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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

KEEPING THE BELLS RINGING.

Our readers will, we think, agree that considerable interest attaches to the chronicle of the doings, published in another column, of that virile branch of the Oxford Guild which covers the district of East Berks and South Bucks. As it appears in cold print it is just a resumé of a number of pleasant and useful gatherings in various parts of a beautiful district—unofficial meetings, free, easy and enjoyable, and providing for those who participate the opportunity of keeping up their practice in the art. But there is more behind it, even than this, which in itself would be ample justification for the efforts which are made to bring the ringers together. What is being done in this corner of the Oxford Guild is a splendid example of what enthusiasm and co-operation may accomplish at a period when almost every tower is suffering from a lack of members. These ringers—and they include both sexes—are showing an energy and initiative which might well be followed in many other districts. They make the most of the restricted opportunities for practice, and, while one may see in what is done the evidence of a specially active organiser, the ringers respond with eagerness to the call "to keep the church bells ringing till the boys come home."

Efforts such as are being made in the Oxford diocese, are being made also in some few other places, although we doubt if there is a single district where the work is so well sustained. We rather wonder that, despite all the concentration of energy on the affairs of the war, more has not been done in a general way to organise these frequent combined practices, and visits to towers where, for the most part, the bells have now perforce to remain silent. The summer has not entirely gone and there is still time for organising such enjoyable little ringing gatherings as those of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the O.D.G. undoubtedly are. Our correspondent who records the doings in that charming corner of old England has his own breezy way of telling us what has been done, and those who read his notes can readily realise the pleasure which is got out of the gatherings. But what we feel is that these reports have a value beyond being a mere chronicle. They show how much success may be attained by a little effort and organising ability, and should be an incentive to others.

It is the sort of thing that associations might officially encourage more than they do, for there is nothing like activity to keep up interest, and the associations have much to lose if they let go the hold on their members at a time like this. If these local inter-tower visits could be established more or less generally throughout the country during war time they would develop into a great source of strength when, with the arrival of a victorious peace, things will begin to return to the normal.

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On Saturday, August 12, 1916, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lieut. Michael V. Molloy of the 2nd Batt. Sherwood Foresters, who fell whilst leading a machine gun section at Hooze on August 9th, 1915.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined the colours:

- Pte A. V. Inns, of Kettering, Royal Garrison Artillery.
- Pte Samuel Porter, of Alfreton, Derbyshire, Durham Light Infantry.
- Pte George Bester, of Christ Church, Southgate, Army Veterinary Corps.
- Rifleman G. B. Edser, late hon. secretary Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild, Queen Victoria Rifles.
- W. Jarman, late hon. secretary St. Lawrence company, Ramsgate.
- From Bolsterstone, near Sheffield:—
- Pte Archie Brearley, West Riding Regiment, Labour Battalion, now in France.
- Pte D. J. Brearley, York and Lancaster Regiment.
- From the Romney Marsh Guild:—
- Pte G. Billenness (Master of the Guild), 3rd Buffs, Crowborough, Sussex.
- Sergt. Raymond Dunster, Royal Sussex (T.F.), somewhere in France.
- Corpl. Reginald H. Philips, Royal Engineers, Essex.
- Pte Cyril Wenham, Royal West Kent Yeomanry, Egypt.
- Pte James Neve, Army Service Corps, somewhere in France.
- Pte John Neve, Army Service Corps, Salisbury Plain.
- Pte Fredk. Underdown, Army Service Corps, somewhere in France.
- Pte Harold Bach, Royal Engineers.
- Pte Percy Milton, Medical Transport.
- Pte F. Apps, 3rd Dragoon Guards.
- From St. Mary's Church, Chepstow:—
- Pte Cyril Priest, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, killed at Ypres, May 8th, 1915.
- Pte Ivor Priest, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment, wounded, and made prisoner of war, at Ypres, May 8th, 1915, exchanged last autumn.
- Sergt. F. Bye, 1st Monmouthshire Regiment.
- Pte W. Arnold, Motor Transport Section, A.S.C., now in India.

ANOTHER KETTERING RINGER KILLED.

The Kettering band have lost another very promising young ringer by the death of Sergt. Arthur Plant, of the Northamptonshire Regiment, who was killed in action in France on August 4th last, and much sympathy will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Plant, who have lost their only son. The following letter, testifying to the popularity and esteem in which the deceased sergeant was held by his comrades, has been received. Writing to his parents, C.-Q.-M.-S. Frost says: "Your son was killed instantly on the morning of the 4th of August, when he was marking out a trench, quite close to the enemy. He was the nicest boy I ever had dealings with. Nothing was too hard for him, and he was the most obliging lad one could wish to meet. We are all extremely sorry to have lost him; he was more like a young brother to me than one of my sergeants. I am sure he must have died happy, because it was his nature to always look on the sunny side of life. One thing you can always treasure in your mind is that he was a good soldier and always a brave one."

Sergt. Plant, who would have attained his majority next month, enlisted as soon as war broke out, and went to France on the 20th May, 1915. Seven weeks ago he came home on leave for a week, and joined his fellow ringers in ringing for the Sunday services. He will be much missed in the Kettering belfry. Of a quiet, unassuming nature, he made rapid strides in learning change ringing, having mastered Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich in a very short time. His only two peals were rung just before war broke out (Grandsire and Double Norwich), both at the first attempt.

In addition to Sergt. Plant the Kettering band have lost the services of Pte W. Smart, killed in action and Pte W. Mace, severely wounded, who has lost his right arm, while Pte P. Inns is a prisoner of war in Germany.

THE FIRST PEAL IN CANADA.

STORY OF VANCOUVER'S BELLS.

A TRIUMPH OVER TEN YEARS OF DIFFICULTIES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS.

When, just over five years ago, ringers in England learned with interest, through "The Ringing World" that a peal had been rung in Canada, they little realised the years of patient work that had been involved, just in getting the bells which now hang in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, and then in collecting a band able to attempt a peal. The achievement was due almost entirely to the energy and perseverance, in face of almost insuperable difficulties, of one man, Mr. A. C. Limpus, who, although not at the time a practical ringer, was so enthusiastic in his love of bells, that he laboured for more than five years to get the octave and then for five more years before a band was got together capable of ringing a peal. Mr. Limpus is now in England, serving in the Canadian Engineers, and we have induced him to tell, for the benefit of our readers, how the bells (on which he himself learned to ring), the ringers and the peal were obtained. He writes:—

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

"I think it is high time I kept my promise to you and sent you the little account of how the peal, which was rung in Vancouver, on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1911, was accomplished. I must, however, ask you to forgive what mention I may make with regard to myself throughout this little narrative, but as I am largely responsible for this now historical performance (perhaps under circumstances over which I had no control) it is almost unavoidable. To begin with, then, the first few years of my abode on this planet were spent within the walls of a building which contained a peal of bells, none other, in fact, than those hung in the old curfew tower at Windsor. But my interest in campanology did not awaken until I was installed in a new home at Twickenham seven years later, and so I must ask you to go back with me in thought to that pretty little town on the banks of the Thames, which was out off from Greater London by green fields stretching from the railway station all the way to Isleworth. It was long before the tram cars and motor-buses came rumbling down newly-made streets. It was when the music of the horn of the stage coach mingling with the clatter of horses' hoofs coming round the bend from the Richmond Road into Church Street, and when the band on the penny steamers, playing 'Twickenham Ferry,' whilst passing up behind Eel Pie Island on their way to Hampton Court, were the only sounds to mingle with the pealing of the bells of St. Mary's on a Sunday morning. Some of these bells could be seen swinging in the old tower from the back windows of the old Vicarage, which was long since ruthlessly torn down.

