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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. BROOK,
Architect, Dinsmore Street.

MODERN WORK

TERMINOLOGY AND NOMENCLATURE.

Probably there is no other pursuit in which the technical expressions used are so confusing to a beginner as in change ringing. At every turn one meets with terms which have been found in some other connection with a totally different meaning, or, again, varying expressions are used to indicate the same thing. It makes the whole science very puzzling, and yet these difficulties have not been cleared away by the advance of years. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies touches upon this loose method of terminology in his pamphlet on 'Lead Ends,' in explaining the meaning of a 'lead.' He remarks that change ringing was not evolved by men of science, but produced by trial and error for the purposes of practical ringing by men of all sorts and conditions at various places and various times. This explanation quite fairly sums up the position, and it will be readily agreed that the task of systematisation in the present day is no easy one.

The terminology has come down to us through generations, and long association makes it difficult to discard the familiar uses. Yet they are none the less confusing to the would-be student. For example, 'lead' and 'course' are words which each have different meanings according to the connection in which they are employed, and other instances might be quoted. A good deal was done by the publication of the 'Glossary' to bring existing terms into subjection, as it were, but some modern writers are guilty of adding to our perplexities. Down to Snowden's time and ever since, everyone was satisfied to distinguish rows of changes as 'in-course' or 'out-of-course'; afterwards an effort was made to educate ringers into the use of the expressions 'even' and 'odd' to answer the same purpose, and now we find that the terms 'positive' and 'negative' are being introduced. Then, again, we talk of 'legitimate' and 'illegitimate' methods, when the intention is not to imply the meaning of these words as generally accepted, but rather the definition of regular and irregular.

Another phase of the same subject is to be found in the variety of ways in which the thing is described in different parts of the country. For instance, there are perhaps half a dozen 'tables' by which Grandsire may be learned, each of which is almost so much Greek to the uninitiated, who may yet be quite well acquainted with the method in another form. So it is that, after change ringing has been in practice for something like two hundred and fifty years, there is a good deal of chaos in its terminology. At the same time we are not sure that we want to see the old terms swept away. They have answered their purpose in the past, they will do so in the future. And while we wonder how some of these ancient expressions came to be

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adopted in ringing, it makes us curious to inquire whence
came some of the peculiar names that we have. How
came it, for example, that methods were designated
'Pleasures,' 'Delights' or 'Surprises'? We know how
the terms Doubles, Triples and Caters were derived; but
who invented the terms Minor, Major and Royal? What
led to the introduction of 'Bob' into the nomenclature of
methods? and why do we call a dodging hunt a 'treble'
bob hunt? These and other things belong to the myster-
ies of the art, which many may guess at, but few
determine.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, July 10, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S, SEOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5007 CHANCES;

WALTER S. WISE 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 7—8
WILLIAM PYE 3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 9—10
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 5—6	JAMES GEORGE 11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires: G. M. KILBY and C. DEAN.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
RICHARD ROUND 4	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung to celebrate the Silver Wedding of their most gracious
Majesties King George V and Queen Mary, also the marriage of Mr.
William Alfred Rowley, L.S. of H.M.S. Royal Sovereign (eldest son
of the conductor), and Miss Daisy Davies, daughter of the late Mr.
Benjamin Davies, of Tipton; also as a compliment to the conductor
on the 50th anniversary of his birth. R. Round was proposed a mem-
ber of the above Society and Guild previous to starting for the peal.

GLODWINCK, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 13, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB, 5088 CHANCES;

AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

*J. HALL Treble	ED. B. SHAW 5
F. STONELY 2	I. SCHOFIELD 6
J. LEES 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
A. CLEGG 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by W. MALLINSON.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal in the method. The treble and 2nd are from Miles
Platting, 7th and 8th from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are of the
local company.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 5
JOHN BASS 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
RICHARD ROUND 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
WILLIAM A. COOPER 4	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung on the eve of the Sunday School Festival and for the dedica-
tion of the Memorial Chapel to fallen heroes of the parish of Netherton.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
(Etab. 1686.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	WILLIAM HALE 5
ARTHUR TATNELL 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS 3	THOMAS BALDWIN 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	FRANK COLE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

ESCRICK, NEAR YORK.

