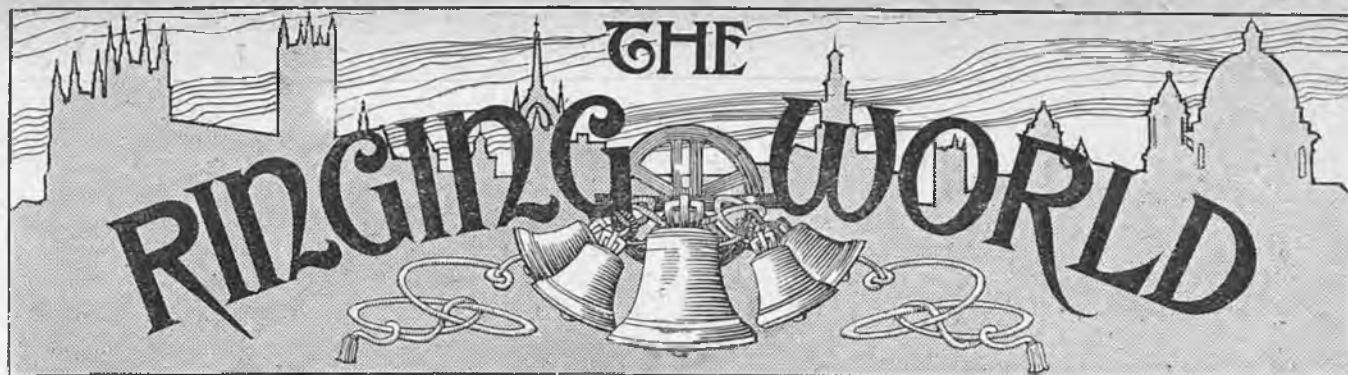




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BELFRY RULES AND FINES.

A somewhat interesting subject is incidentally raised in connection with the annual meeting of ringers of the tower in the small Kentish town of Hawkhurst, the members having decided "to waive the question of fines." Quite a trivial and purely local question this, some may say, yet how many towers there are where this business of fines is a source of irritation and friction. We believe that many of those concerned with the management of belfries will agree that one of the most difficult problems met with in the tower is the satisfactory application of rules, and particularly those to which penalties are attached. There are belfries where rules are drafted and then left purely to the loyalty of the men to obey them. There are others where it is considered wiser to attempt to secure observance by a system of fines, especially in regard to punctuality and regularity. Generally, when such rules are first made, everybody concerned is only too willing to accept the conditions laid down, and the penalty of arriving a minute or two after the stipulated time is accepted with a smile, and, may be, with good-humoured chaff. But, after a time, this process begins to jar on those who suffer from a habit of unpunctuality, and then the accuracy of the clock is challenged, and, perhaps, even the impartiality of the individual in charge of the record is questioned, and, eventually, it may be, a rupture in the band is caused.

It is not our purpose here to defend the unpunctual ringer. He is a bugbear to any tower, and, some may think, is best out of it. But he may also, perhaps, be an extremely useful man when he is there, who may make all the difference as to the method to be rung, and it is not every band that can afford to "drop" a good ringer. We do think, however, that the system of fines in vogue in towers where the ringers are a purely voluntary body is not the best way to encourage punctuality. Indeed, we have seldom seen an instance where it has for long been entirely successful, and the end is usually a rift in the good relations of the tower or a dropping of the rule either formally or informally.

The most effective means of securing regular and punctual attendance for service and practice ringing are to be found, to our mind, in three things: The realisation by the ringers of the importance of their office; the keenness of the men for the Art; and encouragement by the Church authorities. Given these, we think no system of fines need ever be invoked in any tower. The first should be instilled from a man's first entry to the belfry, the second will grow on him if he is worthy of the name of "ringer," and the third ought in these days never to be lacking. If it is, then the authorities have no ground to complain if their bells are not regularly and punctually rung.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANCES;

CHARLES BOWER... ..Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2	BENJAMIN GILL... .. 8
SAMUEL WOOD 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
TOM WILDE 4	FREDERICK PAGE 10
BENJAMIN THORP 5	HARRY CHAPMAN 11
CHARLES BROADBENT 6	ARTHUR E. PEGLER... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Wood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELLTreble	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.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...Treble	THOMAS HUGHES 5
EDWARD HORTIN... .. 2	CHARLES TYLER 6
THOMAS HILL 3	FRANK W. PERRENS 7
EDWARD MARLOW 4	ARTHUR E. REEDTenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Mark Fox, who was an ever willing helper and one of the oldest worshippers at the above church.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM LOCKTreble	THOMAS BRIDGEWATER ... 4
WILLIAM WATKINS 2	*THOMAS BOWERS 5
ALFRED TOMKINS 3	*GEORGE EDWARDSTenor

Conducted by A. TOMPKINS.

