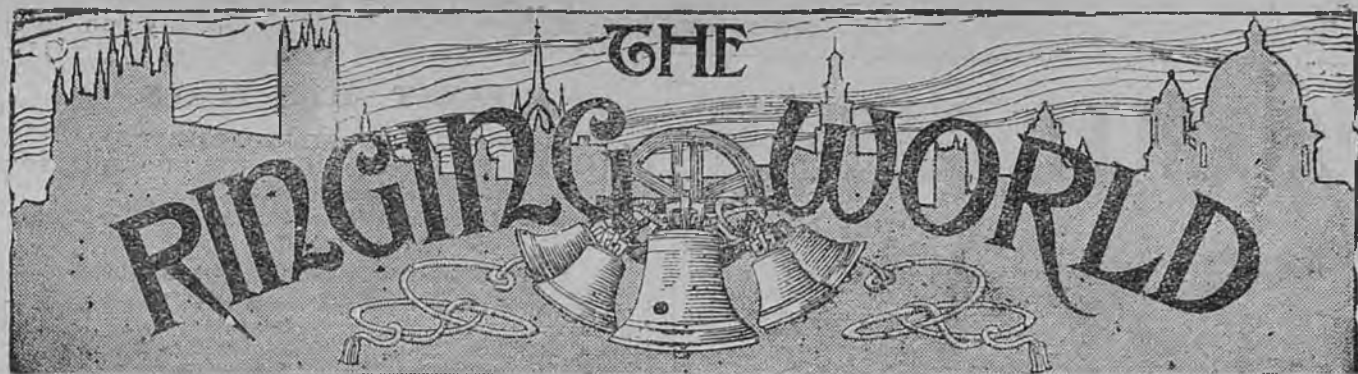




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MODERN WORK.

AFTER THE WAR.

In another column a correspondent asks what has become of our leaders. He means, we presume, the men who, before the war, were placed by circumstances in the limelight of ringing affairs or who got there by their own initiative. It is only too true, as he asserts, that the Exercise has seen or heard nothing of the majority of them for a long time past; and we agree with the writer of the letter that, even though the exigencies of the times make it difficult for anyone to devote much attention to anything but the great task on hand, it would be better for the Art we cherish if we could hear more of them than we do. We do not think it is exaggerating the position when we say that to-day the ringing fraternity is leaderless. There is no individual—no, not even a group of individuals to whom one can point and say they are the leaders of the Exercise. Again, we think our readers will agree with "Campano" when he says that now, more than ever, the Art needs all the encouragement that can be given it by those to whom in the past we have looked to to guide our counsels and voice our opinions. Truly they seem to have deserted the stage, and we doubt if our correspondent's appeal to them to return at this juncture will have much effect.

But there is one subject in "Campano's" letter which we sincerely hope will not be read and ignored; and that is the serious consideration of what should be done as soon as the war is over to re-establish ringing in something of its old position. At the outbreak of war ringing had reached a level of which it had every reason to be gratified. As the result of years of endeavour, ringers had raised their status in the church to one of which they could justly be proud—and from which, of course, the events of the last three years will not remove them—the practice of the Art had been extended to an extraordinary degree, and the advances made in method ringing were beyond the dreams of ringers even three or four decades ago. It is in the actual practice of the Art that the war has given the Exercise a serious set-back, and it should be the determination of all the organised bodies of ringers in the country to consider without further loss of time how the leeway may best be recovered when peace is once more established. Some may say, "Let us wait till peace comes," but procrastination will only add to the difficulties. In many branches of life steps are being taken to prepare for an after-the-war revival at the earliest possible moment, and the ringing Exercise should not be behindhand in giving consideration to this subject. It is a matter which might well be discussed at district and association meetings, for there is everything to gain and nothing to lose by having plans matured.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*MISS RHODA M. HOWAT...Treble	MISS KATE PIGOTT... .. 5
JOHN EATON 2	JOSEPH PIGOTT... .. 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 4	*ARTHUR PIGOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1918, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	HERBERT HAIGH 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 6
JOSEPH GARNETT 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
WILLIAM JOYCE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Nettleton, of the Shipley band. It was the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the ringers of the 5th, 6th and 7th.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHEVINGTON, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, January 12th, 1918,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. ROLFE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*A. NEWMAN... .. 1	†A. ROLFE... .. 3-4
*J. ROLFE 2	†E. CLARKE 5-6

Conducted by E. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First peal on a pair of handbells. First peal as conductor.

