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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

## MODERN WORK.

### PREPARE FOR EVENTUALITIES.

In many important ringing centres our article last week, we have reason to know, was discussed with interest and seriousness, and the warning that was uttered was felt to be timely, but none too soon. It is fully recognised, of course, that in war time many things have to suffer in what are alleged to be the national interests and any steps that are taken in the curtailment of public freedom and liberties, however irksome, are looked upon as something to be borne with the best grace possible for the sake of the great issues in which we are involved. If, then, the further restriction of ringing is effected, at any rate in munition areas, for the period of the war, the decision would be bowed to, as perforce we all have to bow in these days to many regulations with which we may not be entirely in sympathy.

But the danger which threatens the Exercise, once the screw has been applied, is that the future results may be far reaching. That noisy minority who have been ventilating their grievances against bells, through the Press, of late are certain to seize upon the opportunity to try to suppress bell ringing altogether. They might not succeed, we do not believe that they would succeed, but unless the Exercise is prepared to defend its right—and long custom has given us a right to ring on certain occasions—it may find the future of ringing in a somewhat parlous plight. Ringers are numerically a fairly strong body, and they have, or ought to have, behind them a much more powerful body than their own numbers. Through the clergy and the other officers of the Church they ought to be able to count upon the complete support of the whole of the Church-people of this country, from the Archbishops down to the humblest member.

With this behind them there would be nothing to fear, but, at the moment, the Exercise is without plans or organisation to bring into play, if ever the necessity should arise, all this potent force, which it ought without difficulty to secure. This work, it seems to us, is one which ringers will look to the Central Council to take up without delay, and, as was pointed out last week, the sooner it is taken in hand and definite plans evolved for the defence of our art—plans which could be put into operation the moment necessity arises—the better. To say that our position is secure merely on the basis of the traditions and customs of the past would be idle in these days; we must be prepared to meet determined opposition the moment it arrives—and it will arrive the instant the opportunity presents itself. Any dallying then for want of organisation would probably be fatal to the future of ringing, and if the Council is what it pretends to be, the representative body of the Exercise, it ought to realise its responsibilities and duties and formulate its plans accordingly.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 4, 1916, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt., in E.

*ARTHUR J. HOING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
*GEORGE TWITCHEN ... .. 2	JOHN GRANSBURY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. HORNE ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal of Major. W. T. Horne's 50th peal. Rung with the bells muffled during the octave of All Saints, in memoriam for the soldiers and sailors killed in action during the War. Mr. J. West, the steeplekeeper, kindly prepared the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 11th, 1916,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

BROOKS' VARIATION.

HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble	FRED GRUNDY ... .. 5
J. LOWE ... .. 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE ... .. 6
SAM GREENHAGH ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
W. JONES ... .. 4	*WILFRED GRUNDY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal, aged 18 years. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Joseph Ridyard, son of the conductor, who is with H.M. Forces in Egypt; also as a birthday compliment to H. Chapman.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

From St. Mary's Parish Church, Berkeley:—

Rev. H. G. Armour, Vicar (President), Army Chaplain.

Pte Sidney Cornock (tower-keeper, captain), 13th Gloucester Regiment, killed Oct. 26th, 1916.

Pte M. Cornock, 13th Gloucester Regt.

Lance-Corpl. A. Mann, 5th Gloucestershire Regt.

Pte A. V. Pullin (Military Medal), 8th Gloucestershire Regt.

Pte Wm. Watts, 8th Gloucestershire Regt.

Stoker F. L. King, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Stoker A. W. Lewis, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Pte W. H. Hancock, Coldstream Guards.

The above are all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Pte Percival Price, from Beeston, Notts, Parish Church.

Pte F. Blood, of Nottingham, formerly of Bourne and Bedford, 3rd Batt. South Staffs Regiment, Backworth Camp, near Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Pte Harold Moss, of St. Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth, near Pontefract, Northumberland Fusiliers, 'somewhere in France.'

## DEATH OF A SUFFOLK RINGER.

MR. Z. SLATER, OF GLEMSFORD.

