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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.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

England and the Empire is at war in the defence of liberty and right. The ultimate effects of this grave crisis upon all classes and upon all phases of life in this country cannot yet be gauged in any degree, but it will for ever stand to the credit of the nation that it has met the first shock of this world-wide calamity with a united front and with that self-sacrificing spirit which throughout history has made the Empire what it is. We are facing the task before us with the knowledge that right is on our side, and we are going into the conflict without any ebullition of a blatant jingo spirit. In the presence of this appalling shadow we, as ringers, must exercise the greatest circumspection in the way in which we use our bells. In the ordinary course much of our peal ringing is done for our own pleasure, but in times like the present it is our duty to think of others first. The public look upon the use of bells as one of the means of reflecting national feeling, whether of rejoicing or sorrow, and we must be careful that we do nothing which is likely to affect the susceptibilities of the people. We in England have as yet scarcely felt the shock of battle. But when, as is bound to happen, unfortunately, this comes, English homes will be torn with grief at the loss of dear ones, and the ringing of bells, except for a set and proper purpose, would be out of place. When, however, victory is given us, as we all devoutly pray that it may be, then will be the time for the bells, with their brazen tongues, to join in spreading the tidings, and to resound in unison with the voices of rejoicing.

Until that day comes there is other work to be done. Every man is not able to bear arms for the nation, but none need be idle in rendering service to his country. Doubtless from among the ranks of ringers many men will be called to join the colours, to bear the brunt of the fight and the sickening horrors of the battlefield. These will leave behind them wives, families, or, perhaps, other dependent relatives. The care of those who are thus cast, more or less, upon the mercy of the world, should be made the object of us all, and where a brother ringer has responded to his country's call it should be the special charge of his colleagues of the belfry to see that his family do not suffer unnecessarily. Concerted measures are being taken, as we know, for the relief of distress arising from the war, and nobly is the country responding to the appeal which the Prince of Wales has made. No effort, we may be sure, will be spared with this national fund to meet the demands made upon it, but beyond this assistance there is a help that may be given which this source cannot supply. There is the help of personal sympathy

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and kindness, and these we can all give, as well as rendering assistance by those many little acts of service which can be unostentatiously performed for the benefit of those who will undoubtedly be in need of them—and these will, it is only too sad to think, include many whom the war will indirectly hit by loss of employment. Help will, indeed, be required in many directions, and let us, who boast of the fraternity of the Exercise, see to it that the families of our brother ringers do not suffer if we can do anything to avoid it.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIE THOMAS 5
WALTER KNOTT 2	ARTHUR HUDSON 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
ALBERT NORTH 4	JOHN F. CLAYTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN F. CLAYTON.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to A. Hudson, who afterwards entertained the band to a substantial repast, for which they take this opportunity of thanking him. It was also J. Broadley's 30th peal on the bells.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 33 cwt.

*ARTHUR SILVESTER Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6
HARRY JONES 3	ERNEST CHANELL 7
WILLIAM SCOTCE 4	THOMAS ROWLAND Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Venerable Archdeacon Barber, M.A., the esteemed Master of the Guild for 27 years.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FOX Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
ERNEST TIGWELL 3	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	HARRY WARNETT Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
FRED WILFORD 2	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
JAMES GARRATT 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
*THOMAS W. YORK 2	FREDERICK KILBURN ... 6
*ALBERT E. YORK 3	†HARRY PEET 7
*BEN W. YORK 4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES J. MAWBY Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 2	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT ... 6
*MATTHIAS HOBBS 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
†JAMES J. MAWBY 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by W. PERKINS.

* First attempt for peal in the method. † 100th peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY REDDICK Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	WILLIAM COOK 6
ALFRED L. BROWN 3	GEORGE A. COOK 7
JOHN WYATT 4	DAVID ANSCOMB ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Pantia Ralli, of Ashtead Park; also as a birthday compliment to Wm. Cook.

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINTERN Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE CHAPPELL 2	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 6
*WILLIAM ELKINS 3	*WILLIAM J. RYVES ... 7
†GEORGE FULLER 4	ERNEST NEWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Mr. Fuller hails from Lamberhurst, Kent, and was on a visit to Aldershot. The remainder of the band tender their heartiest thanks to him for standing in the peal at the last moment, owing to Corporal Gilbert being unable to obtain leave.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.

JOHN A. RANCE Treble	WILLIAM T. HORNE ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	HARRY BUNGAY 6
RICHARD BUCKLAND 3	CHARLES GILES 7
WALTER A. WEBB 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

The performance was "timed" and permit to attempt it, kindly given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Broome, M.A.), for 23 years hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Guild.

SONNING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM T. HORNE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
HARRY BUNGAY 2	JOHN A. RANCE 6
CHARLES GILES 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 7
WALTER A. WEBB 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

The band thank the Vicar for so kindly allowing the attempt at short notice. An effort was made to stop the ringing during the last two courses upon a false rumour that "war was declared" by Great Britain.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... Treble	SIDNEY PALMER 5
JAMES L. WELLS 2	HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 6
*DENNIS W. JACKSON 3	SYDNEY HILLIER 7
JAMES L. WELLS 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 4, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALBERT E. NEWICK Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	*SPENCER MARSHALL ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4	HARRY WARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method, and the 200th peal by Mr. Emery and Mr. Nevard.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
ARTHUR BURGESS 3	JOSEPH NORBURY 7
WILLIAM WALMSLEY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

The peal proved the excellence of the work of rehanging which has just been executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

FERRISS SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
ERNEST PYE 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	*WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell.

OSWALDTWISTLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Immanuel.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH Treble	*EMMANUEL DUTESON 5
JAMES SHAW 2	WILLIAM RILEY 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE 4	WILLIAM WHEWELL Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. The ringers belong to Oswaldtwistle, with the exception of the ringers of 5th and 7th, who hail from Blackburn.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Neasden, Killamarsh, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, London Scholars' and Kingston. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	WILFRED WILDE 4
ALBERT E. MARSHALL 2	REV. A. T. BEESTON 5
JAMES POLLITT 3	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM Tenor

Conducted by J. FERNLEY.

Rung half-muffled, on the eve of the Patronal Festival, as a last tribute of respect and affection for the late Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Master of the Guild.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

JOHN BALL Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT 4
WILLIAM HAYO 2	THOMAS JERVIS 5
LEONARD WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. James Hudson, one of the Woodford band, to Miss Bessie Abbott, of Geddington, which took place on the above date at Geddington Parish Church.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN W. COOK Treble	JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4
HARRY THORPE 2	THOMAS SQUIRES 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. J. B. Hallifax, who was on a visit to the Rev. C. J. Sturton, at Orston.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
ALFRED F. MARTIN 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
HORACE SMITH 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
ALFRED F. MARTIN 2	HORACE SMITH 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3
*WALTER PERKINS 2	*WILLIAM R. HENSHER 4

*ARTHUR SMEATERS Tenor

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ERNEST W. HALL Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 5
JOHN SPENCER 3	WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 7-8	

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Umpire: GEORGE BERTRAM.

