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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,  
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Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,  
Messrs. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.  
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.

## MAINTENANCE OF BELLS.

Despite the war, the dedication of restored, augmented or new rings of bells has gone steadily on. The reason, of course, is that the contracts for this work had been given out before the calamitous happenings of the last few months had been thought of by the general public. Happily for the bell founding industry most of the big firms have sufficient orders on hand to last them a considerable time, and we hope the war may have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion before there is any serious falling off in the work of our foundries. It is well, however, to face facts, and if the present conditions last over an extended period it is to be feared that, with so much money needed for other purposes, bell restoration may suffer, and the carrying out of much-needed repairs in belfries will be, to some extent, delayed. As ringers, however, it should be our duty to prevent the necessities of the bells being overlooked, for it is as essential that the equipment in our church towers should be maintained in an efficient condition as it is that any other portion of the fabric and its fittings should be kept in repair.

It was one of the blots on church maintenance in the past, that the belfry was an object of neglect. That state of affairs has happily passed almost completely away under the realisation by Church authorities of their responsibilities in the matter. We do not think, however, that it is out of place to give a word of warning to ringers to see that, in the present stress of circumstances, our belfries and bells are not made to suffer unduly. Money for big schemes of restoration would undoubtedly be hard to raise during the existing state of affairs, but where dilapidations are manifesting themselves it is a foolish policy to allow things to drift. Often the expenditure of a few pounds would save a heavy outlay a few years hence, and, as it must obviously be a long time before financial conditions will again reach their normal standpoint, it is unquestionably the soundest policy to deal with repairs as the need arises. Ringers can do much in this respect by paying special attention to their bells, and, where occasion demands, bringing the matter tactfully but forcefully before the responsible authorities.

To a large extent ringing is at a standstill and time might now well be given by local companies, as was suggested recently by a correspondent, in improving the belfries. There are often small matters which, by the expenditure of a little time, might be carried out and which would effect an improvement in the comfort of the belfry. The present is an opportunity when these little things could well be attended to, for later on, when peace is proclaimed, there will be much lost time in actual ringing to make up.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAN ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 7
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 8
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 9
JOHN NEAL ... .. 4	THOMAS MILLER ... .. 10
ALF. PADDON SMITH ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 6	PRIVATE SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late  
Field Marshal Earl Roberts, V.C., K.G., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., etc.,  
an honorary Freeman of the City of Birmingham.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

*HUGH W. GREGORY ... .. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... .. 5
THOMAS WHITE ... .. 2	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 6
HENRY GREGORY ... .. 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 7
EDWIN BLACKWELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and  
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory  
of Harold Drake, brother of the headmaster's wife of Stancliffe School,  
who was killed in action in British East Africa; also of William Hart  
who perished with all on board H.M.S. "Monmouth."

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. COX ... .. 5
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 2	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... .. 6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE ... .. 4	CHARLES FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and  
Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late  
Earl Roberts, and those who have fallen during the war.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Size 17 in A.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: J. T. LEE.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dobinson, of  
Ranmore Common, her Guildford friends wishing her many happy  
returns of the day.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**  
**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**  
 (THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. POLLING,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17, in A.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1-2 | ALFRED H. POLLING ... 5-6  
 MAURICE SMITHER ... 3-4 | JOSEPH T. LEE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. POLLING, MRS. HAZELDEN, and  
 MRS. YVONNE ELOIE-SELONE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Giles, of Reading.  
 This was the 110th peal rung at the conductor's residence.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,  
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2 | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5-6  
 ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3-4 | EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and  
 Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: C. SAMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Bailey.

**OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**  
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOSEPH SMITH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
 Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Referee: JOSEPH SMITH. Witness: THOMAS HEATHCOTE.

First peal of Major on handbells by all except the conductor.

**PEAL NOT TO BE BOOKED.**

We are requested to state that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Scarborough on June 18th, 1914, will not be booked by the Yorkshire Association owing to the rule as to payment of subscriptions not having been complied with.

**ROLL OF HONOUR.**

The following is a further list of ringers who have responded to the call to the young manhood of the country:

E. Large, of Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, 8th Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Gunner J. J. Pratt, of Great Munden, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Woolwich.

Corpl. J. B. Jackson, of St. Oswald's, Guisley, 6th Batt. Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, now at Doncaster.

Pte Harry Stott, of St. Oswald's, Guisley, 6th Batt. Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, now at Skipton.

George Downing, of Irthlingborough Ambulance Division, now at Kildworth Military Hospital, volunteered for active service.