TYPE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

AUGUSTUS HATFIELD Treble	SERGEANT E. MORRIS 3
THOMAS W. ROBBINS 2	W. ARTHUR HUDSON 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor	

Conducted by SERGEANT ERNEST MORRIS, A.S.C.

The ringers hail from Hemingborough, Escrick, Leicester, Birstal, and Huddersfield respectively. Arranged for Mr. J. E. Sykes, who has now rung peals on all numbers, 5 to 12. The ringers desire through this medium to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

INTERESTING EVENT AT CRANLEIGH.

The combination of a beautiful summer day, with a ringer's wedding and a combined practice, sufficed to bring together a good number of members at Cranleigh, on Saturday, July 13th. The wedding was that of Sergt. R. Carrier (Vancouver, B.C.), of the Canadian Field Artillery, and Miss Charman, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Charman, the leader of the local ringers. The bridegroom, who had been wounded in France, has been stationed at Witley Camp. He was a member of the company who rang the first peal (Grandsire Triples) ever rung in the Dominion of Canada; the bride is also able to ring a bell, while three of her brothers (who are now in the army), her father and her uncle, are members of the Cranleigh band, as was also her grandfather in his day; it was, therefore, a ringers' wedding in every respect. The ceremony took place in the Parish Church, and it was fully choral, the organist and choir attending as a compliment to the Charman family's long and active connection with the church. At its conclusion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members: C. Hazelden 1, Mrs. H. Whittington 2, A. J. Bartlett 3, J. J. Jones 4, Mr. Smithers 5, W. R. Melville 6, A. Charman 7, R. Whittington 8. The touch was conducted by Mr. A. Charman, uncle of the bride. Afterwards some good touches in the Standard methods were rung by visitors from Aldershot, Chiddingfold, Dorking, Guildford, Hersham, and Henfield, Sussex. The service was also attended by a detachment of Sergt. Carrier's fellow N.C.O.'s and men of the C.F.A., who formed a guard of honour as the bridal party left the church, and later they removed the horses from the carriage, their places being taken by men of the C.F.A., who drew it through the street by their gun ropes.

After tea ringing was resumed, the most important items being a brilliant 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. W. Shepherd, in which the bridegroom took part. Later the bells were rung in rounds by a company, which included the bride and bridegroom, the bridesmaid (Miss Ida Charman), Mrs. Whittington, Cranleigh; Mrs. Hazelden, Guildford; Miss Avenall, Worplesdon; Miss Fisher, Dorking.

A. C. H.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Cobham, on July 20th, and was attended by ringers from Guildford, Leatherhead, Dorking, Oatlands Park, Hersham, etc.

Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Grane). Before leaving, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at seeing his six bells all being rung by lady members, and said he should try and see whether Cobham ladies would not learn to ring. Tea was held in the Church Room, and at the meeting five new members were elected. The next meeting was provisionally decided to be held at Shore, in September. The handy ring of six were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingboro' District was held at Earls Barton, on Saturday last, July 13th. Ringers put in an early appearance, and touches of London, Cambridge, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, about 20 members being present from Irthlingboro', Wellingboro', Pinedon, Higham Ferrers, Isham, Wollaston, Easton Mauditt, Wilby, Doddington, Northampton, and the local ringers. After tea the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. W. Willson, of Isham, and Mr. J. R. Sharmman, of London.

The following officers were elected for the district: Mr. G. Randall, of Higham Ferrers, vice-president; Mr. W. Perkins, secretary; Messrs. F. Barber, G. Basford, A. Martin, G. Eltee, and F. Jones, committee. Mr. Owen Parker was appointed on the committee for the Ringers' Memorial.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Doddington.—Mr. W. Pettitt, of Wellingboro', was elected a ringing member.—Mr. F. Wilford gave an interesting report of the Central Council meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers and their wives for providing tea.

