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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.

REPORTING THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

When "The Ringing World" first made its appearance it made the novel departure of providing its own independent report of the proceedings of the Central Council. Up to that time the Council, at any rate for many years, had supplied its own report of the meeting to the existing journal, had paid the cost of taking the note, the transcript of which was officially edited before it appeared in print. "The Ringing World," however, has sent a member of its own staff to report each of the meetings that have been held since the paper was established, not only because it desired to ensure for the Exercise an absolutely independent account of the proceedings, but also because it would not put itself under an obligation to the Council for a report of a meeting of such importance and general interest to ringers at large. That policy has doubtless met with the appreciation of the Exercise, and it had the effect of enabling the Council to cease providing, at their expense, an account of the meeting, leaving both the ringing papers on the same footing with regard to obtaining the report, which is, of course, the reasonable and fair way of doing things. It gives neither paper an opportunity of complaint, but leaves it to their enterprise to provide their readers with the best report they can get. "The Ringing World" has succeeded, by sending one of its staff, even as far as Newcastle.

Of fair competition we have no fear, but we think we have just cause to expose the methods of our contemporary in getting its report of the proceedings in London on Whit-Tuesday. No other shorthand writer than our own took any note of the proceedings, and, that being so, it is almost needless to point out that no other paper was in a position to give actual and voluminous passages from speeches without journalistic piracy. The report of the proceedings now appearing in the columns of "The Bell News" is but a piece of flagrant plagiarism, and we challenge our contemporary to prove that its report is not taken substantially from ours, despite some paraphrasing and a little curtailment. Even in journalism there is a code of etiquette, and to trade upon the enterprise of your nearest rival is not the sort of thing that is included in this code. We have not made these assertions merely at hazard; we have behind our statements such means of proof as would convince the Exercise that only one detailed report of the speeches was available, and that that report, if journalistic etiquette had been preserved, would have appeared exclusively in "The Ringing World." Even if the report is being supplied to our contemporary by someone outside its office staff, it does not in the least degree excuse this gross breach of the ethics of journalism.

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We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1915, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST POCKETT Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES DYSON 6
JESSE GILLET 3	EX-SGT. JOSEPH WILLIAMS 7
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES ... 4	SYDNEY BOYCE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 19, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

SAMUEL COTTON Treble	JOSEPH MORRIS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7
*FRED STANFORTH 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Quickest peal upon the bells rung, with the bells half-muffled, for those who fell in the Battle of Waterloo, June 18th, 1815, and for all who have fallen during the present war.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 12, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER SATTERTHWAITE ... Treble	PTE. T. F. HEWERTSON, R.E. 4
*THOMAS B. NEWTON 2	CHARLES E. WEBB 5
JOHN HOLME 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Major and Mrs. G. O. Sandys, of Graythwaite Hall, Lancashire.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

*WALTER H. AUSTIN ... Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN 4
THOMAS LAW 2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 5
*ALFRED J. MAWBY 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal of Minor.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following amount has been received for the Prince of Wales' Fund:—

Amount already-acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Ringers of Heston Parish Church, further	79	13	6
donation (per Mr. H. C. Chandler)	0	8	0

Total ... £80 1 6

AN INTERESTING PROBLEM.

By JOHN CARTER.

Finding this little problem quite interesting to myself, I think it will most probably interest others, although the principle is to a certain extent known to most ringers.

First, take the number of changes which can be made from 2 to 26 (the number of letters in the alphabet), then the number of figures which are in the different changes on from 2 to 26. And then find the size of paper required to hold these changes where no figure must occupy more than the 100th part of a square inch.

As example, take No. 5 on which the changes run to 120, the space of paper required is 600 of these one-hundredth parts of a square inch or 6 square inches, say, 3 inches by 2 inches. On 12 the changes will run to 479,001,600 and the space required is 5,748,019,200 or 44,352 square yards, say, 100 yards wide by a little over 443½ yards long.

The paper required to hold all the changes on all the letters of the alphabet allowing the one-hundredth part of a square inch for each letter is 80,907,237,571,695,575,040,000 square yards, which would be sufficient to cover the whole world 147,000,000 times, but I do not advise any ringer to start and write all these changes down.

Another peculiarity is that the number of changes which can be got is either 9 or a factor or multiple of 9: thus in 720 the figures are 7 and 2=9, 5040, 5 and 4=9, and so on, while if one or more rows are added together it is the same, or they may be 1, 1, or 1, and still the factor or multiple is 9, both in the number of changes and in the figures of the number of changes.

Without giving the figures on all the numbers from one to 26, which run to enormous totals, we give some examples which illustrate the problem.

No. of bells
or figures.

Changes that can be made.

1	1	1/3 9=3
2	2	
3	6	2/3 9=6
4	24	2/3 9=6
5	120	1/3 9=3
6	720	1 x 9=9
7	5,040	1 x 9=9
8	40,320	1 x 9=9
9	362,880	3 x 9=27
10	3,628,800	3 x 9=27
11	39,916,800	4 x 9=36
12	479,001,600	3 x 9=27
25	15,511,210,043,330,985,984,000,000	8 x 9=72
26	403,291,461,126,605,635,584,000,000	9 x 9=81

Figures in number of changes.

1	1	
2	4	
3	18	1 x 9=9
4	96	1 2/3 9=15
5	600	2/3 9=6
6	4,320	1 x 9=9
7	35,280	2 x 9=18
8	322,560	2 x 9=18
9	3,265,920	3 x 9=27
10	36,288,000	3 x 9=27
11	439,084,800	4 x 9=36
12	5,748,019,200	4 x 9=36
25	387,780,251,083,274,649,600,000,000	10 x 9=90
26	10,485,577,989,291,746,525,184,000,000	13 x 9=117

Paper required to hold all the changes.