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

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES:

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER 1	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

This was the quarterly peal for the Branch, and first peal by C. Camm since his appointment as Branch Master; also his first peal as conductor.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES:

Being five 720's of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire, each called differently.

JOHN C. PERKINS Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
THOMAS HANDS 2	FREDRICK J. JOHNSON 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	FREDRICK JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Shawcross), who had held the incumbency for the past 25 years, and was interred on the previous Wednesday in the Parish Churchyard. He was a member of the above Association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 19, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON, 71, CALEDONIA ST.,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's called differently.

JOHN R. BARTON 1-2	FRANK DAVISON 4
JOHN R. FRYERS 3	HARRY GIBSON 5-6

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witness: MRS. BARTON.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, January 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7-8
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11-12

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire: B. S. THOMPSON.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	65	2	0
Ringers of All Saints' Church, Arksey, Doncaster, third contribution (per Mr. F. Clarke)	0	5	0
Ringers of St. Lawrence's Church, Hawk-hurst, Kent (per Mr. T. Ashenden)	0	10	0

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

- J. H. B. Hesse, of Teddington, Vice-President of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, has been appointed as 1st Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps, and is at present at Aldershot.
- Georga W. Trollope, late of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Canadian Expeditionary Force, now at Kingston, Ontario, awaiting orders for the Front.
- Pte Colin Ryder, of Rotherham Parish Church, 7th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, now at Woking.
- Pte Ernest Kettell, of Rotherham, 5th Yorks and Lancs Regiment, now at South Lines.
- Tpr. Willie Evans, of St. Iltyd's, Bridgend, Glam., Reserve Glamorgan Yeomanry.
- Driver Jim Hurrell, of Eltham, Kent, Army Service Corps (Motor Transport), now at Uckfield, Sussex.
- Pte W. G. Clarke, of Calverton, Bucks, R.A.M.C. (No. 1601).
- J. T. Bartram, of Misterton, and Gainsborough Parish Church Guild, Royal Field Artillery.
- Pte Stanley Whitehead, of St. Thomas's, Newhey, near Rochester, Grenadier Guards, now at Caterham.
- Pte Arthur Hudson, of Birstall, Yorks, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.
- Pte Lewis Alcock, of Leigh, Staffs, 4th Battalion North Staffs Regiment, now at Guernsey, C.I.
- Pte Robert Aitken, of St. Mary's, Rye, Sussex, 5th Reserve Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, at Hastings.
- Rupert Forbes-Bentley, of All Saints', Beckley, Sussex, Legion of Frontiersmen.

The following members of the Bath and Wells Association are now serving on H.M. Prison Ship "Tunisian," at Ryde, Isle of Wight:—

- G. H. Gale and L. H. Moore, senr., of Easton-in-Gordano.
- C. W. Summerall and J. Cole, of Nailsea.
- F. Nipper, of Wroughton.
- H. Farley, of Wells.

In addition to Pte W. Wooldridge, of the Royal Berks, wounded at Ypres, the following ringers from Bradfield, Berks, are serving their country:—

- A. Ford joined A.S.C. this month, already promoted to sergeant.
- C. Regier, 7th Royal Fusiliers, arrived from India awaiting Orders.
- S. Regier, 7th Royal Fusiliers.
- C. E. Chillingworth, V.A.D., Red Cross work at Nice, France.
- Mrs. Hunt, C. Hunt, T. Hillier and M. E. Chillingworth, V.A.D., taking their turn for duty at local Red Cross Hospitals.
- Rev. G. W. T. Tyndale-Biscoe and T. Hillier are special constables.

WARLETS.

Pte Wooldridge, of the Bradfield, Berks, Society, who was wounded at Ypres, while fighting with the Berkshire Regiment, and who has been in hospital at Dublin, has now returned to his home, well in health, but lacking the use of his left arm, which he hopes in time and with treatment to recover.

