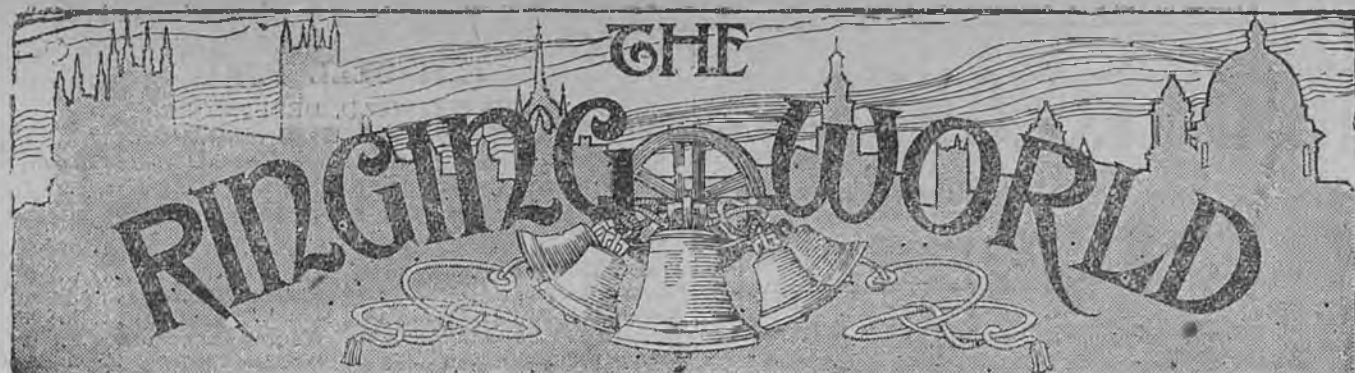




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Gentlemen,

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.

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.

In our article a fortnight ago, dealing with the steps that might be taken in reorganising ringing, so that when the war is over it may regain its former position with the least delay, we urged the importance of getting to work without loss of time, and we are glad to learn that there are districts in which action is being, or is about to be, taken. In the Yorktown district of the Winchester Guild the acting secretary has issued a circular to all towers, the result of which should be the collection of much instructive information. This will form the basis upon which action can be taken. Where help is required to re-establish a band, such assistance will, as far as possible, be forthcoming, and the promotion of ringing in the individual towers is to be supplemented by combined practices so that as much ground as possible can be covered, and no opportunity of rekindling enthusiasm left unutilised.

The practical way in which the task has been tackled in the Yorktown area might well be followed by other districts throughout the country where nothing has yet been done in the direction of 'reconstruction.' There is everywhere much leeway to make up, and this will not yet be accomplished by leaving the question to look after itself. The war is not yet over, but work of this description cannot be done hurriedly—it takes time—and those Associations who leave it entirely till the days of peace may regret their inaction when they find themselves much behind those who take time by the forelock.

As we have said before, we believe the soundest plan for a quick recovery after the war is to strengthen the bands in the belfries now by inducing all those who are under-manned to raise their numbers to something near the normal, so that when those at present with the forces return to their homes they will find the bells to welcome them, and in the majority of towers a band only awaiting their help to regain the old position with little further loss of time. By the encouragement and help which they can give now the Associations can do a great deal, and in the long run it will benefit them and the Exercise at large. Indeed, it is to the wider result that we must look. It is not merely whether an effort to help some isolated tower is worth while in itself; but whether the Church and the Art is to reap the advantage which will be gained by every belfry that is raised to a state of efficiency. The lack of enterprise which is sometimes to be seen among certain ringing organisations is likely to operate adversely in this matter of revival, unless members everywhere take up the question and insist on a move being made. At the same time it must be remembered that it is a subject which requires something more than talk—it requires action; an action by the rank and file as well as by officials.

