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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. BUCK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

THE TIME FOR ACTION.

A correspondent asks us to bring forward again the question of reconstruction, and to suggest a scheme which could be generally adopted, as there appears to be a large number of ringing societies who have no plan of action. It is quite true and much to be regretted that many of the important ringing organisations have no definite ideas before them for re-building the practice of ringing in their particular area. Time and again we have returned to this subject in the hope of stimulating action, but peace has arrived with numerous associations content to "wait and see." Many of them, while the war was in progress, made urgent appeals to the members left at home for financial support to recoup them for the lost subscriptions of those with the Forces, but not all of these societies have prepared any organisation to re-establish their fortunes when demobilisation takes place, and those ringers, who have been spared, return again to their homes.

As we have said before, it must not be taken for granted that these men will all rush back to the belfry. The enthusiasts will, of course, do so, but there were hundreds among those who answered the call for whom the belfry had no exceptional attractions, who were, perhaps, not accomplished change-ringers, and for whom a four years' absence will have been sufficient to sever interest in the art. Yet if these men are induced to return to the Exercise they would prove a valuable addition in recruiting the ranks of ringers, and in any policy of reconstruction these are the men who ought first to be sought out. To submit, however, a general scheme of reconstruction, as our correspondent requests, is an extremely difficult task. For one reason, the conditions prevailing in different districts are certain to vary greatly, and a scheme which might answer in one place might be quite ineffectual in another.

From time to time we have made numerous suggestions which, if followed up, would, we believe, lead to a rapid restoration of the Exercise in its old position. Valuable information as to how far associations might help local bands could be obtained by ascertaining how far companies have been depleted, to what extent the standard of ringing, judged by the methods practised, has been reduced, and what steps are being taken to recruit. This seems to be the starting-point for any organised campaign, and with this information before them, associations might offer suggestions for increasing the strength of the bands, such as securing probationers from the C.E.M.S. branches, or the Men's Institutes, and similar bodies, and by providing instructors to help these beginners rapidly into the interesting paths of the art. It would be here

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MODERN WORK

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

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Dear Sirs,

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

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

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that the value of a lantern lecture on bells and ringing would be found useful in creating interest.

Then, too, the associations should organise those invaluable combined practices among adjacent towers, which have proved so successful wherever they have been systematically held, and a larger number of district meetings, all of which are inducements to ringers to take a still greater interest in their pursuit. These are some of the directions in which effort can be made, and our correspondent adds two others which are well worthy of consideration, viz., prizes or certificates for regular Sunday service ringing, and certificates to members who ring their first peal. Many other methods of bringing in members and increasing their interest will suggest themselves to those anxious to see progress made, and we are quite certain that much good will be done by discussing the subject at meetings. But there is no time to waste.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

CHARLES FAULKS Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
GILBERT GUEST 2	JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR. 7
JOHN GOODMAN, SENR. 3	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
BENJAMIN GOUGH 5	WILLIAM MEEK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR.

The above peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the new Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A., whose Institution and Induction to the Vicariate of Dudley took place on the previous Thursday evening.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

WM. RHODES Treble	EDWARD CRABTREE 5
FRITH HOPWOOD 2	WM. A. HUDSON 6
WM. CLARK 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
GEORGE BRITTON 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON.

Rung in celebration of the birth of a son to the Conductor.

The ringer of the 2nd belongs to Bolton, the rest to Birstal.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM BATEMAN Treble	GEORGE T. LEADER 5
GEORGE MARTIN, R.E. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GLADYS BATEMAN 3	GEORGE ALDER 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4	HENRY BARNEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

An 'Armistice Peal,' rung for the parish and town of Burnham, on the 61st birthday of the Steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Alder.

Mr. Henley's first peal of Grandsire as Conductor. The tenor man kindly came up at short notice to fill a gap in the band caused by the illness of the Composer.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. E.

*ROBERT EVANS 5	... Treble	RICHARD JONES 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2		LEONARD HEWITT 6
JAMES L. YORK 3		WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
ALBERT WOODVINE 4		JACK ASTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest sympathy for all who have fallen during the Great War.