W. Pearson junr., of All Saints', Pontefract, B Co., 10th Batt. Rifle Brigade, now at Blackdown, Farnborough, Hants.

Pte T. Metcalfe, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, R.A.M.C., at present in Ireland.

Pte T. Bell, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, 4th King's Own Royal Lancaster Territorials.

E. Saddington, of Cranford, Northants, has joined the new army, and is now at Colchester.

B. Saddington, of Cranford, 4th Batt. Northants Territorials, now at Wellingborough.

From St. Giles', Ashted, band, the following are serving:—

James B. Wyatt, and

George A. Cook, 5th East Surrey Territorial Reserve, now at Windsor.

Sidney Readick, 5th East Surrey Territorial Reserve, now at Wimbledon.

From Selby Abbey company, the following have joined:—

George Alfred Morley, 5th West Yorks Regiment.

Robert Smith Moate, 5th West Yorks Regiment.

Albert Cryer, 10th West Yorks

From St. Mary's, Braughing, the following have joined the 1st Batt. Herts Territorials:—

W. K. North, now in France.

A. Barler.

A. Phillips

**RINGERS AND THE WAR.**

We hope, in course of time, to be able to include in our list of contributors all those towers who are not giving donations through other channels. Many belfries we have heard of are giving to local relief funds, but throughout the country there are a large number who will doubtless be only too ready to help and who have not contributed. It is for these that we have opened our columns to acknowledge individual items, which the ringers themselves may not have cared to send direct to the Prince of Wales' Fund at Buckingham Palace. We hope that all who can may send their mite, so that ringers as a whole may play a worthy part in helping a noble cause.

**NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.**

The following further contributions have reached us:—

**RINGERS' CONTRIBUTIONS.** £ s. d.

Amount already acknowledged ... 51 6 6  
 Mr. James George (second donation) ... 0 2 6  
 Bushey Society (November collection), per Mr.  
 B. Prewett) ... 0 5 0

Total ... £51 14 0

**BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND.** £ s. d.

Amount already acknowledged ... 1 4 0  
 "Wanderer" (fourth donation) ... 0 2 0  
 "Mrs. Wanderer" (third donation) ... 0 2 0  
 York Minster Society, November collection,  
 per Mr. G. Horner ... 0 6 0

Total ... £1 14 0

**RINGER INVALIDED FROM THE TRENCHES.**

Major Herbert Baker, of the 1st Hertfordshire Territorials, whose valiant exploits were the subject of warm congratulation in the dispatches from Sir John French early in the week, has been invalided home to Hertford with rheumatism. When he left the men were still in the trenches.

Major Baker is a member of the All Saints' Church company of ringers, Hertford, and a life member of the Hertfordshire County Association. He was a well-known figure in ringing circles a few years ago, and took part in the 12,000 Double Norwich at Boyne Hill in 1892.

**PHOTOGRAPH BRINGS NEW FRIENDS.**

The photograph, which we published in our issue of Nov. 20th, of Pte Wooldridge, of the Bradfield band, who is among the wounded in a Dublin Hospital, has been the means of bringing him new friends. He writes that some of the Dublin ringers have visited him, and much surprised him by showing him his own photograph. He has also had influenza, which he puts down to the unaccustomed luxury of sleeping in bed instead of on the ground.

**LECTURE ON RINGING.**

A lecture on campanology was given last Friday evening at Hounslow to the members of the Ealing and District Teachers' Association of the N.U.T. by the President (Mr. H. W. Cowley), who is one of the Heston Church band, and a member of the Middlesex Association. Mr. Cowley dealt in a very interesting manner with the arrangements of an English belfry, and bell machinery, made reference to some of the famous bells and described the continental carillons. He then went on to deal with method ringing, which he illustrated by Grand-sire Doubles. Handbells and peal ringing were also described, and the lecture was further illustrated by touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, rung on handbells by the following members of the Middlesex Association: Messrs. W. and A. Shepherd (Hersham), J. R. Mackman (Southall), and W. Lawrence (West Ealing). The hearty applause at the end of each touch clearly showed that the audience appreciated handbell ringing.

**DEATH OF A PETERBOROUGH RINGER.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Jutson, a member of the St. Mary's Church band, Peterborough, and of the Peterborough and District Association. He was only 21 years of age, and will be much missed by the members at Peterborough. Sincere sympathy will go out to his parents in their sad bereavement.



## STEDMAN ON EVEN NUMBERS.

By GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

### PLAIN COURSES.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
128 changes.	160 changes.	192 changes.
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
13254768	1325476980	132547698012
5274	5274	5274
5724	5724	5724
7542	7542	7542
7452	7452	7452
4725	4725	4725
4275	4275	4275
31245786	3124579608	31245796180
32154876	3215470698	32154706180
1458	1458	1458
4185	4195	4195
4815	4915	4915
8451	9451	9451
8541	9541	9541
5814	5914	5914
23518467	2351940786	23519417068
Repeat 7 times.	Repea 9 times.	Repeat 11 times.

