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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.

NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER.

In every phase of life we are confronted with "after the war" problems, and ringing will have its own special difficulties to face in the reconstruction which must follow, if the leeway of more than four years' disorganisation is to be made up within a reasonable period. Before the war broke out, ringing had attained a remarkable level, not only in achievements, but in the widespread nature of its practice. It was going ahead literally by leaps and bounds, and the rapidly increasing record of peals gave proof of extraordinary growth in the efficiency of the Exercise. The claims of the nation through the war period reduced ringing almost to stagnation, by withdrawing a large proportion of the men from the towers, as well as by making the indiscriminate use of bells absolutely out of place and out of keeping with the feelings of the public. In the result, many bells have hung idle in their towers for months on end, change ringing has been abandoned in many places, and in not a few even the bells themselves have been allowed to get into a state of neglect.

But the fact cannot be ignored that in very many towers up and down the country there has been a great set-back. Presently, when the men come back, there will be an acquisition of strength that will be invaluable to ringing, but it is time the various associations, as we have so often urged, took steps to stir their branches into activity, so that the returning members may be secured and not allowed to drift away because through the years of severance interest may have been lost. The sound of the bells will, in itself, be enough in most cases to draw our warrior ringers to the belfry when they are back again, but the towers ought to be ready with their invitation and welcome "when the boys come home," so that there can be no excuse for the returning ringer if he does not retrace his steps to the belfry.

The re-establishing of the hands, however, is not everything. There must be the effort to raise the ringing itself to the high standard it reached before the war; many belfries will need attention, and more peals will want overhauling. This latter question should be immediately looked into by the ringers who are now at home. Where the bells require restoration, it is folly to let them hang neglected, while it will probably be an easier matter to raise funds in the near future, when war memorials are on the tapis, than it may be later. Doubtless, too, the bell founders will welcome immediate inquiries, for we imagine it will help them through the difficult period which must otherwise ensue when war contracts cease. There is much to be done; let the Exercise be up and doing.

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PEACE PEALS.

*Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.*

The following peals have been rung in celebration of the triumph of the Allied arms and the conclusion of the armistice, which the world hopes will mark the end of all wars:—

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

(THE NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, November 11, 1918, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE... Treble	BENJAMIN C. DIXON 7
*ERNEST E. FERRY 2	BERT HORTON 8
JOHN McKEAG 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 10
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR 5	ROBERT RICHARDS 11
ASA HOLMES 6	JOHN FOREMAN Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, of Sunderland.

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

The first peal on 12 bells by an entire band of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild: all Sunday service ringers.

* First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WORCESTER.

On Monday, November 11, 1918, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*CHARLES G. BAWKETT ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, SEN. ... 6
*GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM PAGE 7
WILLIAM POWELL 3	CHARLES W. JONES 8
JOHN MORRIS 4	GORDON CHICKETTS 9
WILLIAM LEWIS 5	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal on 10 bells.

† First peal.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells since being re-hung. It is 52 years since a peal was rung in Worcester composed by its conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, November 11, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

W. T. PATES Treble	W. HARLEY 3
G. H. PHILLOTT, M.A. ... 2	J. PARSONS 6
H. HALFORD 3	A. W. HUMPHREYS 7
W. BRINKWORTH 4	C. TRIGG and W. TOWNSEND Tenor

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

C. Trigg, who is in his 81st year and a member of the local band, being unable to complete the peal, was relieved by W. Townsend.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lbs.

MRS. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	JOHN HARRISON 5
*MISS EMMA TONGE 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
ARTHUR RIDYARD 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
JOSEPH HALL 4	AMOS SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. BANKS.

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal with a bob bell.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JOHN DENNER	Treble	SAMUEL OAKES	5
JOHN WORTHINGTON	2	ALFRED POTTER	6
JOHN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
† JAMES DENNER	4	* ROBERT DENNER	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

† First peal with bob bell.

* First peal.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, 8 2312 2870 8

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE	Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE WINES	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE CROSS	3	JAMES CROSS	7
TOM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABBE	Tenor

Conducted by J. CROSS.

