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Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RECRUITING FOR THE BELFRY.

Last week we had a word to say to those Associations who have neglected territory upon their borders, and suggested that, now there is a lull in actual ringing activities, the present is a good opportunity of organising any ground which may be none too well looked after. This week we should like to address ourselves more particularly to individual towers. War's demands have played sad havoc with the personnel of most of the belfries throughout the country and while, in a number of instances, those remaining have done a great deal to fill up the vacancies by bringing in ladies, or youths, there are still, unfortunately, very many towers where the absence of men on military duty has left gaps not yet filled. Under Lord Derby's scheme, more ringers will be "joining up," so that the ranks will be further depleted, and in numerous cases there will soon be in many places not enough men to chime the bells, much less to ring them.

Competent ringers are not made in a week or two, and it is time that something should be done, unless, in these towers, the bells are to remain practically silent. A correspondent suggests that we should urge the ringers who are left in every parish to recruit at least half-a-dozen lads of from 12 to 16 years of age, teach them to ring rounds on tower bells and change ringing on handbells. There are not, he says, enough probationers in many of our County and Diocesan Associations. With that, we must say, we agree, for it is too often forgotten that the probationer of to-day is the full-fledged ringer of to-morrow, and never was there a time when, in the interests of ringing, it was more necessary to prepare for "to-morrow." There is an advantage, too, in getting hold of a beginner when he is young, for not only does he learn, perhaps, more quickly than at any other age, but he has time to get sufficiently keen upon the art so that his interest in it is sustained, even if, with manhood, he afterwards seeks other fields of labour beyond his native heath.

Many of our men who have joined the Army will, unfortunately, never return, and even when the war is over it may be some time before those who are with the colours will be able to return to their civil vocations. The finances of our ringing organisations, too, have suffered, so that it is time to take steps to improve the position as far as possible, and energetic effort amongst Church people, with the clergy in sympathy, would doubtless do a great deal to recruit not only the active ranks, but income as well. There ought to be few parishes where, either from among the youths or the ladies, sufficient help could not be obtained to make up the belfry strength to a proper and efficient standard, and a natural consequence would be the strengthening of the financial resources of the Associations. But the effort must begin in the individual towers.

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

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

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 1, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD ... 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*P.C. PETER CROOK ... 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by J. POTTER.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal in the method. Being All Saints' Day, the bells were muffled as a token of respect to our fallen heroes.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

*FRED BANKS Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD ... 5
HERBERT ALLRED 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
BENJAMIN ALLRED 3	P.C. PETER CROOK 7
HARRY ALLRED 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled in honour of and respect to those who have so nobly and readily given up their lives in the great war.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD-DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1915, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE A. KING Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. 5
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	JAMES FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	WILLIAM COX Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. Frank Webb, who was laid to rest at Kidlington on the above date.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	*CHARLES CAMM 7
ERNEST E. BARKER ... 4	FREDERICK BRYAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Triples as conductor. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch and was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the sailors and soldiers who have fallen in the war, especially those from the parish of Upton-on-Severn.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	JOHN MCKELL 5
REV. C. C. MARSHALL, M.A. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
JOE HARDCASTLE 3	GEORGE B. BOLLAND ... 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. William Snowden, a past President of the Association for 25 years; also to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Vice-President of the Association.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 7, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

PTE. THOMAS KING	... Treble	RIFLEMAN B. PREWETT ...	5
WILLIAM DREW	... 2	EDWARD CHATTEN	6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ...	7
JOHN SPENCER	... 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This was the conductor's 950th peal. T. King belongs to the
Suffolk Regt., B. Prewett to the London Rifle Brigade.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions have been received
for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund :—

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
York Minster Society, October Collection (per Mr. G. Horner)	116	11	5
Collected at the Annual Service of the Dur- ham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington (per Mr. G. T. Potter)	0	4	0
	0	18	0
Total	£117	13	5

ROLL OF HONOUR.

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

- Pte William Audsley, of St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent, Royal
Horse Artillery.
Pte A. James, junr., of SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent,
R.F.A., Howitzer Battery, now at Hitler Green.
Albert Anscombe, of Southover, Lewes, R.G.A., Dover.
From St. Luke's, Bromley Common :—
Gunner W. Grace, R.F.A., now in the Cameroons.
F. Herbert, R.A.M.C., now at Eastbourne.
J. Lyddiard, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C., North London.
Sergt. J. Bullock, of St. Mary's, Islington, 83rd Brigade R.F.A.
Ammunition Column, now in France.
Pte R. F. Deal, of St. Mary's, Islington, and late of Australia,
226th Field Co. Royal Engineers, now at Salisbury Plain.
Pte A. E. York, of the Parish Church, Rothwell, Northants,
Royal Flying Corps.
Gnr. Harry Maxim, of St. James', Stanstead, Suffolk, Royal
Garrison Artillery.
Pte Frank Crissell, of St. James', Stanstead, Suffolk, East Surrey
Regiment.
Pte Arthur Fernley, of Norbury Parish Church, Cheshire, 17th
Cheshire Regiment, now at Whitechurch, Salop.
From Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil :—
Shoering Smith J. Reed, R.E., somewhere in France.
Pte A. E. Harris, R.A.M.C., now at Cardiff.
Trooper Tom Davies, Glamorgan Yeomanry.
Pte A. Burgess, R.A.M.C., now at Cardiff.
Pte Joe Williams, R.A.M.C., now at Cardiff.