"Here, then, some 37 years ago begins the history of the ring of eight in the tower of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Pro-Cathedral in Vancouver, British Columbia. Inquisitive lad that I was, I must needs make a closer acquaintance with those sonorous monsters hanging in Twickenham tower, and so, taking down the belfry door key, which, by-the-way, weighs about half-a-pound, and climbing up the dark winding staircase, I spent many an hour in watching the working of the bells from the entrance to the bell chamber. Once, finding the clapper tied, an elder brother and I ventured on a little practice of our own at the end of the rope, and this one occasion was my only experience with a bell rope in England. But the whole thing so fascinated me that I made a small working model bell of cardboard, which could be raised and set, and which, perhaps, more than anything else helped to secure our peal. My model was so placed that it happened to throw a shadow on the wall from a gas jet, and a friend, entering the room with my father, made the remark that I should be employing my time in a more profitable manner. But my father seemed much amused at my endeavours, and said, 'Leave him alone. You know coming events cast their shadows before.'

"Could this, indeed, be the foreshadowing of our peal? I have good reason to think it was, though 7,000 miles or more was a long way to cast a shadow, and thirty-five years was a long time to take in reaching, as it finally did, a city yet unbuilt, in the land of the setting sun, where your humble servant had made up his mind to travel to as soon as he was big enough to go on his own.

THE FIRST BELLS COME TO VANCOUVER.

"Meantime the great Corporation known as the Canadian Pacific Railway Company were slowly pushing the construction of their road through the mountains to the waters of the Pacific Ocean, where, at the head of Burrard Inlet, the statutory terminus of the road, sprang up quite a town, known as Port Moody, the inhabitants of which expected it to remain the terminus of the railway. But the company had larger plans in view, and, getting an extension of their charter, pushed their line 15 miles farther down the inlet and proceeded to lay out a city worthy to be the terminus of their great road, which Sir William Van Horne, the then President of the Corporation, so aptly named after that illustrious navigator who did much towards exploring the coast, and whose body now lies buried in the little churchyard at Petersham, just across the ferry at Twickenham and within sound of the old bells at St. Mary's Parish Church.

"About the year 1900 it was announced in the Vancouver papers that a fine peal of bells was being cast for the new Catholic Church, then being erected by 'the most famous founders of bells in the world,' viz., Messieurs S. and F. Pacsard, of Savoy, France, and it was with interest I watched their installation in the tower. Soon, however, I began to have doubts about their being a peal at all. They numbered but seven; the largest weighed 4,690 lbs., and was 60 inches across the mouth, whilst the smallest was but 560 lbs. in weight, and only 30 inches diameter; also the notes were C, E flat, E, F, G, A and C (treble). They were entirely without stays, sliders or even proper bell ropes, a new manila rope half-an-inch in diameter being used which was attached to the top of the wheel, which, in its turn, reached but half-way down the waist of the bell, while the clappers weighed one-twentieth the weight of each bell. The four larger bells were hung on a kind of roller bearing, and when rung they were swung in a wholesale jumble, which soon caused complaints through the Press that the bells were out of tune.

"Getting acquainted with those of the congregation who were pulling the ropes, I gradually got them interested in our English method of ringing, and with the help of Mr. Bond, who hailed from Cheltenham, contrived to fit the four smallest bells with stays, sliders, pulleys, etc., and getting some soft second-hand ropes and working a very respectable sally into each of them we had four bells on which we could now ring rounds. This arrangement, poor though it was, proved such an improvement on the old clatter that I found many willing ears among my pupils as to increasing the peal to five, by the addition of a B flat bell, and the recasting of the treble, and it gave me such encouragement that I decided to work on procuring a full peal of eight. Getting estimates from some of our bell founders at home, I found that, by selling them the three larger bells and little treble, it would just pay for the five new bells required, also for taking them down from the tower, for cartage and shipment to England and return to the tower in Vancouver with a margin of £8 to spare, after paying also for modern rehanging. So my little band of amateur ringers broached the subject to the Church Committee, and right here my real work began.

OPPOSITION TO ENGLISH BELLS.

"If anyone has read Dr. A. H. Nichols' account of his attempt to install an English peal of bells in the new 500 foot tower of the Customs House, at Boston, U.S.A., he has there a facsimile of the history of the work, which happily lead to the instalment of our peal, only one was fought out in the U.S. Congress and the other in the committee-room of the church. Practically the same objections were raised in both cases. That they would be English bells seemed to be the chief trouble in the States; so also was it in Vancouver. In the States it was, perhaps, more or less for patriotic reasons, but in Vancouver it was more for private reasons. If it will not try the patience of your readers, I will try and lay a few of these reasons before you, and you will then, perhaps, appreciate what I was up against. First, the whole fabric of the church, organ, bells, etc., were built, and most of the money loaned by the Oblate Fathers, with headquarters, I believe, in France; about one-third of the congregation was Quebec French, and at that time two of the priests were French, while the Bishop of the Diocese, a Belgian, and one other, were friends of the bell founders in Savoy, and they were present at the casting of the bells; couple this with the fact that their cost was ten thousand dollars, or, roughly, two thousand pounds. Add to this, again, that I did not belong to the congregation, and was practically an intruder in the tower without any credentials whatsoever, and that there was not a single individual in the whole congregation who seemed to have the slightest idea of what a peal of bells was.

"I had to go it alone, but I soon got some of the committee on my side. I say soon, because it took about one year of meetings, averaging about two a month, before getting the consent of the Rev. Father McGucken. Alas! fate was against my efforts. Father McGucken was just then taken suddenly ill, and died in a few days, and Bishop Dontenwell, of New Westminster, B.C., took his place as parish priest temporarily. So the whole of the work had to be done over again. Finally, after another year, the Bishop gave his own consent, but wished it put to a vote of the rest of the clergy, and, much to my dismay, I received a firm but very kind letter telling me of an adverse decision. Happily, by this time, the congregation began to know of the efforts being made for a change, and this gave me encouragement to try again, and at last, after another six months or so, we received consent, but an unlucky remark by one of the committee, to the effect that as the bell founders had charged one shilling and eightpence per lb. they should be written to and asked to buy them back as bells and not as old metal for which we could only get about eightpence and thus save much money, proved a source of a further delay—a few months being spent in correspondence with the founders—and a great obstacle in my path.