1	1/100 sq. in.
2	1/25 .. "
3	9/50 .. "
4	24/25 .. "
5	6 .. "
6	43 1/5 .. "
7	2 9/20 .. ft.
8	2 22/45 .. yds.
9	25 4/5 .. "
10	280 .. "
11	3874 1/9 .. "
12	44,352 .. "
25	2,992,131,567,000,576,000,000 .. "
26	80,907,237,571,695,575,040,000 .. "

DENTON, MANCHESTER.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on May 23rd, for evening service, 720 College Pleasure. On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, 720 Killamars, and for evening service, 720 Tanner's Pleasure: D. Wilde (first in the methods) 1, H. Bardsley (first in the methods away from treble) 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 4, A. E. Walters 5, W. Wright 6.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONTEST.

The annual meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax District Association was held at Elland on Saturday last, when the bells of St. Mary's Church were placed at the Society's disposal by the kindness of the Rector, Canon Winter.

Four sets of ringers took part in the contest, viz., Halifax, Birstall, Ripponden, and Earlsheaton, each company ringing a test piece of 608 changes, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Johnson, of Leeds, and Mr. Simon and Mr. Brook, of Elland.

The draw for the order of ringing took place at 3 o'clock, and when the first company had gone into the tower to ring a slide broke, and ringing was consequently delayed about an hour and a half. The contest, therefore, did not conclude until about 8 p.m.

During the afternoon a splendid tea was served in the Parish School-room to over 90 ringers, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The annual meeting took place at the conclusion of the ringing in the Parish Schoolroom, with the President (Mr. Cotterell) in the chair, supported by the Rector and the officers of the Association. The balance sheet was read and explained by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ambler) showing the income to have been £3 18s. 6d., with a credit balance of £20 at the bank and in hand.

No new nominations having been received, the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc.

The place of the next meeting and contest was left for the secretary to arrange, and the financial year was altered from June 30th to May 31st.

The result of the contest was announced by Mr. Johnson as follows:

No. 1 Company, Ripponden	617 faults
No. 2 Company, Earlsheaton	157 faults
No. 3 Company, Halifax	375 faults
No. 4 Company, Birstall	185 faults

Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Vicar for the use of his bells, and was heartily carried.

Canon Winter, in reply, said that he felt a very great pleasure at being asked to take part in the meeting. He had been ordained 27 years, and it was the first time he had been asked to take part in a meeting of that sort. He liked change ringing, although he knew nothing of the art itself. He had visited Belgium, France and Germany, and although they had some beautiful bells they did not appeal to him as our change ringing did. To show how deep-rooted was the liking for the bell ringing of England, he said he had had several letters from the men at the front, and, though none of them said they would like to be home again to hear him preach, they would like to hear the church bells ringing again. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the conductor of the winning team, and hoped it would not be long before the Association went to Elland again.

Mr. Goodall received the cup, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, to which Mr. Johnson replied.

A vote of thanks to the President and hon. treasurer brought a very successful meeting to a close.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

Spr. Leonard Drake, of Goolle, 229th Co. Royal Engineers, now at Doncaster.
Pte Charles Cecil Gibbs, of Camberwell, 1st Surrey Rifles, now at Camberwell.
Spr. Ernest Stone (No. 92737), of St. Nicholas', Nunenton, 216th Fortress Co., Royal Engineers, stationed at Nunenton.
Pte H. Rodwell, of St. James', Sutton, near Hull, Hull Heavy Battery, R.F.A., now at Hedon.
Sergt. J. Hare (No. 254), of St. Mary's, Beverley, 1/5 Yorkshire Regiment, was killed in action at St. Julian, Ypres, on April 29th.
Second Corpl. A. R. Macdonald (No. 41816), of the 71st Field Co., R.E., formerly of Bournemouth, has sailed from England to join the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

DEATH OF VETERAN STOCKPORT RINGER.

We regret to have to record the passing of another veteran ringer, the death occurring with painful suddenness on Monday evening of Mr. William Gordon, senr., of Stockport, who had reached the age of 77 years. Mr. Gordon had been associated with bells nearly all his life, for when quite a boy he used to ring the 8 o'clock bell at the Parish Church, and continued to do so for some 13 or 14 years. Mr. Gordon had almost reached his diamond jubilee as a member of the Parish Church company, having joined it over 59 years ago. For a long period he had been conductor and steeplekeeper, and was in his usual place on Sunday morning and evening last, when he conducted touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and betrayed no sign of the fatal seizure which was so soon to overtake him. A member of the Chester Guild and Lancashire Association, Mr. Gordon had rung between 20 and 30 peals, and was well known as a writer and publisher of handbell music.

BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

Our recent article, calling attention to the lamentable pass to which the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, have come, through being displaced from the spire, has, happily, reached a public outside the ranks of ringers. For this we have to thank the "Coventry Standard," an extremely influential Coventry paper, which quoted our editorial "in extenso," and adds the following comments of its own:—

"It is pleasing to know that St. Michael's bells are being borne in mind, and that their future is not accepted as a foregone conclusion—based on their present state—for all time. Every Sunday when they are chimed their music is an appeal for something better for them. When the chiming machinery is too slowly used the appeal is melancholy, when it is too rapidly used it becomes angry—almost frantic; even at its best it is a poor, stammering, substitute for the swinging peal. In any case it is an argument which makes itself heard, and sooner or later I believe it will produce a response.