C. R. Lilley hails from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and A. Woodvine from Malinslee: the others belong to the local band.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD E. DODD 5	... Treble	ARTHUR DEAN 5
ALFRED H. DOBINSON 2		EDWARD HULL 6
HENRY BOXALL 3		*JOHN WHITE 7
JOHN HOYLE 4		ALBERT P. DIXON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WHITE.*

* The conductor's 50th peal.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

*FRANK SPENCER 5	... Treble	ARTHUR MACKEERS 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 2		THOMAS SQUIRES 6
WILLIAM E. WHITE 3		R. HARRY BARTRAM 7
THOMAS H. KIRKBY 4		WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by R. HARRY BARTRAM.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sergeant A. J. Wagstaffe (a member of the local band), who died on active service in Syria, October 22nd, 1918, and to Miss Dorothy White (a member of the Cotgrave band), who died November 9th, 1918.

The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 6th and Tenor are from Cotgrave, 2nd from Orston, 5th from Long Bennington, 7th from Melton Mowbray and the treble from Radcliffe-on-Trent.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

*HERBERT W. BISHOP 5	... Treble	THOMAS RICKETTS 5
ERNEST BISHOP 2		THOMAS ROBINSON 6
ROBERT W. HYNER 3		SIDNEY PALMER 7
DENNIS W. JACKSON 4		CHARLES J. GARDINER Tenor

Composed by A. E. RIDGEWAY.

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEAL.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS LILLY GEARY 4	... Treble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2		*ANDREW BLAXLEY 5
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 3		WALTER T. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal.

This is the first peal to be rung in Northamptonshire to celebrate the signing of the Armistice. It was also rung 'in memoriam' to Cpl. Frank Andrew, a much respected member of the local band, who fell in action in the battle of Cambrai on November 30th, 1917, and was originally attempted on the anniversary of this date.

The ringer of the treble is one of the four ladies who nobly came forward to make up the Sunday service band and who started ringing exactly twelve months ago.

HANDBELL PEAL.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 4th, 1918, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. CHAD'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores with ten different callings.

*WILLIAM F. STOCKDALE ... 1-2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 3-4
*WILLIAM C. BROOKES ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire: R. ROBINSON.

* First handbell peal, also first by the Guild and Society and the first rung in Shropshire.

LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had intended to have taken no part in the 'Lead End' controversy till I was able to make the full statement I promised, but I have just been reading Mr. Davies' letter in your issue of October 25th, and to pass away a few minutes (in hospital), I will just note one or two points. I say 'without reserve' that the committee was not justified in calling certain methods illegitimate because they do not have the regulation lead ends. If Mr. Clayton's saying this 'fairly takes away Mr. Davies' breath,' perhaps my saying it will have such a paralysing effect that he will cease to write any more nonsense. I have said it now unteens times, as witness my article of September 20th, but Mr. Davies never reads what he does not want to know. But all this does not in the slightest alter the case for the Bob Major Lead Ends. It will be quite time for Mr. Davies to boast that he has 'proved' that no advantage is gained when he has first understood what Bob Major Lead Ends really are. I have already explained it I know not how many times, but Mr. Davies will not read explanations. I say once more that these lead ends are not selected out of other sets because they are better, but because of natural law they are the natural lead ends of each and every method, and if Mr. Thompson's theory of q sets is true, then these lead ends must be the only natural ones of every round bob.

Now for Mr. Davies' last 'incontestably true' facts. His figures all form unalterable blocks. Do they? What of the following:—

1234765	1324765
1327456	1327456
3124765	3124765
3217456	3217456
2371546	2371546

These two are different, and both are Grandsire.—Yours truly,

B.E.F., France, Nov. 12th, 1918. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor: Geo. Pound 1. Tom Mannering 2. L. Mannering (first 720 with an inside bell) 3. G. Edwards 4. G. Haddaway 5. C. H. Soutz (conductor) 6. Specially arranged for G. Edwards, the bells not having been rung for over twelve months.

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COMING ANNIVERSARIES.