Rung also as a birthday peal for the ringer of the tenor.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, November 13, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH	Treble	ALBERT E. PARSONS	5
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	6
THOMAS CATTELL	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
JOHN JAGGAR	4	HARRY SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

In addition to being a thankoffering for victory, this peal was rung to celebrate Mr. William Rock Small's 79th 'annual,' which fell on the previous day, viz., the 12th. The band heartily congratulated him and wished him the usual 'many happy returns.'

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1918, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SMALLWOOD	Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN	5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER	6
RALPH A. LOVIE	3	JOHN J. LEIGHTON	7
JOHN PICKERING	4	RICHARD LANGTON	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Friday, November 15 1918, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOSEPH FIGOTT	Treble	JOHN EATON	5
J. W. LILLEY	2	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT	6
GEORGE HITCHMAN	3	GEORGE FIGOTT	7
HARRY GROSVENOR	4	* ARTHUR PRICE	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FIGOTT.

* First peal.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES W. STEPHENSON	Treble	GMR. WM. H. HUNTER, R.C.A.	5
WILLIAM WALTON	2	JOHN P. FOULDS	6
RENNIE HARTLEY	3	TOM REDMAN	7
ALFRED BROOK	4	* HARRY ENTWISTLE	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

Conducted by HARRY ENTWISTLE.

* First peal as conductor.

The ringer of the 5th was home on leave from the Cambrai sector, the ringers of the 4th and 6th hail from Colne, the rest belong to the local company.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 16, 1918, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT	Treble	FRANK JACOBS	5
CHARLES W. NUTTALL	2	SAMUEL WESLEY	6
GEORGE HOLLIS	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
* WILLIAM LAMBERT	4	WALTER ALLWOOD	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* 300th peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE S. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, November 16, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

EDWARD EVANS	Treble	EDGAR PEMBERTON	5
REV. WM. C. PEAKSON	2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	6
WILLIAM MOTTS	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM	4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BALLARD	Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS	5
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN.	2	JAMES F. CLARKE, SEN.	6
WALTER MARTIN	3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON	4	HARRY ARGYLE	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 12, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

consisting of the following 10 methods: 720 each of Violet, Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford, 360 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Roystone Delight, College Pleasure, City Delight and Arnold's Victory.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM	Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS	4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK, JUN.	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
ARTHUR PANTHER	3	CHARLES WALSH	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PANTHER.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Southampton on Saturday last, members being present from North Stoneham, Bishoptoke, Twyford, Diklen, Southampton (St. Michael's and St. Mary's), Bristol, Grimsby, Bournemouth, Salisbury and Winchester. The bells of St. Mary and St. Michael's Churches were available during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches in various methods, were rung on them.

By the kindness of Canon Lovett, the tea and meeting were held in the Deanery Classroom, the Rector presiding at both, and in a few words of warm welcome said he thought it was a very fortunate circumstance that twelve months ago this meeting should have been arranged to take place in what had proved to be a week of national thanksgiving.

Sincere regret was expressed at the absence, through illness, of Canon Braithwaite, who has recently lost his youngest son in Palestine, and on the proposition of the chairman, a vote of condolence was passed to him.

An apology was received from the Master (the Rev. C. E. Mathews), who fully intended being present, but had to attend a meeting of national importance.

The Guild has recently lost, by death, two of its oldest and most enthusiastic members, viz., Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke, and the Rev. F. G. Hume, secretary of the Basingstoke District, and the district secretary was requested to convey the condolence of the members present to their families.