### Stedman Bobs and Singles.

Stedman on even numbers, as it has hitherto been rung, is as objectionable as Bob Triples and Grandsire Major. To meet the requirements of the Stedman system:—

- 1.—The dodging bells must in any case be in pairs, and, therefore, on even numbers the hunting bells must be even in number.
- 2.—Each hunting bell must do the full hunting work by striking two blows in each place, one in hunting up and the other in hunting down, without either leaving the hunting set before it has finished its work or lying still in the middle of its work.
- 3.—Likewise each dodging bell must do the full dodging work by dodging straight up or straight down as the case may be to an extent commensurate with the length of the hunting cycle.
- 4.—The order of the hunting must be reversed at every repetition of the hunting cycle, the cycles must be in series, there must be two cycles to the division, and as many divisions to the course as there are bells.
- 5.—At the cycle ends hunting bells must change places with dodging bells, one on odd and two on even numbers. This necessitates dodging bells lying still, one on odd and two on even numbers, and in the latter case it also necessitates the hunting bells being inside.

The problem has been imperfectly solved by three-bell hunting sets fore and aft with the dodging bells in the middle (Double Stedman), but although this solution has several very attractive features it has never commended itself to the Exercise, probably as much as for anything else because the courses are inconveniently short. There are two hunting cycles to the division, one direct and the other retrograde, as on odd numbers, and it also has as many divisions to the course as there are bells—and the hunting cycle is kept intact; but the cycles are in parallel, and consequently the divisions are only half the proper length.

The solution set out above fulfils the necessary conditions as perfectly as they are fulfilled on odd numbers. It is worth mentioning that with equal numbers of dodging bells fore and aft, as in Major, the last row of the first half of the plain course is rounds reversed, and it is unnecessary to add that the method is symmetrical about its major axis. These are very desirable properties, and they point to the advisability of six hunting bells in Royal, and four, placed centrally, or eight in Maximus. Stedman is a protean method in every sense of the word, and it does not follow because there can only be three hunting bells in Doubles that there must only be three in Triples, Caters and Cinques. But three has always been considered the best number, and it is reasonable to suppose, for the present at all events, that four is the best number in Major, Royal and Maximus. There is, however, a sufficient reason why there should not be six hunting bells in Royal, and eight in Maximus. With only one pair of dodging bells behind, the bob bell is obliged to strike three consecutive blows in one place. It is true that this blemish in an aggravated form is winked at in other methods, as is also a greater blemish in Stedman Doubles, in which, by a special single for which no just cause can be shown, the dodging bells are interfered with in their work. But notwithstanding this license, the blemish should undoubtedly be confined to Doubles and Major, in which it or a worse blemish cannot be avoided. It is remarkable that Stedman, the only method that attains to the pre-eminence of the triple crown by doubling the length of the divisions, having as many divisions to the course as there are bells, and keeping the hunting cycle intact, should be imperfect in the lowest numbers, both odd and even. But so it is, and, strictly speaking, Stedman commences with Triples and Royal. But the Exercise has never seen its way to speak strictly, nor is it the least likely that it ever will, and until this is done Doubles and Major are entitled to pass muster.

The under-noted peal is believed to be the greatest length ever obtained on eight bells without singles, and without moving the three

heavy bells. In presenting it to the Exercise it is pointed out that Stedman's masterly device of making three or more bells subject to Plain principle, and leaving the other bells free, meets all the requirements of ringing on both odd and even numbers of bells without, in the higher numbers, spot or blemish of any kind, and the device is without so elegant that it has won the admiration of every discriminating man. It is, therefore, in accordance with the fitness of things that of all the great men who in their day and generation have adorned the Exercise, only one man has been counted worthy to have a method called by his name, and thus to have his name exalted above every other name.

### 7296 STEDMAN MAJOR.

	123456	8	12
24315	—	—	—
41325	—	—	—
13542	—	—	—
35214	—	—	—
32415	—	—	—
34512	—	—	—
41532	—	—	—
15243	—	—	—
52314	—	—	—
53412	—	—	—
34251	—	—	—
45231	—	—	—
52143	—	—	—
21354	—	—	—
23451	—	—	—
35421	—	—	—
54132	—	—	—
43152	—	—	—
31245	—	—	—
Repeat twice.	—	—	—

## VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

### INTERESTING GATHERING AT TIPTON.

Mr. Wm. Reek Small, the veteran ringer of Tipton, has reached the ripe age of 75 years, and at the Court House Inn, Church Lane, Tipton, he entertained to a splendid repast a company of upwards of 40 local bell ringers to commemorate the auspicious event. Mr. Small is one of the most noted ringers in the Midlands, and has toured in America, Belgium, and other parts of the European continent. His peals number no fewer than 321.

