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MODERN WORK.

A RINGERS' PLATOON.

During the past year, in view of the steps that are being taken to form battalions from the ranks of special sections of the public, it has been suggested to us once or twice that something should be done to raise a ringers' battalion, but we have purposely avoided saying anything upon the matter because we not only considered it outside our province, but to be a project absolutely beyond reach. Ringers have done remarkably well in their response to the call, and it is only natural that those who wish to join the line battalions should enlist in their own territorial regiments and serve with their own friends. This was one of the points which seemed to us to make a ringers' battalion impracticable, while the other and most important was that, without some reasonable ground for believing in the ultimate success of such an achievement, it would have received a cold douch from the authorities.

But there is a practicable suggestion now put forward for bringing together into one battalion as many ringers as possible. In another column appears a letter from Lieut. C. F. Johnston, of the Royal Fusiliers, who invites ringers to join up with his battalion, where they might be put, if they wished, into the same company as himself, and, after training, if there were sufficient of them, be made up into a ringers' platoon. This idea has the sanction of the commanding officer (which dispels any question of difficulty with the authorities), and should appeal to those ringers on the point of enlisting.

There is always among ringers a splendid spirit of fraternity, and if a body of them could thus be united in arms it would doubtless make for the benefit of their company. Lieut. Johnston is assisting in the work of raising and training two reserve battalions for his Brigade, and about half of the men have already been obtained. There must be numerous ringers on the point of donning khaki, and they should therefore communicate with Lieut. Johnston at once at the address given in his letter. Under the wing of a fellow ringer, recruits might depend upon being well looked after, and we have heard that there is no training battalion with a better lot of officers and N.C.O.'s—which means a good deal to the young soldier. The opportunity is one which we hope ringers will seize, for a patriotic response to the urgent call for more men could thus be combined with the pleasure of serving with kindred spirits. Fifty or sixty is the number required to make up the platoon. To those who are still of suitable age and medically fit we would say look at the example of the hundreds of ringers who have already joined H.M. Forces, remember that your King and country need you more than ever, and enlist at once—in the Royal Fusiliers.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ...	6
GEORGE HOLLIS ... 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ...	7
*ARTHUR BRAINES ... 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	8
HERBERT DAY ... 4	WILLIAM J. THYNG ...	9
ALBERT H. WARD ... 5	WALTER ALLWOOD ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 31, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... Treble	RICHARD HEALD ...	5
HERBERT ALLRED ... 2	THOMAS WORSLEY ...	6
HARRY ALLRED ... 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	7
BENJAMIN ALLRED ... 4	ROBERT ALLRED ... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to those who have laid down their lives, both on land and sea, including ten Tyldesley youths who have lost their lives in the Dardanelles.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.

GEORGE R. SIMMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. MARTIN ...	5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 2	JOHN CROWDER ...	6
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 3	GEORGE DURLING ...	7
WALTER SMITH ... 4	JOSEPH LAW ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. A. G. Bennington, one of the local band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1915, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

HARRY SEAR ... Treble	*GEORGE NEWSON ...	5
*ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 2	SERGT.-MAJOR H. WAKELY	6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	CANON W. W. C. BAKER	7
WALTER SEAR ... 4	*GEORGE W. HELEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by SERGT.-MAJOR W. WAKELY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of all who have fallen during the War.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising seven 720's, each called differently.

MAURICE SYMONDS ... 1	CHARLES POULSON ...	4
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 2-3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This is the first peal by the ringer of the treble, who is 12 years and 5 months of age, and is the youngest who has rung a peal for the Ely Association. The peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of F. G. Symonds, of London, brother of the conductor.

A YEAR OF WAR AND ITS EFFECTS ON RINGING.

A good deal is being written just now upon the year of war which, on Wednesday, drew to its completion—a year fraught with incidents and consequences so great that the course of history has been changed. The time, therefore, may not be altogether inopportune to review the effect which the war has had upon ringing.

Our Art fills but one of the minor niches in the fabric of the national edifice, but war's far-reaching effects has disturbed ringing no less than the other pursuits of peace. As interpreters of national feeling ringers have gauged the public sentiment, and in this period of intense anxiety and stress the bells have been used with every consideration for the existing feeling. Their main purpose, that of summoning people to worship, has never been overlooked, and the celebration of church festivals and national events has gone on as usual—as indeed it ought to have done.

IN BELFRY AND CAMP.

When the first shock of war had died down and the country began to realise the new position, the Associations, which for a time became almost inactive, renewed their operations for the most part, though, even at meetings in many districts, ringing still takes place to only a very modified extent. But it is realised that war time is no time for long faces and the encouragement of depression. The work which our gallant troops have done in the trenches could never have been accomplished without the maintenance of the cheeriest of spirits, and the people at home need to be cheered also. Therefore, there seems every reason why, in connection with gatherings of ringers, the moderate use of the bells should be continued and the clergy, for the most part, look upon it in the same light.

But there is a cause through which ringing has suffered immensely in many towers throughout the land, and it is a cause which gives justification for pride. When the call came for men, ringers, equally with other classes, rushed to the colours, and there has been ever since, as our columns have testified, a steady flow of men from the belfry to the camp. A number have already laid down their lives for their King and country, others have been wounded, and when the final story comes to be written we think the Exercise will be found to have contributed its share. The Roll of Honour which we have published from week to week, has up to the present contained something like 1,100 names, but we have no hesitation in saying that quite as many more have joined the ranks from the belfries.

FALLEN HEROES.

Among the ringers who have given up their lives have been the following:—

KILLED.

SECOND-LIEUT. RUPERT GASCOYNE CECIL, 4th Batt. Bedfordshire Regiment, of Hatfield Parish Church, killed in action in France on July 12th, 1915.
PTE FREDERICK C. JOHNSON, 2nd Batt. Grenadier Guards, of Wrentham Church, Suffolk, killed in action near Villers Cotterets, France, on Sept. 4th, 1914.
CORPL. ERNEST BARTON, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, of St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, killed near Lille on Oct. 23rd.
ABLE-SEAMAN ALBERT BASHFORD, H.M.S. "Good Hope," of Nut-

field Church, Surrey, lost with his ship in the battle in the Pacific on November 1st.