At the meeting, which followed immediately after the tea, the financial statement was passed. The district has a favourable balance, but not quite so large as last year. The Rev. Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman, and Mr. J. W. Elkins was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary.—Mr. Wilfred Andrews, in proposing the re-election as assistant secretary, Mr. C. Russell, said it was hoped Mr. Russell was now on his way home, he having been a prisoner of war since the capture of Kut. His enthusiasm for ringing was well known, and it would, no doubt, be a gratification to him to find himself in his old post.—Mr. G. Smith (Twyford) was re-elected auditor for the district, and Messrs. W. Andrews and W. Tucker representatives on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Romsey, on Saturday, November 15th, 1919, and to hold three quarterly meetings next year, the first at Winchester on February 8th, the second at Hursley on May 10th, and the third at Alresford on August 30th.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Williams, Mr. F. W. Romanis, Salisbury, was elected a compounding member of the Guild.

The Chairman, in acknowledging a vote of thanks proposed to him by the Rev. W. E. Colchester for the use of the bells and the classroom, said he regretted they were not coming to him for the annual meeting next year, but he hoped that during the coming year the church tower might be properly dedicated, which, as it was only finished at the outbreak of the war, had not yet been done, and he would be most glad if a special meeting could be arranged when that event takes place.

The District Secretary expressed his gratitude to Mr. Houghton, the captain of St. Mary's band, and to Mr. Vass, the caterer, for all they had done to make the meeting so successful.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, the Guild treasurer, said that owing to the death of Mr. H. White (the Guild auditor), it would be necessary to find someone to audit the accounts, and suggested that Mr. George Smith should be asked to do it.—Mr. Smith expressed himself willing to undertake the work until the next annual meeting of the Guild.

The Rev. Canon Lovett and the Rev. T. Salmon (Rector of North Stoneham) having to leave early, the Rev. W. E. Colchester occupied the chair for the remainder of the proceedings.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the above Guild was held on Saturday, November 16th, at Guildford. The towers of Holy Trinity (eight bells) and St. Nicolas' (ten) were open during the afternoon, and crowded to their utmost capacity, some 75 ringers, of whom a very large proportion were ladies, being present. As is usual in this district, only short touches in various methods were rung, so that all had a pull. A picked band rang for the service at Holy Trinity, the preacher being the Rev. P. Cunningham, Rector of Cranleigh, and the service being conducted by the Rev. G. C. Allen, who is himself a ringing member of the Holy Trinity band. After service, the members adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea. The first item was the presentation of a handsome silver teapot to Sergt. and Mrs. Dobbie, both members of the Holy Trinity band, as a wedding gift from the band.—Mrs. Dobbie returned thanks, and said her husband was unable to be present, but she knew his thoughts were with them.

The list of new members who were elected comprised Mary Countess of Lovelace, the Rector of Ockham (the Rev. H. A. Gumberlege), Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, in addition to six male and three lady ringers from different towers.

A paper by Mrs. Hazelden on 'A visit by the Guild to Farnham Castle' was very much appreciated.

A letter from Mr. J. George, of Birmingham, resulted in a substantial collection in the room, and a decision that each company should be asked to subscribe as much as possible, and hand it in at the February meeting.

The Ringing Master's report drew attention to the fact that Mr. John Heathorn (who was present both at the service and tea) had rung in the peace ringing on Monday. He would be 95 years of age if he lived till January, and distinctly remembered several of the ringers who rang in the peace celebrations after the battle of Waterloo in 1815.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. W. R. Melville becoming chairman of committee; Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Ringing Master; Messrs. R. Whittington and J. H. White, representatives on the Central Committee at Winchester; Mr. W. H. Tunnell, auditor; Mr. John J. Jones, hon. secretary.

It was decided to leave the dates and places for the 1919 meetings in the hands of the officers, it being humorously remarked that they had held six quarterly meetings in the past nine months, and they could not do better than keep it up.

The ringers present included Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. R. J. Dawe (Brighton), Major J. H. B. Hesse, and contingents from Woking, Worplesdon, Puttenham, Cranleigh, Haslemere, Shalford, Cobham, Aldershot, Clandon, the two local towers, and visitors from Oatlands, Hersham, Kingston, and Walton.

MITCHAM SECRETARY KILLED.

