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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

ST. MICHAEL'S BELLS, COVENTRY.

The history of a large number of famous peals of bells has been recorded in our columns, thanks to various authors, but principally to the kindness of Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, that most assiduous of contemporary bell antiquarians, to whose patient collection of material over a long number of years, members of the Exercise now owe the possession of interesting facts concerning many of the most notable rings in this country. These articles, we are sure, have aroused among numerous readers of "The Ringing World" an interest in the historical side of the bells which previously they had not had, purely because they were without the opportunity of acquiring the knowledge. To no inconsiderable extent, also, the story of these famous bells has been the story of ringing in the early days, and the historical and the practical side of our art has, to that extent, been interwoven in these contributions by Mr. Jerram and others.

Of all the records, however, none makes more melancholy reading than that of St. Michael's, Coventry, which we give this week. The steeple is one of the most famous in the country, not only for its height and stately proportions, but also for beauty of architecture. For four hundred years the tower contained bells, and the last peal of ten from the Whitechapel foundry had the reputation of being among the finest in the land. Alas, just 30 years ago, the restoration of the church brought with it the removal of this grand ring. The instability of the steeple to carry the mass of swinging metal had been known for a hundred years previously, and towards the end of the eighteenth century a huge wooden frame, unconnected with the tower walls, was carried up on which the bells hung and were rung. The opening up of the western arch necessitated the removal of the unsightly frame, and one of the glories of the church—the bells—had to go. They now occupy an ignominious position in which they are chimed, and their great beauty sacrificed. Is it too much to hope that some day their stately music may once more be heard pouring over the city? The present, perhaps, is not a time to talk of great projects, but when victory is achieved by our arms and peace once more reigns in the world, there will doubtless be a desire to commemorate it, and Coventry could do worse than fittingly house its peal of bells in a belfry where they could once more serve their real purpose as of old. Could not the Warwickshire Guild, for instance, keep an eye on this matter? It may be out of the question for anything to be done, but if any action be possible it ought not to be lacking for the want of an advocate.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, May 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	FRANK JACOBS 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	SAMUEL WESLEY 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	JOHN FLINT 8
HERBERT DAY 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
WILLIAM J. THYNG 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* 150th peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 20, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

WILLIAM DOWLER Treble	WILLIAM IKIN 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	* JOHN EATON 6
ERNEST BOYLIN 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
GEORGE GARRISON 4	† HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. E. Ball, the mother of one of the local band, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, May 16th, and was laid to rest on the 20th.

DUFFIELD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

* HARRY HILL Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
JOSEPH LORD 2	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6
JOHN W. GLEW 3	HENRY LETTS 7
† PERCY J. COOKE 4	GEORGE TANDY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 18, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOSEPH PIGOTT 1-2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5-6
WILLIAM SHORT 3-4	JOHN BASS 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Referees: CHARLES H. WOODBERRY and THOMAS HEATHCOTE.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by the Association and all the band except the conductor.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

W. Jacques, of Olney, Bucks, R.A.M.C.
Albert Francis, of Ewhurst, Surrey, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, now at Chatham.
E. McWilliam, of Rothwell, R.A.M.C. (T.), now at 2nd Northern General Hospital, Leeds.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

The Central Council met on Tuesday for the twenty-fifth time, the assembly being the first session of the ninth Council. As is customary when a new Council meets for the first time, the gathering took place at the Church House, Westminster, and despite the claims which the war is making upon the time of a number of the members, the attendance was quite a good one, there being 74 present during the day. The record of attendance was as follows:—

College Youths.—Present: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, A. A. Hughes and A. Hughes.

Royal Cumberlands.—Present: Messrs. H. Dains, J. D. Matthews, J. Parker and F. Smith.

Bath and Wells.—Present: Rev. C. C. Parker. Absent: Messrs. E. E. Burgess, A. E. Coles and J. Maddock.

Bedfordshire.—Present: Rev. Canon Baker.

Birmingham, St. Martin's.—Absent: Mr. W. H. Godden.

Cambridge University.—Present: Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan.—Present: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. Ashmole and J. Morgan.

Cleveland and N. Yorks.—Absent: Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. T. Metcalfe.

Devon.—Present: Rev. M. Kelly and Rev. E. S. Powell. Absent: Mr. A. W. Searle.

Dudley and District.—Present: Mr. W. R. Small.

Durham and Newcastle.—Absent: Messrs. G. T. Potter, C. L. Routledge and W. Story.

Ely Diocesan.—Absent: Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Essex.—Present: Messrs. G. A. Black, G. Dent and W. J. Nevard. Absent: Mr. C. H. Howard.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Present: Mr. J. Austin.

Hereford Diocesan.—Present: Mr. J. Clark. Absent: Mr. R. Marston.

Hertfordshire.—Present: Pte Bertram Prowett.

Kent.—Present: Messrs. E. Barnett, T. Groombridge, senr., and W. Haigh. Absent: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

Ladies' Guild.—Present: Miss E. K. Parker.

Lancashire.—Present: Rev. H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman and S. Wood. Absent: Mr. J. H. Banks.

Leeds and District.—Present: Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Lincoln.—Present: Mr. R. Richardson. Absent: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. G. Chester and J. W. Seamer.

Liverpool Diocesan.—Absent: Mr. W. Bentham.

Llandaff Diocesan.—Present: Mr. J. W. Jones.

London County.—Present: Messrs. E. A. Young and T. H. Taffender.

Middlesex County.—Present: Messrs. W. Pye and J. R. Sharman. Absent: Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse and Mr. A. T. King.

Midland Counties.—Present: Sir Arthur Heywood, and Messrs. J. Griffin, J. W. Taylor and W. E. White.

Central Northants.—Present: Messrs. W. Perkins and F. Wilford.

North Notts.—Present: Mr. H. Haigh.

North Wales.—Absent: Rev. T. Lewis Jones.

Norwich Diocesan.—Present: Mr. G. P. Burton. Absent: Messrs. C. E. Borrett, W. L. Catchpole and J. Motts.

Oxford Diocesan.—Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.

Peterborough and District.—Absent: Mr. R. Narborough.