The Vicar, replying, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Great Brington, on Saturday, July 20th, the following towers being represented: St. Peter's, St. Edmund's, and All Saints, Northampton; Moulton, Ecton, Cogenhoe, Weston Favell, and the local ringers. Visitors were present from Isham, Easton Mauditt, Pattishall, Flore, and Weedon. A short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Martin. He expressed his pleasure in meeting the ringers at that service; theirs was a noble and important office, and he was glad to see that when calling others to worship they also attended the service. About 30 sat down to tea, over which the Rector presided. There was also present Mr. F. Wilford, general secretary; and Mr. W. Wilson, secretary of the Kettering District. After tea, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, the following being elected: Vice-president, Mr. F. Hopper; secretary, Mr. T. Law; committee, Messrs. H. Clarke, B. Soden, S. Lawrence, H. England, W. Atterbury. The Rev. T. A. Gurney was elected for the Ringers' Memorial Committee.

An invitation from the Rev. E. V. Martin, Rector of St. Peter's, Northampton, saying how pleased he would be to welcome the Association, was unanimously accepted. August 31st is the date fixed for the meeting.

Mr. F. Hopper, in thanking the members for appointing him vice-president again, said how pleased he was to see the interest taken in these meetings, especially by the newer members who were anxious to become change ringers, and he hoped the older members would continue to help, and encourage them to the best of their ability; he also expressed pleasure at the response made to the Belfry Repair Fund, which is quite voluntary, the results so far showing that the members appreciate the willingness of the clergy, and those in charge of belfries, allowing ringers the use of the bells, by subscribing to the fund.—The General Secretary gave an interesting report of the Central Council meeting. During the year, three honorary and 17 ringing members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and local ringers brought the meeting to a close. Ringing was again indulged till 8 p.m. Various methods were rung, including a course of Cambridge Surprise.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, was visited on Saturday, 13th July, by upwards of 30 members of the London County Association. Ringing, which included Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Superlative Major, was carried on until 8 p.m.

At the business meeting, subsequently held at the Nag's Head, was presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), the following were unanimously elected members: Mr. Mark Fensom, of Hornsey; Mr. Robert Maynard junr., of Walthamstow, and Mr. William J. Eldred, of Finchley.—The Master announced that he had recently heard from Sapper R. F. Deal, who had been in hospital some time suffering from trench fever, and who has unfortunately had a relapse.

The best wishes of Second-Lieut. Eric H. S. Truscott, 15th Suffolk Regiment, serving in France, was conveyed to the meeting through a letter received by the hon. secretary from him a few days previously, thus proving that although members are scattered far and wide on their King's and their country's service, they do not forget their associations of the past.—A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. H. Wilkins (steeplekeeper) and Mr. H. T. Scarlett; also to Mr. R. Maynard and members of the local band for their exceeding kindness in making such perfect arrangements for the convenience and comfort of the visitors.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 10th August, due notice of which will appear in the 'Ringing World.'

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CONCERNING SYMMETRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Trollope's article, 'Concerning Leads,' his argument is not as clear as usual. There does not seem any cogent reason why the conclusion should follow from his premises. This would seem to be owing to the fact that he is not quite clear as to his use of the term 'Symmetry.' There is the use of the word in ordinary language, where it simply means that things are in due proportion in order to produce an artistic effect. We refer more or less unconsciously to symmetry in this sense when we speak of the 'qualities' of peals or touches. Mr. Trollope would seem to have some thought of this idea in his mind, but it will only bear an artistic and not a scientific argument.

The word 'symmetrical' is used in two senses in mathematics. Its use in analysis would give us a test for a part and in a composition. We might say that it could be divided into as many parts as there were lead ends which were symmetrical with respect to certain bells. If I am correct this is an idea which might afford an argument for or against Mr. Trollope. But as he does not use the essential words 'with respect to,' this use of the word is not the one he has in his mind.