SERGT. JESSE ARBON, 4th Suffolk Regiment, formerly of Sproughton Church, Norfolk, killed in action in France, December 21st.

CORPL. JOHN TIPPINS, 2nd Essex Regiment, of Mistley Church, Essex, killed in action in France.

PTE FRANCIS J. KEEN, 2nd Grenadier Guards, of Tamworth Church, died of wounds on Jan. 20th, 1915.

TROOPER WILFRED WENHAM, Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles, of St. Mary's Church, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, died in hospital at Canterbury on February 11th.

RIFLEMAN ANDREW WARNER, London Rifle Brigade, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, died of wounds received at storming of Hill 60.

PTE LOUIS A. DICKERSON, R.M.L.I., of Thetford Church, Norfolk, killed in action at the Dardanelles.

SERGT. JOHN HARE, 5th Batt. Yorkshire Regiment, of St. Mary's Society, Beverley, killed at Ypres on April 29th.

SERGT. GEORGE P. HILL, North Riding Battery, R.F.A. (T.F.), of Whitby Parish Church, killed in France on May 24th.

PTE HORACE W. SHARMAN, 2nd Batt. Northants Regiment, of Cranley Parish Church, killed in action in France on May 8-9.

PTE WILLIAM HENRY SNART, 2nd Northants Regiment, of Kettering, killed in action on May 10th.

PTE C. HOWE, Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry, of Linslade, Bucks, died of wounds on May 29th.

SEAMAN GEORGE I. PLAYLE, H.M.S. "Goliath," of Dagenham Church, Essex, lost in the sinking of his ship in the Dardanelles.

PTE MARK MELIA, 2nd Middlesex Regiment, of St. Francis of Assisi's Church, Holbeck, Leeds, killed in action in France on June 12th.

LANCE-CORPL. LIONEL ALFORD, 5th Middlesex Regiment, of Sunbury-on-Thames Parish Church, killed in action in France.

PTE J. LIVERMORE, Jun., R.A.M.C., of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, died of wounds in Flanders.

PTE J. HOTTEN, of the London County Association, died of wounds.

CORPL. FREDERICK W. JONES, 1st/5th York and Lancaster Regiment, of Pudsey Parish Church, killed in action in Flanders on July 16th.

MISSING. BELIEVED KILLED.

PTE HARRY PELLETT, 2nd Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, of Stone-in-Oxney Parish Church, Kent.

Incidentally, we should like to mention that we should like to receive through their ringing friends remaining at home early information of those ringers who, unhappily, from time to time may figure in the casualty lists. It is only by this means that the Exercise can be acquainted with those heroes from the belfry who may fall in this titanic struggle for honour and freedom.

PEALS.

The effect of the war on peal ringing we have left until last, because, while the results are interesting peal ringing in these times is of small importance. Immediately war broke out ringers realised that peal ringing for the ordinary purpose of the entertainment of those who take part in it was out of place, and, except for special occasions such as church festivals or dedication services, peals with open bells have been few and far between. Peals with the bells muffled for some departed friend or for the wider purpose of a tribute to the heroes who have fought their last fight on land or sea, have provided by far the larger proportion of the performances on tower bells. The total number of peals rung on church bells since August 4th last year and published in our columns have been 157. The handbell peals rung in the same period have been 109, making a total of 266—a figure which has been excelled in a single month in peace time. To emphasise the contrast we may mention that from August to July, 1913-14, 2,401 peals were rung, and in the same period of 1912-13 2,355 peals.

LIEUT. HESSE'S BEREAVEMENT.

The sympathy of his many friends in the ringing world will go out to Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, of Teddington, and vice-president of the Middlesex Association, in the loss he has sustained by the sudden death of his mother. As is well-known, Lieut. Hesse is serving with the A.S.C. in France. He was granted special leave on learning of the illness of his mother, but arrived in England too late to see her alive. Lieut. Hesse is now back again in France.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' Fund have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	111	4	3
Nuneaton Society, second donation (per Mr. T. W. Chapman)	0	10	6
Ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Minchin-hampstead, Glos. (per Mr. F. W. Ponting)	0	6	0
Total	112	0	9

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving in H.M. Forces:—
Gunner H. P. Saffell, of St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone, R.F.A., now at Balcombe, Sussex.

From St. Mary's, Pulborough, Sussex:—
Pte A. B. Corden, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Pte W. H. Hollman, Royal Sussex Regiment.
Pte S. Killick, Middlesex Regiment.

COMMISSION FOR ANOTHER RINGER.

Mr. L. H. Corden, a member of the Sussex County Association, has been given a commission in the 4th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment. Mr. Corden was for many years churchwarden at Pulborough, as well as an enthusiastic ringer. All who have met him will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

PUDSEY RINGER KILLED.

MEMBER OF RECORD MAKING BAND.

News has been received from the War Office that Corporal Frederick W. Jones, of the 1st/5th Yorks and Lancaster Regiment, son of Mr. Lister Jones, of Chapelton, Pudsey, was killed in action in Flanders on July 10th. Corpl. Jones, who was 24 years of age, joined the Territorials about a year prior to the outbreak of war. He was a teacher at Conisbore before the war started.

He belonged to the Pudsey (York) band of ringers, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1908. He rang, in all, six peals, viz., one of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Bob Major on tower bells and four of Bob Major on handbells, including the 13,440 rung on Whit-Monday, June 5th, 1911, which at the time was the record length on handbells, the previous best having been 11,200. This record stood until the Winchester Guild men rang the long peals of Stedman Caters. In the peal at Pudsey, in which Corpl. Jones rang 3-4, the average age of the band was just under 19 years.

Prior to the commencement of the war, the deceased was secretary of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. Always a keen ringer, and a good striker, he will be much missed by the members of the band to which he belonged.

