.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

A most successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at SS. Philip and Jacob on Saturday. The bells, a peal of eight, were raised soon after three o'clock, and numerous touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung until 5.30, when a short service was held in the church. The Rector (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) officiated, and gave an interesting address. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, 22 members being present.

A short business meeting followed, the Rev. M. E. Thorold being voted to the chair, and as he had later to attend to other business, the chairman of the branch (Mr. H. Howell) moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for kindly permitting the meeting to be held, and for officiating at the service; and also to the organist and to the ladies waiting at tea.—The Rector suitably responded.

The chair was then taken by Mr. H. Howell.—One new member was elected, and it was decided that, if possible, the next meeting be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on December 9th.

A feature of the meeting was the welcome presence of Gnr. Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford, who, after tea, conducted touches of Stedman Triples and Caters on the handbells.

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Berkeley on Saturday week, when most of the branch towers were represented, and there were also visitors from Bristol, Gloucester, Lydney and Newport (Mon.). The news having been received on the previous Wednesday of the death in action of Pte Sidney Cornock, formerly captain of the local ringers, and tower keeper of Berkeley, the bells were rung muffled during the afternoon. The Rev. Canon Armour, acting Vicar, who is doing the work of his son, now an army chaplain, was unable to have the usual service for ringers, owing to pressure of work in the parish, but Mrs. H. C. Armour very kindly invited the ringers to a splendid tea at the Vicarage, twenty-four sitting down. The business meeting followed, Mr. John Austin, Master of the Association, presiding.—Mr. F. K. Howell made very feeling reference to the death of Pte Cornock, and said the very deepest sympathy of those present would go out to the widow and family in their sudden and sad bereavement.

One new member was elected, and after some discussion Dursley was selected for the annual meeting, but as the Rector of Dursley will only have the bells rung for Divine service during the war, Wickwar will be the place of meeting on December 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Howell, in thanking Mrs. Armour for the very hearty welcome she had given the ringers by providing such an excellent tea, said they were sorry to hear he was ill with fever. He hoped he would soon be restored to health again, and that she would soon have him home.—Mrs. Armour responding, said she would be pleased to welcome them to Berkeley again for the next monthly meeting if they could not get Dursley or Wickwar, as she thought they had not had much ringing that afternoon (applause).

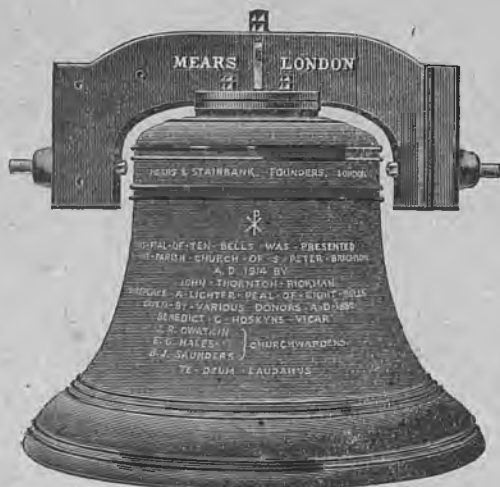
A short practice on the handbells brought the meeting to a close.

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## RINGERS KILLED IN ACTION.

### PATRIOTIC BERKELEY FAMILY.

At Berkeley, Glos., the sad news has been received that Pte Sidney Cornock has been killed by a shell in France. He was one of eight brothers who responded to the call of King and country. Of this patriotic family, three have given their lives; one has been wounded, one was sent home from France suffering from shell shock, while another was sent home discharged, having contracted a chill on the lungs whilst serving in France. The other two are at present taking part in the heavy Somme fighting—both as infantrymen.

Pte Sidney Cornock was a man greatly respected and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was 32 years of age, and during the early days of the war, he, with two of his brothers, enlisted in the 13th Gloucestershire Regiment (Pioneers), and went to the front about nine months ago. He was tower-keeper and captain of the Berkeley ringers, and a useful and esteemed member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

He leaves a widow and two young children to mourn the loss of a gallant husband and father.

### "A FINE EXAMPLE TO ALL."

The following is a copy of a letter (dated Oct. 22nd) received by the deceased's widow from the Major in command: "I very much regret to have to inform you of the very sad news of your husband's death on Oct. 26th, and wish to express the very deepest sympathy of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the company for you and your children in your bereavement. Your husband was a good soldier and a splendid worker, greatly esteemed by his officers and universally popular with his comrades. He was always very keen and went about his work in a cheery manner, showing a fine example to all. At the time we were leaving the trenches and were heavily shelled on the way out. One shell landed in the trench, killing several men, amongst whom was your husband. Luckily, he did not suffer, as he was killed instantly. I am sorry to say he was buried, but we had a party of men on them at once, and they were afterwards buried behind the trench. I shall be pleased to give you any more information you may require, and remain in sympathy, Yours, H. R. HOWMAN, Major O.C., "C" Co., Gloucester Regiment, B.E.F."

### STONY STRATFORD RINGER'S DEATH.

Pte F. E. Garner, R.A.M.C., a promising and much-respected ringer of Stony Stratford, has died from disease in St. Omar Hospital. The deceased was 27 years of age, and, before enlisting about twelve months ago, was a teacher in the Church of England School. He leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy is felt.

A memorial service was held at St. Giles' Church, Stony Stratford, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Last). It was attended by the staff and scholars from the schools, and by many friends. The choir very feelingly rendered Psalm xxxi to a simple setting, and the following hymns were sung: "When our heads are bowed with woe," "On the Resurrection Morning," and deceased's favourite hymn, "The Saints of God." At the conclusion of the service the organist played Handel's Dead March in "Saul."

It was very much regretted that the ringers were unable to ring on the above day, but the local men met on the following Saturday, and, as a last token of respect, rang touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled.

Sergt. Leonard Rolfe, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, a ringer at Beaconsfield, Bucks, has, we regret to say, died of wounds received in the fighting on the Somme.

### ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The tenth meeting for 1916 of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles being rung for the benefit of the recruits, and touches of Grandsire Triples and two courses of Bob Major by the senior members. About 15 sat down to tea at the club-room of the Red Lion, the Master (Mr. G. Youngs) presiding. Host Noakes proved himself a real ringers' friend in the way he served them with a good tea at a very reasonable price.

The business was afterwards transacted, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rolvenden on November 25th. Gunner A. H. Pulling and a friend in khaki attended the meeting, and as they expected to be removed to the West of England shortly the ringers wished them "God speed" and the best of good luck in their future career in H.M. Forces, and hoped that, when the piping times of peace come round, they would have the pleasure of ringing a peal or two for the Guild under Gunner Pulling's able conductorship.—Gunner Pulling heartily thanked the members for their kind wishes, and said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself at the three meetings of the Guild he had attended at Rye, New Romney and Appledore, and should always look back on them and think of the kindness that had been shown to him. He promised to communicate with the secretary so that the members might know how he was faring.—The writer is quite certain that if he can use his gun as well as he can a pair of handbells it will be bad luck for the enemy. — The following towers were represented: Ashford, Merham, Rolvenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Rye, Woodchurch, Tenterden, and the local band.



**D.C.M. RINGER.****ADMIRER FOR HIS COURAGE AND CHEERFULNESS.**

Lance-Corpl. Percy Hassock, of Maidstone, was the second ringer to gain the D.C.M., receiving the award for gallantry in saving a machine gun. His comrades on either side of him had fallen, but he continued working the gun, and his bravery did much to check a German attack. He was admired by both officers and men, not only for his courage, but for his never-ending cheerfulness. Unfortunately, as we have already recorded, Lance-Corpl. Hassock fell to a sniper's bullet. He was a native of Downham Market, but was employed at Maidstone, and when war broke out enlisted in the 6th City of London Rifles.



The late LCE.-CPL. PERCY HASSOCK, D.C.M.,  
of Maidstone.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
**WINCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Winchester on Saturday last. The Cathedral bells were rung during the afternoon, and service was attended at 4 p.m. in the choir of the Cathedral.

The Very Rev. the Dean presided at the tea and meeting, which was held in S. Maurice Hall, and there were also present the Ven. Archdeacon Fearon, Rev. C. E. Nuttall, Rev. E. Banks-James, Mr. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, Mr. A. E. Wilkins (St. Stephen's, Bristol), Mr. Arthur Hague, Mr. J. B. Williamson, and members from North Stoneham, Southampton, Upham, Bishopstoke, Titchfield and Winchester.—Apologies were read from the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Mathews), Rev. Canon Vaughan, Rev. Canon Braithwaite, Rev. W. E. Colchester, and Mr. Henry White, who, it was regretted, was prevented by illness from being present.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, and showed a favourable balance of £4 8s. 2½d.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Rev. Canon Braithwaite (chairman), Mr. J. W. Elkins (district secretary), Mr. C. Russell (assistant secretary), Mr. G. Smith (auditor) and Mr. Wilfrid Andrews and Mr. Tucker, as representatives on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton in November, 1917, and to hold three quarterly meetings, the first at Romsey on Feb. 17th; the second at Cheriton on May 12th; and the third at Owslebury on August 11th.

The Dean, in responding to a vote of thanks, proposed to him for presiding, and for the use of the bells, said it always gave him pleasure to welcome ringers to Winchester, and to grant them the use of the Cathedral bells.—Archdeacon Fearon said no one loved the music of the bells more than he did, and he sincerely wished that every bell in England might soon be ringing to announce the restoration of peace in all the world.

Some handbell ringing took place during the evening, and one young member, who is only 12 years of age, and who has been ringing double handed for about six weeks, was heartily congratulated on his successfully ringing of the treble and second in touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples. He is a pupil of the Rev. E. Bankes-James.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Williams, Mr. Arthur Hague became attached to the Guild as a compounding member.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.****THE CURTAILMENT OF RINGING.**

The last meeting of the North and East district of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in the present year was held at Willesden on Saturday last, and, although, owing to the existing national circumstances, the attendance was below the average, a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering was the result. Ringing commenced just before three o'clock, and continued until five p.m., touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major being rung.

On the conclusion of ringing a short service was held in the old Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. James Dixon), who gave a very interesting and instructive address to the members present.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the business meeting.—The election of Mr. Clement Glenn, of Sheffield, prior to an attempt for a handbell peal on October 9th, was confirmed.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) moved that a resolution of sympathy be passed to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence on the death of their son, Sergeant S. M. Lawrence, of the 8th Middlesex Regiment, who was killed in action on Sept. 11th in France. Mr. Coles added that Mr. Lawrence, who was with them that day, had two other sons who were serving in the army, and they hoped these would be spared to him.—The resolution was passed in silence, by the members standing, and Mr. Lawrence briefly acknowledged the motion with a few words of thanks.

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

The question of the present curtailment of ringing was discussed, and mention was made of the leading article in the current issue of "The Ringing World."—The Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. A. Milne, and Mr. W. E. Farr spoke on the matter, and on the motion of the last-named gentleman, seconded by Mr. G. M. Kilby, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting expresses a hope that the Standing Committee of the Central Council will bear in mind the possibility of a regulation being framed under the Defence of the Realm Act, which may seriously prejudice change ringing."

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by the vice-president (Mr. F. A. Milne), and seconded by the hon. secretary, to the Rev. J. Dixon for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells; also to the organist, who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings; to Mr. R. Kilby and the Willesden ringers for their welcome; and also to the good ladies who had prepared and so admirably served the tea.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar replied, saying how pleased he was to meet the members of the County Association. He acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of the organist and the ladies, and went on to say that he hoped to meet the members again on the first possible occasion after peace was declared, in the summer time when it would be possible to entertain them to tea in the Vicarage garden.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Vicar for his kind invitation, and stated that he would be sure to remember it, and he hoped it would not be long before they could take advantage of the offer.

Mr. R. Kilby acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of himself and brother ringers, saying how they looked forward to the time when their absent friends would be with them again when they would give the Association another good welcome to Willesden.

After the business meeting the handbells were kept going until shortly after eight o'clock, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters being rung.

**SWORD PRESENTED TO OXFORD GUILD SECRETARY.**

The secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as we announced some time since, is now serving at a lieutenant in the Royal Defence Corps, and is stationed at Dorchester. Having previously held the rank of captain and adjutant in the 4th Cadet Battalion Oxford Regiment, C.L.B., he was recently called back to Reading to receive a sword from his old battalion. The whole battalion was formed up in the Market Square, and Major Wardley-King addressed the Cadets, saying how sorry they were to lose their captain and adjutant, yet at the same time they all wished him prosperity with his new corps.

Lieut. Reeves, having received the sword, thanked Major Wardley-King, the officers, N.C.O.'s and Cadets, saying that he would prize the sword among his most valued possessions. He had served as an officer in the Cadets for eight years, and had had some very pleasant times with them. When this terrible war came he felt his King and country needed him, and H.M. the King had granted him a commission in the Royal Defence Corps. He hoped the Cadets would still prosper.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1344 changes, from Holt's Original): F. W. Bond 1, A. C. Harmer 2, A. Hayward 3, J. E. Waters 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, W. G. Finch 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who was leaving to join the colours on October 30th, the ringers wishing him good luck and a safe return.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT STREATHAM.**

A quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held on Saturday week at the eight-bell tower of Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common, S.W. Unfortunately, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Leonard were not available, for the attendance was quite sufficient for both rings to have been utilised from 3 o'clock until 5 p.m., when Defence of the Realm Regulations put an end to practice in the tower. Some 30 members and visitors took part in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and London Surprise. The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Latham) visited the ringing-room, and at shortened evening prayer gave, with a kindly welcome, a practical address, and personally bade farewell to each member of the congregation at the close of the service.

The Mission Room had been placed at the disposal of the Association for tea, after which a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters (the band including Mrs. F. I. Hairs) was heartily applauded.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P.) presided, and moved votes of condolence and sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Wm. Miles, of Carshalton; Mr. Arthur Shepherd, late hon. secretary of the Western District, and Mr. A. A. Johnston, of Croydon—the members present standing in the customary silence to signify assent.

The hon. secretary, Lieut. Cyril Johnston, Grenadier Guards, was unable to be present—his leave from the Western Front upon his father's death and burial expiring that afternoon. The assistant hon. secretary was directed to send kindly remembrance from the meeting to Pte F. G. Woodiss (2nd Grenadier Guards), now in the King George's Hospital, Waterloo Road, with serious wounds received in France, with sincere hopes for relief from pain and restoration to health and strength. He was also directed to express thanks to the Vicar for his presence and help, and to Mr. J. S. Daniels for the arrangements he had made for that useful and happy, though small, meeting.

The absence of members on service and the exigencies and pressure in all directions of the present times leave but little opportunity for furtherance of the work of the craft, and the Surrey Association, like many other Associations and Guilds, can only mark time and endeavour to keep things going until, in the Divine supervision, "peace and happiness, truth and justice," are once more restored.

**OXFORD BOB.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I be allowed to say a word on this subject? The method of Oxford Bob, primarily intended for six bells, will run equally well on ten or any other odd multiple of two. It will not run to an even multiple of two, because if the bell hunting up immediately before the treble is to make a place over the treble, return to lead and lead at the same time as the treble lies her blows behind, then hunt up again and make the same place over the treble that she made before; there must be a centre position. This cannot occur on an even multiple of two. The equivalent of Oxford on even multiples of two is the method by Mr. Baker shown below. This method will run to all even multiples of two from eight upwards.

Oxford Bob	Mr. Baker's	The same to
Royal.	Method.	Maximus.
1234567890	12345678	1234567890Ex
2143658709	21436587	2143658709xE
2416385079	24163857	2416385079xE
4261830597	42618375	4261830579E9
4628135079	46281357	46281035xE79
6482310597	64823175	64820135E597
6843201957	68432715	68402x135E79
8634029175	86347251	8604x231E597
8360492715	68374521	806x432E1957
3806947251	86735412	08x634E29175
3089674521	87653142	0x836E492715
0398765412	78561324	x038E6947251
0937856142	75816342	0x3E89674521
9073581624	57183624	x0E398765412
9705318264	51738264	xE0937856142
7950132846	15372846	Ex9073581624
7591038264	13527486	Ex9705318264
5719302846		9E7x50132846
5173920486		97E5x1038264
1537294068		795E1x302846
1352749608		7591E3x20486
		57193E2x4068
		517392E4x608
		1537294E6x80
		13527496E8x0

Oxford Bob is, therefore, impossible on four, as it is an even multiple of two; Mr. Baker's method for even multiples might be regarded as equivalent to Reverse Bob. But the method given by Mr. Morris was Double Bob, and as such has no affinity with either.

—Yours truly,  
H. W. FRIGHT.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on November 21st, for the election of officers for the coming year; also on the 30th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3 till dusk. Meeting to follow.—W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1916. Bells ready 2.30. Ringing to cease at dusk. Meeting as arranged.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in the Pavilion close to the Church. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) from about 2 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting in Church Cottage at 6.—Rev. F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Dec. 2nd (8 bells). Will those members whose subscription is yet unpaid kindly remit before December 31st.—Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting of above will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available during afternoon from 1.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Branch Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 to 4.20 p.m. Tea at 4.45 in Church Hall, Meeson Road, 9d. each only to those who notify me on or before Monday, Nov. 27th. Meeting (at which Officers for the ensuing year will be elected) to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 1916. Bells from 2.30 to 5.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members of the Central Committee are informed that the bells at Tonbridge Church will be available for ringing at one o'clock on the date of the meeting there.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**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.

**RINGING PRACTICE.**

SHIPLEY AND BOLTON (BRADFORD).—The next practices will be held at Shipley, Nov. 25th, and at Bolton, Dec. 9th, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**HANDBELLS WANTED.**

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**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at East Brent, and in spite of stormy weather proved a very successful gathering, about 30 ringers being present, including ten lady ringers from Bridgwater, Brent Knoll, Badgworth, Mark, Weston-super-Mare, Huntspill, Burnham, and the local company.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Wickham) held a service in the church, and gave an appropriate address, and the choir and organist attended. Afterwards tea was served at the Vicarage, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Weston-super-Mare was selected for the next meeting (the annual).—Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, on behalf of all present, thanked the Vicar for extending such a hearty welcome, for arranging the service, the use of the bells, and for providing the tea.—In responding, the Vicar said he always took a great interest in the bell ringing, and it was a pleasure to him to think that, in spite of the war, we are able to still go on with the ringing, and he was glad to welcome the members of the branch there.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandeire and Plain Bob were rung.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

On the Sunday following the annual festival, Oct. 29th, the undermentioned members visited St. Stephen's, Elswick, Newcastle, and rang touches of Duffield Major and Erin Triples on the bells which have a tenor of 30 cwt. From thence they went to All Saints', Newcastle, for Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples (tenor 19 cwt.), and then to St. Mary's, Gateshead, where Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandeire Triples were rung (tenor 15 cwt.), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. E. Keen, A. F. Hillier, B. C. Dixon, W. Sinclair, W. H. Barber, R. Richards and G. Stuart taking part, and the conducting being shared by Messrs. Barber and Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd was elected a life member of the Association in 1890, and this was his first visit since.

At All Saints', Gosforth, on Sunday, Nov. 5th, to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. W. E. S. Kennedy, who read himself in on that day, 816 Stedman Triples was rung in 36 minutes: Arthur Field, junr. (aged 15, and longest touch in the method) 1, J. S. Richardson 2, G. T. Potter 3, A. Payne 4, C. L. Routledge 5, E. E. Ferry (conductor) 6, J. F. Bird 7, A. K. Ripley 8.

**RINGING OR CHIMING?****VICAR'S UNSUCCESSFUL DEFENCE IN PROSECUTION.**

Last week the Rev. Frederick Rogers, Vicar of St. Barnabas, Wormley, near Bristol, was charged at the local police court under the Defence of the Realm Act with having allowed the bell of his church to ring in prohibited hours—namely, 7.20 p.m. on November 1st. He contended that the bell was not rung, but chimed, and he maintained there was a great difference between the two things.

Mr. Rogers said he was merely doing his duty according to the Prayer Book in chiming or tolling the bell before service. He stopped doing this, however, as soon as it was made clear what the law was.

The Bench fined him 10s., or seven days.

Defendant said he felt strongly about it, and should go to prison. The Bench expressed regret at the decision, and ultimately the Vicar agreed to pay the fine.

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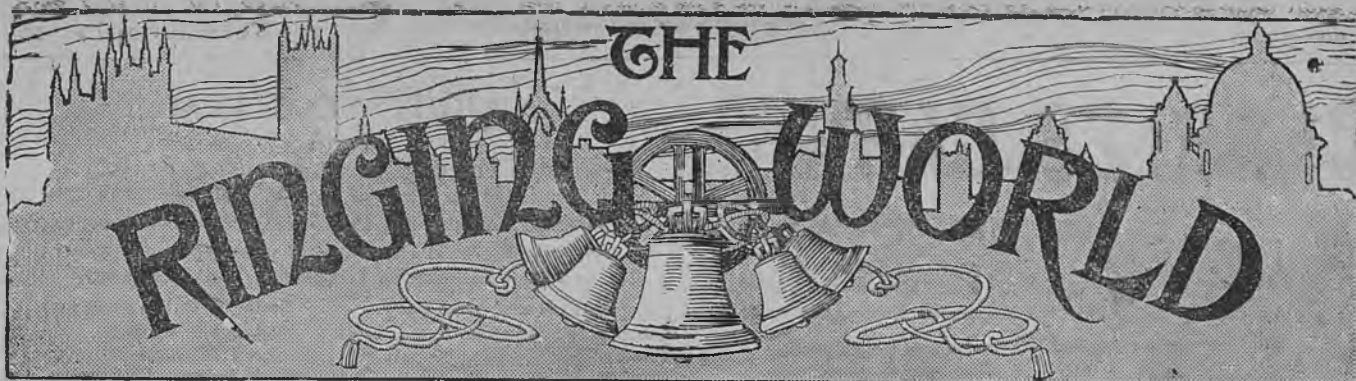
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## FACE THE FACTS.

An outspoken article by Mr. William Willson, on the subject which has engaged the attention of the Exercise in the last week or two, appears in another column and will be read with interest, especially as he has directly approached the Bishop of Peterborough upon the matter and is able to give his lordship's reply. With regard to this latter we have never doubted that the Bishop's attitude has been dictated by the most well-intentioned motives. Indeed, no one, as we have previously pointed out, would for a moment desire to ring bells when the ringing would be likely to affect the efficiency of those upon whom the success of our arms in the field so much depends, and ringers as a whole, we feel sure, have realised that what has been in the minds of the Bishops of Peterborough and Chelmsford has been consideration for those who are engaged upon night labour.

It is not, therefore, the action of the prelates to which objection can or need be taken, nor would it be of use to kick against any regulations framed under the Defence of the Realm Act. What the Exercise has to be on its guard against is the imposition of restrictions dictated by a few "extremists," whose views, if there should be no counter-acting influence, might be accepted without question by those in authority. Then, when once the thin edge of the wedge has been driven in, those who take a rooted objection to bells rung under any conditions, will spare no effort to gain their ends when things might be expected to go back to their normal condition. But what can the Exercise do to use its modifying influence if the emergency arises? At the present moment it would find itself hopelessly unorganised, with no settled plan of action and, so far as we are aware, no representative body prepared to give advice. It is against the continuation of this state of things that we are arguing.

The Exercise has the means to focus and express its views, to organise its forces and to prepare for eventualities, and all thinking ringers will agree that there should be no hesitation in preparing for any action that may be necessary. It does not follow that such action will be required, but the trend of events shows that the future may have its difficulties and if we are wise we shall be ready to meet them with reasoned arguments and that powerful influence which could be secured if only it were sought in the right way. If the need does not arise so much the better, but if it does it should find us ready, for it would be useless to lament when it is too late. Let us, therefore, bestir ourselves and while avoiding panic face facts. The initial step in putting our organisation into order rests with the Central Council, and ringers will expect that body to be ready to uphold their interests whenever the occasion arises.

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LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 4th, 1916, Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

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CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 6
ARTHUR JONES ... .. 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... .. 4	THOMAS WALKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Christopher H. Hughes, Hon. Secretary of the local company, who was killed in action on Sept. 9th.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, November 9, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE OFFICES OF MR. R. J. HUNT, BERKLEY STREET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor, 15 size in C.

*FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 5-6
ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8
JAMES GEORGE ... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Referee: GEORGE WALKER.

\* First peal of Caters "in hand" and first peal of Caters, and first handbell peal as conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, November 12, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 31, HIGHER ALBERT STREET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

GEORGE HOLLIS ... 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5-6
GEORGE DAVIES ... 3-4	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 7-8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 13, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

SERG. WM. R. HENSHER 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT, and  
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

This peal was arranged for Wheeler-Staff-Sergt. W. R. Hensher, who was home on leave from France.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Size 16 in B flat.

JAMES HUNT ... 1-2	FRANK SMITH ... 5-6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3-4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7-8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Umpire: MR. H. T. SCARLETT.

Witnesses: MESSRS. E. WIGHTMAN, B. FOSKETT and H. C. STUBBS.  
Mr. Hunt's 150th peal on handbells.



## LONDON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Thursday, November 16, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 1-2	FRANK SMITH ... .. 5-6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3-4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 7-8

JAMES HUNT ... .. 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

The conductor's 400th peal.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 18, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ALBERT WALKER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor, 17 size in B flat.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3-4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7-8

JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9-10

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: MR. G. WALKER,

The referee ticked off each call and scrutinized every course-end.

This peal is in 85 courses, with 335 calls.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte F. S. Macey, of Sittingbourne, Kent, M.T. A.S.C., now at Upper Norwood.

Pte John R. Moger, of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, now at Middlesbrough.

From Christ Church, Southgate:—

Spr. S. Wade, Royal Engineers.

Gnr. H. E. Balaam, Royal Garrison Artillery.

## KETTERING RINGER AWARDED D.C.M.

Another ringer has been decorated for bravery on the field, the D.C.M. having been awarded to Pte A. J. Knight, of the Kettering, Northants, company, who is serving in the Northants Regiment. Writing to his parents the other day, Pte Knight said: "I have a surprise for you. I have been awarded the D.C.M. I have kept it a secret for some time, but it is for an affair which happened at the same place that Col. Ripley was wounded."