After dinner, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., of King's Norton, Birmingham, was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Wilson de Vine (Vicar and Rural Dean), the Rev. J. Arthur Price (Vicar of Coseley), the Rev. E. V. Cox (St. Michael's, Rushall) and the Rev. F. N. Fletcher (curate of Tipton). Mr. W. R. Small, and three of his sons (Messrs. William, Thomas and James Small). Ten members of the Tipton band were present, with Messrs. J. Carter, W. H. Godden, A. Paddon Smith, R. Faux, J. E. Groves, H. W. others (of Birmingham), J. George (Rugby), Joseph Bate (a Wednesbury veteran, 84 years of age), B. Gough and Wm. Fisher (Coseley), B. Fullwood (Sedgley), T. Horton and J. Screen (West Bromwich), A. Kettle and H. Knight and J. Bradney (Wolverhampton), E. J. Dowler (Selly Oak), J. Bayless, J. Goodman, sen., S. Spittle, H. Sheppard (Dudley), J. T. Elton (Walsall), J. H. Pagett (Stourbridge), H. Mason and A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), and others.

The gathering afforded a very happy reunion of old friends, and it is interesting to note that Mr. Jos. Bate rang with Mr. W. R. Small in his first peal 50 years ago, the method being Kent Treble Bob Royal, and they are now the only two surviving members of the band.

The health of Mr. Wm. R. Small was proposed by the chairman, who referred to the many good qualities Mr. Small possessed. He was, he said, known far and wide as an enthusiastic ringer, always ready to help any beginner to master the science of change ringing. He had set a very high standard of proficiency for the younger generation to follow. He had shown his staying power by the long peals he had taken part in, one being 9,000 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, while he had also rung several peals of 8,000 Grandsire Caters. He was a kind and generous friend, a staunch and loyal Churchman, and a most regular attendant to the duties in the belfry, and at the services in the church.—The Vicar of Tipton, in seconding, also testified to the high esteem in which Mr. Small was held, and wished him many years of life to continue the good work he had been doing so many years in the parish.

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Spittle then sang "Many happy returns of the day," the company joining heartily in the chorus. Mr. Faux rendered the song, "Down by the river side," and Mr. Withers tapped a course of Double Court Bob Major in splendid style on his dulcimer.

Mr. Small responded to the toast in very feeling and suitable terms. During the afternoon, touches in various methods were rung on the tower bells, instead of a peal which would have been attempted but for the war.

Ringers visiting the cattle Show in London, on December 10th, and wishing to have a "pull," should communicate with Mr. O. T. Colos, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

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## COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW MASTER.

If anyone were ever brought up among the bells, that description can be applied in very truth to the new Master of the College Youths, for Mr. Albert A. Hughes, whose election to the chair of the Ancient Society we announced last week, first saw the light at the Whitechapel Foundry, and his association with bells has, therefore, been lifelong. Born in 1885, he first learned to handle a bell at a very early age, and used to practise on an old Pre-Reformation bell which hangs in the roof of the foundry. At the age of 14 he began to accompany his father to St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where he received his first insight into ringing under the late Mr. Matthew Wood, whom Mr. Hughes had known as long as he could remember anyone, for the old gentleman was a regular visitor to the foundry, where he and the late Mr. William Cooter and other well-known London ringers used to meet for handbell ringing. From this early association a close friendship sprang up which Mr. Hughes valued very highly, and which lasted until the veteran passed away. Mr. Hughes, like many another



MR. ALBERT A. HUGHES.

ringer, cherishes the memory of Matthew Wood, and appreciates the influence of his character on a youngster both as a ringer and a man, for that bluff exterior covered a heart as true as steel.

At the period when the present Master of the College Youths became associated with Bethnal Green, "call changes" were mostly practised there on Sunday mornings, and this form of ringing, under such a tutor at Matt. Wood, taught a man to listen for and strike his bell. In-

deed, of so much advantage did this prove in improving a youngster's striking, that Mr. Hughes' own experience has made him a great believer in giving novices call changes for a little while to begin with. Half-pull ringing at Bethnal Green was reserved for Sunday evenings, when the band was augmented by Messrs. Cooter, Dorington, and others. These performances whetted the ambition of the future Master, and he used to look forward keenly to the time when he should be able to ring the treble to Grandsire Triples. When, at length, he could manage this—and it took some time, for "rope sight" was his great difficulty—he found he wanted to go further. So it is with all ringers worthy of the name. There is ever an unquenchable desire to go on to greater heights. Mr. Hughes used to get further practice by visiting the Old Hackney Church, where he received great help from Mr. W. D. Smith.

