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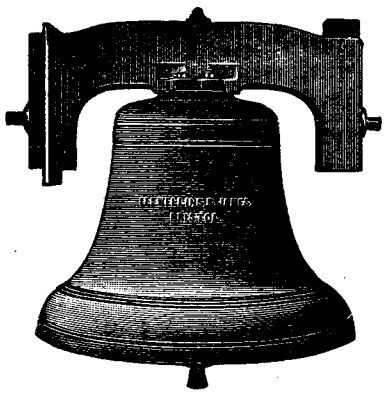
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RESTORATION AT BRISTOL.

Good Work by Messrs. Llewellins and James.

The bells of SS. Philip and Jacob Church, Bristol, for many years practically unringable, have at last been put into going order. The work was entrusted to the local firm of Messrs. Llewellins and James, who have quite satisfactorily carried out the work given to them. It included the re casting of the tenor; the re-hanging of the 8 bells with entirely new fittings in a new cast iron "A" shaped frame on steel girders. This work has elicited the entire approval of the Rector, Churchwardens, Musical Expert, and the Ringers. The re-cast bell, the weight of which is 20 cwt., has been designed and tuned on the most improved Simpson formulae, and has been much admired. The estimate of the completed work came to about £350. The recast tenor bell is a great improvement on the old one; the tone is of good quality, and quite one of the best bells ever turned out by the firm. Its mellowness was freely commented upon, with the remark that the bell was a splendid finish to a good peal of bells, which are Bilbies, dated 1739. The 6th was re-cast by Messrs. Llewellins and James in 1884.

The dedication service took place on Wednesday, Jan. 20th. The Rector (Rev. M. E. Thorold), conducted the service, at which a good congregation came to listen to the Bishop of the diocese, who set his impress upon the completed work by dedicating the new bell and making reference to the use of bells in connection with worship. For his address the Bishop based his discourse on Psalm cxxii. verse 1: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." During the course of his address he called attention to the value of Church attendance, and asked them to come at the sound of the bells. Let the bells of the Church speak to them as a call from God to gather in His House, to get some fresh inspiration for the common task. Let the bells speak to them as the voice of one who said "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." The Bishop pronounced the Blessing at the close of the service.

As the congregation were leaving the Church, the bells were being rung to a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. F. G. May, and were afterwards going in various methods until a late hour. The following Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was successfully rung, and appears in its proper place. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and taking the work as a whole, it is well and truly completed to the satisfaction of critical ears and eyes. The ringers themselves are well satisfied with the result of the work entrusted to Messrs. Llewellins and James, which reflects with credit upon the workmen employed by them.

8, Bowry Road, Clifton, Bristol.
January 26th, 1915

To Messrs. Llewellins and James, Ltd.,
Bell Founders, Castle Green, Bristol.

Dear Sirs,—In coneection with the dedication and re-opening of the bells of SS. Phillip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, I am very pleased to say that the work you have completed—both in regard to rehanging the bells in a new iron frame, and the re-casting of the tenor bell—has passed a severe test. No doubt it will be very gratifying to you to know that from a practical ringer's point of view your work is all that can be desired, and is well and truly completed to ihe satisfaction of experienced and critical ringers. The tenor is a most beantiful bell, being of soft, mellow tone, and gives the necessary finish to the peal to raise it from passably good, to very good. The ringers who were invited under my direction to test the bells are one and all well satisfied with your work, which reflects with credit upon the workmen employed by you.

To complete the test, we rang a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturdy last, in 3 hours 15 minutes, and met again on Sunday evening and rang for three-quarters of an hour without the bells needing any attention. This should satisfy everybody concerned. Yours faithfully, F. G. May.

Past Master, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.

On a recent Sunday evening, the ringers who took part in the ringing of the bells at SS. Philip and Jacob Church, Bristol, prior to the dedication service, met at the Priory Restaurant, St. Augustine's, with other ringing friends, to the number of 21, to have a dinner and spend an enjoyable evening together. The handbells, songs, etc., from some of the ringers, and a fine entertainment given by a Minstrel Troupe invited for the occasion, gave great pleasure. The thanks of the company were extended to the donors of the feast (Messrs. Llewellins and James and Mr. F. G. May). The latter, in replying to a vote of thanks, said the company was increased to the number present from the small number who had taken part in the ringing at St. Philip and Jacob Church, to enable the men who frequently met for ringing to have a good time together. He was glad every one appeared to have enjoyed themselves, which was gratifying, because it clearly proved the unanimity existing among them.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Bells of Wendover Restored.