A temporary addition to the Bradfield band has been gained as an indirect result of the bombardment of the East Coast—Mr. Wardman, of St. Mary's, Scarborough, whose duties in connection with Bramcote Preparatory School have taken him to Bradfield. The school was damaged in the bombardment, and arrangements have been made for them to occupy, temporarily, a part of Bradfield College, where shells are less plentiful.

Nothing, we think, could be more striking in contrast to the stress of battle than the peaceful ringing of the village bells of old England, and on Sunday week, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, arranged for W. E. Napper, who was home from the Front for three days leave, was rung for evening service at Haybourne, Berks, by: W. Goodenough (first quarter-peal) 1, T. East, junr., 2, H. Bishop 3, W. J. Napper 4, E. Butler 5, T. East 6, W. E. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Derby district was held in St. Peter's belfry, Derby, on Monday week, members being present from St. Alkmund's and St. Andrew's, Derby, Darley Dale, Duffield, and the local company. Mr. Wallace (chairman) presided.—The Chairman, the Committee (Mr. C. Draper and Mr. E. Clarke), and Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby), were re-elected.—Two new members of the Association were elected, and a discussion ensued concerning members sending their subscriptions to the hon. general secretary instead of to the local secretary, and the matter is to be brought up at the next quarterly meeting of the Association. A vote of thanks to the officers and committee for their services during the past year terminated a very successful meeting.

THE DEATH OF MISS SAMPSON.

HER RINGING CAREER.

As we recorded last week, the Ladies' Guild has lost one of its most accomplished members by the death of Miss Margery Fletcher Sampson, of Edinburgh. Her ringing career commenced about 7½ years ago at St. Mary's Cathedral where her father, Mr. W. B. Sampson, has for long been a member of the Guild. At that time the company was somewhat short-handed, and Mr. Sampson suggested to his daughter that she might take up the work and become Scotland's first lady ringer. To this she readily assented, but with some misgivings as to the success which would attend her efforts. About this time she became a student at the Edinburgh School of Cookery and Domestic Economy, and at the time of her death was on the staff of that institution, from which it will be gathered she must have been highly thought of by the principal. Obviously, too, it required one with no small degree of energy and ability to tackle both cooking and change ringing at one and the same time, but Miss Sampson took up both with a whole-heartedness and enthusiasm which was an example to others. After finishing her training she took up an appointment under the Staffordshire County Council at Tamworth, being there for over two years, and doing a good deal of ringing in her spare time at the Parish Church. She returned home 18 months ago, and took up work in the cookery school, where she was formerly a student, and where she remained.

Her tutor in the belfry was her father, and the young lady proved an apt pupil and a willing one. Her home was some two miles from the Cathedral, and the walk to and from the tower twice every Sunday meant eight miles in all. During these tramps the talk was of bells and bell ringing, the young lady always asking questions and the parent making the most of the opportunity to impart information.

It was in May, 1907, she had her first lesson, and on Saturday, July 24th, 1909, she rang her first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, this being the first peal in Scotland in which a lady had taken part. During the course of her short career she has, in all, taken part in twelve peals, viz.: Five of Grandsire Triples, five of Stedman Triples, one of Stedman Cinques, and one of Bob Major, while she also rang in a peal of Erin Triples which turned out false, much to her disappointment. Her last touch was a course of Stedman Caters, in which her father also rang, at St. Peter's, Brighton, on September 27th last.

Miss Sampson was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Guild, Edinburgh; the Ladies' Guild, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, the Warwickshire Guild, the Hertfordshire Association, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It can readily be understood how proud her father, and all the members of the Edinburgh Guild were of her performances, for she was one who could be relied upon to do her best at all times. She will be very much missed in the belfry, and her father's Sunday walks to and from the Cathedral, alas, now alone, will be full of poignant memories.

Miss Sampson's work at school proved too much for her, as she developed a nervous temperament, and had a breakdown in health in June of last year. She was given leave of absence, but was unable to resume in September, after the holidays, and obtained further leave until Christmas. She spent the last three months resting at Hove, and returned home on December 31st. She was, however, far from well, and took to her bed on the 4th inst., passing away on the 14th, with startling suddenness, from gaitre and heart failure.