It is with deep regret that the Mitcham Society of Ringers have to record the death of their secretary, Mr. Douglas Walter Drewett, eldest son of Mr. J. D. Drewett, the highly-respected Master of the Surrey Association. Mr. D. W. Drewett was elected a member of the Surrey Association and the Mitcham Society in January, 1901, and was elected secretary of the latter in October, 1903. He enlisted in the 1st Cameron Highlanders on 29th May, 1916, and was killed in action, 3rd October, 1918.

He had seen much active service, and strong hopes were held that he would be spared to return and retain the link of connection of three generations of the family with the Mitcham Society. He had rung nearly 50 peals, including Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, also two quarter-peals of London Surprise Major.

He was an enthusiastic ringer, a great lover of the wonders of nature, keenly observant of all that was beautiful therein, and previous to the war, when making those delightful visits to towers in the lovely parts of Surrey, the day was made doubly enjoyable by his knowledge of items of interest along the route taken.

The memory of his kindly manner and fine example will ever be cherished by his brother ringers, and deep sincere sympathy goes out to his sorrowing widow, three children, father, brothers and sister. R.I.P.

CHESTER GUILD PRESIDENT AS MAYOR.

Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., chief mechanical engineer, L. and N.W. Railway Works, Crewe, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, has been elected Mayor of Crewe, and in honour of the event, on November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) was rung at the Parish Church by Frederic Moore (first quarter-peal) 1. Richard Langford 2. Harry Overton 3. Richard D. Langford 4. Geo. H. Crawley 5. Albert Crawley 6. George Harding 7. John Dentith 8. Richard T. Holding 9. William Edge 10.—On Sunday, Nov. 10th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Overton 1. R. Langford 2. R. D. Langford 3. A. Crawley 4. G. H. Crawley 5. J. Dentith 6. R. T. Holding 7. W. Edge 8. For evening service, 809 Grandsire Caters: W. T. Holding 1. R. Langford 2. H. Overton 3. R. D. Langford 4. G. H. Crawley 5. A. Crawley 6. G. Harding 7. C. J. Bowen Cooke 8. R. T. Holding 9. J. Dentith 10. All conducted by R. T. Holding.

YOUNG RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday last it was the sad task of the Eye (Suffolk) ringers to lay to rest the body of Albert Cutting, who died from influenza, after serving in the Army for only one month. Deceased learned to ring just over a year ago, and had made great progress in Plain and Treble Bob Major. Previous to joining up, on his 18th birthday, he was in the service of the Colchester Brewery Company, and won the esteem of all his fellow employees, as was evidenced by the number who attended the funeral. At the conclusion of the service, Messrs Burrows, Day, Oakes and Poppy rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave, and in the evening a 1008 Bob Major was rung with half-muffled clappers, on the tower bells by Messrs. Burrows, Brunning, Day, Murton, Nunn, Oakes, Poppy and Youngs. This is the fourth Eye ringer lost through the war.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Monday, November 11th, for thanksgiving service, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Churton (conductor) 1. G. Bloor 2. C. Woodward 3. E. Landon 4. C. H. Page 5. J. Austin 6. T. Austin 7. J. Simister 8.

RAISING AND LOWERING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was very glad to see Mr. Lawrence's letter in the 'Ringing World,' recommending the raising and lowering of bells in concordant notes of the scale. In spite of Mr. Richardson's criticism, I am firmly convinced that this is the best substitute for the real thing. In its simplest form the application of this principle would consist in ringing bells up or down in pairs. Even that is musical, as far as it goes. Whether ringing two bells or more, the endeavour should always be made to sound them in order, not together. After raising and lowering in this manner for a few weeks on end, any three or four ringers should have acquired the necessary proficiency to keep such a small number of bells in their proper places, but the advantage of thus using alternate bells is, that when two or more do clash together, no actual discord is produced. The notes either fall in chords or arpeggios: the arpeggio should be the ringers' aim. Very fine effects may sometimes be produced in this way: for example, the sonorous tones of the 8th, 10th and tenor at Bow Church thus raised and lowered would give forth magnificent music.—Yours truly,

Kington Magna Rectory.