The bells of the ancient church of St. Mary the Virgin, Wendover, Bucks, have, with the tower, recently been restored, and the peal, origfnally five in number, augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, the whole forming a permanent memorial to the valuable ministration of the late Vicar, who, after many years of faithful service, passed away, to the great regret of all in Wendover and district. Sunday, January 31st, was the day chosen for the dedication ceremony, the ringing arrangements being entrusted to Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, who, with other members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, arrived at the Church at the appointed time, and found that their esteemed friend the Bishop of Buckingham, the Right Rev. E. D Shaw, formerly Vicar of High Wycombe, had already arrived. The usual morning service proceeded, with special Psalms and Lessons. Then followed the dedication of the bells by the Bishop, and the ringing of a few

rounds during the recession to the chancel, and a stirring address, in which the Bishop spoke of the origin of the bells and the value of the message they bring, alluding particularly to the fact that those he had just dedicated would ever connete the memory of him whose labours for that Church had been so faithfully done.

The service concluded with the National Anthem, heartily sung by a full congregation (amongst whom were many of the Nation's new army) As the people dispersed the ringers first rang two 120s of Stedman Doubles, and then a 720 of Bob Minor. Thus ended the morning's work. In the afternoon, after a christening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles, a 360 of Bob Minor and a course of Kent Treble Bob was rung. For evening service a first-rate 720 of Bob Minor and the lowering of the bells in peal concluded the ringing, which was much enjoyed.

The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. It included the casting of a new treble bell, recasting another, and rehanging the whole in an entirely new iron frame. The work has been carried out most efficiently, and it gives entire satisfaction. The founders were represented at the dedication by Messrs. J. Thomas and W. J. Hazell, who took part in the ringing. The visitors were hospitably entertained by Churchwarden Adams to dinner, and by Sidesman E. Sharp to tea, to whom thanks are due, as well as to the respected Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Sharpe, for the welcome accorded.

It is hoped that a band of change-ringers may be formed as the result of the above proceedings. The visiting ringers included Messrs. J. W. Wilkins, G. Twitchen, and F. Hayes (of High Wycombe), W. Coles and W. Goodchild (West Wycombe), and P. W. Wilkins (Bledlow). These rang for the opening and also the 720 for evening service. Messrs. Thomas and Hazell assisted in a 720 and 360, the latter being conducted by F. Hayes; the other ringing by J. Wilkins and G. Twitchen.

SOCIETY OF ST. PATRICK'S, COLERAINE.

The twenty-second annual general meeting of this Society was held on Friday, January 22nd, in the Vestry Room of St. Patrick's Church. The Rev. Canon Dudley presided, and the attendance included: Misses L. Given, L. Bethel, F. M'Lernon, C. Lowry, N. M'Grath, Messrs. T. Glenn, R. Grainger, and J. Bishop (Hon. Secretary). The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Hon. Secretary read his report as follows: "During the past year the bells have been rung for all the Sunday services, and a wedding peal was rung at the marriage of two of our members, Mr. J. K. M'Candless and Miss Alice Hunter. The customary muffled peal was rung at the close of the year, when for the first time two of our lady members, Miss Given and Miss L. Lowry, rang in a muffled peal. The ladies have taken a very active part in all the ringing, as from several causes the men have been prevented from ringing. Our steeplekeeper, Stewart Leighton, has been called to the colours, and is now at the front serving his King and country. We wish him a speedy and safe return. During his absence the bells are carefully looked after by R. Grainger, acting steeplekeeper pro tem. For some weeks the tenor bell has not been rung, as it has not been running true; it and several of the others have got off the level, and will require to be rehung. We do not expect this will entail a big outlay, and hope to have them in good running order soon again."

