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Gentlemen.

The re-soning 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. BUCK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

## MODERN WORK

## THE OPPORTUNITIES OF CHRISTMAS

This year, the first for half a decade, we shall be able to celebrate Christmas without the overshadowing thought of war. For the first time for five years the bells will once more ring out their age-honoured message of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." After the stress of a war, which has been the most terrible and the most stupendous in history, there will be an added emphasis in the note of peace which will pour forth from the belfries next week, when the great Christmas festival is kept. Maybe, the "peace on earth" which the bells will herald will be a final peace. Time alone will reveal this, but when we realise that the thoughts of men are turned now in the one direction of how this can be attained, it is not too much to say that those who join in ringing the bells at this new peace-time Christmastide, will be taking part in a celebration of unique interest.

The restraints having been lifted, there is every reason to hope that throughout the country there will come with Yuletide a great recrudescence of ringing. Towers, which the necessities of war-time have closed, are opening again, and with the prospect of many ringers from overseas being home on Christmas leave, there will be opportunities for a spirited revival in many parts of the country. The sound of the bells merrily pealing will be in keeping with the spirits of the people, but we must not overlook the fact that their sounds, in the poet's words, will to many a home "bring sorrow touched with joy." At the same time there will be nothing which will recall the happy times of the past and rekindle the spirit which is characteristic of Christmas more readily than the bells.

Let ringers, therefore, be up and doing during this festive season. There will never be an occasion, we feel sure, when the sounds of the bells will be more gladly welcomed than in this first Christmas after the passing of the shadow of a great calamity. And not only will the bells be welcomed where they are rung, but it is quite certain that in the places where their notes are absent there will be disappointment among an expectant public. If it is only for short spells at any one tower, every effort ought to be made to get the bells of every belfry rung during the festival, and where some of the ringers are absent, some such co-operation as that introduced for celebrating the armistice might well be organised. Ringers from neighbouring towers might amalgamate and pay a round of visits, for the opportunity which this Christmas presents ought not to be lost. Never in history has there been a time when the nation was more ready than it is to-day to welcome

The bells and chimes of motherland, of England, green and old.  
That out from grey and ivied towers, a thousand years have tolled!

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### ARMISTICE PEALS.

The following six peals were scored by visitors and friends during a Ringing Week in Shropshire, organized by Mr. William Mead, of Clun, to mark the successful termination of the war by Great Britain and her Allies.

CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (Birmingham Variation).

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. in F.

REV. V. A. CRESSWELL ... Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM SHORT ... 4	*WILLIAM MEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

It is exactly 250 years ago since the re-cast ring of five bells and the restored tower were opened, after having been destroyed by fire during the Civil Wars.

Arrangements for this attempt were specially made by the St. George's Society to celebrate the cessation of the European war.

First peal upon the bells. \* First peal.

CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, December 6, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT ST. GEORGE'S VICARAGE,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 size in D.

JOSEPH PIGOTT ... 1-2	*WILLIAM SHORT ... 5-6
JAMES E. GROVES ... 3-4	JAMES GEORGE ... 7-8

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Umpire: MR. W. H. FUSSELL. Witness: MR. F. H. SHEPHERD.  
Believed to be the first peal in the county upon handbells retained in hand. \* 650th peal.

CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, December 6, 1918, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

JOHN CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. in F.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	WILLIAM SHORT ... 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
JAMES GEORGE ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
JAMES E. GROVES ... 4	*REV. HAROLD J. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal.

The band belongs to the St. George's Society, Clun.

CHURCH STRETTON, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.

On Saturday, December 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qrs. 5 lbs.

JOSEPH PIGOTT ... Treble	JAMES E. GROVES ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 3	JOHN CLARKE ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

A 'peace' peal for the town of Stretton. Rung on the 247th anniversary of the dedication of the Church.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday, December 8, 1918, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. in F.

JOHN CLARKE ... .. Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

The first peal of Major upon the bells,

## WISTANSTOW, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, December 9th, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2	JOHN CLARKE ... .. 6
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as an 'Armistice' peal for the parish of Wistanstow.

\* 500th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND OLDHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD LAWTON ... .. Treble	SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH ... .. 5
ALBERT CLEGG ... .. 2	SAMUEL STOTT ... .. 6
EDWIN B. SHAW ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PLATT ... .. 7
HERBERT BARLOW ... .. 4	JAMES GARLICK ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS THURSTAN.

Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. John Butterworth, father of the ringer of the 5th.

## GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HEDSON ... .. 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 6
JOSEPH WAITE ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. SMITH ... .. 4	JOSEPH A. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Sergt. J. B. Jackson of the Guiseley Company, who died in a German hospital in June.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to Christmas falling in next week and the consequent necessity of going to press two days earlier, communications intended for publication should be sent in as soon as possible, and nothing for the next issue can be accepted after the first post on Monday.

## GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 5
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 2	ALFRED E. HILLIER ... .. 6
LIEUT. JOHN F. BIRD ... .. 3	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... .. 7
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... .. 4	JOHN S. RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

Rung to celebrate the Armistice.

The treble ringer's first peal with this Association. He is from Enfield in Suffolk and has been engaged for some months on the Tyne with munition work, and has rendered useful service to ringing in Newcastle and District.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 12, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT E. NEWICK ... .. Treble	GEORGE DURLING ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... .. 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	WALTER SMITH ... .. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 4	ISAAC EMERY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

For calling see K.C.A. report, 1909. Peal No. 1475.

The conductor has now rung each of St. Luke's bells to a peal.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

F/S. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... .. 5
RICKS PAINE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
SPR. R. F. DEAL, R.E. ... .. 3	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 7
CHARLES WINNER ... .. 4	EDWARD FRIEND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

Rung to commemorate our glorious victory of the Allies, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. A. Holden.

First peal since 1911 for Richard Deal, who returned from Australia in 1915, to join H.M. Forces.

## RICHMOND, YORKS.

On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

† ALBERT MORTON ... .. Treble	RALPH S. LONG ... .. 5
GOULDEN J. LUNGLEY ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 6
T. HENRY HARDY ... .. 3	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 7
* VICTOR WEBB ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

The ringer of the treble is a member of the local band, the ringers of the 2nd and 7th belong to Darlington, Durham, whilst the ringers of 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are soldiers stationed in Catterick Camp, and hail from Leicester, Kidlington, Grimsby, Bushey, and Greenwich, London, respectively.

YORK.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary Senior, R shophill, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by: H. N. Imeson 1. Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), 2. W. Fountain 3. P. Firth 4. E. Rickett 5. A. C. Fearney 6.

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### A UNIQUE PERFORMANCE.

The peal records this week contain an interesting and unique performance, Miss Edith K. Parker having called a peal of Stedman Triples from the tenor. Few of the most accomplished ringers can claim to have done this, and the Exercise will join in congratulating Miss Parker on her achievement.

### BOXING DAY.

Ringers are invited to join a trip (by tram-car and short walks) to three eight-bell towers, and one ten-bell tower on December 26th, starting at Acton at 10.30. On receipt of a postcard full details will be forwarded by W. Lawrence, 'Auburn,' Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, W.13.

### RINGER'S DEATH IN FRANCE.

At Washborough, Lincs, on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Pte. F. Powell, who died whilst in France: T. Kent 1, H. Knott 2, J. W. Ash 3, T. Clarke 4, J. Walden (conductor) 5, W. Walker 6, J. Hufton 7, W. Clarke 8.

### GUISELEY RINGER DIES IN GERMANY.

News has just been received in Guiseley that Sergt. J. B. Jackson, one of the ringers of St. Oswald's Church, died in June last in a German hospital, while a prisoner of war. The deceased was an excellent ringer on both tower and handbells, and will be greatly missed. He had rung 85 peals in various methods. On Sunday week a half-muffled peal, recorded in another column, was rung to his memory.

Seven members of the Guiseley company served with H.M. Forces.

### CORPL. JOHN ARMSTRONG BACK.

A cheery postcard has come to hand from Corpl. John Armstrong of Southgate, Master of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since March. He writes from Dover under date of December 12th: 'Glad to say I am back again in the land of bells, and hope to be among them soon. I arrived yesterday, and I hope to be home soon. I am glad to say I am feeling much better than when amongst the Boche. Wishing you and all ringers a happy Christmas, with better times to come.'

### DEATH OF LIEUT. WASHBROOK.

The deep sympathy of the Exercise will go out once more to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who has lost yet another son through the war. Lieut. Mark Washbrook was 20 years of age, and had been serving with the Forces since he was 16. Just before the conclusion of hostilities he was attending the burial of one of his men, when a shell burst near by, severely wounding Lieut. Washbrook in the head. He was conveyed to hospital, but died without regaining consciousness, except for very brief periods. This is the third son which Mr. and Mrs. Washbrook have lost in the fighting.