* First peal on eight bells. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6th's place at course ends.

SURFLEET, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

IN MR. RICHARDSON'S BULB SHED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CLEMENT GLENN 1-2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire, WALTER AYRE.

* First handbell peal in the method. First handbell peal of Stedman by the Guild and in the County.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

R. GAMBLE 1	W. CROSS 5
V. BUTLER 2	F. T. COOKE 6
T. VAUGHAN 3	H. BEECHY 7
F. DAINTY 4	F. GILBERT 8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by F. GILBERT.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SURREY RINGERS IN DEVON.

The annual outing of the Hersham (Surrey) band took place on the first three days of this month, when a visit was paid to Devonshire. This was a new departure. Hitherto the ringers have joined the choir, but on this occasion they fixed up their own arrangements, although those who were unable to visit Devonshire had still the option of joining in the excursion of the rest of their fellow church workers to Bournemouth and Swanage. Out of the twelve ringers, seven undertook the long trip, reaching Exeter on the Saturday, and spending the morning in sightseeing. Later in the day Exmouth was visited, a peal attempt at Withycombe being fixed for the evening. To the regret of all, however, it was found that Mr. E. Shepherd, of Exeter, was unable to stand in at the last moment, and a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung instead, with Mr. Hayman ringing the treble. On Sunday morning the party gathered at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, where Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were rung, while four of the band took part in Stedman Caters. In the evening the beautiful eight at Heavitree were kept going to Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Stedman, some of the local band taking a part in the two latter methods. On Monday morning a peal of Double Norwich was attempted at St. David's, Exeter, but this came to grief after 1 hr. 20 minutes' ringing, owing to a shift course. The rest of the day was spent in and around the city, and when the 6.5 p.m. train started its long journey towards Surrey, the party voted the outing a most enjoyable one. The Hersham ringers desire to express their best thanks to those numerous "brother strings" in "Glorious Devon," who did everything to make the visit one that will not be easily forgotten.

A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CYCLING TOUR.

On Tuesday of last week, nine members of the Central Northants Association had a most enjoyable day, both from a cyclist's and also a ringer's point of view. Starting from places as far apart as Thrapston and Cold Higham (near Towcester), Bulwick was made the meeting-place, and was reached before 9.0 a.m., the bells there being set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. At Great Welldon the party found a ring of six in good going order, though rather noisy, but touches of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob were rung. At Wilbarston, St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, and at Dingley, on another five in good order St. Simon's and Grandsire Doubles were rung. At this village dinner had been arranged, and was much enjoyed. Brampton Ash was the next place of call, and at this tower Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Stoke Albany, the home of the Vice-President of the Association, was next on the list. After ringing Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, the party made tracks for East Carlton, where the Rector had very kindly invited them to tea. On arrival they found a well-spread table on the lawn and the Rector there to welcome them. After doing full justice to the good things provided, Mr. Hopper, on behalf of the ringers,

thanked the Rector for his kindness, and the Rector, in reply, expressed his great pleasure at having the visitors with him, as he thought ringers were a valuable asset to the Church, and should be looked after. After a pleasant stroll through the gardens, the party made their way to the church, where they found a nice-toned ring of six, which required very careful handling to strike them properly. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The next stop was Desborough, where there is a beautiful peal after a ringer's own heart, and these bells were soon going to Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, the most enjoyable ringing of the day. Harrington, the last church on the list, was reached just before 8.0 p.m. Here was found a ring of six, with a tenor just over nine cwt., which were rehung only 17 years ago, but which are now in a shocking state of neglect. The visitors struggled through 120 of Bob Minor with the invincible "F. H." on the tenor, but as no one else would undertake to turn her in, the party contented themselves, for the rest, with 120 Grandsire Doubles. After light refreshments came the inevitable parting, but everyone agreed that it had been one of the best ringing tours they had known. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the clergy for giving permission for the use of the various bells, and also the local men for having them ready.

A VISIT TO LEICESTER.

The members of the St. James' Society, Bolton, near Bradford, had their annual week-end excursion over the August holiday, and visited Leicester, where they were met by Mr. Morris, senr., and Mr. C. H. Fowler. The county hotel was made the headquarters for the stay, and after tea the party wended their way to St. Mark's Church, where permission had been obtained for ringing. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob were brought round. On Sunday morning they took train to South Wigston, where they were met by Mr. Fowler, who had cycled over, and some of the local band. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung for morning service. In the afternoon the visitors were shown round the parks of Leicester, a tour which was thoroughly enjoyed, the floral display surpassing anything they had ever seen. In the evening arrangements had been made for a ring at St. Martin's, where they were met by the local ringers, amongst whom were Messrs. S. Cotton, Geo. Cleal and others, various methods being rung for divine service. On Monday morning a visit was paid to Belgrave Church, a very ancient pile, where the bells run the reverse way round. Touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were indulged in, and the Rector kindly showed the party round his delightful grounds, a treat that was much appreciated. The company wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World" to thank the various vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells, and also the ringers who put themselves to no little trouble to make the visit a success.

STOWMARKET RINGERS' TRIP.

A very pleasant day was enjoyed by the Stowmarket company on the occasion of their annual outing, when, travelling by brake, they visited a number of towers. The company numbered 12, and were met on the way by Mr. H. English, of Coddensham. The first call was at Earl Soham, which had not been put into the original programme, but, through the good offices of Mr. W. G. Crikmer, permission to ring on the bells was readily granted when application was made, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. At Framlingham, which was the first scheduled stopping place, the visitors were met by Messrs. J. E. Symonds and H. Smith, while the Vicar (the Rev. Pilkington) was early on the scene, and showed the party round the church, explaining to them the many interesting features and relics which it contains. A few touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob were then rung, and then dinner was partaken of at the Crown Hotel, Host Pullan serving a capital repast. Afterwards the journey was continued to Worlingworth, where the visitors were met by Mr. D. Collins, one of the famous Debenham long peal band, who had everything ready at the church. Some touches were rung, and Debenham was reached in time for tea. Permission to ring had been obtained by Mr. W. Grimes, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob were brought round. A move was then made for home, which was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. Through "The Ringing World," the company wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells, and all those who in any way assisted in making the outing such a distinct success.

LONDON.—On June 28th, for evening service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: A. L. Gibbons 1, F. V. Martin 2, C. H. Hughes 3, C. H. Horton 4, W. Ayres (late of Great Marlow, Bucks) 5, T. Walker 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, W. J. Nelder, junr., 8.—On July 5th, for evening service at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. L. Gibbons 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. A. Smith 3, F. V. Martin 4, C. H. Hughes 5, R. N. Runham 6, P. N. Attwater 7, F. J. Hardy 8, F. J. Hardy 8.

A RINGERS' FESTIVAL WITHOUT BELLS.

CHESTER GUILD AND THE WAR CRISIS.

THE DEATH OF ARCHDEACON BARBER.