It would appear, therefore, that it is geometrical symmetry which Mr. Trollope is thinking of, as this is the only other use of the word that can be applied to change ringing. Now for this it is necessary to have what is called an Axis of Symmetry. If we draw a line in Grandsire between the rows in which any bell makes thirds (i.e., where the lines marking the lead ends are drawn), we shall find that every position of that bell 'above that line has an exactly corresponding position below it.' This means that this line is the 'Axis of Symmetry' of the path of that bell.

In Plain Bob this line must be drawn between the two rows in which a bell makes second's place, i.e., a row higher than the lead end line as usually drawn.

Now, if Mr. Trollope's argument is that we should call our peals and touches by these lines, it would be much better for him to say that we ought to use the 'axis of symmetry' to call by. The word lead end has a very simple and clear meaning, viz., the row in which the treble ends her lead. It is true we have always been in the habit of pricking rows so as to end there. If we are not to do so always in future, it would surely be better to find some other word for it, and so avoid the confusion in thought and argument which seem now to prevail.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

Braiworth Rectory, Eye.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE DAWSON, DUFFIELD.

A PUPIL OF SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

By the death of Mr. George Dawson, at the age of 69, on Wednesday, July 10th, the Duffield Society loses one of its most respected members. Deceased had been in failing health for some time, suffering from interval trouble, and through his painful illness one saw displayed the characteristic of his person, namely, a fine energy and will which had always served him so well.

Deceased became a member of the Duffield Society in 1884, when the society was first formed, and he had filled the post of steeple-keeper for the past 26 years up to the time of his death. He was always most punctual and regular in attendance, and was a splendid striker. During his career he had taken part in 97 peals for the Midland Counties Association from Grandsire to London Surprise, all, with the exception of one peal, having been rung at Duffield Church. His one wish was to complete his century, and he made many attempts with the writer, but his efforts were never rewarded.

Deceased leaves three sons to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Saturday week, at the Duffield Cemetery, amidst many signs of affection and respect. Numerous floral tributes were sent.

On Sunday morning, the 14th inst., the bells of St. Alkmund's, Duffield, were rung half-muffled to a touch of Grandsire Triples, after which the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the following: C. Brackley 1. W. Bates 2. F. Hickling 3. J. Pagett (conductor) 4. E. Morton 5. B. Sudgen 6. J. Flower 7. W. Wileman 8.

Mr. Dawson rang his first peal, which was the first peal of Bob Triples by the Duffield Society, on July 26th, 1884. His last peal was one of Duffield Major, on November 29th, 1913, when he rang the 4th. He was a safe ringer, being one of the school at Duffield under the tuition of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, at the time when the company was second to none in the country. Quiet and unassuming, a true friend, and passionately fond of ringing.

His life was gentle, and the elements

So mixed in him that nature might stand up

And say to all the world, 'this was a man.'

May he rest in peace.

J. P.

FUND FOR MRS. GRIMES.

The fund for Mrs. Grimes realised £20 12s. 6d., the five volumes of the 'Ringing World' going to Mr. C. H. Horton, Ticket No. 761.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**SUMMER MEETING AT SOLIHULL.**

'Silhill on the Hill
Hampton in the Hole,
Beggary Barston,
And Lousy Knowle.'

Whether the Bard of Stratford actually penned the above lines is perhaps a bit doubtful, but certain it is that the present writer has seen them inscribed on a pewter mug in a tiny, typical little Shakespearian inn, somewhere in the heart of the County of Warwick, whose host insisted that they were the work of the immortal Shakespeare himself.

They may not be quoted above exact to the original, for it is many years ago, yes, long before the Great War, Daddy, since the summer Saturday when two friends set out on bikes to potter round the Shakespeare country, exploring the lovely lanes of leafy Warwickshire, and delighting in the old-world hamlets one comes across tucked away in the folds of hills, almost unheard of outside their own boundaries, yet all within easy cycling distance of busy Birmingham. Long before the time when, on entering an inn, one acquired the habit of making more or less anxious inquiry as to whether there was 'anything doing' or, scrutinising the window, half expects to see a placard conveying the intelligence to all and sundry that certain commodities are 'sold out.'