### LADIES' GUILD MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Shore. Owing to the influenza epidemic the attendance was not so large as had been anticipated, but nevertheless the ringers who did attend had a very enjoyable time. Ringing started at 3.30 p.m., and, with the exception of a short interval for tea, continued till 7.30. Many of the ladies who usually ring on six bells had an excellent opportunity for some eight-bell practice, and took full advantage of it. A good tea was served at the village inn, at which about 20 sat down. It is hoped to hold another meeting in this district in the near future.

### THE YOUNGEST ARMISTICE RINGER.

*To the Editor.*  
Dear Sir.—Seeing in 'The Ringing World' of November 22nd a report that Mr. J. Heathorn rang on the day the Armistice was signed, at the age of 84, I thought it would be of interest to your readers to know that Miss F. C. Daniels, son of Mr. J. S. Daniels, steeple keeper of Emmanuel Church, Sreatham, aged 10 years last October, also rang for the Armistice. For one so young, he handles his bell remarkably well. He commenced ringing in October, 1917, and rang for the capture of Jerusalem. It would be of interest to know if any other ringer of younger age rang for the Armistice. I might mention that he is the fourth generation of ringers in his family.—Yours sincerely,  
L. ATFWATER.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, for evening service, 720 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, Miss Stuart 4, T. Stuart 5, W. S. Forshaw 6, J. Burrows 7 (cover).—On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 608 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, T. Watson 3, Miss Stuart 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. For evening service, 640 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Stuart 2, J. Huddleston 3, T. Watson (conductor) 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows 8.



**SUGGESTED REVIVAL OF THE 'ANGELUS.'****PROPOSAL AT SALISBURY GUILD MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Wimbome Branch was held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday week. Ringing started by 2.30, and the bells were kept going with short touches and rounds till 4.15, when the service took place. Prayers were read by the Rev. F. L. Edwards (secretary of the Guild), and a helpful address given by the Rector (the Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips), who is also vice-chairman of the branch. Mr. Brett kindly presided at the organ. Tea followed in the school, about 70 members and friends sitting down. Among those present were Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (past Master), Mr. C. H. Jennings (secretary of the Dorchester Branch), Q.-M. Sergt. Cave, R.E., and members from Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Dorchester (St. Peter's), Lytchett Minster, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Salisbury (St. Martin's), Shillingstone, Shroton, Sturminster Marshall, Swanage, Wool, Wyke Regis, etc. Three or four ringers were home on leave, one from France, another from Mesopotamia.

The balance sheet, which showed a Victory Bond in the balance in hand, was passed, the officers were re-elected, and some 20 new members proposed, including the Rector and the company from Shroton (captain, Mr. J. W. Harvey), who will considerably strengthen the Guild in the northern part of the Branch.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards brought up the subject of the permanent revival of the ringing of the Angelus on at least one day in the week—Friday—as a memorial of the men of each parish who had given their lives for their country.

Mr. Jennings (secretary of Dorchester Branch) offered the good wishes of the sister branch for another year's work, and the proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector.

The ringing afterwards lasted (till nearly 9 p.m.), short touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent being brought round, and ending with 5 courses of Double Norwich rung by: C. H. Jennings 1, C. W. Goodenough 2, G. W. Granger 3, Donald Williams 4, A. F. Martin Stewart 5, Lewis Wiffen 6, F. W. Townsend 7, Q.-M. Sergt. Cave, R.E. (conductor) 8.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT WEST EALING.**

Although the weather was by no means cheering, twenty-one members and friends met at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday afternoon, on the occasion of a meeting of the Middlesex Association. Short touches in methods up to Kent Treble Bob were the order of the day, and one rung before the service is worthy of mention. This was 192 Grandsire Triples in which the three ladies took part: Miss Dora Feltham 1, Miss Edith Jones 2, Miss Norah Williams 3, Mr. Payne 4, C. R. Walker 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, E. F. Pike 7, Harvey Beadle 8. A short service, with music, was held at 5 o'clock, when the Vicar (the Rev. W. Halliday Thompson, LL.D.) officiated. Miss Feltham (Hillingdon) presiding at the organ.

On a return to the belfry, the District Master, Mr. T. Beadle, read a letter from the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. C. Chandler), who was unable to be present.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for giving his sanction to hold the meeting, to the representative of the tower for making all the arrangements, and to the lady for the help she had rendered at the service.

Ringers were present from Acton, Brockley, Bromley, Camberwell, Harlington, Hammersmith, Hillingdon, Hornsey, Isleworth, Witney and Willesden, including P. W. Norton, J. A. Dart, A. Beckesale, R. Holloway, W. Hewett, I. Emery, G. H. Head, J. R. Rooze, H. Stevens, A. Harding, C. Edwards, and W. L.