As a token of respect to his memory, the bells of Pudsey Parish Church were rung muffled on Sunday last for morning service.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

In times of peace the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is one of the best gatherings of its kind among all the ringing meetings of the year, but, owing to the war, the festival was not carried out on its customary lines this year; indeed the proceedings, which took place at Reading on Saturday, were confined strictly to business. Despite the fact, however, that the event was shorn of much of its attractiveness the meeting, which took place at the Palmer Hall, was well attended, members being present from Bucklebury, Slough, Bradfield, Hughenden, East Hagbourne, Caversham, Wokingham, Hurst, Beaconsfield, Henley, Compton, Boyne Hill, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Reading, Crowthorne, Goring and Binfield.

In the absence of the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who is in France as Chaplain to the Forces, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (hon. treasurer) presided.

On the election of officers, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge said he was sure everyone in the room would wish to propose the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn be elected Master. The warm applause which followed showed the unanimous opinion which prevailed, and the Master was, therefore, without further ceremony, considered re-elected.

The Hon. Treasurer (the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis) and the Secretary (Mr. Abert E. Reeves) were re-appointed, and the committee were also re-elected.

On the recommendation of the committee, three trustees of the Guild were appointed.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge (one of the Guild's representatives) gave a report upon the proceedings at the last meeting of the Central Council, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Frodsham on Saturday week, when over 100 members attended. During the day touches in a variety of methods were rung.

A special service was held in the Parish Church, in the order as approved by the Bishop of Chester, the President of the Guild, and an address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. M. W. Myres), who spoke from Ps. cxiii. verse 1: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." He said:—

Why are you here? Why, because you belong to a federation of ringers. You are not merely pursuers of an art or form of exercise. Ringing is a study and an interest of itself. And you are men who are taking a share in Church work, and no mean share in the service of the sanctuary. So you are present as Churchmen, and your mission is to set forth the call of the Church. You peal out messages of national happiness, and sometimes messages of national grief; the passage of the old year and the dawn of the new. The wedding and the funeral it is yours to acclaim. And more than this, you sound the call of the Church to the world. On many ears it falls unheeded, and yet for most of us church bells are the only bells we know. The sound proclaims that the church is there, waiting to receive the faithful for their worship; ready to voice their prayers; ready to speak peace to their souls. But, what is the message which you are sending out from yourselves? Yours are the hands that rock the bell and make it speak. What message do you give it in your minds and hearts—of joy and faithfulness for the coming and life of Christ? To remember the Creator? And to serve God truly? Will you call others to do what you do not believe in? Ask them to do what you do not do yourselves? That were hypocrisy and shame. Publish your own appeal and put the witness of your own lives into the music and let it find an echo in your lives. What though thousands do not heed, your message goes out to them in your prayers, that God would bless the Christian message to ourselves and the world.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting was held after tea. The Master of the Guild (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, of Crewe) presided, and was supported by the Rev. the Hon. C. F. Cross, of Stretton; the Rev. H. V. Pigot, of Grappenhall; and the Rev. M. W. Myres, of Frodsham.

Mr. Bowen Cooke having been proposed as Master by Mr. H. A. Heywood, of Christleton Lodge, Chester, and loudly proclaimed by the members, thanked the members heartily for their renewed vote of confidence. The duties, he said, could not be taken on too lightly. He referred to the great assistance his friend, Mr. Heywood, had always rendered to him in the past, and he had received an assurance from him of further assistance in his work. He promised, as master, to make the coming year's work as prosperous and successful as possible.

Mr. Cooke referred to the singing of the National Anthem on bended knees at the close of the afternoon service at the church as being a most fitting prayer for Divine help in these momentous times. Many of the ringers had joined the colours, and many others had sons and other relatives who were fighting for their King and country.

Letters of apology for absence were read by the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills) from the Bishop of Chester, the Rev. Canon May, of Heswall, and a telegram from Mr. Stringer, of Sandbach.

The members of the general committee were elected, seven honorary and seven ringing members, namely: Honorary, the Revs. H. L. Mallory (Birkenhead), C. Vere Bailey (Macclesfield) and H. V. Pigot (Grappenhall), and Messrs. Heywood (Christleton Lodge, Chester), Warrington (New Mills), Stringer (Sandbach) and H. Hatt-Cook (Northwich). Ringing members, Messrs. Bibby (Frodsham), Willcocks (Wirral), Morgan (Chester), Ashmole (Northwich), Norbury (Macclesfield), Fernley (Stockport) and Langford (Crewe).

It was decided to allow the names of those who had joined the forces to remain on the roll of membership until the war is over, free of subscription.

The meeting unanimously approved the decision of the committee to erect a suitable memorial stone in the precincts of Chester Cathedral in honour of the late master, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber. At this juncture the Master retired from the conduct of the meeting, and the Rev. H. V. Pigot took the chair. A long discussion followed as to the suggested change of date for the next annual assembly, but by a large majority it was decided to adhere to the date—August Bank Holiday—and Crewe was chosen as the venue.

On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. M. W. Myres for the beautiful church service, and for the use of the school, to Mr. W. Bibby for making and so zealously carrying out the arrangements of the day, to the Frodsham ringers, the members of the choir and the organist (Mr. T. Yould).

BRISTOL.—On June 23rd, at the Church of St. Nicholas', 435 Steadman Caters: A. E. Reeves (conductor) 1, L. T. Reeves (R.A.M.C.) 2, A. Stowell 3, F. W. Wade 4, H. Howell 5, W. White 6, J. Richmond 7, G. Wiltshire 8, J. Long 9, U. Braven 10. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Princes of Wales's 21st birthday.

VICAR'S FATAL LEAP.**LANCASHIRE RINGER KILLED IN MOTOR MISHAP.**

Ringers of Lancashire in general, and of Rochdale district in particular, have lost a good friend by the death of the Vicar of Milnrow (the Rev. Frank Parkin Wright), who lost his life as the result of a motor accident about a fortnight ago. The distressing tragedy occurred in the lake district near Keswick, where the Vicar was staying for a holiday with his two daughters. The family went out for a motor drive in the evening in the Penrith district, and in returning to Keswick the car had to climb a slight hill at Motherby, near Penriddock. The chauffeur changed the gear on the hill, but it apparently failed to act, with the result that the car commenced to run back.