"Strongly advising the authorities not to make any change without advising them of what was wanted, and to explain to them the difference between the bells at Vancouver and a peal, and also the difference in the hanging, the founders in France notified us that they were sending out to Vancouver at their own expense three more bells which they knew were just what was wanted. It took just about a year for them to arrive, and they proved to be on nothing more or less than the late Mr. Tayler's balanced clapper patent for large single bells.

(To be continued).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTIVITY IN E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

From the diary of the District Secretary the following notes are compiled showing a month of activity in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild:—

Tuesday, July 3th, Horton.—Three ladies (the Misses Swabey, Gudgin and Cooper), six old hands (Messrs. Smith, Gutteridge, Welling, A. Leader, G. Leader and W. H. Fussell), three young hands (Messrs. G. Cutts, W. Burden and D. Tindall) and two local men attended this practice. Doubles and Minor were rung. The foreman, Mr. Law, was engaged with the hay harvest, but his pupils rang 1 and 6 to their first six-score. The date coincides with "Independence Day," U.S.A., and we are looking forward to a good report of change ringing in Boston in celebration of this, the greatest of Uncle Sam's Festivals. We have a similar independence day in England, Thursday, June 15th, the day when Magna Charta was signed A.D. 1215, at Runnymede, within a mile of two of this tower, when King John's misdemeanours were subdued by the Barons of Britain, thus securing the freedom of the Britisher.

Thursday, July 6th, Slough.—A quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples failed at the latter end, and was followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire, several local hands attending to join in the congratulations to the conductor on his birthday, which event brought about this meeting. It is one of the little pleasures of the ringing craft to honour each other by some particular touch, and I find the keener the ringer the more voluntary work he performs, hence, his worthy claim to birthday bell greetings, our particular branch having quite a batch to announce this month. The band was: Bedford 1, Smith 2, A. Leader 3, G. Leader 4, W. H. Fussell 5, E. Hooper 6, P. Jones (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8.

Saturday, 8th, Chalfont St. Peter's.—A happy little cycling run was made of this practice for six-bell work. The village is the first of some half-a-dozen parishes, having rings of six, all lying upon the banks of the Missbourne, a pretty stream enclosed by woodland hills, the most remote being Wendover, near Aylesbury. We were met by four local ringers, including the foreman, Mr. J. Stone, and joined by four of the six ladies expected, the Misses Gudgin, Cooper, Swabey and Bateman. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford, Plain and Treble Bob Minor were practised by Messrs. Jones, Smith, Gutteridge, Welling, Leader, Fussell, Burden, Tindall, Henley. Two of the Misses were missing on the Missbourne to-day. Perhaps they were dancing.

USEFUL PRACTICES.

Wednesday, 12th, Fulmer; Thursday, 13th, Stoke Poges.—The usual weekly practices here were well attended in both cases, some of the ladies attempting Minor at the former tower, whilst at the latter the Vicar's wife, Mrs. A. T. Barnett, accomplished her first pull in rounds after very few lashed practices, under Mr. G. Gutteridge, the local instructor at these two towers. The Misses Bateman and Cooper, younger sisters of those before mentioned, made good progress at these meetings. To-day we are reminded that an important treaty was signed in 1878, known as the "Peace with Honour," but there can be no peace nor honour for Europe until the "dishonour" of Belgium, that land of bells and independence, has been fully and handsomely wiped out.

Saturday, 15th, Farnham Royal.—The attendance here was an agreeable surprise to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. J. Parker, whose bee-swarming and hay gathering prevented his giving full time to this practice. Present: Messrs. Alder, Basden, Welling, Gutteridge, Smith, Jones, Cutts, Burden, Tyndall, Bedford, Henley, Hooper, Cropley, G. Leader, A. Leader, Fussell and Flaxman, the last-named having some lively recollections of this belfry in the old Minor days of the early Eighties. The ladies who came were the Misses Bateman, Swabey, Gudgin, Cooper and Fuller.

Sunday, 16th, Slough.—An excellent quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was scored here in 48 minutes for the evening service at the Parish Church by Messrs. G. Bedford 1, R. Flaxman 2, A. Leader 3, T. Smith 4, G. Leader 5, E. Hooper (conductor) 6, P. Jones 7, J. H. Cropley 8. The first seven men afterwards wished the tenor man "many happy returns of the day." He was also presented later on with a gold bell pendant for the watch chain, supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

Thursday, 20th, Slough.—Forty minutes' good striking in Stedman Triples was all that could be done to honour the birthday of Brother T. Sidney Smith with a quarter-peal. Other touches and congratulations followed, not upon the failure of the quarter but rather upon his youthful appearance for his years. Local men and friends came to add their mite. The High Street of the town found a compact party in the "Crown and Anchor" comfortably enjoying a birthday supper composed of edibles grown in Australia, Canada and Buckinghamshire.

WARFIELD'S INTERESTING CHURCH.

Saturday, 22nd, Warfield.—This outing was fixed up as a solace for the disappointed hopes of those ringers of this district, who had been looking forward to a visit to Wargrave. Always a difficult matter to quite satisfy the wishes of everyone, when a new peal of bells are to be handled for their first important duty, there was never a tower bell opening yet but what it found someone with just a little heart-burning, be they near or distant members of the calling. It was a

delightful afternoon's spin into a remote district, far from the railways, where a beautiful little Parish Church dedicated to St. Michael is practically hidden among the Berkshire hayfields. The chancel and lady chapel here are considered to be (in the opinion of Mr. G. E. Street) amongst the most exquisite and original works of the 14th century in the country.

There is a 15th century oak screen on the north side of the chancel with very unique features of stair and rood loft. There is a cradle roof of chestnut to the nave, and four Elizabethan brasses. The first Vicar was known by name as Johanne de Bohun, 1290. By request of Edward II, when Prince of Wales, the church was dedicated by letter from the Herald's College. The Rectory, apportioned to the Priory of Hurley, was, in 1547, given by the King into lay hands, in which it has since continued. Warfield was originally in the Diocese of Salisbury, but is now in that of Oxford, within the bounds of East Berks and South Bucks. By mutual arrangement it was allotted to the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Guild with the neighbouring tower of Binfield. The registers date from 1599, and there are 4,500 acres of twelve miles circumference in the parish. The tower has been quite recently restored, viz., in 1913, and the old ring of five made into eight bells (by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs., in E.), and a memorial stone let into the base of the tower is inscribed as follows, but the tall, commanding, handsome old gentleman whose name it bears was buried near it only a few weeks ago in the 95th year of his age.

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Georgiana Lady Brownlow of Warfield Hall. This crumbling tower was restored, and its long silent bells rehung by her sorrowing husband. Field-Marshal Sir Charles H. Brownlow, K.C.B. A.B. M.XCMXIII."

The now familiar roll of honour, hung in the porch in every parish, reveals the absence of 125 on war service, fourteen of whom will never again hear the Warfield bells, for they have laid down their lives on the field of battle.