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BY A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

First Two Parts.	Last Two Parts.	Continued.
234567	235476	753264 5
672453 2	352476 4	257436 5
476325 5	453827 5	732584 3
254637 2	274365 2	537426 5
372465 2	372546 5	435872 5
263754 3	573824 5	634257 5
762435 5	675432 5	726534 1
467523 5	476253 5	527463 5
234756 2	654732 3	425376 5
452367 3	276354 1	574263 3
264573 3	652743 3	275346 5
582347 5	756324 5	462537 2
365724 5	357462 5	564724 5
P.L. 324576 3	623745 2	765342 5
Repeat, ending with	236745 4	657342 4
H. P. S.	452673 2	356274 5
	654327 5	P.L. 325467 1
	356742 5	Repeat, ending with
		H. P. S.

The peal may also be obtained in the following ways:—
2 3 5 5 3 1 5 1 2 4 3 5 2 4 2 5 5 5 3 5 5 5 1
5 5 3 5 2 5 5 4 5 5 5 2 5 5 4 1 2 3 5 5 2 P.L. 1
Repeat, ending with H.P.S.: 3 2 2 1 3 2 2 H.B.S. 1

Or as follows:—

1 2 4 5 2 3 3 5 5 5 5 2 1 3 5 5 3 5 2 1 3 1 2 1 5 5
3 5 2 5 5 4 5 5 5 2 5 5 5 3 1 3 5 5 2 4 2 P.L. 4
Repeat, ending with H.P.S. 3 3 3 3 H.B.S.

CRAWLEY BAND'S DOUBLE LOSS.**OLDEST RINGER'S DEATH.**

On Saturday, January 7th, there passed to his rest, at the ripe old age of 89 years, Mr. Joseph Newnham, Crawley's oldest bell ringer. "Old Joe" (as he was familiarly known) had been in failing health for some time, and although unable to get up to the belfry he was always pleased to hear the bells.

He had been a ringer at Crawley Church ever since the bells were first placed in the tower in 1880. He had rung a good number of peals, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major, but unfortunately he kept no record of these performances.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 12th, at Crawley Church, several ringers attending. After the service three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells deeply muffled, were rung by the following: A. Thornton 1, P. Tyler 2, A. Mills 3, A. E. Mitchell 4, J. Rice (conductor) 5, A. Brackpool 6, W. Vincent 7, E. Pearce 8.

On the Sunday following, for morning service, three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the same band, with the exception of F. W. Edwards, in place of E. Pearce.—The Rector (the Rev. H. L. Barratt-Lennox) made a sympathetic reference to deceased in the course of the sermon.

DEATH FROM WOUNDS.

News has been received that Corpl. George Kenward Hawkins, 2nd Life Guards one of the Crawley band, died of wounds on the 10th Jan. Joining up soon after the war broke out, he had seen between two and three years' active service in France, and much sympathy will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins at the loss of their only son.

On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung at Crawley Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the deceased by the following: A. Thornton 1, P. Tyler 2, A. E. Mitchell 3, A. D. Mills 4, J. Rice (conductor) 5, F. W. Edwards 6, E. Pearce 7, A. Brackpool 8; and in the course of his sermon the curate (the Rev. E. J. Fenn) made a very sympathetic allusion to Corpl. Hawkins' death.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
TAUNTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held in St. Mary's Church Room, Taunton, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Milverton, North Curry, Wilton; St. James' and St. Mary's, Taunton; and Trull. The chair was taken by the President (Canon C. E. L. Corfield, Vicar of St. Mary's), the Rev. P. J. J. Fear (Vicar of St. James') being also present. The balance sheet, which showed a balance of £1 8s. 7d. in hand, was passed.

The President was thanked for his services during the past year, and unanimously re-elected.

Mr. E. E. Burgess was re-elected secretary until the return from the war of Mr. Merson.

One new member was elected, and the next place of meeting was fixed for Kingston, soon after Easter.

Mr. Maddock was elected to represent the branch on the General Committee.

The President made feeling reference to the death in action, of Pte. W. Fudge, who was a member of St. Mary's Guild, and of W. Evans, a member of St. James' Guild, who had just passed away.

A vote of thanks to the President for the use of the room and arranging the service concluded the business. The members then attended St. Mary's Church, where a short service was held, at which Canon Corfield gave a very suitable address from Psalm viii. 26.