Mr. Wright jumped out and fell on his head. His daughters remained in the car and escaped injury. Dr. Jackson, Greystoke, was summoned, but Mr. Wright died without recovering consciousness from concussion of the brain and a wound at the back of the head.

Mr. Wright had been Vicar of Milnrow for 32 years, and prior to that he was curate at the Rochdale Parish Church for six years. He was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1876, being ordained the following year.

Mr. Wright was a widower, his wife dying a short time ago.

He was well known among Lancashire ringers, whom he was always ready to welcome at his church. Indeed, next Saturday a meeting of the Association was to have been held there, but, on the news of the tragedy becoming known, it was at once transferred to another tower. Mr. Wright was a life honorary member of the Lancashire Association, and, being a ringer, himself was frequently in the tower with his band.

On Sunday morning last, the ringers of Milnrow attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells fully muffled. Unfortunately when ringing had been in progress 1 hour and 40 minutes, and all was going well, the tenor rope broke and put an end to the attempt. It is rather singular that this was the rope the late Vicar used almost invariably to take when ringing with his company. His genial ways and kindly words will be much missed by all who knew him.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**DISTRICT SECRETARY'S THREATENED RESIGNATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Chislehurst on Saturday week. The spot is an ideal place for a summer meeting, but on this occasion the event was spoiled by the elements. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a service was held, at which a short address was given by the Rev. Canon Dawson (Rector), followed by the Intercession service. An adjournment to the Boy's Club followed, where a splendid meat tea, provided by the Rector and Mr. A. F. Nussey (churchwarden) was greatly enjoyed by the party present.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector. Three members were elected, and Greenwich was selected as the place for the annual district meeting on the last Saturday in October.

Mr. W. Hewett asked when the annual meeting of the Association was to be held, and the District Secretary and Representative, in reply, stated the reason, and explained what was suggested by the committee.

The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge) then gave notice that he should not stand for re-election. He could not think of remaining in office, he said, after the way the arrangements for the opening the bells of Christ Church, Erith, had been carried out.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and his address, and to the Rector and churchwarden for providing the tea, regret being expressed that the serious illness of Mr. Nussey's sister prevented him being present.—The Rector, replying, said it had given them great pleasure, and he deeply regretted his churchwarden's absence.

The tower was then again visited till 9 p.m., and various touches brought round.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch of this Association was held on Saturday last at Chewton Mendip, by the kind permission of the new Vicar, the Rev. —. Beazley. The weather was very favourable, and consequently the attendance was good, the following towers being represented: Midsomer Norton, Sten Easton, Shepton Mallet, Camerton, Leigh-on-Mendip, Chewton Mendip and Timsbury.

Tea was partaken of at the Waldegrave Arms Hotel, after which the usual business meeting took place, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip), the popular and genial Branch President, occupying the chair. Several new ordinary members and one new honorary member (the Rev. —. Beazley) were admitted to the Association. The latter hopes to become an active ringing member—a cause of intense satisfaction and pleasure to the local ringers, who heartily welcome the clergy in the ringing chambers.

Business completed, the members repaired to the church (which, by-the-way, is justly famous for its architectural beauty), where the Association's special form of divine service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill.

Ringling was indulged in both before tea and after divine service, the "go" and tone of the bells being greatly admired by all. The

greatest credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the excellence of their recent work in this tower. The ringing chamber is unusually well appointed, and reflects the highest credit upon the enthusiastic and energetic captain, Mr. Wm. Tucker, whose efforts towards the promulgation of change ringing at Chewton Mendip are beyond all praise.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed towards the day's enjoyment and success, particularly to the Vicar, the organist (Mr. Cox), the choir, the Branch President, and the hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard). The meeting was in every way thoroughly enjoyable and successful, and it is greatly to be hoped that many more such gatherings will take place here in the future. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Doulling, on Saturday, October 30th.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**REDDISH RINGERS AT BURBAGE.**

On Saturday week the Reddish ringers held their annual outing, visiting Buxton, and afterwards Burbage. At the latter place, Mr. Kirk, of the local company, had everything in readiness, and the visitors also had the pleasure of meeting Corpl. James E. Davis, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, who was looking very fit. All present took part in the ringing, and 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by A. Barnes 1, Edith R. Barnes 2, S. Kirk 3, H. Kirk (conductor) 4, J. E. Barnes 5, James E. Davis 6. The best thanks of the band are hereby tendered to Mr. Kirk for his excellent arrangements, especially on the short notice given.

A VISIT TO HORSHAM.

Through the instrumentality of Mr. W. Short (Warnham), a very pleasant meeting was arranged, and a party of ringer friends paid a visit to the historic old town of Horsham on Saturday week. Most of the visitors made the trip on cycles, and with one exception arrived at the scheduled time. However, by the time they had "lined up" and prepared for "roll call," Mr. R. Wood (Billingshurst), who had met with a series of obstacles "en route," reported "all well." The party then made their way to the belfry, where the bells, a musical peal of eight, were soon set going, and several touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, those taking part being Messrs. W. Short (Warnham), R. Edwards (Slinfold), W. Denman, senr., W. Denman, junr., F. Denman, A. Cripps, R. Bowell, T. Adams and G. Lucas (Shipley), Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), J. Burdfield and R. Wood (Billingshurst), Oliver Sippetts (Crawley), P. H. Doick and Pte W. H. Hollman (Pulborough), and L. and S. Paice, of the local band. The ever-ready Mr. O. Sippetts carried out the duties of conductor. It is very pleasing to note the progress which the Shipley ringers are making in Major ringing, and we hope, in the near future, to see them writing history in Surprise Major. Mrs. R. Whittington is also to be congratulated on the able way in which she rang the treble to Kent Major. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for granting them permission to ring, Mr. W. Short (the father of the family), and Mr. L. Paice for the hearty welcome extended.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the last quarter of Holt's Original): F. Lovis 1, J. Gluyas 2, A. Mitchelmore 3, G. Parr 4, G. H. Myers (conductor) 5, W. Richards 6, Pte W. White 7, W. Shears 8.