MR. F. WOODHEAD'S ILLNESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Since our appeal to raise funds for a self-propelling chair
for Mr. Francis Woodhead, formerly a ringer at Leeds Parish Church,
we regret to say that he has had another seizure, and we learn that a
chair will be of no use to him now. So under the circumstances it has
been decided to hand the money over to him. Trusting this will meet
with the approval of all subscribers. We are pleased to acknowledge the
following contributions: Previously acknowledged, £9 ls.; Newcastle-
on-Tyne, 5s.; Calverley, 5s.; Mr. E. Wheaton, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Idle,
2s. 6d.; Friend, 2s. 6d.; Barnsley Ringers, 10s.; Tong Ringers, 5s.;
Pudsey Ringers, 10s.; Mr. John McKell, 2s. 6d.; total, £11 6s.—Yours
truly,

H. TOMLINSON (Leeds Parish Church).

P. L. COOPER (Holbeck St. Matthew's).

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KING ALBERT'S BIRTHDAY.

Next Monday, the 15th, is the day fixed for the celebration in England
and France of the birthday of King Albert of the Belgians. Here is an
opportunity for ringers to pay their tribute to a gallant king and a
gallant nation who have sacrificed all for the sake of honour.

BELLS IN WAR.

During the present war we have read a good deal about the part
which bells have played in hostilities. The sounding of a church bell
was the first warning note of the invasion of Belgium; during Russia's
masterly retreat we frequently heard of the care which was taken to
remove all church bells to prevent them falling into enemy hands.
Then, too, many Austrian churches gave their cracked bells to the
Government to be melted down for implements of war in the hope
that, if their nation is victorious, the bells may be replaced—presum-
ably at the expense of the vanquished.

A big bronze bell was until recently used in the German trenches
on the western front to signal British attacks. It was recently cap-
tured by our troops. Its usage, says a writer in the "Daily Chronicle,"
recalls a curious old custom of war. On the capture of a besieged town
the church bells became, ipso facto, the perquisites of the chief artil-
lery officer on the attacking side. Whether these were to be melted
down and used as raw metal, or whether their shape suggested easy
conversion into mortars, is not quite clear. But that the custom is
not altogether obsolete may be judged from the fact that, in accord-
ance with it, at least one temple bell was commandeered from a
Burmese pagoda scarcely 30 years ago.

There was often military utility, adds a correspondent, in the old
custom of handing over the bells of a captured town to be melted
down. For the bells were usually the recognised way of rousing the
citizens and surrounding villagers, and the conqueror wished to run no
risks. "He who commands the bells commands the town," was an
axiom in the days of faction fights, and evidence of the importance
of bells may be found in the fact that those of the cathedral often
belonged, not to the cathedral chapter, but the municipality.

Through the Cardinal Archbishop of Budapest, the Roman Catholic
Church in Hungary formally announces its readiness to surrender the
church bells for military purposes, without waiting for any official
requisition. Inventories of the bells have already been taken. It is
proposed to hand over those from the larger cities and towns first, and
later, if necessary, the bells from the village churches. For the pre-
sent one bell at least will be left in each tower, and at present it is
not proposed to take any bells which have a special or historic value.

A telegram from New York states, which we can quite believe, that
the Germans are making life miserable to the Belgians in a thousand
ways. Not long ago the German commandant at Namur sent a cir-
cular letter to all the priests in the district ordering them to notify
him in writing of the time when the bells in their churches were rung.
Not a bell was to be rung without previous notification to the com-
mander, and the ringing had to be to the minute of the hour named.
As a result of this order several priests were fined £50 each and sent
to gaol for three months for permitting the bells to be rung at un-
authorised times.

RINGER'S EXPERIENCES IN BELGIUM.

Writing from "somewhere in Belgium," Sergt. J. W. Russell, of
Signal Section 721 B, formerly of Dorking, and a member of the Win-
chester Guild, says, in a letter to Mr. F. E. Dawe, that since he left
England on August 31st he has spent a lot of his time in travelling
up and down the western front. "My first action," he continues,
"was what is known in the papers as the 'great advance,' and since
that we have been in a different part of the front altogether. Of
course you must understand that we do not spend the whole of our time
in the trenches. Personally, I have only spent two whole nights in
them during the whole time, although some of my men are in the
trenches throughout the period we are 'up,' as it is called. I spend
more of my time, nights especially, at headquarters, although even
there we are often in the danger zone, especially if the enemy gets
'jumpy' enough to let loose his heavy artillery—then the safest place
is a dug-out.

"It is difficult to describe the amount of damage done to the country
by heavy gun fire. In some places whole villages are practically
levelled to the ground, just a base wall standing here or there, but no
semblance of a house, and of course the ground around it is nothing
but a series of holes that may be anything from 2ft. to 30ft. in dia-
meter and up to 10ft. in depth. Undoubtedly the enemy's guns are
capable of doing an enormous amount of damage, although I think
that now we have just about got their measure in that respect, and
can hold our own easily.

"How is ringing progressing? I suppose it is as quiet as ever. One
thing I am pretty certain of and that is that a good many of the good
bands will never meet again. I am afraid I am getting quite an out-
sider now, for I haven't seen a 'Ringing World' since coming out.

"We had his Majesty the King to visit us one day recently. I was
lucky enough to be in the guard of honour. I thought he was looking
very well indeed, considering the weight he has to carry just now.
The Prince of Wales is making good out here."

MR. SAM WOOD'S LOSS.

The sympathy of his many friends will go out to Mr. Sam Wood, of
Ashton-under-Lyne, in the loss which he has sustained by the death of
his son, who was an aeroplane inspector.

A VISIT TO ALDBOURNE.

SWINDON RINGERS' ENJOYABLE TRIP.

The Swindon Parish Church ringers, not having had an outing for two years, decided to visit the interesting and typical Wiltshire downland village of Aldbourne on the afternoon of Saturday week. A motor char-a-banc was engaged, and the well-filled vehicle left Swindon soon after two o'clock for the pleasant run of nine miles to the destination. The first three miles are uneventful, and then a two-mile rise has to be negotiated through the pretty little village of Liddington, which brings one right on to the downs. In passing, the picturesque and prominently placed old village of Wanborough lies to the left, the church being interesting from the fact that it is one of three in England having central and western towers, the other two being at Purton, six miles west of Swindon, and Ormskirk, in Lancashire. The local tradition is that these churches were built at the joint expense of two sisters, one of whom was in favour of a western tower, and the other a central one, so to solve the problem two towers were built to meet the wishes of each sister. This is quite a pretty little legend, but probably not the real explanation. Perhaps some reader interested in these matters can throw further light on the subject and give the real cause.

