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Gentlemen,

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

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

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

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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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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 Judland 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. Brundle 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, Hershaw; 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. Torworth 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 Grand sire 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; tenor 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 mediæval "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 chimes 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 ls. 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, circumspice*. 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 Shilcock, 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 peal 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 (Rayston), 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.	Change ^s .	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	28
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	5185	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. E. 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 hand-bell 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.

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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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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