She was laid to rest in Morning-side Cemetery on Monday of last week, when the Rev. Anslem Ashley, Precentor at the Cathedral, took the service, and representatives from the Cathedral and St. Cuthbert's Guilds were present and also sent wreaths.

The members of the Erdington Parish Church Society, of which Miss Sampson was a member, intended starting for a muffled peal in her memory on Saturday last, but owing to the illness of the Vicar's wife, the attempt has had to be postponed until to-morrow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday week, ringers being present from Kilton Lindsey, Willingham, Corringham, Misterton, Scunthorpe, Barnetby and Bigby, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob and Double Court Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. A service was held at 4.30, and conducted by the Rev. C. F. W. Whiteside, who also gave a short address. Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus. Bac. (Oxon) presided at the organ, and a number of the choir boys gave their assistance.

Tea was provided at the Coffee Tavern, and was followed by the business meeting.—A letter of apology was read from Mr. F. F. Linley expressing regret for his absence.—The whole of the officers were re-elected, and the following places decided upon for district meetings during the ensuing twelve months: Owston Ferry, March 20th; Willingham, May 15th; Brigg, July 10th; Kilton Lindsey, Sept. 13th; Corringham, November 20th; Gainsborough (annual meeting), January, 1916, the date to be fixed later.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and all those who had helped to make the proceedings a success concluded the business.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS.

MEMORABLE GATHERING AT KELLY, DEVON.

An interesting and memorable gathering took place at Kelly House, Devon, on Thursday of last week, when the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild, entertained to supper the past and present ringers of the parish. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and also in Devon by men of the county. Two of the original band, besides Mr. Kelly, were present, viz., Messrs. John and Edwin Yole. Among the guests also was Mr. John Trelawny, son of the late Colonel H. R. Trelawny, who 50 years ago trained a band of scientific change ringers, one of whom, Mr. William Johns, who now resides at Kelly, was present.

After supper an adjournment was made to the tower, where a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a band composed as follows: John Yole 1, Rev. Maitland Kelly (conductor) 2, Abel Johns 3, William Johns 4, John Johns 5, Edwin Yole 6. The performance was a creditable one, especially when it is remembered that some of those who took part in it had not handled a rope for many years.

BRAY BELLS REHUNG.

On Saturday week, 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 has 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 720's were rung during the visit: 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. T. Powell 1, N. North 2, E. Wightman 3, F. Smith 4, J. Hunt 5, W. J. Nudds (conductor) 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. T. Powell 1, N. North 2, W. J. Nudds 3, J. Hunt 4, F. Smith 5, E. Wightman (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Wightman 1, F. Smith 2, N. North 3, W. J. Nudds 4, W. T. Powell 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6; also 120 Stedman Doubles (four singles), conducted by J. Hunt. The average time of the 720's was 31 minutes.

THE LATE MR. G. J. TAYLOR, SHREWSBURY



Whose death we announced in our issue of the 15th. Mr. Taylor learned his ringing at St. Alkmund's, and was afterwards associated with St. Chad's and Conover.

TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I withdraw all claim to the 5088 published by me in your issue of January 8th, 1915, it being a composition published by Mr. Hattersley which I am sorry I overlooked.—With my apology, yours truly,

YORK GREEN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT. — On December 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Pte A. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, C. Woodward 3, H. Page 4, T. Austin 5, S. Churton 6, C. H. Page (conductor) 7, J. Simister 8. Arranged for C. Woodward, who was home from Lincoln.

LEICESTER. — On December 21st, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. C. H. Fowler, 293 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Fred H. Dexter; also 518 (first part of Holt's ten-part): W. Lowe 1, H. Broughton 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, F. H. Dexter 5, J. Wilson 6, W. Miller 7, P. Harrison 8.

WALTHAMSTOW. — Middlesex County Association. — At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks), in 49 mins.: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, H. Rumens 2, W. J. Kemp 3, J. C. Adams 4, R. Maynard, sear., 5, A. A. Hughes 6, F. C. Maynard 7, Pte B. G. Lock (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a welcome to Pte B. G. Lock, Rifle Brigade, home on Christmas leave.