On arriving at the summit of the hill a glorious view unfolds itself. Immediately on the right is Liddington Camp, between 900 and 1,000 feet above sea level. This ancient encampment occupies a very prominent position, commanding the whole country round. Undoubtedly it was at one time strongly fortified, as the deep entrenchments now remaining indicate. There are several other similar camps in the district which tend to show that Wiltshire played a very prominent part in the early history of this country, and it is interesting to record that the fine fighting qualities of the Wiltshireman survive, as, according to statistics, the county is well to the fore in providing soldiers to fight for the old country in the present war. It is supposed that these encampments are of ancient British origin, and that they were also used by the Romans during their occupation.

Many British and Roman remains have been discovered in the district, and Upper Bham, about two miles south-east of Liddington Camp, is the site of an ancient British village. Curiously enough the War Office has recently acquired a lot of land about two miles west of Liddington, and a vast training camp has been formed there, and it is stated that it will be the depot for three cavalry regiments after the war is over.

Proceeding on our journey, the road over which we now run is delightfully soft and flinty, and of a switch-back character. The air invigorates, and the scene as we speed along is attractive. The downs spread out in soft lines, most pleasing to the eye, sturdy and very woolly down sheep eye us suspiciously, the larks sing merrily, and hares and partridges abound. What a feast of colour it is all around, with the trees, fields, and downland. Houses are few and far between, but still the journey is fascinating to those who have the desire to look about and appreciate the beauties of nature. Just before arriving at Aldbourne a huge arable field attracts the eye, as it is one veritable mass of colour. The crop is turnips with dark green leaves, but the principal feature is a most prolific growth of charlock, a beautiful, but noxious weed, with luxuriant yellow bloom, and interspersed are thousands of the finest and reddest poppies. It was a beautiful colour picture.

THE BIRTH OF CHANGE RINGING IN WILTS.

The interesting old village of Aldbourne is at length reached, and we can now reveal the object of our visit. The bells have recently been rehung, and we wanted to try them, permission having been readily granted. The massive timber frame had got in a very bad state, and as a consequence it was a laborious task to ring the bells even for a short time.

The authorities invited Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, to inspect and report, and as a result of his visit it was decided to undertake the restoration. A representative committee was formed, with the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Butler, as chairman, and Mr. Charles Smith, the people's warden, undertook to act as secretary and treasurer, and it is largely through the tact and enthusiasm of the latter gentleman that the scheme has been so successfully carried through. Appeals were issued early in 1914, before this terrible war started, and the response was so liberal that the success of the scheme was soon apparent. Estimates were obtained from three eminent firms, with the result that the tender of Messrs. John Warner and Sons was accepted. A description of the work done by them has already appeared in these columns. The Spitalfields Foundry firm have carried out the work with characteristic excellence.

The village of Aldbourne is remarkably self contained, and has many pleasant features, but the grand old church of St. Michael dominates everything, standing as it does on rising ground just above the village. In the good old days before the railways, Aldbourne was a populous and exceedingly prosperous place with many industries, but the railways which have made so many places, have slowly but surely strangled this formerly thriving village.

Change ringing in the county of Wilts had its birth at Aldbourne, and it was contemporary with the palmy days of the bell foundry there, established by Cor and continued by Wells. It is reasonable to suppose

that change ringing was introduced by the latter, as he probably became interested in the art through moving in connection with his extensive business of a bell founder and hanger in circles where it was practised. Four peals of Grandsire Triples were rung at Aldbourne, and one about the same time at Highworth, 15 miles north-west of the village. A board was placed there to record the event, but apparently this has now been lost, although the late Rev. F. E. Robinson remembers having seen it during his many visits as a boy, while his grandfather was Vicar there.

The three interesting old peal boards at Aldbourne have been rescued, restored and placed in the ringing chamber, where they should remain for generations to record the prowess of the old band. The inscriptions are as follows:

May 3rd, 1791, rung 5040 Grandsire Triples by Jno. North tripple, Wm. Gwynn 2nd, Edne Wilts 3rd, Levi Pizzi 4th, Wm. Lawrance 5th, Broome Wilts (called the bobbs) 6th, Jas. Wells 7th, Jos. Orchard tenor.

January the 21st, 1806, was rung the peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples by John North, Levi Pizzi 2nd, Stephen Wentworth 3rd, Thomas Sheppard 4th (called the hobbs), Mark Brown 5th, James Bridgeman 6th, William Flower 7th, Joseph Dennis tenor. The peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung March 20th, and again March 27th, 1837, by James Barrett tripple, James Palmer 2nd, William Tayler 3rd (called the bobbs), John Baxter 4th, William Andrews 5th, Joseph Palmer 6th, James Smith 7th.

March 20th, George Barrett, } Tenor.
March 27th, John Beezley, }

Mr. A. Palmer, the present leader of the Aldbourne band, is a ringer of over 50 years' standing, and his father rang the second to the two peals in March, 1837. Mr. Palmer remembers all the band, and assisted in ringing muffled peals for most of them.

On arriving at the church the bells, new frame and fittings were inspected by the visitors, and met with general approval. The bells were then raised in peal, and various touches rung at intervals in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative, the proceedings ending with a very good fall in peal.

The long draft of 87 feet, coupled with the fact that the ropes are new, makes ringing difficult, and it needs a proficient band to handle them, that is if good striking is to result. Undoubtedly Aldbourne possesses a grand ring of eight, and it is no exaggeration to say that the fine old tenor, which weighs about one ton, is the best of the lot, although the oldest, as she was cast in 1516, and is thus within a year of four centuries old.