Pte Knight is 22 years of age, and enlisted in September, 1914, and has been at the front since July 25th, 1915. Before joining the army he was a very active member of the Kettering band of ringers, having mastered all the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and had rung 14 peals of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

## DIED OF WOUNDS.

We regret to record the death of another ringer, who laid down his life for his country. Private Frederick George Lewis, of Llanfrecfa, died of his wounds in France on October 20th at the age of 24 years. He was attached to the South Wales Borderers. Before enlisting deceased was a member of the Llanfrecfa company, and, being verger, was a regular Sunday service ringer. He had just made himself proficient in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor when he joined the army. It was only seven months from the date of his joining to his death.

The bells were rung muffled at Llanfrecfa for morning service on Sunday week as a last tribute of respect by the local company to their esteemed friend.

## THE LATE PTE. C. H. HUGHES.

The Exercise in London has lost a most enthusiastic member in Mr. Christopher H. Hughes, who, as already recorded, has fallen at the front. Born in the parish of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, in 1886, he was much attached to the church, and there he commenced and learnt nearly all his ringing. A most obliging fellow, he was elected hon. secretary of the local company. Called to the colours in April, 1916, he joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps, was wounded once in August, and killed in action on September 9th.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose meetings he regularly attended; a member of the London County Association, being steward of the Southern District, and also a member of the Sussex and Kent County Associations. He was successful in the first eight peals he attempted, which included the local peal, Carter's Odd-Bob one-part Stedman Triples. He rang in all 45 peals, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 26, Stedman Caters 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 6, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Plain Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 5, Superlative Surprise Major 1. R.I.P.

## RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

## MR. W. NEWELL CELEBRATES A DOUBLE EVENT.

The chronicles of Reading will have another item to record in their municipal history, for on the 8th November last, Mr. William Newell, an old resident of the town, celebrated his 78th birthday, and with Mrs. Newell attained the golden anniversary of their wedding at St. Mary's Church in 1866, the "happy couple" of those days being still in the enjoyment of good health and comfortably jogging along together.

Oxfordshire born, Mr. Newell came to Reading in May, 1851, and later on entered into the business of a brewer and licensed victualler, at The Mitre Hotel, West Street, which for 24 years was strictly and impartially carried on by him without trading on Sundays, it being against his life-long principle of "temperance in all things" to do so.

For 18 years he was one of the St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers, acting as the foreman for the last ten, followed by a rest from the belfry during the next decade, which he keenly devoted to handbell tune playing at concerts and entertainments, in and about the town, acting as the conductor to a dexterous quartette manipulating a set of 50 bells which he purchased for this purpose. Appointed tower warden at St. Lawrence's Church in 1881, when the tower and bells were restored, Mr. Newell still holds this office, after 35 years' faithful service, in addition to his duty as Guild Instructor of bell ringing. For 47 years he has occupied the position of tenor singer in the choir of St. Mary's Church, Castle Street, only resigning twelve months ago. He has been a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since its formation, in 1881, the Oxford Society since 1869, the Ancient Society of College Youths since 1884, and the Appleton Society since 1866. In honour of the veteran's records, all friends and neighbours flocked together on "the day," the bells at St. Mary's and St. Lawrence towers being rung. Numerous congratulations were tendered him by post, and personally, in which Mrs. Newell, who had a large share in building up this interesting record, was not forgotten.

A social reception, after partaking of an excellent tea, was held in the evening at the Dairy Cafe, in Broad Street, where some 42 ringers assembled and joined in wishing "the pair" many happy days to follow, both the natal and matrimonial events of a long and well-spent life. A handsome silver sugar basin and tongs were presented to Mr. Newell as a souvenir and a token of respect to the happy and bonny couple, the President of the Reading branch (Mr. W. P. Routh) making suitable observations in handing over the gift.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Newhouse (Vicar of St. Lawrence), himself also a ringer and former Guild secretary; Mr. E. Bishop (Swindon), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), Mr. W. Clarke (Aldermaston), Mr. A. D. Cullum (Caversham) and Mr. G. Wright (Sonning). There were also present Miss Goodship, Messrs. H. Egby, Paice, Searle and Reeves (four of the St. Mary's original band), Goodyear and Haines (Fife-hurst), Smith, Simmon's, Hibbert, junr. (Caversham), Wright, junr., Brown, A. Osborne, Pullen, Spong, Swain, Webb, Runham, Halliday, James Potter (of Frittenden), F. Hopgood, A. Wiggins, E. J. Menday, C. Giles, A. Watmore and R. Sawyer, etc.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed, and brought about many an unexpected reunion of the Reading Youths of past generations, speech and song quickly beguiling the hours in brotherly harmony.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said few of them could hope to attain to so lengthy a married life as Mr. Newell. He referred to the large number of ringers whom Mr. Newell had trained and the good work he had done. In spite of discouragement Mr. Newell had continued patiently. He looked forward to seeing his friend as healthy ten years hence as he was now.

The Rev. Canon Newhouse said he had known Mr. Newell for many years, and had always respected and admired him. As a bell ringer, a man, and a Churchman he had nothing but good to say of him.

Mr. W. H. Fussell said throughout the years of his acquaintance with Mr. Newell he had always been his staunch friend. It was a great pleasure for him to come to Reading and meet Mr. Newell and his other ringing friends.

Mr. Harry Egby said he had been associated, not only as a ringer, but also as a comrade, with Mr. Newell, whose work in the past had been that of bringing on the young change ringers.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Newell for his kindness in entertaining the company assembled and for his splendid work in the past.

In reply, Mr. Newell gave an interesting sketch of his ringing career, thanking old friends for past help, and the subscribers for their kind presentation that evening to his wife and self.

Among those who contributed to the programme were: Messrs. Newell (Sweet Reading Bells'), J. Searle ("When we were boys together"), H. Egby (in a song of his own composing, "Good-bye, Berkshires"), W. Webb, A. D. Cullum, A. Watmore and A. Spong.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted during the afternoon, at St. Lawrence, but after ringing nearly 5,000 changes in 3 hrs. and 20 mins., the conductor was obliged to call stand, as two bells had changed course, much to the regret of the audience outside, who made favourable comments on the striking.

The ringers were: Rev. G. F. Coleridge (treble), F. Hopgood (composer and conductor) 2, A. Wiggins 3, W. H. Fussell 4, E. J. Menday 5, C. Giles 6, E. Bishop 7, A. Watmore 8, A. Osborne 9, R. Sawyer 10,



## RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH'S VIEWS.

By WILLIAM WILLSON.

There seems to be a pessimistic feeling among the ringing fraternity that church bells have not only reached their zenith, but are already on the decline towards extinction. The chief cause of this gloomy foreboding is the recent restriction against street noises after dark, viz., "bells, striking of clocks, horns and hooters," which would undoubtedly help hostile aircraft to locate a given place. Now, further depression is added by the fact that two Bishops have lent their pens to further restrict church bells, and to all outside observers, it appears that ringing as we know it is doomed. Panic and depression are most contagious, and those persons affected by such emotions are most certainly not the best advisers.

Let us examine the facts without exaggeration. The Defence of the Realm Act is an elastic measure, and almost equivalent to martial law. Whatever is deemed to be expedient for the good of the nation is within its capacity and must be carried into effect without equivocation. But the Defence of the Realm Act ceases automatically with the war, and cannot continue afterwards without another Act of Parliament. That renewal it is not likely to get. That such an omnibus Act would be exploited by various sects was only to be expected. We have seen what the rabid teetotaler will do while sheltering behind it. We have seen zeal run to lunacy in the darkening of streets resulting in more deaths and casualties than a Zeppelin raid. Now we find up against us those who have always been antagonistic to everything appertaining to the Church and to bells in particular; demanding peace and quietness not for themselves, oh no! but for the poor overworked munition worker.

If the claim was sincere, I venture to say that no ringer with an ounce of manliness would object. Nay, we ought and must admit the rights of our fellow men to peace and quietness. What business have eight or ten men to lock themselves up in a steeple, and for their own pure amusement—sometimes disguised as sympathy by muffling the bells—annoy their neighbours by the hundred for three hours on end? None of us would tolerate an organ grinder in like manner, and the law supports us in moving him on. That is so in ordinary times. We are living in abnormal days, when selfishness must give place to the common good, and when anything which tends to winning the war must be utilised for the one object. With those ranters in the public Press whose ulterior objects against bells are only too apparent, we all can only have contempt, but I do sincerely believe that the bishops who have spoken have only the main issue in mind. Feeling that some explanation was due from the prelates of Peterborough and Colchester, I put myself in communication with the former, pointing out that:

1. Ringing was already restricted almost to a minimum for two reasons, viz., that numbers of ringers were fighting their country's battles, and not a few had made the Great Sacrifice.
2. Ringers recognised the rights of the public fully, and gladly acquiesced in stopping the clanging of odd bells for early morning services.
3. That if much further restriction is pressed, it would mean the extinction of ringers' guilds and the alienation of a considerable body of men from the church.

### THE BISHOP'S REPLY.

Although the Bishop of Peterborough has only recently taken upon his shoulders the burden of a large See, and the National Mission is in full swing, his Grace replied to my letter within 24 hours, as follows:—

The Palace, Peterborough.  
14th November, 1916.

William Willson, Esq., Leicester.

My dear Sir,—Thank you for your letter. I need hardly say that in my suggestions in regard to the ringing of church bells there is no antagonism whatever to the practice in itself, but only a desire to meet the special circumstances of a special time. No one appreciates church bells and the services of church bell ringers more than I do, and I hope that, in spite of present difficulties, the guilds of bell ringers will endeavour to keep together and tide over the present period of the war. As to the actual times when the bells are silent, I must leave that to the discretion of each parish. It must obviously depend on the presence or absence in the district of munition workers, or workers in other war service which calls for incessant labour by day and night. Believe me, yours very truly,

THEODORE PETRIBURG.

I think it will be admitted that the answer is eminently satisfactory, and that there is no need for pessimism. Those who have written urging immediate action by the Central Council might ask themselves calmly, "What can the Council do? You cannot 'kick against the pricks' with impunity. What profit, whether you elect a lawyer or a cheesemonger as President? Was there ever a case in the Courts where two lawyers would not fight to the death for either side of a question—and, of course, a fee? If there is any finality of advice in a legal President, what is the matter with Lord Justice Cherry, K.C. LL.D., as Hon. President of the Council, with an acting chairman in his absence? I do not think

the legal luminary of Birmingham would care to enter the lists against the headlight of Ireland!

But what can the Council do? Well, it might have done a great deal in the past. It might have issued to all belfries through their Associations, a certificate of affiliation, with a form of service to be used. It might have made the late Sir Arthur Heywood the first Freeman of the Council. It might then have fittingly elected as President for the ensuing year, the Bishop in whose diocese the next meeting was to be held, thus securing recognition at once by the whole clergy.

But this is not a time for recrimination, and I am not a candidate for any post whatever in the Council as at present constituted; therefore, I am speaking plainly. As ringers we have been far too secular, and the Council has encouraged it. Most Associations are run merely for the peal report, and the bulk of the members care only for that report and the number of times their names appear in the peal records. Of course, I am as guilty as anybody else, but that fact does not alter the matter. Can we improve things in the future?

I do not think any individual on the Council can alter circumstances which are purely local, but it often happens that when an attack is made in the Press upon bell ringing, there is no one in the locality who feels able or willing to combat the charge on behalf of the ringers. The local secretary is not always a journalist. I am of opinion that we must win into our ranks the clergy from the bishops downwards. In every town or County Association there should be one official who is a clergyman. We must remember that we only ring at any time by permission of the incumbents, and that the ringing of peals of 5,000 changes was not the object for which bells were placed in the tower.

That the clergy obtain a more educated class of men in change ringers as compared to "round ringers" goes without saying, and the clergy know it. It is for us to see that the privileges we get are not abused. When the "bells of peace" ring again shall we see peals of 5,000 changes rung every day for a week, and every Saturday until the backs of the public rise again and demand the quietness they enjoyed in war-time? It is for us to think about. I believe the heart of every man will leap when the bells ring out for peace. Let us see that we do not surfeit the public and produce a re-action.

### THE TWO EXTREMES.

We have received a thoughtful letter upon the same subject from a member of the Central Council, who, while having no desire to appear as a controversialist, will, we think, permit us to give the following extracts:—

"It is necessary in forming an opinion on such subjects to consider at least the existing national conditions, and put oneself as far as possible into the position of those opposed to ringing. Respecting the former, we are living in extremely strained circumstances, when the public mind is unhinged, existence practically jeopardised, everybody going at high pressure, prevailing profiteering by unpatriotic forces who put money before citizenship, and so on, all tending to force expression of opinion on questions which under normal conditions would not be, perhaps, thought of.

"On the second point, what is the ground of their complaint, and how far should it be justifiably combated? Mr. Dawe said, and very properly too, the incessant clanging of one, two or three bells for continuous services, but what about the excessive amount of peal ringing before war, particularly in populated areas?

"These two extremes are, I am afraid, the origin of all the trouble. The former can, under pressure of organised protestation from within, be suppressed without the aid of extreme measures, but the case of excessive peal ringing is for us within our own ranks to carefully consider, and the first question to be asked is: 'What purpose is served by excessive peal ringing?' I can only find one answer, and that is personal gratification, and, indeed, glorification. I cannot see that excessive peal ringing has any effect upon Christianity, or the extension of God's Kingdom, and, unless this is so, excessive ringing does not carry out the intended purposes of church bells.

"I am not by any means condemning peal ringing as, for instance, were peace to be declared to-morrow, I am sure the very people who are now shouting for the bells to be silenced would be the first to exclaim, 'Why don't they ring the bells?' We all stand for well-struck ringing, and if this is done as well as possible, in reason, especially for church services, our opponents will have no ground to stand upon.

"We should not court antagonism, but we must be prepared, as your strongest point sets forth. Let us not, however, force the pace to a fight, but quietly deliberate and prepare our ground without demonstration, and quietly handle the flower in the bud, on sound legitimate reasoning. If the rabid ones know we are alarmed it is just what they want, and will fan it into flame.

"What we have to do is to see the ground we rest on is safe, and then quietly wait events. I do not for a moment feel alarmed at the result."

DALTON-IN-FURNACE.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Stuart 1, Miss A. Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Stuart 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5. W. S. Forshaw 6, J. Burrows 7.



## THE PEALS AT SHOREDITCH.

### A DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY.

Very few peals that were rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths a generation ago appeared without the name of Benjamin Foskett amongst the performers, and those ringers who are old enough to remember the many good performances in which he has taken part will undoubtedly join the ringers of the peal of Royal at Shoreditch on Wednesday of last week in their congratulations on his reaching the "allotted span" on that day. The preceding Saturday (Nov. 11th) was the 45th anniversary of Mr. Foskett's wedding, and at his kind invitation the peal was attempted at his residence at Cricklewood on that day. Evidently, however, the importance of the occasion proved too much, as the peal was lost in the 18th course. The ringers, however, made no mistake in the courses that followed, in which the conducting was ably shared by the Misses Foskett, well backed up by father and mother. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent with handbells and singing, and the congratulations of the party were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Foskett on the auspicious occasion, with best wishes for many more years of conjugal bliss, of which they certainly seem to have every prospect.

The peal rung in the evening of Thursday, the 16th, was arranged over the 'phone at a few hours' notice for Staff-Sgt. W. R. Hensher, of the 3rd Canadian Division, who was passing through London on his way back to the Western front after short leave, he having to depart from Victoria early the following morning.

### MR. J. HUNT'S 400 PEALS.

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung Conducted		Rung Conducted	
Minor .....	2	1		
Grandsire Triples .....	22	6	11	1
Grandsire Caters .....	9	3	4	
Bob Triples .....	1	1		
Bob Major .....	23	7	6	
Bob Royal .....	2	1	5	1
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	15	1	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	4		1	
Stedman Triples .....	73	3	31	
Stedman Caters .....	22	4	79 (a)	
Stedman Cinques .....	5		12	
Double Norwich Court				
Bob Major ...	25	4		
Norfolk Surprise Major .....	1			
Superlative Surprise Major ...	31	2		
New Cambridge Surprise Major ..	1			
Cambridge Surprise Major .....	4			
Cambridge Royal .....	1			
Bristol Surprise Major .....	6			
London Surprise Major .....	2			
	249	33	151	2

(a) Including 14,031 and 19,738 record.

The tower bell peals were rung in 77 towers in ten counties.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District was held at Leatherhead on Saturday week, but owing to the war and other causes the attendance was comparatively insignificant, only about two dozen members putting in an appearance, as against over a hundred in normal times. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were brought round on the back eight at SS. Mary and Nicholas' Church, where there is a peal of ten with a tenor 20 cwt. in E flat, and a touch of Caters conducted by F. E. Dawe.

The members afterwards attended service, at which the Rev. T. F. Hobson, Vicar, preached. An excellent tea was subsequently partaken of at the Institute, the party including some Canadian soldier guests. In the absence of the Vicar, Mrs. Hobson kindly welcomed the ringers to Leatherhead, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and the use of the bells was accorded, on the motion of Mr. F. E. Dawe.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, and it was decided to hold the quarterly meetings for the year as follows: February, Witley; May, Bentley; August, Christ Church, Epsom; November (annual), Dorking.

**RUMNEY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Augustine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: John H. Pacey (aged 15) 1, Fred Hannington 2, James Thompson 3, George Gullidge 4, Miss Ethel M. Pacey (conductor) 5, Henry Pacey 6. First quarter-peal for all except the ringers of the fifth and sixth. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who was shortly leaving the band to join the colours.

**BRECON, SOUTH WALES.**—On Sunday morning, Sept. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: G. Giblin 1, S. Brooks 2, W. Hargest 3, S. Watkins 4, G. W. Frayne 5, W. Evans (conductor) 6, W. Griffiths 7. For evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Hargest 1, J. Davies (Penarth) 2, G. Giblin 3, S. Watkins 4, S. Brooks 5, G. W. Frayne 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on November 30th, for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1916. Bells ready 2.30. Ringing to cease at dusk. Meeting as arranged.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in the Pavilion close to the Church. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) from about 2 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting in Church Cottage at 6.—Rev. F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Dec. 2nd (8 bells). Will those members whose subscription is yet unpaid kindly remit before December 31st.—Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting of above will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available during afternoon from 1.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Branch Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 to 4.20 p.m. Tea at 4.45 in Church Hall, Meeson Road, 9d, each only to those who notify me on or before Monday, Nov. 27th. Meeting (at which Officers for the ensuing year will be elected) to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 1916. Bells from 2.30 to 5.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Norbury on Saturday, December 2nd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Gloucestershire.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Headingley St. Michael's on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 1916. Bells available from 3 to dusk. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.  
—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood Parish Church on Saturday, December 9th. Bells, ready at 2 o'clock, till dusk; meeting to follow. Reports will be ready for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, 132, Morton Street, Middleton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members of the Central Committee are informed that the bells at Tonbridge Church will be available for ringing at one o'clock on the date of the meeting there.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. James George, Master of the Warwickshire Guild, is now 48, Minstead Road, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham. Will secretaries of associations and others kindly note.

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The members of the above Association paid a visit on Saturday week, to St. Margaret's, Westminster, where a very enjoyable and instructive afternoon was spent. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30 p.m., but owing to a rope breaking, and a service at the Abbey at 3 p.m., the handbells were brought into use for half-an-hour. A good number were present from the metropolis and provinces, and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Major.

A meeting was held subsequently at the Headquarters Room, Milford Lane, Strand, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) occupying the chair. Mr. Arthur Mason, of Erith, Kent, was elected a member.

The rest of the evening was devoted to handbell ringing in various methods and tunes, one interesting feature being a course of Grandsire Triples by husbands and wives, viz.:—T. Walker 1—2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3—4, F. I. Hairs 5—6, Mrs. T. Walker 7—8.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 9th, and particulars will appear in the "Ringing World" in due course.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. Hewett for the able manner in which he carried out the arrangements for the comfort of all who attended.

#### **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

##### **THE FUSION WITH THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Outside those immediately concerned very little has been heard of the fusion of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild with the Lancashire Association, which has been carried out quietly during the past year. The annual report of the Lancashire Association, however, makes a reference to it which will be read with interest. The report says:—

"The most notable event of the last year has been the re-union of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild with the Lancashire Association. Many good ringers and clergy in that part of the county have regretted the existence side by side of two societies for the same purpose, and when an opportunity came of bringing the two together it was readily seized by representatives of both. As a result of careful negotiations the Liverpool Guild will retain its unity and close connection with its own diocese for local management, but will be united to the Lancashire Association in the same way as the other branches; all members will pay their subscriptions to the Association. Past membership of the Guild will be counted as if it had been membership of the Association. It is with deepest satisfaction that we record this agreement. On the one hand it is natural and right that such a vigorous diocese as Liverpool should desire to have its own organisation for the large body of Church workers found in its towers. On the other hand all change ringers in the county should be included in the Lancashire Association. These two objects are now, we hope, satisfactorily secured, and we gratefully acknowledge the goodwill shown towards the Association by the representatives of the Guild who negotiated with us."

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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

### BE READY.

We have no hesitation in returning this week to the subject of the future of ringing. In the past three issues we have tried to put before our readers the importance of the Exercise being prepared to meet any attempt which may be made to suppress the ringing of church bells in the future, but there may still be some who do not realise that such a step is within the range of possibility, and are not fully alive to the necessity of being ready for an emergency of this kind. These are days when no Act of Parliament is necessary to remove either rights or privileges. It needs only sufficient influence applied in the right quarter and, by a stroke of the pen, any existing state of things can be changed, and when this happens it is usually done without consulting those principally concerned. Such conditions are probably necessary in war time, but few people suppose that everything that has been altered in this way will revert to its former state with the declaration of peace.

The public interests, it will be said afterwards, were well served by this, that, or the other restriction, therefore it should be continued. Let an official ban be placed upon the ringing of church bells during war time, and there will be found after the war plenty of people who will clamour for its retention. In the last few months the daily press has contained a good deal of correspondence in which nearly every writer has urged the suppression of ringing on some ground or other. If these unanswered protests develop into crystallised official action, backed by the Bishops' own recommendations—made, it is true, in no spirit of hostility to ringing itself, but liable to be misconstrued by unscrupulous extremists—it may be difficult to re-establish ringing in its former place. Happily, up to the present, nothing has been done to suppress ringing altogether in daylight hours, but no one can say when the thing might be sprung upon us, and the wedge be gradually driven home.

Those who take up the attitude that, as nothing has been done, there is nothing to worry about, should remember the old adage about locking the stable door. It is no use thinking of what ought to be done when the time for action has passed. The course of the war might have been very different if the nation had been better prepared, and as ringers, we should be ready to meet any possible effort that may be made to extinguish us and our craft. It is no use living in a fool's paradise. If we are ready we can, as a correspondent pointed out last week, quietly await events. But at present we are not ready. There is no need to force a fight—that is the last thing we should seek to do—but we can see that we are prepared, not only with argument, but with the means of utilising all the influence which could be put into the scale on our side, if only action is taken in time.

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This is the first peal to be rung by Lt. E. M. Atkins, R.E., since being wounded last January.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte J. Dow, of Springfield, Essex, Essex Regiment, dangerously wounded during the Somme offensive, now in hospital at Bristol.

Pte W. Honey, of East Peckham, 2/6th Suffolk Regiment, now at Lincoln.

From St. Mary's, Godstone, Surrey:—

Sergt. John Humphrey, 1/4th Queen's, now in India.

Gunner William Thomas Beeson, Royal Garrison Artillery Signal School, Southampton.

## REDHILL RINGER KILLED.

The fighting in France has claimed the life of another ringer, Sergt. A. Streeter, a member of the St. John's Society, Redhill, Surrey, having recently been killed at the front. On Saturday week, as a last tribute of respect, an unsuccessful attempt was made at St. John's Church for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples. Subsequently a touch of 1554 was rung by: H. F. Ewins 1, A. Gear 2, W. Claydon 3, H. Jordan 4, T. Streeter 5, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 6, F. Hawkins 7, F. W. Rice 8. The ringing was also a last mark of respect to the late Mr. G. H. Croucher, formerly a member of the Reigate Society.

## DEATH OF A KENT RINGER.

The death has occurred of Mr. H. G. Pope, of Staplehurst, one of the oldest members of the Kent County Association. At one time the Staplehurst band was one of the best change ringing companies in the county, but for various reasons the band has dwindled down until for some years Mr. Pope has been the only representative of the tower in the Association, in which he always took the keenest interest. When the Association was divided into districts he was a regular attendant at the meetings, especially at the annual district meetings, and his counsel was always sought on any matter that was under discussion. He was quite looked upon as the "father" of the district, and his genial face will be much missed at future meetings.

The late Mr. Pope had seven sons, all of whom he taught to ring, and while they were at home used to ring the bells of Staplehurst Church regularly for the services. About fourteen years ago, on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Pope, he and his seven sons rang the bells of the church, standing in the order of their ages, the youngest (then a boy of nine years) ringing the treble, and the late Mr. Pope the tenor. As the sons grew up they (as is the case with most families) left home, and some of them have not had the opportunity to continue the ringing, but one (Mr. E. Pope) was a member of the Tunbridge Wells band until the war broke out, when as a trooper in the West Kent Yeomanry he was called up, and is still serving at the front.

On Saturday, October 28th, a band of members of the Association, organised by the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter), visited Staplehurst, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to the memory of a most esteemed brother ringer. Unfortunately, after ringing nearly 1,700 changes in 1 hr. and 5 mins., it was found that a shift had occurred, and the conductor called stand. A quarter-peal in the same method was then rung, followed by the whole pull and stand. At the conclusion of the ringing, the band visited the grave of their old comrade, which is close to the tower and the bells he loved so well. They were then kindly entertained to an excellent tea at the Bell Hotel by the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Bourne), whose kindness was much appreciated by the ringers. Two of the late Mr. Pope's sons visited the ringers after tea, and expressed the thanks of themselves, and the other members of their family, to the ringers for coming to show their respect to their father, and also for the letter of sympathy the district secretary had sent in the names of the members of the district. The ringers were: B. and F. J. Lambert, of Horsmonden; G. Edwards and H. Seal, of Penshurst; W. Latter and G. Thompson, of Tunbridge Wells; Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden; and Mr. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn.