His first peal was rung at St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, in May, 1906, the treble in Grandsire Triples—Holt's Original, conducted by Mr. Challis Winney. His first peal with a bob bell was rung on January 16th, 1909, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, when Mr. Hughes called Holt's ten-part from the 3rd. Mr. Matt. Wood, then in his 83rd year, rang the 5th, and that was the veteran's last peal. When they had finished ringing, he said, "I'm satisfied now, boy. I taught your father to ring and I've taught you and you've called your first peal. I shan't ring another." And he didn't.

Mr. Hughes' list of peals is not a long one, as records go in these days. It numbers about 38—he has not kept a complete list—and comprises Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major and Royal, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Surprise Major, while he has also rung the treble to one or two peals in Surprise methods. But while his peals have not been many, he is very fond of good practices where beginners are given a proper chance. Residing now at Leytonstone, he makes St. Mary's, Walthamstow, his "home" for Sunday ringing, and the band there is particularly active. It is seldom that they meet short for Stedman Caters both morning and evening, although they sadly miss the help of their old friend "Bill" Manning, who has left London.

Mr. Hughes' migration to another district has, to some extent, severed his connection with Bethnal Green, from which, of course, the central figure was removed when death claimed Matt. Wood, but Mr. Hughes will always look back with pleasure upon the happy day at that church with the veteran at the head of ringing affairs, and the little excitements they used to have when someone did not do as he was told.

Mr. Hughes' connection with the College Youths has existed as long as he has been eligible, and he has twice served in the offices of Junior and Senior Steward, and has once been Treasurer. He had now succeeded to the highest post of honour which the society can give him, and that he will fill it as worthily as any who have gone before we have no doubt. As we mentioned last week, it is an exceedingly rare occurrence for both father and son to occupy the office of Master of the Ancient Society, but this is what has now occurred, for Mr. Arthur Hughes was in the chair in 1908. Many generations of the famous Whitechapel firm have been members of the Society, and the long and intimate association of the two gives a special fitness to the selection which the society has made. Throughout the country—and his business connection has brought



him into contact with ringers in all parts — his many friends will wish Mr. Hughes a successful year of office. May it be one in which the College Youths will, in common with all the other societies, have the opportunity of ringing in a triumphant and enduring peace among the nations.

### BELLS OF BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

#### RESTORATION SCHEME COMPLETED.

Barton-on-the-Humber possesses two historic churches each with a peal of bells, both of which have now been placed in order. To restore two rings in one parish at the same time is a big undertaking. It was not many months since the Vicar floated the scheme, but he did it with so much enthusiasm that the work has been completed and the bells re-dedicated. The Churches—St. Peter's and St. Mary's—are well known to antiquarians, and an appeal to them produced several subscriptions. It had become dangerous to ring the bells at St. Peter's, while the belfry floor was liable to give way at any time. The work which was put in the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, consisted of the erection of new bell frames, tuning the bells on the latest principle, and the addition of new head stocks and wheels, and the contract has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner. The total cost amounts to £400, of which £22 was the outlay on a new floor for St. Peter's. Towards the remaining £380, contributions of £247 14s. 3d. had been received, and £100, with the £2 10s. interest, was obtained by a bazaar in 1913, leaving nearly £230 to be raised. This amount had been reduced when the Bishop of Lincoln came to bless the bells, to £23.

The dedication proceedings began with a parochial tea in the Assembly Rooms. The Bishop was present, and said he very much admired Mr. Varah for the way in which he had tackled the restoration of the bells, and he hoped the day's proceedings would wipe off the £23.

The ceremony of blessing the bells took place in St. Peter's Church. A procession was formed in the vestry, headed by the crossbearer, the robed choir and banners, the Bishop's chaplain carrying the pastoral staff. After the ceremony at St. Peter's, the procession proceeded to St. Mary's Church to bless the bells, and for evensong, and at the same time St. Peter's bells rang out their first peal. The great improvement in the tone was at once apparent. There was a large congregation at the service, at which the Bishop gave an address. The collection was for the bells fund, and amounted to £11 2s. 3d. Within ten days, the Vicar, before the commencement of the service, made the announcement that the whole of the £400 had been raised, and asked the congregation to sing the Doxology, which they did most fervently.