"I'll tell you what," as Mr. Boffin was wont to say. The new Diocese of Warwickshire will come very quickly when national affairs once more become normal, and inasmuch as the people will not have to provide a cathedral, St. Michael's Church being ready to hand do you not think they might care to supplement their Diocesan contributions by raising a subscription for a new campanile—as a thankoffering, say, for the triple joys of peace, the provision of the new Diocese, and the existence of the cathedral? If the Warwickshire Guild should keep the matter in mind, there is a hint in this for the members when the time is ripe.

"Peradventure there may be another George Woodcock biding his time. Who can tell? If there be, what better memorial could he have than a campanile in keeping with the majestic tower which Mr. Woodcock did so much to preserve from ruin. His name would be linked for ever with the Botoners—

'William and Adam built the tower,
Ann and Mary built the spire'

—and George Woodcock, and future generations would say of him, that while the Botoners and Woodcock built and preserved the tower, he restored 'the music bordering highest on heaven' which, hundreds of years ago, earned for Coventry the world-wide name of 'the ringing town.'

We trust that the hopes we expressed and to which the "Coventry Standard" has given such an excellent backing may some day be realised.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held under favourable conditions at Denholme Gate, on Saturday week, when upwards of 50 members attended, the following towers being represented: Bradford, Bolton, Guiseley, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Hunslet, Keighley, Kildwick, Lightcliffe, Northowram, Pudsey, Shipley, Tong, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening, the bells were rung in a variety of methods, and handbells were also well utilised. Tea was partaken of in the schools, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. G. B. Bolland (vice-president of district) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President), Mr. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Colterill (treasurer), and members of the committee.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on September 11th, and, no invitations being received, it was left to the committee to select a place. It was announced that the committee had arranged a practice meeting to be held at Guiseley on Saturday, July 17th, from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and the Chairman explained that the object of these meetings was to practise the various methods.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for making the necessary arrangements was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, and seconded by Mr. G. B. Bolland.—Mr. A. Hoyle, one of the local company, in responding, said the Vicar was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to a prior engagement, and he gave a hearty welcome to the Association to Denholme Gate, and hoped they would have a very enjoyable meeting.—Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed, and Mr. F. Dixon seconded, a vote of thanks to the ladies who had arranged the tea, and this was acknowledged by one of the ladies.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

WATERLOO.

Had the state of affairs been different to what it is doubtless there would have been many peals rung to celebrate the centenary of the victory of Waterloo, which occurred last Friday. It would be interesting, however, to know what records exist of peals rung to commemorate the event itself. Such a peal was rung at Farnham, Surrey, and is recorded on a MS. now hung in the ringing chamber, as follows:
July 3rd, 1815,

was rung in this Tower in commemoration of the glorious victory of the battle of Waterloo, June 15, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

J. Garforth	1	C. Newman	5
R. Wheeler	2	J. Newman	6
J. Fewtrell	3	J. Wheeler	7
W. Ride	4	W. Ireson	8

TWO PEALS OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, BIRMINGHAM.

23456789		23456789	
42356978	7 in and out at 3	42356978	7 in and out at 3
32654	8-9	32654	8-9
43256	9 in 3 S	43256	9 in 3 S
25346	8 in 3 S	25346	8 in 3 S
54326	8 in 3	54326	8 in 3
35426	9 in 3	35426	9 in 3
62534	8 in 2	62534	8 in 2
43265	8 in 2	43265	8 in 2
24365	9 in 3	24365	9 in 3
52463	9 in 3 S	52463	9 in 3 S
35264	9 in 3 S	35264	9 in 3 S
43562	9 in 3 S	43562	9 in 3 S
54362	9 in 3	54362	9 in 3
25463	9 in 3 S	25463	9 in 3 S
32564	9 in 3 S	32564	9 in 3 S
53264	9 in 3	53264	9 in 3
25364	9 in 3	25364	9 in 3
42563	9 in 3 S	42563	9 in 3 S
34265	9 in 3 S	34265	9 in 3 S
23465	9 in 3	23465	9 in 3
42365	9 in 3	42365	9 in 3
54263	9 in 3 S	54263	9 in 3 S
35462	9 in 3 S	35462	9 in 3 S
23564	9 in 3 S	23564	9 in 3 S
52364	9 in 3	52364	9 in 3
45263	9 in 3 S	45263	9 in 3 S
34562	9 in 3 S	34562	9 in 3 S
53462	9 in 3	53462	9 in 3
45362	9 in 3	45362	9 in 3
24563	9 in 3 S	24563	9 in 3 S
32465	9 in 3 S	32465	9 in 3 S
23465879	1.3.4	23465879	1.3.4
42365	8 in 3	42365	8 in 3
54263	8 in 3 S	54263	8 in 3 S
35462	8 in 3 S	35462	8 in 3 S
23564	8 in 3 S	23564	8 in 3 S
52364	8 in 3	52364	8 in 3
45263	8 in 3 S	45263	8 in 3 S
34562	8 in 3 S	34562	8 in 3 S
53462	8 in 3	53462	8 in 3
45362	8 in 3	45362	8 in 3
24563	8 in 3 S	24563	8 in 3 S
32465	8 in 3 S	32465	8 in 3 S
43265	8 in 3	43265	8 in 3
24365	8 in 3	24365	8 in 3
52463	8 in 3 S	52463	8 in 3 S
35264	8 in 3 S	35264	8 in 3 S
43562	8 in 3 S	43562	8 in 3 S
54362	8 in 3	54362	8 in 3
25463	8 in 3 S	25463	8 in 3 S
32564	8 in 3 S	32564	8 in 3 S
53264	8 in 3	53264	8 in 3
25364	8 in 3	25364	8 in 3
42563	8 in 3 S	42563	8 in 3 S
32547698	8 in 3 S	32547698	8 in 3 S

This peal has the 6th extent behind the 9th in the titlums and also extent behind the 8th and 8th in the titlums and in the hand stroke home position.