After the ringing, a brief adjournment was made to the Crown, where a good course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells was much appreciated. The Swindon men, after a very pleasant afternoon, arrived safely home about 9 o'clock. Their thanks are due to the Vicar, churchwarden, and all who helped to make their visit a pleasant one. B.

"LORD MAYOR'S DAY" RINGING.

EVENTS OF PAST CENTURIES.

Doubtless much ringing has been done in London in the past in celebration of Lord Mayor's Day, but one of the early peals at Southwark was probably in celebration of the event of that year. It was rung on November 10th, 1766—the 9th having fallen on Sunday—by the Society of Cumberlands. It is recorded as "a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, consisting of 5,136 changes, in 4 hrs. 8 mins., by the following persons: George Patrick treble, Geo. Gross 2, Thos. Dunmore 3, Jno. Reeves 4, Charles Purser 5, Isaiah Bray 6, Jno. Purlevent 7, Francis Wood 8, Samuel Wood 9, Wm. Jakins 10, Wm. Scott 11, Samuel Muggeridge, Wm. Lester tenor. Composed and called by G. Patrick." There are some famous old names in this peal. Gross, Reeves and Purser, as well as Patrick, were among the leading composers and conductors of that day. Samuel Muggeridge, in 1777, rang Shoreditch tenor to the peals of 10,000 and 11,080 Oxford Treble Bob Royal. Francis Wood (Francois Du Bois, a Huguenot silk manufacturer of Lyons, who was driven out of France) was the grandfather of the late Mr. Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, and Samuel Wood was brother to Francis.

An old newspaper cutting records an accident at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, in the year 1823, while the bells were being rung on the occasion of the Lord Mayor's procession. "The tenor, or great bell, fell out of its hanging with a most tremendous crash into the pit beneath to the great alarm of the ringers who were three floors under, and who were shook as if by an earthquake. The accident was caused by the gudgeons, by which the bell was sustained, giving way, owing to their having worn down by constant friction for nearly two centuries. The more singular part of the accident was that the crown and upper part of the bell was completely severed from the remaining part, as if cut with a knife, notwithstanding its great thickness. The weight of the bell was 3,300 pounds, and it was remarkable for its fine, sonorous tone and for its having formerly for many years been tolled on the mornings of the execution of the criminals at the Old Bailey, a practice only lately discontinued. It is now, of course, rendered quite useless, and a new tenor must be cast for the peal. No blame whatever attaches to the ringers who were ringing at the time in the most skilful manner the celebrated Whittington changes in honour of the Lord Mayor."

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

HELP FOR THE BEGINNER.

From Grandsire Doubles it will probably be best to go straight to Grandsire Triples, leaving the other methods on five and six bells to later articles, and, as we pass on, I would especially emphasise the necessity of carefully studying coursing order, which, in Grandsire Triples, is, perhaps, more difficult, and therefore more important, than on any other number in the same method. Before going into this subject, however, let me remind the beginner of the effect which bobs have upon the work of a bell. Each of the positions into which a bell can fall at a bob has a specific name. When the observation bell comes to make 3rd's place it is called "Before." When the bell is called into and out of the hunt, it is known as "In" and "Out" respectively. The number of leads which a bell may be in the hunt may, of course, be anything from one to five, and therefore in calling a bell "Out," we add the number of leads, if it is more than one, such as "in and out at two," "in and out at three," etc. The other places into which a bell may fall at a bob are 6-7 down, 6-7 up and 4-5 up, which are known as 'Wrong,' 'Home' or 'Right,' and 'Middle' respectively.

As in Doubles, the calls are made when the treble, on its way to lead, comes into 3rd's place and to secure uniformity in the timing of the calls, they should be made when the bell which is coming "Before," pulls off at lead. Now, it must not be overlooked, that a bob, or single in Grandsire, causes a bell to miss one of the sequence of dodging places. After 3rd's place has been made, the dodging, provided there are no bobs, comes in the regular order of 4-5 down, 6-7 down, 6-7 up and 4-5 up, but, assuming that a bell has dodged in 4-5 down at one lead and that a bob be called at the next, the dodge in 6-7 down will be omitted, and the dodging (double in this case) will take place instead in 6-7 up, the effect of the bob being, as a matter of fact, felt before 6-7 down is reached. To the beginner who has to rely at the outset totally upon memorising the places into which his bell is going to fall at the bobs, this is an important point to remember, or he will find that he has called his bob a lead too late. To call himself in 6-7 down, or "Wrong," for instance, he must remember that the call must be made the lead after 3rd's place, that 6-7 up or "Right" comes the lead after dodging in 4-5 down, that 4-5 up or "Middle" comes the lead after dodging in 6-7 down, and that to call one's-self into the hunt, the call must be made at the lead after 6-7 up. The only position unaffected is the ordinary 3rd's place, which comes at a bob—as at a plain lead—the lead after dodging in 4-5 up. The following, which is not at all unmusical, will make a good practice touch for a beginner, for in it both the 6th and 7th are called into every position in each of the two parts, while, in the course of the whole touch, each of the other bells is called into every position.

2 3 4 5 6 7	
— 7 5 2 6 3 4	I
— 4 6 7 3 5 2	O
4 3 6 2 7 5	
— 5 2 4 7 3 6	M
5 7 2 6 4 3	
5 6 7 3 2 4	
— 4 3 5 2 6 7	R or H
4 2 3 7 5 6	
— 6 7 4 5 2 3	B
— 3 5 6 2 7 4	W
3 2 5 4 6 7	

The bob leads are marked, as is customary in pricking changes, with a — to the left hand side of the figures, and on the right hand side I have indicated the position of the seventh by the initial.

This calling repeated gives a touch of 308 changes.

CONDUCTOR.

THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY. A FUNERAL IMPRESSION.