On the day in question tea was partaken of at this little wayside house, of which even the name has escaped the memory, and feeling tired, and attracted by the quiet charm of the old place, the friends decided to act on the poet's advice, and 'take mine ease in mine inn.' Later we found that it was a place to which the local farmer repaired after—and, maybe, sometimes during—the day's work, and, in his own picturesque language, 'had him a pint.' As the evening wore on mine host produced the cup bearing the legend quoted above, which he handled almost reverently, and soon there was some discussion and argument as to the justice or otherwise of the Bard's descriptive adjectives.

How it ended deponent knoweth not at this distance of time, but the lines have never faded completely from memory, although, as stated, they may not be quite accurately quoted.

In any case we are not dealing in these presents with either Hampton, or Barston, or Knowle (lousy or otherwise), but with 'Silhill,' nowadays Solihull, at which place the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham held a quarterly meeting on Saturday week, which was fairly well attended by ringers of both sexes. This beautiful old village, famous for its roses, is a favourite rendezvous of the Birmingham ringers, and has been so for generations, as shown by the Pearl Book, a peal of Bob Major being re-recorded in 1786, conducted by the redoubtable Samuel Lawrence. Since his day the bells have been augmented to ten, by Barwell, and a very nice ring of ten, too, with a sonorous tenor of about 19 cwt. (By the way, she turned the scale at 52 cwt. or thereabouts on Saturday, Mr. Towerkeeper, which please note, The writer knows—he had some!)

Tea was arranged at the Mason's Arms-Hotel, Mr. G. Walker putting on a spread that was much enjoyed by a goodly company, especially by those who had brought sugar with them, and those also who were fortunate enough to sit next to them.

The Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.) took the chair at the business meeting which followed, and announced that, through the generosity of members the secretary had been able to hand over to Canon Willink the sum of £24 3s. 6d. towards the cost of repairing St. Martin's spire. Look, he said, how easy it would be to make it £25, a nice level amount to talk about, and one worthy of the Guild. In a few minutes the necessary 16s. 6d. was forthcoming, the ladies present subscribing 8s. 6d., thus beating the mere man by 6d.

After the meeting, the writer received a promise of a further guinea from one of the Solihull gentlemen.

It is interesting to note that among the subscribers—and without being solicited—is Mrs. Hattersley, wife of the late Charles Henry Hattersley, who sends a guinea 'towards the repairing of the tower in which her late husband spent so many happy hours.' A very graceful act. Mr. Hattersley rang his first peal of Stedman-Cinques, also his last, and many in between, at St. Martin's.

One new honorary and four full members were elected, and the Cathedral (St. Philip's) was decided upon for the next meeting.

The writer would take this opportunity of directing the attention of members to lines 5, 6 and 7 of Rule 5, which read: 'Any member whose subscriptions are more than two years in arrear shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Guild.' This does not apply to members who have joined His Majesty's Forces, who are carried free on the books pro tem.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, and a touch of Stedman Caters was rung 'in hand' by Messrs. H. Withers, T. Russam, J. R. Groves, W. Kent, and M. J. Morris.

The thanks of members are hereby conveyed to the Rector (the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, M.A.) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Geoffrey Martineau for his kind assistance in making the necessary arrangements.
A. P. S.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE WYCOMBE BELFREY.**

On July 6th, a good many ringers took advantage of an invitation to join in the ringing, on the High Wycombe bells, in honour of the silver wedding of their Majesties the King and Queen. Starting off with a well-struck touch of 'good old Grandsire,' conducted by Mr. Ralph Coles, followed by a flourish of Stedman Caters (conductor, Mr. J. W. Wilkins), a few rounds on the full ring of twelve brought six o'clock, the time for the evening service. On the resumption, at 6.30, the attendance was further augmented, and ringing was continued for a couple of hours; the methods including Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob (conductor, Sergt. Martin, R.F.A.), Plain Bob (conductor, Mr. Horne), Stedman Caters and Triples. One gratifying feature was the fact that all ringers present, whether change ringers or otherwise, had several opportunities of ringing, an advantage much appreciated.