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THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The rare experience of filling first the office of President of an Association, and then, after a lapse of some years, becoming its secretary, has fallen to Mr. George Thomas Potter, who was elected to the secretaryship of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at the recent annual meeting of that body. The three years during which he occupied the presidency—1905 to 1908—were amongst the most successful in the Association's long career, and the thoroughness and ability with which he tackles whatever office he occupies has given a feeling of confidence to the members that it will go ahead and flourish in the future.



MR. G. T. POTTER.

Mr. Potter is a Novocastrian born, and first saw the light in 1861. His first connection with ringing was in 1879, when he started to learn to handle a bell at the old tower of St. Andrew's, Newcastle. The effort, however, to revive ringing there quickly fell through, and though he often went up to St. Michael's tower afterwards to see the eight bells rung for service and practice, he took no real practical part until the eight bells at All Saints', Gosforth, were dedicated. Mr. Potter was then (1901) living in the parish, and was a choirman at the church. Under his able guidance and that of others well known now in the Exercise, namely, Mr. A. M. C. Field, Mr. E. E. Ferry, Mr. R. W. Fulconer, etc., this branch of the Association very quickly became famous for good ringing, and several peals were soon scored on these bells in various methods. For one who has taken up the exercise later in life than

most men, Mr. Potter has done exceedingly well in the Art, both at method ringing and good striking. He remained one of the mainstays of the Gosforth band until he removed to the coast to live, since when he has given North Shields belfry the benefit of his help for Sunday ringing and practices. He also gives valuable assistance to the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, of which he is an hon. member, and is just as much at home now on the twelve bells there as he is on the ten at Shields or the eight at Gosforth.

Mr. Potter is a member of the College Youths, and is very proud, and justly so, that he rang a peal with the late Matthew Wood. This was Stedman Triples at Bethnal Green, amongst the others taking part being Messrs. Cockerill and C. F. Winny and four other well known ringers from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In all Mr. Potter has rung 54 peals in Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and London Surprise. Mr. Potter rarely, if ever, misses a meeting of his Association, and his genial presence is always fully appreciated by the members. He has certainly started his new office under anything but lively circumstances, but we all know he will make it his duty to keep the ball rolling as far as possible in the two northern dioceses where bells and ringing are concerned, while this unfortunate war lasts.

Altogether he has rung 54 peals, from Bob Triples to London Surprise, his first being in the former method on June 16th, 1902, at All Saints', Gosforth, in which seven men rang their maiden peal. His list is as follows:—

Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	2
Seven Minor Methods	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Forward Major	1
Grandsire Triples	1
Stedman Triples	23
Stedman Caters	15
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Major	1
London Surprise Major	2
Total	54

BRISTOL BELLS RESTORED.

Another example of the excellent work which can be relied upon when a contract is entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, is provided by the entire restoration which this well-known firm have just carried out at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, and this "city of bells" has now another octave in perfect order. Messrs. Llewellyns and James have recast the tenor, which has been designed and tuned on the most improved Simpson formula, and the bell, which is 20 cwt., is much admired. The whole of the peal of eight have been rehung with entirely new fittings in a new cast-iron "A" shaped frame carried on steel girders, and the whole work has elicited the entire approval of the Rector, churchwardens, musical expert, and the ringers, who are delighted to have the bells once more in thorough going order.

CHESTERFIELD. — On Sunday, December 27th, 1295 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: G. Hollis 1, W. Allwood 2, P. Sault 3, G. Davies 4, A. Knights (composer) 5, F. Stubbs 6, F. Jacobs 7, E. J. Oliver (Liverpool) 8, T. W. Gore 9, W. J. Thyng (conductor) 10. Rung for the evening service, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. Farthing, a respected member of the Chesterfield company.

MIDSOMER NORTON. On December 21st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: P. Speed 1, E. Chivers 2, S. Froke 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, F. Chivers 5, F. Speed (conductor) 6, J. Hambleton 7, W. Keerill 8.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR METHODS.

By HY. DAINS.

In the Oxford and Kent variations of Treble Bob we have two very old methods, and as little if anything fresh on these lines has been put forward for some years, I here give a slight variation by myself—put as a division for Treble Bob ringers—of which the four following blocks of four changes each are the first half of the first lead of its plain course.