**PETERBOROUGH RINGERS' ENJOYABLE TRIP**

Eight of the twelve ringers of St. Mary's, Peterborough, were able recently to accept the invitation of the Rev. W. A. Mandall, Vicar of Langham, a former curate of St. Mary's, to ring on the nice peal of six bells at Langham Church. On their arrival the visitors were met by the Vicar and his ringers, Messrs. Baker, Shillaker, Miss C. Munday, and others. The bells were soon going to Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a well-struck 720 was rung by: G. Barker 1, Kathleen Jutson 2, W. Waldron 3, H. Waldron 4, J. J. Jutson 5, F. Rowlinson 6. Other touches of Oxford and Plain Bob Minor, and Grandsire and Stelman Doubles were rung, in which Elsie Brandon, Ivy Smedley and members of the local company took part. A sumptuous tea was provided by the Vicar, during which he announced they had arranged for the party to ring at Oakham, and as he had intended to give them supper, they should be provided with refreshment on the way home. At Oakham, accompanied by the Langham ringers, the party were met by W. E. Higgs, Sergt. H. Burbeck, and T. Wheeler, and some good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on this fine ring of eight bells from the Croydon foundry. The thanks of the ringers are extended to all concerned in making the outing a great success.

**CLUN AND ITS CHURCH.****THE FIRST PEALS ON THE BELLS.**

Sing Wee merily peace bee to Clvn. 1668. I.M.  
(the 4th Bell inscription).

Two hundred and fifty years ago a ring of five bells was cast at the bell foundry of John Martin, of Worcester, for the early English settlement of Clun, to replace much older bells that were destroyed by fire, together with the contents of the tower some time previous to 1647.

Clun was an important town then, with its beautiful castle and, till recent times, enjoyed the dignity of a borough with its charter of 1308. Compared with other neighbouring places which have since superseded it the town was reputed wealthy, and was ever considered to be an old-world beauty spot, lying amidst extravagant woodland scenery and enclosed by numerous hills that form part of the boundary line 'twixt England and Wales. It takes its name from a small river that has supplied a title to three other parishes spread along eight miles of winding rural highway to the nearest railway at Craven Arms Junction—

' Clunbury, Clunton, Conglunford and Clun.

Four happy parishes basking in sun.'

Clun has a long history. Watling Street, a Roman roadway, runs about a half-mile west of Craven Arms, and probably Coxwell Knowle, near Buckhill, was the spot where Caractacus, the great British leader, fought his last battle with the Romans; the camp, known as Caer Caradoc, just above Chapel Lawn, Clun, was the town stormed afterwards by the Roman Army. The next wave of conquest which rolled over the district was the Saxon invasion of Shropshire, about 778, which probably reached the neighbourhood of Clun soon afterwards. The whole of this district was included in the great middle Kingdom of England, or Mercia; it formed the very edge of it, however, and was only held by hard fighting against the dispossessed Welsh, so that Offa, the greatest of Mercian kings, made in 792 the great dyke which bears his name which crosses the Clun Valley three miles west of Clun. An ancient rule is said to have been that any Welshman found east of the Dyke was for the first offence to lose his right hand; for the second his head. The Danish invasion followed and broke up the Mercian Kingdom, till Alfred the Great stemmed the power of the Danes by the peace of Wedmore in 878, and when we next hear of this district it is under the wise and victorious rule of Ethelreda, the Lady of Mercia, and daughter of Alfred. She is recorded to have erected the Castles of Chirbury, and elsewhere, and it is very probable that Clun Castle is due to her orders, or the first foundations of it. Under the shelter of its Castle would spring up the little town and its church, and indeed the church was not there before the castle. The Saxon Domitian was ended by the Norman Conquest in 1066, and William the Conqueror made Roger de Montgomery one of his most powerful barons. The civil, military and ecclesiastical history of Clun teems with interesting facts, and its gradual decline began early in the 16th century. Leland reported the Castle, a small but strongly-built fortress, as ruinous in 1539, and it was not fit to be put into a state of defence during the Civil War, the town being occupied mostly by Royalist troops, who plundered where they could, and set fire to the church lest it should serve as a place of defence for the Parliamentary troops. Isabella de Say, Lady of Clun, on her death-bed, gave the Church of St. George, Clun, with all its dependent chapels to the Clunian Priory of Much Wenlock in 1199. Formerly there was but one parish church to an area of 16 by 10 miles, the outlying chapels subsequently becoming independent. The civil parish of Clun is still over 20,000 acres in extent. At the dissolution of Wenlock Priory, 1538, the right of patronage of Clun was seized by the Crown, sold at various times, and remains now in the hands of the Earl of Powis.