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CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	*THOMAS RILEY 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	SAMUEL WESLEY 7
JOHN FLINT 3	JAMEL GEORGE 8
WILLIAM T. PEGLAR 4	WALTER ALLWOOD 9
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*HARRY OVERTON Treble	ERNEST WEATHERBY 5
*THOMAS W. PEAKE 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

The above was rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob, Mr. Peake standing in at the last minute and ringing his first peal of Major. The peal was arranged specially to oblige Mr. J. E. Sykes of Huddersfield and Mr. Broadley of Bradford, Yorks. The ringers of 1, 4 and 7 hail from Crewe, 2 and 5 are local men, and 3 from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

* First peal of Bob Major.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 30, 1918, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. W. MOORHOUSE,
10, MITFORD ROAD, ARMLEY,†

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3—4	GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 7—8

Composed by C. A. RIDGEWAY, of Leek, Staffs.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First peal in the method on handbells by the ringer of 5—6, and first peal by the ringers of 1—2 and 7—8, who are aged 13 and 14 years respectively. The two boys deserve great credit for the very able manner in which they rang an excellent peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1918, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes

IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 size in E flat.

JOSEPH PIGOTT 1—2	*GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6
JAMES E. GROVES 3—4	†MORRIS J. MORRIS 7—8

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Referee: JAMES GEORGE.

* First peal of Grandsire 'in hand.'

† First peal on handbells as conductor.

SELBY.—On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, at the Abbey. 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., by: A. Hall 1, F. Cryer 2, E. Storr 3, W. Hinton 4, E. Rickitt 5, Sergt. E. Morris (Leicester), conductor, 6, H. Fairlam 7, G. Rippon 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a nice September afternoon, the members of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association were privileged once again to visit Stanmore, where a warm welcome is always assured. The church, with its many beautiful memorials, and the churchyard, now so splendidly kept by the new sexton, Mr. G. Hughes, attract the eye of a visitor to this unique spot in Middlesex. The tower itself contains a nice ring of six bells, with plenty of room for two trebles (which we hear are likely to be added after the war).

Ringers attended the meeting from Aldenham, Barnet, Harrow, Isleworth, Stanmore, Walthamstow and Willesden, and the bells were kept in constant use in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

A short intercession service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. F. Payler Woodward (priest-in-charge), who also gave a helpful address, taking for his text St. Matthew xxii, 21, "Render therefore unto Caesar," etc. The hymns sung were "All people that on earth do dwell" and "Jesu, Lover of my Soul."

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Institute, where a capital tea was served. There was very little business to be done, other than the reading of the minutes and two letters. It was announced that the next meeting would be at Croydon on Sept. 21st.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded all who had made the meeting so enjoyable, including the Churchwardens, the Organist, Mr. Heading, Mr. Hughes, and to Mrs. Barnes for arranging the tea.

The tower was again visited until 8.30, while a tune or two on the handbells by Messrs. Frank Hall and O. Twist was much appreciated.

5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY H. PRICE, FISKERTON, NOTTS.

23456	M	B	W	H
52436			1	
26435	1			2
45362	1		1	2
54263		—	1	2
43265	2	—	1	2
35264	2	—	1	2
26354			1	1
36524	1	—		1
25634	1	—		2
24536	2			1
32546			1	
23645	2			2
25346	2			1
42356			1	
24653	2			2
23456	2			1

The 6th extent, wrong, and six course ends at home without the 2nd

HOME ON LEAVE.

BLETCHLEY RINGER PROMOTED.

On Sunday, August 25th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Bletchley, had the pleasure of welcoming two of their old members, who were both home on leave from France, viz., Second Lieut. S. King and Sapper H. F. Morris, both of the Railway Operating Corps. It was most fortunate that both should be home together and to commemorate the event, coupled with the promotion of Lieut. S. King, which took place a few before he came home on leave, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service by Second Lieut. S. King, R.E., 1: H. Sear, 2: Spr. H. F. Morris, R.E., 3: A. Crane (first quarter of Grandsire inside), 4: W. Sear (conductor), 5: E. Marks, 6: F. Whitehead, 7: F. Stanton, 8: Lieut. S. King, who joined the Railway Section of the Royal Engineers, was employed in the Locomotive Department at Bletchley and his promotion has been somewhat rapid. A Meritorious Conduct Medal goes with his promotion, and his brother ringers wished him further success on his return to France, whither he was going on the following day.

On Sunday, September 1st, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a farewell touch to Sapper H. F. Morris, his brother ringers wishing him a safe return. Those taking part in the quarter peal were A. Crane 1, J. Mead 2, F. Stanton 3, Spr. H. F. Morris, R.E., 4, W. Sear 5, F. Hedges 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8.

St. Mary's tower now has seven members serving in France, two in training, while one has made the supreme sacrifice.