If the Royal Cumberland Youths should be looking for an engagement at Christmas, they might well celebrate the 160th anniversary of a peal of 5400 Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung by the society at West Ham on December 27th, 1758.

On the 30th inst., the Kent Association will have the opportunity of celebrating the 180th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire rung at Wye in the year 1738.

BELL RESTORATION AT SHAUGH PRIOR.

The fine ring of six bells at Shaugh Prior, Devon, has not been rung for over six years owing to the dilapidated and dangerous state of the beams and frames. The bells were cast by Pennington, of Cornwall, in 1769, and the tenor which weighs 17 cwt., was recast in 1886 by John Warner, of London. The sweet sounds of the bells were, however, heard again on Sunday week, after complete restoration by Messrs. W. and J. Augett, of Chingford. The bells have been rehung in an iron frame with empty pits for two new bells to complete the octave, which it is hoped may be provided at an early date. The frame rests upon steel ridders, and the bells are hung on adjustable bearings. Numerous ringers were present at the opening, and all were well pleased with the work and the easy-going of the bells.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at St. Helen's Church, Worcester, on Saturday week, and proved both successful and enjoyable, although one would have liked to see a larger attendance. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Price) kindly arranged a service, and at the conclusion entertained those present to tea in the Church House, in which the business meeting was held, the Rector taking the chair. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the branch secretary, the general secretary (Mr. J. R. Newman) acted in his place.—It was decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at St. Helen's, the conductor to be Mr. W. C. Jones, and that the next quarterly meeting be held at Powick, in February.

The branch secretary having had the misfortune of losing both his sons, the last having recently been killed in France, it was resolved to send him the meeting's sincere sympathy.

The branch officers being all re-elected, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Price, and to the organist at the service.

The bells at St. Helen's Church are a very nice peal of eight by Richard Sanders, 1706, and bear inscriptions commemorative of Marlborough's victories, some of which, as will be remembered, were fought on a portion of the same ground as the late war.

Thanks to the removal of restrictions, they were kept going in various methods after the conclusion of the meeting.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, a meeting of the Herts Association was held at Bushey and Oxhey. The proceedings commenced at Oxhey at three o'clock, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At five o'clock the members went on to Bushey, where the bells were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the Institute, Bushey, 30 members and friends attending.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Hall), supported by the Rev. H. Richardson (curate), Messrs. E. Head and L. Wilkinson (churchwardens), G. Cartmel (general secretary of the Association), W. H. Oram (secretary of the Middlesex Association), and members from Watford, Tring, Oxhey, Stanmore, and Bushey.—The Rector welcomed the Association to Bushey, and spoke of the loss the Association, and especially Bushey, had sustained in the death of Mr. B. Prewett, who was one of the finest ringers he had known.—It was resolved that the sympathy and condolence of the meeting be entered in the minute book.—Letters were read from Mrs. Staver, Mrs. Prewett and Mr. J. Prewett, thanking the members for their sympathy in their great loss.

Berkhampstead was selected for the next meeting, and the following new members were elected: Mr. W. H. Oram, of Harrow (tring member); Mr. G. A. Hughes, junr. (Stanmore); Mr. S. French (Oxhey); Messrs. W. H. Prior, E. Dalton, F. Dalton, A. Ashby, E. Ashby (Bushey); and J. Holland (Watford) were elected probationers.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Bushey and the Vicar of Oxhey for the use of the bells, and Mr. Edwards spoke of the pleasure which he and Mr. Smith as secretaries felt at the presence of such a large number of members and friends. They felt they were fully repaid for the trouble they had taken in arranging the meeting.—Mr. Oram and Mr. Cartmel replied, the latter stating that he could see no reason why among the young ringers present there should not be some like Bertram Prewett, who was his greatest friend, for he was a straight man and a splendid ringer.

On the motion of Mr. F. Smith, seconded by Mr. Edwards, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Hurford for her kindness and hard work in providing such a fine tea.

Afterwards the members went back to the lower, and ringing was kept up until 8.30, when a most pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

COMMEMORATIVE BATTLE BELLS.