Our party were kindly met at the church by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Thackeray, who gave us a hearty welcome and leave to come again. Due attention having been paid to the inner tubes and the inner man, the cycling return was safely completed, along level roads shaded with lofty elms and scented with new-mown hay. Some of the Slough men lingered at the local Crown and Anchor, not willingly realising that their own little house of that name was eight miles distant. There were present: Messrs. Brant (Warfield), Welling, Cutts, Burden, Tindall and Air Mechanic Bennett, R.N.A.S. (Old Windsor), G. and A. Leader, Smith, Jones, Bedford, Hooper (Slough), Cropley, Datchet, and Henley and Fussell (Farnham), all of whom rang various touches in four methods from 6 to 8 p.m. Our Davie Tindall is the third generation of his family to help with the ringing at Old Windsor, his father and the grandfather having been members of the local company before him.

Monday, 24th, Fulmer.—The honour of being the first lady bell ringer in the county of Bucks to achieve a complete quarter-peal has been won by Miss Winifred M. Cooper, one of the band of six women members of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who carry on Sunday service ringing during the war. The method was Grandsire Triples, and the time 46 minutes. It was scored by kind permission of the Vicar (on Miss Cooper's 20th birthday) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, by the following ringers, Miss E. Gudgin being present as witness—Miss W. M. Cooper treble, W. Lawrence 2, W. H. Fussell 3, J. J. Pratt 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, P. Jones 6, H. Chandler 7, Thomas Smith 8.

RINGING BISHOP INDUCTS RINGING PARSON.

Thursday, 27th, Burnham.—An urgent whip brought together nine good men to do justice to the induction of the new Vicar—an hon. member of the Guild, and a practical change ringer. The new Vicar, who was inducted by the Bishop of Buckingham, is the Rev. Percy Pleydell Neale Nott, M.A. Educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, he was ordained by the Bishop of Manchester in 1898 and licensed to the curacy of Croston under the present Bishop of Whalley. In 1902 he became assistant curate of Hornsey, North London, under Dr. Donaldson, the present Archbishop of Brisbane, whom he followed to Australia in 1905, and became Rector of Roma, Queensland (a bush parish of about 2,500 square miles), and in 1908 became Rector of Toowong, a suburb of Brisbane. Returning home in 1913 he was appointed to the living of Bear Wood, near Wokingham, in 1914, and resigned at Christmas, 1915. Since January, 1916, he has been in charge of the parish of Burnham, and has already won the respect and admiration of the parishioners. Previous to the institution an excellent quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 58 mins., the bells ceasing well before the hour of service: *E. T. Hooper 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. J. Parker 3, *P. E. Jones 4, W. Welling 5, W. H. Fussell 6, W. Henley 7, George Alder tenor. * First quarter-peal in this method. At the conclusion of the service, touches of Stedman Triples, in which G. Leader took part, were rung, and the bells lowered in peal. The feature of this event was the appointment of a ringing parson blessed by a ringing Bishop and celebrated by Guild ringers from six parishes, who were personally thanked by the Vicar after their quarter-peal.

Saturday, 29th.—The choice of three directions in which to direct one's ringing energies divided our band, some going to St. John's, Hillingdon, to get a ten-bell practice, where, with local and visiting

members, a good all-round meeting resulted; three represented the branch at the annual committee meeting at Oxford, and the third, Burnham, was postponed.

Sunday, 30th, Beaconsfield.—For evening service, as a farewell to the local conductor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples attempted and ended with seven minutes to go: H. Wingrove 1, Leonard Batting (R.N.A.S.) 2, W. Healey 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. Elburn 5, W. Horne 6, R. Buckland (R.N.A.S.), conductor, 7, J. Blackmore 8.

WORK CONTINUED BY COMBINED EFFORT.

By the foregoing it will be seen that we still have a few men scattered about the Deanery able to continue the work of the Guild by combined effort, amongst them ineligible, age-limits, medically rejected, munition workers, tribunal and committee men. I would like to remind the members of this branch of the coming "National Mission of Repentance and Hope" to be held next October, throughout Great Britain, for which all the Clergy of England are now seriously making preparations. The method in which this will be adopted will, shortly be put before the public, but it will vary in different parishes, although the fundamental principle will be the same everywhere. Now would be a good time for some central body to suggest what ringing, if any, should be done. Excessive muffling would be too despondent for most people, besides we have much to be thankful for after two years of war, with all our sad errors of administration and strategy.

Two recent War Orders will much affect the ringing throughout the country during the coming winter. Ex-military men may now enlist between 41 and 60 years of age—further depleting the membership of our Guilds and Associations. Defence of the Realm regulations contain a new order as to "any audible sounds after sunset" quite distinct from the older one of last winter, combining "lighting" as well. It will be advisable to arrange for lashed tower bell and enclosed handbell practices during the long winter evenings, and make the most of Sunday mornings and afternoons for open touches for the services of the church. In any case there will be plenty of hard work to be done teaching young hands, say, from 12 to 16 years of age, who will be ready for that peace to which we are all looking forward, when our arms have finally and completely triumphed over the enemy
W. H. F.

MET IN GREECE.

HOW "THE RINGING WORLD" MADE FRIENDS.

The spirit of Freemasonry which exists between ringers throughout the world, is always strong enough to bring strangers together as friends, but the difficulty often is to obtain the knowledge that the community of interest exists. How "The Ringing World" brought two ringers together near the Bulgarian frontier is told by Pte P. Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, who is now with the Army Service Corps in the Salonica Force. He writes under date July 23rd:—

"I thought I would like to let you know how I came across a ringer out here. I was a good way up the country, near the Bulgarian frontier, and was not feeling very fit, so I went to see a doctor at a field ambulance close by, and he kept me there for a few days. One morning (June 27th) I was having another look through my 'Ringing World,' when one of the staff brought my milk. He soon saw the paper I was looking at. 'What,' said he, 'are you a ringer?' 'I used to ring in England,' I said. 'You are the first one I have seen since I left home,' he added, 'and I have been out here ten months.' He sat down with me, and we had a long chat about the ringing we had done and the ringers we had met. This copy of 'The Ringing World' which I had then got contained a view of Painswick Church, and it turned out that my new friend, F. Oakhill, of Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, had rung there several times. He came to my tent every day for a chat, but I only stayed there five days, and then I was sent down to the base for a rest, where I still am. He came to see me off, and took my kit to the motor for me, and I promised to send on my 'Ringing World' to him each week, which I have done.

I have had a look inside a Greek Church in a village out here. It was a grand interior, with a lot of oil-paintings, and candles of all colours, some of them burning. The priest chanted something out of a Bible to me, and gave me a bunch of flowers from off the altar, and seemed pleased when I gave him a small reward. I hope the war will soon be over. I should like to be in England before the winter, and have a good pull on the dear old bells on Christmas morning. I hope you are in the best of health, as I am glad to say I now am."

LINCOLN GUILD AT SCUNTHORPE.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Scunthorpe on Saturday week, when members were present from Grimsby, Barrow, Barton, Waltham, Gainsborough and Bigby. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Minor and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the evening. Tea was generously provided by the home band at the Carlton Cafe.

The subsequent meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. H. C. Parker, who gave the ringers a very cordial welcome and spoke highly of the loyalty of his own company.—Mr. C. H. Bird was heartily thanked for the excellent arrangements made, which greatly enhanced the success of the meeting. The officials present were Mr. J. W. Seamer, general secretary, and Mr. T. H. Parkin, district secretary.