BROMHAM.—Beds. Association.—On June 19th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Browning), 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Trooper H. Stapleton (B.I.Y.), 1, E. P. Duffield 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Pte W. Stanford (Royal Sussex Regiment) 4, H. Gayton 5, F. Wilford (conductor) 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss D. Steel 1, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 2, Pte W. Stanford 3, H. Mortimer (H.M.S. "Indomitable," home on leave) 4, E. Duffield 5, H. L. Harlow 6; 216 Plain Bob: Miss D. Steel 1, H. Tvsoc 2, F. Wilford 3, Trooper H. Stapleton 4, E. Duffield 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

CHILVERS COTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 20th, for the morning and evening services, with the bells half-muffled, the local band (augmented by several young probationers, on account of five of the ordinary members having joined the colours) rang the usual whole pull and stand, and several touches of Grandsire Doubles, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Dr. H. T. Tomlinson, late churchwarden at the above church, also on the evening of the following day, after the funeral, the following muffled touches: Courses of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples by ringers from Nunenton, Stoke Gidding, and Chilvers Coton, the following taking part: Messrs. T. Chapman, H. Argyle, J. Clarke, senr., J. Clarke, junr., E. Stone, W. Orton, R. Pollard, J. Greasley, Geoffrey Stoneley, A. Hancock, T. Mallabone, and H. Reader.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 23rd, in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes (from Holt's Original), in 49 mins.: A. Burdock (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Jelley 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, M. Smith 5, J. T. Lee 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, A. Ward 8.

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AN ENGLISH CARILLON.

THE BELLS AT CATTISTOCK.

The last Thursday in July is the date of the annual visit which Malines' famous carillonneur (M. Josef Denyn) pays to the celebrated carillon at Cattistock Church, Dorset. This visit accordingly took place on Thursday in last week, and there is pathetic interest in the fact that M. Denyn is now a refugee in this country. The great carillonneur was the recipient of many honours at Malines (or Mechlin) in the more peaceful times of three years ago on celebrating the completion of 25 years' service as city "Bell Master." An item in the day's proceedings was the presentation to M. Denyn of a new bell to be placed in the famous carillon, with the dedication in Flemish, "To the great carillonneur, Jef. Denyn, by an admiring public."

CATTISTOCK'S BELLS.

Although the United Kingdom possesses several fine carillons, only four are fitted with clavier (or keyboards). These, writes Mr. Ernest



CATTISTOCK CHURCH AND THE CARILLON TOWER.

Morris, are at Aberdeen, Bournville, Loughborough, and, most famous of all, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Cattistock, Dorset. In 1863 the Rev. H. Keith Barnes became Rector of Cattistock, and being a great lover of bell music, he determined he would have a suitable tower built to his church, which should contain a carillon with clavier. The old tower was too small, and could not in any way be made to suit the requirement, so he had this pulled down, and the present beautiful campanile erected to the designs of Mr. Gilbert Scott, junr. This cost £3,000, and was defrayed by Mr. Barnes and his family. It now contains 35 bells (eight of which are hung for ringing), tenor 19cwt., cast at Louvain by Van Aerschodt, the famous bell founder. Mr. Barnes and his family completed his scheme by leaving a sum of money for the upkeep of the carillon. When M. Josef Denyn gives his annual recital, he also arranges the tunes for the following year, and directs the work of setting them on the chime-barrel. This barrel contains no less than 7,200 holes, into which the studs are fixed according to the requirements of the music. There are 72 chime ham-

mers, 60 of which are in active use. The multiplication of hammers is to facilitate quick repetitions. The inscriptions on the bells [vide Canon Raven's Church Bells of Dorset] are as follows: The peal of eight bells:—

- Treble.—"Ring out the false, Ring in the true. George Digby Wingfield Digby, Lord of the Manor gave me."
 2nd.—"Harmonious Bells below, Bring Music from above. Mary Constance Barnes gave me."
 3rd.—"Let those who ring us here, Do so in Godly fear."
 4th.—"All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord."
 5th.—"O Christ, the King of Glory, come in peace."
 6th.—"In Manifold Melodious chime, we waft a fair good night from God's high love—Severin Van Aerschodt, of Louvain, cast this Carillon of 33 bells A.D. 1872."
 7th.—"There is no speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them."
 Tenor.—"Mark well the passing hour, the tolling bell life's end doth tell.—To the Glory of God—Severin Van Aerschodt cast me, the tenor of a peal of eight, at Louvain, and Janet Keith Barnes gave me to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Cattistock 1872."

THE CARILLON BELLS.

- (1) "In memory of Charles Stickland 1885-1897. R. P. Stickland Rector 1899."
- (2) "In memory of George F. Greville 1842-1897. Cecil Greville gave me 1899."
- (3) "M.G."
- (4) "F.T.S."
- (5) "T.C.L."
- (6) "J.M."
- (7) "J.M."
- (8) "Me fvdit Lovanii Severinus Van Aerschodt. 1880."
- (9) "C.T."
- (10) "My Music shall find Thee—Selina Still gave me."
- (11) "Gloria in Excelsis.—Agnes Garforth gave me."
- (12) "Christians awake.—W. C. Wightman gave me."
- (13) "I never sleep.—Maria Duff gave me."
- (14) "Praise the Lord.—William Henning gave me."
- (15) "God be our speed.—Mantagu and Alice Hankey gave me."
- (16) "Peace and good brotherhood.—Alexander Wightman gave me."
- (17) "God defend the right.—Frank Pope gave me."
- (18) "Prosperity to Cattistock.—James Charles Still gave me."
- (19) "Pange lingua.—W. H. P. Ward, whilom Rector of Compton Valence gave me."
- (20) "God bring him bliss that paid for this.—Keith Jopp gave me."
- (21) "For God and our Church and Queen.—F. J. Rooke, Prebendary of Sarum, and Ellen his wife, gave me."
- (22) "Long May our soothing cadence ear, heart, and conscience win.—Agnes Frances Marten gave me."
- (23) "I mark labour and rest.—Eliza Margaret and Charles John Gundry Still gave me."
- (24) "The step of time shall move to my melodious chime.—George Toppin, Priest, and Blanche his wife, gave me."
- (25)—between 6th and 7th of peal) "Think when the bells do chime.—'Tis Angels' musick. Therefore come not late."
- (26)—between 4th and 5th of peal) "Our voices tell when joy and grief betide: Mourn with the Mourner, welcome home the bride.—John Almerus Digby, and Diana his wife, and William and Eleanor Scott gave me."
- (27)—between treble and 2nd of peal) "Let those the chimes who hear, Off leave their earthly care—for this sweet house of prayer.—Albert William Still Barnes gave me."