Salisbury Diocesan.—Present: Rev. F. L. Edwards, and Messrs. T. H. Beams and W. Hughes D'Aeth. Absent: Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart.

Salop Archidiaconal.—Absent: Mr. J. Bradney.

Staffs Archidiaconal.—Present: Mr. H. Knight. Absent: Rev. E. V. Cox.

Surrey.—Present: Mr. C. Dean. Absent: Lieut. C. F. Johnston.

Sussex.—Present: Messrs. G. Howse, R. Stredwick and G. Watson. Absent: Mr. E. H. Lindup.

Towcester and District.—Present: Mr. J. Clarke.

Warwickshire.—Present: Mr. H. Argyle. Absent: Mr. A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan.—Present: Mr. H. White. Absent: Rev. C. E. Matthews, and Messrs. A. H. Pulling and J. W. Whiting.

Worcestershire.—Present: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, T. J. Salter and W. Short.

Yorkshire.—Present: Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. C. H. Hattersley. Absent: Messrs. G. Bolland and C. Glenn.

Hon. Members.—Present: Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, H. A. Cockey, C. D. P. Davies, and Canon Papillon, and Messrs. R. A. Daniell, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and G. Williams. Absent: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Messrs. J. Carter, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett and W. Snowdon.

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED.

The Hon. Secretary temporarily took the chair, and said they had only one nomination for the office of President, and that was Sir Arthur Heywood. They all knew what an excellent President they had had in Sir Arthur, who had been President since the Council began.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said as he had the privilege of nominating Sir Arthur as President, he had pleasure in formally proposing that he take the chair for the ensuing three years.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

On taking the chair, Sir Arthur Heywood said it was with mixed feelings that he responded to their invitation for the ninth time. He confessed that he felt it a very great honour to be elected to be President again, and at the same time he felt that he was getting con-

siderably older, and he kept looking round to see who, by-and-by, before he became incapable, there would be to take his place, because when they got, as he was, nearer 70 than 60, one began to think the time was not very far off when, if one was to retire from one's work with honour, there might, perhaps, not be many more years before him in office. But it was an extreme pleasure and satisfaction to have the honour of again presiding over the Council. He thought they would all admit, and he thought the Associations they represented would admit, that the Council had entirely answered to what was hoped of it 25 years ago, when it was founded. He believed by careful attention to every point in connection with ringing and of interest to ringers that had been brought before them they had gradually built up a sense of confidence amongst the ringers of the country, and he would like to take the opportunity of saying how much of that success was due to their being very careful to keep their discussions and their resolutions within the proper confines of the work of that Council. He would solemnly impress on the Council the desirability of remembering that they simply expressed through the various delegates the views of the various societies and associations. They had always been careful in no way to assume the roll of legislators on behalf of the majority of the associations as against the minority. The majority of the associations had no right whatever to impose their wishes or desires upon the rest of the associations, because every association had a perfect right in its own district to make its own rules and proceed in the way its members consider best, and for the Council to attempt to legislate and to over-ride by an opinion of the majority of the associations the wishes of the minority of the associations, would be, in his opinion, a mistake. What they wanted there was to try and focus the opinion of the Exercise at large, and so far as they found it to be in agreement to put forward propositions which might be carried for the benefit of the Exercise.

THE HON. SECRETARY.

The President, proceeding, said they had next to elect an hon. secretary, and there had been only one nomination, that of his friend, Mr. Davies (hear, hear). He could only say that no President and no body who had the business they had to transact, involving a large amount of pen and ink work, and work requiring a considerable amount of time, could by any possibility have had a man who had been more keen and more active or more successful in the work than their friend Mr. Davis.

Mr. Griffin proposed the re-election of Mr. Davis. — Canon Baker seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

In acknowledging his re-election, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was deeply conscious of the honour that they had done him, and the trust they placed in him in re-electing him to the position. Although the office entailed a certain amount of work it had been a pleasure from first to last.

FINANCIAL.

The accounts presented, which had been audited by the Standing Committee that had met earlier in the day, showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £42 15s. 2d.; affiliation fees received amounted to £12 17s. 6d.; sale of publications to £1 15s. 10d.; interest, £1 0s. 7d., making a total of £58 9s. 1d. The expenditure had been £4 7s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £54 1s. 3d.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) reported that since he made his return to the Hon. Secretary, before he left home six weeks ago, a sum of 16s. 5d. had been received from the secretary of the Chester Guild for the sale of publications, making a total from that source of £2 12s. 3d.—The accounts were passed, on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

HON. MEMBERS.

It was decided to re-elect the retiring hon. members: Mr. W. Snowdon, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Canon Papillon, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. John Carter, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. S. Pritchett and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS A RINGER.

After the introduction of new members to the President, Sir Arthur drew attention to the fact that they had with them the grandfather, or the great-grandfather of ringing, in the person of Mr. William Banister (applause). They all knew what he had done for the Exercise, and on behalf of the Council he congratulated him on being with them that day as he was three years ago, and in apparently as good health (applause).

Mr. Banister thanked the members for their kind reception. He was pleased to meet them again. He was, he thought, the oldest member of the College Youths, for he had been a member for 74 years (applause). He was an old man, being in his 92nd year, but he hoped he might meet them again on a future occasion.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley spoke of meeting Mr. Banister at Woolwich as long ago as 1863, and gave reminiscences of his trip to London at that time. Mr. Banister was now the oldest member of the Exercise who had had any theoretical knowledge of ringing, and in proof they only had to look at his records in 1854, and they would see what he knew then about London Surprise (applause).

ABSENCES.

The Hon. Secretary said apologies for absence had been received from the Revs. E. V. Cox, F. J. O. Helmore, H. S. T. Richardson and W. P. Wright, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, J. Carter, W. H. Godden, A. T.

King, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, C. L. Routledge, and W. Snowdon. The following were absent serving their King and country, and their absence needed no apology: Sapper T. R. Dennis, Royal Engineers; Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, Army Service Corps; Rev. C. E. Matthews, Chaplain of Forces; Pte R. Narborough, Cambridgeshire Regiment; and Lieut. C. F. Johnston, Royal Fusiliers. These, with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Chaplain of Forces, and Pte B. Prewett, London Rifles, who were present, completed the Council's roll of honour.