It is with regret that the death is announced of Mr. Zachariah Slater, who passed away at his residence, Hunt's Hill, Glemsford, Suffolk, on Saturday, the 4th inst. He was a brother of Samuel Slater, and the younger of the ringing sons of John Slater. He joined the company in 1873, and before the year was out he could ring Treble Bob Major. He was a clever handbell ringer, and could ring the trebles (his favourite pair) to Plain and Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Double Norwich Major, although he never rang a handbell peal. He took part in the society's best performances, including the London Surprise and the 7008 Kent Treble Bob Major at Long Melford; also a 1080 Bob Royal on handbells with his brother ringing 3rd and 4th, and conducting it, and his father and two uncles ringing the other three pairs of bells. The deceased was not a great peal ringer, about one of a sort and that a good one was the height of his ambition, but among other notable peals in which he took part were 5040 in seven different Minor methods at Glemsford in 1893, and the first peal of Double Norwich Major at Lavenham in 1894, the last peal at St. Gregory's, Sudbury; and the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Cambridge. This was his last peal, but he continued to ring until his health gave way. He was a man of quiet disposition and much respected. He leaves a grown-up family and a widow to mourn their loss. If he had lived until Christmas deceased would have been married 40 years. He was about 60 years of age.—R.I.P.

**O.D.G. ACTIVITIES.****THE MONTHLY CHRONICLE.***(Continued from page 177.)*

Burnham, Saturday, Oct. 7th.—A round dozen rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Miss Merton, a local lady, ringing rounds for her maiden effort. The three faces of the tower clock show Moscow, Paris and London times, all through a well-intentioned effort of the steeple-keeper to set the hands in accordance with the end of the Daylight Savings Act, which the clock works objected to. There's a "good time" coming, boys, when a few of the recent Acts, regulations and restrictions are removed upon that "great day" which England fights for. The German leader of the anti-war Socialist minority, speaking recently at the Imperial Conference of the G.S.D. party, said that if some Germans advocated the theory that greater frightfulness at sea would incline England towards peace, he for his part would retort that the war would thereby be prolonged. Everything depends upon England, as far as the Allies are concerned. It is in England that "we must first ring the bell." He omitted to add that it is in England also where he would have to find the men to do so.

Beaconsfield, Saturday, Oct. 14th.—There was 17 present—Messrs. R. Coles, W. Horne, J. Blackmore, H. Wingrove, R. Buckland, R.N.A.S., J. Barnes, Corpl. W. Lawrence (of Weekly, Northants), R. E. Holloway (Acton), W. Henley, G. Gutteridge, W. Weeding, W. Burden, G. H. Cutts, D. Tindall, W. H. Fussell, and last but not least, the Misses Cooper and Gudin.

Mr. Holloway was elected a member of the Guild in the belfry, and the methods practiced were: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, the company breaking up at 6.15 after a good afternoon's work, one section going in to "T" with George, another to "B" at the George Inn.

A new name has been added to the local Roll of Honour in the church, that of Sergt. Leonard Rolfe, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, who died of wounds received in action in France during the recent Somme fighting. He was a good member of this tower, and had rung a Guild peal.

**AN UNVEILING CEREMONY AT HIGH WYCOMBE.**

"Whene'er the sweet Church bell  
Peals over hill and dell,

May Jesus Christ be praised."

Hymn 303 A. and M.

Another red-letter day for All Saints' belfry was recorded on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15th, when an assembly of 48 people gathered in the spacious ringing room to witness and join in the dedication of a peal tablet by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Buckingham, assisted by the acting Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Legge, M.A.), and the resident curate (the Rev. E. L. Dalby). There were also present Miss Shaw, the Bishop's daughter, the Misses Evans (Hugendon), Miss Marchant (Uxbridge), Mrs. R. Coles, with son and daughter, the organist (Mr. G. F. Saunders, F.R.C.O.), and the donor of the tablet, Mr. H. T. Dickens, lately churchwarden.