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## RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have followed with much interest your leaders on this subject, also the letters from various ringers, and I am of the same opinion as Mr. F. E. Dawe, that some effort should be made, both in the interest of scientific change ringing, and also in the interest of the general public, to try and get some restriction pressed on people responsible for the much overdone clanging of odd bells, at whatever time of the day it takes place. This is the sort of thing I am alluding to:—At a seaside town I have several times visited at weekends, I have heard, on more than one occasion, at twenty minutes to 6 a.m. four bells of a peal of five begun to be chimed at five-minute intervals by an apparatus; at five minutes to the hour the chiming ceases and the tenor of the peal is swung frame high until the hour. That process was repeated at twenty minutes to 7, twenty minutes to 8, and again from 10.30 till 11. At another place (a country village this time) they have a children's service on Sunday afternoon, and just at the time when hard-working people are looking to get a little well-earned rest, the verger is allowed to get a lot of young lads round him in the belfry and try for three-quarters of an hour to chime a peal of eight bells, some of them are nearly frame high, others speaking only occasionally. The effect I need not attempt to describe. At another place I know there are two bells, hung in an outside turret. These two bells have been known to have been chimed, continuously, for twenty minutes—on some Sundays as many as five times during the day. Can you imagine anything more nerve-racking? Now, Sir, my point is this: All this is credited to "bell ringing."

The Bishop of Peterborough, in his reply to Mr. Willson, says: "The actual times when the bells are silent must be left to the discretion of each parish; it must obviously depend on the presence or absence in the district of munition workers," etc. But, Sir, whether there be munition workers in a district or not, such nerve-racking noises as I have tried to describe are an intolerable and entirely unnecessary nuisance to everybody within earshot of their sources. I believe there are very few people indeed, munition workers or otherwise, who would raise the least objection to properly executed change ringing done between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m., or 5.30 and 6.30 p.m., but unfortunately there are a lot of people (and this is the point I want to emphasise particularly) that are giving the credit for this noisy clanging (and in ignorant innocence, too) to change ringers. It is surprising the amount of crass ignorance existing in high quarters as to the difference between scientific change ringing and bell clanging; it is all bell ringing. And it is just here that our Exercise is going to be hit, whenever any restriction of bell ringing is demanded, unless we take steps to see that our side of the question is properly understood and recognised. Mr. Willson asks: What can the Council do? He also says that he is of opinion that we must win into our ranks the clergy from the Bishop downwards—and to that I would like to say, "Hear, hear!"

But before we are able to win them to our ranks, we shall have to educate them (a lot of them at any rate) as to the essential difference between change ringing and making a noise on bells. I will not attempt to answer Mr. Willson's question: "What can the Council do?" except by saying that I believe each and every individual guild of change ringers has adequate means of doing all that is necessary, and much more effectually and directly than the Central Council could do, even if it had the best possible president elected and ready to act. If we could get the difference between proper change ringing and this bell clanging explained and recognised in high quarters, steps would then perhaps be taken to stop the real offenders in any district where complaints were being made, and injury to our Exercise would be avoided. The appeals made by the Bishops of Peterborough and Chelmsford will doubtless be followed by appeals from the bishops of other dioceses; and as, I suppose, all of our guilds have at least one or more members of the clergy on their committee, and some have a reverend master, I would like to suggest that these gentlemen should be asked to write at once to the bishop of their diocese, pointing out the differences that I have alluded to above. I submit that these gentlemen could do that much more effectively than president or secretary of the Central Council could possibly do. I am perfectly sure that the Bishop of Winchester would be in no doubt as to the nature of these differences after he had read a letter on the subject from the Master of our Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and I am equally sure that it would not be the Rev. Matthews' fault if change ringing suffered. And no doubt other guilds have equally as good reverend champions.

With regard to excessive peal ringing, surely that only requires the exercise of common sense and consideration for other people which ringers, as recognised church workers, ought not to be behind in showing.—Yours faithfully,

Winterfold, Cranleigh.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

## SUNDAY RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have read Mr. F. E. Dawe's letter with interest, and I thoroughly agree with what he says, the thin edge of the wedge is in, and if action is not taken it will be driven home. Those left at

home in the Central Council, and others, must take matters in hand. Things will not be the same after the war, and ringing will, in my opinion, suffer if action is not taken. Let those who can take this action do all in their power for the great art we ringers love so well.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN H. B. HESSE, Captain, A.S.C.

3rd Repair Unit, B.E.F., France.

## RINGER'S REMARKABLE RECORD.

### MILITARY MEDAL FOR HARWICH MAN.

Bravery on the field has resulted in the award of the Military Medal to Corporal Tom Bernard, of the Machine Gun Corps, a native of Harwich, and one of the ringers at the Parish Church there.

Corpl. Bernard has had a more than usually varied experience in this war, for he has been in both sea and land battles. Prior to joining the army he was in the navy, and was employed in the canteen on board H.M.S. Hogue when that vessel was lost with the Aboukir and Cressy, but luckily he was rescued. In that disaster Cpl. Bernard exemplified pluck and courage in saving the life of the canteen manager, whom he supported in the water for an hour before both were rescued. He subsequently served on board a light cruiser that distinguished herself in North Sea fighting, and afterwards he was employed on transports. He then turned his attention to the army, and left for France, where he has been many months, and where he has now further distinguished himself.

A member of the Harwich Parish Church Guild, and a good ringer on tower bells, but better still on handbells, he took part in the many handbell peals that were rung at Harwich three or four years ago.

## AN EVEN-BELL METHOD

### WHICH CAN BE EXTENDED TO INFINITY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am indebted to Mr. Fright for calling attention to the Major method which I discovered many years ago, and which, in recent years, has been the means of bringing about the discovery that all methods, principles and systems are produced by bobs (or by bobs and extremes) from the quick and slow primary principles, separately, or in combination.

Mr. Fright did not give the Maximus of the method quite correctly, and with your permission I give again the Major, together with the Royal and Maximus; a glance at each will show that the 3rd is the pivot bell, that she makes all three bobs, 6th's, 3rd's, 6th's in Major, 8th's, 5th's, 8th's in Royal, and 10th's, 7th's, 10th's in Maximus; the other bells concerned in the bob-making being the same in each instance.

	Major	Royal	Maximus
	12345678	1234567890	123456789012
	21436587	2143658709	21436587091e
	24163857	2416385079	24163850719e
	42618375	4261830597	4261830517e9
	46281357	4628103957	462810315e79
	64823175	6482019375	64820113e597
	68432715	6840213575	6840211e3957
	86347251	8604923175	860412e19375
	68374521	8069432715	80614e291357
	86735412	0896347251	0816e4923175
	87653142	8069374521	018e69432715
	78561324	0896735412	10e896347251
	75816342	0987653142	08e69374521
	57183624	9078561324	10e896735412
	51738264	9705816342	1e0987653142
Lead end	15372846	7950183624	1e9078561324
	13527486	7591038264	9e705816342
		5719302846	9e7150183624
		5173920486	97e51038264
Lead end	1537294068	7951e1302846	7951e1302846
		1352749608	7591e3120486
			57193e214068
			517392e41608
			Lead end 1537294e180
			13527496e810

The above method can be extended on even numbers to infinity, by shifting the place—making back two positions for each additional pair of bells added.

It seems not to be understood that structurally the lead-end of all Methods, and the division-end of all Principles and Systems come at hand-stroke; a feature in connection therewith is the fact that all perfectly constructed Methods, Principles and Systems, have a simple transposition row at the lead-end or the division-end as the case may be.

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## A RINGER'S LIFE.

MR. WILLIAM NEWELL, OF READING.

Praise to the Art by practice made more bright.  
My country's pride, my own supreme delight.

G. H. C.

The above eloquent lines came forcibly to my mind on a certain date in November, as I gazed upon that well-known Reading veteran, Mr. William Newell, a change ringer, a chorister, and a musician, whose many years of generous active life still show signs of further usefulness at the advanced age of 78 years, and whose birthday and golden wedding celebration was recorded last week.

In the remote little village of Brightwell, Oxon, on the 8th November, 1838, was born the subject of this article, a sturdy little fellow who was, as after events proved, destined to "brighten" the Exercise of bell ringing, and to succeed "well" in business. Often as a lad of about eight years of age would he watch his father, the local blacksmith, ringing the tenor of the village bells, a set of three, and ultimately he learned to chime and ring a bell. Having mastered the bassoon well before reaching his teens, he was "soon" the leader of the village choir, and this laid the foundation of his life-long services to the musical section of Church work.

A young man's glory is his strength.  
An old man's honour is his grey hairs.

About the year 1849 Mr. Newell's family removed to South Stoke, near Watlington, where there is a peal of five (and a lady ringer at the present time), and William soon made the acquaintance of the ringers of the day, who, as was usual in those times, fought very shy of new-comers, but who were eventually to be the means of starting his ringing career. Mr. Newell's first situation was at Reading—and it is quite likely in the ordinary course of events to be his last—which he entered in May, 1851, the year of the great Exhibition in London, and here he lived with an uncle, who resided hard by the old flint tower of St. Mary's Church with its grand historical peal of eight bells, tenor weighing 28 cwt. approximately. (She measures 13ft. 10ins. circumference at the mouth.) Here again instinct took him to the ringing room, just as a duck takes to water, and soon he discovered that you may look, but you mustn't "touch."

## A LINK WITH WATERLOO.

The famous Duke of Wellington resided at his mansion of Strathfield-saye, near Reading, for some time; therefore, it was only fit and proper that the neighbouring borough of Reading should honour the great soldier's memory by the ringing of muffled peals on the day he was buried, November 18th, 1852; but how could "all eight" bells be rung with only seven hands present, and no Washbrooks about? Our little Willie, then in his fourteenth year, shyly asked to be allowed to try the 2nd, which he did to the astonishment of the old band, and from that day became "one of them"; a connection which lasted to 1870, when a company dispute took place, and the churchwarden broke them up, Mr. Newell severing himself from the tower, after 18 years' service, during ten of which he acted as the foreman.

When I came to Reading, says Mr. Newell in his "Notes on St. Mary's Society, 1740—1870," the company at St. Mary's of those days (1851) were all good old English "call-change" men, who, under trying and neglected conditions, carried on their bell ringing with bulldog tenacity (and without let or hindrance from those in authority), very little having been done to the frame and fittings since the bells were made into eight in 1740. We used cards on which figures were set out for the respective changes, and these were placed upon stands, one for each man, so that he could read the changes and watch the ropes at the same time. Excepting for a month or so before Christmas, when practice for the annual Christmas fund was made, there was never any ringing done unless it was a "paid order" on behalf of a Member of Parliament, a wedding or funeral, and the usual high days of Church and State. Chiming by boys and odd men was all that was done on Sundays, and that was very indifferent.

In those days change ringing was practically unknown in Reading and the district round, but our veteran soon began to "ferret out" one or two little secrets; he was probably lured on to doing so by reading the old names on the handsome ancient peal tablets in the ringing room; and his youthful ambitions were fired by the record of John Lucas, who rang the tenor for 5 hrs. and 59 mins., when the 3rd rope broke. "Every man being in perfect strength."

The very walls of the belfry appealed to him. What of the men who rang Union Triples in 1740, and Bob Major in 1745? and why should there be no "method" ringing in Reading now if there were local men able to practise it a century before his time? We can only wonder what sort of men these early Reading masters were, and how they fared, and I would pay a good fee to hear their own version of the Bob Major rung there in 1744, under the conductorship of Ben Annable, by a London band of the College Youths Society.

## OLD CHANGE RINGING SOCIETIES.

Mr. Newell's duty as foreman also included the treasurership, and the old subscription books of the last seven years of office totalled

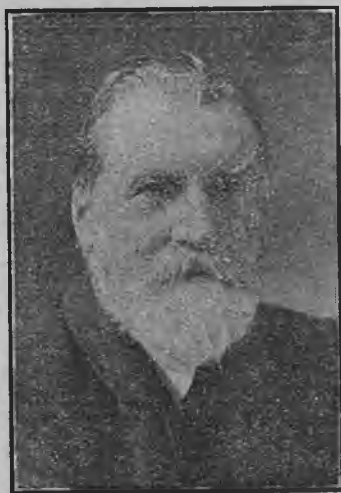
up to £118 3s., which, after division, amounted to the modest honorarium of two guineas per man per annum. From 1858 tunes and hymns were given by him on Sundays, and came to be looked upon later as a part of the tower "machinery" by the parishioners, and this was also part of his hobby, just the same as his gift of overtime and attention to bell ringing and ropes, etc., has ever been.

Picture to yourself the dejection, the disappointment, of an enthusiast upon giving up a tower after long and happy association, the more so in this instance because it was here that he was confirmed; here on November 8th, 1866, he was married to the kind and gentle lady who has faithfully helped him for 50 years to "carry on," and here he was invited to raise a "new" band of ringers about the year 1860. Why, St. Mary's, as Mr. Newell said, "is more like home to me."

"When we were boys, merry, merry boys."

During the year 1869, Mr. Newell became acquainted with two old change ringing societies—Oxford and Appleton, ringing his first peal, Grandsire Triples at the latter place—which led to his introducing the method to his old tower at Reading, where a "first" plain course of Grandsire Triples was brought round in memory of one of their members, Goodall, the bells being muffled. On Boxing Day of the same year the Oxford Society visited Reading, and rang Holt's Original in 3 hrs. 13 mins., conducted by Chas. Hounslow, to which Mr. Newell rang the tenor, and the following day at Caversham he rang his first six-score. Here, we may say, our veteran won his "spurs" as a change ringer, and soon afterwards he severed himself from the old scrouffe work for something higher and more worthy.

In 1871 there died one of the old team, Mr. J. Moore, a ringer of



MR. WILLIAM NEWELL.

St. Mary's for 50 years. Mr. Newell took part in the muffled ringing for the deceased, this being the last by the old team, whom he found in office 20 years previously. Going back to Moore's youth a century is almost completed for one tower by two men—Moore 1821, Newell 1916—whilst, as a local peal ringer, Mr. Newell helps to bridge a gap of 124 years, Lucas 1745—Newell 1869, both on the tenor. Mr. Newell can recount many an interesting story of the good old belfry times. He has rung for a set of "beaver hats," for a "ringers' supper," which the losers paid for, and last, but not least, a great deal of ringing for—"the love of it."

Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find.

1870—1880.

During the next decade of Mr. Newell's life another development of the "inborn ringer" was pursued, that of handbell music. He purchased a set of 50 bells, found suitable musicians for a quartette, and, with himself as conductor, his early musical training proving valuable. The Reading handbell party were quickly found in evidence at concerts and entertainments everywhere. Several other such teams have been trained by them with similar success, and the members, now scattered wide and far, if ever they see these lines, will be reminded of many a happy evening's practice at the table, with their patient tutor smilingly nodding the "beat."

In this period he continued his visits to Oxford and Appleton, and what he learnt he did his best to impart to others. Here I would like to quote from an article written by the Caversham curate of some 25 years ago:—

"Not to be beaten, Mr. Newell still kept on with his work among church bells and ringers, training in the space of a very few years at least four different bands in the town, though rebuffs too numerous

to mention fell on broad shoulders from clergy, churchwardens, and even from many of the ringers themselves, for whose benefit he had devoted no small portion of his leisure hours."

#### THE FORMATION OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

Time, that great healer of all, soon enabled our friend to forgive, but the sudden end of St. Mary's band in 1870 delayed the revival of change ringing in Reading by just ten years, a fact difficult to forget by one who had striven hard for it at considerable personal expense, and the family's inconvenience.

Upon the formation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in January, 1881, a new influence from higher quarters soon began to make itself felt in the towers of Reading and neighbourhood, which formed a branch for itself, with Mr. Newell as a keen supporter, and one of its first members. Simultaneously, a question of restoring the bells of the municipal Church of St. Lawrence was raised, and the Rev. Chas. Kelly, the Vicar, wisely asked Mr. Newell—even then a familiar campanologist in the town—to form a band of change ringers for the restored peal of ten. The whole history of the St. Lawrence's Society, its tower and bells from 1881 to 1916, is interwoven with the name of William Newell as tower warden, instructor and conductor. The records of the society (of which he was elected captain) and the walls of the belfry afford ample evidence of his work here, ably assisted for many years by Mr. W. J. Williams, one of the Richmond Brothers of the Seventies. Thirty-five years of valuable service made full amends for a brief void, and now there seems to be a fair prospect of his making it up to the even forty.

Raise me often, ring me long, not too hard if you are strong;  
Poise me nicely, so my tongue falls exactly right and wrong.

The Abbey tenor, 1600.

It was in this tower that the "first" peal in Reading, of which there is record, was performed in 1734, with two men on the tenor. Henry Peaty being the "Bob Caller," and about this time such men as Ford, Newberry, Lucas and Booth appear to have rung at both towers, and were probably part of a "scrouffe" that worked all paid jobs between them for both churches.

To him that waiteth, all things in due season; and to William of Reading fell the "plum" of his life, the honour of conducting a peal of Grandsire Triples on the eve of the new year, 1914, and within six months of 150 years since such a similar performance had been achieved in the ancient borough, added to which most of the team were his own pupils.

Here I would like to repeat what Mr. Newell's biographer said in the "Bell News" in 1891, referring to the above peal. "Doubtless it was this fact which earned for him the title by which he is commonly known among his friends—the Father of Change Ringing in Reading." Since then there has grown up another generation of ringers who would prefer to call him "grandfather."

#### OCTOGENARIAN JOTTINGS.

As one of the instructors of the Guild, Mr. Newell has done good work in the neighbouring villages, placing the art on a sure footing in not a few of them. Space would not suffice us to give any idea of his uphill work in connection with his beloved art. It is as a patient and indefatigable instructor that William Newell is best known (though his name was not infrequently to be seen in our peal columns), and he has taught change ringing to 550 men within a 20-mile radius. There are 57 steps to the belfry which Mr. Newell has climbed on an average four times a week, thus making 7,280 ascents in St. Lawrence's tower alone!

During the scaring time of the Anarchists' revolt, a small black bag was removed from the tower base, where it was found by the verger, who suspected an "infernal machine," and refused to take any risk. The Vicar, consulted, was anxious for its removal to the police station, the bag eventually being carried to the officer in charge, who forced it open with a long iron bar, and lo! out rolled a jangling set of handbells, the property of Mr. Newell, who had temporarily placed them at the foot of the stairs.

There is no royal road to success in the belfry, Mr. Newell is one of the first to say. He advises patience and perseverance. Many allow early enthusiasm to evaporate; others "stick it," and find as their tutor has found a hobby that promotes physical fitness, appeals to the finer instincts and fosters good fellowship.

Mr. Newell has rung 140 peals in the Standard methods, and has rung at 220 different towers, has taken part in both Caters and Triples when the entire band were of the same Christian name—"William."

About a twelvemonth ago Mr. Newell retired from the choir of St. Mary's, Castle Street, where for 47 years he was tenor singer. Picture him, if you can, dear reader, hurrying from the tower, where he usually stood at the back end of the peal, to don his surplice at a distant church, summer and winter—year in and year out; can we not say with admiration, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant?"

At his home, 247, Oxford Road, will be found many pictures, books, and objects of interest to his fellow bell ringers, some of which I hope to see reproduced or described some future time in these columns. The collection includes a beautiful peal of handbells, once the property of the foreman at South Stoke, who had his own name and date engraved on the tenor, and which Mr. Newell, by lucky

chance, had the opportunity of purchasing from the widow many years after leaving the place. A list of 50 airs are placed near the bell stand, most of which you may have tapped to you double-handed. One cannot close without mentioning Mr. Newell's peregrinations in search of "Thurstans' four-part" with another "Father of the Art," the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. They formed a pair of buxom boys, who hauled bad going back-end bells with a certain amount of gusto; but no peal seemed so sweet as the first, by the Reading branch, conducted by Harry Egby, in 1883 (in which Mr. Newell rang the 7th), at Wokingham.

One, two, three—one, two, three—the bells of Brightwell still call to prayer and praise, as they did when Father Newell first saw the light of day, and after all the strenuous labours of his long and active life memory will gently carry him back to those early days—

Of youth and home and that sweet time,  
When last I heard their soothing chime. W. H. F.

### PRESENTATION AT LIVERPOOL. SECRETARY'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the course of an enjoyable evening spent at the George Hotel, Garston, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, November 21st, when the opportunity was taken to present to Mr. Walter Hughes, Liverpool branch secretary of the Lancashire Association, now Liverpool Diocesan Guild, but still affiliated to the former body, a Keystone gold lever watch, suitably inscribed, and also a gold-mounted cameo brooch for his better half.

Mr. James Martin, who took the chair at a smoking concert, reminded those present of some interesting reminiscences in connection with the above society and ringing matters in general, and intimated that it was well known that Mr. Hughes had given his ungrudging services for the benefit of the Liverpool members for the last 15 years. He spoke in eulogistic terms of the sustained interest that Mr. Hughes had taken, and of the good work he had accomplished in an honorary capacity.—Mr. H. H. Barker (Walton) and Mr. Geo. Woodhall (a former secretary of the branch) both fully endorsed all the chairman had said, and further testified as to Mr. Hughes' success for such a long period.

Mr. Hughes suitably replied, thanking the members for the beautiful presents, and the programme of the evening was continued. Vocal items were given by Messrs. Edward Breeze (Port Sunlight), Tom Gilmour (Walton), Henry Martin (Oxton), and H. H. Barker, who also gave a selection on the fairy bells. Some double-handed change ringing was also done during the evening, the following taking part:—Messrs. J. Martin, George Woodhall, Walter Hughes, John Turner, John Allen, Tom Jennings and George Hyslop, all names which have appeared from time to time in your peal columns in normal conditions.—Votes of thanks to Mr. Fred Hackett, who ably presided at the piano; to Host F. Woodin, and to Mr. John Turner for his share in the arrangements for the evening were accorded.—In moving thanks to the chairman, Mr. Breeze referred to Mr. Martin's geniality in the belfry, and his untiring energy in all matters connected with ringing. His smile Mr. Breeze metaphorically likened unto a ray of sunshine spreading cohesion and giving confidence to all with whom he came in contact.

In regard to the Lancashire Association (Liverpool branch) being now known as the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, this will, I think, be the first intimation in your columns of the amalgamation of these two societies, this having taken place during the last three months.

H. H. B.

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. THE NEW TREASURER.

The annual meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on Tuesday of last week, when Mr. Albert A. Hughes was re-elected Master. The treasurership, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Mr. Arthur Hughes, was filled by the election of his son, Mr. Leonard A. Hughes. Mr. Alfred W. Grimes was appointed senior steward, and Mr. Reuben Sanders junior steward. Mr. Charles F. Winney and Mr. Walter Prime were re-elected trustees, and Mr. William T. Cockerell hon. secretary.

**WEST EALING.**—For the morning service, on Oct. 8th (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Diserens 1. G. Harbour 2. A. W. Davis 3. C. Edwards 4. W. Lawrence 5. R. Holloway (conductor) 6. H. H. Chandler 7. E. Newell 8. A. Diserens, a lad of 15, hails from Sunbury, and it was his first quarter-peal.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1. R. Nichols 2. F. Stenton 3. H. Sear 4. W. Sear 5. E. Marks 6. E. Reader (Loughborough), conductor. 7. F. Whitehead 8. For evening service, 336 Stedman: W. Mead 1. J. Mead 2. H. Morris 3. W. Sear 4. H. Sear 5. E. Marks 6. F. Stenton (conductor) 7. J. Atkins (Rector's warden) 8. 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Sear (conductor) 1. W. Sear 2. W. Mead 3. H. Morris 4. J. Mead 5. E. Marks 6. F. Whitehead 7. F. Stenton 8. These touches were rung in honour of the dedication of the church.

## NOTICES.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Owing to funerals, the meeting which was to have been held at Slough on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, at 2.30 p.m. on same date for a Cater Practice. Middlesex men please note this amendment.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting of above will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available during afternoon from 1.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Branch Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Dec. 2nd (8 bells). Will those members whose subscription is yet unpaid kindly remit before December 31st?—Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 to 4.20 p.m. Tea at 4.45 in Church Hall, Meeson Road. Meeting (at which Officers for the ensuing year will be elected) to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 1916. Bells from 2.30 to 5.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 5 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Gloucestershire?

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on December 5th and 19th for business, and on the 14th and 28th for handbell practice. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members, who seldom attend the meetings, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824).—A meeting will be held at the headquarters, "The Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 6.30 p.m., for business, followed by handbell practice, etc. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood Parish Church on Saturday, December 9th. Bells, ready at 2 o'clock, till dusk; meeting to follow. Reports will be ready for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, 132, Morton Street, Middleton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Dec. 9th. Bells at 2.30. Service, 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify by Dec. 5th.—C. J. Walton, 4, Jamaica Street, Bristol.



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the South Eastern Division will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells available 3.15 till dusk; followed by handbell ringing, and service. Tea, 6 o'clock at the Cedars Hotel, followed by meeting, election of officers, etc. Tea 1s. each to non-members. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Dec. 13th?—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available until dusk; afterwards for handbell ringing at "White Cross," business meeting there 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

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#### LORD CHIEF JUSTICE CHERRY.

It is announced that Lord Chief Justice Cherry has retired from the Irish Bench on account of his health.

The Lord Chief Justice of Ireland is the only judge, so far as we are aware, who has ever been actively identified with ringing. For many years past, whenever his Parliamentary and official duties permitted, he has been regularly in his place for the Sunday ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and has rung several peals.

#### DEATH OF A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. T. Collinson, of Birmingham, which occurred rather suddenly, at his residence, 46, Highgate Road, on November 10th. Deceased was interred on November 18th, at Brandwood End Cemetery in the family grave, a large number of relatives and friends attending, and many beautiful flowers being sent, bearing testimony to the esteem in which Mr. Collinson was held. The bearers were brother/ringers—Messrs. H. Withers, J. Johnson, J. Heaton and T. J. Bratton—and after the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. W. Bryant, H. Withers, R. Hunt and T. J. Bratton, at the conclusion of which one of the ringers impressively said: "Dear departed brother: May the sound of the bells we have now rung over your grave be wafted on the breeze to you in heaven. Amen."