On Monday, September 2nd, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, a half peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on the occasion of a visit of Charles Broadbent, one of the Parish Church ringers, who was over on leave from France, and who returned on the following Wednesday: B. Morgan 1, J. Broadbent 2, C. Bower 3, T. Jakeman 4, Chas. Broadbent 5, John Leigh 6, J. Mellor 7, A. Adams 8, S. Wood (conductor) 9, B. Thorp 10.

At St. John's Church, Peterborough, for evening service, on Sept. 1st, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Cpl. H. Beechey, who was home on leave from the Front: H. Coles 1, T. Vaughan 2, S. Wright 3, Cpl. H. Beechey, M.T., A.S.C., 4, W. G. Cross 5, W. Jarvis 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, T. Howling 8.

Pte. F. Jones, of Caerphilly, who is serving with the Welsh Fus-

liers, being home on leave, 462 Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday evening at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, by Miss Doris Coles 1, W. Pike 2, J. Jones 3, G. Cooke (conductor) 4, D. Stephens 5, Pte. P. Jones 6, F. Boucher 7, W. Williams 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TIPTON.—On Saturday, June 22nd, members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Dudley Guild met at the Parish Church (St. Martin) to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in honour of Mr. Alfred Rowley's half-century and of his sailor son's marriage (which took place at the above church in the morning part); also on the eve of the C.E.M.S. service, but after ringing nearly two hours it unfortunately came to grief. The band being: B. Gough, W. Rock Small, C. Wallater, T. Cattell, A. Greenfield, W. A. Cooper, A. Rowley (conductor), and James George. Afterward, all adjourned to the Church House, where they were joined by a much-esteemed and respected friend, Mr. John Smith, and sat down to a fine country-style spread of pre-war days, and to which full justice was done. Afterwards, Mr. Small said a few words of congratulation to Mr. Rowley on his attainment of the half-century; also his son, who has been in several sea engagements: Messrs. Smith and J. George heartily endorsing Mr. Small's remarks.

LAVERNHAM.—On Saturday, June 22nd, the anniversary was held, ringing commenced at 2 o'clock. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. The visiting ringers were: H. English, Coddanham; T. E. Slater, Glemsford; C. Crapnell, Ipswich; W. Head, Little Walsingham, Suffolk; T. Fitzjohn, Thetford; C. Edwards, Swaffham, Norfolk; A. Shuffelbotham, Braintree; E. Beckwith, Great Coggeshall; J. Sadler, Great Tey; J. Penning, Saffron Walden; D. Elliott, Little Henny; S. Hale, B. Pettit, Sible Hedingham, Essex; F. G. Symonds, Tufnell Park, London; A. Mason, Harrow, Middlesex. The first touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the tenor clapper half-muffled, as a mark of respect and deep regret of the loss of two of the local company, Pte. Geo. Lambert and Lance-Corpl. Thos. Pryke, both in Suffolk Regiments, the former on March 2nd, 1916, the latter June 22nd, 1917, since the war began. Lavenham Tower has lost 13 of its members, who have joined the colours.

HORNCHURCH.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Andrew's Church for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Rainbird 1, G. B. Pye (conductor) 2, E. Butler 3, G. Jaye 4, J. Dale 5, H. Dawkins 6, W. Watson 7, D. Phillips 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Dale, who has been compelled, owing to ill-health, to relinquish the living.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, 1280 Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: R. Sanders 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. J. Eldred 3, E. F. Pike 4, A. J. Neale 5, M. Fensom 6, G. R. Fardon 7, L. Rodmel 8.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, at St. John-the-Divine, Vassal Road, Brixton, 1280 Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: F. C. Newman 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. J. Neale 3, E. F. Pike 4, G. R. Fardon 5, L. Rodmel 6, M. Fensom 7, R. Sanders 8.

DEANE, BOLTON.—The Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, for the annual sermons, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: T. Peers, J. Lowe (Pendleton), T. Barlow (Deane), H. Chapman (Pendleton), J. Welsby (Walkden), W. Pennington (Bolton), J. Potter (conductor), Walkden; A. Tupper (tenor).