The local society was represented by Messrs. Gramsbury, Hayes, R. Coles, A. E. Coles, Phipps, R. Biggs, F. K. Biggs, W. Horne, G. Twitchen (Hon. Secretary), H. Butler, A. H. Hoing, F. Boreham and two Hon. Members (Messrs. J. Evans, of Hugendon, and W. H. Fussell, of Slough). The visiting ringers were Messrs. C. H. Pulling (Reading), W. Henley (Farnham Royal), J. Barnes (Missenden), J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield), W. Welling, W. Burden and D. Tindall (Old Windsor), Corpl. Lawrence (Haltom Camp), P. E. Jones (Slough) and several Londoners, the majority of whom are non-resident life members of this branch of the Guild.

At 3 o'clock a well struck touch of Stedman Cinques, the bells being deeply muffled, was in full progress, when the robed clergy filed slowly and reverently into the centre of the room, and "stand" was at once called and obeyed by all. The Bishop's special form of service was used with impressive devotion, and the responses were solemnly joined in by all present. It seemed as if an undercurrent of real sympathy permeated the ceremony, which was rendered more touching not only by the mournful bells above, and the deep sad voice of the Bishop, but also by the painful knowledge that a loving father had given his third dear son during this bitter war to aid and uphold the faith and peace of Europe.

After the dedication, the acting Vicar kindly addressed the congregation, referring to the holy use of church bells as a branch of church music which all change ringers should ever remember in their own towers. He mentioned the Festival of St. Patrick in March, when two years ago these bells were rung at a time of peace to a peal of Stedman Cinques to honour the patron saint of Ireland. He prayed that the days were not far distant when these bells would pour forth their open voices for the blessings of peace throughout these isles.

Another brief touch of 250 changes followed, the clergy remaining to witness and to hear its excellent finish. It was conducted by Mr. F. Bennett; seven of the team bearing names that appear on the new peal board, and the other five, being unable to attend, were made up by local men in this order: Hayes, Fussell, Matthews, Burton, Coles, Foskett, Bennett, Evans, Gramsbury, Sanders, Nudds and Scarlett. Then followed a few minutes quiet conversation, the Bishop personally speaking with several of those present before departing,

when a 504 was rung by Messrs. Matthews (conductor), A. E. Coles, Burton, Hewitt, Horne, Pike, Henley, Pulling, Welling, Blackmore, Theobald and Sanders. Of course a peal of "rounds" was organised for the juniors, who made a brave effort for the first time on twelve; the afternoon's feast of Stedman Cinques closing with a 382 conducted by F. Hayes, in which more twelve-bell men took a rope. Messrs. Phipps, Butler, W. Matthews, F. K. Biggs, G. Twitchen and A. H. Hoing, until everyone was satisfied. At 5 p.m. the tower was vacated, Mrs. R. Coles, Mrs. J. Gramsbury and Mrs. F. Hayes hospitably billeting the Middlesex bands at their homes for tea. A hasty return to the tower permitted a touch of Treble Twelve to be brought round for evening service before we were compelled to desist by the new anti-aircraft regulations.

Later in the evening a friendly gathering, with handbells, took place at the White Lion Hotel, preparatory to the cycling and train time to leave Wycombe. It was here also, in a reserved room, that the London lads sat down as a twelve-bell team to a good lunch at one o'clock, served by our Warwickshire hostess, and rendered more acceptable after their early duty at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and the bracing morning air of South Bucks.

I have since received a letter from London expressing the gratitude and thanks of the visitors for the kindness and courtesy shown them by the clergy and churchwardens, Mr. Dickens, and the Wycombe Society, which I would here like to endorse on behalf of the East Berks and S. Bucks branch.

Burnham, Saturday, October 21st. Trafalgar Day was well observed in London this year, more so than ever, and our practice was appropriate to the day. Fourteen attended, and Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Superlative were rung, Cpl. W. Lawrence and Sapper George Martin, R.E., being in field service uniform. The tower clock was still at variance with Greenwich, but we were not caught by any "Act" such as some of the clergy appear to have been. I should be sorry if any reader of the "Ringing World" was convicted. After my previous reminder, forewarned should be forearmed, although I have no sympathy for the noisy "ling-tangs" that usually swing in open turrets with frequent and unlimited use. Having come to the end of my chapter, I would now like to tender my thanks to the members of the Branch Committee for their willing assistance.