This peal has the 6th extent alternately behind the 9th and 8th in the titlums and hand stroke home positions.

5000 STEDMAN MAJOR.

By GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

12345	1	8	10	12
*31245	—	—	—	—
13542	—	—	—	—
34512	—	—	—	—
45231	—	—	—	—
42135	—	—	—	—
21435	—	—	—	—
14235	—	—	—	—
41532	—	—	—	—
15243	—	—	—	—
54213	—	—	—	—
12453	—	—	—	—
24153	—	—	—	—
42153	—	—	—	—
21345	—	—	—	—

The last 13 courses to be repeated twice, substituting a bob for the single in part 2.

* Short course of 8 changes.

The above is believed to be the first peal of exactly 5,000 changes with 6-7-8 home at every course end.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CLERICAL SECRETARY WELCOMES WESTERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held on Saturday last at Martley, where resides the popular Rector, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, who is also a ringer and clerical secretary of the Association. The branch was fairly well represented, though Martley is rather out of the way, and no convenient motor service is now running.

After ringing in the afternoon, a service was held in the church, at which the Rector gave a very suitable address.

Tea was provided on the Rectory lawn, and, needless to say, was much appreciated. The surroundings were perfect, roses and other flowers were in full bloom, the trim lawns and well-kept gardens were good to gaze upon, while the look-out over the open fields provided a pleasant prospect. After tea an adjournment was made to another lawn, where, under a shady tree, the business meeting was held.

It was arranged to attempt a quarterly peal at Martley, with Mr. R. G. Knowles as conductor. The next meeting is to be held at Droitwich on September 25th. One new member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his hospitality.

The members were pleased to welcome among them Mr. W. R. Small and Mr. A. Rowley, the latter being very much "at home" at Martley. It is worthy of note that out of the evil of this terrible war, good has resulted at Martley. The Rector has allowed lads to ring the "peace" bell, and from that beginning some of them can now hunt the treble in Grandsire Doubles. The bells, which are in excellent order (like everything connected with the church), were kept going during the afternoon and evening, about twelve methods being rung including Grandsire Doubles and London Surprise Minor.

MEETING AT KING'S NORTON

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch was held at King's Norton on Saturday last, under ideal conditions. As one wended one's way from the tram terminus over the railway bridge and down the hill, one soon caught sight of the handsome tower and spire of St. Nicolas' Church, where that grand peal of eight cast by Chapman and Mears in the 17th century, was sending forth its beautiful music. For the moment the striking brought to the writer's mind the record peal of London Surprise Major rung on these same bells some years ago. Beneath the shadow of the tower is the last resting place of the late Mr. W. S. Pritchett, a man who was largely responsible for bringing the science of change ringing to perfection at King's Norton, and one who knew him could not pass his grave without pausing to take a look at it. It is pleasing to note that the work commenced by him is still being carried on by his brothers, Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Messrs. Alfred and Theodore Pritchett.

Touches in various methods, especially for the younger members, were continued during the afternoon until service called the visitors within the church. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon Hugh Price) officiated, and in his address spoke of the duty of ringers, who, he said, were needed just as much as the choir. He spoke of ringers as churchmen, and of their high calling and their responsibility to act up to their high principles as churchworkers and officers. How many outside the ranks of the ringers knew of the great sacrifices which ringers made to make their calling perfect, and did ringers themselves fully realise what their duty was? The Canon referred to the use of chiming apparatuses which are fixed up in some towers, and said if he could help it he would do away with them altogether as they were an abomination. They might, perhaps, be a bit useful in the week when the ringers were away at their work, but how often were they made the excuse for ringers being absent from their places at Sunday services? He impressed upon his hearers the necessity of being at the sally for every service on Sundays and helping to make such associations as theirs one great brotherhood.

PROPOSED PEAL OF TEN.

After service, tea was kindly served on the Vicarage lawn, about seventy members and friends sitting down. In the absence of the Vicar, who was suddenly called away to a serious case of illness, Mr. T. Pritchett presided at the business meeting. Bealey was selected for the next quarterly meeting in September. Six new members were elected, including the Vicar and churchwardens of King's Norton.—In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, and to Mr. F. B. Yates for providing such a splendid repast, Mr. Mason mentioned that he trusted it would not be long before he would have the pleasure of having a ring in that beautiful tower on ten bells.

Mr. Pritchett, in responding, said how pleased he was for the Association to honour them with another meeting at their grand old place, and trusted it would not be the last meeting held there. Speaking with reference to the address of the Vicar he, as a ringer, thought the Vicar had got right on his side. Speaking for himself, he did not think ringers should be compelled to attend service every time they rang, but he thought they should attend at least one of the services for which they rang. He also mentioned that Mr. Churchwarden Yates had informed him that he had got as far as to get an estimate for work to increase the bells into a peal of ten, and no doubt something would soon be done to mature the scheme.

A well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells was given by Miss Johnson 1—2, D. J. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, W. Short 5—6, J. E. Groves 7—8, H. Withers 9—10. A further visit to the tower was

made, and ringing was indulged in in the standard methods, also in Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, and brought another pleasant and successful meeting to a close. The following towers were represented: Old Hill, Kidderminster, Wolverley, Selly Oak, Clent, Edgbaston, St. Martin's, Redditch; Stourbridge, Smethwick, Wribbenhall, Wordsley, Oldswinford, Halesowen, Hinton-on-the-Green, Belbroughton, Woolaston, Northfield, Cradley, and the local company,

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

VILLAGE TOWERS HARD HIT BY WAR'S DEMANDS.