The Standing Committee were re-elected as follows: The President, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. H. Law James, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. W. Snowdon. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, as hon. librarian, was added.

A full report of the remainder of the Council's proceedings will appear in subsequent issues, but the following is a summary of the rest of the business.

The Council discussed at length the question of advertising their publications, and decided to issue slips to the associations for circulation among members, giving particulars of the publications.

The report of the Peal Collection Committee was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and the committee were re-elected with the exception of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who expressed a wish to retire.

Mr. Lewis reported progress for the Legitimate Methods Committee, which was re-elected.

The Peals Analysis Committee's report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and it was decided that no peal published more than eight weeks after it had been rung should be included in the analysis. The committee was re-elected with thanks for its services.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported for the Literature Committee, which was re-elected.

Progress was reported by the Towers and Belfries Committee, which was re-elected.

The resolution: "That the Central Council approve and issue a National Badge for ringers," adjourned from last year, found no proposer, and consequently dropped.

The Hon. Secretary moved: "That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904." Mr. Davies spoke at great length, and eventually the matter was referred to the Legitimate Methods Committee for consideration and report.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed: "That this Council recognises with emphatic approval the good judgment and consideration shown by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war: but that at the same time (the Council) regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National Anniversaries, to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies."—The motion was carried.

By consent the following motion was postponed until next year:—"That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice."

Plymouth was decided upon as the place for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

In the evening members visited St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, for ringing, and there was a largely attended social gathering at "The Coffee Pot," the headquarters of the College Youths.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the London County Association was held on Monday week. The tower of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was open for ringing, and a good number of members attended, touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative being rung.

The business meeting afterwards took place at the "Citizen," Houndsditch, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) presiding. The general secretary (Lance-Corporal A. T. Miller, London Scottish) being on active service "somewhere in France," Mr. Thomas Walker was elected to fill the vacancy for the evening. Several financial matters were passed, and Messrs. E. Alexander Young, A.R.A., and Mr. T. H. Taffender were elected to represent the Association on the Central Council.

Mr. Young read a letter written to Mr. Taffender from Pte R. N. Runham on May 15th, a member of the society now at the front with the Coldstream Guards, giving a descriptive account of a great battle in which he took part, also of his life in the trenches.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting, if convenient, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on a Saturday, of which due notice will appear.

After the meeting, the members were invited to the residence, near hv. of Mr. T. Walker, where touches on handbells of Graudsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung.

GORING, OXON.—On a recent Sunday morning, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob, and in the evening, 360 Graudsire Doubles, the ringers taking part being: J. Carter, L. Hayward, W. Aldridge, J. Bower, J. Abery, G. Parsons, G. Wilson, H. Perry.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting at Exeter on Whit-Monday, the only meeting held by the Guild during the year on account of the war, was attended by about 60 members, including three from London. Service was held in St. David's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Bell Salter), who, in his address, emphasised the fact that the ringing of bells for service was not only a call of the people to church, but also a prayer for God's presence in their midst.

The belfries of St. David's, St. Sidwell's, St. Petrach's and Heavitree were open for ringing, but this was greatly restricted in amount.

At the annual meeting, the President (the Rev. J. Maitland Kelly), in returning thanks to the clergy for the use of their bells, pointed out that the day was not altogether inappropriate for ringing, being as it was within the Whitsun Festival, and also being regarded as Empire Day, when thanksgiving was right and proper for the truly wonderful response made by the whole Empire to the country's call. Continuing, the President expressed the opinion that, having reached his jubilee, it was time for a younger man to take charge of the Guild, and, while he was willing to continue in office for one year longer, he thought the members should, in the interval, look out for someone to take his place. In reviewing the progress of change ringing in that 50 years in the county, he mentioned the great difficulties to be overcome in want of railway facilities. He could remember that Mr. Banister, when he first came to Devon, used to exclaim against having sometimes to walk or drive ten miles to a belfry for practice. In those days there was strong active opposition to any progress, and though there were still men who would not learn themselves, nor let others learn, there were now young fellows in every village who would be glad to be taught if opportunity arose. He could see improvement in the Guild itself within even the last ten years. It used to be said, and said truly, "If you want to hear bad ringing go to a Guild meeting." That was emphatically not the case now (hear, hear).

THE REPORT.

The committee, in their annual report, said: "The war, as naturally expected, overshadows all other things in the reports of the various bands. Under present conditions, when the thoughts and energy of every patriot need to be directed towards victory to our arms, ringing progress is not to be expected or even desired. On the contrary, we would rather congratulate those branches which report the absence of a considerable percentage of their members as serving in His Majesty's Forces. The list which appears on another page goes to show that the members of the Guild are not behind other sections in the community in their loyalty. When it is remembered how large a number of our ringers are beyond military age, a percentage of nearly 17½ per cent. serving cannot be regarded as unsatisfactory. At the same time, we would highly commend the efforts made by those left behind to keep together at least a nucleus of each band in anticipation of more happy times to which we look forward in hope. There was only one occasion during the year when the members of various branches met together, namely the annual meeting at Paignton on Whit-Monday. A most successful and enjoyable day was spent there and in the neighbouring belfries. Twenty-four bands were represented, and about 160 members were present. Probably the beautiful weather had something to do with the disappointing attendance at the business meeting. Members should remember that this is after all the most important feature of the annual gathering, and the prosperity of the Guild depends largely upon the intelligent interest they take in its organisation and government. The committee wish to draw attention to the very interesting meeting that took place at Kelly to commemorate the jubilee of change ringing in Devon, and express their hearty congratulations to the President and his fellow ringers in taking part in what must be almost an unique achievement. The commemoration serves as a reminder that, whereas the Devon Guild was founded to foster change ringing, as yet quite in its infancy in the county, in many other districts Associations were formed to consolidate what had long been a traditional use extending back in some cases over two or three centuries. We regret the death of Mr. E. J. Pook of the Cyst Hydon band, who has given his life in his country's services, while among honorary members who have given long support to the Guild we mourn the deaths of the Rev. C. J. V. French and Mr. R. Morshend. Members will also sympathise with the family of the late Mr. Harry Stokes, senr., in their loss. One of the oldest members of the Guild (the President and he being elected on the same day) Mr. Stokes did much to further our objects alike by his personal interest in change ringing and his conscientious and skilful work as a bell hanger. Of peals rung there are only three recorded, all being Graudsire, two of Triples and one Doubles. There are now 30 bands, with 233 performing and 56 associate members, 56 honorary members and 111 life members of the Guild."