On the Saturday afternoon following the blessing of the bells, and at the invitation of the Vicar, members of the Grimsby district visited the tower to try the bells, ringers being present from Grimsby, Hull, Scunthorpe, Barrow, Thornton, and the local company. All were delighted at the better tone and the "go" of the bells, and it is hoped that it will not be long before they will ring out for final victory and peace.

### WINCHESTER GUILD.

#### BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual district meeting was held at Basingstoke, on Saturday week. As it was known that only handbells would be in use, and as the weather was stormy, the gathering was smaller than usual. About 20 members were present, from Basingstoke, Bramley, Oakley, and Rotherwick, and two visitors from Farnham, Messrs. Alfred and William Elkins. As the Church Cottage was occupied by the soldiers, the meeting was held at St. John's Schools. A service, with intercessions, was held in the church, after which the tea was as usual, admirably served by Caterer Philpott, and the meeting followed, the President (Dr. Bonstead) in the chair. The accounts were not fully made up, but showed a substantial balance. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. H. W. Bonstead, D.D.; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. G. Hume; representative on Central Committee, Miss Alice White; and auditor, Mr. H. White.

The question of members serving with the forces came up for discussion. It was resolved that their names—some 18 members—should be starred in the report, and that their membership should be kept up, during their service with the colours, their subscriptions to be kept paid by a levy through the whole district.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for January 7th, 1915, at Oakley, when the accounts will be presented for the year, and the next annual meeting for Nov. 20th, 1915, at Basingstoke.

The district now has 14 towers in union, about 140 performing members, two unattached; and 14 honorary members.

Touces of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells during the evening.

In our report of the Winchester district meeting, it was stated that the thanks of the St. Mary's, Southampton, band, was expressed to Mr. G. Williams for the kind assistance given to the company. It was to Mr. H. W. Wilkes that the thanks were accorded.

### RESTORATION OF A CORNISH RING.

#### STOKE CLINSLAND BELLS DEDICATED.

Thursday of last week was a great day for the isolated old-world Cornish township of Stoke Climsland, which is separated from the County of Devon by the river Tamar, for on that occasion the restored bells of the Parish Church were dedicated. The church, which is of unknown dedication, is a fine building of granite in the decorated style, the tower containing a peal of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), cast in 1771 by John Pennington, whose foundry was situated close by the church.

For a long time the condition of the fittings and framework prevented the bells being rung, and the matter was taken in hand by an energetic committee, with the result that the bells were taken away to be retuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E. The bells have now been put back in their accustomed position, and in the place of the old wood framework Messrs. Warner have erected one of their latest pattern independent frames, which are entirely free of the walls of the tower, even though two bells are "up over." Elsewhere in this issue will be found some interesting illustrations of the arrangement of the bell frame. On entering the belfry the contrast with the old state of affairs is singularly striking, and it takes quite a time to thoroughly grasp the extremely ingenious way in which the four walls of the tower have been tied together. The striking change seems in the main to be due to the absence of large girders running across the tower, which one is so accustomed to see.

The restored bells were dedicated by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bodmin, and ringers, upwards of 80 in number, were present from far and near.

#### THE BELLS.

After the service, various bands took their turn at the ropes, and an extremely pleasant afternoon and evening was spent. The tone of the retuned bells evoked the greatest admiration, and it was extremely gratifying to the parishioners to be able to mark this improvement in their bells. It was also no less a pleasure for them to hear the unanimous verdict of all the ringers present that the "go" of the bells was absolutely perfect, and that the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber was "just right." Mr. Robert Warner, who was representing the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, was congratulated upon the work which had been so ably carried out. The whole installation had been thoroughly examined previous to the dedication, and the "go" of the bells had been tested by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, who expressed his satisfaction, and showed his interest in the new system of diagonal ties to the tower, the new design of framework, and also the Warner patent self-aligning, self-lubricating bearings, all of which had come to his notice for the first time. This new design of framework was first adopted at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, where, from all accounts, it has shown its great worth.