The annual meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Ross on Thursday of last week. The attendance was rather less than half what it usually is, a very large proportion of the members being with the colours, while hay harvest having already begun, many others were unable to spare the time. Divine service (at the fine old Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin) was held at 11 a.m., and was hearty and impressive. The sermon was preached by the Rev. V. A. Creswell on the words: "To every man his work," and was a stirring appeal to all to serve God as baptised soldiers of the Cross, both in daily life, and in their special church work.

The business meeting, which followed the service, took place in the Upper Schoolroom, under the presidency of the Master (Mr. L. G. Buchanan), when the officers and committee were re-elected with several additions.

A well thought out proposal for altering the present mode of electing the committee on what he believed to be more democratic lines was made by Mr. H. S. Cooper, of Ross, but the general feeling of the meeting was that the present system was more suitable to the peculiar circumstances of the Guild, and the proposal lapsed for want of a seconder.

Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Glasbury, raised the question of sub-division into districts. Several speakers expressed approval of the principle, but most were of opinion that such an important matter was better left over till more tranquil times.

The meeting endorsed the action taken by the committee in discontinuing the services of the regular instructor during the war, but it was pointed out that the hon. secretary was prepared to provide competent ringers as assistant instructors for any towers that require their services.

The company sat down to luncheon in the Lower School, and the usual loyal and other toasts were duly honoured, with the addition of "absent friends" in special reference to members on military service.

Although members had attended the meeting prepared to forgo the usual ringing which accompanies their annual festival, the fine ring of eight bells at Ross were very kindly placed at their disposal by the Rector, and were made good but moderate use of both before the service and during the afternoon. About a dozen ringers also accepted the kind invitation of the Rev. V. A. Creswell to ringing and tea at St. Weonard's, while another small party visited Weston-under-Pengard (by special request).

In all 46 members attended, representing about 18 of the towers attached to the Guild, while numerous others sent apologies for unavoidable absence and wishes for a successful meeting. That it was so successful was largely due to the excellent local arrangements made by Mr. J. Clark.

The war has hit the Guild very hard. The great majority of the towers (in almost every case village towers) cannot now muster a full band, as it is almost impossible to fill gaps, as can often be done in towns. But with few exceptions they continue loyally to support the Guild, and in very many cases are continuing to pay the subscriptions of their soldier and sailor members. Whether this is done or not, the committee has decided that those absent on military service will remain full members as long as the war lasts. And we are looking forward to welcoming them home again when victory shall have been given to our arms.

A NON-RINGER'S SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the Exercise feels itself unable, for obvious reasons, to undertake the ringing of peals, except for special occasions, may I suggest a use for the efforts of ringers? Would it not be possible to ring hymn tunes on the bells? I speak as an outsider, without any knowledge of bells, so that I do not know their capabilities. If, however, this were possible, I am sure the effect would be most pleasing, and to many, no doubt, would be a welcome change to the technicalities of change ringing, which does not always appeal to the lay mind.—Yours faithfully,

LESTER SMITH.

WHO IS THE YOUNGEST RINGER?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Barton's letter in your last issue, I may say we have one ringer, F. Locke, in our band (All Saints', Langport), who is 12 years and five months old, who can ring the treble to Rob Minor. I may say he has been able to handle a rope for over two years.—Yours truly,

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THE LATE MR. E. E. HUNTLEY.

Last week, with deep regret, we briefly recorded the death of Mr. Ernest Edward Huntley, of Bushey, Herts, who died in Guy's Hospital on June 3rd, after a very painful operation, at the age of 53 years. Although Mr. Huntley had not done much ringing during the last five or six years, his name was very prominent in the Exercise during the previous 20 years. Despite the fact that he did not commence ringing till the comparatively late age of 26, his ability and grit carried him far up the campanalogical ladder. Mainly to his perseverance and energy the old peal of three at Bushey was increased to six in 1887 and to eight in 1889, and he set to work, with the assistance of Mr. E. P. Debenham, to form a change ringing band. He was Master of the Bushey Society from 1887 to 1908, and during that time the local band progressed from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. Having a good ear, he was a splendid striker,



THE LATE MR. E. E. HUNTLEY.

and, moreover, saw that his band struck their bells properly too. He conducted peals in practically all the methods he rang, and he was the first man to call Lates' one-part peal of Stedman Triples from every bell. He had also rung every bell in the three towers of Aldenham, Bushey and Oxhey to a peal.

In 1910 he was elected President of the Hertford County Association, to which he had rendered valuable service, and held the office for a year.

In all the deceased rang about 210 peals and conducted over 100 of them. He was churchwarden of Bushey for three years, and during that period the belfry was completely renovated and gas installed.

Mr. Huntley was a cricketer of more than average ability, a decent bat and a good wicket keeper, and, in his younger days, frequently played for his county. Later he was secretary of the Bushey Cricket Club. He will be missed by a large circle of friends in Bushey and neighbourhood, and especially amongst the ringers.

The funeral took place at Bushey on the 7th inst., and among many floral tributes was a wreath from the Bushey Society of Change Ringers, who were represented by

Messrs. F. A. Smith (deputy master), F. Edwards and J. J. Allen. Mr. J. Prewett attended on behalf of his son, the present Master of the society, who is at present with the Forces. The bells were rung half muffled on Sunday evening, and, after the funeral, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, which came to grief after an hour's ringing, through a shift course: M. F. R. Hibbert 7, W. Saley 2, A. Andrews 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, H. Hodgetts 5, F. Edwards 6, F. A. Smith 7, J. J. Allen 8.