I am informed that no peal of 5,000 changes has ever been accomplished on these bells.

It may be of interest to note that the writer's grandfather was a native of this village, and used to ring on the old three bells in the old tower. These bells were inscribed:—

- (1) "ANNO DOMINI 1659. WB. WT. WC."
- (2) "Frangoove Ed. Thomas, Anno Domini 1700 T.P." (There is evidently some mistake in this inscription).
- (3) "AVE MARIA GRACIA PLENA DNUS TECU."

BELGIUM'S LOST BELLS.

Mr. W. Gorham Rice's interesting volume, "The Carillons of Belgium and Holland," which was reviewed in these pages some few weeks since, was the subject of a complimentary notice in the columns of "The Observer" on Sunday. The reviewer is M. Emile Cammaerts, who, we imagine, approaches the subject with the native sympathy and enthusiasm for carillons, but, while he does justice to Mr. Rice's book, he fails to appreciate the English love of bells, for he opens by saying "There is a strange prejudice in England against bells. Their sound awakes doleful associations and 'Sunday qualms,' the tiresome pulling at the same rope, the monotonous repetition of the same note. Many people consider the proximity of a church as a nuisance and write indignant letters to the papers to silence their clock tower. I hope that the very opportune publication of Mr. Gorham Rice's book will do a great deal to remove this prejudice and to show the prominent part which peals of bells, and more particularly the carillons, ought to play in public life."

M. Cammaerts must have been unfortunate in his English experi-

ences, for nowhere, except in the Netherlands, are bells more appreciated than in this island (their uses in the two countries being, of course, widely different), though here and there can be found the man ready to rise up and curse the bells, as he would curse anything else which met with his disfavour. But these grumblers, though often noisy, are really few in number, and our peals of bells are among the most cherished of our national possessions.

But it was not to criticise M. Cammaerts that we set out, rather was it to quote a few extracts from his notice of Mr. Rice's book. "Strange," he says, "that it should be left to an American to reveal to us these old European traditions! Stranger still that the invasion of Belgium and the wanton destruction of some of the best sets of bells should have coincided with the completion of this book!"

"Out of the nine best carillons in Belgium mentioned in Mr. Rice's list three have already been destroyed. One at Malines (St. Rombert), on which Josef Denyn, the first master carillonneur in the world, used to play so often; the other at Louvain (Ste. Gertrude), with its 40 bells; the third at Ypres (Cloth Hall), with 44 bells. The loss of the Malines carillon is certainly one of the most cruel wounds which German barbarism has inflicted on European civilisation. Even the Middeburg bells, in Holland, could not be compared with it, and it was not without good reason that Mr. Rice gave it the first rank among the carillons of the Netherlands, and consequently of the world.

REMEMBER "ROLAND."

"For the Netherlands might rightly be called 'the country of Carillons.' On this small corner of the map of Europe might be found no less than fifty peals of more than twenty-five bells, most of them dating from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, while we find only about ten carillons in Central Germany and five in France outside the north-western departments (Nord and Pas de Calais) formerly belonging to Flanders. The contribution of the other countries is insignificant.

"Of course, the expression Netherlands must be taken in its widest meaning. According to Mr. Rice's judicious remark the limit of the carillon country is more racial than political. He might have said perhaps more accurately that this limit is more of the past than of the present. During the fifteenth and the sixteenth century part of the Rhine country and the north-western provinces of France still belonged to the Low Countries. So it is that all the best carillons of France are in the north, at Armentieres, Arras, Bailleul, Cambrai, etc., while out of the fifteen carillons in Germany five at least belong to the Rhineland.

"It is, indeed, a good thing to read about the old bells when they are so far away beyond the German lines, and to imagine the concerts which Denyn will give us when we go back to Belgium, and to prepare a delightful tour through the carillon-country with Mr. Rice's book in one's pocket.

"Let us remember old Roland, the heaviest bell in the Ghent belfry, which bears this characteristic inscription: 'My name is Roland; when I toll there is fire, and when I ring there is victory in the land.' It was first made in 1314, recast in 1659, and 'will have again to be recast as a crack developed in July, 1914.' The story of this bell is the story of Belgium. When Roland rings again it will be for victory."

THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL.

TO-DAY'S CENTENARY.

To-day is the centenary of the first true peal of Grandsire Royal ever rung, for it was on August 6th, 1815, that the Painswick Youths added this achievement to their performances. According to their peal book this "5099 changes of Titum Grandsire Royal" was rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins., by: Danl. Glyde 1, Giles Mansfield 2, Geo. Harding 3, Jno. Mansfield 4, Jno. Tunley 5, Chrstr. Webb 6, Robt. Selwyn 7, Thos. Bethell 8, Jno. Savory 9, Jas. Marlton 10. In the history of the method, published by the late Mr. Jasper Snowden in his "Grandsire," he records the fact that an unfortunate start was made with Grandsire Royal, inasmuch as the peal of 5040 changes, which, he believed, was the first in the method, rung by the Birmingham St. Martin's Youths, on October 17th, 1814, at the opening of the ten bells at Aston, turned out to be false. In consequence of this the society, on October 23rd, 1815, rang at the same church a peal of 6,000—still the longest length in the method—but the Painswick Youths, in the meantime had, as recorded above, scored the first peal.