The deceased was a native of Chepstow, where he learned to ring. On going to Birmingham he joined the Amalgamated Society at St. Phillips', and for the last ten years had been a Sunday ringer at Edgbaston Old Church. Unfortunately, he did not keep any record of his peals, but he had taken part in a good many, his two last being the "Tom" peals of Stedman, Triples, and Caters in the spring of 1914. He is the first of these Toms to be laid to rest.

The following lines set up by the Ramblers, in the early days of the College Youths, form an appropriate ending to this report:—

For dear old Tom we met to ring  
The handbells o'er his grave for him,  
The last respect that can be shown  
A ringer when he's dead and gone.  
A pity 'twould be to neglect it,  
As ringers when they die expect it.

#### MR. E. P. DEBENHAM ILL.

We are sorry to have to announce that Mr. E. P. Debenham, Town Clerk of St. Albans, President of the Hertford County Association in 1907 and 1915, is lying seriously ill. At the time of writing he was somewhat better, but his condition gives cause for grave anxiety.

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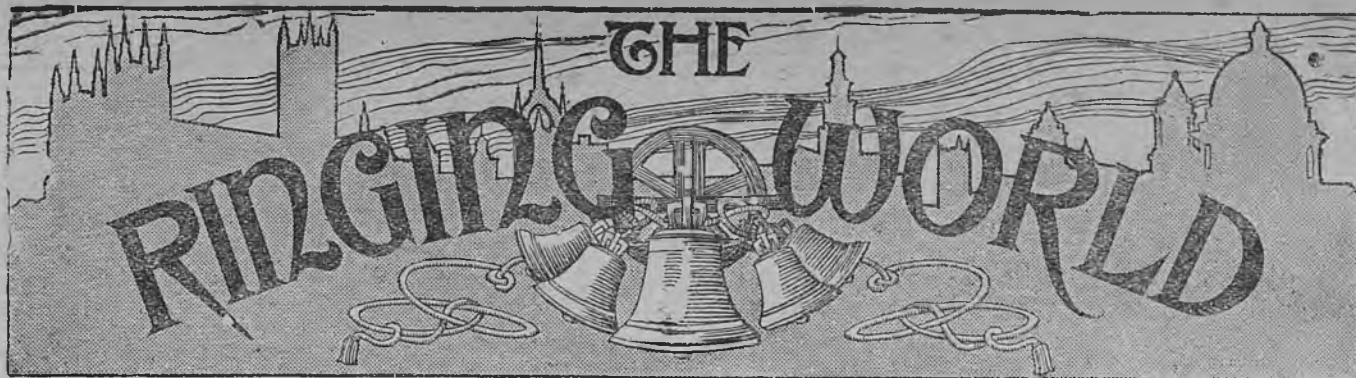
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK.

### "WHAT CAN THE COUNCIL DO?"

In his letter which appeared in our last issue, Mr. Whittington suggested one practical means of reaching the "single bell" nuisance which, to a considerable extent, is doing harm to the Exercise, by getting on the nerves of the public and bringing down upon bell ringing as a whole the malediction of those who have real or fancied cause of complaint. There is no doubt there is far more opposition to ringing arising out of the continual clanging of single bells, or the jangling of two or three together, than of the rhythmical pealing of a properly rung ring of bells; and if, as our correspondent suggests, the influence of the Bishops could be got to reduce to a minimum this source of annoyance, a valuable step forward in safeguarding legitimate ringing would be made.

But while the necessity of "educating" the majority of the clergy in "the essential difference between change ringing and making a noise on bells" is a very important and desirable object, it is something more than an emergency question. The "education" of the clergy in matters pertaining to bells and ringing has been a very slow process in the past. It has taken several decades to spread among them the knowledge that already exists, and to extend it at a bound, as it were, is too much to expect. In the meantime the Exercise ought to be organised to meet opposition if it should come from high quarters; and in order to show a united front action by individual organisations cannot be so effective as that by a central body, although it would be valuable in supplementing whatever was done by the Central Council.

As to the question, "What could the Council do?" surely we must give them credit for possessing wisdom enough to evolve a line of action which would safeguard the interests of the Exercise. To deny them this would be a poor compliment. The members of the Council are elected, or should be, on the assumption that they represent the best brains of the Exercise, and we might confidently look to them to do what is best in the interests of ringers and ringing. There is great difficulty, however, in calling the Council together at any time but at its customary annual meeting, and it is not, in this case, even necessary. The Standing Committee ought to be quite competent to deal with the matter. Whether or not they contemplate, or are, doing so, we do not know—we are not in their confidence—but there is a strong feeling that there ought to be no procrastination. There is an old saying that "preparing is preventing," and if we are prepared for any emergency, the emergency may not arise. If it doesn't, so much the better. If it does, we should have nothing to reproach ourselves with, as we should have if it came upon us and found us unprepared.



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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*REV. C. HOLROYD BARKER Treble	HORACE SADLER ... .. 5
E. THOMAS THORPE ... .. 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 6
JOSEPH CORNS ... .. 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 7
†JOHN APSE ... .. 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. L. Langley, M.A., who was inducted as Vicar of Wombourn the previous day; as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, L.Th., who is about to take up duties at Christ Church, West Bromwich; and, incidentally, on the eve of the conductor's birthday. The band were hospitably entertained after the peal by the Rev. C. H. Barker.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 3, 1916, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 15cwt.
HERBERT JORDAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 5
HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 2	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3	*JAMES HEMMING ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. 4	†GEORGE MOISEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal on eight bells as conductor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to Corporal L. H. Sparrow, of the 1st Worcestershire Regt., a highly respected member of the local band of ringers and a member of the Church choir, who was killed in France on Sunday, October 22nd.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, November 27, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,  
81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

*ALBERT WALKER ... .. 1—2	†JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 5—6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3—4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7—8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. GEO. YENDALL.

\* First peal of Triples in hand. † First peal of Stedman Triples in hand. Rung on the birthday of Mr. James George.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 2, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. W. PERRENS, 3, DRIFFOLD VILLAS,  
MANEY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 size in C.

JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5—6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3—4	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 7—8
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Witness: MRS. F. W. PERRENS.

This is the first handbell peal rung in Sutton Coldfield.

## SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 29, 1916, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes  
At 31, BURGESS STREET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN THORPE ... 1-2 | WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 5-6  
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | R. WILFRED COLLIER... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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Pte W. E. Spice, Motor Transport, A.S.C.

From St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne:—

Pte H. Palmer, Army Service Corps.

From Upton St. Leonard's, Gloucestershire:—

Thomas Clissold, A.S.C., France.

William Avery, R.F.A., Gosport.

Henry Newman, A.V.C., Woolwich.

Melville J. Jordan, 25th Glosters, France.

William Wasley, 25th Norfolks, Doncaster.

From Sandhurst, Gloucester:

Henry Daniels.

Joseph Devereux.

From St. Michael's, Gloucester:

Albert H. Baker.

## RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

In connection with the agitation recently raised in some quarters for suppressing church bells, the following, taken from the "Nottingham Daily Guardian," is interesting. It shows how those who have the influence of the Press at command can, by mere comment, endeavour to undermine the position which the use of centuries has established for bells.

Sir,—The statement has been made more than once lately that the original purpose of church bells was to drive away evil spirits, so that the congregation might assemble in safety. This is inaccurate. The original use of church bells was simply a summons to worship. They replaced, for this purpose, the less effective rapping with a mallet on a suspended plank of wood. But as it became the custom to have church bells solemnly blessed by the bishop, it soon got to be held that they did drive away evil spirits, and also drove away thunderstorms.—I am, sir, etc.,

A. BAYLAY.

Thurgarton Vicarage.  
[The practice of ringing bells in connection with worship is older than Christianity. Like other things in connection with the Christian Church, bell ringing had a pagan origin. One of the original purposes of the bell ringing was in all probability to awake the god. The use of bell ringing to drive away evil spirits is older than the practice of consecrating the bells.—Ed. "N.G."]

## OXFORD BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In his letter last week, Mr. Baker raises the vexed, and at present undetermined, question of extension. Until we learn how to express a method mathematically, as a function of the number of bells, we can never say definitely what the extension of any method is; all we can do is to balance probabilities and express opinions. And while we are in this state, we are very often confronted with two methods on one number of bells, either of which might be the extension of a method on a lower number. In the absence of more definite knowledge, it seems reasonable to call them both correct extensions. There is, by analogy, a mathematical precedent for this. An has  $n$  roots; is it not possible that a method on  $x$  bells should have  $n$  extensions on  $x+2n$  bells? This, at any rate, is my considered opinion, and so I would claim to be as correct as Mr. Baker in my extension of his method to Maximus. Starting with Oxford Bob Minor, the series, in the light of the foregoing, runs like this:—

3rd always the pivot bell.

Methods given by the places she makes in 1st lead.

6	8	10	12	14	16
1 method	1 method	2 methods	2 methods	3 methods	3 methods
4 1 4	6 3 6	6 1 6	(i) 8 3 8	8 1 8	(i) 0 3 0
(Oxford Bob)	(Mr. Baker's)	(Oxford Bob)		(Oxford Bob)	
		8 5 8	(ii) 0 7 0	(i) 0 5 0	(ii) x 7 x
		(Mr. Baker's)	(Both Mr. Baker's)	(ii) x 9 x	(iii) b E b
				(i) & (ii) (Mr. Baker's)	(all Mr. Baker's)

Yours truly,

H. W. FRIGHT.

P.S.—If Mr. Baker is agreeable, what about christening this method "Oxford Bob II" for convenience in speaking of it?—H. W. F.

## WANSTEAD STEDMAN MAJOR.

By GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

5040

11	13	17	12345
—	—	—	42351
—	—	—	54321
—	—	—	45231
—	—	—	34251
—	—	—	43521
—	—	—	24531
—	—	—	34512

Repeat four times.

Plain Course.		Plain Course
144 Changes.		by Six Ends.
12345678		12345678
21436587	1	24163857
124 578	2	6813
142 758	3	8361
412 785	4	43218765
421 875	5	1728
24163857	6	7812
42618375	7	38427516
462 735	8	2547
642 753	9	5724
624 573	10	87345621
264 537	11	4635
24681357	12	6543
42863175	13	75836142
482 715	14	3186
842 751	15	1638
824 571	16	56781234
284 517	17	8271
24836157	18	2187
Repeat seven times	19	61572483
	20	7452
	21	4275
	22	12654378
	23	5364
	24	3456

In this peal the calls, to coin a new word, are "Steds." When a six is "stedded," the three bells behind are rung quick instead of slow, or slow instead of quick, as the case may require. It is the only peal known to the Exercise without either bobs or singles, bobs being impossible at the parting of the sixes with all the bells changing, though singles moving 2, 4 or 6 bells can be made. Wanstead Stedman settles an altogether modern and highly casuistical controversy, which controversy would never have arisen if the Law—James—dominated Central Council had had the discernment to perceive the sophistry of that arch-casuist's reasoning and given an honest definition of the word "bob." If the quick three is a bob, a proposition that the writer has always dissented from, the slow three is also a bob, and as a three must either be slow or quick, it follows that there is no such thing as a plain three. A bob is precisely what 99 per cent. of the ringers of all generations have deemed it to be, and it ought not to be necessary to tell any ringer that in Stedman there are more ways than one of changing the coursing order, or, in plain English, of moving three bells. With two hunting sets, a six may be rung in four different ways, viz.:—

Slow, slow.

Slow, quick.

Quick, slow.

Quick, quick.

As will be seen from the plain course, two only of the four ways are ordinarily made use of in Wanstead Stedman, viz., the double slows and the double quicks. There are two consecutive double quicks, and consequently there are three sub-divisions to the division. In what, for convenience, may be called Cambridge Stedman, there are two sub-divisions only, and there is no valid reason why three or any other number, or no number at all, should be less allowable than two, any more than there is no valid reason why bells should not hunt in sets of four or any higher number, as well as in sets of three. Wanstead is a better form of the method than what has not been very appropriately named Double Stedman, because the number of wrongs behind is reduced to a minimum, and because the courses are neither excessively short nor excessively long. It is to be hoped that no one will attempt to de-Stedmanise Wanstead Stedman by "Bakerising" it. Stedman is an excellent name in all the Exercise, and the efforts of Shipway and other mare's-nest discoverers to exalt their own names to the same level have been fizzes.

## PRINCE OF WALES' WAR FUND.

We have received on behalf of the above fund £1 5s. 6d., the sum collected at the 39th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Association, on October 28th.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PRESENTATION TO RETIRING BRANCH SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday last, when about 40 members were present, representing the following towers: Shenley, Stony Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Beachampton, Bradwell, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes, and the local ringers. Among the several ringing friends present were: Messrs. F. Wilford and Allen (Northampton), Cyril and Ernest Herbert (Woburn Sands), A. King (Luton), and Mr. Lambert, of Yardly Gobion. The bells of St. Mary's were available, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung, both before and after service. An effort was made to obtain permission for ringing after dark, but the military authorities would not grant the application.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Vincent, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Bennett), through illness.—Tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the wives of the local ringers, and a vote of thanks was passed to them on the splendid way the catering was carried out. At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. T. Best presided, as the Rev. J. R. Vincent was unable to stay to the meeting. A very interesting address was given by Dr. Bradbrook, of Bletchley, on "Bells," which was much appreciated by all present.

Finally, a happy finish was put to a very excellent meeting by a presentation to the late secretary of the branch, Mr. T. Best, who was given a silver inkstand, in shape of a bell, suitably inscribed. The gift was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

## WINCHESTER GUILD.

### VICAR'S INTEREST IN PRACTICE MEETINGS.

Another very successful practice meeting, arranged in connection with the Guildford District, was held at Cranleigh, Surrey, on Saturday, when the peal of eight were utilised to full advantage from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. About two dozen ringers were present from the local and neighbouring towers, and this increase in numbers was evidence of the appreciation which the men of the district have for the facilities provided for them through the initiative of Messrs. R. Whittington and C. Hazelden. After the ringing, the party enjoyed an excellent tea served at the Greyhound Hotel, the Vicar (the Rev. Philip Cunningham), although busily engaged with other matters, making the opportunity to join the visitors. After tea a vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. Whittington, and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe. Mr. Hazelden also voiced the thanks of the ringers to the Vicar of Cranleigh, who had placed his bells at the disposal of the Guild for these combined practices once a month. He also explained that these gatherings, which were held fortnightly, and which it was hoped to continue after Christmas, were to help keep up the standard of ringing, so that there should be no falling off when peace came.—The Vicar, in replying to the vote, welcomed the ringers to Cranleigh, and said he was pleased to place the bells at their disposal at any time they liked to apply to him. He would also be glad to assist them in any way he could in securing the use of bells at other churches, if ever any difficulty arose in obtaining permission to ring (applause).—Afterwards two touches of Stedman Triples and two of Grandsire Triples were brought round on handbells in capital style.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at West Ham on Saturday last. Ringing started at 2.45 p.m., with a touch of Bob Major, followed by Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Ten till 4.30 p.m., when, owing to the prevailing restrictions, ringing was stopped and an adjournment made to the Mission Hall, where an excellent tea was partaken of. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. R. E. T. Bell. One old member was re-elected, and one non-resident and one honorary member were also elected. The Master (Mr. E. Butler) and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Rumens) were re-elected to their respective offices, the Master agreeing to undertake the secretarial duties during the absence of Mr. Rumens on active service. Barking was selected as the place for the next meeting, with St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, as an alternative tower. The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of West Ham, through the Rev. R. E. T. Bell, for giving permission to use tower and bells; to Mr. Doran for arranging the tea and having everything in readiness, and to the Rev. R. E. T. Bell for presiding over the meeting. This was acknowledged by the latter, and Mr. Doran, who gave a few of his experiences during the early days of the Association, and incidentally mentioned that he had now been connected with West Ham Parish Church as a ringer for over 40 years, 21 of which he had been steeple-keeper.

During the afternoon, between 30 and 40 members and friends visited the tower, whilst 32 sat down to tea. After the meeting the evening was spent with touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Triples, Bob Royal, Treble Ten and Double Norwich on the handbells, and a few tunes by Messrs. E. Wightman and C. Morass.



## HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.

Pte F. G. Lewis, of Llan-frecfa, where he was a regular Sunday service ringer at the parish church, died of wounds in France on Oct. 20th, at the age of 24 years. In addition to being a ringer he was verger at the church, and on enlisting joined the South Wales Borderers. It was only seven months from the time he joined the army until he was killed.

The little company of ringers at St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, have sustained another loss by the death of a second member of the band on the field of battle—Pte R. J. Seddon, of the 5th Royal Sussex Regt., having been killed by a shell on Nov. 14th.

The centre picture is that of Pte A. J. Knight, of the Northants Regiment, who has been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery on the field. He is 22 years of age, and has been in the army since September, 1914, going to the front in July,



PTE. F. G. LEWIS. L.-CORPL. J. DAUGHTREY.  
PTE. R. J. SEDDON. PTE. A. J. KNIGHT, D.C.M. PTE. C. H. HUGHES.

1915. Before joining he was an active member of the Kettering band, and had rung 14 peals.

Lance - Corporal John Daughtrey fell in France on Oct. 1st, being killed whilst out with a working party in the newly-captured German lines. In the advance on the Somme front in July his bravery gained for him the Military Medal. He was a ringer, with his father and three brothers, at Storrington, Sussex, and also at Pulborough, and was a member of the Sussex Association.

The late Pte C. H. Hughes, a member of the band at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, who was killed in France on Sept. 9th while serving with the King's Royal Rifle Corps, was a steward of the London County Association Southern District, and, in addition, a member of the College Youths and Kent and Sussex County Associations. He had rung 45 peals.

### KILLED IN ACTION.

The church at Langham, near Colchester, Essex, has lost a loyal and useful member by the death of Pte Alfred T. Smith, of the 10th Essex Regiment, who was killed in France on October 22nd. He was a ringer, a choirman and communicant, and will be a great loss, for, as one who knew and valued him writes, "he was a reliable, steady, excellent young man in every way." The deceased had taken part in one peal of Minor at Langham, which was rung in the year 1914. His father, Mr. Arthur J. M. Smith, is captain of the local band, and his brother, Mr. Frank Smith, is also a ringer. Pte Smith was a member of the Essex Association.

A second ringer from St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, has laid down his life for his country. Pte R. J. Seddon, of the 5th Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed by a shell in France on November 14th.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 21st, and was attended by a good number of ringers. On the following Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled, the following taking part in the touches: Rev. W. S. Mahony, Messrs. W. Dack, R. Horton, H. Hunt, W. Jeffs, Sapper A. G. King, Messrs. A. Vickers, A. Vickers, junr., F. Vickers, G. Bonfield, W. Dedman and W. Seabrook. The three last named belong to the All Saints' band, and kindly assisted their friends at Linslade.

Corpl. L. H. Sparrow, of Badsey, Worcestershire, has also been killed in France. Before joining the Worcestershire Regiment he was one of the parish church bell ringers, and also a member of the choir. He saw service in the Dardanelles, and had been in France for some time. He was killed on Oct. 22nd by a shell falling on the dug-out in which he was sheltering. On Sunday last a half-muffled peal of Grandshire Triples was rung to his memory, at St. James' Church, Badsey.

### INTERNEED RINGERS' QUARTER PEAL.

A very pleasant reunion took place at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on a recent Sunday, when three old members joined those still left behind in a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples, rung in 45 mins. The band was: Lance-Corpl. W. J. Kemp 1, G. B. Lucas 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, Seaman H. J. Cantor (R.N.V.R.) 5, S. H. Cooper 6, A. A. Hughes 7, Lance-Corpl. L. G. Hicks 8. Seaman Cantor, who was in the siege of Antwerp, was home on short leave from Holland, where he has been interned since the fall of the Belgian City. He was returning on the following day. Lance-Corpl. Hicks was home on leave, after having recovered from wounds received in action. He is now waiting his turn to go out again. Lance-Corpl. Kemp was also home on leave, from Salisbury Plain. It is hoped that it may not be long before the meeting can be repeated—permanently.

### BELLS AND DEFENCE OF THE REALM ACT.

The suggestion made in these columns by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, as to the use of the curfew to warn the public of the time for subduing lights under the Defence of the Realm Act, is being carried out at Wigan, where, at the parish church the tenor is rung each evening for five minutes for the purpose. The Mayor has, however, warned the public that the ringing of the curfew is entirely an act of grace, and it will be no defence for any person charged with a breach of the regulations to attempt to show that the curfew was not rung, or was rung at the wrong time.

Last week, the Rev. E. Coulthard, Vicar of St. Paul's, Winchmore Hill, was summoned at Enfield for allowing the bells to be rung after prohibited hours. When told by a constable that he would be summoned under the Defence of the Realm Act, he replied, 'It's a lot of tommy rot.' At the Court, the Vicar said the churchwardens were responsible, but the Bench declined to take that view, and, while holding the reverend gentleman accountable, dismissed the summons on the ground that it was a first offence.

### RINGING PRACTICE AT PERSHORE.

On a recent Saturday, members of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, together with Mr. C. Camm (Ringing Master of the Western Branch) visited Pershore Abbey, where, with the local ringers, an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The visitors were piloted up the steps and through a maze of passages to the "bird-cage," some ninety feet above ground level, from which one can look down into the church. The bells, a grand peal of eight by Rudhall (tenor 30 cwt. in D), were raised in peal, but owing to their having been silent since the New Year, they did not go like the proverbial fiddle. However, the first part of Groves' Variation was tapped off by J. Dolphin 1, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 2, G. Bozard 3, W. Need 4, G. Dolphin 5, F. J. Johnson 6, J. Hemming 7, S. O. Annis 8, followed by a touch of 377 conducted by J. Hemming, O. Camm and Geoffrey Hemming (who is only 14 years old) taking part. Four courses of Bob Major were suggested, but owing to the failing light, two were decided upon, the band being: W. Need 1, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 2, G. Dolphin 3, F. J. Johnson 4, C. Camm 5, S. O. Annis 6, J. Dolphin 7, J. Hemming 8. Through the kindness of Mr. J. Dolphin, the visitors were afterwards entertained to tea at his house, thanks being accorded him for the arrangements and his hospitality. It is hoped to arrange more of these practices in the future, as at only two towers in the district is it possible to ring for service without outside help.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

A combined meeting for practice was held at Allesley on Saturday week, when touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung. Amongst those taking part in the ringing was Lance-Corporal R. Green, the local military medalist, who was home on a well-earned leave from France, and who was heartily welcomed and congratulated in the tower. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, which was being rung as a farewell to H. Kettle, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, who was joining the colours the next week, unfortunately came to grief in the last course.

At the close of the ringing, Mr. J. White asked Mr. Kettle to accept a present of tobacco, together with a pipe and pouch, which has been subscribed for by the Stoke and Allesley ringers as a token of their friendship and sincere good wishes for his welfare on joining the colours, and their hope for his safe return. The kind feeling of the members was much appreciated by the recipient, who thanked them for their sincere kindness and good wishes, which would always be remembered. He hoped that the very pleasant times which had been spent by the Stoke and Allesley ringers would continue.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**

The eleventh meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild for the year was held at Rolvenden on Saturday week. Unfortunately, it was raining the greater part of the day, and this militated against a big attendance, Biddenden, Benenden, Salehurst and Tenterden being the only towers represented. The bells were raised soon after two o'clock, but ringing could not be commenced till 3.30. This was due to there being a V.A.D. Hospital close to the church, where they were receiving and sending important news by telephone, and the ringers were asked to refrain from ringing until this had been completed. Thus, owing to the present restrictions, only about an hour's ringing was possible, and this was utilised in training two promising recruits of the local band in ringing the covers to Grandsire Doubles.

After the bells had been lowered the meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. H. Perry, of Salehurst, presiding. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Chart, on December 16th, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting, etc.

The Rev. Percival Smith, a former Vicar of the parish, who was on a visit to Rolvenden, visited the belfry, and said he was very pleased to hear the old bells ringing again.

**81 AND STILL RINGING.**

On Sunday, November 26th, 1916, at St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, Gloucester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a welcome to G. Smith and H. Newman, who were home on leave: F. A. Waite 1, Jesse Gillett 2, John Austin (conductor) 3, Henry Mitchell 4, G. Condict 5, Alfred A. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, Thomas Whiting 8. Also a short touch of Grandsire Triples, and two courses of Bob Major, in which G. Smith and J. A. Waite took part. Mr. H. Mitchell is in his 82nd year, and still hopes to ring a peal on the bells.

**REV. A. ERSKINE'S RETURN TO PONDOLAND.**

Lord Mar and Kellie's missionary brother, the Rev. Alexander Erskine, who was married at Glasgow Cathedral in July to Miss Irene Campbell, the Bishop of Glasgow's eldest daughter, is returning to the scene of his labours in Kaffraria and taking his wife with him. Mrs. Alexander Erskine has been, with her mother, an indefatigable worker in good causes in Glasgow, and she will make an ideal wife for a missionary. As our readers know, the Hon. A. Erskine was formerly an active ringer, and now has charge of a large African district in Pondoland. He is also chaplain to the Bishop of Kaffraria, and it is interesting to note that his wife's father was at one time Commissary to the Bishop in Kaffraria. Her mother is a sister of Lord Middleton.

We have not heard that he has been successful in obtaining the bell he appealed for.