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR HUGHES. FUNERAL AT ILFORD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Arthur Hughes, which took place at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford, on Wednesday of last week, drew together a representative body of London ringers, who feel keenly the loss which they and the Exercise at large have sustained by the death of the head of the Whitechapel Foundry. The service was of quite a simple nature and was impressively conducted by the Vicar of Whitechapel. The ringers, the foundry staff and others who assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to one whom they held in such high esteem, met the cortege at the entrance to the cemetery and followed in the procession to the church and afterwards to the graveside. The family mourners were the widow (Mrs. Hughes), Mr. Albert A. Hughes, Pte Robert A. Hughes (who had been given leave from the Front) and Mr. Leonard A. Hughes (sons), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes (brother and sister-in-law) and Mrs. Gould (sister). Among those who were also present were: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths) T. H. Taffender (Master) and T. Walker (hon. secretary London County Association), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary Middlesex County Association), Edwin Horrex, Walter Prime, Challis F. Winney, T. H. Faulkner, W. A. Alps, W. D. Smith, W. Garrard, E. A. Young, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C. Lee, J. Waghorn, S. Pettitt, G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), A. Coles, H. Alford, E. J. Smith, G. Dorrington, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), R. K. Knight, J. H. Wilkins, J. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, T. Watson and G. Grimwade (St. Mary's, Walthamstow), etc. The Whitechapel Foundry staff included Messrs. Sam Lawrence, E. Dunwell, W. Vincent, J. Vincent, W. Barker, H. Browning, H. Belton, M. Silverstone, B. Oliver, R. Foster, F. Spackman and W. Black. In addition there were representatives present of the City of London special constabulary, of which Mr. Hughes was a member. At the conclusion of the service the following rang a course of Stedman Caters on handbells over the open grave: Messrs. T. H. Taffender 1—2, C. F. Winney 3—4, T. H. Faulkner 5—6, W. A. Alps 7—8, W. T. Cockerill 9—10. There were many beautiful flowers, wreaths being sent, in addition to those from the widow and family, by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Milnes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Karn, Mr. Gilbert Malley, G. and A. Carpenter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and family, C. H. and G. P. Lansdown, Mr. and Mrs. Sharling, the Staff of the Foundry, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, his colleagues of the City of London Police Reserve, L Company, and many others.

In the evening there was muffled ringing at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Clapton and Bethnal Green. At Walthamstow, a mixed band of College Youths and Middlesex men rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1275 changes), in 54 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, H. J. Wilkins 2, G. B. Lucas 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, W. A. Alps 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. T. Scarlett 7, George Smith 8, F. G. Maynard 9, A. Chapman 10.

At St. Matthew's Church, Clapton, the same evening, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Hughes, the "whole pull and stand" was rung 54 times, denoting the years of his life. This was followed by 601 Grandsire Triples, the bells being half-muffled: Arthur Coles 1, Albert Coles 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, J. Hunt (conductor) 4, S. Lawrence 5, W. T. Powell 6, S. H. R. Cooper 7, A. S. Pettitt 8. Mr. Hughes rang his last peal at this church, Grandsire Triples, on July 15th.

A BELL WANTED. OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AN AFRICAN PARISH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am an old ringer, but have been in the wilds of Kaffraria for five years, and so have lost touch with most of my ringing friends. I will ask you, therefore, kindly to allow me an opportunity of using your correspondence columns to make known to them—or to any chance reader—a very real need. I am shortly returning to South Africa, and shall have charge of a little parish (West Pondoland), which is about the size of an English Diocese. Its central station (St. Barnabas' Mission) has a nice big native church, which is worthy of a better bell than the tin can which at present summons our very scattered congregation to worship. The twenty out-stations must be content with a ploughshare, or any old piece of iron; but I am really most anxious to get a fairly big bell for the parish church. "Why not buy one?" Because our funds (which never show a credit balance worth mentioning) are more than ever depleted by the war. Now, has anyone a cast-off bell which he would like to see the last of? If so, he could not possibly do better than employ me as his agent for its removal, free of all cost to him, to a land where bells are quite a rare luxury—even cracked ones. I should prefer one that is not cracked.—Yours, etc.,
A. P. F. ERSKINE (Rev. the Hon.).

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HERNE BAY PEACE BELLS.

The Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's Church, Herne Bay, have received intimation that the time for paying a legacy of £500, under the will of the late Mr. Collins, for providing a peal of bells, has been extended until two years after the signing of peace. The date named by the testator for erecting the tower in which the bells were to be placed has already expired. The trustees of Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Royal Orphan Homes at Bagshot, who would have benefited by the lapse of the legacy, have agreed to the extension of time.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.**ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, BROMLEY, KENT.**

By E. J. PANNETT.

Tradition says that the first church on the site of the present building was built by Gundulph, Bishop of Rochester, who resided in his Manor of Bromley soon after the Conquest. The original structure, however, has been at various times largely altered, and the nave, with the exception of the 15th century west wall, was rebuilt in 1830. The chancel was built from the designs of Mr. T. G. Jackson, R.A., and consecrated in 1884.

The most interesting features of the church are the Norman 12th century font, the 13th century arched recess, now used as a credence, the 14th century door in the south-west porch, and the 14th or 15th century tower. There are also many interesting monuments, notably the Lacer Brass, of 1361, and the Thornhill Brass of about 1600. The church accommodation is about 1,200.



SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH, BROMLEY.

The peal of four bells of 1553 (subsequently increased to five) was further increased to eight bells in 1773, when the Society of Bromley Youths was founded to ring them. The tenor is a bell weighing 19½ cwt. The inscriptions are as follow :

Treble.

Prosperity to the Parish of Bromley. Thomas Janaway. Fecit 1773.

Second.

Musica est Mentis medicine. Thomas Janaway. Fecit 1773.

Third.

He and he only aims aright
Who joyns industry with delight.

Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

Fourth.

When from the earth our notes rebound
The Hills and Valleys ecco round.
Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

Fifth and Sixth.

Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

Seventh

The ringers art our grateful notes prolong;
Apollo listens and approves the song.

Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

Tenor.

Joseph Shirley and John Mann Churchwardens. Thomas Janaway, Fecit 1773.

The following are extracts taken from the peal book, which is securely locked in the Ringing Chamber, and valued as almost priceless :—

" Minutes of the several peals of changes, rang by the Society commonly call'd the Bromley Youths since the commencement of the Society in the year 1773."

" On Monday, 14th June, 1773, was rung at Bromley, 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. and 7 mins.

William Davis	Treble	George Tilby	5
William Cook	2	John Freeland	6
William Tilby	3	James Barham	7
Thomas Austin	4	Thomas Lacy	Tenor

Call'd by James Barham.

This is the first long peal ever rang on them bells, though there has been two companys from London to try."

" May 12th, 1775. The Society rang at Bromley, 5040 changes of Grandsire Tripples, commonly call'd Holt's Delight, which they performed in 3 hours and 5 minutes by the members underwritten.