All the officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr. E. W. Marsh as assistant general secretary to act on behalf of the secretary in case of the latter being called away from the Diocese for some months.

EXPERTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Why not arrange some kind of diploma for such men as in the case of the learned professions? It ought to be a certain protection against ignorant attack and an added dignity to the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,
Pool.

C. A. LINE.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

A NINE-PART PEAL.
By Albert E. Seers, Bath.

A		B
234567		245367
672453	2	732645
726453	4	457263
427365	5	324657
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Call A 6 times, omitting * in 2nd, 4th and 6th parts (342567, 2nd part end). Call B 3 times between Singles at † in either 1st, 3rd or 5th parts. Contains the 24 6-7's at back stroke.

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, BIRMINGHAM.

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63254	9 in 3	35264 9 in 3
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24653	9 in 3 S	24365 9 in 3 S
62453	9 in 3	32465 9 in 3
36254	9 in 3 S	53264 9 in 3 S
43652	9 in 3 S	45362 9 in 3 S
24356	9 in 3 S	24563 9 in 3 S
32456	9 in 3	52463 9 in 3
43256	9 in 3	45263 9 in 3
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This peal has the 5th and 6th each their extend behind the 9th, also the 6th six courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

AFTER OVER THIRTY YEARS' "STONEY."

It is often said that little can be done in the way of change ringing progress with men who have spent long years at "stoney," but this argument finds practical contradiction in recent performances at Newport, Isle of Wight. In honour of the King's Accession Day, and as a birthday compliment to the tenor man, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Thomas's Church by: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, Opl. C. Blake (Royal Warwickshire Regiment) 3, W. Scott 4, A. Calloway 5, W. Upton 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. This was the first quarter-peal by the local band, and, we are informed, that the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor had been "stoney" ringers for 34, 20, 21 and 33 years respectively. The result certainly reflects great credit on the conductor who has had the band under tuition for fourteen months. A previous attempt for a quarter-peal, made on April 29th, came to grief four leads from home owing to the 2nd rope breaking. The last recorded accomplishment by a local band at this tower was a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 14th, 1809.

YOUR "PAL" ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Those who are keenly interested in following the happenings in ringing circles, curtailed though they are by the war, have they realised that their "pals," now serving their country, and who will soon be at the front, would also like to know what is going on in the belfries of old England? When our soldiers get away from their homes they may have a difficulty, even when in training camps, in getting their ringing news, while when they cross the sea this will be out of their reach altogether unless their friends at home keep them supplied. Send them, therefore, a copy of "The Ringing World" every week. They will value your thoughtfulness and appreciate the news, while you will be repaid because their interest will be sustained, and as soon as they are free from military duties they will be back in the tower with you with all the old enthusiasm. We threw out this suggestion a week or two ago, and that we "hit the nail on the head" is shown by the following postcard from a ringer at the front—No. 582 Farrier-Sergt. Mason.

Writing from No. 5 Veterinary Hospital, British Expeditionary Force, he says:—

I think your suggestion regarding sending "The Ringing World" to our ringer-soldiers a very good one. I myself have one sent every week through the kindness of Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Congresbury, some thirty-five members being present from Congresbury, Badgworth, Bristol, Burnham, Bridgwater, Midsomer Norton, Weare, Blagdon, Weston-super-Mare, Huntspill, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and a capital address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Maunsell Eyre), who also gave the Association a very hearty welcome. Tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, at which the President (the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson) was in the chair.—Two honorary and two performing members were elected. Blagdon was decided upon for the next quarterly meeting, and Wick St. Lawrence for the intermediate.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Maunsell Eyre for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, and the Vicar suitably responded.—A vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson for presiding at the meeting.—During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 11th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: A. Button 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, Pte G. Wilson (4th Batt. Suffolk Regiment) 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, G. Hardy 8. For evening service, 784 Double Norwich: W. W. Bailey 1, Pte G. Wilson 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. Sampson 6, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. F. Bailey 8.—On April 25th, for morning service, 1024 Bristol Surprise Major: C. Sampson 1, A. F. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, Pte F. W. Bailey (9th Batt. Suffolk Regiment) 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, E. H. Bailey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Pte F. W. Bailey, who attained his 21st birthday on the 19th. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. S. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, A. F. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, J. M. Bailey 7, P. G. Potter 8.

NUNEATON.—Warwickshire Guild.—On April 18th, for morning service, four courses of Double Norwich, and for evening service, 1056 Superlative Surprise: W. Martin 1, E. Stone 2, H. Argyle 3, H. Horton 4, D. Argyle 5, J. F. Clarke, junr., 6, J. F. Clarke 7, T. W. Chapman 8. By permission of the Vicar the Nuneaton Society have decided to resume the usual Thursday evening practice for one hour—8 to 9.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, April 18th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Wm. Cross (first quarter-peal) 1, Pte H. Norman 2, R. Scott (conductor) 3, Pte E. Chapman 4, A. Tout 5, Wm. Chapman 6, Fred Norman 7, R. Chapman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Norman. Privates H. Norman and E. Chapman belong to the local band, but are now serving their country in the National Reserves, being at the time home for leave.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, on April 18th, for service, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Green 1, T. Walker 2, F. Davis 3, N. North, Huddersfield (first quarter in the method) 4, W. T. Powell 5, G. Charge 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. W. Grimes 8.—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. J. Nelder 1, W. A. Alps (conductor) 2, F. Davis 3, T. Walker 4, E. Brett 5, W. Buckingham 6, A. W. Grimes 7, W. Walden 8.