The Parish Church consists of nave, supported by massive late Norman piers and arcade, north and south aisles with a huge plain western tower, measuring 22ft. square internally, and a large north porch with a chamber over it. There are two early Norman arches intact, the rest is transitional work of much beauty and well-proportioned. The chancel was restored in 1877, and over the east window is a 15th-century wooden canopy. The roof of the north aisle is an impressive piece of medieval carpentry. The pulpit, one mass of hand carving, dates from 1640-50, and some of the seats of about the same date are carved with weird dragons, and line the walls of the south aisle.

The church suffered severely in the Civil Wars, and led to the inhabitants presenting a petition to Parliament in 1647. In 1666 a Royal Brief was issued, after the fashion of those days, for collections in every church throughout England, Wales and Cornwall, towards the rebuilding of the church, which was described as so ruinous as not to be worth repairing, but though money was collected nothing or little was done. In 1877, during the vicariate of Prebendary Warner, it was discovered that the sum of £2,000 and over was still owing to the church under the brief of more than 200 years before.

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**BOLTON, YORKSHIRE.****THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

JOHN PALFRAMAN ... .. Treble	ROBERT WM. JENNISON ... 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARK ... .. 3	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... 7
ALBERT NORTH ... .. 4	HERBERT PEEL ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY, Ilkeston.

Conducted by WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON.

Rung in celebration of Election Day.

The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 6th belong to Bolton, the 4th to Mirfield, the 5th to Keighley and the rest to Birstal.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.****ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... .. 5
THOMAS H. BICKNELL ... 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 6
MISS KATE PIGOTT ... .. 3	JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 7
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... .. 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

\* First peal in the Method.

† First peal with a Bob Bell.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss S. Pigott of Smethwick and Mr. W. B. Preston, son of the ringer of the 7th.

**EDMONTON.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD***On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

E. MACRICE ATKINS ... .. Treble	EDWARD F. COLE ... .. 5
CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6
WILLIAM J. PEVARD ... .. 3	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 7
HARRY FOWLER ... .. 4	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

Rung to celebrate the signing of the Armistice.

**PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	FRED J. CULLUM ... .. 5
JOHN SYMONS ... .. 2	(E.A., H.M.S. Vernon) 5
FREDERICK BURNETT ... .. 3	JOSHUA D. HARRIS ... .. 6
FRED HOLLAWAY ... .. 4	SERGE-MAJOR MACKMAN ... 7
	(A. Gym. Staff) 7
	EDWIN J. HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a welcome to President Wilson on his visit to the Allies, and to celebrate the signing of the Armistice. Grandsire had to be rung owing to meeting short for Stedman, and it was the first peal in the method on the bells. Sergt.-Major Mackman is one of the heroes of Mons, where he was badly wounded in 1914.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: K. Salter 1, T. J. Salter 2, G. Davis 3, Corpl. C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 4, R. Moy 5, J. Woodberry 6, C. Beaman 7, A. Wright 8. On the following Wednesday, 504 of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for Corpl. C. H. Woodberry, Coldstream Guards, who was home on leave from France.

**A STEEPLEKEEPER'S DEATH.**

Sergt.-Major John Webb, secretary, steeplekeeper and leading light of the Benhlton (Sutton, Surrey), ringers, died at Ashford, Kent, on November 28th, from double pneumonia, following influenza. He was 35 years of age, and was interred as close to Benhlton tower (with its peal of eight bells) as it possibly could be. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, December 4th. The bells were rung before and after the interment to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples by: Capt. Freeborn, Messrs. F. Ford, A. J. Perkins, A. Boxall, G. Dean, C. Bance, F. Holder, and W. Joiner, of Carshalton, Mitcham, Beddington and Sutton, the conductors being F. Holder, Capt. Freeborn, and A. J. Perkins. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the open grave by: F. Ford 1-2, Capt. Freeborn 3-4, A. J. Perkins 5-6, W. Joiner 7-8.

In the evening a 500 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by J. Lambert, the ringers taking part being: J. Lambert, F. Walker, W. Joiner, F. Ford, A. Calver, W. Smith, L. Ferridge, and A. Bandle.