William Cook	Treble	Henry Sale	5
John Chapman, jun.	2	John Heath	6
John Day	3	William Chapman	7
John Cowdrey	4	James Carter	Tenor

The Bobs were call'd by Mr. Chapman, jun."

" February 15th, 1783. The Society rang at Bromley, 12,672 changes of Bob Major, in 7 hrs. and 48 mins.

Performed by the under-written members:—

John Day	Treble	Henry Sale	5
William Dixon	2	James Barnard	6
Thomas Kelly	3	John Chapman, jun.	7
John Heath	4	William Chapman	Tenor

The bobs were called by W. Chapman."

A muffled peal was rung here on January 12th, 1817, believed to be the first muffled peal ever rung.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The report of the annual meeting of the Chester Guild is unavoidably held over until next week.

A HYMN FOR RINGERS.

By THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS,
Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The Church Bells ringing from the height
Of many a tower or tapering spire,
Convey a message to our souls
As sweet as sung by any choir!

They call us on God's Holy Feasts
To Eucharist and Vespers low;
They ring, they chime in cadence clear
For sacred worship, joy or woe.

Glory to God, good will and peace
Each Christmas day they early greet;
At Easter Festival they hail
The resurrection's message sweet.

For ever down the stream of time,
Which slowly bears its sons away,
The old familiar changes sound
When evening practice ends the day.

Ring forth in change and well-known course,
By methods and by striking true;
Bring touch and peal completely round,
Ring out the old, ring in the new.

Lord! give us ringers grace to serve
Thy Church with loyal and Godly zeal!
So by Thy mercy we may share
In those blest joys Thou wilt reveal.

Amen.

(To tune of No. 425 A. & M. Old edition.)

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IN MEMORY OF A GALLANT OFFICER.

MUFFLED PEAL AT SHENSTONE.

On Saturday last week, seven Sutton Coldfield and Erdington members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, together with the Ringing Master (Mr. J. E. Groves) paid a visit to the very fine Parish Church of Shenstone. Although the church is situated in Staffordshire, and the Lichfield diocese, the Sutton and Erdington ringers have during the past few years received so many favours from the Vicar that they have almost come to regard Shenstone, with its beautiful peal of eight bells, as part of their own diocese. The visitors were the guests of the Rev. E. Molloy and Mrs. Molloy, and the object of their visit was to show, in a small way, their abiding respect for and to honour the memory of Lieut. Michael V. Molloy, of the 2nd Batt. Sherwood Foresters, who fell gloriously in action whilst leading his men at Hooze on August 9th, 1915. A perfect peal in every respect was rung, and is recorded in its proper place. Afterwards the ringers inspected a beautiful reredos erected to the memory of the late officer, and a gun-metal tablet, bearing a suitable inscription, which are the gifts of his parents and their parishioners. The additions are a great improvement to the east end of the church.

The ringers were subsequently entertained to tea at the Vicarage, from the grounds of which the countryside can be seen for miles around. Through the medium of "The Ringing World," the ringers wish to express their thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Molloy for their kindness on this first sad anniversary of the loss of a brave son who in happier times had expressed to the writer on more than one occasion how he loved to hear the bells properly rung, and his appreciation of the work carried on by the diocesan guilds in their endeavour to advance this important branch of church work.

T. B.

DONCASTER RINGER'S TRAGIC FATE.

LIFE GIVEN IN SAVING A BOY.

The band at St. George's Church, Doncaster, have lost a highly-esteemed member by the death of Mr. Herbert William Brock, who met with a tragic fate last week. The deceased was 52 years of age, and had been connected with St. George's Church for many years. He was a most reliable ringer in all the standard methods, and had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1880. He lost his life after gallantly rescuing a boy from the river Don. From the story told at the inquest it appears that the lad while bathing had got out of his depth near to the Sprotbro' Bridge. He was rescued by Mr. Brock, who, however, was unable to reach the bank himself. The tragedy was witnessed by the deceased's wife and children.

Mr. Brock and his family had been camping out during the summer at Levitt Hagg, where they occupied a bungalow. On Thursday afternoon deceased was bathing in the river between the wash and the bridge, being accompanied by several boys. One of the latter, Harry Robinson (12), became exhausted, and, according to the evidence of Mrs. Amy Beatrice Carlyle, who with Mrs. Brock and another lady was on the bank, the boy put his arms round deceased's neck and they went down. Mr. Brock struck out for the bank, but they went down again. Coming up, deceased made another effort and managed to push the boy nearer the bank, when he himself suddenly sank. The boy was seized by others and helped out in an exhausted condition. The deceased's body was afterwards recovered in 10 to 12 feet of water, two yards from the bank.

The Coroner said he had known the deceased something like 20 years. He had occupied a highly responsible position, and was very greatly respected by his employers and everyone. It was appalling that the tragedy should have taken place in the presence of his wife and family. There was no doubt he acted very bravely in saving the boy's life. It was a duty to extend sympathy to the family, and express their appreciation of deceased's gallantry.

A juror said Mr. Brock was very highly respected at Levitt Hagg.

The jury, in returning a verdict of "Accidentally drowned," endorsed the Coroner's remarks.

Much sympathy is extended to the widow, who is very well-known in the Doncaster Parliamentary division, being secretary of the Women's Liberal Association, and an active worker in connection with the B.W.A.T.

On Sunday, with the bells muffled, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. George's Church to the memory of the deceased by H. Fevre 1, G. Clark 2, J. Holmes 3, F. Ashe 4, C. Scott 5, A. Ashe 6, G. Halksworth 7, H. Baldwin 8.

WOUNDED CORPORAL'S COMPOSITIONS.

Lance-Corpl. G. H. Cross, the well-known Norwich ringer and composer, is now in hospital at Alexandria recovering from wounds in his right arm and chest, sustained on April 22nd at Suna-u-Yat, in Mesopotamia. He is, we are glad to say, now well on the road to recovery. Writing from No. 8 Room, C Block, British Red Cross Convalescent Hospital No. 7, Montazah, Alexandria, he sends us for publication two peals which he has composed during his convalescence.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

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WEDDING BELLS.

RINGER'S MARRIAGE AT CHESTERFIELD.

On Monday week the marriage took place at the Parish Church, Chesterfield, of Signaller W. H. Peabody, R.N.V.R., and Miss L. Knights. The bridegroom, previous to joining His Majesty's Navy, was a ringer, and was secretary of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association, whilst the bride is the daughter of Mr. A. Knights, the eminent composer, whose name is known so well throughout the Exercise. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon E. F. Crosse.

In the evening, to honour the occasion, the ringers met and rang a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1344 changes), in 57 mins.: W. J. Thyng 1, G. Davies 2, G. Hollis (conductor) 3, F. Jacobs 4, A. Knights 5, T. W. Gore 6, G. A. Thompson 7, B. A. Knights 8.

A LUTON WEDDING.