W. H. F.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

A most successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at SS. Philip and Jacob on Saturday. The bells, a peal of eight, were raised soon after three o'clock, and numerous touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung until 5.30, when a short service was held in the church. The Rector (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) officiated, and gave an interesting address. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, 22 members being present.

A short business meeting followed, the Rev. M. E. Thorold being voted to the chair, and as he had later to attend to other business, the chairman of the branch (Mr. H. Howell) moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for kindly permitting the meeting to be held, and for officiating at the service; and also to the organist and to the ladies waiting at tea.—The Rector suitably responded.

The chair was then taken by Mr. H. Howell.—One new member was elected, and it was decided that, if possible, the next meeting be held at St. Andrew's, Clifton, on December 9th.

A feature of the meeting was the welcome presence of Gnr. Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford, who, after tea, conducted touches of Stedman Triples and Caters on the handbells.

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Berkeley on Saturday week, when most of the branch towers were represented, and there were also visitors from Bristol, Gloucester, Lydney and Newport (Mon.). The news having been received on the previous Wednesday of the death in action of Pte Sidney Cornock, formerly captain of the local ringers, and tower keeper of Berkeley, the bells were rung muffled during the afternoon. The Rev. Canon Armour, acting Vicar, who is doing the work of his son, now an army chaplain, was unable to have the usual service for ringers, owing to pressure of work in the parish, but Mrs. H. C. Armour very kindly invited the ringers to a splendid tea at the Vicarage, twenty-four sitting down. The business meeting followed, Mr. John Austin, Master of the Association, presiding.—Mr. F. K. Howell made very feeling reference to the death of Pte Cornock, and said the very deepest sympathy of those present would go out to the widow and family in their sudden and sad bereavement.

One new member was elected, and after some discussion Dursley was selected for the annual meeting, but as the Rector of Dursley will only have the bells rung for Divine service during the war, Wickwar will be the place of meeting on December 2nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Howell, in thanking Mrs. Armour for the very hearty welcome she had given the ringers by providing such an excellent tea, said they were sorry to hear he was ill with fever. He hoped he would soon be restored to health again, and that she would soon have him home.—Mrs. Armour responding, said she would be pleased to welcome them to Berkeley again for the next monthly meeting if they could not get Dursley or Wickwar, as she thought they had not had much ringing that afternoon (applause).

A short practice on the handbells brought the meeting to a close.



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## RINGERS KILLED IN ACTION.

### PATRIOTIC BERKELEY FAMILY.

At Berkeley, Glos., the sad news has been received that Pte Sidney Cornock has been killed by a shell in France. He was one of eight brothers who responded to the call of King and country. Of this patriotic family, three have given their lives; one has been wounded, one was sent home from France suffering from shell shock, while another was sent home discharged, having contracted a chill on the lungs whilst serving in France. The other two are at present taking part in the heavy Somme fighting—both as infantrymen.

Pte Sidney Cornock was a man greatly respected and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was 32 years of age, and during the early days of the war, he, with two of his brothers, enlisted in the 13th Gloucestershire Regiment (Pioneers), and went to the front about nine months ago. He was tower-keeper and captain of the Berkeley ringers, and a useful and esteemed member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

He leaves a widow and two young children to mourn the loss of a gallant husband and father.

### "A FINE EXAMPLE TO ALL."

The following is a copy of a letter (dated Oct. 22nd) received by the deceased's widow from the Major in command: "I very much regret to have to inform you of the very sad news of your husband's death on Oct. 26th, and wish to express the very deepest sympathy of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the company for you and your children in your bereavement. Your husband was a good soldier and a splendid worker, greatly esteemed by his officers and universally popular with his comrades. He was always very keen and went about his work in a cheery manner, showing a fine example to all. At the time we were leaving the trenches and were heavily shelled on the way out. One shell landed in the trench, killing several men, amongst whom was your husband. Luckily, he did not suffer, as he was killed instantly. I am sorry to say he was buried, but we had a party of men on them at once, and they were afterwards buried behind the trench. I shall be pleased to give you any more information you may require, and remain in sympathy, Yours, H. R. HOWMAN, Major O.C., "C" Co., Gloucester Regiment, B.E.F."