On this beautiful autumn afternoon, the golden sunshine filling the sweet air, the birds trilling their lay, and the crisp leaves falling to the ground (their living part in the great scheme of nature finished), I walk round this quiet well-kept God's acre where many of the illustrious dead of the great industrial city of Sheffield sleep their last sleep.

Musing on the similarity of human life to nature, with its spring of vigour and beauty followed by the autumn of rest and peace, I come to the open grave prepared to receive the mortal remains of one of nature's gentlemen, the late Charles Henry Hattersley. No man has played his part in the chief things of life with greater devotion. His business career extended over 50 years, and for a greater period the recreative side of his character was spent in absolute single-minded attachment to the sweet sounds of the bells. He gave his best thought freely to produce the musical combinations of changes so highly prized by the skilled ringer, and his name will be borne down the ages and revered with all the old masters of the art.

Listen to the bell, calling him to his last resting place, see him reverently born thither on the strong shoulders of his comrades—men who have often listened to his words of advice and been influenced by his sterling character—and followed by many others, some from distant places, but all silent and thoughtful, with the knowledge that the genial companion will be no more seen in the flesh, that never again will his cheery voice help them along the road of life. Only memory remains.

"The life well lived is never lived in vain." The dust returns to the earth, but what of the personality, the spirit, the character? Have they not been imparted to others to help them on their journey? As we stand around this open grave and hear the sweet cadences of the handbells feelingly rung, we think of his pleasant companionship, his helpful, cheery word, his thoughtfulness for others, and we feel convinced that as long as memory lasts the inspiration gained from his genial, buoyant presence will be reflected and perpetuated by all who knew and loved him.—R.I.P.

CUMBERLANDS' SYMPATHY.

At a meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, on Saturday, a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Hattersley and her sons, upon the death of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, was passed.

MESSAGE OF REGRET FROM THE FRONT.

Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, late hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, writing to us from "somewhere in France" says: "Deeply grieved to read in the 'Ringing World' of the death of Mr. C. H. Hattersley. The Exercise is all the poorer for his loss. I have received many letters of kind encouragement and advice from him, and shall mourn him as a true friend. I also counted Mr. E. A. Davies as one of my friends in London and am sorry to hear of his death." Mr. Cave adds that he is hoping to spend a few days at home next week—an intimation which will be welcomed by his many friends in Bristol.

A muffled peal, recorded elsewhere, was rung to the memory of the late Mr. W. Snowdon and Mr. C. H. Hattersley by members of the Yorkshire Association at Headingley on Saturday.

The name of Mr. Thomas Maude, of Pudsey, one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association at the funeral of Mr. Hattersley, was incorrectly given in our last issue as Mr J. H. Maud.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful practice meeting of the Western District was held at Idle, near Bradford, on Saturday week, and despite a damp and foggy day, over 30 members attended from Bolton, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, Holbeck, Pudsey, Skipton, Shipley, Tong, and the local company. The bells, a fine new peal of eight with tenor of 15½ cwt., by Messrs. Taylor, were well utilised during the evening, the following methods being rung: Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent, Oxford and Bob Major. Handbell ringing terminated a very enjoyable practice.

A pleasing feature of this belfry is the attached cloak-room with lavatory accommodation.

The committee take this opportunity through the medium of "The Ringing World" of thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, also the local company for making the necessary arrangements.

MORE LADY RINGERS.

A guild of women bell ringers has been formed at Penn Parish Church, Bucks, by the Vicar (the Rev. B. J. S. Kerby), to take the place of the men, who have nearly all enlisted. A dozen ladies were enrolled, and there is practice four times a week.

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Capt. Cyril Elliott-Davies, who holds a commission in the Army Service Corps, is a member of the St. Andrew's, Plymouth, band.

Lieut. Pryce Taylor bears a name honoured throughout the Exercise. He is a son of Mr. John W. Taylor, the senior partner of the celebrated Loughborough firm of bell founders. Mr. Pryce Taylor, who

was educated at Shaftesbury Grammar School, and at University College, Nottingham, went into the Loughborough business after a short time at the Humber Motor Works. With his brother Arnold, he enlisted in September, 1914, in the 4th Public Schools Battalion (Royal Fusiliers). In February both were given commissions, Mr. Pryce Taylor being gazetted to the 10th Leicestershire Regiment.

BELL RENOVATION AT SOUTHPORT.

LADY'S GENEROUS UNDERTAKING.

The bells of Christ Church, Southport, having been in very bad running order for some time past, a lady member of the congregation, who wishes to remain anonymous, kindly offered to defray the cost of the necessary renovation. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, were engaged to thoroughly overhaul and repair the bells and frame, and they have fitted new gudgeons and bearings, and stayed and wedged up the frame which was found to be very loose. Caps had to be designed to fit over the gudgeons to keep out of the bearings, as much as possible, the sand which blows through the louvres in large quantities when strong winds prevail from the sea. This has been very well arranged with felt pads at top, which bind on the spindles, but do not interfere with their free running. The work was completed on Oct. 28th, and in the evening the ringers met in the belfry, and after a preliminary trial rang a touch of 448 Grandsire Triples, a feature of which was the ringing of two bells by Mr. John Thomas, of London, who has been in charge of the work. The ringers were: R. C. Bowkett 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2 and 3, S. Kay 4, J. Brandreth 5, W. Sutcliffe 6, L. Tyldesley 7, F. R. Parnell 8. Later in the evening 1058 Bob Major was rung: Jos. Rimmer 1, J. Brandreth 2, S. Kay 3, R. C. Bowkett 4, F. R. Parnell 5, W. Sutcliffe 6, L. Tyldesley 7, J. Thomas 8.

The bells will be rung as usual for the services on Sunday, and the practices will be resumed on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. The local band of ringers have had the pleasure of visits from a great number of soldier ringers who have from time to time been billeted in the town, and any who attend the belfry at the ringing hours will be sure of a hearty welcome.