WORCESTER PEAL RECALLS OLD CAMPAIGN.

It is particularly interesting at the present moment to recall the inscriptions on the bells at St. Helen's, Worcester, where the Western Branch meeting of the Worcestershire Association was held on Saturday week. The bells were cast by Richard Sanders in 1708, and commemorate Marlborough's victories. Perhaps we may find similarly commemorative inscriptions placed on some of the bells which will be rung to celebrate our triumphs in the way that has just closed. The inscriptions at St. Helen's are as follow:—

- Treble.—First is my note, and Blenheim is my name.
For Blenheim's story will be first in fame.
2nd.—Let me relate how Louis did bemoan
His grandson's Philip's flight from Barcelona.
3rd.—Deluged in blood I, Ramilies, advance
Britannia's glory in the fall of France.
4th.—St. Menin on my side engraved be,
And Flanders freed from Gullie slavery.
5th.—When in harmonious peal I roundly go,
Think of Turin and Triumphs of the Po.
6th.—With joy I hear the illustrious Eugene's name,
Fav'rite of Fortune and the boast of Fame.
7th.—But I with pride the greater Marlborough hear,
Terror of Tyrants and the soul of war.
Tenor.—T' immortal praises of Queen Anne I sound,
With union blest and all these glories crowned.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Western District was held in Bristol on Saturday last at the Church of SS. Phillip and Jacob. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and shortly after that time Miss E. K. Parker unexpectedly arrived, which added to the pleasure of all present. A number of the ladies who were accustomed to six-bell ringing had an opportunity of practising Grandsire Triples, and six others took part in a touch of Stedman Triples. A service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. M. Thorold, and an interesting address was given by him, the text being taken from the 2nd Epistle of St. Peter, 3rd chapter, 13th verse.

A move was then made to the Schoolroom, where an excellent tea was served by Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Smith and Miss Ray, the party numbering about 40, of which 26 were ladies from Bristol, Paulton and Portishead.

A short business meeting followed, Miss Parker presiding.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Weston-super-Mare.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Smith, and to Miss Parker for taking the chair.

The belfry was again visited, and the last touch was one of Cambridge Surprise Major, beautifully struck by seven Bristol gentlemen and one London lady.

At 7.30, a handbell entertainment, kindly arranged by Mr. H. F. Howell, was given in the Schoolroom by 'Bristol's Own Lady Handbell Ringers.' The programme consisted of well known tunes, and was much enjoyed by all. A course of Stedman Cinques by six change-ringers brought the very enjoyable proceedings to an end.

AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE.

RINGER'S MARCH THROUGH DEVASTATED WAR ZONE.

Signaller J. A. Trollope, who is now at a base in France, gives the following most interesting story of his recent experiences, in a letter to a friend:—

'I was for a time on a fixed front at a place which had an evil name for shelling. We used to get it hot and strong, day and night, and one did not walk about for pleasure. The place was lined with guns on one side, and where there were guns there old Fritz used to strafe. Still, if my quocot could not keep out shells, (Heaven be thanked, he never hit it squarely, though he was within a yard or two a good deal over a hundred times), it would keep out rain, and, as I was there some five months we had fixed up comparative comforts. Then we got orders to move, and ever since we have been engaged in open warfare, hard marching, hard working, hard fighting. Sometimes we had cover to sleep under, sometimes we had not; clothes on for a week or two together; wet through and no change or means of drying. The first part was through the old battlefield, the most horrible and desolate place in the old world, a dreadful tangle of battered trenches, shell holes, barbed wire, with smashed debris of all sorts and a sickening stench of dead bodies. Where there were villages there are now mere heaps of battered bricks, not one on another. Then when we got the Boche fairly on the run the marching was long and killing. You don't go just straight forward, but backwards and forwards, in and out of the line till you cover hundreds of miles, and full marching order (with a few additions) is sheer agony to a man like me of small physical strength, and well on into middle age. I stood it as long as I could—longer than I ought, for I was due for leave, and did not want to complicate it by going into hospital. But I got to the limit at last, and on the day that the Armistice was signed, when we were just by the side of Mons, I croaked up and had to be carried to a dressing station on a stretcher. From there they sent me down to the base where I am now.