At the Parish Church, Luton, on Wednesday week, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ella Cumberland, only daughter of Mr. E. Anthony Cumberland, J.P., and Mrs. Cumberland, of Luton, and Captain James Ernest Sutcliffe Smith, R.A.M.C., of Bacup, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes) was rung in 50 minutes: B. Wilson 1, J. Rookwood 2, A. Brightman 3, W. Hill 4, B. Jarman 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. King 1, B. Wilson 2, W. Hill 3, A. Brightman 4, W. Payne 5, B. Jarman 6, T. Kendall (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Rookwood 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Madresfield on Saturday week. The weather being fine, the towers were fairly represented, but not in great numbers, for many members, of course, are serving their King and country with the colours. The meeting should have been at Crowle, but that place not being convenient, Madresfield was offered. At the service the Association form was used, with special prayers for ringers serving in the war. The Rector gave a very suitable address.

Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was nicely served on tables on the Rectory lawn. Afterwards the Rector presided at the meeting, at which he and the Warden of Worcester Cathedral Guild were made honorary members. It was decided not to attempt a quarterly peal this time, and the next meeting was fixed for St. John's, Worcester, on October 14th.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor.

Earl Beauchamp had promised to preside, but to the great disappointment of all he failed to put in an appearance. An apology was received by the secretary later in the evening, saying how sorry his lordship was. He was entertaining scouts in his park, and, on going to welcome them, found them not very comfortably provided for. While looking after them, he forgot the ringers until he heard the bells going again.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Marden, and was attended by about 50 members from Benenden, Bromley, East Peckham, Ashford, Hadlow, Lamberhurst, Headcorn, Penshurst, Rolvenden, Tenterden, Gillingham, Horsmonden, Tunbridge Wells, etc. A special service was held in church at 4 o'clock, the Association form being used, together with short prayers of intercession for our sailors and soldiers.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Johnston) gave a short address on the subject of "Duty." Mrs. Johnston presided at the organ.

After service the members adjourned to the Vicarage, where an excellent tea was provided on the lawn by the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston, and was much enjoyed, the weather being all that could be desired, and the pretty gardens looking at their best.

The business meeting followed, when several new members were elected. It was decided that if the restrictions as to ringing after sunset were still in force, that the annual district meeting (which was to be held at Penshurst in January) should be postponed to a later date.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston for their kindness in providing the tea and arranging the service, and to Mr. D. Hodgkin for making the arrangements, concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where some excellent ringing in the standard methods was done.

THE DEATH OF MR. T. COX, LLANDAFF.

At St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, on Thursday week, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by: D. Thomas (conductor) 1, F. J. Bailey 2, W. B. Biss 3, F. Edwards 4, W. Bolton 5, S. Dawe 6, with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Tom Cox, a member of the Llandaff Cathedral band, whose death was announced in the last issue of "The Ringing World." It was on these bells that deceased rang his last peal in June, 1914. He then rang the 5th, and for the above 720 the rest of the band stood in the same order as in the peal.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 2nd, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Lee 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. A. Smith 3, J. W. Chapman 4, F. Davis 5, C. F. Winney 6, J. Attwater 7, H. W. Smith 8.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXFORD.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, July 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Hibbert 1, Pte A. T. Reeves 2, C. H. Pullen 3, R. T. Hibbert 4, E. G. Franklin 5, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on July 5th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Durling 1, E. B. Crowder 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, I. Emery 6, C. Bailey (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. C. Bailey hails from Leiston, Suffolk, and was on a visit to Beckenham.

CREWE.—At Christ Church, on July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, A. Crawley 3, R. D. Langford 4, Geo. Harding 5, J. Dentith 6, R. T. Holding (conductor) 7, W. Edge (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter-peal on the back eight since the bells were recast.

LONDON.—On Thursday, July 6th, at the residence of Mr. F. Walker, 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1—2, W. A. Alps (conductor) 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, Mrs. T. Walker (first quarter-peal) 7—8.

RINGSTED, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and touches of Cambridge, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob were rung by W. Perkins, A. Perkins, A. Tyler, J. Mawby, C. Newman, J. Houghton (from Irthlingborough), and W. Gilbert, R. Loveday, G. Roberts and E. Mayes. The ringers afterwards adjourned to "The Axe," where touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells.

FLIXTON, LANCs.—On Sunday, July 9th, on the occasion of the Anniversary Services, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Johnson 1, R. Davies 2, J. Eachus 3, J. Ridyard 4, S. Collier 5, Lieut.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, W. Johnson 8.

LONDON.—On July 9th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes), composed by the late J. P. Bradley, in 53 mins.: H. Springall 1, E. Gibbs 2, W. G. Matthews 3, W. H. L. Buckingham 4, F. A. Smith 5, W. Alps 6, T. Walker 7, C. F. Winney 8, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 9, F. Davis 10.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, July 9th, for the Sunday School Festival, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Stuart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist (first 720) 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Watson 5, F. Burrows (conductor) 6, T. Stuart 7 (cover).

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 9th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford: F. S. Shaw 1, T. J. Salter 2, W. Short 3, S. Grove 4, H. Withers 5, R. Matthews (conductor) 6. This was the last touch by the conductor previous to joining the colours.

STAMFORD HILL.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. C. Ringrose 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. G. Symonds 3, T. Langdon 4, F. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

BACUP.—On Sunday, July 9th, at St. Saviour's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, for evening service: D. Campbell (conductor) 1, H. Tomlinson 2, T. Lord 3, G. Brown (Bacup) 4, N. Townend 5, W. Ashworth (Bacup) 6, R. Haworth 7, J. W. Heys 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Inwood 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, W. Brown 3, H. Sear (conductor) 4, W. Webb 5, E. Lathall 6, E. Lambert 7, W. F. Smith 8.

BARNES.—On July 9th, at St. Mary's Church, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, P. H. Smith 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Wilmott 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, for evening service, on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Porter 1, C. Mackenzie 2, T. Miller 3, G. Bott (conductor) 4, W. Webb 5, F. Stoneley (Manchester) 6, J. Newman 7, T. Felrick 8. Arranged for F. Stoneley. The ringers of 1, 4 and 7 belong to Bishop Ryder's.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 9th, before evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Underwood (Cavendish) 1, G. More (Clare) 2, S. H. Symonds (Lavenham), conductor, 3, E. Perkins (Cavendish) 4, R. Gowers (Long Melford) 5, T. E. Slater (Glemsford) 6.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, June 11th, with the bells half-muffled, out of respect for the late Lord Kitchener, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Hoskins 1, A. S. Beer 2, F. W. Thornton 3, W. J. Rawling 4, I. G. Shade (conductor) 5, Pte G. Rawlings (R.M.L.I.) 6, Sergt. T. Jake-man 7, F. H. Gooch 8. Also a touch in which Pte T. Pervin, A.O.C., of Coventry, and Pte G. Noakes, A.O.C., of Brooklands, Kent, took part.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 15th, 720 Bob Minor: J. T. Tyler 1, H. Overton (first 720 of Minor) 2, A. T. Baker 3, J. Elcock 4, J. Overton 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should feel greatly indebted to you if you could give me the names of a few places in Cumberland and Westmorland, where there are peals of eight or ten bells, or perhaps some of your readers might give me the necessary information. We do not get a great deal of ringing news from those parts, and I wondered if there is any Guild or Association that encourages ringing there.—Thanking you in anticipation, yours faithfully,

EDWIN J. PANNETT.