"TOMMIES" TAKE UP RINGING.

Rifleman B. Prewett, of the London Rifle Brigade, who, by the way on Sunday rang his 950th peal, is improving the shining hour, as it were. Stationed at Southwold, he has roused the interest of several of his comrades in the battalion, and is teaching them to handle a bell and ring rounds. If they stay long enough near a peal of bells, doubtless he will be able to teach them, also, the rudiments of change ringing. Some of them are very keen, and promise to turn out good ringers.

DEATH OF AN OLD SUFFOLK RINGER.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Adams, of Glemsford, Suffolk, which occurred on November 4th. He was one of the old Glemsford company of ringers, and rang his first 720 at Stanstead, Suffolk, on May 20th, 1865, in which the late Mr. Samuel Slater also rang. Mr. Adams helped to found the Glemsford company of ringers in 1868, and was one of its first members. During his membership the society flourished and rang 720's in about twenty different methods, in which he took part. He had rung several peals of Treble Bob Major in the district, including one at Lavenham, of which he was very proud.

He was church clerk and sexton of Glemsford for 47 years, the last time he did duty being on October 1st, 1911. He was also the recognised town crier and bill poster. By trade a weaver, he was one of the leading members of the Weavers' trade union (now broken up). He also filled the office of grave digger at the churchyard, where all the parishioners are now buried. When the factories were in full swing it was the custom to have funerals and weddings on Saturdays. But for this he would doubtless have extended his knowledge of ringing a little more, the writer having seen him ring the tenor to Treble Bob Minor and Major. The deceased had an affection of the throat, and as he got older he became very short breathed, which caused him to cease ringing altogether. Almost the last ringing that he did was at Haverhill in 1904, on the occasion of a wedding on Shrove Tuesday of that year, just a week after the bells had been opened.

Mr. Adams died, as previously mentioned, after a long illness in his 75th year, having been born on June 13th, 1841. He leaves a grown-up family to mourn the loss of a kind father. May he rest in peace, for he was an honest and straightforward man. T. E. S.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: *J. Norris, junr., 1, *J. Perkins (Creditor, Devon) 2, A. Warboys 3, G. Cottis 4, E. G. Fenn 5, A. C. Hardy 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, G. W. Faulkner 8. * First quarter-peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—For afternoon service, on Oct. 17th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Fleming 1, J. Avis 2, W. Drew 3, A. J. Lincoln 4, H. Phillips 5, G. Hardy 6, T. King 7, F. Watling (conductor) 8; and a course of Grandsire Triples, J. Punchard ringing the tenor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH AT STEEPLE ASHTON.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the grand old Church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, on Saturday last, and, favoured with a fine day, a goodly number of ringers assembled. The bells, which have been recently rehung and put into thoroughly good order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, going off into a course of Grandsire Doubles, much to the delight of all who heard them, especially as the bells had been silent for some considerable time past. Ringing in various Major and Minor methods was kept up until half-past four, when a beautiful and most impressive service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. E. P. Knubley, M.A., Vicar of the parish, who also gave a very excellent address. The authorised Diocesan form of service was used, and the musical portion was ably rendered by Mr. H. Garrett, the organist of the church. The chanting of the Psalms and Canticles and the singing of the hymns was well sustained by the ringers present.

Subsequently the whole party, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwarden, proceeded to the "Long's Arms" Inn, where a capital tea was put on by Host W. Hill, to which 39 sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the repast.

Afterwards a short business meeting took place, kindly presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. secretary, and ringers from Trowbridge, Keovil, Southbroom, Steeple Ashton, Bradpole, Holt, Westbury, Swindon, Devizes, Melksham, Bath, Seend, and Edington.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. P. Knubley for the use of the church bells, and for the service in the church to which the Vicar very genially responded, saying it gave him much pleasure to welcome the Guild to his parish, and expressing the hope, that, when the fine summer weather and longer days once more came round, they would pay him another visit and also inspect his grounds and garden.

The ringers then returned to the tower for more ringing, which brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. MEETING AT SHOREDITCH.

A meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Shoreditch on Saturday last, when a goodly number enjoyed a pull on these historic bells. A capital muster sat down to tea in the Parish Room, and the business meeting followed. It was suggested by the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) that a practice be held at Shoreditch every third Saturday, the first to take place on November 27th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. and finishing before dark. The suggestion was received with great enthusiasm, and it was accordingly decided that the meetings should be held. Will members and other ringers, therefore, make a note of the arrangement.

Mr. Henry Dains proposed that a letter of condolence be sent by the hon. secretary to the widow of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and that a resolution be placed in the minutes expressing the members' regret at the loss to the Exercise of such a valuable asset. Mr. Dains said he had known Mr. Hattersley for very many years, and had had the pleasure of ringing at least two peals with him, one in London and one in Yorkshire.—On being seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, the resolution was carried in silence by the members.

Mr. H. C. Stubbs, of Stoke Newington, and Mr. Arthur Mason, were proposed as members, and were elected.

Mr. Wightman proposed that the annual meeting be held at St. Martin's, which, on being seconded by Mr. Stubbs, was carried.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar of Shoreditch by Mr. Doran, who coupled the name of Mr. H. J. Bradley with the resolution, for the use of the bells, and the welcome to Shoreditch.—This was heartily carried, and the business proceedings then terminated.

Many members then amused themselves by a few courses on hand-bells, and Mr. T. Scarlett caused some merriment by a few "airs."

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. THE ALLOCATION OF TOWERS.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Moulton on Saturday last, the following towers being represented: All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Edmund's and St. Giles', Northampton; Boughton, Ecton, Castle Ashby, Kingsthorpe, Easton Mauduit, Easton Neston, Weston Favell, Finedon, Harpole, Orlingbury, and the local ringers. The variety of methods was somewhat restricted owing to the long pull and difficulty of control, but a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor was successful during the evening.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Williams) conducted a short service in the church, which was much enjoyed. Tea was provided at the White Lion, at which 35 sat down, including the vice-president (Mr. J. Clarke) and the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford).