Mr. Glenn moved the adoption of the report, and also the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance in hand. Mr. Bishop was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. A letter was read from Miss Perry resigning the conductorship of the ladies' band owing to her residiag in Portrush, and the Hon. Secretary was authorised to write and express the regret of the Society, and to thank her for her past services. The conductors were elected as follows: Miss L. Given, Messrs. T. Glenn and F. M'Lergunn. Misses Tanner, M. Smith, and M. Eccles were elected members. It was left to Rev. Canon Dudley and Mr. J. Bishop to see that the repairs to the bells were carried out satisfactorily by A. Thompson. Practices were arranged to be held on Friday evenings at 7.30.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. Armiger Trollope.

Odd and Even Bell Methods (*Continued*).

We saw last week that in a Method on the Plain Principle the path of the Hunt makes a symmetrical diagram with the lines drawn through the Lead Ends and half Lead Ends. We also saw that you can add a second Hunt equal and similar in all respects to the first, and that these two make a similar and equally symmetrical diagram. And further, that the space left for the Working Bell is the same in size and position in each case. The next step is obvious. Fill up the vacant space with the same work and you will have the same Method.

The following are the rows which come in the triangle C D F in the first lead of the plain course of Double Norwich:—

2345678
436587
35678
6587
578
87
7

And the following are the rows which come in the triangle C F E:—

2
24
423
2436
42635
243658
4263857

Write down these same figures in the triangles O P S and O R S. You get:—

BA2345678
B2A436587
2B4A35678
24B3A6587
423B6A578
2436B5A87
42635B8A7
243658B7A
4263857BA

The second half of the lead is the duplicate of this, and the whole pulls before and behind are made at the Lead End and half lead end. The result is Double Norwich Caters.

But of course we do not call the first row of the plain course of Double Norwich Caters BA2345678; we call it 214365879. Therefore, to get the plain course, you must start with the latter row, and write down the changes exactly as above. Here they are, side by side, for com-

parison with each other, and with the plain course of Double Norwich Major.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

	123456789
BA2345678	214365879
B2A436587	241638597
2B4A35678	426135879
24B3A6587	462318597
423B6A578	643281579
2436B5A87	463825197
42635B8A7	648352917
243658B7A	463859271
4263857BA	648395721
4628375AB	684937512
648273A5B	869473152
46287A3B5	684971325
648 A7B35	869417235
468A2B753	689142753
64A8B2735	861924735
6A4B87253	816297453
A6B482735	182694735
AB6847253	128967453
BA8674523	219876543

The following is Coslany Court Bob Major, treated in the same way.

COSLANY COURT BOB MAJOR.

12345678	42638517
21436587	24368157
24135678	234[illegible]1875
42315768	32416857
24351786	23146587
23457168	21345678
32547618	1243658[illegible]
23456781	14263857
24365871	

COSLANY COURT BOB CATERS.

	123456789
BA2345678	214365879
B2A436587	241638597
2B4A35678	426135879
24B3A5768	462315789
423B5A786	643251798
2435B7A68	463527189
23457B6A8	436572819
325476B8A	345678291
2345678BA	436587921
2436587AB	463859712
426385A7B	648395172
24368A5B7	463891527
2346A8B57	436819257
324A6B875	346182975
23A4B6857	431628957
2A3B46587	413268597
A2B345678	142365879
AB2436587	124638597
BA4263857	216483957

These two examples show how eight-bell Methods can be made into nine-bell Methods. The next two show how seven-bell Methods with one Hunt may be made into eight-bell Methods with two Hunts.

NEW BOB TRIPLES.

1234567
2135476
2314567
3241657
2316175
3264715
2367451
3276541
2375614
3257164
2351746
3215476
3124567
1325476
1352746

NEW BOB MAJOR.

12345678
21354768
23157486
32514768
35241678
53426187
35462817
53648271
35684721
53867412
35876142
53781624
35718264
53172846
51327486
15234768
12537486
21573846

WATERLOO REVERSE BOB TRIPLES.

1234567
2135476
2314567
3241576
2345167
3254617
2345671
2436571
4263517
2436157
4231675
2413657
2146375
1243657
1426375

WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR.