[Peals of eight and ten bells are not very numerous in the counties mentioned by our correspondent. We believe there is an Association in Cumberland, but little is heard of its activities. Westmorland is covered by the Lancashire Association, Furness and Lake District Branch, of which Mr. W. Robinson, Annan House, Church Street, Ambleside, is the hon. secretary. There is a peal of ten bells at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal (tenor 25½ cwt.), and peals of eight at St. Mary's, Ambleside (tenor 32½ cwt.), and Bowness (12½ cwt.). There are also several peals of six in the district.—Ed. "R.W."]

A VICAR'S SACRIFICE.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Chepstow ringers, assisted by Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, rang "the whole pull and stand," and several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of the Vicar, the Rev. Percy Dewe, who lost his life on Saturday, August 5th, while bathing in the Severn at Portskewett. Although a strong swimmer, he lost his life in saving his son from drowning. The Vicar, a kindly man, always ready to welcome a band of ringers to his tower or to give permission for the use of the bells for a peal, will be sadly missed by the people of Chepstow, and by the ringers especially. The deceased clergyman was 41 years of age, and had been Vicar of Chepstow for seven years.

TWELVE BELL TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The old tenor at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, only turned the scale to 39 cwt. odd. She was just under two tons, and was weighed at Loughborough before being broken up. No doubt Mr. Taylor can give the weight to a pound.—Yours, etc., JOHN H. B. HESSE,
358 M.T. Co., 3rd Repair Unit, B.E.F., France. Capt., A.S.C.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH. — On Sunday, July 16th, for evening service, 720 Bob Doubles, by the Woodston band: T. Hoare 1, Pte S. Hoare 2, C. Hoare 3, E. Martin 4, H. Hoare, junr. (conductor) 5, H. Hoare, senr., 6. Rung for Pte Hoare, who was home on leave. This was the first 720 rung on the bells for divine service, and also the first 720 by four of the ringers.

ACTON.—At the Parish Church, on July 16th, for the usual third Sunday afternoon ringing, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: C. Hunt 1, J. W. Fruin 2, Robt. Holloway 3, Staff-Sergt. Verralls 4, W. Lawrence 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, Ernest Newell (first quarter-peal of Stedman on inside bell), Farnham, Surrey, 7, A. Edwards 8.

ISLEWORTH.—At All Saints' Church, on July 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, C. J. Tricker 2, A. Beckensale 3, T. Beadle 4, Staff-Sergt. Verralls 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, W. J. Dickens. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Dickens, this being his first quarter-peal and longest touch.

SLOUGH.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, July 16th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. (as a compliment to Mr. J. H. Cropley on the 40th anniversary of his birthday): W. G. Bedford 1, R. Flaxman 2, A. Leader 3, T. Smith 4, G. T. Leader 5, E. Hooper (conductor) 6, P. Jones 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—On Sunday evening, July 16th, before evening service, 480 Bob Doubles: J. Kingsbury 1, C. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3, H. Cornell 4, W. Head 5. After service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Poulson 1, H. Cornell 2, A. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, W. Head 5. The bells were rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Pte H. Butcher, a chorister, who was killed in action in France.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, J. Waghorn 2, A. Worboys 3, A. J. Neal 4, A. Hardy 5, E. Andrews 6, R. Sanders 7, R. Fenn 8.—On June 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 minutes: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, J. Carrier 2, R. Fenn 3, A. J. Neal 4, E. Andrews 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Sanders 7, D. Carrier 8. J. Carrier hails from British Colombia, and is training in England with Canadian Field Artillery.—On July 9th, for morning service, 1312 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 minutes: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, T. Faulkner 2, A. Worboys 3, A. Neal 4, F. Newman 5, R. Sanders 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, A. C. Hardy (composer) 8.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on August 29th, and for handbell practice on the 24th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, August 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. (election of District officers).—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting to follow. It is requested that nominations for President, General Secretary and Treasurer be handed in at this meeting. The Earl of Ellesmere has granted permission to visit his gardens.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 102, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 6d. only to those members who advise me by the 16th of their intention to be present. Barnet bells open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. Will members whose subscriptions are still outstanding please let me have same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea and meeting in the Working Men's Club at 5.30.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—By kind permission of the respective Incumbents it is proposed to hold practices at the following towers at 6.30 p.m. All Guild members and friends are welcome. Beaconsfield, Sat., August 19th; Farnham Royal, Sat., August 26th; Slough, Sat., Sept. 2nd; Burnham, Sat., Sept. 9th.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, August 26th, 1916. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15; tea in the Bede House at 5 o'clock; meeting to follow. Will Secretaries of belfries kindly let Mr. G. Randall, 3, High Street, Higham Ferrers, know how many for tea not later than Tuesday, August 22nd?—F. Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will (p.v.) be held at Northenden, on Saturday, August 26th.—A. T. Beeston, Hon. Branch Secretary, New Mills.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A District Meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at King's Head, 5 p.m., 1/- each to those who advise me by the 22nd; business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, District Hon. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The local Secretary, Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, will be pleased to make arrangements for tea for all those who let him know not later than Wednesday, August 23rd.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 26th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Meeting in the tower at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Woodhouse, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock for ringing. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Stewkley, on Saturday, August 26th. Service at 3 p.m. Bells (6), tea and meeting to follow.—W. Sear, Branch Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

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.

BIRTH.

MORRIS.—On Thursday, August 10th, at Leicester, to the wife of Pte. Ernest Morris, Sherwood Foresters, a daughter.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

RINGERS and visitors to Matlock will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. H. Paulson's, Beech House.

A GATHERING AT GREEN'S NORTON.

On Monday week a band of ringers from widely scattered districts assembled at the Parish Church of Green's Norton, Northants, and enjoyed to the fullest extent the pleasure of such a re-union. The ringing consisted of 720 Plain Bob Minor, the following taking part: J. Slarke (Easton Neston, Northants) 1, R. Christian (Great Yarmouth) 2, A. Deacon (St. Edmund's, Northampton) 3, W. S. Smith (Miteham, Surrey) 4, J. Unwin (Easton Neston, Northants) 5, W. Rogers (St. Giles', Northampton), conductor, 6; also touches of Grand-sire Doubles.

After the ringing the Rector kindly entertained the ringers and their friends to a sumptuous tea on the lawn, the beautiful surroundings being greatly admired. On the proposition of Mr. J. Slarke, seconded by Mr. W. Rogers, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (the Rev. H. Hoskin) for his hospitality.—The Rector, in response, said how pleased he was to hear the bells, and hoped that they would soon be rung again to celebrate the declaration of peace, and that he would have the pleasure of again entertaining them. The party were more than satisfied with the enjoyable afternoon that they had spent, and wish to thank the steeple keeper for services rendered.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A fairly well attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday last, 14 members being present from Walkden, Deane, and most of the local towers. Some very good touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung.—One honorary and four performing members were elected, and it was proposed that the next meeting be held at the Saviour's Church.

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