The Chester Diocesan Guild met under the shadow of a heavy loss when members from towers throughout the county assembled at Wallasey on Bank Holiday for the annual festival. Death had removed the beloved Master (Archdeacon Barber, of Chester), who, although not a ringer, was the founder of the Guild, and, since its inauguration 27 years ago, had assisted in its progress and watched its growth with paternal interest. In addition to this loss, which, naturally, is greatly deplored by the members, the meeting also took place in the midst of a grave national crisis, and in view of the anxiety and tension prevailing it was unanimously decided not to utilise the bells which had been kindly placed at the disposal of members at Liscard, St. Hilary's, and St. Nicholas's, Wallasey, and Bidston. The question as to whether ringing should take place was laid before the Guild by the Rev. A. S. Roscamp, Vicar of St. Nicholas's, Wallasey, who pointed out that the bell ringers had always been looked upon as heralds. The bells in the old days were somewhat of an equivalent to the modern newspaper; they sent out news to the people. In a time of such grave crisis as the present they should be especially careful that the belfries were used only on the proper occasions. All thoughts were turned now to the heavy troubles that lay over Europe; that afternoon the position of England was to be declared in the House of Commons—it was a momentous time. He suggested that they should consider very carefully whether they would be doing right that day in ringing the bells at all. If the bells rang out, naturally the public would inquire as to the meaning. They might associate the bells with the existing situation—with the decision taken by the House of Commons as to the course Britain was to pursue—and there was a very serious danger of the public being misled. If the towers were used that afternoon it might seem that they were signalling their approval to one side or the other. Bell ringers stood now in a position of greater importance than they had occupied in modern history. The people looked to them to know when to rejoice and when to weep. The ringers had now an opportunity of making some little sacrifice for their country, and showing that in times of serious anxiety they could put aside their own pleasure.

This appeal was heartily endorsed by the Rev. A. E. Simpson (Vicar of St. Mary's, Liscard), who said that personally he should feel very uncomfortable if St. Mary's bells were rung. People were awaiting news in a state of severe tension, and it might lead to grave misunderstanding if the bells were heard ringing all over the district.

Mr. H. Hatt-Cook said the ringers had the chance now of showing that they were patriots as well as Churchmen.

The Guild decided unanimously that no ringing should take place.

THE INFLUENCE AND EXAMPLE OF THE LATE MASTER.

The service in the morning at St. Mary's Church partook largely of the nature of a memorial service for the late Master, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild), found the subject of his address in the character and example of the dead Master. The Rev. A. E. Simpson (chairman of the Wirral Branch of the Guild) and Vicar of St. Mary's conducted the service.

The Bishop of Chester was unable to attend the festival, but forwarded a message to the Guild in which he referred to the death of its Master. "The loss is heavy indeed," he wrote, "but the inspired memory of his influence and example remain with you."

The Rev. A. T. Beeston paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the late Archdeacon. For 27 years, he said, the Guild had run its course under the fatherly, sympathetic, helpful and tactful sway of one Master, whose death burdened them with a heavy sense of loss. His work for the Guild had been great—in its length, in the manner in which it had been conducted, and in its results—and in his relationship to it were revealed faith, faithfulness, kindly care, sympathy and goodwill. Their late Master knew nothing of change ringing, and for him to conceive the idea—from the inspiration of the words of a conspicuous exponent of the art, the Rev. Francis Edward Robinson, late Vicar of Drayton—of establishing a

Guild and to determine to embody it, was indeed a venture of faith. He looked upon the Guild as his child, and everyone would testify that for 27 years he acted as a true father. Already there has been mention of a memorial to their first and only Master, and with the suggestion he heartily agreed. But there could be no memorial more appropriate than that the Guild should be truly great, in the same sense as they attributed greatness to their late Master. Such a memorial was possible for them all. It was beyond physical possibility for man to cover the whole sphere of bell ringing. Any who were enthusiastic would be inspired by the great prospect before them, and to make steps in progress would certainly mean to step in faith. There was thus scope for faith in connection with belfry routine, as there was scope for faithfulness—they could be faithful to the Church whose ministers and servants they were for kindly care, sympathy and goodwill. Individually and as a Guild they had the opportunity for the cultivation of those qualities and of that disposition which distinguished their late Master. This was the memorial he would prize most.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting which followed in the Parish Hall, Mr. H. A. Heywood, of Christleton (vice-chairman of the Chester branch), presided.

The Guild placed on record its keen appreciation of the services rendered to it by its late Master and its sense of the loss it suffered by his death.

The resolution to this effect was moved by the Chairman, who remarked that Archdeacon Barber had left them a wonderful example of patience and activity under physical infirmity.

Mr. H. Hatt-Cook (Chairman of the Northwich branch), who seconded, also paid a warm tribute to the founder's memory.

The death of Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, and his work for the Guild during the twenty-five years of his membership were also the subject of a resolution.

It was decided to defer the election of Master of the Guild. The Rev. A. T. Beeston was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and the following elections to the committee were made: Hon. members: The Revs. F. C. L. Hamilton, H. L. Mallory and G. B. Thurston; Messrs. H. Hatt-Cook, C. J. Bowen Cooke and H. A. Heywood; ringing members: J. Fernley (Bowdon and Stockport), W. Seance (Chester), R. Langford (Crewe), E. H. Lewis (Grappenhall), J. Norbury (Macclesfield), J. Ashmole (Northwich), and T. Murray (Liscard). Messrs. R. Sperring (Chester) and J. Ashmole were appointed representatives on the Central Council, together with the Secretary.

It was decided that the festival next year should be held at Frodsham on July 24th.

Thanks were accorded the Chairman, the Secretary, the Vicar and wardens of St. Mary's, and the local ringers, among whom was specially named Mr. E. W. Dutton, who was chiefly responsible for the arrangements in connection with the Guild's visit.

When the business had been disposed of, dinner was served to a company of about one hundred in the Masonic Hall, the catering being in the excellent hands of Mr. T. Pagon Clugston. After the meal, the gathering, over which the Rev. A. E. Simpson presided, honoured the toast of "Church and State." This was proposed by Mr. Hatt-Cook, who remarked that the critical state of national affairs made a special call upon their loyalty both to the Church and to the State. They had shown their patriotism and their sense of the gravity of the country's situation that morning in agreeing that no ringing should take place during the festival.

Afterwards, instead of visiting the belfries, the ringers spent the afternoon at New Brighton Tower.

DOUBLE CENTURIES.