WHITLESFORD, CAMBS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on April 20th, 720 Oxford Bob: C. Peters 1, F. Hurry 2, F. White 3, T. Finch 4, A. E. Austin (conductor) 5, F. Nunn 6. First 720 Oxford Bob by all.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association.—On April 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Page 1, *F. Wines 2, *F. Lasbury 3, T. Page (conductor) 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, W. Page 7, H. Crabbe 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Lasbury (first touch) 1, H. Page 2, B. Davies 3, W. Page 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page 7, J. Cross 8.

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ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

"*Sic transit gloria mundi.*" Never were words more true than these at the present time in the case of the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry. But I must not anticipate; we shall come to this later on.

Concerning the history of these bells, we find from Sharp's *Coventry Antiquities* that the tower was finished in 1395, but no mention of bells is made before 1488, when we read "This year was great peace throughout the realm, and for joy the churchwardens of St. Michael's, and other well disposed people brought to St. Michael's a



ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

great Bell and called it *Jesus Bell*. This motto was written about it: '*Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judeorum in me miserecordia.*'"

Mr. H. B. Walters remarks (and I think rightly) that the last three words are probably an error for "*miserere mei.*"

In 1674 there appear to have been six bells, for in that year the vestry agreed with Messrs. H. Bagley, senr. and junr., to recast them into a peal of eight for £55. The total weight of the six old bells was 5 tons 7 cwt. 8 lbs., the tenor weighing 30 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. The new peal of eight weighed 5 tons 1 qr., the weight of the tenor being 25 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs. Of this peal of eight the fourth is now the tenor at St. John's, Coventry, and is inscribed "I ring at

six to let mne (sic for 'men') know—When too and from theair work to go. 1675." The seventh was inscribed "I ring to sermon with a lusty home—That all may come and may stay at home. 1675," and the tenor "I am and have been called the common bell—To ring when fier breaks out to tell." This inscription has been reproduced on the present tenor.

In 1770 a contract was entered into with Pack and Chapman, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, to recast the peal of eight and add two trebles; the total cost being £222 5s. 6d. The tenor was recast by Briant, of Hertford, in 1805. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

ALTHOUGH I AM BOTH LIGHT & SMALL I WILL BE HEARD ABOVE YOU ALL. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Second.

IF YOU HAVE A JUDICIOUS EAR YOU'LL OWN MY VOICE IS SWEET & CLEAR. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Third.

SUCH WONDROUS POWR TO MUSICS GIVEN IT ELEVATES THE SOUL TO HEAVEN. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774. \$\$\$

Fourth.

WHILST THUS WE JOIN IN CHEARFULL SOUND MAY LOVE AND LOYALTY ABOUND. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Fifth.

TO HONOUR BOTH OF GOD AND KING OUR VOICES SHALL IN CONSERT RING. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Sixth.

MUSICK IS MEDICINE TO THE MIND \$\$\$ THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. 1799 \$\$\$

Seventh.

YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS BE SOBER MERRY WISE AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Eighth.

YE PEOPLE ALL WHO HEAR ME RING BE FAITHFULL TO YOUR GOD & KING. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Ninth.

IN WEDLOCK BANDS ALL YE WHO JOIN WITH HANDS YOUR HEARTS UNITE SO SHALL OUR TUNEFULL TONGUES COMBINE TO LAUD THE NUPTIAL RITE. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT. 1774.

Tenor.

STEPHEN CORBET ACT. C:WARDEN 1805. I AM AND HAVE BEEN CALL'D THE COMMON BELL TO RING WHEN FIRE BREAKS OUT TO TELL \$\$\$ JOHN BRIANT HERTFORD FECIT AN: DOM: MDCCCV \$\$\$ GLORIA DEO IN EXCELSIS \$\$\$

Towards the end of the eighteenth century there were great apprehensions as to the stability of the steeple, and in 1793 a committee was appointed to inquire into the matter. The bells were then taken down, and a new frame rising from the ground and unconnected with the steeple walls was erected at a cost of £507. At first the bells were hung in two tiers, but when the tenor was recast by Briant in 1805 they were all rehung and brought down to the same level. The former tenor, which was cracked in 1802, weighed 31 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. The present one is 56½ inches in diameter and weighs 32 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

The next eighty years, from the recasting of the tenor by Briant in 1805 up to the year 1885, may be looked upon as the "palmy days" in the history of these bells.

I herewith give an account of them written by a correspondent, signing himself "C. Y.," which appeared in "*Church Bells*" in October, 1874, wherein he describes a visit which he paid to St. Michael's some years previously. He says:—

"I was somewhat unfortunate on the occasion of my visit to Coventry; a public meeting was fixed to be held in an ancient hall only a few yards from the church, and the weekly practice was in abeyance; but the good ringers assembled before the meeting and kindly allowed me to hear the exquisite ring of ten. The tenor weighs 32 cwt., but (to use an old Norfolk expression) 'you may ring her with a twine thread.' The belfry has an unusually large open space above the bells; these hang low down in the tower, level with the tower lights; and, above all, is open: thus the tone of the bells has much space in which to blend before it issues forth, and this, coupled with the excellence of the bells themselves, renders them a ring which cannot be surpassed. The ringing chamber is rather dark, and is almost walled in with great beams, which assist to support the cage of the bells. There is an excellent clock, with very musical chimes. Although, under the above circumstances, many of the ringers were absent, yet it is pleasant to know that this noble ring is in good and skilful hands, and is used in a worthy manner."

But alas! When the church was restored in 1885 the western arch was thrown open; and the timber cage which had done such good service for so many years, being considered unsightly, was ordered to be removed. Of course, it was not safe under the circumstances before mentioned, to hang the bells on beams directly connected with the steeple walls; and for a considerable time they were stowed away unhung, one of the smaller bells being temporarily suspended in the church yard and used for the church services.

At this time there was some talk of building a detached bell-tower in the churchyard and hanging the bells therein; but for some reason (probably want of funds) this never came off.