**BELLS THAT INSPIRED FAMOUS HYMN.**

At Elton, on Saturday, Oct. 28th, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung by: C. Redhead (Elton), Rev. L. S. Clark (Polebrook), Miss C. M. Orlebar (King's Cliffe), J. J. Jutson, H. Hoare, senr., H. Hoare, junr., W. Waldron and W. Beeton (Peterborough). Dr. Faber, once Rector of Elton, seceded to the Roman Church in 1845, and these fine old bells are supposed to have been in his mind when he wrote the famous hymn, "Hark, Hark, my Soul." The tenor is 18½ cwt., and the bells were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1896.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Wednesday, Oct. 18th, for the harvest festival, 600 Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 behind: E. Phillips 1, A. Addicott 2, F. Boucher 3, W. Pike 4, G. Cooke (conductor) 5, J. Jones 6, F. Evans 7, H. Chalice 8.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 22nd, 1080 Doubles (nine different callings), 7, 6, 8 behind: W. Pike 1, A. Addicott 2, F. Boucher 3, P. Jones 4, G. Cooke (conductor) 5, W. Williams 6, J. Jones 7, H. Chalice 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on December 19th for business, and on the 14th and 28th for handbell practice. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members, who seldom attend the meetings, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824).—A meeting will be held at the headquarters, "The Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 6.30 p.m., for business, followed by handbell practice, etc. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood Parish Church on Saturday, December 9th. Bells, ready at 2 o'clock, till dusk; meeting to follow. Reports will be ready for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, 132, Morton Street, Middleton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Dec. 9th. Bells at 2.30. Service, 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify by Dec. 5th.—C. J. Walton, 4, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the South Eastern Division will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells available 3.15 till dusk, followed by handbell ringing, and service. Tea, 6 o'clock at the Cedars Hotel, followed by meeting, election of officers, etc. Tea 1s. each to non-members. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Dec. 13th?—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available until dusk; afterwards for handbell ringing at "White Cross," business meeting there 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 16th. Bells available from 2.30 till dusk. Meeting to follow. Reports now ready. Life members 6d. each. Subscriptions due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing from 3 to 5. Service at 5. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Secretaries.

**WEST EALING.**—The bells of St. Stephen's Church will be open for practice on Saturday, December 16th, from 3 to 4.30. All ringers will be welcomed.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Preston, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing from 2 to 5 p.m. Meeting at 5 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available from 10 o'clock. Short service in the church at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30, the Vicar will preside. A meat tea will be provided at 5.30, to be followed by a social gathering. Llandaff Cathedral bells (8) available from 12 to 2; Whitchurch bells (6) available, from 10 to 2.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.**—Kent County Association.—On Monday, Sept. 18th, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: F. Smith 1, P. Cobbold 2, H. Smith 3, S. Walter 4, A. Johnson 5, Sapper S. White, R.E. (conductor) 6. The ringers of 1, 2 and 5 come from the neighbouring tower of Littlebourne, and the others belong to the local band. This was rung on the occasion of the marriage at Maidstone of Mr. Albert Archer, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Archer, of the Rose Inn, Wickhambreaux, and Miss C. Towner, of Maidstone; also of Mr. J. F. Laker, formerly a member of the local band, and Miss E. Smith, eldest daughter of the ringer of the third, who were married at Boston, U.S.A., early in September.

**OSWESTRY, SALOP.**—On Sunday, Oct. 1st, for dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Pte Harris 1, R. Martin 2, R. Edwards 3, R. Evans 4, Edward Jones 5, George Williams 6, Pte Passcroft (conductor) 7, George Beaton 8.

**STANSTED.**—Essex Association. — On Sunday, Oct. 1st, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Watts 1, W. H. Carr 2, G. Gray 3, T. J. Watts 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, Lance-Corpl. R. Law 6.—On Nov. 12th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, H. G. Watts 3, T. J. Watts 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, Pte H. W. Watts 6.

**CROFTON, YORKS.**—On Oct. 14th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Woffendon 1, G. Hunt 2, J. Briggs (first 720) 3, F. Atkinson 4, H. Rowley (conductor) 5, G. H. Pickles 6. Ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6 from Horbury, three from Crofton and four from Wragby.

**EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Saturday, Oct. 14th, for induction service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Hopper 1, A. J. Mawby 2, J. Hensman 3, J. W. Unwin 4, W. Fairey 5, A. Moore 6, W. J. Allen 7, R. Christian 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, for harvest festival, morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Hopper 1, R. Christian 2, A. Moore 3, A. Andrews 4, W. R. Parker 5, J. W. Unwin 6, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 7, J. W. Haynes (first quarter-peal) 8.

**CHARLWOOD, SURREY.**—On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Woodbine: G. Wickens 1, A. Wood 2, F. W. Rice 3, G. Illman 4, B. King 5, A. Ellis (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: G. Wickens 1, F. W. Rice 2, A. Wood 3, G. Illman 4, B. Kings 5, A. Ellis (conductor) 6.

**GUILDFORD.**—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, for the Sung Eucharist, 1260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. E. Jelley 1, Pte O. N. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, H. Harris 5, B. Chorley 6, M. Smither (conductor) 7, W. R. Melville 8.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks): T. J. Salter 1, G. Davis 2, N. Davis 3, W. H. Smith 4, J. Woodberry 5, R. Moy (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 6, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 7, J. Bennett 8. The conductor's last touch previous to joining the forces.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Oct. 15th, at St. Thomas' Church, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: W. Hand 1, G. H. Pagett 2, W. A. Pugh 3, O. W. Cooper 4, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 5, A. W. Dodd 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Hand 1, J. Bass 2, G. H. Pagett 3, W. A. Pugh 4, R. Moors 5, A. W. Dodd 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, C. W. Cooper 8. The bells were rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Cave-Brown-Cave.

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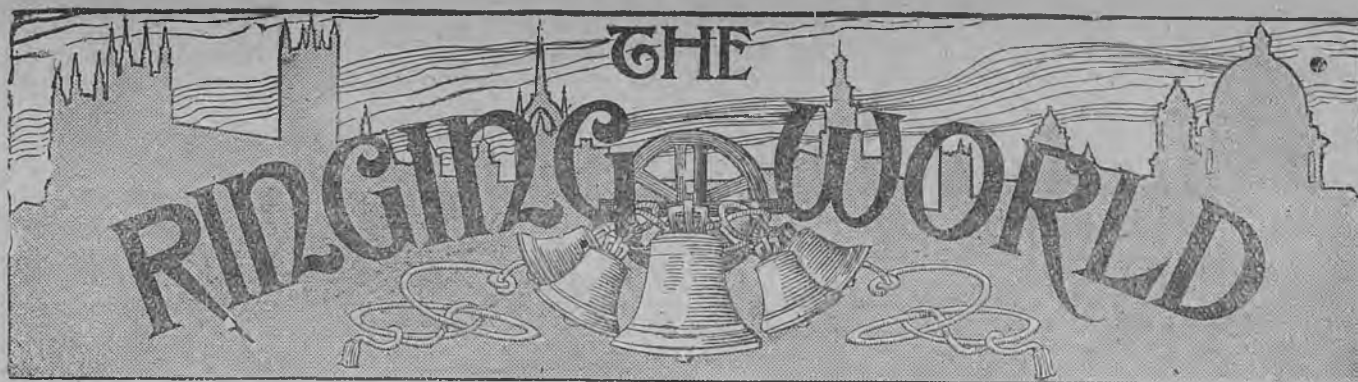
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## MODERN WORK.

## THE DEFENCE OF RINGING.

Even the most apathetic of ringers are, we think, beginning to wake up to the fact that it is time the Exercise organised itself to resist, by counteracting influence, any attempts by outsiders to interfere with the rightful practice of the art. But there are large numbers throughout the country who are anxious to know what is being done by those in a position to act, lest any unjustifiable restriction on ringing, introduced at the whim of a few unreasoning opponents of bells, should be sprung upon us and find us without any effective means of countering the activities against the Exercise. In a striking letter in another column, that champion of bells in their use in connection with Church festivals and services, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, shows conclusively that the ringing of bells is not only an inherent part of our religious services from centuries of practice, but that it has biblical authority. Moreover, it is common to the Christian Church, both East and West, and it is the only form of music that is thus universally adopted.

There is, indeed, behind our ringing, as ringers have always known, but many outsiders do not know, a deep religious significance, and it leads Mr. Edwards to advocate an uncompromising stand in the use of bells as part of the Church services, on the ground that "secular interference with ringing on Sundays and Holy Days and their Eves, would constitute a flagrant violation of religious liberty." Such action, if it were necessary, could only be taken by an organised body, and there is clearly a duty laid upon the representative council of the Exercise at least to consider the possibilities and lay plans to uphold the rights associated with ringing.

Ringers have only to read the extract which we quote elsewhere from the parish magazine of St. Peter's, Bedford, to realise that even outside our own ranks there are those who recognise that influences are at work to make a "dead set" at bell ringing; and the stout defence, which the Vicar of St. Peter's sets up, is the kind of thing which could be secured in practically every parish in the kingdom, were it to become needful, if only the necessary preparations were made and organisation was available. And this defence could be carried further than the parishes: it could be secured in the high places, if only the matter were tactfully dealt with. But a crisis which found us unprepared would mean precipitate action and perhaps divided counsels. All that we ask is that the Exercise should not find itself thus unready, but that the possibilities should receive timely and mature consideration and a workable plan prepared for the defence of ringing, which could be put into operation without delay if and when it became necessary.

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WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	JOHN BASS ... .. 7
THOMAS HEATHCOCK ... .. 4	*THOMAS WHITEHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells' half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Edward Chance, for 40 years clerk and sexton, and to the officers and men in all forces fallen in the war.

## FIVE BELL PEAL.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by all the ringers, who hail from Salehurst. The ringers were entertained to an excellent tea by the Rector, the Rev. A. Morrison.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

From St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham:—

Clement Glenn, hon. secretary Yorkshire Association, 3rd writer, R.N.V.R., 2 H Mess, Chatham.

From Blackburn Parish Church:—

Pte Fred Wilson, 3rd Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, Plymouth.

From All Saints', King's Cliffe:—

Pte Thomas Smith, 3rd Northamptonshire Regiment, Chatham.

## MILITARY RINGERS AT BLACKPOOL.

In the neighbourhood of Blackpool there are, just at present, enough military ringers to make up quite a good band for Triples or Major, and it would not be surprising if in the near future an "all khaki" attempt for a peal were made. Last Saturday afternoon, at a branch meeting of the Lancashire Association, at St. John's Church, South Shore, six of the soldiers rang 720 of Bob Minor: Pte M. Hibbert (Bushey) 1, Pte E. Marshall (Barnet) 2, Sgt. T. Allanson (Lytham) 3, Cpl. T. Butler (Walthamstow) 4, Spr. S. White (Canterbury) 5, Pte J. A. Trollope (Ealing), conductor, 6. The ringers of 1, 2 and 6 belong to the Yorkshire Regiment, 4 and 5 to the Royal Engineers, and 3 to the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

On Sunday, at St. John's Church, 464 Plain Bob Major: J. Smith 1, W. Wilde 2, Pte E. W. Marshall 3, Pte J. A. Trollope (conductor) 4, J. Bolton 5, Sapper S. J. White 6, Pte M. F. R. Hibbert 7, Corpl. F. Butler 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Howarth 1, J. Smith 2, J. Bolton 3, Sapper S. J. White 4, Pte E. W. Marshall 5, Pte M. Hibbert 6, Corpl. F. Butler (conductor) 7, Pte J. A. Trollope 8.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—Recently, several touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples have been rung for evening service, in which Air-Mechanic W. J. Jarman, R.F.C., has taken part, the ringing including his first 504 Stedman Triples: G. Essex 1, F. Pounds 2, W. Hibbert 3, A. D. Cullum 4, E. J. Munday 5, Air-Mechanic W. J. Jarman, R.F.C., 6, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, H. Simmonds 8.—On Sept. 10th, Air-Mec. Jarman rang his farewell touch, he being under orders for "somewhere overseas," and all the Caversham men wish him well and a safe return.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles for the harvest festival, and also as a farewell to H. J. Tucker, who has been called to H.M. Forces: J. Busby 1, W. H. Lewes 2, H. J. Tucker (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Walters 4, W. White (conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6.



## RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

### THE BELLS' PART IN RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

To the Editor.

Sir, — Allow me to commend in terms of highest praise the statesmanlike character of your leading articles on the question of "Ringing and the Public." You are doing a grand service to the Church in endeavouring to awaken ringers to a due sense of the danger threatening the free exercise of their art, and to rally them to a strong and united defence of their rights—and those of the Church, while there is yet time.

In any steps that may be taken to deal with the situation, the first essential is that we proceed on sound, logical principles. And foremost among these is a clear understanding of the proper use of bells, and their place in the worship of the Catholic Church. Now, discussion as to the earliest use of bells, either in pagan or in Christian worship, such as that in the "Nottingham Guardian," is all more or less beside the point. The same may be said of superstitious usages in bygone days. The one fact of real consequence is that bell ringing at the present day is one of the modes of expression of religious devotion sanctioned by the authority of the Holy Catholic Church throughout the world, both Eastern and Western. The music of bells, at once solemn and joyful, is one of the principal means whereby the Church of Christ has been guided by the Holy Spirit to carry out the Scriptural "exhortation to praise God with all kinds of instruments," (Ps. cl, A.V.). And it is a significant fact, that this is the only form of instrumental music used by the entire Church, for, while we in the West employ organs and orchestral instruments in public worship, the Eastern Orthodox Church excludes all instruments from the actual services (the Armenian Church, however, permitting the "Sistrum"), but bells are regularly rung, as with us, to celebrate religious festivals, and other occasions of public rejoicing.

This fundamental principle then being established, that bell ringing is one of the religious observances hallowed by the use and tradition of the universal Church, it follows at once that any attempt, under normal conditions, on the part of secular authority to interfere with the customary ringing of bells on Sundays and Holy Days and the Eves of the same, would constitute a flagrant violation of religious liberty, and as such ought to be uncompromisingly resisted by those in control of belfries, even to the extent of incurring the penalties of the law, if any such impious legislation were passed. It is the simple duty of the authorities of the Church stoutly to maintain against any attempted encroachment the inalienable right of Churchmen to worship with the full complement of music from the bells, as well as from the organ or any other instrument employed for the purpose.

It is true, on the other hand, that Churchmen may reasonably be expected to show some consideration for the sensibilities of their neighbours in the use of such powerful instruments of music. But here again, we must be quite uncompromising in the assertion of principle. It is not our business, for instance, to pander to the typically English vice of somnolence by silencing our bells till a late hour in the day. In no other country in the world would such dishonour to religion be for a moment thought of. Where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at early hours of the morning, as is evidently the case at the "seaside town" mentioned by Mr. Whittington, it is but fitting and proper that the greatest Christian service should be honoured with the music of the bells. If the less devout or indifferent choose to spend their Sunday mornings in bed, that is no reason why the church bells should not send forth their summons to the faithful to be up and rendering their tribute of praise. In the same letter from Mr. Whittington's pen a very dangerous concession is hinted at. The writer expresses his belief that "very few people . . . would raise the least objection to . . . change ringing done between . . . 10 and 11 a.m. or 5.30 and 6.30 p.m." That may be so, but it would be a lasting disgrace to our Church, if we consented to have our ringing confined to those hours for the benefit of objectors. If the Apostles and their contemporaries had confined their religious activities to such things as did not meet with "the least objection," there would have been no Christian Church to-day, and consequently neither belfries nor ringers. I quite agree that there is room for various modifications with a view to mitigating opposition to ringing, but the most essential point is that we take our stand firmly on the principle of liberty of worship in the fullest sense, and the inherent rights of the Church.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, Dorset 11th Dec., 1916.

### BEDFORD VICAR'S DEFENCE OF RINGING.

A spirited defence of Sunday ringing is made by the Rector of St. Peter de Merton's, Bedford, where there has been for some years past one of the most capable of six-bell companies, whose ranks include the Misses Steele. The Rector, in his "Parish Magazine," says:—

"A dead set has been made in some quarters against the practice of ringing the bells on Sunday morning. 'A wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse.' On the same principle we shall treat this with deaf ears. The agitation has been led in the supposed interests of

munition workers. St. Peter's bells are never rung before 10.15 a.m. Is it pretended that munition workers are so numerous in our parish, and their sleep is so precarious, that they are really disturbed? The bells are said to yield 'a solemn sound from a thoughtless tongue,' and so have become a symbol of hypocrisy. Isn't this a case of the shoe being on the wrong foot? It may be said with safety that those who like to hear the church bells vastly outnumber those who don't. Besides, our bell ringers are just the last people to be inconsiderate to others. Many are the occasions when they have without a murmur given up their Sunday pleasures, out of deference to the wishes of our parishioners. What is more, they have held together all through these troubled times, when others have disbanded, and they will be ready to peal the joy bells when peace is in sight. They are all volunteers, and among them are two ladies. They must not by any means be discouraged, we want them, we wish them well."

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

### BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on Saturday last. The bells (a ring of 8) were kept going to various methods from 3 till 5 o'clock, and ringing was followed by a short service in the church, the Rev. Allan Clover officiating. The company of 17 then adjourned for tea, after which a short business meeting was held, with Mr. H. T. Howell in the chair.—It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. George's on January 13th, if possible, and it is hoped that every member will endeavour to attend. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Allan Clover (who, it was regretted, was unable to be present at tea) for officiating at the service, and also to the organist, who thanked the meeting, and assured them of his services when the tower was again visited.

During this meeting, the suggestion was made that a meeting should be held in each district of the branch once in the year, which should be fixed beforehand, the essence of the suggestion being to have four fixed quarterly meetings. The proposal is to be brought forward at the annual meeting.

A most pleasant surprise to the members was the presence of Bombardier Jesse Tyler (St. Stephen's, Bristol), who was home on leave from France, and who was again able to take part, with old ringing friends, in touches on the handbells of Stedman and Grand-sire Caters, as well as on the tower bells.

### MEETING AT WICKWAR.

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Wickwar on Saturday week, when most of the branch towers were represented, and there were also visitors from Bristol, Swindon, Minchinhampton, Lydney, and Newport (Mon.). Standard methods were rung on the tower bells, from 2.30 until 5 p.m., when tea was partaken of at the White Horse Inn, after which the business of the meeting was transacted, the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Garnett) presiding.

The branch hon. secretary (Mr. W. A. Lewis) presented the accounts of the year, which were passed as most satisfactory, and also read a report of the year's work, in which it was stated that the branch had held eleven meetings, with an average attendance of 19 at each meeting.—One hon. member and six performing members had joined during the year.

The President of the Branch (the Rev. T. A. Garnett) was unanimously re-elected, as were also Mr. H. W. Fussell and Mr. G. Sheppard, representatives on the management committee. The branch secretary (Mr. W. A. Lewis) was thanked for his past services, and re-elected unanimously.

It was decided not to hold the monthly meeting in January, owing to the short afternoons, and the next meeting will be held at Stone, on February 3rd.

Mr. F. K. Howell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President for his great help to the branch, and for the use of the bells, to which the Rector responded.

The handbells were brought into use, and some very good practice was put in.

## KING'S CLIFFE TENOR FUND.

A further sum of £2 has been added to the King's Cliffe Tenor Bell fund, being part proceeds of a "social." A contribution of 10s. is acknowledged from Mr. W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, bringing the total up to £19 14s. The sum is just over half of what is needed. We hope that ringers who have not yet helped the fund will do so as quickly as possible, so that the peal may be put in ringing order again without delay. Contributions should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, the last 700 of Holt's Original: C. Austin (longest length away from tenor) 1, H. J. Blackwell 2, G. Durling 3, P. J. Spice 4, G. Huxley 5, A. Bygrave 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, S. Miles (longest length) 8.

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By T. E. SLATER.

The Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Glemsford, is a handsome edifice in the Perpendicular style of architecture, consisting of a nave, side aisles, a northern and southern porch, a chancel, and an embattled western tower, containing six musical bells, the subject of these notes.

It is not known when the first ring of bells was erected at Glemsford, but in the parish accounts it is recorded, "November 15th, 1698, Wm. Tamplin for hanging the tenor bell and mending the other bells, 9s. 6d." Concerning these bells nothing is known except that they were six in number, but the inscriptions show that two of them were cast by Miles Graye. Just previous to the year 1830, whilst the bells were being rung, the 4th bell broke off at the cannons, and fell to the floor. Shortly afterwards, the tenor also became cracked, and then the ring was declared to be useless, so it was agreed to get advice on the matter. This was obtained from Mr. Thomas Hurry, of Norwich, who examined the bells and found them quite out of order. It was then decided to take away the two cracked bells and add a new treble and fifth in their places, which has made a good ring of six. These two were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and two better bells were never cast. The whole ring was rehung by Thomas and Joshua Hurry, and opened by the Glemsford company of ringers with various touches.

There is a legend existing in the village that the authorities were not satisfied about the weight of the two new bells, according to Hurry's statement, and they requested him to take them down and weigh them again, which he consented to and did on the following conditions, that if they weighed less than he had stated he would allow for the deficiency; but if they weighed more, that he should be paid for the over weight. Now the bells weighed their proper weight, and Hurry, to make a job of it, suspended a fifty-six pound weight to the crown staple inside each of the bells, so that he should have one cwt. to be paid for after the weighing was over. But this is only a legend. The bells remained for several years with only one peal rung upon them, the particulars of which are given by the conductor, William Oakley, as follows: "One summer's afternoon, in the year 1830, was rang on Glemsford church bells seven peals of Bob Minor (720 changes), each making in all 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. and 30 mins., by six of the Glemsford company, as follows: Thomas Hume treble, Thomas Aust 2, Charles Game 3, Robert Brown 4, James Jarmin 5, William Oakley tenor. Conducted by William Oakley."

Some account of the members of this band may be of interest. Thomas Hume was a native of Glemsford, and died through an accident, which happened on a Midsummer day. He fell off a load of hay and broke his back. Thomas Aust was a respectable man, a good six-bell ringer, and a broad silk weaver by trade. In his latter days he became a deacon and a brother beloved of the Providence Baptist Chapel, where he was buried in 1861. Charles Game was also a native of this village, a very quiet and respectable man. A broad silk weaver by trade, and a good six-bell ringer. Robert Brown was born, lived and died at Glemsford and was a bricklayer by trade. James Jarmin was a farm labourer, and worked all his life for a Mr. Eldred, of Mill Hill Farm, until he emigrated to America, and was not heard of any more. William Oakley was a horse-hair curler by trade, and a man of fine stature. He died at Glemsford on Sept. 11th, 1868.

The steeple of Glemsford Church, as years went on, became unsafe, and in 1859 the bells were taken down and placed in the north chapel, and remained there during the demolition of the old steeple and the building of the new, the foundation stone of which was laid on September 25th, 1860. The new steeple was completed in the year 1864, and in it the bells were placed. The rehanging was entrusted to Mr. E. W. Downs, then one of the Glemsford ringers, and the bells were opened on Friday, December 16th, 1864, with various touches of Plain Bob. A 720 was rung by: William Scott treble, William Snell 2, Joseph Slater 3, John Slater 4. E. W. Downs 5, William Oakley tenor. A 360 was also rung by: Thomas Bonney treble, John Bonney, senr., 2, John Bonney, junr., 3, Walter Bonney 4, E. W. Downs 5, W. Oakley tenor. These four Bonneys hailed from Sudbury. William Oakley conducted all the ringing on this day.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Thomas Mears, of London, fecit, 1830.

2nd and 3rd.—Miles Graye made me, 1659.

4th.—Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, fecit, 1754.

5th.—Thomas Mears, of London, fecit, 1830; Rev. Wm. Butts, Rector; Rev. E. D. Butts, Curate; Ambrose Jeffreys and Charles Bigg, Churchwardens.

Tenor.—Charles Newman made me, 1686; William Stanby and John Tomson, Churchwardens.

The tenor is 44ins. diameter, and a fine mellow-toned bell in F, weighing 16 cwt.

The bells having been rehung with everything new, in an oak frame, John and Joseph Slater set to work to raise a band to ring them, the old band being reduced to six in number. Charles Adams,

Fredk. Paul Adams, Samuel Slater and John Pettit, a Hardest man, who had just come to reside in the village, joined them. This band rang their first 720 on May 20th, 1865, but finding they could do but little without a set of handbells, a set was purchased after this fashion. One of the Bonneys that rang at the opening had an old set for sale. This got to the ears of the new band, who arranged an interview with him, and an agreement was made to buy them. Neither of the band having enough money to buy them out, Mr. John Bigg of Churchgate Farm, lent John Slater the money to get them with. Meanwhile the bells had been put in pawn, so one had to go and find Bonnev, while the other waited. At last they got them, but three of the bells had to be recast later. A society was then formed, consisting of John and Joseph Slater, Samuel, Zachariah and James Slater, Charles and Fred Paul Adams, William Brown and John Pettit. These nine paid one shilling a month each until the bells were paid for. John Pettit stopped paying, and he was excluded.

Having got a set of handbells, rapid strides in ringing were made. Plain Bob Major and Royal, in touches and courses, and afterwards touches of Plain Bob Maximus being rung, while later on, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Major and Royal, were rung, and still later, Double Norwich Major. These bells are 15 in number, in C, 21 size.

Soon the youngsters began to improve. Paul Adams became the conductor, making his debut by calling a date touch of Bob Major in 1868. Visiting Cavendish they soon mastered some of the advanced methods, and a peal in seven Minor methods was rung on the tower bells in 1870. Two members each of the Cavendish and Glemsford companies had previously, in 1869, rung a peal of Bob Major, containing 6160 changes, then the longest length "in hand" in England. Messrs. C. Honeybell and F. Wells joining the society, a local band was complete, and methods began to be rung in quick



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succession, no less than twelve being mastered in 1872, including Cambridge Surprise. In 1875, Superlative Surprise was added. On January 28th, 1876, a touch of Bob Royal, containing 1080 changes, was rung on handbells by the five Slaters, at John Slater's house: Zachariah Slater 1 and 2, Samuel Slater (conductor) 3 and 4, Joseph Slater 5 and 6, James Slater 7 and 8, John Slater 9 and 10. In 1877 they rang a silent 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

In 1878, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was scored at Long Melford, and was the first of a long series of peals, the longest being a 7008 of the same method in 1883. In 1882-3 an attempt was made to ring the 16 Surprise methods given in the "Clavis," but after ringing London, Ely, Rochester and Coventry, besides Cambridge and Superlative, the attempt was abandoned. In 1893 a peal in seven different methods was rung at Glemsford by members of the Glemsford society, all the ringers being mat weavers. The methods were: Woodbine (composed by S. Slater in 1877), New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. This was conducted by Samuel Slater, and was also his 99th peal. Soon after this, ringing began to fall off, but the band continued to ring together until 1904, when they were broken up. They were good strikers, and steady, sober, respectable men most of them living in their own houses. Since their departure the bells have seldom been rung, except by visitors. A new set of ropes was put on in 1914, and it is hoped to try and revive the art in this once "ringing" village when tranquillity is restored.