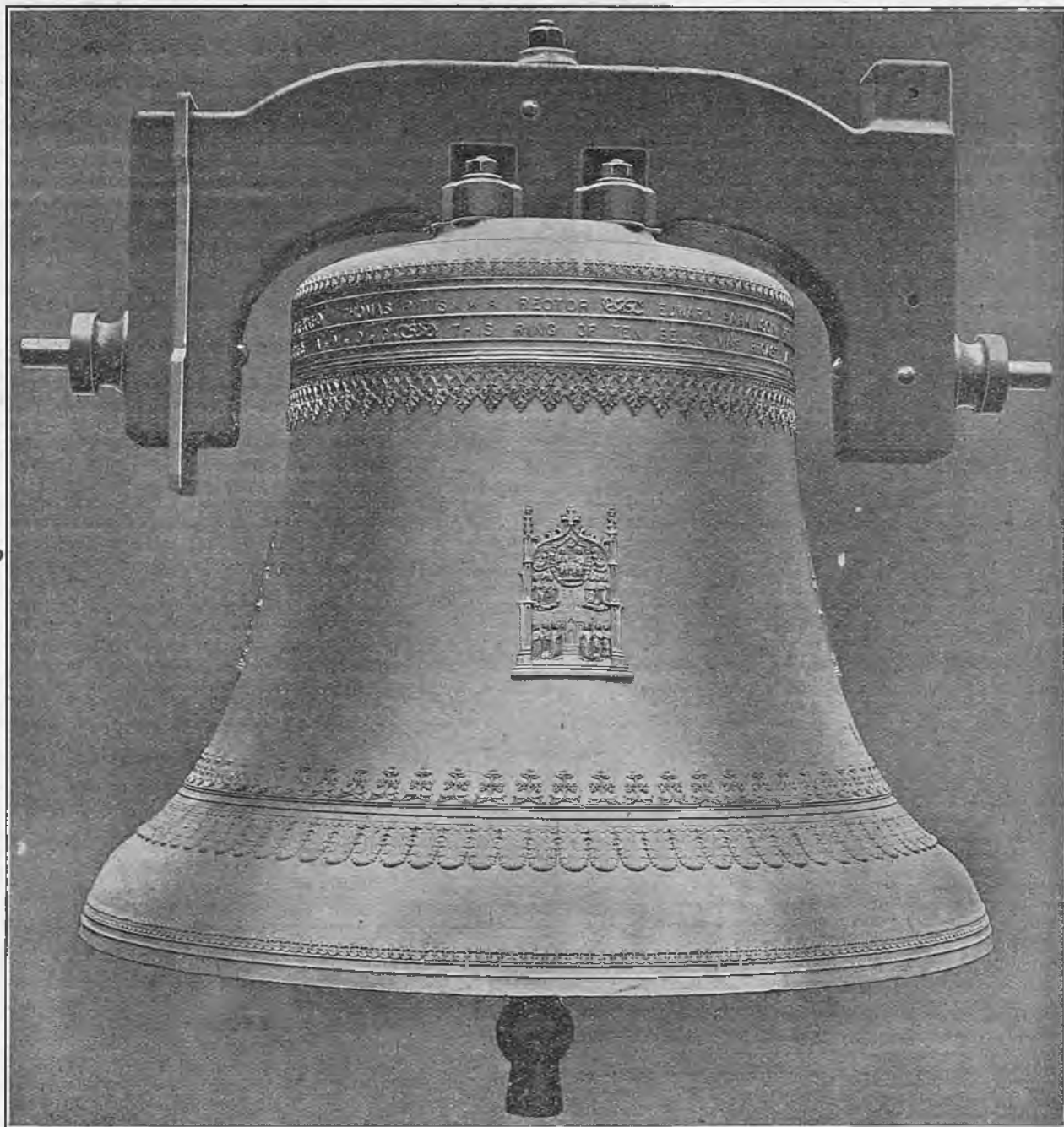
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A South West Prospect of St Leonard's Shoreditch in Middlesex. (Engraved by J. H. Stanger)

There is a great deal of interest in the above picture, which illustrates the second church which stood on the site of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. It must have been centuries old, and although it is impossible to trace its foundation, we learn from Mr. H. J. Bradley's book on "The History of Shoreditch Church," to which we referred last week, that it is mentioned in the records of 1160, when Walter de Wittenor was presented to the living by Henry II. The building was a neat structure of flint and rubble. It had four aisles roofed under three gables and a tower at the west end. Churches so constructed were rare at that period. In 1708 the building was 75ft. long, 66ft. broad, and the steeple about 70ft. high. Over the gate of the

churchyard was set up the music of the 100 Psalm, and, above it, a skeleton lay full length with hour glass and skull either side over it. The church possessed a number of richly-painted windows, and one, depicting "The Last Supper," was, in or about 1642, taken down and buried in tarred boxes by the Vicar (John Squier), because at that time the Puritans were destroying windows and pictures that appeared to them to tend towards Romish doctrine that practice. The tower contained five bells, and were said to have been praised by Queen Elizabeth. The grand old building was allowed gradually to fall into decay, and finally collapsed in 1716. It was succeeded by the handsome church which now stands upon the site.

HERE AND THERE.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. James Hudson, one of the ringers at Woodford, Northants, and Miss Bessie Abbott, of Geddington, who were married on August Bank Holiday, a peal was rung at Woodford. Afterwards the ringers and the local band were entertained to dinner at the Duke's Arms Inn by Mr. Hudson, and the health of the bride and bridegroom was heartily drunk.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET TO THE LATE MR. SAMUEL REEVES.

Acknowledged with many thanks. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bt., £1 1s.; Miss M. F. Sampson, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. C. Hunt, 2s. 6d. Subscriptions should be sent to the Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

CONGRATULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

Mr. Ernest Morris, who, as announced in last week's issue, was recently married at St. Margaret's, Leicester, wishes to thank all ringing friends for their kind wishes and congratulations, and begs to state that for the present his address is 39, Bosworth Street, Leicester.

DEVON AUGMENTATION.

Two new trebles have been added to the former four bells at Meschaw, Devon, to make a peal of six, and the bells have been dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. A. F. de Gex). The work has been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have hung the whole peal in a steel frame with modern fittings. The cost has been defrayed by General Karslake, and Miss C. Karslake has kindly presented a chiming apparatus. In connection with the restoration the interior of the church has been redecorated. The occasion of the dedication was made one of parochial festival, and after the service a public tea and dance took place.

IN CANADA.

The address of Mr. Joseph Sykes is at present "care of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., Harbor Street Gas Works, Montreal." He will be glad to receive the addresses of any ringers in Canada. How about a peal at the Cathedral, Joe, while you are there?

Peterborough.—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the first in the method on the bells: F. Davis 1, F. Bemrose 2, T. Vaughan 3, G. Jutson 4, W. Cross 5, G. Bemrose 6, F. Gilbert (conductor) 7, F. T. Cooke 8.

TWO DAYS IN SUFFOLK.

A RINGING EXCURSION.