WARFIELD, BERKS.—A friendly gathering of ringers took place at Warfield on Saturday, June 29th, the following members of the Oxford Guild being present: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, R.D. (Crowthorne), W. T. Horne (High Wycombe), J. Moth (Sandhurst), Miss Pibworth and W. Bradley (Twyford), W. Fuller (Wargrave). Two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung as follow: W. T. Horne 1, Rev. G. F. Coleridge 2, J. Moth 3, Miss Pibworth 4, W. Fuller (conductor) 5, W. Bradley 6. The company also rung two six-scores of Stedman Doubles: G. F. Coleridge (conductor) 1, Miss Pibworth 2, W. T. Horne 3, J. Moth 4, W. Fuller 5, W. Bradley 6. The bells were then rung down, and, having thanked the Vicar, the party started home.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—Peterborough and District Association.—On Saturday, June 29th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes) was rung by the following members: J. Jutson 1, S. Wright 2, H. Hoare 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, W. Cross 5, G. Smith 6, P. Vaughan 7, A. Neal 8.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. Lidbetter 1, W. E. Judd 2, T. Bandle 3, A. W. Davis 4, E. F. Cole 5, A. V. Selby 6, W. E. Gerrard (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Lancashire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: T. Watson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, J. Huddleston 3, Miss E. M. Stuart 4, T. Peers 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sunday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., at Christ Church, rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Barker, who leaves for the front: John Jagger 1, Rev. C. H. Barker 2, C. Dance 3, S. Asbury 4, J. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, R. Hall 7, F. Troth 8.

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THE PROPER SUCCESSION OF ROWS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Sir Arthur Heywood more than once in his writings laid it down that it is an axiom of change ringing that every bell that can must change its position at each blow; and other authorities have gone further and hold that no method is legitimate, or, at any rate, correctly constructed, unless at each succeeding row the maximum number of bells change places in pairs. Or, as it is alternatively put, unless the proper succession of the nature of the rows is kept. What that means is as follows: Supposing you are ringing Triples; you have seven bells, three pairs and an odd bell. You start with 1234567, and from it by changing 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6 you get 2143657, the odd bell (the seventh) making the place. Again, from 2143657 you produce a fresh row, still by changing three pairs; and so on throughout. All your changes will be triple changes, and consequently the nature of the rows will be regularly one in-course and one out-of-course.

But if instead of following 1234567 with 2143657 or 2143576 or 2135476 or 1325476, you followed it with 1324657, thus—

1234567

1324657—

you have now only two pairs changing and three bells making places, that is, you have a double change. The result is that instead of the rows running alternately odd and even, you have an even row followed by an even row.

On an odd number of bells you have at every change a certain number of pairs and one bell left over. Thus, in five bell ringing you can get continuous double changes, seven bells, continuous triple changes, nine bells, continuous cater changes, and eleven bells continuous cinque changes. This succession, say many authorities, should not be departed from, and on the whole the custom of the Exercise for two hundred years has agreed with them.

When you come to even numbers of bells, the matter is not quite so clear, but to get the regular succession you have to work as follows: You start with 12345678. Here you have four pairs and no odd bell, so you change them all, which will give 21436587.

You have still four pairs, but if you change these four you come back at once to the row you started from, which obviously will not do. So what you do is to change three pairs only, letting two bells make places. This will give you 24163857 or 24135678, or one of eight other rows. At the next change you can change all your four pairs again. So you get alternately one row produced by changing the maximum number of pairs, and one by changing one less than the maximum number, and the nature of your rows will be alternately two even and two odd throughout. In even bell methods produced like this you will have no places at hand-stroke, and always two at back-stroke, no more and no less, counting the whole pulls before and behind as places.

That is the standard to which some would try and make all methods conform. The men who hold this view know what they are talking about, but before we accept their authority we want to see what it means. If other things were equal, a method which keeps this rule would be a better method than one which breaks it, and so far as methods on the plain principle are concerned the rule is a good rule, though not, I think, an essential rule. But when you come to Treble Bob, the other things cannot be equal, and for a few very simple reasons which I will not enter into here, a method which breaks the rule is far more likely to be a good method than one which keeps it.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very pleasant company assembled on Saturday last at the picturesque village of Almondsbury, Glos, which is situated about six miles from Bristol. The pretty church spire contains a beautiful ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 22 cwt. Shortly after 5 o'clock the bells were raised, and some Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung: seven ladies taking part in one touch of Grandsire Triples. At 4 p.m. a short service was held, the Rev. E. Packer officiating, after which Mrs. Wood very kindly entertained the party, numbering about 25, to an excellent tea at the Vicarage. The gentlemen then made a move to the Belfry, while the ladies held a short business meeting, at which Mrs. Wood took the chair.