12345678
21436587
24135678
42316587
43261578
34625187
43652817
34568271
43658721
46385712
64835172
46381527
64318257
46132875
41623857
14268375
12463857
21648375

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1915.

The Provinces.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Western Division).

On Saturday, January 16, 1915, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

James Cotterell	Treble	Herbert Dransfield	5
William Clark	2	John F. Clayton	6
George Britton*	3	Edward Crowther	7
Edward Crabtree	4	Herbert Peel	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by John F. Clayton.

*First peal and first attempt.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

William Lock*	Treble	Thomas Bridgewater	4
William Watkins	2	*Thomas Bowers	5
Alfred Tomkins	3	*George Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by A. Tompkins.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by the above Guild. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Powell, eldest daughter of the Rev. F. E. Powell, Vicar of the parish.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lb.

Henry J. Howell	Treble	Alfred E. Reeves	5
Percy Williams	2	Isaac Long	6
Albert Stowell	3	Fred G. May	7
Fredk. W. Wade	4	Gilbert Wiltshire	Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, and Conducted by Fred G. May.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and is the second peal ever rung on them. The only peal—one of Grandsire Triples (muffled), was rung on November 14th, 1836. The peal was rung to record the dedication of the recast tenor bell.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

C. Wallater	Treble	T. Hughes	5
E. Hortin	2	C. Tyler	6
T. Hill	3	F. W. Perrins	7
E. Marlow	4	A. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by F. W. Perrins.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Mark Fox, who was a devoted member of St. Giles's church. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, and 6th belong to Wood Green; 5th to Wednesbury; the rest are local ringers.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

Since the ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 28½ cwt., in the key of C) were dedicated on Monday, November 3rd, 1913, the following peals have been rung :—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
On Saturday, November 29th. 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.
PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES
(First peal on the bells after restoration.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.
On Saturday December 13th. 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes
PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES
Rung to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the firm of John Warner and Sons

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, January 10th, 1914. in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes
PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, January 31st, 1914. in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES
(First peal of Bob Maximus by the Kent County Association.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday. March 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes
PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CANGS
In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells, March 27th. 1784.
(First peal of Royal since the restoration of the bells.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Monday, June 1st, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.
PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD
On Saturday, July 11th, 1914 in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.
PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Residence of J. R, Barton, 71, Caledonia Street,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720s called differently.

John R. Barton	1-2	Frank Davison	4
John R. Fryer	3	Harry Gibson	5-6

Conducted by J. R. Barton.

Witness—Mrs. Barton First peal in the method on handbells by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

OBITUARY.

MISS MARGERY SAMPSON (EDINBURGH.)

By the sad death of this lady on January 14th, Scotland has been bereft of its first lady ringer. The daughter of Mr. W. B. Sampson, a well-known and highly appreciated member of the St. Mary's Cathedral Guild, Edinburgh, she took to bellringing at the suggestion of her father, at a time when the Guild was in want of members. Under her father's tuition she made rapid progress, and on July 24th, 1909, stood in a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, Edinburgh, this being the first peal in Scotland in which a lady had taken part.

Miss Sampson, beside being a member of the St. Mary's Edinburgh Guild, was also a member of the Ladies' Guild, St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham), the Warwickshire Guild, the Hertfordshire Association, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. She took part in twelve peals—five of Grandsire Triples, five of Stedman Triples, one of Stedman Cinques and one of Bob Major. A peal of Erin Triples in which she rang was afterwards found to be false. Her last essay at ringing was a course of Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, Brighton, on September 27th, last.

Miss Sampson spent the latter part of last year at Hove, Sussex, returning to Edinburgh on December 31st. On January 4th she took to her bed, and on the 14th passed away somewhat suddenly.

The funeral took place at Morningside Cemetery, Edinburgh, on Monday, January 18th, the service being conducted by the Rev. Anselm Ashley, Precentor of St. Mary's Cathedral. Besides the family mourners the service was attended by representatives from the various societies of which the deceased lady was a member; wreaths being also sent from the same sources.

JOSEPH HATTO.