Of the more recent generation of ringers at Glemsford, Charles Honeybell, who is still living, was formerly a mat weaver. At one

time a good ringer and six-bell conductor, he was never a great peal ringer like some of the band. Fredk. Wells, a mat weaver, rang 78 peals, including the following long lengths of Kent Treble Bob: 7008 at Long Melford, 6016 and 6048 at Lavenham, 10,176 at Foxearth, 7040 at Bellchamp Walter. He was a man ever ready to help beginners, and is still with us. James Slater, brother to John and Joseph Slater, was a handbell ringer only. He could ring Plain Bob Major, Royal and Maximus; also Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Royal, double-handed. He also was a mat weaver.

Frederick Paul Adams was a carpenter by trade, and a good ringer on tower and handbells. It is said that he never made a mistake whilst ringing or conducting a peal. He met a tragic end in October, 1896, aged 49 years.

John Pettit, a matting weaver, after residing in Glemsford a year or two, went to the North of England, and never visited Glemsford again, and disappeared from the ken of his old ringing associates.

Charles Adams was a mat weaver, and a good ringer. He held the office longer than any other man, viz., 47 years. He rang but few peals, and died November 4th, 1915, aged 74 years.

Samuel Slater, the best known of the whole band, was also a mat weaver, and a good ringer both on tower and handbells. He conducted all the 25 methods that the society rang, and rang more peals than any other of the band, viz., 128, and in a greater variety of methods. He collected a great deal of ancient history, and made a MS. history of change ringing in Suffolk from which these notes are copied, and to him must be given the praise. He died December 28th, 1909, at the age of 59 years.

Zachariah Slater, his brother, was also a mat weaver, a clever ringer on tower and handbells, and an able violinist. He rang but few peals, and died November 4th, 1916, aged 61 years.

Charles Honeybell and Fredk. Wells are still living, as is also James Slater.

Thomas Oliver Garwood was one of nature's gentlemen. A first-rate performer on tower bells, he was hardly equalled at ringing a great bell in any method that he knew. He was also a fair conductor. He was some time chairman of the Mat and Matting Weavers' Trade Union, and was a delegate to the Ipswich Trades Council several times. He died in 1915, aged 67 years.

It is rather remarkable that Samuel Slater, Thomas Oliver Garwood and Fredk. Wells rang 50 peals together. Concerning those that rang at the opening of the bells in 1864, I knew John (my grandfather) and Joseph Slater (my great uncle), and E. W. Downs, as well as all the new band, now fast dying out.

John Slater was a general labourer and a good ringer both on tower and handbells. He rang ten peals in all. He died in February, 1897, aged 81 years.

Joseph Slater, his brother, was also a labourer, and of very quiet disposition. He was a good double-handed ringer. He died suddenly at Mr. F. Wells' house, on Oct. 17th, 1892, aged 75 years.

E. W. Downs served an apprenticeship to the carentering and engineering trades. He hung the Glemsford bells in the new tower in 1864, but was not so good a ringer as the other members, and used to say that Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court were enough to learn. He died in 1897, aged 87 years.

It is not uninteresting to add that seven of the above lived in their own houses, which shows that, in addition to being good ringers, they were thrifty men.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Mary's Church, on October 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 51 mins., as a birthday compliment to the conductor: W. D. Smith 1, F. C. Maynard 2, Geo. Lucas 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, Robt. Maynard, senr., 5, C. L. Coles 6, Robt. Maynard, junr. (conductor) 7, \*Sergt. R. G. Maunder, R.E. (of Yeovil) 8, Albert A. Hughes 9, \*Leonard A. Hughes 10. \*First quarter-peal.

**ABERAVON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Stith 1, D. Frankom 2, W. Nurton 3, A. Perry 4, A. J. Pitman (composer and conductor) 5, H. Perry 6, F. B. Stedman 7, A. E. Pitman 8. This quarter-peal is in six parts, containing 12 6-7's and 12 7-6's, 6 5-6-7's and 6 5-7-6's at back stroke.

**ACTON, LONDON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. Edwards 1, J. W. Fruin 2, W. A. Garrard 3, J. H. Payne 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, E. Newell 6, W. E. Garrard 7, W. Lawrence 8.—On Oct. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Diserens 1, W. Phillips 2, C. Edwards 3, R. H. Boddington 4, E. Newell 5, J. W. Fruin (first quarter as conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. E. Smith 8.

**HILLINGDON, WEST.**—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes, for morning service: Miss G. M. Bateman (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Hancox 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, W. Henley 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, T. Smith 6, R. Carter 7, J. Peddle 8.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on December 19th for business, and on the 28th for handbell practice. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members, who seldom attend the meetings, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the South Eastern Division will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells available 3.15 till dusk, followed by handbell ringing, and service. Tea, 6 o'clock at the Cedars Hotel, followed by meeting, election of officers, etc. Tea 1s. each to non-members.—F. W. F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available until dusk; afterwards for handbell ringing at "White Cross," business meeting there 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 16th. Bells available from 2.30 till dusk. Meeting to follow. Reports now ready. Life members 6d. each. Subscriptions due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 16th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing from 3 to 5. Service at 5. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Secretaries.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Preston, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing from 2 to 5 p.m. Meeting at 5 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available from 10 o'clock. Short service in the church at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30, the Vicar will preside. A meat tea will be provided at 5.30, to be followed by a social gathering. Llandaff Cathedral bells (8) available from 12 to 2; Whitchurch bells (6) available from 10 to 2.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**BEDDINGTON SURREY.**—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Boxing-day, December 26th. Tower open at eleven o'clock a.m.—Alfred Clayton, 5 Highland Cottages, Bute Road, Wallington, Surrey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. Clement Glenn, having joined the R.N.V.R., all official communications should, for the present, be sent to the President or Hon. Treasurer.

**ADDRESS.**—The correct address of Mr. James George is 46, Minstead Road, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham.

## GREETINGS.

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We know that Methods, Principles and Systems are produced by bobs (or by bobs and extremes) from the Quick and Slow Primary Principles separately, or in combination, and it is useless for anyone to argue that a method produced by three bobs (i.e., interior places) is the same method as one produced by two bobs, for the following reasons:—

(1) Every constructional bob (or interior place) made alters the coursing order of the bells.

(2) Whole pulls in front or behind (i.e., exterior places) do not alter the coursing order of the bells.

Correct extensions of methods from the lower to the higher numbers are determined by the fact that the constructional bobs affect the same bells in every instance, and a glance at the rows with the treble behind of the Major, Royal and Maximus published in these columns on the 1st inst. over my name will prove this contention. Constructional bobs in other positions—in spite of the pivot bell being the same—will not give the equivalent rows with the treble behind.

The method dealt with is not Oxford Bob, neither is it Court Bob, it is the Obverse of a Single method, which was published in the "Bell News," 25th December, 1915, the Double method (when the Single and Obverse are amalgamated) being Double London Court Bob as below:—

Single	Obverse	Double
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
24163857	24163857	24163857
42618375	42618375	42618375
24681735	46281357	24681357
42867153	64823175	42863175
48276513	68432715	48236715
84725631	86347251	84327651
87452361	68374521	48372561
78543216	86735412	84735216
75834126	87653142	87453126
57381462	78561324	78541362
75318642	75816342	87514326
57136824	57183624	78153462
51763284	51738264	71835642
15672348	15372846	17386524
16527384	13527486	13768542

"Wanstead Stedman" and "Duffield" Major have features in common, as follows: Both are double methods, and both have reciprocal relationships of the opposite pairs of bells throughout the plain course, but they differ in the fact that "Duffield" is a properly constructed system, and "Wanstead Stedman" is not. "Duffield" starts from the fundamental row, and has a simple transposition row at the division-end, the bobs being properly duplicated in the first division.

"Wanstead Stedman," as given, does not start from the fundamental row; and taking 21436587 as the starting row, it is still imperfect in construction, the bobs not being properly duplicated in the 18 changes constituting the first division, consequently the division-end is a complex transposition row.

There are two round blocks of "Wanstead Stedman" that are as perfect in construction, as the first sixteen changes of Bob Major, each starts from the fundamental row, the bobs are all properly duplicated in the first division, the division-ends are simple transposition rows, the first with visible coursing order, the second with invisible coursing order. Both of these round blocks, when proved by Reciprocal Proof, have only one false row, the division-end.

12345678	12345678
13254768	13254768
31245786	31245786
13427568	32154876
14372658	23145867
41327685	21354687
43172865	12536478
34127856	21563487
31472586	25136847
13745268	52163874
17354628	51236784
71345682	15263748
73154862	51627384
37145826	56172834
31754286	65127843
13572468	61572483
31527486	16527438
35172846	15672348
53127864	51763284

If the author of "Wanstead Stedman" adopted the first round block here given, there is no reason why he should not use a 4th's place bob at the division-end, which would only shift three bells.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—Warwickshire Guild.—On Oct 22nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, W. J. Smith 3, H. Kettle 4, J. H. White (conductor) 5, W. T. Cox 6.

**CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.**—Hereford Guild.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 22nd, at the Parish Church, for a special memorial service for Lord Clive and others from the parish who have given their lives for King and country, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled and 7, 6, 8 covering: P. S. Pullen 1, F. S. Dyke 2, F. Evans (conductor) 3, G. W. Roberts 4, W. Mead 5, R. Jones 6, G. W. Griffiths 7, J. Davies 8. Also for evening service on the back six: P. S. Pullen 1, F. S. Dyke 2, Rev. H. J. Scott 3, G. W. Roberts 4, W. Mead (conductor) 5, J. Davies 8. Messrs. Pullen, Dyke and Evans hail from Knighton, Radnorshire, and kindly came over to help the local band who are short-handed.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Stuart 1, Miss A. Lindsay 2, Miss A. Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5, W. S. Forshaw 6, F. Burrows (cover) 7.

**FULMER.**—On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 22nd, at St. James' Church, 360 Bob Minor: Miss E. A. Fuller 1, J. J. Parker 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. Henley 4, W. Burden 5, W. Welling (conductor) 6; and 300 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Burden 1, Miss G. M. Bateman 2, W. Welling 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6. Also touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

**LONDON.**—Royal Cumberland Youths.—At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Sunday evening, Oct. 22nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 912 Stedman Cinqs: J. D. Matthews 1, H. Burton 2, F. Smith 3, W. G. Matthews 4, B. Foskett 5, G. B. Lucas 6, W. H. Theobald 7, T. Scarlett 8, G. Card 9, W. Berry 10, J. Hunt (conductor) 11, W. Simmans 12.

**LONG Eaton, DERBYSHIRE.**—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: N. H. Widdowson 1, R. Seneschall 2, R. Hickton 3, R. Drage 4, T. Hutchinson 5, Pte G. Bull (North Stafford Regiment) 6, J. Bailey 7, C. Carey 8.

**UXBRIDGE.**—At St. Margaret's, on Oct. 22nd, 336 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss A. Swabey 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Welling 3, W. Henley 4, T. Smith 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, P. Kedg 8.

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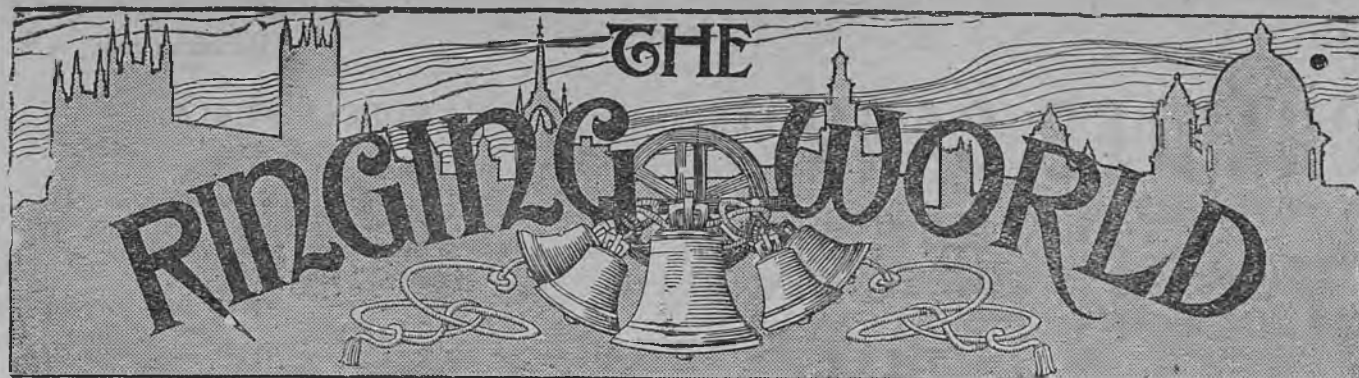
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Then from each black accursed mouth  
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For the third successive Christmas the world is plunged in the depths of war and all its attendant sorrow and desolation. Celebration of the festival in the old-time fashion is not merely out of place, but impossible, when so many millions of the bravest and best are facing all the horrors of this deadly strife, and when there can be few homes which have not been robbed of someone near and dear. The spirit of Christmas, breathing "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," seems as if it has fled from this planet, but never in its history has our nation been so united in its determination to defeat those forces of evil which made the present conflict possible. Each year since the war began there has been a fervent prayer at Christmastide that, by the next festival, peace would once more reign supreme. On this occasion, even though recent happenings seem sometimes to have put that happy day still further off, there are not wanting signs which give us hope that this Christmas may be the last in which war will dominate the world.

But be that as it may, be our sorrow what it will, our bells still have their place in national life at Christmas time. Their ringing still reminds us of the higher significance of the Church's great festival; to many a brave heart they will bring a message of good cheer, to many a stricken soul they will bring comfort. The "boys" over the water, when they think of Christmas at home, will inevitably associate with it the "old familiar carols" of the bells, and they at least will expect the traditional spirit of Yuletide to be voiced from the belfries, though they themselves are not here to hear the bells. Then, too, there is the place which bells have had from the earliest ages in sharing in this festival of the Christian Church—a share which, while there are bells and ringers, they will always take.

Despite, therefore, the gloom of war, there are many and powerful arguments why our bells should merrily peal this Christmastide, and those ringers who are left at home will doubtless do their best to maintain the traditions of the past. Many a belfry, as many a fireside, will be without a familiar face, and those brave hearts that have made the supreme sacrifice will not be forgotten. As the brazen tongues speak out from hundreds of steeples on Christmas morning, we shall be reminded of the peace that is to follow the victory which these sacrifices will have made possible; and we shall hear them and grasp their message as Longfellow did.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1916, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At BRACKEN VILLA,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

Rev. H. DOBSON ... 1—2 | J. SEGAR, Junr. ... 3—4

J. HURST ... 5—6

Conducted by J. HURST.

Witness: J. ATKINSON.

First peal by Rev. H. Dobson, who was elected a member of the Association prior to starting for the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 12th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At 49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;**

\* J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2 | GEORGE R. PYE ... 5—6

WILLIAM PYE ... 3—4 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7—8

CHARLES T. COLES ... 9—10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF Mr. W. T. COCKERILL,

32, EDGELY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5075 CHANGES;**

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 1—2 | CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5—6

HARRY R. PASMORE ... 3—4 | HERBERT LANGDON ... 7—8

ALFRED B. PECK ... 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

From Chelmsford Cathedral:—

C. Gentry, R.N.V.R., Chatham.

From St. Mary's, Billingshurst, Sussex:—

Pte Harry Wood, 3rd Royal Sussex Regt., Newhaven.

From St. Mary's, Pulborough, Sussex:—

Pte Harry J. Doick, "Field Bakery," A.S.C. Camp, Codford St. Mary's, Wilts.

From Kelvedon, Essex:—

Pte W. Keeble, A.V.C., Curragh Camp, Ireland.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Manchester Town Hall. Owing to the dense fog prevailing many were prevented from attending, whilst those who came from short distances were as much as one and two hours late, owing to the difficulties of travelling. Mr. J. Ridyard presided over the business meeting, and an expression of sympathy was voiced with Mr. Harry Chapman, who was confined to bed.—A vote of condolence to the members of the family of the late Mr. Smithson, of Reddish, was passed in silence.—The annual branch meeting, which is usually held at the Cathedral in January, will be held at Pendleton instead on the 13th of the month.—A vote of thanks was passed to the authorities for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for having things ready.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The last meeting for 1916 of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, was held at Great Chart on Saturday last. The weather being very cold and foggy, had an effect on the attendance, which certainly was not very numerous, only Ashford, Stone and Tenterden towers being represented. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and had to cease at 4.30, during which time several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were accomplished. Ringing finished, the business meeting was held, Mr. Everett, of Ashford, presiding. Mr. J. Skinner and Mr. A. Johnson, members of the local tower, were elected members of the Guild, and the annual meeting fixed to be held at Appledore on January 6th, 1917.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells. A member of the N.D.C., Mr. Duffel, from Kingston-on-Thames, received a cordial welcome, and took part in most of the ringing.

## RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

### EARLY SERVICE BELLS AND EXCESSIVE PEAL RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have followed with interest the various articles and letters which have lately appeared on the above subject; and I quite agree, in the first place, that much of the annoyance complained of is caused by noisy single bells, which are often tolled for a quarter of an hour at a stretch, and even longer in some cases.

I cannot altogether agree with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as to the necessity of ringing early on ordinary Sunday mornings. This practice might well be confined to the great Church Festivals, and they would thereby be better marked and distinguished from ordinary days.

It should be remembered that Sunday is a day of rest as well as a day of worship. Very early services are as a general rule unnecessary; though no doubt there are exceptions in some places. In the country there is always a certain amount of work which must be done in the early hours of Sunday morning, such as milking, attending to cattle, and so forth; and everywhere there are always household duties which must be performed before attending Divine service. This being the case, it seems that on ordinary Sunday morning service, with Holy Communion at 11 a.m., is quite early enough to meet the needs of most people. But, as I am not writing on questions about church services, I must say no more on this head.

But to come to the point, which more nearly concerns ringers, has not peal ringing been rather overdone in recent times? From the number of peals which appeared in print every week before the war began, one would say that this was so. Some twenty years ago the number of peals published did not often exceed half a dozen each week, and sometimes even less.

I do not wish to say anything to disparage the art of change ringing; but it must be borne in mind that short touches are more generally appreciated by the general public than peals, which, however well struck and however intricate the method, sound very monotonous to the uninitiated ear. I question whether a concert of the very best music, where there would be plenty of variety, would be appreciated by a general audience if kept up for three hours at a stretch without a break.

Whatever may be said of ringing for services, and on church festivals, as a branch of church work, it cannot be denied that peal ringing is simply for the gratification and glorification of those who take part in it, and for no other purpose.

In times past a peal was a thing to be talked about for some years after its performance, and many good ringers only rang two or three peals in their lives. But of late years we find ringers striving to ring as many as three peals a day; and any party out on a ringing tour are hardly satisfied unless they can secure a peal at each tower they visit.

In my younger days we were generally content with short touches on such occasions, and a peal was quite an event in our lives. Nevertheless, I myself have rung something like twenty-two peals in various parts of the country in years gone by, as far as I can recollect. But these were mostly Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob—I never went in for more intricate methods; though I have rung every bell in the octave, from treble to tenor inclusive, through a peal in one method or another in various towers. But I will say no more, and hope that these remarks may not cause offence to any modern enthusiasts in campanology.—Yours, etc.,

Clerical Library, Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

December 16th, 1916.

### A REPLY TO THE REV. F. LL. EDWARDS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was much interested in the letter by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards in the issue for Dec. 15th on the question of Ringing and the Public, especially the part of it which dealt with the duties and inherent rights of the Church authorities with regard to the full use of the bells for all services of the church; and I am not in the slightest degree competent to enter into any discussion or argument on that aspect of the question with such an authority as he. But, sir, "duties and inherent rights" apart, surely the reverend gentleman is asking for trouble by taking up such an uncompromising attitude as is shown in the last paragraph of his letter, and trouble, too, of a sort that we are discussing how best to avoid. I do not, of course, know which section of the community he had in mind when he described the vice of somnolence as being typically English; but if he will, between the hours of 5 and 6 a.m., parade the streets of any town that has factories or large works of any kind, I think he will find ample cause to alter his opinion on the point—at any rate, as far as the working classes are concerned.

Mr. Edwards also says, "Where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at early hours . . . it is but fitting and proper that it should be honoured with the music of the bells." But the question for us all, is, I think, "Can that be done, and at the same time show such consideration for our neighbours as Churchmen may be expected to?" (the reverend gentleman's own words). "The less de-

vout or indifferent who choose to spend their Sunday mornings in bed," I would respectfully like to point out, may be numbered by the thousand amongst those who have been on all the other mornings of the week no less devout in their attention to their daily duties, which will have made it imperative for them to have been out of bed by at least 5 a.m., and many even earlier than that; a sufficient reason, in my opinion, why the bells should not, in populous areas, at such early hours, for at any rate 20-minute periods, send forth their summons.

Such jangling as I tried to describe to you in my previous letter, is no honour to any Christian service, and is making a lot of people antagonistic to bells and bell ringers, and is undoubtedly a cause of a lot of the complaints. It is all very well to talk about "taking our stand . . . on the principle of liberty of worship . . . and the inherent rights of the Church," but when a person has had to turn out of bed every morning all the week at 5 a.m., and then gets roused just before 6 on Sunday by a wretched "noise on bells," they will not be likely to appreciate that "liberty of worship" at all; they will be much more likely to make complaints. They have, I think, reason for complaint, and it is just such cause for complaints that we should try and avoid.

The inalienable right of Churchmen to hold early morning services no one will, of course, attempt to gainsay; but let us show consideration for the sensibilities of our neighbours, by waiting at least till a fairly reasonable hour before we worship with the full complement of music from the bells. I am convinced that it is this sort of thing, especially in populous districts, together with, in some places, excessive peal ringing, that is getting the backs of the public up against ringing, and unless steps are taken to try and stop some of it our art is going to suffer. Instead of "taking our stand" in such an uncompromising attitude, as is advocated by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, I would suggest that we bear in mind the old proverb: "Do unto others as you would like to be done unto."—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Winterfold, Cranleigh, December 16th.

### FALL OF A CHURCH BELL.

#### MR. RICHARD NEWTON'S ALARMING EXPERIENCE.

When being rung for noon service, on Nov. 23rd, the bell of King's Chapel, Boston, U.S.A., weighing 2,400 pounds, fell with a tremendous crash, heard throughout the neighbourhood.

By an arrangement with the parish officials this bell has been rung of late, daily, by members assigned from the Boston Guild. On this occasion it was being raised by Mr. Richard Newton, and, when nearly inverted, the cast-iron stock parted near the line of the cannons, as the result of an extensive flaw in the casting. The bell, considered the finest specimen of the Revere foundry, fortunately escaped damage, and will be rehung from the Whitechapel foundry. Mr. Newton, in his account of the incident, was emphatic in his declaration that he had heard something drop.

### PRINCE OF WALES' FUND.

We have to acknowledge the sum of 6s. from "Wanderer" towards the above fund, contributed for October, November and December.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hollis (Southleigh) 1, G. A. King (Kidlington) 2, W. Cox (Yarnton) 3, V. Webb (Kidlington) 4, T. Bull (Witney) 5, J. Monk, conductor (Witney) 6, J. Brooks (Witney) 7, G. Brooks (Witney) 8.

**SHREWSBURY.**—Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—At St. Chad's Church, on Oct. 22nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for 11 a.m. service, touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob; for evening service, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters, by the following members: G. Byolin, Pte T. W. Belton, J. Tudor, G. Scarratt, G. Jones, H. Jones, W. Brooks, W. Stockdale, A. Fullick, C. R. Lilley, T. Stedman, Messrs. Byolin and Lilley conducting.—On Oct. 29th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brooks 3, Pte T. W. Belton 4, W. Stockdale 5, C. R. Lilley 6, A. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Chad's, as a farewell to Pte T. W. Belton, who was removing to Pembroke Dock, 305 Grandsire Caters: G. Scarratt 1, G. Byolin 2, J. Tudor 3, W. Brooks 4, G. Jones 5, Pte T. W. Belton 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8, A. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at St. Thomas' Church, 1008 Bob Major, for evening service: W. Hand 1, C. W. Cooper 2, R. Moors 3, A. W. Dodd 4, G. H. Pagett 5, W. A. Pugh 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, J. Bass 8. Also 168 Bob Triples, with P. Richards 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Second-Lieut. E. Smith, of Hanbury Hill House, Stourbridge, killed in action.

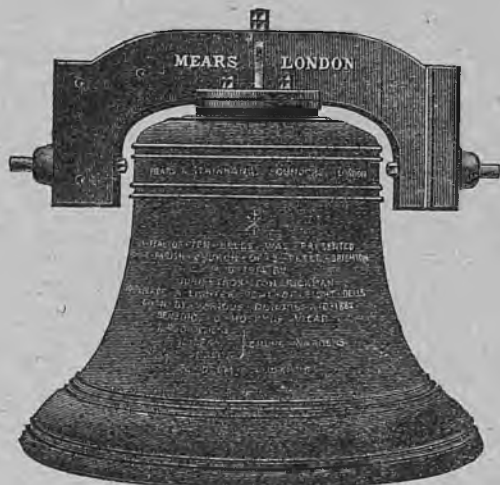


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## KILLED IN ACTION.

### WELL-KNOWN HERTFORDSHIRE RINGER FALLEN.

Great regret will be felt in Hertfordshire ringing circles at the death of Lance-Corpl. Walter S. Inwood, of Aldenham, an enthusiastic and accomplished member of the Exercise, who has been killed in France.