ARMISTICE TOUCHES.

CHESTERFIELD.—The signing of the armistice was celebrated by the ringing of the bells at the Parish Church during the afternoon and evening. Touches in various methods were brought round, and the bells were 'fired' at intervals. The following ringers took part:—Messrs. Knights, Thyng, Allwood, Nuttall, Jacobs, Savage, Bennett, Thompson and Hollis, and Mr. Coles, of London. In the evening a long length of Bob Major, and on the Saturday following a peal of Major (which has been duly recorded) were rung to celebrate the event, both being conducted by Mr. Knights.

WILLEHALL, STAFFS.—The bells at St. Giles', Willenhall, were rung and 'fired' on Armistice Day, by Mr. Webb (churchwarden), Mr. Edmund Vaughan (of the local Food Committee), Mr. Geo. Wolverson (past warden), F. W. Porrens, R.A.F., C. Waitlater, E. Horton, A. E. Read, W. E. Wathen, H. Fox, W. Wathen, junr., R. Davis, J. Evans, H. Pearson, and the Rev. Harford. The ringers also attended the thanksgiving service in the evening, for which they rung.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Monday, Nov. 11th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. G. Naish 1, R. Whittington 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, J. Howes (conductor) 4, R. J. Dawe 5, C. Slade 6, J. N. Frossell 7, J. Chandler 8.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 11th, the bells were 'fired' and short touches of Bob Doubles rung by: W. Miller, junr., 1, W. Miller, senr., 2, C. Lovett 3, W. G. Critchmer 4, H. W. Critchmer 5, N. Miller 6.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On November 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1266 changes): G. Thompson 1, R. T. Evans 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Martin 4, R. Edwards 5, G. Williams 6, E. Jones (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 24th, for Divine service in the evening, 672 Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, A. H. Winch 4, E. Jones 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

AT LIVERPOOL.

On Monday, Nov. 11th, at mid-day, the bells of the Municipal Buildings were rung, and during the day the peals at the Churches of St. Nicholas and Walton-on-the-Hill were also rung.—On Tuesday, November 12th, on the occasion of the thanksgiving service, which was attended by the Lord Mayor, councillors and other representative citizens, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, and the full peal of twelve were also rung in 'Queen's,' and 'fired' both before and after service.

On Thursday, November 14th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, but was lost through a rope breaking. Afterwards a quarter-peal in the same method was brought round.—On Sunday, November 17th, at the same church, both for morning and evening service, the bells were rung in touches of Stedman Triples, by ringers from various churches in the city at the express wish of the Vicar. These bells have not been rung for five years previous to this; nor, judging by the appearance of the belfry, had anyone entered therein during this period. It is hoped now that the war is over a hand will be formed by this church, and that ringing will be resumed there with as much success as in former years.

The ringers that took part in ringing at the various towers during the week were: H. Counce, W. Davies, G. Fisher, W. Fisher, J. Megan, J. Lamb, G. R. Newton, H. H. Barker, J. Martin, T. Gilmore, J. Wilkinson, J. W. Bell, H. Ludkin, E. J. Brooks (Kidderminster), W. Booth, G. Woodhall, H. Fyles, E. Breese, R. Walker, S. Stewart, J. Turner, W. Hughes, H. Harrison, F. S. Macey (Sittingbourne), and J. Elton.

VOLLEYS FOR 'THE BOYS.'

At Workson, on Sunday, October 20th, on the occasion of a visit by Miss Winifred Hague, of Rotherham, 224 of Grandsire Triples, 224 of Bob Major and 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major, by the following:—Miss W. Hague, R. Wright, H. Weaver, H. Cartwright, E. Clark, A. Johnson, W. Roberts, S. Eastland, J. T. Wilson, G. Hardwick, W. Haigh (conductor).