On the following Sunday, for Divine service, three courses of Stedman Cinques were successfully brought home on the Wycombe bells, the touch being conducted by Mr. Fred Hayes; all the ringers, with the exception of Sergt. Martin, being 'locals.'

On Saturday afternoon, July 13th, a successful meeting, arranged by the Wycombe friends, was held at the pretty little Church of Cookham. There was again a good muster, and some good ringing was gone through. After leading off with a 720 of Plain Bob, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles followed the conductors, including Messrs. Wm. T. Horne, Ralph Coles, G. H. Gutteridge, Geo. Twitche, and Sergt. Martin. Owing to there being a good number present, it was possible for those not taking part in a particular touch to wander by the side of the river or to stand on the bridge and listen to the music of this pretty little peal of six. The presence of a lady ringer was very pleasing, and she took part in several touches. The stay on the treble was found to be broken after he had 'kicked over the traces,' and sent the stay flying. This, however, did not debar further ringing, and the treble was rung without a stay, the ringers being Sergt. Martin, Messrs. Wm. Goodchild, Ralph Coles, and Jas. W. Wilkins.

BISHOP RYDER'S RINGERS.

The annual outing took place on Saturday last, Hampton-in-Arden being visited. On arrival of the party, the bells (which had not been rung since the war began) were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Double and Bob Minor. One of the ladies (Miss Bowen) ringing the treble in a six-score of Grandsire Doubles and one of Stedman. Tea was arranged on the Vicarage lawn, about thirty partaking thereof, including the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Badger) and churchwarden (Mr. W. Aldridge), of Bishop Ryders, the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. J. B. Colthurst), and churchwarden (Mr. W. A. Frodin), of Hampton-in-Arden, and Mrs. Colthurst. The Rev. G. E. Badger occupied the chair, and Mrs. Colthurst presiding at the urn. At the close of tea, the Chairman thanked the Vicar of Hampton for the use of the bells and the placing of his lawn at their disposal; also the ladies who had arranged the tea. He was pleased to see Mr. Carrod (the hon. secretary) with them again and feeling much better. It gave him great pleasure to be with his ringers.—Mr. James George (Ringing Master) seconded, and said it gave him great pleasure to see how well the ladies had rung that afternoon.—The Rev. R. C. J. B. Colthurst said it gave Mrs. Colthurst and himself great pleasure in being with them, and to hear their bells rung again. He was always anxious to help forward the work of the church in any sphere, and he considered this good church work. He hoped the ladies of Hampton (who had seen the ladies ring) would emulate them, and he intended in the autumn to start a class. Mr. George kindly undertaking to come over and teach them. An adjournment was made to the church, when the bells were rung again for service, the ringers attending. After service some more ringing took place, and the bells lowered in peal.

THE BOSTON GUILD.

In a letter from Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., we are informed that the Boston Guild, of which several English ringers who had emigrated to America were members, is at present short-handed, as two have enlisted, and several have accepted offers for better positions outside the city. The Guild rung a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire in celebration of the capture of Jerusalem.

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NOTICES.