Born in 1892, at Aldenham, the deceased won a Platt scholarship when at Delrow School, and went to the Watford Grammar School, where he did remarkably well. From there he went to Lloyd's Bank, Watford, where his sterling qualities and happy disposition won for him the good opinion of everyone. He enlisted in January, 1916, in the Royal Fusiliers, was sent to France in July, and was killed instantly by machine gun fire on November 14th.

He commenced ringing when a lad of 16, at Aldenham, where he rang his first peal in 1909. Owing to his studies, his time for ringing was limited, but he was always willing to oblige, and he became a frequent visitor at the practices in the neighbouring towers, thinking nothing of walking back from Bushey to his home (a distance of over three miles) in the winter through the muddy lanes. His peal list, though not a long one, comprised some of the higher methods, and his striking was very accurate. He was also a prominent member of the church choir and bible class, and he will be sadly missed, both at home and in local ringing circles.

His peals include the following: Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 6; Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob Major, 6; Double Norwich Major, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; Treble Bob Minor, 1.

At Bushey, on Sunday, Dec. 10th, 504 Stedman Triples was rung for the Confirmation service, and in loving memory of the late Lance-Corpl. W. S. Inwood, by: W. Hodgetts 1, R. Darlow 2, Rfn. B. Prewett (conductor) 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, W. I. Oakley 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. E. Oakley 7, F. Edwards 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Darlow 1, B. Prewett 2, W. Hodgetts 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, W. I. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, W. E. Oakley 7, F. A. Smith 8.

### BRADFIELD TOWER'S LOSS.

The tower of Bradfield, Berks, has lost an enthusiastic and much-respected member, by the death of Pte C. Hunt, of the R.A.M.C., who was killed in France on November 14th, while carrying wounded off the field of battle. Before entering the army, Pte Hunt was for many years a member of the Bradfield branch of the Oxford Guild, and was most regular in attending both at service ringing and practice. Much sympathy is felt for his wife, who was also a member of the Bradfield band, and whose little daughter was invariably called "Plain Bob" by the foreman (Mrs. A. E. Reeves), as a 720 of that method was rung for the christening.

## THE GREAT BELLS OF MOSCOW.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I be pardoned for calling attention to a curious blunder in that invaluable work of Ellacombe, "The Bells of the Church"? He says (p. 493): "There are other large bells in Russia, particularly at Trotskoi . . . descriptions of which I have not succeeded in finding." The author, if living, would doubtless be surprised to learn that "Trotskoi" is the name of a bell, not of a locality. Indeed, in the same volume (p. 417) he himself records accurately its weight, 171 tons, and date of casting, 1746. This error is reproduced, by the way, in Walter's "Church Bells of England" (p. 96).

The careful reader will note many other errors in Ellacombe's volume. For example, on the same page (493), the weight of the bell, St. Isaac, in the cathedral at St. Petersburg, now Petrograd, which was cast from re-called coin, is given as 18 cwt., instead of 18 tons, as indicated by its diameter of 8 feet.

Of great bells, "Trotskoi" is exceeded in size only by "Tsar Kolokoi" of the Kremlin, called the King, or more properly Queen, of bells. Third in size is "Bolshoi," the big, also of the Kremlin, originally cast in 1710, but irreparably damaged by the conflagration and fall of its tower during the French invasion of 1812. In 1817 the bell was broken up and recast with additional metal to make 110 tons. Another great bell of the Kremlin was St. Ivan of the Cathedral, cast in 1819, and weighing above 57 tons.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

55, Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A.  
November 29th, 1916.

## THE CHURCHMAN'S YEAR BOOK.

Revised and enlarged, "Mowbray's Annual," the Churchman's Year Book and Encyclopædia for 1917, makes its welcome appearance. This 9th issue shows that there is still no effort left to make it as complete and exhaustive a book of information upon church matters as possible, and the careful arrangement of the matter, facilitating ready reference, makes it particularly acceptable to the busy man. There is something about everything and everybody of importance connected with the church, and it is a volume which should be in every churchman's reference library. The Year Book is published by Messrs. A. R. Mowbray and Co., 28, Margaret Street, Oxford Circus, W., who are also the publishers of that capital little volume on church bells by H. B. Walters.

## 60 YEARS A RINGER.

MR. WILLIAM PRICE, OF ECKINGTON.

Very few men live to see their "diamond jubilee" as ringers, especially at one tower; but Mr. Wm. Price has now completed his 60th year as one of the band at Eckington Parish Church, Derbyshire, and the Exercise will join in congratulating him upon this fact.

Mr. Price is a well-known figure in ringing circles in the Midlands, and his many friends will rejoice to know he is still able to take a rope for short touches in most of the standard methods.

Although now over 80 years of age, he is as punctual and painstaking as ever in regard to the Exercise, and as eager for the advancement of the young ringer who shows a real taste for this most fascinating of hobbies.

An account of his wanderings in pursuit of the art he loves would occupy too much space at this time, but there are very few ringing



towers within a 30 mile radius of his native town to which he can be called a stranger, and few methods in which, at one time or other, he has not shown himself proficient.

He takes a great delight in relating the story of the days when the old band, of which he was one, would set off at holiday time with a bag of handbells, and astonish the inhabitants of the various villages where they stayed at night—they usually found accommodation at an inn near a tower in which ringing had been indulged in during the day—and of the many and urgent requests from the inhabitants to repeat their visits.

Though his spirit is good as ever, Mr. Price naturally regrets his physical inability to do as he has done in past years, but he hopes that once more at least he may be successful in scoring a full 720 of Treble Bob.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterley meeting was held on Saturday last, at Long Ashton, when over 40 members attended, representing 14 towers. The bells were set in motion shortly after 2 p.m., and kept going in various methods until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar officiating, and giving a very appropriate address.

The business meeting then took place in the Church Room, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding.—Two new members were elected, and four ringers passed from probationers to full membership.—The next meeting was fixed to be held at Dunster, on the second Saturday after Easter, if possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Young for the very kind welcome he gave the members, for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, and to this the Vicar replied.

Tea, provided on this occasion by the Long Ashton ringers and their wives, followed, and the Rev. C. C. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to them for the very able way they had catered for the members.—This was carried with acclamation.

There being no more ringing, on account of the Defence of the Realm Act, the rest of the evening was passed by discussing various ways and means of spreading the Association.

## PRESENTATION TO SURREY RINGER.

MR. CHARLES EDWARDS LEAVES FARNHAM.

Mr. Charles Edwards, who has done so much to promote change ringing in the neighbourhood of Farnham, Surrey, during the last twelve years, has left the district for Downham, Norfolk, and his departure is regretted not only by the members of his own tower, where he has been the leader, but in the whole of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, of which he has been Ringing Master, and in which his energy has resulted in bringing into affiliation several of the remoter belfries. During the time he had been at Farnham Mr. Edwards had taught a band of change ringers in practically every tower within an eight-miles' radius of Farnham, and conducted peals in most of them. Writing of him in the "Parish Magazine," the Rector says: "He will not be here to ring out the old and ring in the new of 1917. He has been long a sort of tenor bell in our belfry. He rang a Trafalgar Peal—but that was a hundred years after the battle. And we hoped he would be here to ring in a glorious peace. Maybe he'll come and do it for us. Meanwhile we and many of our neighbouring towers are sorry to say good-bye to him. He is the kind of bell ringer who is a cause of bell ringing in others. He is a contagious and infectious campanologist."

On his last appearance in Farnham belfry before his departure, a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., by the following, the bells being half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. T. Coleman: H. Preer 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, J. Mann 3, H. Lees 4, B. Hammond 5, Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E., 6, C. Edwards (conductor) 7, A. King 8.

### "A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE."

When the ringing had been completed, the Rector's warden, Mr. Edgar Kempson, entered the ringing chamber, and congratulated the band on their ringing. Speaking on behalf of the Rector (who was fulfilling an engagement away), he said it had come to the knowledge of the Rector, churchwardens and ringers that Mr. Edwards would shortly be leaving them, and they felt they could not let that happen without making some recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Farnham tower, during the twelve years he had been connected with it. He had been the life and soul, not only of that tower, but of every tower in the neighbourhood. Mr. Kempson then handed to Mr. Edwards a copy of Hope Moncreiff's "Highways and Byways of Surrey," and a handsome writing pad, both bearing the names of the subscribers. In one of the volumes the Rector had written: "Presented to Mr. C. Edwards, as a small token of gratitude for the good work he has done in Farnham bell tower, and in many other towers in the neighbourhood, by the few of the many who would have wished to make a worthier testimonial had wartime afforded them an opportunity. In the name of those that are absent, and in my own name, we wish that you may live to conduct many more peals, including one to celebrate peace after victory."

Mr. Edwards suitably responded, by saying that what he had done for Farnham and other towers had been a labour of love, and he appreciated their kindness very much. He went on to say that he should never have been able to do what he had done for bell ringing, were it not that his wife was a co-partner in the cause, adding humorously that she often expressed the opinion that when he was out bell ringing she knew he was in good company. Therefore she would appreciate the gift as much as he did.

Mr. Kempson expressed a wish, with which he was sure all present would agree, that when peace was declared Mr. Edwards would come back and conduct the peal to celebrate the final victory. Mr. Edwards said he would very much like to do so, and expressed his regret at leaving the district.

## LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION'S NEW TOWER.

### RINGING PRACTICE AT LLANGONROYD.

The parish church of Llangonoyd, which is situated on the top of one of the Glamorganshire hills, and reached after a stiff climb from the railway station in the Llynvi Valley, was visited by members of the Llandaff Association on Saturday, the members hailing from Aberavon, Bridgend, Cardiff, Llandaff and Newport (Mon.), the heartiest of welcomes was accorded the visitors by the locals, who included the man in blue. Robert, contrary to the many stony ringers which are occasionally met with, expressed his regret that he could not take a rope in change ringing. After the bells had been raised, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles rung, a 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by: R. Evans (Bridgend) 1, R. J. Evans (Bridgend) 2, J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) 3, S. Dawe (Llandaff) 4, F. Chamberlain (Cardiff) 5, A. J. Pitman (Aberavon, conductor) 6. The bells are a light ring of six, and go like the proverbial fiddles. At the conclusion, a social hour was spent with the locals, the most pleasing feature of the visit being that seven names were submitted to the hon. secretary for him to propose as members at the next Association meeting, thus bringing into affiliation one more tower anxious for change ringing.

## PROOF AND COMPOSITION

### OF TREBLE BOB METHODS.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 29.)

The five-part table given in our last article contains thirty course-ends, each of which are given by the leads of the Bob positions, M. W. H. The greatest latitude is allowable in passing from W to H, and from H to M. You can pass from one to the other of these positions as your fancy takes you, care of course being taken that any particular lead is not used twice.

In passing from M to W no such latitude is allowable, you must in each case go through the last M of one of the courses in the table, otherwise the centre of the course would be foreign to the table, and would in most cases make the composition false.

If these rules are followed correctly all peals obtained from any table constructed from any of the sixty-four sets of thirty course-ends are bound to be true, no other proof being necessary.

Here is an old peal by Henry Hubbard which we will trace through the table published.

6,720 Treble Bob.				
23456	M	B	W	H
24536			1	2
24346	1		2	2
42563				2
34625			2	2
Four times repeated.				

It starts as usual from rounds, which will be found in Col. V. Course 1. Now when we get back to this point in any of the five columns we have arrived at our part-end. From rounds the first M we arrive at is 42635 (see Col. I, Course 1). Now we must get out of this course, otherwise when we get to the end of the course we are at a part-end. To do this, the "Before" is omitted, which leads us to W 35246 and will be found in Col. III. Course 6. This course is finished out by calling 1 W 2 H giving us 24535 as a course-end. This transposed by 42635 gives us 52643 as first M of second course (see Col. IV. Course 5). This course is taken complete and the missing 46 is added in, which leads us to H in Col. V. Course 2, the calling being 1 M, B, 2 W, 2 H, course-end 25346. This, transposed by 42635, gives 32654 as first M for third course of peal, (found in Col. V. Course 3). The whole of this course is taken and the missing 63 added in which leads us to Col. V. Course 4. Calling B, 2 H, gives 42563 as our third course-end. Transpose again by 42563, this gives 54326 the M of fourth course (found in Col. I. Course 4). When we get to the W of this course a connection is found with Col. IV. Course 1, through the W of Col. IV. Course 2, and leaves us at a part-end, calling B 2 W, 2 H.

In composing five-part peals from these tables you will note that if you use a course or lead from one column you cannot take a course or lead from a similar position in another column in the same part, as they turn up in a similar position in each part. Thus using the first M 42635 actually seals the fate of all the middles of the top row of courses. They each become in their turn the first M lead of each part.

In composing one-part peals from these tables this is not the case. Tracing the following peal in the table will give one a good idea how one-part peals can be obtained.

					8128 Treble Bob	
23456	M	B	W	H		
55264					Col 1	Course 1
36452			2	1	" 1	" 5
62453	2		1	2	" 1	" 6
45623	1		2	1	" 2	" 5
53624	2		1	2	" 2	" 6
62534	1		2	1	" 3	" 5
24536	2		1	2	" 3	" 6
53246	1		2	1	" 4	" 5
36245	2		1	2	" 4	" 6
24365	1		2	1	" 5	" 5
56342	2		2	1	" 5	" 6
64523					" 2	" 2
64235				1	" 2	" 3
43652					" 3	" 2
43526				1	" 3	" 3
32465					" 4	" 2
32654				1	" 4	" 3
25346					" 5	" 2
25463				1	" 5	" 3
56234					" 1	" 2
63254	1				" 1	" 3
35642					" 3	" 4
54326					" 4	" 4
42563					" 5	" 4
65243	1			2	" 1	" 4
46532				2	" 3	" 1
34625				2	" 4	" 1
23456				2	" 5	" 1

Part and Col 1, Course 3

Part and Col 2, Course 4

Part and Col 2, Course 1

To be continued.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on December 28th for handbell practice. The subscription of rs. 8d., which entitles members, who seldom attend the meetings, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available from 10 o'clock. Short service in the church at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30, the Vicar will preside. A meat tea will be provided at 5.30, to be followed by a social gathering. Llandaff Cathedral bells (8) available from 12 to 2; Whitchurch bells (6) available from 10 to 2.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

**BEDDINGTON SURREY.**—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Boxing-day, December 26th. Tower open at eleven o'clock a.m.—Alfred Clayton, 5 Highland Cottages, Bute Road, Wallington, Surrey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Boxing Day, December 26th. Tower open from 10.30 a.m. Service at 12 noon.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary District Secretary, 77, Bill, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 6th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. A special service at 4.30. Tea (free) to all members at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. Will all members intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 3rd?—H. Balcombe, The Priory, Appledore.



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The yearly meeting of the Branch Committee will take place at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, January 6th, 1917, by kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, M.A. Ringing at the Parish Church at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at the Vicarage at 5 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**NOTE.**—United Practice will take place at Farnham Royal, on Saturday, December 23rd, and there will be a friendly gathering of members at Burnham, on Sunday afternoon, 24th December. Both at 2.30 p.m. The Secretary will be glad to have returns from one or two incomplete Towers before the close of the current year.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 6th, 1917. Bells available from 2.30 to 5.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Annual Business meeting will be held at Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at 7.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due at this meeting, and the special attention of members whose subscriptions are in arrears, is directed to Rule 5. The balance sheet and statement of accounts for year ending Nov. 30th last will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. Clement Glenn, having joined the R.N.V.R., all official communications should, for the present, be sent to the President or Hon. Treasurer.

#### GREETINGS.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild has in remembrance his many ringing friends at this season, and wishes them all a happy Christmas, and a brighter outlook in the year that is to come. His address for some weeks will be Arthur T. King, Esq., I.S.O., "Glengariff," Barnet Common, High Barnet, Herts.

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, B Co., London Rifle Brigade, Sutton-Veney, Wilts.

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

## MODERN WORK.

### LOOKING BACKWARD.

Another day or two, and another year will have gone beyond recall—one more year of war, a year fraught with consequences as vital to our nation and to humanity as any down the ages, and in which gloom and sadness have been vividly illumined by a heroism and sacrifice never equalled in the history of the world.

Successes and disappointments have attended the efforts of those who are fighting the forces of evil, but never has the conviction of this country wavered in the belief that its arms and those of its Allies will eventually triumph. And through this year of stress and strife the Ringing Exercise can look back with satisfaction on the part which its members have played in the fierce combat in which we are striving. Literally, thousands of ringers are serving King and Country in the Army, and large numbers more are rendering equally valuable service in the making of munitions. Many men from our belfries have, alas, laid down their lives. During the year that has passed we have chronicled the names of over fifty who have made the supreme sacrifice. The memory of them will ever remain green among their colleagues left behind, and their names will be written imperishably on the great Roll of Honour.

When one realises to what an extent ringing has been affected by the rallying of so large a proportion of its members to the colours, and the dislocation of ordinary routine by the demands made upon the time and labour of others, it is surprising to find how well the work of the Exercise has been carried on. There are many places, of course, where ringing has practically ceased except on such occasions as neighbouring ringers visit the towers, but a very brave and, indeed, successful effort has been made at innumerable towers to "keep the bells ringing." Sunday service duties have, as was rightly to be expected, received first consideration, and though it has not been possible always to ring the full complement of bells, the calling of the people to worship has been a duty faithfully performed by the remnant of ringers left at the majority of the belfries.

Throughout the year peal ringing has been almost entirely in abeyance, and unless a large number have been rung during the Christmas holidays—a most unlikely happening—the number of peals in 1916 will fall even shorter than the number in 1915, which was the smallest since 1882, when, of course, peal ringing as a hobby was but little practised. In 1915 there were 259 peals rung, 173 being on tower bells and 86 on handbells. Up to the present we have recorded about 210 peals rung in 1916, of which 80 or so have been on handbells, and the rest on tower bells. The majority of the latter have been muffled peals for the heroes fallen in battle. We think it is likely

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that the number of peals on tower bells this year has been the lowest for at least 40 years, for at that time ago, of course, the number of handbell peals was almost negligible. But when comparisons are made, the difference in the conditions prevailing must be remembered. It is not, happily, that in 1916 interest in ringing is waning, but it is to the national necessity that the falling off is due. Men have laid aside the rope for the rifle, have given up the belfry for the munition factory, and they are only waiting for the achievement of that peace with victory, upon which the nation is determined, before they turn again with renewed enthusiasm and light hearts to the pursuit of our art.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, December 18, 1916, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,  
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THOMAS RUSSAM	... 3—4	GEORGE F. SWANN	... 9—10
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Referee: Mr. GEORGE YENDELL.

First peal as conductor on handbells.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

At the service, held at Bridport, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, in connection with the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the under-mentioned roll of sacrifice and service was read prior to the prayers for our forces.

Four killed and ninety-eight serving is indeed a proud record from a corner of so small a county as Dorset. And still the ringers are struggling on, despite depleted bands, and restricted opportunities for ringing, for, as the Rev. C. F. Langford said in his address at the service—when the glad time comes that we ring for an honourable victory and peace we shall not have to lament the fact that bells are out of order, ropes deficient, or willing and capable hands are available to welcome home those who went out from our midst.

### ROLL OF HONOUR.

S. Davy, Netherbury, died December, 1914.

J. Hardy, Maiden Newton, died September, 1915.

G. Hoare, Rampisham, died May, 1915.

S. Samways, Chidecock, died May, 1915.

### ROLL OF SERVICE.

Beaminster.—E. W. Bailey, F. Brooks, E. F. Bugler, F. H. Cullingford, J. Newman, F. Poole, James Poole, John Poole, E. Stone, A. Winter.

Bradpole.—P. H. Beams, R. H. Beams, B. Elsworth, H. Haines, E. Holloway, E. Joy, R. Langford, A. Lathey, S. Pester, A. Poole, W. Poole, G. Powell, T. Stiby, Harry Way, Herbert Way.

Bridport.—W. Bishop, E. Farrer, G. Lane, H. Lang, A. Mills, J. Zealley.

Broadwindsor.—J. Bartlett, H. Case, G. Smith, R. Tuck, W. Tuck. Chidecock.—B. Burton, F. Jerrard, Edgar Shute, Ernest Shute.

Corscombe.—F. Bugler, Archibald Davis, Arthur Davis, W. Hawkins, S. Taylor, T. Wareham.

Litton Cheney.—W. Darby, F. Dennett, H. Fry, S. Hounsell, G. Greening, P. Peach, C. Trevett.

Lyme Regis.—W. Broom, A. Cox, S. Crane, A. Hillman, G. Hillman, J. Holder, J. Philbrick, W. Sartin, A. G. Whitmore.

Maiden Newton.—H. Barter, J. Samways, G. Scriven, J. Lite, J. Treves.

Netherbury.—W. J. Budden, L. Cooke, W. Crabb, B. Dodge, A. E. Dowle, J. R. Pye, E. Tolley, W. Way.

Rampisham.—W. Cooke, E. Ellis, H. Ellis, W. T. Richards, W. G. Sampson, W. J. Tuck.

Stoke Abbott.—F. Ackermann, H. G. Hallett, R. Hallett, H. J. Welch.

Symondsburry.—E. Norris, G. Perrott, F. Wescott, W. Wescott. Whitechurch Canonicoorum.—H. Bugler, F. Cheney, J. Diment, T. Gibbs, C. Knight, E. Mills, A. A. Pitman, F. Pitman, F. Smith.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue for October 27th you were kind enough to allow me to make some remarks concerning the sixty courses of Stedman Triples. I should like to add to those remarks with your kind permission. It has been suggested to me that I should give some idea, if possible, as to the chances or otherwise of obtaining the sixty courses. This I now propose to do.

I will first draw attention to the fact, that when Mr. Carter, Mr. J. W. Parker and I published the forty courses, it was seen that two of the sets were the same, while my own were thought to be different, but as a matter of fact, my own will transpose to the same thing. Now, it is rather remarkable that each of us, though working entirely independently of each other, should produce the same set of forty courses, which strongly suggests that there is only one set to be had.

In my previous remarks I stated that I had been unable to obtain more than twenty-four courses from the three-part and seven-part tables. Having gone more fully into the matter, I may now state that twenty-four courses is the extent to be had from three-course and seven-course groups.

It was from the five-part tables that I really got the forty courses, which I will here give in their original form:

(1)	(2)	(9)	(10)
2314567	3241567	1432576	4123576
3425167	2135467	4215376	1345276
4531267	1524367	2543176	3512476
5142367	5413267	5321476	5234176
1253467	4352167	3154276	2451376
(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
4357612	1257643	3156724	2456731
2137645	3427615	4216735	1346725
5417623	5147632	5326741	5236714
3247651	2317654	1436752	4126753
1527634	4537621	2546713	3516742

These rows represent slow six-ends, which belong to the forty courses.

In my previous remarks I should have said that table III. represented 360 courses (not 60), these courses being grouped and arranged in three classes, which I then explained. Groups 1, 2, 9, 10, are shown in class I. as quick sixes, they are also shown in class II. as slow sixes, and in either case they represent twenty true courses. Groups 5, 6, 7, 8, are shown in class II. as quick sixes, and in class III. as slow sixes, but it is only as slow sixes that they represent twenty true courses, and taking the whole as slow sixes they represent forty true courses.

I have previously pointed out that Hudson's sixty courses were shown in the table, twenty courses occurring in each class. Either of these sets of twenty courses, although true in themselves, are not true with each other as plain courses, but are made true by the twin-bob system.

With regard to the question of sixty courses coming from the five-part tables, the matter may be summed up as follows: I have previously stated that there was only one set of four groups true in class III., and five sets in class II., each of these sets coming in pairs. If the groups in class I. are dealt with singly, there are fifty-two different sets of four groups true. In eight cases there are single groups in class III. true with four groups in class I., but in no case is it possible to get a single group or even a single in class I. Therefore, it is quite clear that we cannot possibly add to our forty any of the courses in class I. It is also quite clear that sixty courses are not to be had from five-course groups.

The material used in forming the five-part tables was of great value in the construction of the four-part tables, inasmuch that every set of four five-course groups (in which the same relationship existed) formed themselves into five four-course groups, and if true in one case, they were true in the other. Here the forty courses adapt themselves readily to the four-part table. The 360 courses were again arranged into three classes, as previously explained, each class in this case consisting of thirty four-course groups. From class I. there are 122 different sets of five groups true. From class II. and III. there are only two sets in each case, in these sets are shown the forty courses. In eight cases it is possible to get one group from class II. true with five groups in class I., and in two cases a group may be added from class III. In twenty cases it is possible to get one group from class III. true with five groups in class I., and in four cases a second group may be added. Here again, it is clear that sixty courses are not to be had from four-course groups.

I now come to six, eight, and ten part tables. These double tables are useful in many ways; for instance, one side of the table acts as a kind of check to the other side. Also with such tables analogy plays an active part when it should only be necessary to test half, a third, or a fourth of the problems. Also, if we get a certain number of courses which are not equally divided between the two halves of the table, analogy gives an alternative set. With the ten-part table, the forty courses are divided between the two

halves of the table. With the four-part table we get the whole forty courses on one side of the table, while analogy gives an alternative set on the other side, each set showing the same family relationship and identification marks.

On taking a survey of this investigation it will be seen that there is little or no chance of our ever obtaining the sixty courses. From the four-part and five-part tables we get the best results (forty courses). I have shown that in each case these courses come classes II. and III., and that we cannot add any of the courses from class I. Here we see why we do not get the 4th in 6th's place at a course-end in Mr. Carter's and Mr. J. W. Parker's set. There remains the question of breaking up the groups and dealing with the thing in one and two part form, but I doubt very much if any one will ever obtain more than forty courses.

A suggestion has been made to which the four-part table seems applicable, viz., that forty-eight courses ought to be possible, seeing that twenty courses is the extent to be had from any one class. I would suggest that if the forty courses are broken up, and four groups (sixteen courses) are taken from each class, we get a greater amount of freedom, and forty-eight courses might be possible, but I very much doubt it.