12345678
21435687 (1)
12346578
21436587
24163857
42618375 (2)
42163857
24618375
26481735
62847153 (3)
62481735
26847153
28674513
82765431 (4)
82674513
28765431
27856341

Here it may be said that all compositions of Treble Bob on the old methods will run true in this, and that each one of them contains the maximum amount of dodging which can be put into any treble dominated dodging hunt method, for in each of the blocks given and in the four duplicating blocks of the last half of the lead you get—

- (1) Three pairs of bells dodging in each block.
- (2) In the 1st and 8th blocks places are made either in 3-4 or 5-6.
- (3) In the remaining blocks you get what is known as the "slow hunt," wherein a bell acts as it were as door keeper (see blocks 2, 3 and 4), allowing each visitor to the front just a glance outside before returning at once to her treble bob duties.
- (4) In addition to this, the treble is continually dodging as she waltzes up and down the scale; she is, in fact, "queen of the ring," quite the autocrat at one time, and so gracious at another. She becomes "set-and-turn" partner with every other bell that she meets in her perambulation, while she passes the rest on her way without notice. When at the front she compliments the bell relieved from the slow hunt, and in the same complimentary set-and-turn fashion she introduces another to that position, whose duty it is to remain there till she again returns. Thus, it is obvious that the treble is the only bell which is continually dodging, and that she it is which alone upholds the treble bob principle, for she never condescends to such drudgery as place-making.

Another method of real Treble Bob can be had by using Oxford places in 5-6 in the first and last blocks of each lead of its plain course. This should be known as Imperial Treble Bob Major.

If now we briefly examine the Surprise methods, we shall see the treble doing the same class of dodging as in Treble Bob. Hence these are said to be Treble Bob methods, but this is an error, as the work of the other bells make up entirely different duties. For instance, in both Superlative and Cambridge there is a straight hunt through the scale, both up and down, while in London Surprise, although this is not so, there is a deal of hunting to find a little job here and there, first to trot away to a 5-6-5 or to an 8-7-8, or again to a plain 5ths. This, truly speaking, is not Treble Bob. When, however, we turn to principles, we find the difference and distinction more marked in very many ways, and you will notice that in both plan and detail there is little or no Treble Bob work in these.

DUFFIELD.—This is an excellent example of a Court principle, contained in six-row blocks. Its work consists of hunting, place-making and dodging, its places being made at hand and back, which is a good class order of place.

FORWARD.—In this you have a good example and the nearest approach to Treble Bob possible, the only thing missing is the dodging hunt of a treble. It is contained in four-change blocks, while its author has several examples of capital principles both in six and eight-change blocks. The work in them all is dodging adjoining place-making.

BARNBURY.—In this you get a Court principle in eight-change blocks. Its work consists of hunting, dodging, place-making, snapping, while, like the Forward group of principles, its interior places are made, "back and hand," while both these examples retain Bob Major division ends.

ORIGINAL upon even numbers. In this you have a principle contained in two-row blocks its work being plain hunting and place-making, while it also holds up to Bob Major division ends, while its whole course is only sixteen changes.

While I have endeavoured to show what is and what is not Treble Bob, I may here observe that there is no question whatever that each of the above-mentioned principles will extend to any even number—Royal and Maximus inclusive.

ORIGINAL upon odd numbers.—Here, too, I may point out that Original is the only Major principle which can be properly adapted to odd numbers, viz., Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and while some will say it is monotonous ringing and not musical, Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, who composed and conducted a peal of Major of it a few years ago, "scorned such ideas," when he told me it was all music, while the performance was a busy job for all the band.

While writing, "The Ringing World" lays before me containing 5040 of Original Triples. This is a masterpiece of composition, and, as the author of the idea of getting peals out of the original principle, I wish to tender my sincerest compliments to Mr. Joseph W. Parker for his brilliant work ennuminating in the production of this 5040.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN BELL RINGER.

SUDDEN DEMISE OF MR. HARRY STOKES.