Miss Gillingham stated that this was the third meeting which had been held in the Western District, and as it was intended to continue to hold quarterly meetings, suggested that a president and secretary be elected. The meeting being in favour of this course, Mrs. Briggs, of Paulton, was unanimously elected president, and Miss Gillingham, of Portishead, hon. secretary. Five new members were elected from Almondsbury, including Mrs. Wood and Miss M. Wood, one from Bristol, viz., Mrs. John Thomas, and four from Isham, Northants.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Philip's, Bristol. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Wood for her great kindness in entertaining the ringers and making the afternoon so enjoyable.—Thanks are also due to the gentlemen ringers for their ever-willing assistance. They included Messrs. F. K. Howell, of Thorubury, Messrs. R. J. Wilkins, H. H. Tucker, and H. T. Howell, of Bristol, Mr. John Thomas, and Messrs. W. Gillingham, Nisbet, and Goldstone, of Portishead.

A BEGINNER'S DAY AT WINCHESTER.**A LADY'S IMPRESSIONS OF A GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.**

The longed-for day broke bright and clear, and we were up with the lark and off to catch the 6.28 a.m. train. The company of ringers increased from time to time, and soon there were many happy parties in the Winchester train. At Farnham it was joined by our Bishop, who got into a carriage full of ringers. He was soon in conversation with his fellow travellers, who begged him to come to our meeting in the afternoon, which he promised, if possible, to do. A very goodly company turned out at Winchester. We were a party of beginners from our own particular tower, and this was our first sight of the old Cathedral City.

We made for the Cathedral at once, sternly refusing to be delayed by many of the novel and attractive sights around us, and arrived just in good time for Matins. I will not attempt to describe our joy in the wondrous beauty of every sort, to the ear as well as to the eye, which we found ourselves surrounded, for that would be beyond my power. Suffice it to say, that we felt just drenched with it.

Directly after Matins we were taken up to the tower by Mr. Elkins, and as there were only a few ringers there at that early hour, we were allowed to ring a few rounds to our great delight. In spite of our pride and pleasure, however, some of us were not sorry to hear the word 'stand,' and to give up our ropes to our betters. We found the bells rather difficult to manage. We were next taken to see the bells in motion. This was a new experience to some of us, and none of us had ever seen it to such advantage before, and we found it a most beautiful and impressive sight. This was followed by a visit to the top of the tower, where we were greeted by a good stiff breeze. Many special objects of interest were pointed out, and after admiring the glorious view, we came down and went to see the sights of the city individually, including King Alfred's Statue, Winchester College, the beautiful Butter Cross, the museum, and wonderful old-world houses, and picturesque corners too numerous to mention. After this we were quite ready for the excellent lunch at Dumper's.

The next item on the programme and not the least important, was the annual meeting of the Guild at St. Maurice's Hall, which was rather over our heads, and all we could do was to listen respectfully. Very many of the members who regularly attend this annual meeting sent apologies for being unable to be present, mostly owing in one way or another to the war. Much regret was expressed by a letter from the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Master, at his unavoidable absence.

A pleasant diversion was made by the arrival of the Bishop, who found himself able to spare us time for a short visit. He was greeted with hearty applause, and told us that he had that day learnt more of ringing than ever before, and he had also discovered to his great surprise and pleasure that there was still one thing which could bring people together, even in war-time. It was a noteworthy fact which he would bear in mind. He made the Guild very welcome to Winchester in a kindly little speech, and said what a pleasure it was to hear the bells, which were too seldom rung in these days, and, ending by saying he must not interrupt the meeting any longer, he retired amid further applause. The meeting broke up soon after, ten of the expert members hastening to the Cathedral to ring Stedman Caters before evensong, among them being the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who had just been admitted to the Guild, but who was evidently an old and valued friend.

The service was largely attended by members of the Guild, and was followed by the ringers' tea, in St. Maurice's Hall, an event marked by meetings of many old friends. After tea we went up into the tower once more, and were fortunate enough to get a few more rounds. Then we were obliged very reluctantly to wend our way back to the station. We went up to the old gate of the city through the ancient High Street, still to the sound of the glorious old bells, through great crowds of our new American Allies, who were to be seen here in large numbers.