J. J. PARKER.

## A BIRMINGHAM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

A very pleasant gathering of a few members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham took place at the residence of Mr. A. Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, on a recent Saturday to celebrate Mr. J. George's 63rd birthday. The first thing on the programme was an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells by the following: F. W. Perrens 1—2. G. Swann 3—4. A. Walker (conductor) 5—6. J. E. Groves 7—8. W. Short 9—10. J. George 11—12. The peal came to grief in the 29th course, owing to a trip, after 24 hours' splendid ringing. Messrs. W. Kent and G. Walker acted as referees, and Messrs. Tom Russam and J. L. Wells also were present. An excellent knife and fork tea, kindly provided at Mr. J. George's expense, and prepared by Mrs. A. Walker, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Groves, was then enjoyed, and the rest of the evening was devoted to music, capital songs being rendered by Mrs. A. Walker, and Messrs. A. Walker, J. L. Wells, G. Swann and G. Walker, while tunes were rung on the handbells, Mr. A. Walker being at the piano. Speeches were made congratulating Mr. George on his birthday, and thanking him for providing the good things, while thanks were also accorded to Mrs. Walker for her important share in making the party comfortable. A plain course of Stedman Cinques by T. Russam, W. Kent, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, W. Short and J. George, was followed by "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King," which brought a very pleasant evening to a close. It is hoped that the same band may be able to meet again on December 30th, at Sparkhill, for the handbell peal.

## DEATH OF AN OLD ROTHERHAM RINGER.

The death occurred, on Dec. 12th, of Mr. Tom Frost Lee, of Rotherham, who, born on May 1st, 1840, was 76 years of age. For upwards of 50 years the deceased was a member of the Rotherham Parish Church Company, and was always very regular in his attendance at Sunday service ringing, and evening practices, whenever his duties permitted. He took part in most of the principal peals rung at that church and others in the district. He joined the Yorkshire Association in the year 1879, and was a "double starred" member. He rang 23 peals for the Association, but he had many more to his credit in earlier years, of which no record has been kept, and his last peal was rung at Eastwood in honour of his 70th birthday, on May 6th, 1911, this being a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Clement Glenn. The deceased then rang the 6th, and was heartily congratulated on his performance and his striking at the finish of the peal.

Mr. Lee came to Rotherham at a very early age, and started to work when he was seven years old. He was a metal mixer by trade, and was employed by Messrs. Beaton, Clarke and Co. at their Rotherham Glass Works, but he had to give up some four years ago on account of failing health, and was pensioned off by his employers, which allowed him to live in comfort with his children.

The deceased was a man whose word was his bond, and all who knew him could rely upon what he said. He was of a very unassuming nature, but always ready with a willing hand to help others in distress. He was also always ready to assist a new hand. It was the writer's good fortune to be acquainted with him for upwards of 35 years, and throughout that time he was ever the same.

The funeral took place at Moorgate Cemetery, Rotherham, and was impressively conducted by the Rev. J. Poole, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's, Northfield, Rotherham.

The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. Harry Lee (brother), Mrs. Sarah E. Hutchinson (sister), Mrs. Kendal (daughter), and two grand-daughters. Floral tributes were sent by the workmen of Messrs. Beaton, Clarke and Co., by his sons and daughters, and grandchildren.

The ringers of Sheffield Cathedral were represented by Mr. Sam Thomas, Mr. W. Burgar and Mr. G. O. Dixon. Mr. Frank Willey represented the Yorkshire Association and the All Saints' Society, Sheffield.

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## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Chelmsford on Saturday week, when members attended from Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Maldon, Writtle and Walthamstow, and Mr. J. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield. The bells were raised at 3.15, and kept going in Stedman and Grandsire Caters until 4.45, after which the handbells were utilised until the service, which was held in the Cathedral at 5.30. After the service the members adjourned to the Cedars Hotel, where 15 members sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by the Rev. G. Colley.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master explained that the meeting should have been held at Writtle, but owing to the bells being away at the foundry it was decided to hold the meeting at Chelmsford. Mr. W. Lincoln was re-elected District Master. Mr. F. W. Edwards was re-elected district secretary. It was also decided to hold the next meeting at Writtle.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Lake for allowing the use of the bells, and to the Rev. G. Colley for presiding at the tea and meeting.

Owing to the extremely foggy weather, several members who intended being present were unable to attend, but those present spent a very enjoyable time.

## A PRACTICE AT WEST EALING.

Permission having been given for the holding of a united practice on the musical octave at St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, on Saturday, December 16th, there was, despite the fog and cold, a good muster of the Middlesex Association from Acton, Eulham, Kensington, Hillingdon, Willesden, and the Royal Mews. The methods practised were Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major, and many touches were rung. There was a 252 Stedman Triples, in which R. Kilby and F. Barrett rang; and a 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Miss E. Jones, those taking part being: W. Lawrence 1, A. W. Davis 2, Miss E. Jones 3, R. Holloway 4, W. Honour 5, G. M. Kilby 6, Staff-Sergeant A. T. Verralls 7, R. Dyas 8. The following rang in the other touches during the afternoon: C. Edwards, A. Hubbard, R. H. Boddington and C. Brown. Some of the visitors adjourned to Wimborne Gardens for tea, and afterwards aided no doubt by "Dubec" cigarettes—rang Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples on handbells, with a tenor, size No. 21, in D.

## SOLDIER-RINGER'S DEATH.

Gunner F. Hill, of the Royal Field Artillery, for twelve years a highly-respected member of the Holy Trinity band, Blackpool, has, we regret to say, succumbed to illness whilst in camp at Whitechurch.

On Saturday last, at Holy Trinity Church, as a last token of respect to the deceased, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, by Lance-Corpl. F. Butler (Walthamstow) 1, Pte T. H. Reeves (West Bromwich) 2, Pte E. W. Marshall (Barnet) 3, Corp. J. Lloyd (Brierley Hill) 4, Pte M. F. R. Hibbert (Bushey) 5, Spr. S. J. White, conductor (Wickhambreaux) 6. The ringers of 1 and 6 belong to the Royal Engineers, 2 and 4 to Royal Army Medical Corps, and 3 and 5 to the Yorkshire Regiment.

## CHRISTMAS TOUCHES.

NEWPORT, MON.—Llandaff Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Christmas morning, at 6.15 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 minutes: F. Cookson 1, T. Ford 2, J. Bullen 3, H. Morgan 4, F. Morgan 5, J. W. Jones 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7. N. Ridout 8. First quarter-peal by the treble and tenor ringers, and rung also as a birthday compliment to T. Ford.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Christmas morning, for the 11 o'clock service, 1259 Grandsire Triples: J. Pitcher 1, J. Harris 2, W. B. Biss 3, F. Pitcher 4, S. Dawe 5, F. Chamberlain 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, J. Aldridge 8. This quarter-peal, composed by William Micklewright, contains 13 4-6's, 13 6-7's and 12 7-4's, all at hand-stroke, also 'queen's' and 'tittums' at hand.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's, for 8 o'clock service, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Law 1, F. W. Richardson 2, E. J. Pannett 3, A. J. Bennington 4, G. H. Daynes 5, H. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. D. Letzer 8.

## A FRIEND OF RINGERS.

The funeral took place on Saturday, at Llangibby, Monmouthshire, of Mr. William Addams Williams, the treasurer to the Monmouthshire County Council, of Penrith House, Llangibby, who for many years has entertained the Llangibby ringers to supper on New Year's Eve. The deceased gentleman, although not an actual ringer, took a great interest in the bells and the ringers, and was in excellent health until two days before his death. He was in his 80th year. Immediately following the interment, the bells were rung half-muffled, followed with the whole pull and stand.



## DEATH OF THE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

### A WELL-KNOWN CLERICAL RINGER.

We deeply regret to announce the death of the Rev. Herbert Adolphus Cockey, Vicar of Oldland, Bristol, and one of the best known of the clerical members of the Exercise, who passed away at his residence on Wednesday of last week, at the age of 59 years.

Born at Clifton on January 2nd, 1857, Herbert Adolphus Cockey spent the greater part of his boyhood at Fryerning, Essex, where his father was Rector. Educated at Highgate, he proceeded to Wadham College, Oxford, taking his degree in 1880, and during his four years' residence he was a prominent member of the University Society of Change Ringers. Ordained by the Bishop of St. Albans in the same year, he successively served the curacies of Galleywood, Rettendon, Rayleigh, Dunster, and Lewisham. The call of the sea coming strongly to him, he entered the Royal Naval College, at Greenwich, with a view to qualifying as Chaplain and Naval Instructor in the Fleet; but, the call to wedded life proving stronger, he accepted the living of Oldland in 1888, and in the summer of 1889 married Miss Frances A. Ellacombe, third daughter of Canon Ellacombe, Vicar of Bitten, and grand-daughter of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, "clarum et venerabile nomen." Gathering round him several of his old friends of college days to celebrate the event, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted at Christ Church, Bristol, on the previous evening, but failed after 2½ hours' of excellent ringing. On the wedding morn two 720's were rung at Bitten, and after the wedding a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints', Bristol. On the next day, peals were rung at Twerton-on-Avon, and St. Andrew's, Bath, with an interval for touches at Bath Abbey. Another peal of Stedman was rung on the following morning at Christ Church, Bath. Thus was the marriage honoured by his ringing friends.

Settling down at Oldland, a family of three sons and a daughter (another child died when young) grew up. The eldest son is now serving as an officer with the Devons in Salonica; his brother is a lieutenant in the Royal Naval Air Service.

The claims of a large and extensive parish were ever his first care, so much so, that holidays were few and far between. A short cruise in a friend's yacht or in a Mission to Seamen steamer, or a few days on the North Devon or Somerset Coast, being the limit, while many a ringing tour had to be carried through without his welcome presence, though urgently sought. His curate days were marked by much good service from a ringing, relearning and restoring point of view; his most important work being the founding of the Essex Association and the resuscitation of the Society of Trinity Youths, Greenwich. On giving up the secretaryship of the Essex Association, a beautiful peal book was presented to him, recording in its first page that "the success of the Association is mainly due to your noble example and thorough earnestness in the work." An illuminated address from the Trinity Youths, on presentation to the living of Oldland, records that he was "endeared to every change ringer in the district"—a statement which has held good with regard to everyone with whom he came in contact. The Rev. Maitland Kelly, writing on the day of the funeral, says: "He was a most attractive personality even to those who, like myself, only occasionally met him. I feel that I have lost a real friend." And so say many more!

As Vicar of Oldland, his services were naturally claimed by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Master from 1889 to 1894, he later served the office of treasurer from 1907 to within a few weeks ago, and from a parlous financial position he raised it to a sound condition. On his marriage, the Association presented him with an illuminated address and a beautiful peal of 20 handbells, the pride of the Vicarage Hall. A member of the Central Council from the beginning, he served and did important work on several committees.

A finished striker, and intolerant of anything but the very best, all the peals rung by him were of a high order of merit: the early ones are recorded in the peal book given by the Essex Association, but no record has been found of later ones. It is known, however, that they exceed 60 in number. Among those on which he most prided himself may be mentioned, the first peal rung by the Oxford University in 1879; the only peal of Stedman Caters rung by a clerical band, at Warwick; a peal of Stedman Cinques with the College Youths at Cornhill; two peals at Wells Cathedral; the first peal at Exeter Cathedral; the first peal on the new bells at Bishopstone; a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary, Redcliffe, on the old bells, the second peal of Stedman Triples by a clerical band at Mickleton; a peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil; and, above all, the only peal ever rung on Lundy Island—an enterprise which was entirely engineered by him, in face of difficulties which few would care to encounter.

Devoted to good ringing—and his loss will be specially felt by the men of Bristol—he always remembered that his parish and family were his chief delight and care. A sound and lasting spiritual work was accomplished, in addition to the building of a new and beautiful church at Longwell Green, and a very complete and commodious Church House for the main portion of the parish. How deeply his work was valued, may be gathered from an address, accompanied by a purse of gold and framed photo, presented by the parishioners, after

20 years' service, testifying to his "devoted and unswerving interest" in them. That "devotion and unswerving interest" was the keynote of his life—his strenuous toil made of him an old man ere he had reached the age of 60—there was no real illness—simply "premature old age." Signs of failing were apparent last summer, when his medical man ordered a complete change and rest for six months. A fortnight only at Porlock was all he allowed himself last August, but there he experienced a terrible breakdown. On partial recovery he soon realised that his work was over, and promptly sent in his resignation to the Bishop, but before the necessary preliminaries could be completed, he was again seized, and after a few days of semi-consciousness, sank into a state of coma, and passed peacefully and quietly away on Wednesday, December 20th.

On Saturday, December 23rd, the body, vested in the eucharistic vestments worn by him in life, was taken to the church at 8 a.m., when the Holy Sacrifice was offered, the coffin resting in the chancel, surrounded by the six funeral lights, emblematic of life and immortality, and a great array of beautiful flowers, conspicuous among them being a very large and beautiful wreath of chrysanthemums, lilies and orchids, surmounted by a ball in violets, the tribute of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The late Vicar's cassock, surplice and hood were laid over the empty reading desk.

The funeral service was at 2 p.m., when the church was filled by parishioners and friends, including a special deputation from the Gloucester and Bristol Association, viz., the Rev. E. Bankes James, past Master; F. G. May, past Master; F. K. Howell, past Master; H. T. Howell, chairman of the Bristol branch; R. J. Wilkins, A. Maggs, and W. Lansdown. Many clerical friends and neighbours, notably the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who had inadvertently fallen from a train which he imagined had drawn up, at Stonehouse platform (he is, happily, recovering), were unable to attend, owing to illness, and the inconvenience of the Saturday before Christmas. An old friend, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was, however, represented by his son, Mr. J. D. R. Davies. The Rev. H. Ault, formerly Vicar of Bishopstone, who had been taking the duty for the past three months, read the lesson, the Psalm and three hymns being led by the choir. Headed by the Processional Cross, the choir, on leaving the church, chanted the Nunc Dimittis, followed by the Requiem Aeternam. The Anthem having been recited by the Rev. R. Atkins an old friend serving as curate, the Rev. G. P. Coleridge, vested in a silver embroidered black cope, kindly loaned by the Church of All Saints', Clifton, took the committal prayers at the grave, which was lined with evergreens and white flowers. At the conclusion was sung "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and four members of the Association rang a perfectly struck course of Grandsire Triples over the grave on the heavy octave of the 20 bells presented by the Association on his marriage: H. T. Howell 1-2, Rev. E. Bankes James 3-4, R. J. Wilkins 5-6, W. Lansdown 7-8. The Benediction fitly closed the dignified, reverent and touching service; and the body of a true priest—a deeply-loved pastor—a devoted husband and father—an ever-faithful friend—was left to rest in peace till called to rejoin the spirit on the Last Great Day.—R.I.P.

It was noted that while the last hymn was being sung, the setting sun in a cloudless sky just touched the ridge tiles of the Vicarage hard by with its lower edge; as the handbells came into rounds, it disappeared from view behind the roof, but left a golden glory in the sky above—fit emblem of the setting of a strenuous life at the close of life's day of toil, leaving a cherished glory behind it, which no cloud of sorrow may dim—no rain of tears efface.

**FULHAM.**—On November 5th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Stedman Caters: R. Harvey 1, E. A. Arthurton 2, Bomb. W. H. Worsley 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. Cutmore 5, P. L. Miles 6, W. A. Garrard 7, W. E. Garrard 8, H. G. Miles (conductor) 9, M. E. Smith 10.

**BOLNEY.**—Sussex County Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1246 changes), in 47 mins.: E. Davey 1, W. Wheeler 2, A. Absalom 3, G. Walder 4, T. Gasson 5, Sapper G. A. Lewry, R.E., 6, W. Vincent (conductor) 7, W. Walder 8. The above are all members of the local band, and the touch was arranged for Sapper G. A. Lewry, who was at home on short leave from "somewhere in France." Also previous to morning service on the same date, 672 Grandsire Triples by: G. Walder 1, F. R. Hounsell (Cuckfield) 2, A. Absalom 3, E. Davey 4, T. Gasson 5, Sapper G. A. Lewry 6, W. Vincent (conductor) 7, W. Walder 8.

**EYE, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, touches of Bob Major, with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to Col. J. S. Wilkins, D.S.O., for many years churchwarden, by: P. Steggalls, E. Youngs, E. Broome, F. Day, A. Oakes, G. Cattermole, C. Nunn, E. Poppy.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 5th, for the National Mission Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), with different callings, in 45 mins., 4, 6, 8 behind: E. Phillips 1, G. Cooke (conductor) 2, F. Boucher 3, W. Pike 4, P. Jones 5, A. Addicott 6, F. Evans 7, H. Chalice 8. First quarter by all, except 1 and 2.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CHRISTENING, MARRIAGE AND SILVER WEDDING TOUCHES.

On Sunday, 26th November, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, Slough, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 minutes (the first on the bells): T. S. Smith 1, R. Flaxman 2, W. H. Fussell 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, W. Henley 5, P. E. Jones 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8. The steeplekeeper, Mr. G. T. Leader, kindly stood out for Mr. R. Flaxman, who had been laid up for some time. He is considerably better after a little Stedman. The conductor's second son was baptised at the same church in the afternoon, a few friends gathering at his home, Cambridge Villa, to pay homage to the infant and the mince pies.

At Burnham, on Sunday, Nov. 26th, for afternoon service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: T. S. Smith 1, G. Alder 2, J. J. Parker 3, W. Henley 4, P. E. Jones 5, W. H. Fussell 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, E. Carter 8.

To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gutteridge, of Iver Heath, on the 27th November, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Bill Horne's quarter) was rung, in 40 mins., for morning service, at Farnham Royal Parish Church, on December 3rd, by: E. T. Hooper 1, J. J. Parker 2, W. Henley (conductor) 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Leader 5, James Elderfield 6, G. Basden 7, P. E. Jones 8.

On Sunday, December 10th, for morning service, at Windsor Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: Sidney Boore 1, W. Burden 2, G. Cutts 3, W. C. Parker 4, W. E. Butter 5, Arthur Blake (conductor) 6, G. T. Leader 7, F. Gutteridge 8. This was rung as a compliment to the local bob caller, Mr. W. Welling, on his marriage the previous day. He was an old choir boy and bell-ringer at this church, but is now—R.G.A., Plymouth.

At Burnham, on the same morning, for service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Carter 1, G. Alder 2, E. T. Hooper 3, T. S. Smith 4, W. H. Fussell 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6, P. E. Jones 7, H. J. Cropley 8. Rung upon the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Smith, of Slough, silver congratulations being tendered the rosy couple in a cosy room, where the band "hived up" for an hour—somewhere. — On Thursday, December 14th, 1916, for a special Confirmation service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. S. Smith 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, E. T. Hooper 3, J. J. Parker 4, W. H. Fussell 5, George Martin, R.E., 6, W. Welling, R.G.A. (conductor) 7, H. J. Cropley 8. This was a farewell touch for the conductor, who left Windsor the following day for service in the army.

## PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

### BERKHAMPSTEAD RINGER'S SERVICES HONOURED.

A pleasing and striking ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, on Saturday week, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal board. Among those who assembled in the belfry were the Vicar, churchwardens, choirmaster and choir (robed), Miss V. Smith-Doran, the band who rang the peal (except the ringer of the treble, Mr. H. Fowler, of Chesham), and a good muster of the local ringers. The proceedings opened with prayers, read by the Vicar, and the singing of Psalm 122. The Vicar then asked Miss V. Smith-Doran to draw the curtain and thus unveil the board, and this having been done, the Vicar read the dedication prayers, and the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was sung. Then followed a short and instructive address by the Vicar, who mentioned that the peal was rung and the board placed there to commemorate the long and faithful services of the captain of the local ringers, Mr. F. Norris, who had completed 42 years in that capacity, and who rang the tenor to the peal. The service closed by singing the first verse of the National Anthem.

The board, which is of Oregon pine, the gift of the Vicar and churchwardens, bears the following inscription, written in gold:—"Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Saturday, February 19th, 1916, in 2 hrs. 57 mins., a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes). J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part, was rung upon the bells of this tower. Tenor 18 cwt.: \*H. H. Healey treble, \*F. Reeves 2, B. Jarman 3, H. Golding 4, O. Baves 5, H. F. Cooper 6, A. King 7, F. Norris tenor. Conducted by H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regt.). \* First peal. Rev. R. Hart-Davis, Vicar. J. King, G. Chilton, churchwardens. Rung to celebrate the completion of 42 years as captain of the ringers of this church by Mr. F. Norris."

Touches of Grandsire Triples followed, Messrs. Jarman, King and Cooper sharing the conducting. The Defence of the Realm Act having to be obeyed, the bells were rung down in peal at 4.30 p.m., and all then adjourned to a substantial tea. Handbells were afterwards brought into use for a short time, the departure of trains being responsible for the breaking up of the party about 7 p.m.

It may be of interest to mention that six towers and three counties were represented in the peal. Messrs. Healey and Reeves belong to Tring (Herts), Jarman to Harpenden (Herts), Golding to Hemel Hempstead (Herts), Baves and Norris to the local company, King to Luton (Beds), and Cooper to Chelmsford (Essex), and all, except Mr. Healey, were once again able to meet.

## INTERCESSION SERVICE RINGING.

Next Sunday, the last day of the year, will be observed in a great many parishes as "Intercession Sunday" in connection with the war, and, as on former occasions, muffled ringing in memory of those who have fallen in the war will take place. As to the fitness of the occasion for this ringing, we have the authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the other Bishops, as expressed a year ago, for adopting Intercession Sunday for thus honouring the noble dead. The deaths of about one hundred ringers on war service have already been recorded, and doubtless there have been many more who have given up their lives, without the fact coming to the knowledge of the Exercise at large. Ringers have, therefore, a special reason for honouring the memory of the dead, for they include a great many of their own colleagues of the belfry.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREENWICH.—On Oct. 23rd, at St. Alphege Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Capt. R. Sherman, R.A.M.C., on leave from an advanced dressing station on the Somme front, with Dorothy Raffles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Raffles Brooke, of Osborne House, Formby, Lancashire, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. T. Clark 1, H. Hoskins 2, E. E. Richards 3, J. J. Lamb 4, I. G. Shade (conductor) 5, Sergt. J. Waghorn, junr. (1st E.V.R.) 6, F. W. Thornton 7, Pte G. Noakes (A.O.C.) 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Lancashire Association.—On Saturday, October 28th, at St. James' Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Cushing 1, J. Williams 2, J. E. Burles 3, T. Stuart 4, James Burrows 5, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 6.

BROXBORNE.—Herts Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for evening service, 560 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Knight 1, G. Maxim 2, G. Radley 3, J. Pulett 4, H. G. Rowe 5, W. Cavill 6, A. Darnell 7, S. Proctor (conductor) 8.

FRODSHAM.—Chester Guild.—On Oct. 29th, for evensong, 180 Plain Bob Minor: A. Jeffs 1, Miss A. Walker 2, J. E. Bibby 3, W. Bibby 4, A. Unsworth 5, T. H. Lightfoot 6.

CHESHUNT.—Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes): W. Mumford 1, O. Twist 2, H. G. Rowe 3, G. Maxim 4, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 5, S. Proctor 6, A. Darnell 7, H. Simmons 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 32nd anniversary of the founding of the Association.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, W. Sear 2, J. Mead 3, H. Morris 4, H. Sear 5, F. Hedges 6, F. Stanton (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, H. Morris 4, Sapper L. Meager, R.E. 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Hedges 8.

SWANSCOMBE.—Kent Association.—On Oct. 29th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. H. Cheeseman (conductor) 1, F. J. Ring 2, R. Smith 3, F. Hayes 4, A. Mason (Cambridge) 5, W. S. Lane 6, W. Harper 7, A. Broom 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan (first-quarter of Doubles) 2, W. Cramp 3, T. Booth 4, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 5, L. French (first-quarter) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Deritend, on the occasion of Hospital Sunday, Oct. 29th, after morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. E. Norman 1, A. Scrivins 2, E. Mansell 3, J. Porter 4, J. Neal 5, W. F. Webb (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—St. Paul's Guild, Hammersmith.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, for morning service, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, W. H. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, H. Dyas 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Jacobs.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, at St. Margaret's Church, 360 Singles, consisting of Plain Bob, Reverse, Double Court and Grandsire, by: J. Vernon 1, A. Ballard 2, J. Morris 3, Pte E. Morris (A.S.C.) 4, H. Mills 5, H. Peach 6. Rung as a welcome to Pte Ernest Morris, A.S.C., who was home on short leave from York.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 29th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Miss S. Holt 2, J. W. Holme 3, Miss A. Wolstencroft 4, J. Harrison 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Rolls 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, at H.M. Dockyard Chapel, for harvest thanksgiving service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Hooper 1, J. Woodley 2, W. Richards 3, W. Rundle 4, Pte R. Foulds 5, Walter Marsh 6, Pte W. Malins (conductor) 7, G. Kerswell 8. Also 377 Grandsire Triples: A. Kentfield 1, W. Hooper 2, Walter Marsh 3, Pte C. Mallinson 4, Pte R. Foulds 5, Pte W. Malins 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, G. Kerswell 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Rundle, with Signalman T. S. Winterbottom ringing the tenor. Pte R. Foulds and Pte C. Mallinson hail from Colne; Pte W. Malins from Rugby; Signalman T. S. Winterbottom, R.N.V.R., from Prestwick.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on January 2nd, 16th and 30th; and for handbell practice on the 11th and 25th. All at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members, who seldom attend the meetings, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 6th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. A special service at 4.30. Tea (free) to all members at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. Will all members intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 3rd?—H. Balcombe, The Priory, Appledore.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The yearly meeting of the Branch Committee will take place at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, January 6th, 1917, by kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, M.A. Ringing at the Parish Church at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at the Vicarage at 5 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 6th, 1917. Bells available from 2.30 to 5.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Annual Business meeting will be held at Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at 7.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due at this meeting, and the special attention of members whose subscriptions are in arrears is directed to Rule 5. The balance sheet and statement of accounts for year ending Nov. 30th last will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. Clement Glenn, having joined the R.N.V.R., all official communications should, for the present, be sent to the President or Hon. Treasurer.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The Honorary Secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles, having joined H.M. Forces, all communications should be sent to Mr. W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow, until further notice. Will members and others please note?

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**MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT.**

The following message reached us at Christmas from the Front, but too late for insertion in our last issue: "To wish you and all brother ringers a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—W. A. Cave."

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