F. L. EDWARDS.

MR. ROCK SMALL'S ARMISTICE BIRTHDAY.

Tipton's veteran and enthusiast, Mr. William Rock Small, celebrated his 79th birthday on November 12th, amid the armistice rejoicings, and on Wednesday, the 13th, took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at his parish church in honour of the double event. On Saturday, a band was got together to ring another commemoration peal—Stedman Caters—at Wednesbury. It was a company of veterans who had all rung peals with Mr. Small 25 years ago, but unfortunately, after 2½ hours ringing, when only seven courses from home, the 8th rope broke. The band, which represented ten towers, stood in order of age, the oldest at the treble and the youngest at the tenor, viz., W. R. Small 1, James George 2, John Carter 3, Alderman J. S. Pritchett 4, John Jagger 5, George Hughes 6, Albert E. Parsons 7, James B. Groves (conductor) 8, Ben Gough 9, Herbert Knight tenor. Not to be denied, the same band intend to start again at Wednesbury on November 30th, when they hope for better luck.

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

A great revival has taken place during the past two weeks on these bells. There was ringing on Lord Mayor's Day Saturday, Nov. 9th, and on the following day, Sunday, on the occasion of the civic procession for morning service at the Cathedral. On Monday, Nov. 11th, on the proclamation of the peace armistice, the bells were rung intermittently from noon till 7 p.m.

The policemen-ringers are very short-handed for this heavy ring of ten bells, many of them having been called to the colours. Consequently, when the bells are required to be rung, P.C. Billings is obliged to call upon ringers from many church towers. The call was made for the three days mentioned, and then another call came later on Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th inst., for further special ringing on the occasion of thanksgiving services held in the Cathedral and attended by the Lord Mayor, aldermen and councillors. In the procession were military bands, soldiers, policemen, specials, firemen Church Lads' Brigade, Boy Scouts, and numerous other bodies in uniform.

There were many touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, also one good touch of Stedman Caters, rung during the five days' ringing, those taking part being Messrs. Chapman, Trippier, Clarke, Idle, Davies, Brown, Shaker, Greenhalgh, Winterbottom, P.C.'s Billings, Williams, Page, Wilson and Scragg. Also B. Knight, of Chesterfield, and W. A. Cave, of Bristol.

Mr. R. Newton (formerly of the Town Hall company, now of Boston, U.S.) would have been delighted to have been present on those occasions, as also would John Eachus, of Manchester Cathedral, and Mr. Harry Idle, of St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme. In the case of the latter two, we regret to say, serious illness was the cause of their absence.

DEATH OF MR. A. ANDREWS, OF DAVENTRY

With very much regret, the numerous friends of Mr. Arthur Andrews, chemist, of Daventry, Northants, and formerly of Billinge-borough, Lincolnshire, will hear of his death, which took place on October 30th, from pneumonia, after an illness lasting about a week.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church, Daventry, on Saturday, November 2nd, the remains being followed to the grave by members of the family, and many friends, including Pte. W. Allen, Messrs. Wilford, Hopper, Lawrence, and T. Law, rising friends from Northampton. The widow unfortunately was prevented from attending owing to illness.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Lindsay), the hymns 'Jesu lover of my soul' and 'Hide with me,' being sung in the church. Appropriate music was played on the organ as the cortege entered the church, and four of the deceased's fellow ringers acted as bearers. After the coffin had been lowered into the grave a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by F. Hopper, Pte. W. Allen, S. J. Lawrence and F. Wilford. Owing to the large amount of sickness, and the number of deaths in the parish, no ringing could be done on the tower bells.

THE END OF THE WAR.

HOW CHIGWELL ROW CELEBRATED IT.

I remember upon the occasion of one of our country outings, some few years before the war, the parish clergyman asking one of the ringers where he came from. The one addressed proudly and readily replied, 'I come from Barking, sir.' 'Ah!' said the reverend gentleman, with a facetious smile. 'I have never got so far as Barking, but I'm afraid I have done some yelping in my time.'