The St. John the Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, spent their annual outing, which extended over two days, in visiting a number of Suffolk towers, Stowmarket being the centre of operations. They left London at the early hour of 5 a.m., and at Colchester were joined by Mr. J. Moule (of their own company), and Mr. W. J. Nevard (at Great Bentley), who had responded to the invitation to join them on the outing. At Stowmarket the party was met by Mr. E. E. Diaper, who conducted them to their headquarters (the Rose Inn), where breakfast was ready. Immediately afterwards a well-horsed brake was ready to take them on a drive through country lanes for the rest of the day. The first call was at St. Mary's Church, Wetherden, where on the ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.) a good 720 of that musical method, York Surprise, was brought round. Here, also, as at each place visited, a touch of Treble Bob was rung to enable all the party to ring at every church on the programme. St. Mary's, Woolpit, was the next stopping place, and 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung. Working to a set programme, time did not allow of an inspection of these two grand old churches of a type with which the eastern counties are so richly endowed. Before leaving Woolpit, however, the party were joined by Mr. T. Fitzjohn (of Thetford), who, with Mr. E. Dawson, had cycled over to meet the visitors and to spend the two days with them. A drive of four miles then brought them to the pretty village of Rattlesden, where, at the Church of St. Nicholas' hangs a handy ring of six, which were rehung by Day and Son in 1896, and go like tops. Carlisle Surprise was the order here, and 720 was rung in good style. At the Six Bells Inn at Felsham, dinner was waiting for the party, and, needless to say, after their exertions and the country air, was much welcomed. Right opposite stood St. Peter's Church, and on the handy ring of six a 720 each of Lincoln Surprise and Kent Treble Bob was brought round. Finborough, the next place of call, was reached after a drive of 2½ miles. Here the church is quite modern (with the exception of the south porch), having been rebuilt in 1874-5. The tall western tower and spire is a landmark for many miles round, and contains a very musical ring of six bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and hung by Messrs. Day and Son, of Ely, the "go" and tone of the bells, leaving nothing to be desired. A 720 London Surprise was rung, and 240 Kent was rung before tea. This over, a drive of seven miles brought the visitors to Barking, where, at the Church of St. Mary, there is a musical peal of six with a good tenor, recast a few years ago by Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, from the old original peal of five. On these, 720 Ipswich Surprise was rung, the Rector (the Rev. C. Baker) welcoming the party, and expressing his pleasure at hearing the band ring his bells. Next the party found their way to Baylham. The church here possesses a light ring of six, and a 720 Durham Surprise was rung, after which tracks were made for headquarters, which were reached about 9.15 p.m., and a social hour spent with the local company.

After breakfast on the Sunday morning, the visitors drove to Stenham Aspull. Here at this grand old church in a remote country village, six miles from the nearest railway station, hangs a fine peal of ten bells (which have been cast for nearly a century), with a tenor of 23 cwt., and which go very well. Stedman Caters were tried, but failed, and 395 Grandsire Caters was rung instead, time not allowing for more before the morning service. The ringers all regretted that they could not take these bells to Leytonstone, where they would be more frequently used. At Coddenden, the visitors were met by Mr. W. Keeble, who had cycled from Kelvedon to join them. On this handy ring of eight, 576 Superlative Surprise Major and two courses each of Double Norwich and Stedman were conducted by W. Keeble. Mr. English, of the local band, who welcomed the party taking part. The ringing in the afternoon was at St. Peter's Church, Stowmarket, which possesses a grand ring of eight, the tenor, a beautiful bell by Miles Gray, being 24 cwt. The bells "go" perfectly, and the belfry is extremely well kept. Four courses of Superlative, 352 Double Norwich and two courses of Stedman, conducted by W. Keeble, brought another very successful ringing outing to a close. The Leytonstone company take this opportunity of thanking all the clergy at the various places for placing their bells at the disposal of the party, and extend their thanks also to those local ringers and others who assisted to make the outing such a success. They are particularly grateful to Mr. E. E. Diaper for making the necessary arrangements for the trip.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, August 9th, 1914, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 672 Stedman Triples: F. Speed 1, F. Chivers 2, E. Chivers 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, J. Hambleton 5, — Rawlings (of Clifton) 6, W. Keevill (conductor) 7, R. Jones 8.—On April 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., by members of the local band: S. Preke 1, F. Chivers 2, E. Chivers 3, F. Speed (conductor) 4, I. B. Holmyard 5, R. Jones 6, J. Hambleton 7, W. Keevill 8.

EXTRAORDINARY ACCIDENT.

BELL BREAKS IN TWO WHILE BEING RUNG.

An accident of a remarkable nature occurred at Daventry on Sunday. While ringing was in progress for evening service, the seventh rope came down, to the accompaniment of a terrific crash above. On going to ascertain the trouble, the ringers found that the bell had broken in two, about two or three inches below the shoulder. The crown was still hanging to the stock, and the rest of the bell lay on the floor, having smashed the wheel as it fell. The bell, which was cast by Eayres in 1738, and had an ornamented crown, was scarcely half-an-inch thick, where it was broken, and the fracture was as clean as if the metal had been cast-iron.

The band at Daventry have only taken up change ringing lately, and are now able to ring Doubles. Mr. Arthur Andrews, late of Billingborough, has just taken up his residence in the town, and with his assistance, when the mischief has been repaired, it is hoped they will go on to Triples and Major.

THE WAR AND ITS EFFECTS ON RINGING.

The tension which preceded the outbreak of war last week and the subsequent plunging of this country into the European struggle, has naturally had considerable effect upon bell ringing. At such a time bells, except for their special purpose of calling people to worship, or marking a festival of the Church, seem out of place, and consequently ringing generally has been much curtailed.

For instance, the anxiety which was felt on Bank Holiday with regard to the situation, caused the abandonment of all ringing at the Chester Guild, and the Peterborough Association meetings peal ringing was also stopped in many places.

The upset of the railway services on account of the needs of the Government, caused us last week to break the record of our punctual publication. For the first time since "The Ringing World" made its appearance, delay in receiving our supplies made it impossible to catch the usual post with the large number of copies which we mail direct to readers every week.

We have seen a report in which it was stated that one of the methods of calling up the French Reservists to the colours was by the ringing of the church bells.

In one town on the Franco-German frontier a priest is reported to have been shot by the Germans for ringing his church bells to warn the French of the approach of the enemy.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like to bring to your and your readers' notice an incident which I hope is a rare example of inconsideration. It will also serve as a warning to anybody wishing to ring at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. About the beginning of July I wrote to the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, Vicar of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, asking his permission to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters on his bells on August Bank Holiday. I received his reply on July 7th readily granting it. I accordingly got a band together, and we met at King's Lynn at the appointed time. Before starting the peal I saw the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, and to my surprise he refused permission to attempt the peal, or even to ring at all, giving as a reason the Continental War. I explained to him that on the strength of his permission, all the band had come a long way at a large personal expense, but it was of no use, his refusal was final. Naturally this upset all arrangements for the day, two of the band returning home by next train, whilst some of the others went and rang at Gaywood—a six-bell tower—where permission to ring was given at a moment's notice. I had always hoped that Englishmen prided themselves upon keeping their promises, but in this instance I have been disappointed.—Yours truly,

CHAS. F. SEDGLEY.