On Armistice Day, November 11th, 360 of Bob Minor, 224 and 168 of Grandsire Triples: the bells were also fired at intervals (in nine volleys each) for the King and Royal Family, Mr. Lloyd George, Presidents Wilson and Clemenceau, Marshal Foch, Sir Douglas Haig, and all the other leading Generals and Kings and Presidents of the Allied Nation, and Dominions. The boys in blue, together with the Naval Flying Corps, were not forgotten. 'Volleys' were also given for Serjeant W. H. Johnson (wounded), Sergt. Tom Anderson, Cadet A. Beck, Wireless Operator S. C. Walker, and Pte. Tom Bartholomew, all members of the Priory company, whose naval and military duties prevented their attendance. Volleys were also fired for the fighting lads of Workson, including Christopher Peck and George H. Haigh (Conductor) formerly members of the company. On Sunday, December 1st, and Monday, Dec. 2nd, 1008 of Grandsire Triples and 360 Bob Minor were rung to honour the departure of Horace Weaver, who is leaving Workson for Wigan. He is a promising young ringer of 15 summers, who by dint of hard work and assiduous perseverance can ring six and eight bells in four methods. He is a most popular colleague and obliging in every way. In a few well-chosen remarks, the conductor of the ringers (Mr. H. Haigh) wished him good luck and 'God-speed' in his new sphere of employment.

THE LATE PTE. W. J. NEW.

By the death, in Salonica (as reported in our issue of November 8th), of Pte. W. J. New, 25th Durham Light Infantry, the Exercise has lost a most enthusiastic member. He was one of those young men (writes a correspondent), that set an excellent example in the districts where change ringing is very little practised, and he showed what perseverance will attain. He was taught to ring by his father (the village blacksmith), at Leigh, Dorset. Not content with 'stoney' ringing, he soon learnt the rudiments of change ringing, and taught the local band the art. After serving his apprenticeship (as a gardener) he moved to Bevercech, and there he assisted the ringers. Thence he went to Dublin, which gave him the opportunity he longed for. He joined the Cathedral band, and under the guidance of that postmaster (Mr. G. Lindoff) he soon scored his first peal, this being Stedman Caters on St. Patrick's Day, 1902. He also became proficient on twelve bells. His stay in Ireland was about two years, and during that time he visited all the churches with bells he possibly could. Returning to Dorset he used to visit several of the towers, especially the villages where 'stoney' was rung, to introduce change ringing. He next went to Mdhurst, where he rang peals of Minor in the Treble Bob Methods, and greatly assisted the local band. From there he moved to Panshanger and Lawin Waters (Herts) and conducted peals of Doubles, finally going to Isleworth where the lamented Bertram Prewett called his (Mr. J. New's) first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. He also rang in the first William peal of 'Stedman Triples.' He was a member of the Salisbury, Middlesex, Sussex, Herts, Royal Cumberland and Irish Associations, for all of which he had rung peals. As a gardener he took the greatest interest in flower and plant life and everything appertaining to the great architecture of the universe. While in Salonica he sent bulbs and specimens of plants to the Royal Horticultural Society. As a dear friend of nearly 20 years I could not let pass his death in his country's cause, without paying a tribute to his memory, and as a brother ringer I always kept in touch with him and rang with him whenever possible. He was a great reader, and loved good works, and the county of Dorset, with its beautiful scenery, was always dear to him. He held advanced views, and his high standard of living was all that could be desired, and won him the greatest respect and love. The ringing world is infinitely poorer by his death, but he has left us an example of a life well spent.

The Vicar of Leigh (the Rev. T. L. Jenkins), himself a ringer, writes of him: 'It was in the little Church of Leigh that he learnt the elements of the art which he so dearly loved, and in which he afterwards became such a proficient. He was very patient as an instructor as I can testify. I should like to say more about his consistent life as a Churchman; he was never satisfied without moving others to church. I never missed him more than the afternoon when we had the greatest difficulty in getting a scratch team together to ring the bells in celebration of the signing of the armistice, and, we trust, the beginning of the peace of the world, for which we have prayed so hard and fought so long. We have lost five of our ringers, three of them in the war, and the last, Willie New, who died after over two years of active service at Salonica, on October 19th, 1918. R.I.P.'