"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honour dwelleth."

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung on St. Mary's bells.

DEATH OF A TAUNTON RINGER.

On Sunday, January 6th, there passed away at his home in Eastbourne Road, Taunton, Mr. W. Evans, who for twelve years had been a valuable member of St. James' Guild.

The funeral took place at Bridgwater, on Saturday, January 12th, when the body was conveyed to its last resting-place by the deceased's brother ringers. Mr. A. E. Coles was also present representing the Bridgwater ringers. In the evening the members of the Guild met at St. James' Church, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the deceased.

RINGING AT CURDRIDGE.

In 1917, the remnant of the band at Curdridge, Hants, did their best to "keep the flag flying." Several combined practices were held, with ringers from North Stoneham, Titchfield, Swanmore and Portsea, the methods rung being Superlative and Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Minor. In addition, during the year, one quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, eight 504's, and one 630 of Grandsire, three 380's of Bob Minor, and 65 six-scores of Stedman Doubles were rung.

BIRTHDAY PEAL AND PRESENTATION.**YORKSHIRE VETERAN CAMPANOLOGIST HONOURED.**

On Saturday week the Earlsheaton Society honoured the 70th birthday of their esteemed friend and comrade, Mr. John Garforth, by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 18 mins., and by making a presentation to him of a silver snuff-box, a pipe in case, and a tobacco pouch filled with tobacco. The peal was rung at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, on the bells which were recently returned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. This was the first peal rung on the bell by the whole of the local company since the restoration, and was performed in the style for which the band are justly noted.

After the peal, lunch was provided for the ringers and visitors, and was followed by a social evening at the Commercial Hotel, the programme consisting of songs, piano and violin solos, and handbell ringing, and a recitation, composed by Mr. Sheard Goodall, the village poet, on the career and ringing abilities of Mr. Garforth. This last item was very much appreciated by the company. Visitors were present from Almondsbury, Huddensfield, Halifax, Shipley, Pudsey, Tong, Batley, Horbury, and Ashton-under-Lyne.

Mr. Arthur Goodall, on behalf of the ringers and friends who had subscribed for the gifts, made the presentation to Mr. Garforth, who suitably expressed his thanks, and remarked that the presentation came to him as a surprise. Whenever he used either one or other of articles it would remind him of the proceedings that night.

Mr. Garforth's career as a ringer has been a very long one, commencing when he was quite young. He rang his first 5,000 when he was 16 years of age, and he has been a ringer ever since, being at different times connected with the churches at Dewsbury, Batley Carr, Orsett and Earlsheaton, and he is still a member of the Earlsheaton Society. He was also a member of the Dewsbury handbell ringers for a period of 30 years, and was a regular participant in the annual contests at Belle Vue, Manchester. He was noted for a number of years for his abilities as a tenor ringer on tower bells. He is still as expert as ever with a pair of handbells in method ringing. During his career he has been most successful at ringing contests in all parts of Yorkshire and Lancashire. He is now the only member left of the company who rang in the peal of 16,000 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, in December, 1872—the time taken being about ten hours.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held on Saturday last at Balderstone Parish Church, Rochdale, members from Milnrow, Newhey, Middleton, Todmorden Parish, Ashton and Hammersmith, being present. The bells were kept going from three o'clock till six p.m., with touches of Plain Bob Major and Minor.

The business meeting was afterwards held, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Leesfield Parish Church, Oldham, on Saturday, February 16th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local band for having everything ready.

A hearty welcome was given to Mr. E. R. Mackrill of St. Paul's, Hammersmith, who is at present stationed at the Auxiliary Military Hospital, Birch Hill, Dearnley, Rochdale. Mr. Mackrill was elected a non-resident member of the Association.

MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

Owing to the holidays and the awkward postal arrangements, and other minor mishaps, only one insertion of the notice calling the first meeting of the year of the Manchester Branch at the Cathedral could be obtained, but that did not prevent some twenty to thirty members turning up for the gathering. A disappointment was, however, in store, for the ropes were in a poor state, and the new ones had not arrived. The treble rope came down almost as soon as a start was made, but to make the best of things all the four standard methods were practised as well as Superlative.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Ridyard, who welcomed the members, and wished them the compliments of the season, Bolton, Deane, Stockport, Ashton, Eccles, Pendleton, Didsbury, Cathedral, Town Hall, and Prestwich, were represented.