Joseph Hatto, who was parish clerk at Beenham Church for nearly 41 years, as well as foreman of the ringers and a member of the choir, was laid to rest in Beenham Churchyard on Tuesday, January 26th. The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the (Rev. G. D. S. Bushnell) and the Rev. C W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and was fully choral. There was a large attendance of friends and parishioners, among whom were Mr. A. E. Reeves (the General Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and Miss Chillingworth (representing the Bradfield ringers). After the service a muffled peal was rung.

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THE NEW BELLS.

On Wednesday afternoon the peal of eight bells recently recast and rehung on new frames were dedicated by the Rev. Doctor Ross. The tenor bell bears the following inscription: "I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all Mr. Joshua Hayter, Rector, Mr. Coniam and John Ellis, Churchwardens, 1766. This peal was being recast when the great European War broke out, 1914. C. G. Hayter Hames and T. Amery, Churchwardens."

FORTY YEARS A BELLRINGER.

A presentation has been made by the old Faversham band of ringers to Mr. A. Biggs, senior, who was a member of the band for upwards of 40 years, and for a long period served it as Secretary. Mr. Biggs has also been a member of the Kent County Association from its establishment in 1880, the Faversham band being one of the first to join. On the occasion of the presentation Mr. Biggs entertained the members of the band at his residence.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE LATE MR. S. REEVES.

Acknowledged with thanks: St. Paul's Company, Burton-on-Trent, 10s.; St. Peter's Company, Wolverhampton, 2s. 6d.; Messrs. A. Mills, W. Short, 2s. each; W. Painter, W. R. Hughes, A. Little, 1s. each. Total received to date—£6 14s. 6d. This list is now closed.

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PROOFS OF METHODS.

SIR,—FOR THE PRESENT my only reply to the letter in last week's "Bell News" is "WAIT AND SEE."

Yours etc., GEORGE BAKER.

THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL, BRAY.

On Saturday, January 15th, six of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who are also members of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry Guild, paid a visit to the ancient church of St. Michael, Bray, for the purpose of testing the "go" of the peal of six bells (tenor 26 cwt.), which have recently been retuned and rehung in a unique steel structure by Messrs. John Warner and sons. The frame, owing to the weakness of the tower, is carried upon stanchions. The following 720s were rung during the visit: Woodbine Treble Bob. W. T. Powell, M. North, E. Wightman, F. Smith, J. Hunt, W. J. Nudds. (conductor). Kent Treble Bob. W. Powell, N. North, W. J. Nudds, J. Hunt, F. Smith, E. Wightman (conductor). Oxford Treble Bob. E. Wightman, F. Smith, N. North, W. J. Nudds, W. T. Powell, J. Hunt (conductor). Also 120 Stedman Doubles (four singles), conducted by J. Hunt. The average time of the 720s was 31 mins.

FINEDON.—On Saturday, January 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. A. Smeathers (conductor), D. Perkins, T. Abbott, W. H. Ettee, G. Basford, J. Packwood, J. R. Main, F. Warren. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Ette.

WONDERFUL BELLS.

Thackeray and Antwerp Cathedral.

Some interesting reminiscences of William Makepeace Thackeray have been contributed to the *Cornhill Magazine* by his cousin, Sir Edward T. Thackeray, V.C. K.C.B., who gives some delightful impressions of the novelist. He remarks in the course of his paper that one wonders what would have been the thoughts of William Makepeace had he lived at the time of this tremendous war.

On the frontispiece of his "Notes of a Week's Holiday," there is a beautiful picture of Antwerp by Sidney Gardner, and a description of Antwerp Cathedral and its wonderful bells.

How pleasant to lie awake and listen to the cheery peal! While the old city is asleep at midnight, or waking up rosy at sunrise, or basking in noon; or swept by the scudding rain which drives in gusts over the broad places and the great shining river; or sparkling in snow which dresses up a hundred thousand masts, peaks, and towers; or wrapped round with thunder-cloud canopies before which the white gables shine whiter; day and night the kind little carillon plays its fantastic melodies overhead.