John Webb was an enthusiast, and the writer of these few lines was glad to be able to be of some little service to him when he was struggling with that masterpiece of bob calling—Holt's Original, by 'laying it out' for him in as easy a manner as possible for calling, which he succeeded in doing. He also rang the 7th to a quarter-peal of London Surprise at Mitcham, and had it not been for the war would probably have rung a peal of 'London' by this time, for the opinion of those in the know still holds good that it should be the ambition of every ringer to call 'The Original' and ring a peal of 'London.'

Sergt.-Major Webb is the second ringer of the tower who has 'crossed the bar.' Mitcham has also suffered severely through the loss of the son of Mr. W. S. Smith (a promising young ringer), Ben Morris and D. Drewett (the son of the worthy Master of the Surrey Association); Beddington has lost one, in the person of E. Plowman (a promising lad), and son of Mr. A. J. Plowman.

A. J. P.

On Dec. 9th, Benhlton bells were rung half-muffled, and 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, was brought round by: A. Boxall 1, W. Smith 2, J. A. Lambert 3, A. Mason 4, A. Calver 5, F. Ford 6, Capt. Freeborn 7, W. Hodges 8.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church on September 3rd, 672 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Stuart 2, J. Huddleston 3, T. Watson 4, T. Stuart 5, W. S. Forshaw 6, F. Willey (conductor) 7, W. H. Dennison 8. On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service, 720 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss Stuart 2, J. Huddleston 3, T. Watson 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

**RICHMOND, YORKS.**—On Sept. 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: A. Morton 1, T. Hathaway 2, Bombr. W. Wilson 3, Bombr. A. J. Sanderson 4, R. J. Todd 5, Pte. M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 6. Arranged for T. Hathaway, of Otley, Leeds, who was on a visit to Richmond. The ringers of 3 and 4 hail from West Auckland and Workington respectively. On Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: Gunn. V. Webb 1, Corpl. H. W. Cattlewell 2, A. Morton 3, J. T. Frenchum 4, R. J. Todd 5, Pte. M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. J. Frenchum, son of the ringer of the 4th, on his 22nd birthday, four of which have been spent in France. He is also an old ringer at St. Mary's Church. The ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Romford and Kidlington respectively.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, September 8th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 700 Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Lindridge 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Sergt. E. G. Buesden 6, E. F. Slade 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. For evensong 1248 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Sadler 1, Sergt. E. G. Buesden 2, C. H. Howard 3, G. Lindridge 4, W. H. Dyson 5, E. F. Slade 6, Lee-Corpl. G. F. W. Williams (conductor) 7.

**TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sept. 8th, at St. George's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1270 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Wells 1, James Alfred 2, A. Alfred (conductor) 3, H. Smith 4, W. Hindley 5, J. T. Alfred 6, H. Alfred 7, W. Hives 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 8th, who hail from Leigh.

**WORSLEY.**—Lancashire Association.—On Saturday, Sept. 14th, at St. Mark's Church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made, and came to grief after ringing one hour and 54 mins. through a missed call. The peal was arranged as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Hulton), who has accepted the living of Holy Trinity, Southport, and who preached his farewell sermon the following day. The ringers were: Miss Emma Tenge 1, A. Ridyard (conductor) 2, J. Hall 3, F. Stoneley 4, Fred. Gundy 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, J. Porter 7, W. Dawson (Prestwich) 8. The ringers of 2, 3 and 4 hail from Miles Platting; 7 from Walkden; the rest belong to the local company.

**NOTICES.**

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Field, W.C., on Saturday, December 21st, 1918. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea, if necessities can be obtained. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Matlock on Saturday, December 21st. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8), tenor 20 cwt., available from 2.30 until 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Men's Club, Westwood Lane (only cups of tea provided); business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells available all the afternoon. Business meeting, 4 o'clock. St. John's bells, Cardiff, available from 10 to 3 and from 7 to 9.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at East Retford on Boxing Day, December 26th, when the bells of East Retford (10), Ordsall (6), West Retford (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to members of kindred associations to attend, and it is hoped to have a good attendance of members present of the Army and Navy who are having their Christmas leave.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be open to all ringers on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, at 2 p.m. sharp, until 7.30.—A. J. Perkins, 3, Mellows Road, South Beddington, Wallington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, January 4th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, 77, Bell Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.**

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Ringers desires to send greetings to his ringing friends, all the heartier, because the war is over and won. There has been a sadness of farewell in the many muffled peals rung of late; but there is the Christmas message of the bells to come, which he trusts may be but the prelude of a brighter and happier New Year for all.

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