The next meeting was arranged for Pendleton, on Feb. 9th. There seems a scarcity of new members just at present, and as there was no other business to discuss, the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Dean, and those in authority, as well as to Mr. Eachus, the esteemed tower keeper.

ROTHERHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, 335 Grandsire Triples: S. Bogle 1, Miss W. M. Hague 2, H. Taylor 3, J. Cottom 4, T. C. Ryder 5, Pte. A. Hague R.A.M.C. 6, A. Cattell (conductor) 7, W. Ayre (Gainsborough) 8; 160 Bob Major, with Pte. A. Hague 5, T. C. Ryder 6, and W. Ayre (conductor). Also a Plain Course of Grandsire Caters on handbells: Miss W. M. Hague 1—2, A. Cattell 3—4, Pte. A. Hague 5—6, W. Ayre 7—8, T. C. Ryder 9—10. For the special intercession service, at 3 p.m., attended by the Mayor and Corporation, etc., 320 Bob Major, the ringers standing as for the 160.

MORE OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

"By special request" (as the concert programmes sometimes put it) and "by special permission" (the Editor will tell you) "Bob Major" makes his reappearance in the arena. He can imagine that the reception awaiting his perhaps unexpected re-entry may not be entirely complimentary, and while some may welcome, others may resent his intrusion. However, he is prepared to risk the bricks as well as to accept the bouquets, and so—well, here I am. Why have I returned after so long an absence?—to some extent that may be a matter of opinion. I hope it may be to entertain some of my readers, though others may think it is only to bore them. The truth is, I thought it time I let my old friends know that I was still in the land of the living—I only wish it were possible to say the same of all those of my acquaintance who read the feeble splutterings of my pen a while ago.

Times, my friends, have changed since then, and one person at least is still rubbing his chin in pensive doubt as to the wisdom of my presence here. That person is he who sits in the seat of the mighty, and in whose presence I tremble till my brains rattle. When I begged for a little corner occasionally, he fixed me with his steely eye (he's got two of them), pointed to the door, and in the most stentorian tones at his editorial command, snapped out, "Variat, begone," and, encouraged by the order of the boot, I went. But "Bob Major" was not to be so rudely denied, and, to cut a long story short, he of the scissors and paste department eventually relented and—here I am.

But the promise has been given that these notes shall be very short, and very occasional. However, short as they are, and occasional as they must be, on account of my ration of space, I must first say to all and sundry, "How are you?" and metaphorically shake you all by the hand once again, and say I'm pleased to see you. Although it is not really so long since last I chatted to you in these notes, it seems half a lifetime when one looks back over the things that have happened and the changes that have taken place since last I wrote. There has been much to sadden us, but I am not going to dwell upon that, although one cannot help thinking of all the old faces that have disappeared, and the fine young lives that have been sacrificed in the last two years.

For the present, however, I am content to be concerned with those who are still among us—perhaps, I ought rather to say, still in the flesh, for a great number of the ringing acquaintances of all of us are scattered throughout the world, wherever the British flag is upholding the Cause. From Jerusalem to Flanders, from "German East" to the Arctic Circle, boys from the belfry are doing their best to "barge" Old Fritz. A good many of us who are left at home are only old men or cripples, but there is one of the former whose face, though he hasn't left our shores, has been seen (in the pictures) by thousands of people on the other side of the Channel. Dear old Ted Morrex, ringing the treble at St. Paul's on Cambrai Joy Day, was one of the most conspicuous figures in a large photograph in the French journal "Le Miroir." Never such fame befel him before, and I hope he'll be there when we ring for peace.

There used to be an old quip, "How's your mother off for soap?" In these days the quantity of soap in the stove cupboard of one's maternal parent is of little import compared with the question of "How's your mother off for tea?" or "marg" or meat, or something else in the larder line. If you want anything to eat in these days you have to mind your p's and queues; in fact, it looks as if pealless days may soon become mealless days. By the way, have you heard the latest chestnut? "What's the difference between a ring of bells and a profiteer?" One peals from the steeple and the other steals from the people.