### STONY STRATFORD RINGER'S DEATH.

Pte F. E. Garner, R.A.M.C., a promising and much-respected ringer of Stony Stratford, has died from disease in St. Omar Hospital. The deceased was 27 years of age, and, before enlisting about twelve months ago, was a teacher in the Church of England School. He leaves a widow, for whom much sympathy is felt.

A memorial service was held at St. Giles' Church, Stony Stratford, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Last). It was attended by the staff and scholars from the schools, and by many friends. The choir very feelingly rendered Psalm xxxi to a simple setting, and the following hymns were sung: "When our heads are bowed with woe," "On the Resurrection Morning," and deceased's favourite hymn, "The Saints of God." At the conclusion of the service the organist played Handel's Dead March in "Saul."

It was very much regretted that the ringers were unable to ring on the above day, but the local men met on the following Saturday, and, as a last token of respect, rang touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled.

Sergt. Leonard Rolfe, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, a ringer at Beaconsfield, Bucks, has, we regret to say, died of wounds received in the fighting on the Somme.

### ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The tenth meeting for 1916 of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles being rung for the benefit of the recruits, and touches of Grandsire Triples and two courses of Bob Major by the senior members. About 15 sat down to tea at the club-room of the Red Lion, the Master (Mr. G. Youngs) presiding. Host Noakes proved himself a real ringers' friend in the way he served them with a good tea at a very reasonable price.

The business was afterwards transacted, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rolvenden on November 25th. Gunner A. H. Pulling and a friend in khaki attended the meeting, and as they expected to be removed to the West of England shortly the ringers wished them "God speed" and the best of good luck in their future career in H.M. Forces, and hoped that, when the piping times of peace come round, they would have the pleasure of ringing a peal or two for the Guild under Gunner Pulling's able conductorship.—Gunner Pulling heartily thanked the members for their kind wishes, and said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself at the three meetings of the Guild he had attended at Rye, New Romney and Appledore, and should always look back on them and think of the kindness that had been shown to him. He promised to communicate with the secretary so that the members might know how he was faring.—The writer is quite certain that if he can use his gun as well as he can a pair of handbells it will be bad luck for the enemy. — The following towers were represented: Ashford, Merham, Rolvenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Rye, Woodchurch, Tenterden, and the local band.

**D.C.M. RINGER.****ADMIRER FOR HIS COURAGE AND CHEERFULNESS.**

Lance-Corpl. Percy Hassock, of Maidstone, was the second ringer to gain the D.C.M., receiving the award for gallantry in saving a machine gun. His comrades on either side of him had fallen, but he continued working the gun, and his bravery did much to check a German attack. He was admired by both officers and men, not only for his courage, but for his never-ending cheerfulness. Unfortunately, as we have already recorded, Lance-Corpl. Hassock fell to a sniper's bullet. He was a native of Downham Market, but was employed at Maidstone, and when war broke out enlisted in the 6th City of London Rifles.



The late LCE.-CPL. PERCY HASSOCK, D.C.M., of Maidstone.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
WINCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Winchester on Saturday last. The Cathedral bells were rung during the afternoon, and service was attended at 4 p.m. in the choir of the Cathedral.