It was decided, on the recommendation of the committee, to hold the next quarterly meeting at Kingsthorpe.

A discussion took place on the more even distribution of towers for the different districts, and it was considered that the Central Committee ought to take the matter in hand first and submit a scheme to the district committees.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and local ringers, and to the vice-president brought the meeting to a close, and ringing was then again indulged in till 8 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. FRANK WEBB, KIDLINGTON.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. Frank Webb, who passed away at Kidlington on Saturday, October 30th, at the early age of 33 years, after some months' illness, from that dreaded disease, consumption.

Mr. Webb assisted his father as a bell hanger, and was much respected as a ringer. He was a member of Kidlington prize band, and as a boy was in the choir.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week at Kidlington, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn), who is also chairman of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Guild. The bearers were members of the prize band and two of his brother ringers. The Vicar's wife was at the organ, and at the commencement the hymn, "O God, our help, in ages past," was sung, and, after the Psalm, the hymn, "Rock of Ages." Among the ringers present were: Messrs. W. Stone (Oxford), W. Cox (Eynsham), A. E. Lock (Sutton Courtenay), Miss K. Holfield and H. Holfield (Abingdon), G. Holfield, senr., G. Holfield, junr. (Appleton), Miss M. E. Chillingworth (Bradfield), Mr. A. E. Reeves (Guild secretary), etc.

Before the service the bells were rung fully muffled, with the tenor open on one side, a 336 of Grandsire Triples being conducted by Mr. A. E. Reeves. Directly after the mournful ceremony a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, also conducted by Mr. A. E. Reeves. In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was accomplished, a report of which appears on another page.

BOSTON GUILD ACTIVE.

The Boston (Massachusetts) Guild have been active lately. On Sunday, Oct. 17th, they rang 545 of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey 2, H. Petts 3, W. Bashford 4, J. Goodhead 5, E. E. Randall (conductor) 6, J. F. Laker 7, R. Newton 8. This was the longest touch of Grandsire Triples the conductor has yet called. A 336 in the same method was rung by: G. A. Matthews 1, R. Newton (conductor) 2, H. Petts 3, E. E. Randall 4, P. J. Allfrey 5, W. Bashford 6, J. F. Laker 7, J. Goodhead 8. A 560 in the same method was rung at the Church of the Advent on the same day by: R. Newton 1, P. J. Allfrey 2, Mrs. Margaret H. Shurleff 3, H. Petts (conductor) 4, W. Bashford 5, E. E. Randall 6, J. F. Laker 7, J. Goodhead 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On August 22nd, 720 of Double Court: A. Symonds 1—2, *M. Symonds 3, *C. Poulson 4, S. H. Symonds 5—6. * First 720 in the method.—On Sept. 11th, 720 Single Court: A. Symonds 1—2, C. Poulson 3, M. Symonds 4, S. H. Symonds 5—6. First in the method by all; by the same band.—On Sept. 23rd, 720 of Oxford Bob, first 720 in the method by all.—On Sept. 25th, 720 St. Clement's, first in the method, by C. Poulson and M. Symonds.—On Sept. 30th, 720 Double Oxford Bob, first in the method by all.—On October 5th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, first in the method, by C. Poulson and M. Symonds. All conducted by S. H. Symonds.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Crick 1, S. Sparrow (first in the method) 2, A. Hollocks 3, A. Symonds 4, T. Hollocks 5, W. Hollocks (conductor) 6.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 26th, in 22 mins., 720 Bob Minor: H. Chinnery 1, A. Kealing 2, G. A. Jones 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, F. Hayes 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The latter four ringers came from Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, and wish to thank Mr. Chinnery for making a ring possible after mustering one short for Surprise, and also Mr. Kealing for his kindness.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, 476 Grandsire Triples: V. E. Butler 1, Alfred Ballard (Leicester) 2, Sid Wright 3, F. Dainty 4, W. Cross 5, F. Davis 6, T. Vaughan (conductor) 7, H. Coles 8. 272 Bob Major: Alf. Ballard 1, T. Vaughan 2, Sid Wright 3, F. Dainty 4, F. Davis 5, W. Cross 6, J. W. Jarvis 7, F. T. Cooke 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, at St. John's Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Forsdyke 1, F. Bacon 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, A. G. Bennington 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, W. W. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. B. Crowder 8. For evening service another quarter-peal in 38 mins.: R. Forsdyke 1, F. Bacon 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, E. J. Pannett 4, T. Deal 5, W. W. Jefferies (conductor) 6, J. Law 7, E. B. Crowder 8.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sept. 28th, for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence 1, F. G. Goddard 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, P. H. Smith 4, T. Bealle 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, W. New (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, three courses of Stedman Triples: W. Souter (Stowmarket) 1, S. Sparrow (Finborough) 2, H. English (Coddensham) 3, E. Welham (Finborough) 4, E. Diaper (Stowmarket) 5, A. Grimwood (Finborough) 6, A. Symonds (Lavenham) 7, W. Welham (Stowmarket) 8. Also three courses of Double Norwich: W. Welham 1, S. Sparrow 2, C. Alderton (Stowmarket) 3, H. English 4, W. Souter (conductor) 5, A. Symonds 6, A. Grimwood 7, E. Diaper 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—Recently at St. Mildred's Church, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, J. Mantilow 2, H. Rummery 3, G. Neve 4, W. Savage 5, A. Allen 6, C. Tribe (conductor) 7, F. Gilbert 8. Also five courses of Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, W. Tickner 2, W. Savage 3, C. Tribe 4, J. Mantilow 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, F. Gilbert 8.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, 720 K. Treble Bob: W. Mead 1, W. Sear 2, J. D. Matthews (London) 3, H. Morris 4, W. Pether 5, H. Sear (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers 1, 2, 4, and first in the method on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Mr. J. Bowell, of Ipswich.