In course of time the people of Coventry became impatient at not hearing their bells for so long. The result was that they were eventually placed in the octagon, being hung "dead," for chiming only, where they still remain in that condition. And now for thirty years the full melody of these splendid toned bells has not been heard; in fact the younger generation have never heard them at all. Whether anything will ever be done to put them once more into a ringable state seems doubtful. Only two courses appear to be open, viz.: either to erect an independent cage of timber (or iron), similar to the one which has been removed, which I suppose would be considered unsightly; or to build a detached campanile in the churchyard, which would involve an enormous outlay.

Apropos of the motto at the heading of this article I give copies of some of the peal boards formerly in the belfry, recording the "departed glory" of St. Michael's from a ringer's point of view. These tablets are now, I understand, stowed away in the crypt. I regret that I have not copies of those recording some of the later performances.

"On Easter Monday, 1807, a Peal of 5021 changes of GRANDSIRE CATER was rung in this steeple by the under-mentioned Persons, in 3 hours 29 minutes, belonging to the Society of Saint Martin's Youths, Birmingham, viz.:-

James Edmunds	Treble	Joseph Greyson	Sixth
Stephen Hill	Second	Thos. Midlave	Seventh
Benjmn. Pugh	Third	Samuel Lawrence	Eighth
James Povey	Fourth	Wm. Bennet	Ninth
Wm. Coton	Fifth	James Bill	Tenor

"On Sunday morning, Sept. 6th, 1807, was rung in this steeple, by the following Persons belonging to the Society of Coventry Youths, a complete Peal of BOBB MAJOR ROYAL, containing 6140 changes, in 4 hours and 23 minutes. Composed and called by Joseph Keene:-

Thomas Clark	Treble	Wm. Micklewright	Sixth
Wm. Philips	Second	Jeremiah Payne	Seventh
Henry Barnwell	Third	Edward Eardley	Eighth
Jas. Mazey	Fourth	Josh. Keene	Ninth
Thos. Dagley	Fifth	Francis Jackson	Tenor

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"To celebrate the glorious victory obtained by Lord Wellington over the french at Salamanca, a Peal was rung on these Bells, on Monday,

17th August, 1812, consisting of 5000 changes of OXFORD treble BOB ROYAL, in 3 hours and 33 minutes, by the following Persons, viz.:-

George Hawkes	Treble	William Simkins	Sixth
William Philips	Second	Joseph Keene	Seventh
William Hassall	Third	William Hanson	Eighth
Jeremiah Payne	Fourth	Thomas Clark	Ninth
William Adams	Fifth	Francis Jackson	Tenor

The above Peal was composed and called by Joseph Keene."

The "Coventry Standard" of July 4th, 1885, thus refers to the last ringing which took place upon this famous peal of bells. "The day (Sunday, June 28th, 1885) being the last occasion on which the bells would be heard in full peal the ringers assembled in the belfry to ring a farewell peal before they are removed. The bells were rung before and after the morning and evening services, and during the day a number of citizens and visitors inspected them, probably for the last time in their present position. Soon after eight (at the conclusion of the evening service) the last peal was commenced. When the large congregation which had attended the evening service had left the precincts of the church, the bells were set, and in a few minutes a start was made to fall them. The ringers who took part in this final event were stationed as follows: Treble, C. Horsfall (captain); 2nd, S. Elliott; 3rd, C. Vincent; 4th, A. R. Judd; 5th, A. Bray; 6th, C. Lenton, junr.; 7th, J. George; 8th, T. Srawley; 9th, C. Lenton, senr.; tenor, W. Gilbert. The 'fall' was an excellent one, and as the beautiful music of the bells died away those who had remained to listen silently dispersed."

It is interesting to note that the sole survivor of the band who took part in the final falling of the bells, now thirty years ago, is Mr. James George.

LEGITIMACY OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While thanking you for the kind and appreciative contents of your leading article on the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council and its list of agenda, may I be pardoned for pointing out that in my opinion you are mistaken in regarding the question of the legitimacy of methods as in any sense, an abstruse one? There are certainly no "labyrinths of technicalities" in it. It is not such a question as that as to whether London Surprise Major can be extended to Royal, or whether the quick sixes in Stedman are bobs or not, or even such as the mode of proof of peals in intricate methods, but simply as to whether it is right or not right to interfere according to mere whim and fancy with the natural and legitimate flow of the changes. Is it lawful or not lawful to make more than one place at a time in Doubles, Triples, and Caters, or to make places at hand or more than two places at backstroke in even-bell ringing? That is the question, and I feel sure, sir, that when it is thus pointed out you will agree with me that it is one which every member of the Council can perfectly understand.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

LEWES RINGERS' LOSSES.

The ringers of Southover, Lewes, have sustained the loss, by death, of two sincere friends during the last month.

Captain Stewart-Jones, of the 5th Royal Sussex Regiment, who had resided at Southover Grange, was killed in action in Flanders on May 9th. He had commanded the Lewes company since August, 1912, when he succeeded the Earl of Chichester. Although not a ringer, he had held the posts of Rector's warden and sidesman at Southover Church, and was greatly interested in the ringers and their doings. He was always ready with an open purse to swell the funds for their annual recreations, and he will be greatly missed by all. Mrs. Stewart-Jones was away from home, when the sad news was received, staying at the house of her father, Admiral Holland, of Chichester. Great sympathy has been expressed by all who know the gallant captain, who leaves a widow and four children.

Mr. George F. Tyler, who had been a ringing member of the band for a long period until the last few years, when he was compelled to give up ringing, owing to extra pressure of duties, was employed by the L.B. and S.C. Railway as carriage examiner, and his death was caused by a fall in a break van (which he was examining) owing to a sudden pull up of the train. By the fall he fractured two ribs, and, pneumonia supervening, he died on May 14th at the early age of 38 years. He only rang one peal, Grandsire Doubles, at Little Horsted, Sussex, on May 24th, 1905. He was greatly esteemed by all who knew him, and he always had a cheery word and smile. Great sympathy is felt by all for the widow and two children whom he leaves to mourn their loss.