The sudden death of Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, the well-known Devon bell hanger, will occasion much regret throughout the Western Counties, where he was well-known. The deceased, who was 66 years of age, had been unwell for some time, and under medical treatment for chest complaint. Latterly, however, he appeared to be improving. On retiring to rest on Tuesday night of last week, he showed no sign of being seriously ill, but shortly afterwards developed alarming symptoms, and, despite all that medical skill could do, speedily succumbed. An inquest was held on Thursday, when Dr. Furnivall, who had been called in, deposed that a blood vessel broke in deceased's head, and a verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

Mr. Stokes was a native of Woodbury, and had lived there all his life. About 40 years ago he started in business as a church bell hanger and general builder, and gradually acquired a large connection. He became widely known throughout the West of England for the skill and success with which he hung light and medium peals in wooden frames, and carried out hundreds of contracts. A few years ago when the advantages of iron over wood, for heavy peals especially, were realised, Mr. Stokes enterprisingly applied himself to the newer method, and to-day there are numerous peals of all descriptions—light, medium, and heavy—which bear testimony, by the ease with which they can be rung, to the judgment he possessed, and the workmanlike ability with which he carried out the contracts entrusted to him. Devon and Cornwall teem with peals which Mr. Stokes hung or rehung during his lifetime, and in no instance has the work failed to stand the tests of time and weather, which latter, of course, have considerable influence on the fittings of bells in church towers, most of which are exposed to every wind that blows, and every rain storm that occurs.

The deceased leaves a widow, one son (who was taken into partnership a few years ago, and has lately been largely responsible for the execution of contracts), and two daughters, one of whom is unmarried and resides at home. Mr. Stokes had contemplated retiring from business at Lady-day, and leaving the firm's affairs to his son. He was a member from the start, and some time Vice-Chairman of the Woodbury Parish Council, a member of the "Brent" (Topsham) Lodge of Freemasons, and Trustee of the "Sidney" (Woodbury) Lodge of Oddfellows, and one of the oldest, if not actually the oldest, member of it. He was also a member of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all connected with campanology in the West. Mr. Stokes was respected in private and business life by all who were brought in contact with him for his integrity and sincerity, as well as for his generous instincts and kindly nature. Woodbury is distinctly the poorer for his death, which has come unexpectedly, and has excited deep sympathy with the widow and family.

The funeral took place on Saturday.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

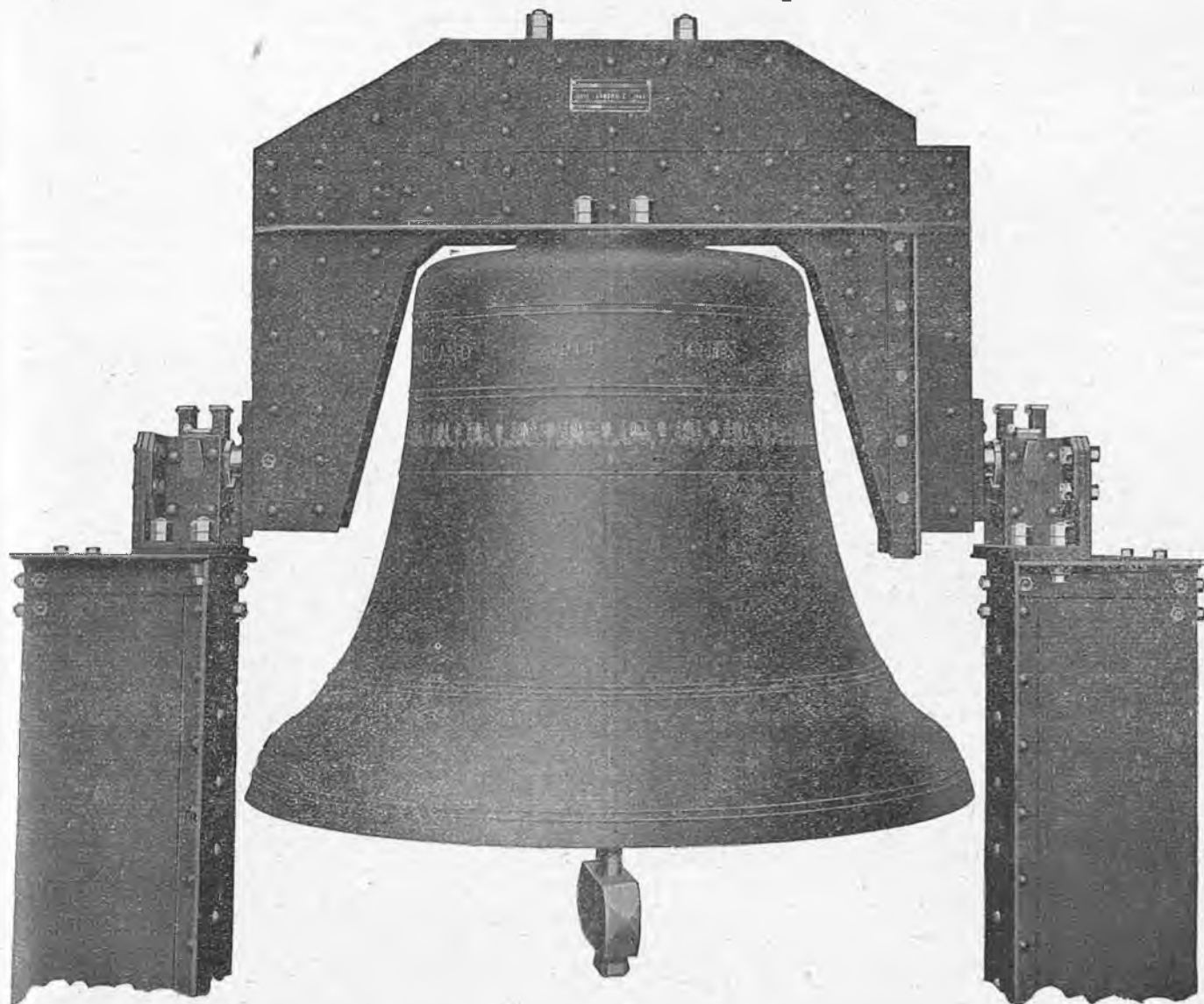
A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Nuneaton on Saturday week, and proved very successful, about 30 members being present from Lichfield, Coventry, Erdington, Stoney Stanton, Bedworth, Chilvers Coton, Grendon, Stoke Golding, and Allesley, together with the local band. The bells were raised soon after 3.30, and kept going for two hours in various methods, some good touches being brought round.