The inscriptions cast upon the bells are as follows:—

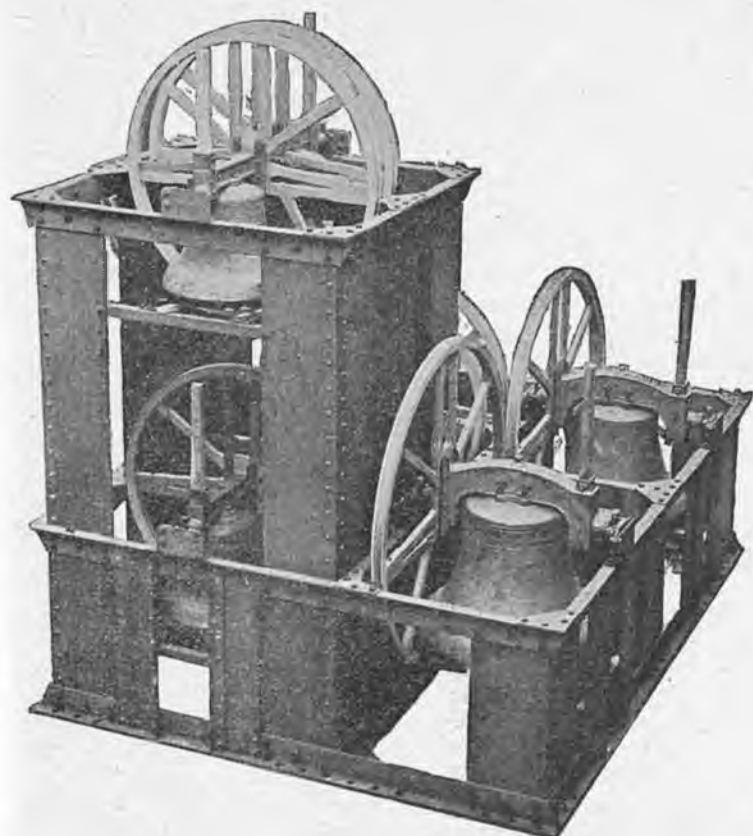
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#### AN ANCIENT BELL FOUNDRY.

Seeing that John Pennington lies buried in Stoke Climsland churchyard, it will, perhaps, be of interest to our readers to know the history of this famous family of bell founders, whose identities are difficult to disentangle, and are further complicated by frequent migration in Devon and Cornwall. The Exeter foundry was first in the hands of Thomas and John Buidan (1601-1624), and it then passed into the Pennington family. Bernard Pennington had a branch establishment at Bodmin, about 1637, and in the middle of the 18th century Fitz Anthony Pennington (1758-1768) had a foundry at Lezant in Cornwall, and another one at Stoke Climsland. Most of the bells from their foundry bore the initials 'T.P.' or 'I.P.', but between 1761 and 1781 they called themselves Pennington and Co. The last representative of the Pennington family lies buried beneath the sound of his bells, and his tombstone bears the following inscription:—

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of this Parish.  
Bell Founder,  
who died the 9th of July, 1824,  
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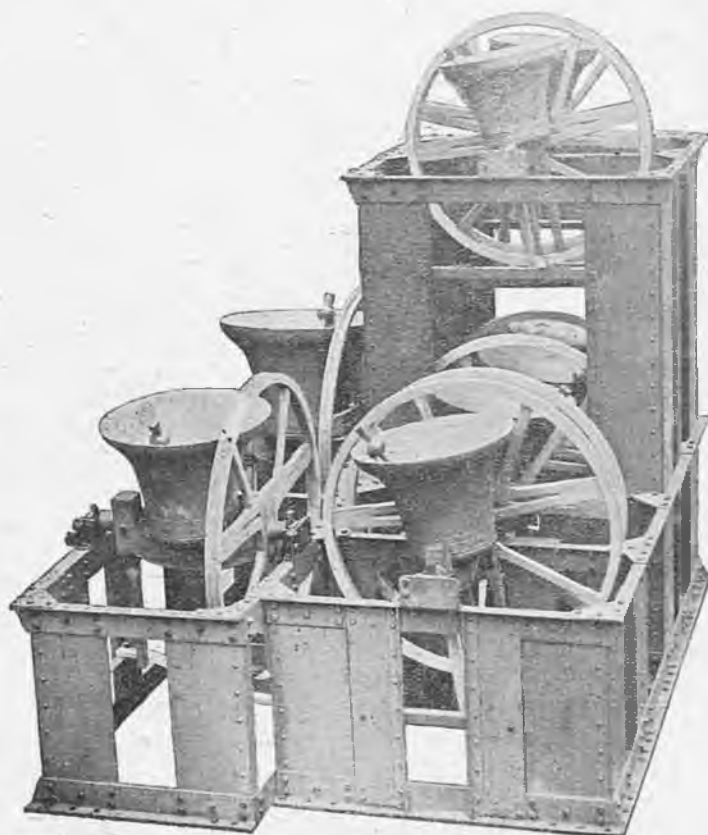
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**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, December 5th. Special service, with short address, at the Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at the Vestry Hall, New Street, 6d. each to members, at 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Bells available at 3.45 and after the meeting. Widford, 8 bells, will be open after 6 p.m. Election of officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—W. Lincoln, District Master, Church Lane, Writtle, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 5th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. Reports (to life members 6d. each), are now ready. Members' subscriptions are now due.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. F. Denton Jones), at 5. Tea, for which 6d. will be charged, and meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern Division will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 1914, at Conisborough, near Rotherham. The new peal of eight bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor, will be available for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 7 p.m. Teas may be had at moderate charges at Crowcroft's tea rooms, near the church. All ringers welcomed.—Arthur Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Netherton, on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar). Business meeting in the Church House.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, December 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 6. Tea (free) at 6.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, December 8th and 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursdays, December 17th and 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1914. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for combined practice will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, December 12th, and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 19th; 7.30 p.m. at each tower. The secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, December 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. Members' subscriptions are now due, and the new reports are ready.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4, service at 5, tea 5.30. Reports ready. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Owing to the present crisis the December quarterly meeting of the above is cancelled. Meetings for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, December 5th, and Shipley, Saturday, January 9th, 1915. Bells available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting at St. John's, Higham, will be held on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, not on Saturday, December 12th, as was arranged at the annual district meeting, the bells not being available on that date.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—Important Notice.—Nominations are asked for a representative on the Central Council. Will those wishing to nominate any member please do so before December 19th. The nominations should be seconded. In the event of an election being necessary the forms will be duly sent to each member.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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**PRESENTATION AT GOOLE.****YORKSHIRE RINGER'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.**