There were days when some of us had a pretty lean time because we had no money with which to buy what was going but now that we are able to earn a bit at sundry war jobs—necessary but safe—it looks as if that which was going, has by this time gone, and we are

still to be sent empty away. I knew the day when you could always depend upon enjoying a good meal after a peal, but good meals, like good peals, seem to be getting fewer. Never mind, we've got to grin and bear it, as the boy said, when ordered a birching. They are talking a good deal now of food cards, but I hope there's nothing of the three card trick about it. If the food is as elusive as the "lady," our smiles will soon rub off. Cards are all very well, but we shan't be able to live on cards alone.

Lord Rhondra says, by hook or crook,
You must resist the wiles of cook,
And if by luck you ring a peal,
And just an aching void you feel,
At food you must then only look.

To live on air may well be hard,
But sage advice should never be marred.
And if your appetite is keen,
Just think of others still more lean,
And be content to chew your card.

The editorial injunction is ever "cut it short," and though there is much I should like to have said, my further remarks must be postponed to a later date, for I realise I have already consumed my ration—of space.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

WHAT CAN BE DONE BY THE INDIVIDUAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I say how glad I was to see advocated in your columns the explanation of the art of ringing to those outside the favoured few, who know something about it? For some while, whenever I have had the opportunity, I have always tried to make my brother officers understand that there is something more in it than an old man pulling half a dozen or more ropes with different parts of his anatomy. The sight of my "Ringing World" lying on my table is usually the means by which a conversation is started, and I have always found that a very little explanation is sufficient to ensure a very real interest.

Being only a beginner myself, and with little opportunity for practice or study, there is little I can tell them; but after having explained to them the work of the treble in Grandsire Doubles, and told them that this is the easiest work in the easiest method on the easiest number of bells, I have always found that they were quite prepared to hear more of the work of the other bells and work on more bells; leading up the bobs and singles. Beyond that I cannot go; but I think I may say that my hearers go away with a feeling of admiration for the brain, at any rate, of the ringer, which they never felt before, and an understanding that there is not only something, but a great deal in it.

Now, if everyone was to work on similar lines, I think we should soon get a country, not only tolerant of, but enthusiastic about the art.

Hearing bells and knowing nothing of them, there can be only one of two things possible in people's minds, "How pretty!" or "Wish they'd stop!" according to the temper, work and location of the individual. If that same individual, however, knew that each member of the band ringing those changes was combining mind and muscle, and especially at an intense strain, to produce the music he hears and to complete a labour he set out to do, knowing that one slightest mistake will upset the whole thing, and that the peal or touch will be a failure for the whole band, then I say that individual cannot help taking an interest in the matter, and interest is 99 per cent. of everything.

As for ringing itself, the good that it does would cover pages. But there is one point which I think can never be rubbed in enough—I leave aside the church side of the matter, except for one reminder to the non-ringing clergy that they have in the belfry the nucleus of an absolutely loyal men's congregation who always get as far as the church, and are surely worth encouraging. My main point is a lay one. You have in the belfry a number of men, each one of whom is working for the good of the whole. What is the result of a peal? Is it not that the band has scored it? What is the result of one man's mistake? Is it not annoyance with himself that he has spoilt the performance of the band, not his own pleasure? This is very much for the good of the country as a whole, and is the spirit encouraged at our big schools and in the services. In connection with this I may say that I have never yet known a ringer who has not been more than willing to help on someone else.—Yours truly,

C. F. JERRAM,

Major, R.M.L.I., B.E.F.

NOTICES.