While mentioning anniversaries, it is not uninteresting to note that next Sunday (August 8th) is the anniversary of a peal of Bob Triples, rung in the year 1749 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and in which John Holt took part. The peal was rung by the Union Scholars, of which, in that year, Holt was elected Master. A month before (July 9th) he took part in a peal of 6,000 Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

When thinking of these peals of bygone centuries one must not, of course, consider them in the light of present-day achievements. They were rung when change ringing was in its cradle, so to speak, and every peal may be counted as a wonderful performance. In much later times than the days of John Holt, the man who had rung a peal came out of the belfry with his head held high, for peals were peals indeed, and the peal ringer—only in plain methods in those days—stood high among the confraternity.

A RINGERS' PLATOON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our Brigade, which has been at Clipstone, N. Notts, since May, is moving to Salisbury Plain on Tuesday; and, apart from them, some of us have for the present been moved back to the Farm Camp at Epsom, as we are raising two reserve battalions (2,000 men roughly) and have the first 1,000 in already.

I know that ringers all over the country have flocked to the colours, and that already the fraternity has suffered sad losses.

However, there might still be some ringers, who have not joined the Army, but are thinking of doing so and are within the age and constitutional limit. If so, could you help us by making it known that they would be welcomed at this camp. We have a very efficient staff, including some that have seen service before (our new adjutant was wounded in this war), and I could arrange if ringer recruits wished, for them to be put in the same company as myself, and thus, after preliminary training, they would all be together—in fact, if we could get 50 or 60, the commanding officer has promised me to form a ringers' platoon.—Believe me to be, yours sincerely,

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

98th Infantry Brigade Depot,
Farm Camp, Epsom, July 31st, 1915.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The seventh meeting of the year was held on Saturday week, at Appledore, representatives attending from Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, Woodchurch, Brookland, Ashford, Fairfield, and the local tower. Grandsire Triples were rung under the conductorship of Messrs. C. W. Player and C. Tribe, and the members cordially welcomed Mrs. Gatehouse, wife of the Vicar of Headcorn, who was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn. Mrs. Gatehouse had a ring with the company, and in the afternoon, together with Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkin, had a pull in the ancient wooden tarred campanile at Brookland.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary read a letter from Mr. C. Slingsby inviting the Guild to hold a meeting at Aldington, and kindly promising to provide tea for all who attended.—Mr. C. W. Player suggested that an effort should be made to obtain a second tower, say, Brabourne or Sellindge.—After discussion, it was decided, on the proposition of Mr. A. C. Kay, seconded by Mr. Tribe, to accept with thanks Mr. Slingsby's kind invitation and hospitality. The date fixed to journey to Aldington was Saturday, August 21st, the tower to be available at 3 p.m.—As to the two towers suggested, it was thought that this could hardly be carried into operation, it being rather uncertain if a band could be obtained before the middle of the afternoon.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs), in suitable terms, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the President of the Guild (the Rev. A. O. Scott) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. Johnson for co-operating and assisting in making the arrangements for the meeting.—Mr. E. Curd seconded.—This was carried unanimously. The ringing terminated about nine o'clock.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' ENJOYABLE TRIP.

On Saturday week the ringers of St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, and Holy Trinity, Idle, together with a few friends from St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, had their annual outing, Ilkley, for ever to be associated with the late Mr. Jasper Snowden, and Otley being visited. The Calverley detachment left at 1 p.m. by char-a-banc in beautiful weather, the Idle band being picked up at Apperley Bridge, and the journey through the beautiful scenery, via Guisley, Menstone, Burley and Ben-Rhydding was much enjoyed.

Arrived at Ilkley, a well-struck length of Kent Treble Bob was successfully brought round, and several other short touches in various methods tapped off, the bells being lowered in peal.

The party proceeded by way of Asquith and Denton, on the banks of the Wharf, to Otley, which was reached about 5.30, and where, at the Oak Hotel, a good dinner was awaiting them, to which they did full justice.

A visit to the tower followed, and several touches in various methods were successfully brought round. Later the return journey was commenced, and after a good run, home was reached at 11 p.m., all being well satisfied that it had had been the best outing they had ever had.

The ringers take this opportunity, through "The Ringing World," of thanking the Vicars of Ilkley and Otley for the use of the bells and the ringers at the respective towers for having all in readiness.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on August 17th and 31st for business, and on the 12th and 26th for handbell practice. At St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th for practice, and at 6 p.m. on the 15th for service. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for practice on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (six bells) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kiveton Park Station, G.C. Railway. —Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held on August 7th, 1915, as follows: Cheverell Magna, ringing at 3 o'clock; Erlestoke, ringing at 3.30 p.m.; Edington, ringing at 4 o'clock; with tea at 5 sharp; Bratton, ringing at 6.30 p.m. All intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, Avalon, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Owing to the unfortunate accident which resulted in the death of the Vicar of Milnrow, the next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, August 7th.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A divisional meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 14th. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me known by Wednesday, the 11th. Will secretaries of bands kindly note that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the York Restaurant at 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 113, Angel Road, Brixton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston on Saturday, August 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Sunbury. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by kind invitation of the Rev. P. C. West, the Vicar, at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 21st, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

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

DEATH.