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

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Publow, Saturday, July 27th. Divine Service at 3.30; tea and business at 4.15. N.B.—No sugar provided.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A Summer meeting will be held at Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks, on Saturday, July 27, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Ringing 3 o'clock, evensong 5.30, and tea 6 p.m. for those who notify the hon. sec. that they will be present.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough. The Annual Committee Meeting of the Diocesan Guild takes place at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Association will be held at St. Phillip and St. Jacob's (Bristol) Parish Hall on Saturday, July 27th. Business: Presentation of accounts and report and election of officers. Bells available at St. Phillip's Church at 2 o'clock; Service at 3.30, to be followed by business meeting and tea. Several other towers will be available for ringing.—F. K. Howell, Hon. Treasurer, Gloucester Road, Thornbury, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Idle (near Bradford) on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m.; the business meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Church Schools.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m.; business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Divine service 4.30; tea in the Church Hall at 5.30; business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. local Sec., Long Ashton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3; service at 4.30; tea at 5 o'clock. Election of officers.—S. Stubbs, District Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Raunds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short service at 5.30, followed by tea and a business meeting. The tower of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, will be open in the evening from 7.30. All ringers welcome. Members are asked to forward any outstanding subscriptions for 1918.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, at Glodwick. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The August meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday the 3rd. Six bells available afternoon and evening. For those who bring their own rations arrangements will be made to provide a cup of tea.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, August 3rd. Service 3 o'clock; tea and meeting after service; bells (8) afternoon and evening. Intending visitors please write.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637.)—A meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Saturday, August 3rd, at 6 p.m. Meetings will also be held at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on the 8th and 22nd, and for general business on the 13th and 27th, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on August Bank Holiday, when the Bells of All Saints' (10) will be open from 2 o'clock. Tea will be prepared at the Castle Cabin as last year (no sugar); the business meeting will follow. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Laurence, District Sec., Little Munden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on August Bank Holiday. Tower open 12-1, 2-4 and after meeting; service at 4; tea at 5 in Parish Room, meeting to follow. Half Railway Fares. Tea 1/- each to those who let me know not later than Wednesday, July 31st.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Monday, August 5th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells are available at 2 p.m. Members wishing to be present must bring their own rations for which 9d. will be allowed. All visitors welcome. Members please notify me not later than August 1st.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Ringing from 2 till 4; tea at 4 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. T. K. Sopwith, at Passmore's Restaurant (adjoining the Churchyard), to be followed by the annual general meeting for the election of officers, etc.; service at 5.30; ringing after till 8 o'clock. Those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 30th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Colchester (St. Peter's) on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock; service with address by the Rev. Triffit Ward, Vicar; business meeting at Parish Room, 5.45.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Bank Holiday, August 5th. The bells of seven towers in the town available throughout the day. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. sharp in St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Owing to food restrictions it is impossible to arrange for the customary luncheon. For full particulars see circulars sent to all masters of companies.—C. E. Borrett, Sec., 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 5th. Bells available all day: St. John's (8), Woodston (6), St. Mary's (6), and, it is hoped, the Cathedral (5). Service at St. Mary's at 2.30; meeting in Schoolroom after. All ringers invited.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10th, at the Church of All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the 'London Apprentice' near by. Ringers generally cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Estab. 1755.)—Special notice.—The Rector of Birmingham and Mrs. Willink extend a hearty invitation to members of the Guild and their wives to spend an hour or two with them in the Rectory garden on Saturday, August 17th. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Light refreshments will be provided. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than the 13th prox.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS. DEVIZES BRANCH.

A most successful and pleasant meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday last, July 13th, at the grand old Church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, the bells of which were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the Rev. Canon Knubley, M.A. The meeting was well attended by ringers from Westbury, Bratton, Southbroom, Hilperton, Keevil, Potterne, Melksham, Steeple Ashton and Trowbridge, and the bells were raised at 3 o'clock. The authorised Guild service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., at which the Vicar kindly officiated, and gave a most instructive address, keenly listened to and appreciated by all present, the singing, as usual being well sustained by the ringers. Tea was provided at the Long's Arms Hotel by Host Hill, to which 22 members of the Guild sat down. Afterwards, a short business meeting was held presided over by the Vicar (Canon Knubley), supported by Mr. Hy. Brownlee West, hon. secretary of the Devizes branch. The minutes of the last meeting being read by the secretary, and duly passed, one new candidate from Hilperton was elected as a member of the Guild.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for the service in church, to which the Canon made a genial response, and invited any present to walk around and inspect the Vicarage gardens, which king offer some availed themselves of, whilst others returned to the tower for more ringing, the day being very fine, the meeting was much enjoyed by all.

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