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

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the Schools after the service.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2 o'clock until 6. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea (1/3 each), followed by general meeting at 6 o'clock, all at the Dining Rooms, Market Place.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 3 till 9 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Established 1878).—The annual meeting will be held at Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 26th. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Parochial Institute, Bennett Road. Further particulars by circular.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Ringing practice will be held at Earls Colne January 26th, Braintree February 9th. Bells, 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.—H. F. Cooper, District Master. B. Redgwell, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, 26th inst. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service, 4 p.m. Tea and business, 4.45 p.m. Doubling bells (6) also will be available. N.B. 1918 subscriptions are now due.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton, Bath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, 26th Jan. The eight-bell tower of the Parish Church (St. John's) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, and the ten-bell tower of St. Peter's, South Croydon, from 3 to 5.30 o'clock, when service will be held at St. Peter's. Tea will be served in St. Peter's Mission Hall, Selsdon Road, at 6 p.m. (members 6d., visitors 2/-), after which business will be transacted, including election of officers for all three districts, reception of accounts and reports. Please notify intention to be present to Ch. Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, S.W.—Ringing for evensong will recommence Sunday, Jan. 27th, at 5 p.m. (Service at 6 o'clock), and fortnightly thereafter. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hewett.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore, Kent, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock until 4.30. Tea, by the Guild, at 5 p.m. for all members.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingboro on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready 2 p.m., tea at 4.30 p.m. (no sugar).—W. Perkins, Dist. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on January 29th. The subscription of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended twenty meetings in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Short service, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting and handbells. Tea arrangements depend upon the necessary articles being obtainable. Outstanding subscriptions for 1917 should be forwarded before the meeting.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnham-on-Sea, Feb. 2nd. Service, 5.30; tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Intending visitors please write.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, February 2nd, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting following the ringing.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the society will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 1918. Bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. till dusk. The business meeting will afterwards be held in the White Cross Hotel at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield, Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock till dusk; meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the subscription for 1918 is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 29, Leigh Road South, Clifton, Bristol.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Pte. Cecil Greenfield 1, S. Stone 2, S. W. Corden 3, P. H. Doick 4, Sergt. W. H. Hollman 5, Sergt. A. B. Corden 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, Lieut. L. N. Corden 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Pte. Cecil Greenfield 1, S. Stone 2, P. H. Doick 3, S. W. Corden 4, Sergt. W. H. Hollman 5, Sergt. A. B. Corden (conductor) 6, A. Greenfield 7, F. J. Killick 8.

COALBROOKDALE.—On Sunday, December 30th, 1917, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins.: Wm. Prince 1, T. Abbott 2, J. York 3, L. Hewitt 4, R. Jones 5, W. Lago 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Aston 8. The composition appeared in "The Ringing World" of Friday, December 28th, 1917. This was Ptes. Abbott's last touch before joining the Cadet Section of the Royal Flying Corps, at Farnborough, on Jan. 1st.—On Sunday, January 20th, 1918 for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Wm. Prince 1, Pte. Walter S. Crawford 2, J. York 3, P. Shaw 4, R. Jones 5, L. Hewitt 6, Wm. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Aston 8.—For evening service, same date, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins., composed by Walter Lago: Wm. Prince 1, Pte. Walter S. Crawford 2, J. York 3, L. Hewitt 4, R. Jones 5, W. Lago 6, Wm. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Aston 8. Specially arranged for Pte. W. S. Crawford, who was home on a few days' leave from the Army Service Corps Supply Depot, South Camp, Warminster, Wiltshire. — Also on handbells, same date, 120 Grandsire Doubles: Pte. W. S. Crawford 1—2, Wm. Saunders (conductor) 3—4, Leonard Hewitt 5—8; also a course of Grandsire Triples: Wm. Prince 1—2, Pte. W. S. Crawford 3—4, Wm. Saunders 5—6, Leonard Hewitt 7—8. Also a course of Grandsire Major by same band.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday afternoon, January 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Fruin (first in the method) 1, A. W. Davis 2, Robt. Holloway 3, G. Hes 4, F. Skevington 5, Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C. (conductor) 6, A. Mason 7, W. Lawrence 8.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, for morning service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: A. R. Davis 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Dierens 3, H. N. Davis 4, W. G. Matthews 5, W. A. Alps 6, T. Walker 7, H. Dyas 8.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1280 changes), in 52 mins.: A. Cutmore 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. G. Matthews 3, A. W. Darlington 4, E. A. Reeve 5, A. Mason 6, W. H. Hewitt 7, I. Emery 8, H. Mance 9, H. Dyas 10.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On January 19th, at St. Peter's Church a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes), by G. R. Newton, in 1 hr. 11 mins.: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, R. Wimpenny 2, J. W. Holme 3, Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4, Miss Sarah Holt 5, John Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, John Rolls 8. This is the longest length yet rung by the ladies, and also by the tenor ringer.

CAERPHILLY.—Llandaff Association.—On Saturday, January 19th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins., rung after an attempt for a peal: W. Pike 1, F. Boucher 2, G. Cooke 3, A. Addicott 4, F. Evans 5, S. Dawe 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, F. Stephens 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late churchwarden, Mr. W. M. Savours.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on January 20th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: B. Wilson 1, A. J. Smith 2, L. A. Goodenough 3, Corpl. W. Payne 4, F. Hunt 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung as a welcome to Corpl. W. Payne, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, home on leave from the front.

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