CIRENCESTER. — At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor (1302 from Holt's Original), Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, A. C. Harmer, 2 W. G. Cook 3, H. Lewis 4, F. J. Lewis (con.) 5, G. Dore (longest length) 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. J. Carter 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, A. C. Harmer 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, F. J. Lewis 5, H. T. Gardner 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. Curtis 8.—On Sunday, March 1st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): W. Curtis 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. Lewis 4, G. Copewell 5, W. O. Cuss 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, H. T. Gardner 8, H. C. Bond 9, W. J. Carter 10.—On Sunday, March 8th, at Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, A. C. Harmer 2, W. G. Cook 3, J. E. Waters 4, J. J. Jefferies (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, W. J. Carter 7, H. Lewis 8.

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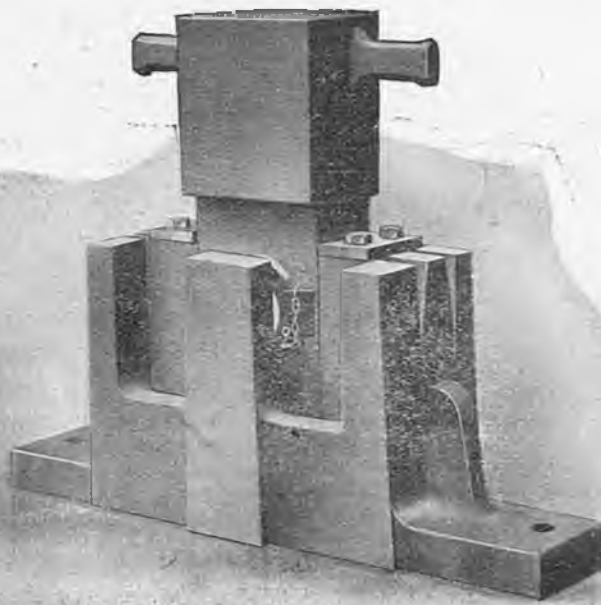
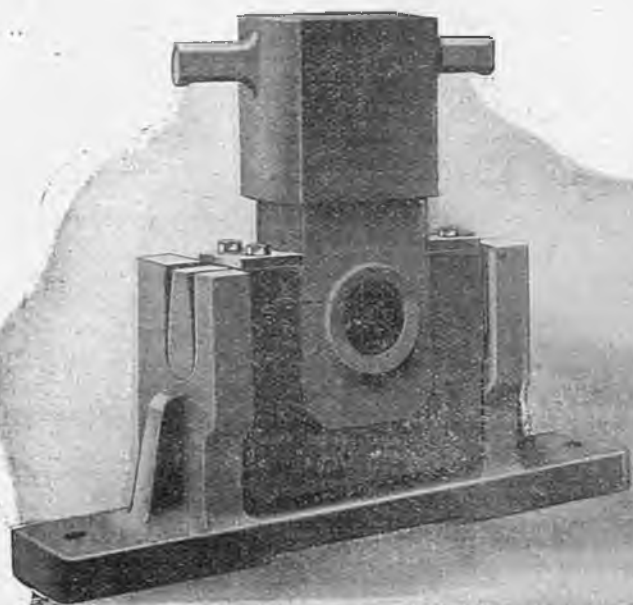
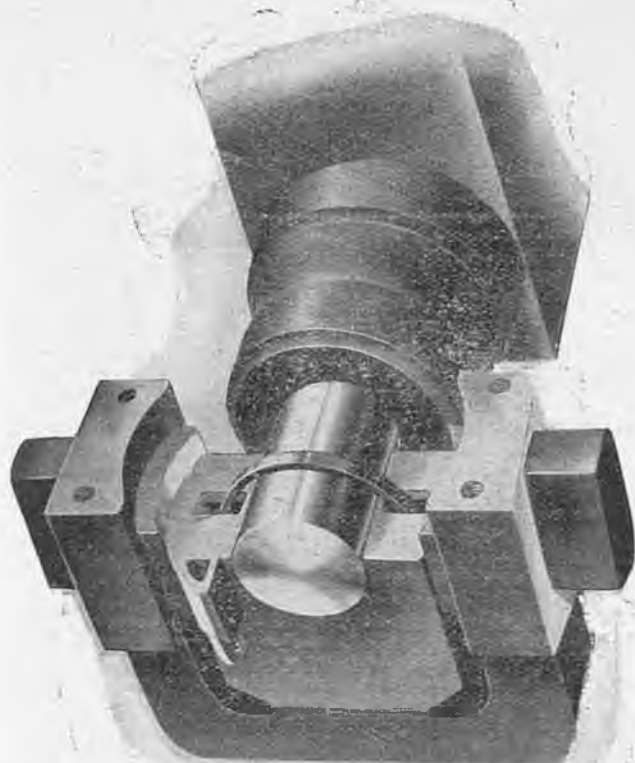
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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 1st, in an attempt for a peal of Minor, after ringing 1 hr. 38 mins., within three leads of the fourth 720, the treble ringer had to stop, owing to indisposition, much to the regret of all who were taking part: Miss Ethel Reed 1, C. Robinson 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds 4, Thos. Reed (conductor) 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6. This was the first attempt for a peal on tower bells in West Suffolk by a lady ringer.

SHIPTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Four Shires Guild. — On May 25th, 720 and 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Faulkner 1, F. Bird 2, P. Bird 3, C. Bird 4, E. Cook 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.