WHAT I HAVE NOTICED.

By KHAKI LAD.

The lookers-on see most of the play,
The man on his legs does most of the say.

"ILLEGALISE."

This is my impression of a wasted half-day in town by the members of the Central Council. There is far too much ebullition of one's personal interpretation of descriptive technical terms, both in the Press and at the meetings, by the half-dozen members of the "Science of Permutation." We want more executive attention to the thousands of towers throughout Great Britain, where the humble bell ringer is still expecting help in the elementary drudgery and work of practical bell ringing.

It's all very well for a Mr. President to say the questions and answers that arise are not "abstruse," and his secretarial partner to second the inference, but, it would appear to me that all "recondite method builders" are ever ready to dispute any and everything unless it has emanated from their own particular figure head. Select any county and take a census of replies to one or two simple questions, and how many ringing hands attached to the whole of the belfries canvassed could answer them properly—not one in ten.

The great mass of men who pull the rope throughout the year at our parish churches want something more practical; more help and encouragement from both clergy and laity in every instance, yet, after 25 years' existence the Council is a body without power to lay down a law or to give legal effect to an order, a set of unbusinesslike authors who are about to amend definitions in print while complaining at the same time of the poor sales of their publications.

Go on, my lads, revise, reprint and rename—go ahead, you mathematical matriculate permutators; all that you do is embodied in those beautiful lines of the poet, and what a contrast to the horrid word "illegitimate."

"Changed and yet true, ever the same yet ever new."

HELPING THE HELPLESS.

There is such a thing as money to be found for the asking, although we are at war, and many war funds are about, but to our fellow ringers I would like to point out that a twelvemonth of serious warfare terminates at the end of July, and "The Ringing World" has offered opportunity to all its readers to respond to their generous instinct.

Only £79 13s. 6d. has been raised in ten months amongst a family of 30,000 men, and what a brotherhood as one of our preachers has recently mentioned. All honour to those who have given, whether through your columns or their local town collections, but may I ask those who have not joined yet to please come in and make up a 100 guineas by August 1st next. Many of us would not object to a Prince of Wales' birthday peal, but I want every ringer to join in a special appeal for the anniversary of H.R.H.'s fund.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many thanks are due to Mr. J. A. Trollope for his excellent article in your last issue, but may I ask him how he would avoid a bell striking less than three blows consecutively in one place at a single in common Grandsire? I entirely agree with him that no bell should strike more than two blows in one place, but the old Grandsire single allows four blows in one place. Can he inform us how to avoid this? I suppose he will tell us to make it another way.—Yours faithfully,

AN EXPERT 'NOVICE.'

SUGGESTION TO SURREY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Might I make a suggestion to Surrey ringers that a North-Eastern district of the Surrey Association be formed to affiliate, if possible, the following towers: St. Mary, Rotherhithe; St. George's, Christ Church, and St. Saviour's, Southwark; St. Mary's and St. John's, Lambeth; St. John's, Kennington; Holy Trinity, Newington; Horsleydown, Bermondsey, Battersea, Walworth, Clapham; St. Giles' and St. George's, Camberwell, etc., etc. Change ringing at the present time is at a very low ebb at several of these towers. Now is Surrey's chance. Clapham.

H. BARNES.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

REDHILL, SURREY.—St. John's Society.—On April 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Dennis 1, O. Gilbey 2, T. Streeter 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, Pte F. W. Bailey (9th Suffolk Regiment) 6, H. Card (conductor) 7, W. Streeter 8.

KING'S CLIFFE.—At All Saints' Church, by members of Oundle First Deanery Association. 480 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Captain T. G. Powell, Northamptonshire Regiment, who was killed in action in France on May 9th; also Sergt. F. Rothwell, Lancashire Fusiliers, who died of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: *Drummer Finch (N. Staffordshire Regiment) 1, W. Boyles 2, F. Marchant 3, *J. Smith 4, G. Miles 5, B. Hawkins (conductor) 6. * First 720.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On May 2nd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): S. Proctor (conductor) 1, G. Andrews 2, G. Maxim 3, F. Jelf 4, H. G. Rowe 5, C. Dilly 6, H. Simmonds 7, R. Smith 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On May 2nd, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: C. Terry 1, J. Town 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, W. Dennis 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

SEELY OAK.—Worcestershire Association and St. Mary's Guild.—On May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Boylin 1, W. Ball 2, W. Dowler 3, W. Ikin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. J. Dowler (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, H. Parkes 8.

HARPENDEN.—On May 2nd, for afternoon service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: Sergt. R. Pickering 1, B. Jarman 2, F. Hunt 3, *G. Newson 4, *H. Day 5, Sergt. W. G. Wakley (conductor) 6, A. King 7, D. Dellar 8. * First quarter in method.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On May 2nd, at the Parish Church, for the men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Whatmore 1, J. Kendrick 2, W. Potter 3, A. W. Dodd 4, C. E. Perkins 5, J. Newman 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, C. W. Cooper 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Barlow (Deane) 1, F. Abbott (Deane) 2, G. Morris (Swinton) 3, T. Worsley (Bolton) 4, J. Welsby 5, J. R. Rydard (Worsley) 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8. Rung for the Sunday School Anniversary sermons.