The bells go on ringing. Quot vives vocant, mortuos plangunt, fulgura frangunt; so on to the past and future tenses, and for how many nights, days, and years! Whilst the French were pitching their fulgura into Chasse's citadel, the bells went on ringing quite cheerfully. Whilst the scaffolds were up and guarded by Alva's soldiery, and regiments of penitents, blue, black, and grey, poured out of the churches and convents, droning their dirges and marching to the place of the Hotel de Ville, where heretics and rebels were to meet their doom, the bells up yonder were chanting at their appointed half-hours and quarters, and rang the mauvais quart d'heure for many a poor soul.

This bell can be seen as far away as the towers and dykes of Rotterdam. That one can call a greeting to St. Ursula at Brussels, and toss a recognition to that one at the Town Hall of Oudenarde, and remember how after a great struggle there a hundred and fifty years ago the whole plain was covered with the French cavalry. "What is your clamour, about Oudernarde"? says another bell (Bob Major this one must be). "Be still, thou querulous old clapper." I can see over to Hougomont and St. John. About 45 years since I rang all through one Sunday in June, when there was a battle going on in the cornfields there, as none of you others ever heard tolled of.

Yes, from morning service until after vespers, the French and English were all at it, ding dong. And then, calls of business intervening, the bells have to give up their private jangle, resume their professional duty, and sing their hourly chorus of Dinorah.

And now that the modern Huns have bombarded Antwerp, I suppose, comments Sir Edward Thackeray, that these wonderful bells may be damaged or silent.

Consett Parish Church Belfry had 11 members at the beginning of August, and now there are only four (two of whom are learners). A. G. Shorter (Secretary), and Frank Eales enlisted in the Army in August, and later William Armstrong was drafted to Newcastle as a recruit. Two others—Henry Bates and T. Cameron—are serving with the R.A.M.C. at the Western Heights Military Hospital at Dover. Alf Parry recently left for Chatham Dockyard, and C. Hargreaves went to London.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Northern Branch.

Last week we inadvertently inserted a report of a meeting of the above branch as being held on January 23rd. This was really a repetition of the report of a meeting held at Halesowen on the 16th, in our issue of the 23rd, sent by Mr. E. J. Dowler, the Secretary. The later report reached us from another source, and appeared to refer to another meeting.

We regret that we were led into an error, and trust this explanation will be satisfactory.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By Charles Jackson (Hull).

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5234	9 in and 2
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3254	8 in and 2

* 9 in and out at 2 with a double. Rung on Sunday evening, January 3rd, 1915, at the Parish Church, Oldham, conducted by Samuel Stott.

Calverley (Yorks).—On unday evening, January 10th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1915 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. B. Wheatley, W. Popplewell (composer and conductor), S. Keighley, W. Stanhope, H. Wheatley, W. Lee, C. Pratt, F. Waller. Rung as a hearty welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. C. H. K. Boughton, M.A), and also as a compliment to the ringer of the 6th bell, Mr. Wilfrid Lee, on the attainment of his majority.

On Wednesday, January 20th, the members of the choir and the bellringers of the Parish Church, Hedenham, were entertained at supper by the Rector, Dr. Bindley, in the large room of the Mermaid Inn. Songs and readings enlivened the proceedings, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Mary's Guild, Acton).

ACTON.—For evening service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. E. Smith, J. W. Fruin, W. Phillips, R. H. Boddington, V. Holloway, R. Holloway (conductor), H. J. Dewey, T. Smith.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, January 27th, at the parish church for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. W. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Gray, H. W. Watts, W. Watts (conductor) T. J. Watts. Also 240 Stedman Doubles. On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, 252 Grandsire Triples. W. W. Watts, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey A. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor), F. Potter, H. W. Watts.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Fosdike, J. Law, F. Bacon, H. E. White. A. G. Bennington, E. B Crowder, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. Macklin. On Christmas Day a ¼-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Fosdike. A. G. Bennington, F. Bacon, H. E. White, W. J. Jeffries, J. Law, E. B. Crowder (conductor), C. Macklin. Another quarter-peal in the same method. R. Fosdike, A. G. Bennington, F. Bacon, H. E. White, E. B Crowder, J. Law, W. J. Jefferies (conductor), C. Macklin.