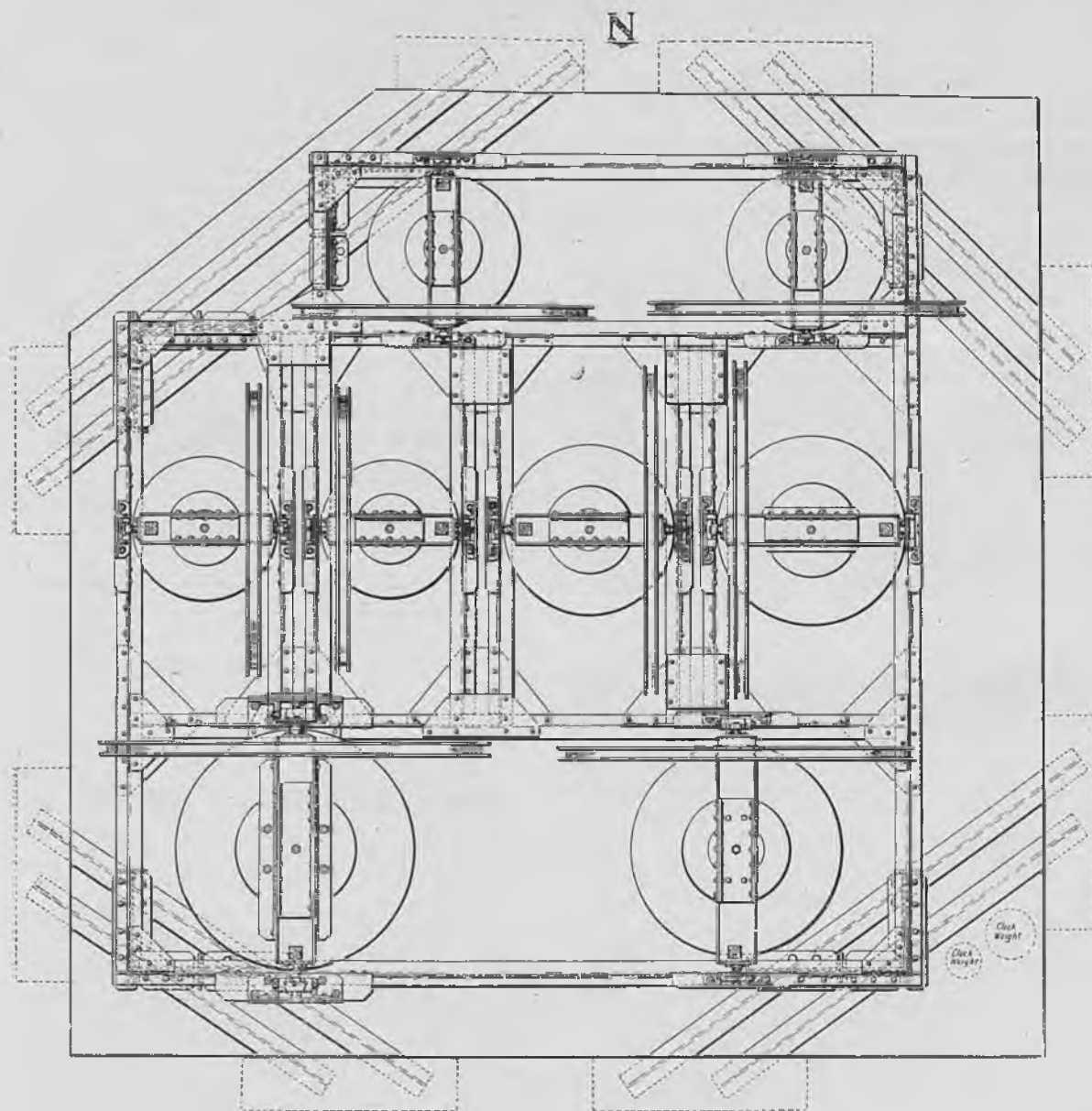
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YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to thank Mr. H. Williams for pointing out that what you published for me as "Kensington Surprise" in your issue for the 14th inst., is a reproduction of Yorkshire Surprise, and to hereby withdraw all my intended claim thereto.—Yours very truly,

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NOTICES.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on May 25th, at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock, service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. M. M. Connor (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than May 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Birch Fields, Rusholme, on Whit-Saturday, May 29th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on June 3rd and 17th, for business on the 8th and 22nd, all at 8 p.m. At St. John's, Hackney, for practice on June 1st and 15th, at 8 p.m., and for service on Sunday the 20th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays for practice at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, June 5th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD (Devizes Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, June 5th, 1915, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. Intending visitors please advise early. All are welcome.—H. Brownlee West, Hon. Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 5th, from 3 to 8 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Sec., *p.t.*, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the Society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 5th, 1915. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the Greyhound Inn at 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS. Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Clandon and Merrow on Saturday, June 5th, 1915. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 in Merrow Church. Tea at Merrow, 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Preston Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Members and others cordially invited.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824. Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Tuesday, June 15th, 1915. The tower will be open for ringing at 8 p.m. The business meeting will take place immediately after the ringing.—Arthur D. Barker, N. Dis. Master, 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in London on Saturday, June 19th. Fuller particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER.—At the Parish Church, 480 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Wakeman 1, W. Smith 2, N. Davis 3, T. J. Salter (conductor 4), E. J. Brooks 5, J. Smith 6, E. H. Woodberry 7, W. H. Smith 8.