EARL'S COLNE.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for Matins, a plain course of Double Oxford Major, followed by 336 in the same method, first in the method on the bells, and by an entirely local band, who had only rung the plain course on the previous Sunday at the first attempt: H. Fairhead 1, J. Flouty 2, J. Turner 3, R. Flouty 4, F. Clayton 5, W. Burst 6, J. French (conductor) 7, W. Scillitoe 8. For evening service, 336 in the same method, also 160 Bob Major.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on May 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Symonds 1, F. Holloway 2, C. Groves 3, H. Hoptrow 4, J. Harris (conductor) 5, F. Burrow 6, J. Harding 7, Rev. A. Cory 8.—On May 9th, for Divine service, 518 Grandsire Triples: F. Holloway 1, H. Hoptrow 2, C. Groves 3, W. Wheeler 4, J. Symonds 5, F. Burrow (conductor) 6, J. Harris 7, A. Collins 8.—Also on March 28th, 504, conducted by F. Burrow, and on April 25th, 504, conducted by H. Hoptrow.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCS.—On Wednesday, May 5th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Martin, junr. 1, H. Martin, senr. 2, J. Parton 3, A. Pardoe 4, G. Poppell (conductor) 5, Wm. Short 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins., in honour of the fifth anniversary of the King's Accession: C. Burdock 1, J. J. Jones 2, H. Burdock 3, A. H. Pulling 4, B. Chorley 5, M. Smither 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, A. Ward 8.—On May 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins., in honour of Ascension Day: C. Burdock 1, J. J. Jones 2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3, H. Hutton 4, H. Harris 5, J. T. Lee 6, C. Hazelden 7, A. Ward 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. W. Fox 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, E. J. Pannett 4, H. Walker 5, H. Warnett, junr. 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung in honour of Accession Day.

PUTNEY.—For King's Accession Day, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes) by C. Charge: H. Whanslaw 1, Alf. Jones 2, G. Boon (1st in method) 3, J. S. Kent 4, C. Collis, junr. 5, C. J. Matthews (first quarter on lower bells) 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8.

BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Guild.—On Sunday, May 8th, at St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Owens 1, H. T. Brocklebank 2, J. Owens 3, R. Birchall 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, S. F. Barnes 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to those who lost their lives through the sinking of the s.s. "Lusitania" off the Irish coast. This tower would be plainly seen from the ship as she went to and fro on her voyages across the Atlantic.

WORSLEY.—Lancashire Association.—On May 10th to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the Earl of Ellesmere, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Derbyshire 1, J. Lowe 2, Rev. C. B. Hulton 3, J. H. Ridyard 4, J. Potter 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, J. Ridyard (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

WILLESDEN.—Middlesex Association.—On May 11th, 720 London Surprise Minor (21 bobs): B. Forkett 1, F. Barrett 2, G. M. Kilby 3, F. Grisdale 4, T. Langdon (first 720 in the method) 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 8.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—At St. Mathias's Church, on May 13th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Heap (Burley) 1, Wm. Barton (Pudsey) 2, P. J. Johnson (Holbeck) 3, G. Slack (Burley) 4, J. Watford (Burley) 5, H. Lindsay (Headingley) 6. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells and by all the ringers.

GREAT BENTLEY.—At the Parish Church, on May 15th, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. J. Nevard 1, Pte A. T. Smith, 8th Essex (Cyclists) 2, H. Bacon 3, J. Bowells 4, P. Oldham 5, H. Lilley 6, F. Smith 7, G. Andrew (conductor) 8. Longest touch on eight bells by the ringers of 6 and 7 who hail from Langham; H. Bacon from Ardleigh; Pte Smith belongs to the Langham band, but is now stationed at Frinton-on-Sea, and the rest belong to the local band. A short touch of Bob Major was also rung.

NEWTON LONGVILLE.—On May 15th, at the Parish Church, 168 and 180 Stedman Triples, 168 Grandsire Triples, and course each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. These touches were arranged for Mr. W. Crane, of Bangor, North Wales, who was on a visit to Blechley.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On May 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by J. George): *H. Morris 1, W. Mead 2, P. Stenton 3, W. Crane 4, F. Sear 5, *F. Hedges 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Sear, and as a farewell to W. Crane, of Bangor, North Wales.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on May 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles 1260 changes, in 40 mins.: *A. Butler 1, J. Preece 2, W. S. Evans 3, *C. L. Powell 4, A. Talbot (conductor) 5, F. Lane 6. * First quarter-peal. Rung as a farewell to A. Butler, who has joined Hereford Territorials.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Sunday evening, May 16th, 720 Hexham Surprise Minor: J. W. Forster 1, Jno. Marshall 2, R. Dixon 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 16th, in 44 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Skinner 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, J. Wilmoth 7, P. C. Brooks 8.

LONDON.—On May 16th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Davis 1, C. H. Hughes 2, F. A. Smith 3, H. Franks 4, W. Ayres 5, T. Walker 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, W. T. Walden 8.

STONE STANTON.—Midland Counties Association.—On May 18th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Atkins (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Wright (Sapcote) 2, N. Walker 3, C. Brown (Sapcote) 4, C. H. Briggs 5, W. Hyde Inglesant 6, H. Briggs (conductor) 7, L. Hewitt 8.