SOLDIERS' 720's AT DOVER.

Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob have been rung at Dover by members of H.M. Forces. The first was at St. Mary's Church on Nov. 29th, by: Corpl. Saywell, 1st. Vol. Bata. Buffs. 1; Pte. G. W. Inskip, Royal Fusiliers, 2; Pte. A. E. Sharman, Royal Fusiliers 3; Sergt. W. H. C. Mellin, R.A.F., 4; Corpl. H. Price, A.P.C., 5; Gunner W. Welling, R.G.A. (conductor), 6; Bdr. G. Herbert, R.G.A., tenor covering.

The second was at St. James's new church, on Saturday, Nov. 30th: Pte. J. W. Harrison, Labour Corps, 1; Pte. G. W. Inskip, Royal Fusiliers, 2; Sergt. W. H. P. Mellin, R.A.F., 3; Pte. A. E. Sharman, Royal Fusiliers, 4; Corpl. H. Price, A.P.C., 5; Gunner W. Welling, R.G.A. (conductor), tenor. This is believed to be the first 720 in the method on the bells.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Monday, Nov. 11th, after a thanksgiving service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following Sunday service ringers: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Simmouls 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at SS Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday, Nov. 17th, for the thanksgiving service: A. Shoppard 1, C. P. Oliver 2, W. O. Porter 3, Sergt. H. L. Garfath (Royal Air Force) 4, J. H. Seock 5, W. J. Fuller 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, C. Prior 8.

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TWO DEVON PEALS TO BE RINGED.

Messrs. W. and J. Aggett, bell hangers, of Chagford, Devon, have received instructions to rehang the bells of Highweek, near Newton Abbot, in iron frames, etc., and augment them to a peal of eight. They have also orders to rehang the peal of six at Kingsteignton, near Newton Abbot, and recast the tenor, which has been cracked for several years.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the Old Church, Smethwick, on Saturday week. The bells were available from 3.30, and the ringers also took part in the beautiful Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Astbury), who also gave a very interesting address on St. Andrew's Day. At the close of the service, an adjournment was made to the churchroom where a bountiful tea was in readiness for those members present, much regret being expressed at the small number who attended to do justice to the good things provided, through the kindness of the Misses Pigott and Mr. J. Pigott.

At the business meeting, over which Canon Astbury presided, the Secretary made special reference to the loss the Guild had sustained, and especially the Sedgley band, by the sudden death of Mr. William Mills, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence and sympathy be sent from the meeting to the widow and family, the resolution being passed in silence by the members standing.

Three life members and one performing member were added to the roll, and the next meeting, which is the annual, will be held at Dudley.

At the close, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service in church, and presiding at the meeting; also for the use of the tower and bells and churchroom; also to the Misses S. and K. Pigott and Mr. J. Pigott for the bountiful tea provided; for their services in waiting upon the members, and for making the necessary arrangements.

Afterwards the bells were kept going merrily during the evening.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

THERINGTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Jennings 1, W. J. Hazell 2, J. Bowell 3, W. J. Nevard 4, G. A. Andrews (conductor) 5, G. Lancaster 6. Also 720 Double Court: G. Jennings 1, W. J. Hazell 2, J. Bowell 3, G. Lancaster 4, G. A. Andrews (conductor) 5, W. J. Nevard 6; and a touch of Kent Treble Bob. After service, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, W. J. Nevard conducting. G. Lancaster hails from Swindon; W. J. Hazell, Lower Edmonton, London, and were paying a visit to their old district. The rest of the company belong to Therington, Great Bentley, Great Bramley, and Tendring.

YORK.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service, at the Minster, 594 Grandsire Cinques: T. Haigh 1, F. Earnshaw 2, Percy Johnson (Leeds) 3, P. Firth 4, E. Rickitt 5, G. Horner 6, Sergt. E. Morr's (Leicester), conductor, 7, J. Thompson 8, A. C. Fearney 9, T. Hodgson 10, A. Haigh 11, W. Ayre and H. Ineson 12.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on August 28th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Miss Annie Brown (first quarter) 1, John Thomas (Edmonton) 2, W. Lewis 3, E. Guise (conductor) 4, E. J. Brown 5, F. Tyler 6, H. Way 7, F. Harris 8. Arranged for Miss Annie Brown, to celebrate her 19th birthday.