The Very Rev. the Dean presided at the tea and meeting, which was held in S. Maurice Hall, and there were also present the Ven. Archdeacon Fearon, Rev. C. E. Nuttall, Rev. E. Banks-James, Mr. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, Mr. A. E. Wilkins (St. Stephen's, Bristol), Mr. Arthur Hague, Mr. J. B. Williamson, and members from North Stoneham, Southampton, Upham, Bishopstoke, Titchfield and Winchester.—Apologies were read from the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. E. Mathews), Rev. Canon Vaughan, Rev. Canon Braithwaite, Rev. W. E. Colchester, and Mr. Henry White, who, it was regretted, was prevented by illness from being present.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, and showed a favourable balance of £4 8s. 2½d.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Rev. Canon Braithwaite (chairman), Mr. J. W. Elkins (district secretary), Mr. C. Russell (assistant secretary), Mr. G. Smith (auditor) and Mr. Wilfrid Andrews and Mr. Tucker, as representatives on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton in November, 1917, and to hold three quarterly meetings, the first at Romsey on Feb. 17th; the second at Cheriton on May 12th; and the third at Owslebury on August 11th.

The Dean, in responding to a vote of thanks, proposed to him for presiding, and for the use of the bells, said it always gave him pleasure to welcome ringers to Winchester, and to grant them the use of the Cathedral bells.—Archdeacon Fearon said no one loved the music of the bells more than he did, and he sincerely wished that every bell in England might soon be ringing to announce the restoration of peace in all the world.

Some handbell ringing took place during the evening, and one young member, who is only 12 years of age, and who has been ringing double handed for about six weeks, was heartily congratulated on his successfully ringing of the treble and second in touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples. He is a pupil of the Rev. E. Bankes-James.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Williams, Mr. Arthur Hague became attached to the Guild as a compounding member.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.****THE CURTAILMENT OF RINGING.**

The last meeting of the North and East district of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in the present year was held at Willesden on Saturday last, and, although, owing to the existing national circumstances, the attendance was below the average, a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering was the result. Ringing commenced just before three o'clock, and continued until five p.m., touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major being rung.

On the conclusion of ringing a short service was held in the old Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. James Dixon), who gave a very interesting and instructive address to the members present.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who also took the chair at the business meeting.—The election of Mr. Clement Glenn, of Sheffield, prior to an attempt for a handbell peal on October 9th, was confirmed.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) moved that a resolution of sympathy be passed to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence on the death of their son, Sergeant S. M. Lawrence, of the 8th Middlesex Regiment, who was killed in action on Sept. 11th in France. Mr. Coles added that Mr. Lawrence, who was with them that day, had two other sons who were serving in the army, and they hoped these would be spared to him.—The resolution was passed in silence, by the members standing, and Mr. Lawrence briefly acknowledged the motion with a few words of thanks.

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

The question of the present curtailment of ringing was discussed, and mention was made of the leading article in the current issue of "The Ringing World."—The Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. A. Milne, and Mr. W. E. Farr spoke on the matter, and on the motion of the last-named gentleman, seconded by Mr. G. M. Kilby, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting expresses a hope that the Standing Committee of the Central Council will bear in mind the possibility of a regulation being framed under the Defence of the Realm Act, which may seriously prejudice change ringing."

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by the vice-president (Mr. F. A. Milne), and seconded by the hon. secretary, to the Rev. J. Dixon for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells; also to the organist, who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings; to Mr. R. Kilby and the Willesden ringers for their welcome; and also to the good ladies who had prepared and so admirably served the tea.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar replied, saying how pleased he was to meet the members of the County Association. He acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of the organist and the ladies, and went on to say that he hoped to meet the members again on the first possible occasion after peace was declared, in the summer time when it would be possible to entertain them to tea in the Vicarage garden.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Vicar for his kind invitation, and stated that he would be sure to remember it, and he hoped it would not be long before they could take advantage of the offer.

Mr. R. Kilby acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of himself and brother ringers, saying how they looked forward to the time when their absent friends would be with them again when they would give the Association another good welcome to Willesden.

After the business meeting the handbells were kept going until shortly after eight o'clock, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters being rung.