On Friday week an interesting presentation took place at the Sydney Hotel, Goole, the recipient being Mr. H. Ludkin, who for many years has been the leader of the Goole Parish Church Guild of Bell Ringers, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Yorkshire Association. The presentation was made in appreciation of the services Mr. Ludkin has rendered to ringing in Goole, and on the occasion of his departure to take up a responsible position at Birkenhead. The gift was in the form of a mahogany and inlaid music cabinet, and had been subscribed for by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers.—The Vicar of Goole (the Rev. E. Sinker) made the presentation on behalf of the Guild, and said that it afforded him pleasure to do so, although he greatly regretted losing Mr. Ludkin, who, besides being leader of the bell ringers, was a member of the C.E.M.S. and a regular attendant at church. The Vicar heartily commended Mr. Ludkin for the way in which he had carried on the business of the belfry, and wished him every success in his new position.

Mr. T. Smith, a member of the Guild, and secretary of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association, added his testimony to the services of Mr. Ludkin, and said they had all worked together amicably. He hoped Mr. Ludkin would meet with every success in his new sphere of labour, and make new friends. Goole's loss would be Birkenhead's gain.

Mr. H. S. White (churchwarden) also spoke with appreciation of Mr. Ludkin's services, and Mr. W. King added a few remarks, as he and Mr. Ludkin had been close friends since they joined the belfry together in 1899. They had been plodding with ringers ever since, and he regretted to lose Mr. Ludkin, to fill whose place would be a difficult matter in a district like Goole. Mr. Ludkin, however, was leaving the belfry in a better state, so far as ringing was concerned, than he found it.—Mr. Ludkin thanked the company for the kind way they had "patted him on the back." He thought it was hardly necessary, because, as in the case of all conductors, he could not have done what had been done had it not been for the help of the other ringers. He hoped they would stick to the new conductor as they had to him, and he was sure they would go on happily together. He was highly pleased with the present, which he would find very useful.

A short business meeting was then held, the Vicar presiding. Mr. M. Tate was elected as conductor, and Mr. Ludkin was presented with a cheque by the Vicar and wardens.

A smoking concert followed, at which several toasts were submitted, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Heptonstall, Ludkin, T. White, R. R. Eatough and W. King; Mr. T. Smith recited; and Mr. White was the accompanist. There was also double-hand ringing, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. Ludkin has received a present of a silver cruet from the Vicar of Thorne in recognition of his services at that tower, where he has been teaching the art of campanology to a new band of ringers, who were making excellent progress. Many Thorne ringers showed their appreciation by attending the gathering at Goole held in Mr. Ludkin's honour.

Mr. Ludkin is a sawyer by trade, and has secured a good appointment at Birkenhead. He will be much missed in the Goole district, where he has done a great deal of unostentatious spade work.

**ISLEWORTH.**—Middlesex.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Liddbetter 1, G. Ransome 2, W. H. Biggs 3, T. Beadle 4, H. H. Noakes 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer 7. Private W Apps 8. Private W. Apps, who belongs to the 6th Batt. Middlesex Regiment, now stationed at Chatham, was on a short visit to Isleworth.

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