HESSE.—On July 24th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Barclay, Whish, Cranmore, suddenly, Ellen McGhie, widow of the late Lieut.-Col. J. V. Hesse, 58th Regt., J.P. for County of Somerset, and eldest daughter of the late Thomas and Ellen Bridges.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, June 20th, at St. Anne's Church, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after 35 mins. ringing. Afterwards 504 was brought round: G. Pearce 1, J. Corbett 2, Corpl. J. W. Washbrook 3, F. Nye 4, T. J. Gould 5, F. Francis (conductor) 6, H. J. Gould 7, B. Berry 8. Rung as a farewell to Corpl. J. W. Washbrook, junr., of the North Staffords, who has left Blackdown for the Dardanelles.—On Sunday evening, July 4th, for service, 336 Grandsire Triples: W. Wood 1, J. Corbett 2, F. Nye 3, H. Stapleton 4, T. J. Gould (conductor) 5, F. Francis 6, H. J. Gould 7, W. Varndell 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, for morning service, 400 Double Norwich: A. Button 1, C. Sampson 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, Lance-Corpl. A. F. Bailey (6th Suffolk Cyclists) 6, J. G. Rumsey 7, E. S. Bailey 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, Lance-Corpl. A. F. Bailey 7, J. Titterton 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, on July 4th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: Sergt. W. C. Wakeley (6th North Staffords) 1, A. E. Sharman (first quarter in the method) 2, E. J. Hobbs 3, Canon W. W. C. Baker 4, G. Newnson 5, Sergt.-Major H. Wakeley (6th North Staffords), conductor, 6, A. King 7, G. W. Heley (first quarter in the method) 8. Rung on the Patronal Festival, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, July 4th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds 1, W. Fayers 2, F. Parker 3, W. Gooday (D Co. 9th Suffolk Regiment, Farnborough, Hants) 4, T. Hollocks 5, H. Crick 6, A. Symonds 7, Cpl. W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 8. 320 Bob Major: W. Fayers 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. Parker 3, W. Head (Little Waldingfield) 4, T. Hollocks 5, A. Symonds 6, L. Leeks 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. These touches were rung for the morning and evening services respectively on the Patronal Festival.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On July 4th, St. Peter's Day, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Smith (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. Eldridge 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, J. J. Parker 4, W. Henley 5, W. Welling 6, G. Alder 7, E. Carter 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on June 24th, touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the occasion of the meeting of the Guildford ringers, with Mr. F. Howell (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), who was visiting the town. Those taking part were: Messrs. F. Howell, J. J. Jones, A. H. Pulling, S. Radford, C. Hazelden, S. W. Radford, M. Smither, S. G. Steer, W. Loader and G. Petter.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On June 26th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Nash 1, F. Day 2, H. Blackman 3, J. Goacher 4, Pte W. Day 4, W. Trewin 6. Conducted by Pte W. Day, 16th Lancers, attached to the Yorkshire Light Infantry, who was home on his final leave. He is now at the front. This was the first 720 on the bells since their restoration.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 27th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: J. Toplis 1, Pte W. Askew 2, W. Lambert 3, A. E. Fourt (Isham) 4, W. Paulson 5, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 6. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Fourt (Isham) 1, F. Knowles 2, A. Blackham (Darley Dale) 3, J. Toplis 4, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 5, W. Lambert 6, W. Paulson 7, F. Porter 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, June 27th, for the afternoon service, on the occasion of the anniversary sermons, 840 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, Harry Allred 4, R. Allred (conductor) 5, J. T. Allred 6, Herbert Allred 7, J. Watts 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Harry Allred 1, B. Allred 2, R. Allred (conductor) 3, T. Barlow (Deane) 4, Herbert Allred 5, J. T. Allred 6, W. Pennington (Bolton) 7, J. Stubbs (Norwich) 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. J. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, T. Banning 7, J. Buttler 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—Midland Counties Association.—On June 27th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: T. W. Gore 1, G. Hollis (conductor) 2, P. Sault 3, G. Davies 4, F. Jacobs 5, F. Stubbs 6, Pte. F. Davies (Notts and Derby Regiment) 7, A. Knights 8, G. A. Thompson 9, W. Allwood 10.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by James George): W. Mead 1, F. Hodges 2, F. Stenton 3, Pte. J. Marks, 139th Battery R.F.A. (first in the method) 4, H. Sear 5, W. Webb (Newport Pagnell) 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, W. Crane (Bangor) 8. Arranged for Mr. W. Crane.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On June 27th, for evening service, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob, in 44 mins.: *R. Senechall 1, *J. Harrison 2, R. Hickton 3, N. H. Widdowson 4, R. A. Hickton 5, *H. E. Green 6, W. R. Drage 7, J. Bailey (conductor) 8. *First quarter-peal.

BEDFORD.—Beds Association.—On June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Double Oxford: Trooper H. Stapleton 1, H. Tysoe 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, H. L. Harlow 4, Pte W. Stanford 5, E. Duffield 6; 720 Worcester Surprise: H. Tysoe 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, Pte W. Stanford 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6; and 720 London Surprise: H. L. Harlow 1, Miss D. Steel 2, H. Tysoe 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Stapleton 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On June 29th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Bob: T. Copeland 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, H. V. Fletcher 3, G. R. Truss 4, F. Porter 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6. Also touches of Plain Bob and Double Court. Messrs. T. and W. Hannah, H. Munson, J. Bailey, S. Seth also took part in the ringing. Arranged for the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, Notts, who was on a visit to Fleet.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, July 1st, 1440 Bob Minor was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. A. J. Mc.M. Dutton and Miss Katherine Corner at St. Paul's Church, South Hampstead, on the previous day. The reverend gentleman is leaving Beckenham, after twenty-two years' work at the above church, for Bournemouth, where he has accepted the important post of senior curate at St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Dutton carries with him the best wishes of the Beckenham ringers, to whom he has acted for many years as chaplain. The ringers were: W. Dennis, J. Town, F. King, F. Terry, G. Wiggett, W. Smith (conductor) and W. Meek.—On Sunday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins., was rung as a compliment to A. Lowe, who hails from Beeston, Notts, and was on a visit to Beckenham: J. Town 1, A. Lowe 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, W. Dennis 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—For evening service, on July 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: J. J. Pratt (conductor) 1, G. E. Harbour (West Ealing) 2, J. A. Trollope (Ealing) 3, G. Mayne (Beaconsfield) 4, J. R. Mackman (Southall) 5, W. Lawrence (West Ealing) 6, E. Hancox 7, P. Jones 8, H. H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10.

BARNESLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 11th, for evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Lyas (conductor) 1, W. Lister 2, W. Richardson 3, T. Bone 4, J. Waddington 5, E. Cudland 6, C. D. Potter 7, J. Holmes 8.

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