**SWORD PRESENTED TO OXFORD GUILD SECRETARY.**

The secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as we announced some time since, is now serving at a lieutenant in the Royal Defence Corps, and is stationed at Dorchester. Having previously held the rank of captain and adjutant in the 4th Cadet Battalion Oxford Regiment, C.L.B., he was recently called back to Reading to receive a sword from his old battalion. The whole battalion was formed up in the Market Square, and Major Wardley-King addressed the Cadets, saying how sorry they were to lose their captain and adjutant, yet at the same time they all wished him prosperity with his new corps.

Lieut. Reeves, having received the sword, thanked Major Wardley-King, the officers, N.C.O.'s and Cadets, saying that he would prize the sword among his most valued possessions. He had served as an officer in the Cadets for eight years, and had had some very pleasant times with them. When this terrible war came he felt his King and country needed him, and H.M. the King had granted him a commission in the Royal Defence Corps. He hoped the Cadets would still prosper.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Oct. 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1344 changes, from Holt's Original): F. W. Bond 1, A. C. Harmer 2, A. Hayward 3, J. E. Waters 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, W. G. Finch 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who was leaving to join the colours on October 30th, the ringers wishing him good luck and a safe return.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT STREATHAM.**

A quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held on Saturday week at the eight-bell tower of Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common, S.W. Unfortunately, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Leonard were not available, for the attendance was quite sufficient for both rings to have been utilised from 3 o'clock until 5 p.m., when Defence of the Realm Regulations put an end to practice in the tower. Some 30 members and visitors took part in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and London Surprise. The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Latham) visited the ringing-room, and at shortened evening prayer gave, with a kindly welcome, a practical address, and personally bade farewell to each member of the congregation at the close of the service.

The Mission Room had been placed at the disposal of the Association for tea, after which a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters (the band including Mrs. F. I. Hairs) was heartily applauded.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P.) presided, and moved votes of condolence and sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Wm. Miles, of Carshalton; Mr. Arthur Shepherd, late hon. secretary of the Western District, and Mr. A. A. Johnston, of Croydon—the members present standing in the customary silence to signify assent.

The hon. secretary, Lieut. Cyril Johnston, Grenadier Guards, was unable to be present—his leave from the Western Front upon his father's death and burial expiring that afternoon. The assistant hon. secretary was directed to send kindly remembrance from the meeting to Pte F. G. Woodiss (2nd Grenadier Guards), now in the King George's Hospital, Waterloo Road, with serious wounds received in France, with sincere hopes for relief from pain and restoration to health and strength. He was also directed to express thanks to the Vicar for his presence and help, and to Mr. J. S. Daniels for the arrangements he had made for that useful and happy, though small, meeting.

The absence of members on service and the exigencies and pressure in all directions of the present times leave but little opportunity for furtherance of the work of the craft, and the Surrey Association, like many other Associations and Guilds, can only mark time and endeavour to keep things going until, in the Divine supervision, "peace and happiness, truth and justice," are once more restored.

**OXFORD BOB.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I be allowed to say a word on this subject? The method of Oxford Bob, primarily intended for six bells, will run equally well on ten or any other odd multiple of two. It will not run to an even multiple of two, because if the bell hunting up immediately before the treble is to make a place over the treble, return to lead and lead at the same time as the treble lies her blows behind, then hunt up again and make the same place over the treble that she made before; there must be a centre position. This cannot occur on an even multiple of two. The equivalent of Oxford on even multiples of two is the method by Mr. Baker shown below. This method will run to all even multiples of two from eight upwards.

Oxford Bob	Mr. Baker's	The same to
Royal.	Method.	Maximus.
1234567890	12345678	1234567890Ex
2143658709	21436587	2143658709xE
2416385079	24163857	2416385079xE
4261830597	42618375	4261830579E9
4628135079	46281357	46281035xE79
6482310597	64823175	64820135xE597
6843201957	68432715	68402x135xE79
8634029175	86347251	8604x231xE597
8360492715	86374521	806x432xE1957
3806947251	86735412	08x634xE29175
3089674521	87653142	0x836xE492715
0398765412	78561324	x038xE6947251
0937856142	75816342	0x3E89674521
9073581624	57183624	x0E398765412
9705318264	51738264	x1E0937856142
7950132846	15372846	Ex9073581624
7591038264	13527486	Ex9705318264
5719302846		9E7x50132846
5173920486		97E5x1038264
1537294068		795E1x302846
1352749608		7591E3x20486
		57193E2x4068
		517392E4x608
		1537294E6x80
		13527496E8x0

Oxford Bob is, therefore, impossible on four, as it is an even multiple of two; Mr. Baker's method for even multiples might be regarded as equivalent to Reverse Bob. But the method given by Mr. Morris was Double Bob, and as such has no affinity with either.