So ended a veritable joy-day, happy memories of which will sweeten many a day of drudgery to come. The most outstanding memories, however, will always be, not of the outward glories of this historic city, marvellous as they are, but of the warm and living interest and of the valuable help and advice so spontaneously and ungrudgingly bestowed on their weaker brethren by all the members of this great Guild, not excepting even the most gifted exponents of their ancient and beautiful art, and one humble beginner, at any rate, only wishes they could know all the delight and encouragement their kindness has called forth. Surely these things cannot fail to bear much fruit in the time to come.

STEDMAN CINQUES 'IN HAND.'

Pte. M. Hibbert, who is now at Hinswell Camp, Catterick, Yorks, writes with reference to the recent peal of Stedman Cinques rung "in hand" by six members of St. Martin's Guild Sunday service band:—Before the war, at Oxhey, Herts, under the conductorship of Mr. George N. Price, the Sunday service band rang a number of peals of Cinques "in hand," also peals of Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise on tower bells, as well as ringing Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Cumberland Surprise Major. As the tower does not contain 12 bells, a peal of Cinques, of course, could not be rung on them.

RECONSTRUCTION.**A MOVE IN THE WINCHESTER GUILD.**

The question of "reconstruction" is being taken up in a practical way in the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, where the acting Hon. Sec. (Mr. F. J. Shepherd) has circularised the towers to gain information, with the two-fold object of (1) ascertaining whether each tower is up to its proper ringing standard, and to advise and assist where such is not the case; (2) obtaining a roll of honour of Guild members who have fallen, with a view to some suitable memorial being provided. The questions asked include the following:—Number of male ringers over 18 years of age; number under 18; number of lady ringers; how many ringers have been called up for active service; particulars of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice; details as to Sunday and practice ringing; whether new hands are being taught; what methods are being rung; and whether assistance is required from the Guild in the way of instruction. Combined practices have already been arranged under the "reconstruction" programme, while, change ringing being at a somewhat low ebb at Walton-on-Thames, eight members of the Guild paid a visit to St. Mary's Church on Sunday, September 1st, and rang a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service: S. H. Marshall 1, D. A. Rowe 2, A. Diserens 3, C. Raddon 4, F. Shepherd, senr. (conductor) 5, R. Lathbury 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, B. Wickens 8. As announced in the "Ringing World" a combined practice of the Guild will be held at Walton-on-Thames on September 28th.

A combined practice was held at Otlands Park on Saturday last, and was very successful, a large number of ringers attending from London, Kingston, Guildford, Hersham, Chertsey, Walton and Cranleigh, in addition to the local band. The capital ring of eight was set going at 6 p.m., and various Major and Triple methods were rung, with courses of Grandsire Triples, in which some of the local band were able to ring Triples open for the first time. The proceedings terminated just before 8 p.m. with a well-struck touch of Stedman by A. G. Mason (London) 1, J. J. Jones (Guildford) 2, F. Shepherd, senr. (Hersham) 3, D. A. Rowe (Weybridge) 4, C. Raddon 5, A. Woodrow (Hersham) 6, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, B. Whittington (Cranleigh) 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**VICE-PRESIDENT'S TERM OF OFFICE.**

The usual monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday week at Whitworth Parish Church, and it was well attended by representatives from Whitworth, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Glodwick, Heywood, Helmsboro, Christ Church and St. Saviour's, Bacup. During the afternoon touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. S. Stott (of Oldham), and it was decided that the next meeting should take place at Newhey on Saturday, October 5th.

Some discussion took place as to the length of the term of office of the Vice-President of the Association, and the universal opinion of the meeting appeared to be that it should be held for not longer than twelve months.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the tower and bells; also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

After the meeting several ringers from the Rossendale Branch arrived and ringing was resumed for over an hour. The opinion was expressed by several members that it was one of the most successful meetings they had had the pleasure of attending.

DEATH OF AN ECKINGTON VETETAN.

At the advanced age of 82 years, Mr. William Price died at Eckington on August 29th, and thus is severed the last link with a past generation of Eckington ringers. Mr. Price joined the local company upwards of 50 years ago, and all the members of the band of that time have now passed away. He rang his first peal in 1864 at Beighton, in seven Treble Minor methods. The Yorkshire reporter credits Mr. Price with 25 peals on the six and eight bells, and there are also a number of peals in the Eckington records to his credit before the Association was formed. Mr. Price was a devoted Sunday service ringer, and by his regularity and punctuality set a splendid example. His last touch on the bells was rung June 30th of this year, when he rang Kent Treble Bob. In his younger days he was a good cricketer.