LEICESTER. — On June 4th, a muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1261 changes) was rung in 53 mins., in memory of Mr. G. O. Marshall, for many years churchwarden of St. Martin's: G. Cleal 1, L. E. Allen 2, H. Broughton 3, H. G. Jenney 4, C. H. Fowler 5, S. Cotton 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (composer and conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Tout 1, Wm. Andrews, junr., 2, Fred Norman 3, E. Chapman 4, H. Norman 5, A. J. Andrews 6, R. Scott (conductor) 7, R. Chapman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Mr. J. S. Allen, organist and choir-master of the Parish Church.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Marsh 1, G. Thomas 2, C. Boucher 3, D. J. Boucher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, E. Drew 5, W. Owen 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, for morning service, on June 7th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob, in 45 mins.: H. Cook 1, A. Bush 2, J. Crocker 3, R. Mackrill 4, F. Crook 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—On July 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Hollifield 1, H. Hollifield 2, Miss K. Hollifield 3, T. Short 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Hollifield, junr., 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 26th, for morning service, 720 Stedman Minor: W. Bryant 1, J. Dowler 2, S. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, A. Gardener 5, E. Withers (conductor) 6.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On July 26th, for evening service, 720 Stedman Minor: W. Ball 1, W. Dowler 2, W. Mumford 3, J. Dowler 4, S. Grove 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6. This method was first rung in Birmingham in 1819, and was composed by Thomas Thurston.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On July 30th, at St. Michael's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. J. Tucker 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, P. Springham 6, H. Dew 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: *C. Collis, junr. 1, J. Herbert 2, *G. W. Honeyball 3, Alfred Jones 4, *W. H. Worsley 5, *J. Kent 6, E. Cassell 7, Arthur Jones (conductor) 8. *First quarter in the method.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On July 28th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Coakham 1, J. H. Wilkins 2, H. Rumens 3, C. T. Coles 4, R. Maynard, senr., 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. J. Maynard 7, R. Maynard, junr. (composer) 8, F. C. Maynard (conductor) 9, A. Chapman 10. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rumens, Mr. F. Rumens being assistant secretary to the St. Mary's Society.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — On July 12th, for evensong at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as a compliment to C. N. Burdock on his birthday: H. Burdock 1, C. N. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, H. Harris 5, B. Chorley 6, M. Smither (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. H. Pulling 8.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On July 19th, for evening service, 1257 Stedman Caters in 49 mins.: W. Allwood 1, A. Knights (conductor) 2, W. G. Christian 3, W. J. Thyng 4, W. Jacques (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 5, G. Davies 6, F. Jacobs 7, G. Hollis 8, T. W. Gore 9, B. A. Knights 10. Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. G. Christian, who was leaving the district.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—On Monday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Evans (conductor) 1, A. Routley 2, A. E. Hudd 3, P. C. Williams 4, H. Lawrence 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Chamberlain 7, J. Cotam 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. W. Frain (first in the method) 1, W. A. Garrard 2, W. E. Garrard 3, W. Matthews 4, W. Lawrence 5, J. A. Trollope 6, Robt. Holloway (first in the method) 7, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On July 28th, 395 Grandsire Caters: J. R. Bartram 1, F. Sheppard 2, T. H. Gillett 3, S. Huddleston 4, E. Bartram 5, C. Dalby 6, W. James 7, J. Townsend 8, R. H. Bartram 9, R. Hinman 10. — On August 2nd, for morning service, 583 of Grandsire Caters: F. Sheppard 1, T. H. Gillett 2, S. Huddleston 3, E. Johnson 4, E. Bartram 5, C. Dalby 6, W. James 7, J. Townsend 8, R. H. Bartram 9, R. Hinman 10. For evening service, the same day, 540 Grandsire Caters: W. Spiby 1, J. R. Bartram 2, S. Huddleston 3, E. Bartram 4, E. Johnson 5, and the rest as above. All the touches were conducted by R. H. Bartram, and it was the first attempt to ring Caters inside by J. R. Bartram, aged 18 years.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On July 29th, in honour of the coming-of-age birthday of the Hon. Rowland G. Winn, eldest son of Lord St. Oswald, of Nostell Priory, Wakefield, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Messrs. Parkin 1, Cooper 2, Miller 3, Strickland 4, Oliver 5, Vamplew (conductor) 6; and on August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Messrs. Cooper 1, Parkin (conductor) 2, Miller 3, Oliver 4, Blanchard 5, Strickland 6, Vamplew 7, Cuthbert 8.

WALTHAMSTOW. — On June 7th, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, on the occasion of the Church Parade of the 3rd Battalion East Anglian A.M. Corps, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: O. L. Twist, C. A. Hughes 2, W. J. Cooper 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 6, H. Rumens 7, A. Bullock 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on July 14th, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught to open the new Lock at the Alexandra Docks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Max 1, H. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, V. Morgan 4, P. E. B. Charles 5, A. E. Morgan 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, S. Baiss 8.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—On August 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Taylor 1, J. Curry 2, G. Ladd 3, W. Richardson 4, Colin Ryder 5, Walter Ayre (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hensman, Mr. Hensman being a vice-president of the Elloe Deaneries branch of the Lincoln Guild.

BLETCHLEY, Bucks.—On July 4th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Morris (first quarter of Grandsire) 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, L. Meager 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sea (conductor) 7, V. Sear. On July 9th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Hedges 1, W. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, M. Hobbs 4, H. H. Smith 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Thomas a Beckett, on July 12th, for evening service, after half-an-hour's ringing for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, arranged for two lady visitors from Portsmouth, 504 in the same method: R. Davies 1, C. Aitkin 2, Miss N. Gillingham 3, F. Burnett 4, Miss A. Hole 5, H. Slubbington 6, H. C. Ingram 7, P. Cook 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On July 19th, at St. Chad's, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples: *M. Brooks 1, *G. Scarratt 2, W. M. Stockdale 3, *T. M. Bilton 4, E. Jones 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, A. E. Nullick 7, *J. T. Mall 8. *First quarter peal of Stedman, also the first by the St. Chad's Society. For evening service, 418 Grandsire Cinques: J. Tudor 1, T. Taylor 2, E. Jones 3, M. Brooks 4, G. Scarratt 5, W. M. Stockdale 6, E. M. T. Corbett 7, T. M. Belton 8, A. Teckoe 9, A. E. Tullick 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, J. T. Mall 12. — On July 12th, 701 Grandsire Caters: G. Scarratt 1, W. C. Brooks 2, F. Taylor 3, E. Jones 4, W. B. Stockdale 5, A. Teckoe 6, G. Jones 7, A. Tullick 8, C. Lilley (conductor) 9, G. T. Mall 10. For evening service, 418 Grandsire Cinques: J. Tudor 1, W. C. Brooks 2, E. Jones 3, F. Taylor 4, G. Scarratt 5, W. M. Stockdale 6, E. M. T. Corbett 7, T. M. Belton 8, G. Jones 9, A. E. Tullick 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, J. T. Mall 12.

BURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 2nd, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hall 1, W. E. Stratford 2, E. Parden 3, T. Banning 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, S. Coley 8.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

The Tring Parish Church company has lost one of its members, Mr. J. Wells, as the result of a fatal accident. On Bank Holiday he was driving a van, and when trying to put a skid on the wheel at the top of a hill, the horse started. Mr. Wells stumbled, and the wheel went over his head, killing him instantly. By a sad coincidence the fatality happened on the 29th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wells' wedding. The deceased was 51 years of age. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and family.

Mr. Wells was a valued member of the local band, and will be much missed in the belfry. He had only rung one peal, this being Stedman Triples on the tenor in 1912, under the auspices of the Cumberland Youths.

The funeral took place on Friday of last week, a course of Grandsire Triples being rung on the Parish Church bells, with muffled clappers, as the body was borne from the church, where the first portion of the service took place, to the cemetery, where the remains were interred.

COMPOSITIONS.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By FRED ROBINSON.

23456	M	In & 5ths	W	H
52364	2		2	2
24365	1		2	2
42563	2		2	2
64235		x	2	2
62345			1	2
63425			1	2
35426	1		2	2
24536			2	2
25346			1	2
23456			1	2

Thus the 5th and 6th each their extent in 6th's place, and the 6th its extent in 5th's place without the 2nd in 6th's, in the minimum number of course and changes.

Ring at Halifax on February 14th, conducted by the composer.

5472 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. H. CROSS, NORWICH.