A business meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, presided over by Mr. James George (Ringing Master). A vote of condolence was passed with the Rector, Canon Deed, in the loss of his son, Capt. John Deed, who perished on the battleship "Formidable." The members also heard with regret from Mr. James George of the death of Miss Margery Sampson, who was the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells for the Guild. Mr. George was asked to convey to the family an expression of sorrow from the members.

After tea a move was made to the adjoining tower of Chilvers Coton, where the bells were kept going till late in the evening. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-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, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Divine service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. Canon Donald Tait. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 30th, 1915. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30th. The Tower of St. Dunstan's, St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Eastcheap, City, will be open for ringing from 4.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at 7.30.—T. H. Taffender, Master, for General Secretary, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 30th, bells available 2 p.m. Service at Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at Glass's Restaurant, Regent Street, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—J. Harris, 10, Eton Road, Burnham, Hon. Local Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Pershore, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available. St. Andrew's (6) from 3 p.m. till 5.30; The Abbey (8) 7 p.m. till 8.30.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, January 30th. Committee meeting at 3.30, tea and general meeting at 4. The Foundry peal will be available for ringing until 6 o'clock, after that handbell ringing only. Messrs. Taylor & Co. are generously providing the tea for those who notify them not later than January 23rd of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow), on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock. C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, January 30th. For particulars see circular sent to each local branch. Important to life members: There is now no distinction between "single" and "double" star members, and all life-members are now entitled to a Report on payment of 1s. (postage 2d. extra). Application should be made to the District Secretary. Non-residents may, if desired, apply to me.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 30th. The bells of St. Wulfram's Church (10) are available for ringing from 1 to 7.30 p.m. Short service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Dairy Company's Cafe Westgate, at 4.45, tickets 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow tea. Visitors and friends will receive a hearty welcome.—S. Proctor, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on February 2nd and 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 February.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The meeting arranged to be held at Doncaster on February 5th will not take place.—Sam Thomas, secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Hon. District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 1915, at St. James', Waterfoot. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 prompt. Subscriptions are now due. Annual reports 6d. each to life members.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramisbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service 4.45. Tea and business to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service. Tea will be provided only for those sending their names to me not later than February 1st.—Rev. P. Gordon Levy, 49, All Saints' Avenue, Maidenhead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) at Isleworth, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, tea in the Hartlands Road Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mrs. Gill. Members and friends heartily welcome. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid by the date of meeting. — H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting for practice will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

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 their intention to be present not later than the previous Wednesday. The bells (6) will be available. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, February 13th, 1915. 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.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

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