WOLVERLEY.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: W. Short 1—2, *C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 3—4, T. J. Salter 5—6, *E. J. Brooks 7—8. *First quarter-peal on handbells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Recently, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: Stanley Andrews (first 720) 1, C. Poulson (first inside) 2, S. H. Symonds 3—4, A. Symonds 5—6. Also 720's: Fredk. Dakin (first 720) 1, C. Poulson 2, A. Symonds 3—4, S. H. Symonds 5—6; F. Mann (first 720) 1, C. Poulson 2, A. Symonds 3—4, S. H. Symonds 5—6; S. H. Symonds 1—2, C. Poulson 3, F. Dakin (first 720 inside) 4, A. Symonds 5—6; C. Poulson (first 720 double-handed) 1—2, H. S. 3—4, A. S. 5—6; 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Dakin (first in the method) 1, C. Poulson (first in the method) 2, S. H. Symonds 3—4, A. Symonds 5—6.—On Monday, March 29th, at the residence of S. H. Symonds, a date touch 1915 changes of Bob Minor: F. Dakin 1, C. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds 3—4, A. Symonds 5—6. Rung to celebrate the 19th birthday of F. Dakin. All conducted by S. H. Symonds.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, for men's service, on March 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Second Lieut. W. Anderson 1, C. Golding 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8. For evening service, 336 Bob Major.—On March 21st, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples: H. Floyd 1, W. H. Newell 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, Second Lieut. W. Anderson 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on March 18th, 720 Bob Minor: *C. Terry 1, Geo. Durling 2, F. King 3, F. Terry 4, *W. Dennis 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6, William Meek 7. *Longest length in the method. Longest length in any method on the bells since they have been restarted after eight months' silence.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Skinner 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrell 5, C. Hunt (conductor) 6, F. Skervington 7, W. Brooks 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association.—For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Smith (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, H. Holloway 2, R. H. Boddington 3, W. Phillips 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, A. E. Smith 8.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association.—For men's service at St. Mary's Church, on April 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Lawrence 1, H. Cooke 2, C. Hes 3, Robt. Holloway 4, C. Hunt 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. W. Fruin 8. For morning service, on April 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: C. Edwards 1, R. H. Boddington 2, V. Holloway 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, B. Brewer 6, Sergt. J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.—On the Eve of Ascension Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Edwards 1, G. E. Harbour 2, Miss E. Jones 3, W. Phillips 4, A. Hubbard 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. W. Fruin 8. Also 464 Bob Major: C. Edwards 1, R. H. Boddington 2, W. Phillips 3, A. Hubbard (conductor) 4, G. E. Harbour 5, V. Holloway 6, B. Brewer 7, W. Lawrence 8. For evening service, on Ascension Day, 352 of Bob Major.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On March 30th, after Confirmation service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples: R. Hookham 1, E. Hookham 2, F. E. Davis 3, H. Gillett 4, E. Pardon 5, E. Hill 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, G. Pugh 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hall 1, T. Banning 2, H. Packer 3, W. Stratford 4, J. Collett 5, H. Gillett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Butler 8.

PUDSEY.—On April 6th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Kitchen (age 12) 1, Wm. Barton (conductor) 2, J. Ambler (age 15 years), first 720, 3, S. Ward 4, S. Helliwell 5, E. Mann 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On April 7th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, R. Law 4, J. Luckey 5, Pte W. Duffield (Beds Yeomanry) 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, H. W. Watts 8.—On April 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Watts 1, J. Luckey 2, G. Gray 3, H. W. Watts 4, W. Watts (conductor) 5, R. Law 6.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—At a most successful practice, on April 14th, 720 each of Woodbine, Double Court and Double Oxford was rung, those taking part being: H. E. Bowers (Great Bardfield), E. Claydon, J. T. Barker and H. Young (Stebbing), A. Shuffelbotham and H. Redgwell (Bocking).

SOUTH STOKE, OXON.—On April 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the occasion of the birthday of Miss E. O. Nind: S. Kew 1, J. Bower (Goring) 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, W. Geall 4, G. Wilson (Goring), conductor, 5.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On April 17th, 224 Bob Major: H. Mulard 1, T. N. Mack 2, G. Luff 3, Mrs. R. Whittington 4, R. Whittington 5, W. G. Brockhurst 6, T. Attwell 7, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 8. 252 Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, T. Attwell 3, G. Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, T. N. Mack 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, B. Filchett (first in the method) 8. 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by R. Whittington, and 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Bartlett.—On April 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Luff 1, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 2, T. Luff 3, Pte E. Jones (5th Batt. K.S.L.I., late of Chirk, Salop), 1st in the method, 4, T. Attwell 5, T. W. Burdock 6, W. G. Brockhurst 7, Pte G. E. Wheatley, R.M.L.I. (late of Chiddingfold) 8. Rung as a farewell to their two soldiers who were under orders.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral, for evening service, on April 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins.: G. W. Cartmel 1, H. Jarman 2, Sergt. W. C. Wakley 3, Sergt. R. Pickering 4, R. E. Hammond 5, H. E. C. Goodenough 6, E. Whitbread (conductor) 7, H. Arnold 8. Mr. Jarman hails from Harpenden, and Sergts. Wakley and Pickering are stationed there with the Territorial Forces, and belong to Burton-on-Trent and Northamptonshire respectively.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on April 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Capp 1, A. W. Gravett 2, R. Stredwick 3, W. C. Hart 4, F. Bennett 5, Pte F. W. Bailey 6, B. Bassett 7, A. D. Stone (conductor) 8, K. Hart 9, Sergt. F. F. Trusler (R.A.M.C.) 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Pte F. W. Bailey, of Suffolk, also to mark the anniversary of the opening of the bells on April 16th.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SALOP.—On April 18th, for evening service, several touches of Plain Bob Doubles, including a six-score: W. Clay 1, E. V. Rodenhurst 2, A. White 3, W. Lycett (conductor) 4, H. Edwards 5, A. Turner 6.

STOURBRIDGE.—On April 18th, at St. Thomas' Church, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples: V. Harman 1, C. W. Cooper 2, G. H. Pagett (conductor) 3, T. Heathcock 4, W. Hand 5, A. W. Dodd 6, W. A. Pugh 7, H. Thomas 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. W. Cooper 1, W. A. Pugh 2, G. H. Pagett 3, A. W. Dodd 4, A. Whatmore 5, W. Short 6, R. Matthews (conductor) 7, W. Hand 8.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On April 18th, for evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: *A. W. Davis 1, W. E. Judd 2, *J. H. Payne 3, A. Cutmore 4, *W. J. Daubney 5, A. V. Selby 6, W. E. Garrard 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal of Major.

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