Last Monday week, the 11th, when the news of the cessation of hostilities became known, I was unfortunately at Barking, away from home. The noise and tumult was so great as to bring to mind the circumstance I have above related, and I really felt a bit like barking, shouting, yelping, or standing on my head.

'So peace has come to us at last,' I muttered to myself. 'With four years' silence of the bells, darkened belfries, absence of ringers and a general neglect or abandonment of our fascinating art, restrictions are removed, so that we now are able to ring without the fear of Dora.'

'Bang, bang,' from the sky above made an abrupt end to my musings, while the thoroughfares seemed suddenly to have been transformed into delicious crowds. Flags of all sizes and colours abounded, the costermonger's donkey coming in for recognition, as well as the thousands of people thus adorned. Amid the din of revelry I could just catch the faint sound of Barking bells, upon whose mellow tones some of the highest change ringing performances have been achieved. The steeplekeeper, failing ringers, was tapping off a few changes or tunes, rather than let the occasion pass by without the bells.

At every step I fancied someone would hale me to a neighbouring tower. Here was a ringer unemployed, and, with the scarcity of labour, surely I should soon be doing my bit. But no! I would return home and turn my back upon all this noise and confusion. I found, however, all the trams labelled 'Full,' so that I was compelled to walk every inch homewards.

Weary and footsore, I had not long reached home, and was just preparing my frugal meal, when lo! from the front window of my wigwam our churchwarden appeared. There was a look of resentment or chagrin upon his countenance as I opened wide the door to receive such an important personage.

'Everyone in the parish,' he began excitedly, 'is asking me how it is the bells are not ringing for this joyful news. Of course, I referred them to you.'

'Sorry, sir,' I began, 'but how can the bells be rung without ringers?' I queried. 'They are all together gone out of the way,' said I. 'Hang it all, he quickly retorted, 'surely you can go and kick up a noise on the bells somehow or other. There's all the people waiting near the church, and the flags from the "Maypole" are flying, and no bells!'

'You shall have some noise and hear the bells directly I have finished my tea, sir,' I eagerly responded. Then jokingly, 'There's one or two luxuries from Barking I've brought home allowed by the Food Controller on my table want attention.'

I could say no more by his interruption. 'That's right—get on with it,' and his figure disappeared in the shades of night. My repast over, I was not long before the bells were nibbled, and I ready to make a noise of some sort. First, I played two bars of 'God save the King' (I hadn't got the bells for the dominant key, being only a peal of six). I found 'We won't come home till the morning' did very well, also 'The Village Pump.' Then I manipulated the cords together and 'Fired.' At this all the yokels were heard shouting. I then gave them 'Auld Lang Syne' as far as it would go.

Everybody now were fairly on tiptoe 'at the corner,' and by-and-by the belfry began to fill with boys and girls, some of whom I had for months past been teaching to manage the ringing of a bell. I selected from their number five of the best, two girls and three boys. I making the 6th.

Now, I remembered the orders of the churchwarden to make some sort of a noise somehow or other; and, raising the bells, away we went into rounds. Some of them lost the sally, others got the ropes twining about their necks, others got held up at the back stroke, one got twisted on the floor, and, by jove! I can tell you it was a noise.

G. F. M.

MR. W. NEWELL'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

On Friday, November 8th, ten members of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met at St. Laurence's Tower to do honour to Mr. Newell, who that day attained his 80th birthday. The Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Newhouse) very kindly gave permission for a long touch to be rung, but as a service was to be held in the church at eight o'clock, a full peal could not be attempted. It was, therefore, decided to go for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, and the 1259 changes were splendidly rung in 52½ minutes by: R. T. Hilbert 1, H. Tucker 2, — Wiggins 3, F. Hopwood 4, C. Giles (conductor) 5, C. Pullen 6, H. Egby 7, J. Swain 8, A. Osborne 9, H. Simmonds 10.