—Yours truly,  
H. W. FRIGHT.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on November 21st, for the election of officers for the coming year; also on the 30th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3 till dusk. Meeting to follow.—W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1916. Bells ready 2.30. Ringing to cease at dusk. Meeting as arranged.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in the Pavilion close to the Church. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) from about 2 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting in Church Cottage at 6.—Rev. F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Dec. 2nd (8 bells). Will those members whose subscription is yet unpaid kindly remit before December 31st.—Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting of above will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Bells (8) available during afternoon from 1.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Branch Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 to 4.20 p.m. Tea at 4.45 in Church Hall, Meeson Road, 9d. each only to those who notify me on or before Monday, Nov. 27th. Meeting (at which Officers for the ensuing year will be elected) to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 1916. Bells from 2.30 to 5.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members of the Central Committee are informed that the bells at Tonbridge Church will be available for ringing at one o'clock on the date of the meeting there.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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**RINGING PRACTICE.**

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**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at East Brent, and in spite of stormy weather proved a very successful gathering, about 30 ringers being present, including ten lady ringers from Bridgwater, Brent Knoll, Badgworth, Mark, Weston-super-Mare, Huntspill, Burnham, and the local company.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Wickham) held a service in the church, and gave an appropriate address, and the choir and organist attended. Afterwards tea was served at the Vicarage, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Weston-super-Mare was selected for the next meeting (the annual).—Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, on behalf of all present, thanked the Vicar for extending such a hearty welcome, for arranging the service, the use of the bells, and for providing the tea.—In responding, the Vicar said he always took a great interest in the bell ringing, and it was a pleasure to him to think that, in spite of the war, we are able to still go on with the ringing, and he was glad to welcome the members of the branch there.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandeire and Plain Bob were rung.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

On the Sunday following the annual festival, Oct. 29th, the under-mentioned members visited St. Stephen's, Elswick, Newcastle, and rang touches of Duffield Major and Erin Triples on the bells which have a tenor of 30 cwt. From thence they went to All Saints', Newcastle, for Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples (tenor 19 cwt.), and then to St. Mary's, Gateshead, where Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandeire Triples were rung (tenor 15 cwt.), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. E. Keen, A. F. Hillier, B. C. Dixon, W. Sinclair, W. H. Barber, R. Richards and G. Stuart taking part, and the conducting being shared by Messrs. Barber and Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd was elected a life member of the Association in 1890, and this was his first visit since.

At All Saints', Gosforth, on Sunday, Nov. 5th, to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. W. E. S. Kennedy, who read himself in on that day, 816 Stedman Triples was rung in 36 minutes: Arthur Field, junr. (aged 15, and longest touch in the method) 1, J. S. Richardson 2, G. T. Potter 3, A. Payne 4, C. L. Routledge 5, E. E. Ferry (conductor) 6, J. F. Bird 7, A. K. Ripley 8.

**RINGING OR CHIMING?****VICAR'S UNSUCCESSFUL DEFENCE IN PROSECUTION.**

Last week the Rev Frederick Rogers, Vicar of St. Barnabas, Wormley, near Bristol, was charged at the local police court under the Defence of the Realm Act with having allowed the bell of his church to ring in prohibited hours—namely, 7.20 p.m. on November 1st. He contended that the bell was not rung, but chimed, and he maintained there was a great difference between the two things.

Mr. Rogers said he was merely doing his duty according to the Prayer Book in chiming or tolling the bell before service. He stopped doing this, however, as soon as it was made clear what the law was.

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