CHICHESTER, KENT.—On Friday, August 30th, at 68, White Horse Hill, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: David Brett Smith 1, R. B. Smith (conductor) 2, Jack B. Smith (first 720) 3, P. B. Smith 4, T. B. Smith 5, C. B. Smith 6.—On Sept. 10th, 720 Bob Minor: D. B. Smith 1, P. B. Smith 2, Jack B. Smith 3, C. B. Smith 4, T. B. Smith 5, R. B. Smith (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, 720 Bob Minor: David B. Smith 1, P. B. Smith 2, R. B. Smith (conductor) 3—4, T. B. Smith 5, C. B. Smith 6. Rung in celebration of the 12th birthday of Cyril Brett Smith.

OLD WINDSOR.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, Sunday, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Guttridge 1, G. H. Guttridge 2, A. Mason (first quarter as conductor) 3, Pte. W. Burden 4, W. Henley 5, A. Blake 6, Gunner W. Welling 7, J. Burt 8. Composed by the late Mr. Geo. Watson, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, 720 Bob Minor, for Matins: Miss Alice Preston 1, W. C. Lawrence 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, E. E. Johnson 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, C. Preston 6. This was Miss Preston's first 720 away from her own tower. It was also the first 720 on Norton bells in which a lady has taken part.

SHREWSBURY (SALOE) GUILD.—On September 1st, on the occasion of a visit by Mr. J. E. Sykes, 168 of Stedman Triples: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, W. Brooks 2, G. Scarratt 3, J. E. Sykes 4, W. Stockdale 5, C. R. Lilley 6, A. E. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8. Also three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major, 180 Grandsire Caters: W. Brooke 1, G. Byolin 2, G. Scarratt 3, W. Stockdale 4, Pte. F. Taylor 5, G. Jones 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, A. Fullick 8, J. E. Sykes 9, H. Jones 10. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, W. Brooks 2, G. Scarratt 3, C. R. Lilley 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8, 280 Kent Treble Bob Triples: G. Scarratt 1, G. Byolin 2, W. Brooks 3, G. Jones 4, W. Stockdale 5, A. Fullick 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

NOTICES.

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

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., The Laurels, West Hill, Hitchin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson), at West Ealing, on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 2.30. Short service at 5; tea at 6 o'clock, followed by further ringing. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 14th, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1673.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on December 17th, at 7.30 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Great Chart on Saturday, December 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, Saturday, December 21st, at 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Field, W.C., on Saturday, December 21st, 1918. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea, if necessaries can be obtained. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Matlock on Saturday, December 21st. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8), tenor 20 cwt., available from 2.30 until 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Men's Club, Weetwood Lane (only cups of tea provided); business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells available all the afternoon. Business meeting, 4 o'clock. St. John's bells, Cardiff, available from 10 to 3 and from 7 to 9.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A.; and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at East Retford on Boxing Day, December

26th, when the bells of East Retford (10), Ordsall (6), West Retford (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to members of kindred associations to attend, and it is hoped to have a good attendance of members present of the Army and Navy who are having their Christmas leave.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

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GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 8th, for evensong, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Haigh 1, V. Rowland 2, Q.-M.-S. W. Cave (conductor) 3, Miss E. M. Goodship 4, Sapper T. Bartholomew 5, W. Easter 6, Corpl. E. J. Ridler 7, S. Figgess 8. Also short touch of Grandsire, conducted by W. Haigh.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Sunday, Sept. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: Ellis Credland 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, W. Dickenson 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Torr 7, Walter Ayre (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. Rung us a farewell to the conductor, who was leaving the district for London.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 8th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cater (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: S. Dawe 1, J. Harris 2, W. Bolton 3, W. Biss 4, F. Chamberlain 5, H. Page (Feutre) 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Aldridge 8, W. Coombes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

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