Mr. Newell did not take part in the touch, as he was not feeling 'up to the mark,' but he still rings for service on Sunday, and gives instruction to the youngsters on practice nights. His many friends in the Exercise will wish Mr. Newell still many years of health.

NOTICES.

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

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice at Shoreditch to-morrow (Saturday, Nov. 23rd), at 5 p.m. Saturday (30th), St. Bride's, 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The next meeting will be held (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Vincent) at St. Andrews', Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available from 3 till 4, and from 4.30 till dusk. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Basingstoke Branch will be held at Basingstoke on Nov. 23rd. St. Michael's bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5.30; tea and meeting at 6. The bells of All Saints' will also be available after the meeting. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify me by Nov. 18th.—John Ward, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 8, Rochford Road, Basingstoke.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m., and tea, kindly provided by Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston, will be served at Gillett & Johnston's Foundry at 5.45 p.m.; to be followed by a social evening. All ringers (members or not) and friends are hereby cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637).—Meeting at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, Nov. 26th (handbell practice), at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—A by-meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30th, at the Church of all Saints, Fulham. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at the Old Church, Smethwick, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Astbury); business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—WESTERN BRANCH.—A quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at St. Helen's, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Service at 4 o'clock, business meeting afterwards. A tea will be arranged for if possible. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by the Wednesday previous?—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

THE LADIES GUILD.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shere, near Guildford, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will all who wish to have tea communicate with Mrs. Hazelden, St. Michael's, Joseph's Road, Guildford, before Nov. 27th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—WESTERN DIVISION.—A meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Institute, Bushey.—Hon. Secs., F. A. Smith, 85, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts, and F. Edwards, 24, Glencoe Road, Bushey, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th (12 bells). Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at dusk. Subscriptions due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LADIES GUILD.—WESTERN DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 2 until 7 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30. Tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than December 2nd?—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—Notice is hereby given that the usual Tuesday evening meetings at the above church will be resumed as and from the 19th inst. Meeting time (on open nights) 7.30, for tower bell practice.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.—Ringing practice will be held at the Steeple every Wednesday from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30, commencing Wednesday, Dec. 4th. All ringers welcome.—C. E. Collis, Secretary.

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MISCELLANEOUS TOUCHES.

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CREWE.—On Monday, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal/W. Edge 1, W. T. Holding 2, H. Overton 3, R. Langford 4, G. 11, Crawley 5, A. Crawley 6, R. D. Langford 7, J. Dentith 8, G. Harding 9, R. T. Holding (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, November 11th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on the middle eight of Newcastle Cathedral bells. The semi-toned 6th bell was given by Miss A. M. Dixon, of Newcastle, in memory of her brother, Mr. Matthew Dixon, in September, 1914, with the proviso that it should be rung as a 'peace' bell when hostilities were ended. A short touch only was rung on this the 'Armistice' Day, but when the official peace day is celebrated it is hoped to ring a 5,000 on this musical octave, the 2nd of the twelve bells being the treble and the 9th the tenor.

IN THE DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

The towers of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild did full justice to the celebration of the signing of the Armistice on Monday week. At Dorchester a team, including four ladies, was got together, and soon sent forth the joyous news. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening, and afterwards the band visited Fordington, and kept the bells going till 9.20. On Wednesday, for the thanksgiving service, the local band being short-handed, and the assistance of some of the Wyke Regis ringers, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

On Monday, at Wyke Regis, a band, including three of the youngsters, soon got the bells going, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung throughout the afternoon and evening. On Thursday, for the thanksgiving service, a finely struck quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was brought round in 44 mins., by: P. Wilshire 1, Pte. E. J. Whittingham, Dorset Regt. (Wokingham) 2, C. H. Jennings 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, Lce.-Corpl. B. Williams, Dorset Regt. (Bournemouth), conductor, 5, Sapper F. W. Booth, R.E. (Embsay), 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beals 8. After service, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by L. W. Wiffen, was rung on the middle six, treble leading and tenor covering, with C. Tewkesbury treble, the rest as before.

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