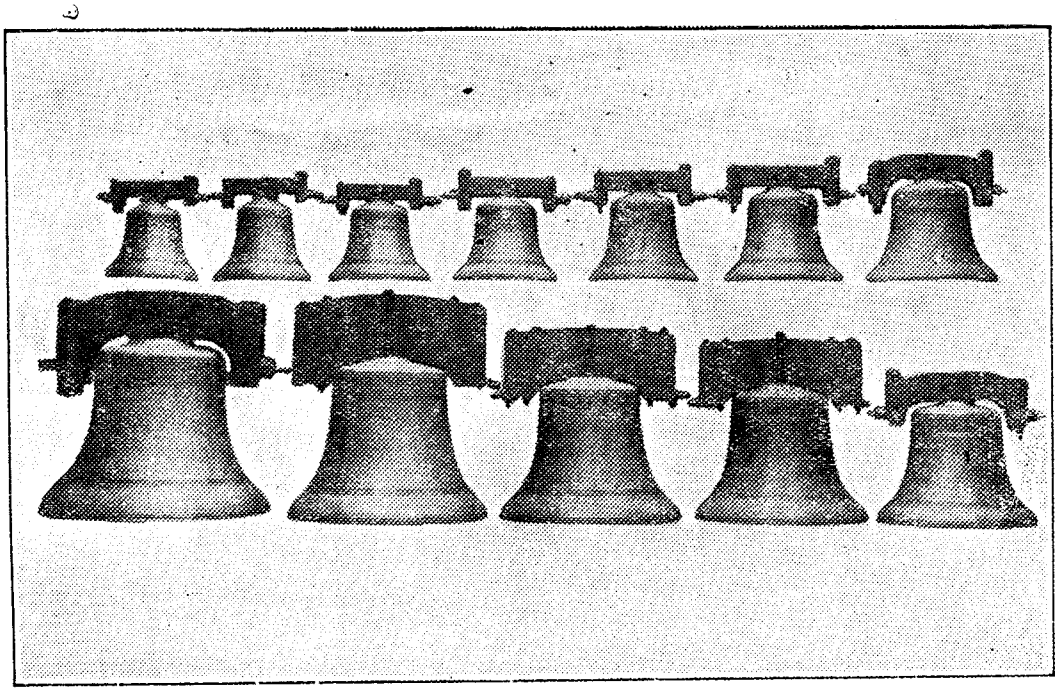
WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 19th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Martin, E. Youngs, T. Davey, A. Cattermole, G. Kemp, W. Rose (conductor). On Tuesday, Jan. 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Collins, E. Youngs, W. Rose (conductor), A. Cattermole, G. Kemp, T. Davey. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs (Thornham Magna). On Sunday, January 31st, for afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. E. Bean (first 720), E. Youngs. D. Mayes A. Cattermole, G. Kemp, W. Rose (conductor).

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Monday, January 25th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. A. Cattermole, E. Youngs, W. Rose, G. Kemp, C. Nunn, G. Cattermole (conductor). Also another 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, G. Cattermole, A. Cattermole, G. Kemp, W. Rose (conductor). The above was rung as a birthday compliment to Major Lord Henniker, who is at present serving with his regiment, 3rd Rifle Brigade, at the front. On Saturday, January 30th, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor, and 360 College Exercise. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, G. Cattermole, G. Kemp, W. Clover, W. Rose (conductor). Rung to oblige W. Clover who was on a short holiday, and who is also serving in Kitchener's Army.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on February 16th; for handbell practice on February 11th and 25th.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, — Ringing for Divine Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m. H. J. Bradley, Sec.
Parish Church, Shoreditch.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.-East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service at 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service.

Rev. P. Gordon Levy.
49, All Saints Avenue, Maidenhead.

The Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, on Saturday, February 6th Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock, prompt. Subscriptions are now due. Annual Reports 6d. each to Life Members. J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.
31, St. Paul's Street. Ramsbottom.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — Pre-Lent Meeting.—The Pre-Lent meeting this year will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, February 10th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.), will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Church Institute (close to the church), at 5 o'clock. Tea in the same place at 5.30, tickets for which are 9d. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members.