	B	M	W	H	Continued	B	M	W	H
23456					35264	x			
23564	x				26354				
52364					32654				
36524					65324				
53624					43526				
62534					54326				
45236					63425				
24536					63254	x			
52436					25634				
64235					46532				
26435					46325	x			
42635					34625				
42356	x				34256	x			
35426					23456				

This composition has the 5th and 6th, the extent in 5—6 and the 4th eleven times in 6th's. Omit the calls braced reduces the length to 5024

5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS.

23456	M	B	W	H
52364	2		2	2
24365	1		2	2
42563	2		2	2
65243			2	2
62453			1	2
26354	2		2	2
53624	1	—	2	2
56234			1	2
642-5	1		2	2
62345			1	2
63425	1	—	2	2
35426	1		2	2
24536			2	2
25346			1	2
23456			1	2

Contains the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5—6, without the 2nd ever in 6th's, or in 5th's with the 3rd in 6th's.

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By E. M. ATKIN.

23456	1	4	5	6
35426	—			3
52436	—			3
63254	—			3a
52364	—			1
42563	—			
32465	—			3
35264	—			2
54263	—	x		1
23546	—	x		5b

Repeated, omitting the three hobs at a, b. The five calls at b are B, B, S, B, B. Contains the 6th extent wrong and right without the 2nd in 6th's. Ring at Rothwell, Northants, on August 1st inst.

5088 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By SAMUEL WOOD

23456	M	W	H
54326	1*		2
36245	1	1	2
32465	1*	2	2
42635		2	1
24536	2		2
25346		1	2
23456		1	2

* By Bobs at the 5th, 8th and 11th leads.

First rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on July 30th, 1914, conducted by the composer.

RESTORATION OF BREDON CHURCH.

ANCIENT BELLS REDEDICATED.

Sunday week was an important day to Bredon, Worcestershire, for it was the occasion of the dedication of the various restored portions of the Parish Church of St. Giles, to which extensive repairs have been carried out during the past eighteen months or so. The day began with an early celebration of the Holy Communion in the Mitton Chapel, followed later by Matins, and the service of dedication at 11 o'clock, at which the Lord Bishop of Worcester (Dr. Yeatman-Biggs) officiated in the presence of a crowded congregation.

A procession was formed at the Rectory, and consisted of the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, the members of the Restoration Committee, the Architect, the Builder, and Mr. Andrew Warner, representing the bell founders (Messrs. Warner and Son), together with the clergy, including the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Warwick, the Rector (the Rev. Hugh Holbeck), the Rev. W. Lea (of Overbury), who carried the pastoral staff, and the Rev. F. Lawrence (curate). The hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung as the procession entered the church by the west door.

Standing at the chancel steps, the Bishop dedicated the new work which includes a chancel screen, two memorial windows and the bells. Of the two windows, one is in memory of Bishop Pridcaux, and contains his arms and those of the Diocese of Worcester, and the present Bishop, whilst the other on the north side contains the arms of the Duke of Portland, who is patron of the living.

The bells, which have been rehung in one of the new "Warner" steel independent frames, are extremely ancient, and bear the following inscriptions:—

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2nd.—1624.

3rd.—W. WITMORE MADE US ALL. 1624.

4th.—JOHN WEBB, RECTOR: ROBERT PHELPS, JAMES ROUGH, CH'WARDENS.

Tenor.—T. and C.R. 1624. T. ALLEN. I.H. T.R.

The total weight of the peal is 59 cwt, 2 qrs. 3 lbs., the tenor being a bell of 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. in D. The new steel frame is constructed for six bells, and a new treble will be added as soon as funds allow.

THE EFFECT ON THE SPIRE.

All the bells have been sandblasted and retuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and they have been fitted with the most modern fittings, including the "Warner" patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil bath and oil ring design of bearings.

Before the bells were rehung, the fittings and framework were in such a bad condition that serious injury was done to the spire so that extensive repairs became necessary, and the curious part is that, after the bells were taken out and the work upon the fabric put in hand, the spire in the course of a severe thunderstorm was further damaged by lightning. The movement of the spire was so great before the re-hanging of the bells that the tulip stone carrying the weather vane was shattered and crashed down into the church. It is a significant fact that at the present moment there is no movement of the spire now that the new pattern steel frame has been erected, and Messrs. Warner and Sons are certainly to be congratulated upon the great success attending the work.

After the dedication of the bells, the Bishop, the Archdeacon and the clergy passed to the new altar, which is the gift of His Grace the Duke of Portland, while Psalm cxxii was chanted. The Bishop afterwards preached an appropriate sermon.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD GLOS. — On Monday, August 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 10 mins., through a change course: S. Coley 1, W. E. Stratford 2, H. Gillett 3, A. Scrivens 4, F. Bird 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, R. Hall 8.—A half-peal from Parker's 12-part was afterwards rung in 1h. 37mins.: S. Coley 1, W. E. Stratford 2, H. Gillett 3, A. Scrivens 4, F. E. Davis 5, R. Hall 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Stratford 8.

NOTICES.

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

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the war, the meeting advertised to take place at Tring to-day is cancelled.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 18th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The summer quarterly meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, August 15th (8 bells). Ringing commence about 3. Tea at five o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Kineton on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Will those who intend coming please send me word at once. An extra meeting will be held at Stoke Golding (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Members please communicate with Mr. E. H. Stoneley, Stoke Golding.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Kingswinford (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3.30.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, August 22nd. Tower open at 3.30, service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Members requiring tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, August 19th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting in connection with the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 30 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 till 5 p.m., and 5.30 till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur Hague, Hon. District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Willenhall. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Pratt (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 25th. Busi-

ness meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Epping Parish Church (St. John's) on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3.30, service at 5 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5.45, followed by business meeting, in the Parish Room. Notice for tea should reach me by Wednesday, 26th inst.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—A Commemoration Dinner will be held in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, on Saturday, September 12th, 1914, at The Grand Hotel, Leopold Street, Sheffield, at 6.30 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will preside. Tickets for Dinner, 3/6 each to be had from the Secretary. Bells available for ringing during the day until 6 p.m.: the Cathedral (12, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 41 cwt.); St. Marie (8, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, tenor 25 cwt.); St. John's, Ranmoor (8, by Messrs. J. Barwell, tenor 15 cwt.); All Saints (by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, tenor 15 cwt.). Early application for tickets is desirable and no tickets will be sold after September 7th.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held at Barlborough on Bank Holiday, and was attended by about 35 members from Anston, Beighton, Chesterfield, Eekington, Killamarsh, Mansfield, North Wingfield, Rotherham and Treeton. The bells, which are a nice ring of six, with a tenor of 11½ cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, among the touches being a 720 of London Surprise Minor by a mixed band.

The Rector (the Rev. J. D. Griffiths) kindly provided tea for the members and the society on this their first visit to Barlborough. He expressed the hope that he would have the pleasure of further meetings there.—After the usual courses had been tapped off round the tea tables, the President (Mr. Tarlton) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in providing such an excellent tea.—This was carried by acclamation.—The Rector was also elected an honorary member of the Society, and, in replying, thanked the members for the honour, and wished the Society prosperity in their good work.

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