SLOUGH.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bedford 1, T. Smith 2, A. Leader 3, J. J. Parker 4, G. T. Leader 5, R. Flaxman (conductor) 6. W. Welling 7, A. Perryman 8. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. Sergeant, who was for over 30 years parish clerk and vergier at St. Mary's Church, and was very much respected by all who knew him.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 336 Double Norwich Major: H. Morris 1, J. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, W. Sear 4, L. Meager 5, F. Ston-ton 6, F. Hedges 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. First touch Double Norwich by the local band. Also 336 Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, H. Sear 2, W. Pether 3, H. Morris 4, L. Meager 5, W. Sear 6, F. Ston-ton (first touch as conductor) 7, F. Hedges 8.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Binnersley 1, G. Jacobs 2, R. Moy 3, F. Shaw 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, A. Morris 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of Treble and 2nd.

WINKFIELD, BERKS.—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), each six-scores called differently: J. Simmonds 1, E. Simmonds 2, J. Rance 3, W. Eatwell 4, J. Brant (conductor) 5, E. Brant 6. Also on Thursday, October 7th, 720 in the same method, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Blay, for many years a ringer and chorister at St. Mary's Church: F. Blunden 1, E. Simmonds 2, J. Brant (conductor) 3, W. Eatwell 4, A. Head 5, E. Brant 6.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on October 3rd, for evening service, 1251 Stedman Caters, in 49 mins.: R. W. Green 1, A. W. Grimes (composer and conductor) 2, E. Gibbs 3, C. Lee 4, C. H. Pullen 5, F. Perrin 6, C. H. Horton 7, Corpl. J. E. Davis, R.E., 8, A. A. Hughes 9, A. S. Pettett 10. Rung to oblige Corpl. J. E. Davis, R.E., who was spending a week-end in London.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): F. Derbyshire 1, J. H. Ridyard 2. *F. Grundy 3, W. Jones 4, G. Way 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, Joseph Ridyard (conductor) 7, *W. Oakes 8. *First quarter-peal.

EPPING.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 3rd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, H. Rumens 2, G. Dent 3, H. Smale 4, J. Rann 5, G. Carter 6, G. B. Lucas 7, G. H. Pighthing 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1295 changes): D. Jinks 1, W. R. Small 2, J. Smith 3, T. W. Cattel 4, H. S. Smith 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, H. Smith 7, G. Williams 8. Composed by the late William Mickelwright, of Dudley. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Thomas, a lifelong member of the above Parish Church. Also to the late Mr. Harry Fenton, D.C.L.I., who fell in action on Sunday, Sept. 26th.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Monday, October 4th, in the tower of the Church of the Immanuel, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. L. Garfath 1—2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3—4, I. Attwater 5—6, Miss E. Bennett 7—8.

GUILFAL, PENZANCE.—Truro Diocesan Guild.—On Friday, Oct. 8th, 770 Grandsire Triples: Miss Eileen Symons 1, A. W. Brighton, London (conductor) 2, J. Wood 3, Dr. J. Symons 4, F. Jelbert 5, A. Triggs 6, R. Hickens 7, J. Cockell 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: *W. Wood 1, Dr. J. Symons 2, *J. Wood 3, R. Hickens 4, *F. Jelbert 5, *A. Triggs 6, A. W. Brighton (London), conductor 7, *F. Cockell 8. *First quarter-peal.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Riches 1, A. Prior (first 720 as conductor and first attempt) 2, W. Doran 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller 5, J. Moule 6. 720 Cambridge Surprise, W. Theobald, conductor.—On Sunday, October 10th, for morning service, 720 Newcastle Surprise: W. Smith 1, A. Prior 2, H. Torble 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6. For evening service, 720 Canterbury Surprise, W. Riches treble, rest as above.—On October 11th, 720 Chelsea Surprise, A. Prior 1, H. Torble 2, W. Doran (first in method) 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6; also 720 Munden Surprise, the first by all the band and first attempt: W. Riches 1, H. Torble 2, A. Prior 3, W. Theobald 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

NOTICES.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. each, in schoolroom at 5. Business meeting immediately after in the same room. Intercession service in the church at 6.30, to be followed by the unveiling of a peal board by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 13th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, November 13th. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Rev. Wilson P. De Vine, M.A., R.D. (Vicar), who will also give the address and preside at the business meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, by kind permission of the Rev. B. S. Batty, on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing from 3.30 sharp. Short service at 5.30. Tea on the usual terms at 6 o'clock. No ringing after 8 o'clock. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warmley (6) on Saturday, November 13th. Bells open 3.30, service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following. Visitors warmly welcomed. Subscriptions now due.—G. W. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., 22, Court Road, Horfield.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, 7, Grove Street, Raunds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 13th. The Abbey bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at Chase's Restaurant at 5 o'clock, business meeting immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, November 13th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Thursday, November 18th for handbell practice; Tuesday, November 23rd, general business; all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, 6d. each, at "The Nag's Head," 6 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers for 1916. Members requiring tea please notify hon. secretary by Wednesday, November 17th.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual Meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) from about 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage at 6. Tea provided for those who let me know by Nov. 16th.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A special general meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, November 20th, 1915. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Service at 6.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 4th, 1915. Bells available from 2 till 6 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each, at the Infants' School, 6.30 p.m., followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, December 1st.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. David Wright, steeplekeeper of St. Peter's, Croydon, is now 3, Saxon Road, Selhurst, South Norwood, S.E.

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FARNHAM ROYAL.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, on Sept. 26th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Henley 1, G. Gutteridge 2, J. J. Parker (conductor) 3, H. Cox 4, W. H. Fuswell 5, J. Elderfield 6, J. Blackmore 7, J. Bovingdon 8.

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