Geo. T. Potter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
13. Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch. —A quarterly meeting wili be held at Hallow on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5, and business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available at 2.30 if required, also after the meeting. Will all those who intend being present, kindly let me know by the Wednesday previous.
Madresfield, Malvern. R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A, Warner, for those who notify me of being present, not later than the previous Wednesday. The bells (6) will be available. J. Hemming, Branch Sec.
29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at Walton. Bells ready at 5.30. Walter Hughes, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. Joseph Ogden, Sec.
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RINGERS' SUPPERS.

BAMBURGH.

The members of St. Aidan's Guild of Ringers were entertained to dinner at The Glebe by the President, the Rev. E. Williams. In the course of some remarks, the rev. gentleman thanked the ringers for their voluntary services. He referred to those members who had responded to the call of their King and country, and appealed to the younger members to persevere in the practice of the art of ringing.

The Secretary (Mr. T. W. Little) thanked Mr. and Mrs. Williams for the kindly interest they always evinced in the Guild.

COLLINGHAM.

On Thursday evening, January 21st, the choir, sidesmen, and bellringers of the churches of St. John Baptist South Collingham, and St. Stephen's, Brough, were entertained to supper at the Rectory by the Rev. A.J. and Mrs. Maxwell. An excellent repast was thoroughly enjoyed, and a pleasant evening followed, the party taking part in a whist drive, which was won by Mr. H. Hatcliffe, with Mr. B. Broadaerry, second.

ILCHESTER.

The members of the church choir and ringers were kindly entertained to supper by the Rector, at the Town Hall. An excellent repast was partaken of, after which the healths of the Rector and Mrs. Horrocks were drunk.

The Rector, in reply, said he hoped that they would all have the pleasure of meeting again for many years to come. He was glad to see present one of the choir wearing the King's uniform, and proposed the health of those at the front. He was also pleased with the choir, which had rendered excellent service during the past year.

Messrs. W. H. Cox and F. Kidner spoke a few words expressing their thanks to the Rev. J. Horrocks for his hospitality. Afterwards the room was cleared, and everyone was open to introduce a friend. Songs were sung by Misses R. Stone, G. Martin and others. Before separating hearty cheers were given for the Rev. and Mrs. Horrocks.

MARSTON MAGNA.

The choir and ringers of St. Mary's Church were recently entertained to supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Peppin at the Vicarage. A pleasant evening was spent, and their hospitality was much appreciated.

ROCKBEARE.

The ringers of the Parish Church have had their annual supper. Appreciative reference was made to the valued members who had joined the new Army.

CLECKHEATON, YORRS.

THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

The Parish Church Belfry Committee have decided to appoint a sub-committee to take in hand the organisation of a fund for rehanging the bells. It is thought that the work ought to be undertaken as a fitting memortal for the belfry centenary, which takes place in 1919.

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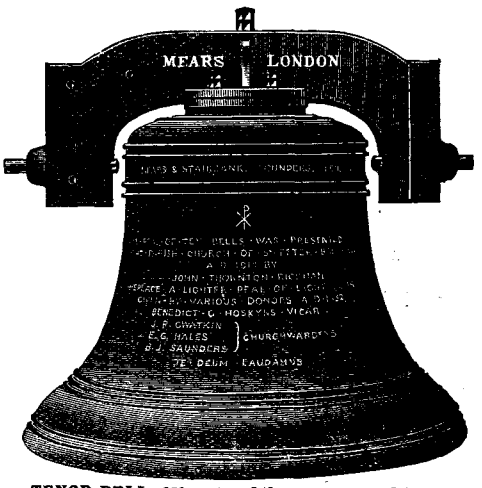
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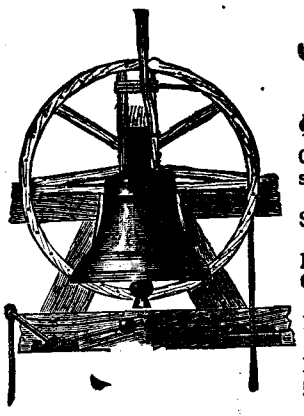
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