The funeral took place at Eckington on Sunday week. The first part of the Service was held in the Parish Church, and six of the ringers acted as bearers. A touch on the hand bells was rung at the graveside, where about 20 ringers assembled from Chesterfield, Killamarsh, Staveley and Norton to pay their last respects to an esteemed colleague. Mr. A. Knights afterwards conducted several long touches of Kent Treble Bob with the bells half muffled.

FALSE PEAL.

Mr. J. E. Groves writes that he regrets that the peal of Stedman Cinques published by him in our issue of July 12th, is false.

NOTICES.

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

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown Branch.—Combined Practice Meetings have been arranged as under: Sept. 14, Ottershaw, 5.30 p.m.; Sept. 21, Yateley, 5.30 p.m.; Sept. 28th, Walton-on-Thames (St. Mary's), 6 p.m. Members and other Ringers are cordially invited.—F. J. Shepherd, Dist. Sec. *pro tem*, 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sellindge, near Hythe, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Iron Acton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—W. Stafford, Hon. Branch Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available all the afternoon and evening; meeting at 4.30. Tea will be provided. Evensong at 7.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; meeting to follow.—F. Stubbs, District Sec., Bridge Street, Raunds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock; service at 5.30; meeting at 6.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14th, at Doncaster, St. George's. Bells (8) will be at the disposal of the visitors from 3.30 till 5 o'clock, and from 5.30 till dusk. The fine light peal of 6 at Arksey (tenor 9 cwt.) are also at the service of the visitors. The business meeting will be held at 5.30 p.m.—Frank Willey, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield, Sec. *pro tem*.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Idle on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Brighouse on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45. *No refreshments provided.*—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Lutton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church on Sept. 14th. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday, 14th September, from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next and last meeting of this summer series will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Twelve bells available from 3 o'clock.—Sam. Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637.)—Meetings will be held at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C., on the 19th for handbell practice, and on the 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, September 21st. Will those who wish to attend, let me know not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th?—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. District Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing (8 bells) to commence at 3 o'clock. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Puttenham monthly, commencing on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 5.30 p.m., continuing until further notice on the third Saturday in each month. All ringers, especially those wishing to make progress in the rudiments of change-ringing, are urged to attend these meetings.—A. C. Hazelden, Ringing Master, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon (by kind permission of the Rev. A. T. Reeve) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 3 to 7.15 p.m.; service 5.30; tea and business meeting 7.30, at the Wilton Carriage Works (Mr. H. E. Wills). It is essential that those intending to be present should advise me *not later than* Sept. 17th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Easton-in-Gordano on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Divine service at 4.30; tea in the Schoolroom at 5.30, business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Clent on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock; service in the Church at 5; business meeting in the Schools after the service. Election of officers takes place at this meeting. Tea, at 1/2 per head, can be provided for all those who will let me know on or before Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec., 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Isham, near Kettering, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock; short service at 5, followed by tea. Will all who intend being present kindly communicate with Mr. Walter Wilson, The Pines, Isham?—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank

Street, Clayton, Manchester, and J. H. Banks, 462, Helms-shore Road, Helms-shore, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m.; tea (1/6 each) 5 p.m., at Radford's Café, Bath Street, followed by general meeting in the Parish Room, North Street. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. W. Beads-moore, 1, Avenue Road, not later than Sept. 25th?—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—A by-meeting will be held at the Church of All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, commencing at 4 p.m.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. till dusk; meeting at headquarters afterwards.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Hon. District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kings-winford on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short service in Church, with an address, at 5.15; tea (if possible) 1/-, in the Parish Room at 6, those intending to be present please notify me not later than the 24th inst. Reports will be ready for distribution. Motor 'bus leaves Wolverhampton High Level Station at 2 and 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The address of Mr. A. L. Coleman, the new Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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WALTON, LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, June 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Harrison 1. J. W. Bell 2. T. Gilmour 3. Sapper E. J. Brooks (Kidderminster) 4. J. Martin 5. H. Martin (conductor) 6.

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