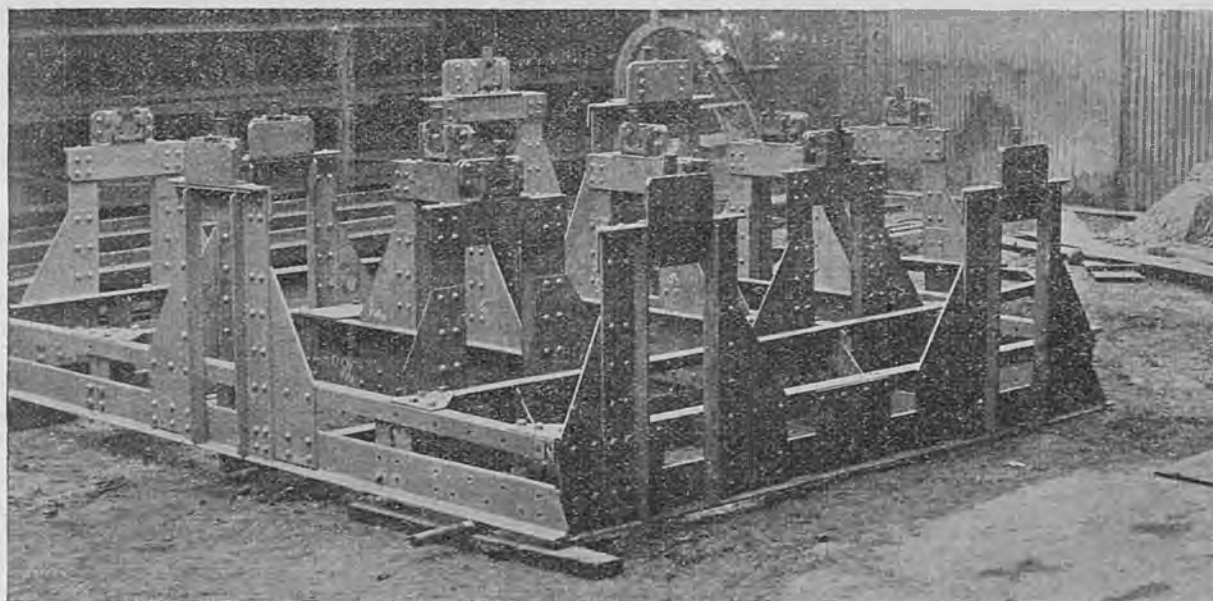
TONBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 21st, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: C. Cooke 1, G. H. Stonestreet 2, A. Laurence 3, Pte R. H. Stephens, K.C. Battalion (St. Mary's, Dover) 4, J. Milner 5, W. Stead 6, A. E. Heady (conductor) 7, G. Rabbitt 8.—On May 26th, in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Rabbitt 1, A. E. Heady 2, G. H. Stonestreet 3, W. Stead 4, W. J. Wolfe 5, J. Milner 6, A. Laurence (conductor) 7, W. Phillips (St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington), longest length, 8.

BEDFORD.—On May 23rd, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. G. Harlow (conductor) 1, Miss D. Steel 2, W. Stapleton 3, W. Fienden 4, Pte W. Stanford (4th Royal Sussex Regiment) 5, A. Robinson 6; and 240 Kent, in which A. Winch (Leatherhead, Surrey), took part.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, on the back eight, at the Cathedral, 546 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, W. J. Mills 3, H. Fry 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, Sergt. W. Farley (conductor) 7, W. Leakey 8, A. Berry 9.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: E. E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, F. Loxton 3, H. Fry 4, E. G. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, Sergt. W. Farley (conductor) 7, W. Leakey 8. Arranged for Sergt. Farley, North Somerset Yeomanry, who was home on a short leave.

KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, 1263 Stedman Caters: A. Outmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, H. Dains 3, W. G. Matthews 4, J. H. Payne 5, P. G. Miles 6, W. J. Daubney 7, W. E. Judd 8, H. G. Miles 9, G. Hannell 10.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—For the morning service, on May 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Frain 1, R. H. Boddington (first 720) 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, G. Harbour 4, R. Holloway 5, G. Ilea 6.



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A most successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Marshfield on Saturday last, 38 members attending, including visitors from Swindon, Bath and Trowbridge, the branch being also honoured by the presence of the Master, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the Association. The towers represented were: St. George, St. Thomas, St. Nicholas, St. Phillips, St. James, St. Stephen's and Emmanuel, Bristol; Honbury, Marshfield, Mangotsfield, Warmley, Bitton and Thornbury. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and Divine service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar of Marshfield (the Rev. L. O. Asplen), who gave an impressive address, based on the text, "Seek those things that are above." Thanks are due to the lady organist for her assistance at the service. Tea was afterwards partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, from which a splendid view of the country is obtained.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. H. A. Cockey (hon. treasurer) presided. One new member was elected, and Bitton was selected as the next place of meeting on July 17th.

Mr. G. Wiltshire asked if the annual meeting of the Association was to be held this year.—After much discussion by officers and members of the committee present it was decided to hold the meeting on July 10th.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for such a warm reception, for the use of the bells and for his address. This was carried with applause, and the Vicar, in responding, remarked how pleased he would be to extend a similar welcome to the Association when the time came round again (cheers).

The tower was then again visited, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being successfully brought round. The meeting proved a most enjoyable one.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—The following miscellaneous touches were rung at 55, Rhondda Street, on handbells: April 2nd, 336 Grandsire Triples; April 29th, 336 Grandsire Triples by: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, H. Perry 7—8.—On 24th April, 336 Grandsire Triples; 1st May, 336 Grandsire Triples, by: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, F. B. Stedman 7—8; May 25th, 720 Bob Minor; May 29th, a quarter-peal (1260), Bob Minor, in 33 minutes; on May 1st, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor; on June 11th, 2160 Bob Minor, by: S. Perry 1—2, J. A. Hoare 3—4, A. Hoare (conductor) 5—6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 18th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 46 minutes: F. Hunt 1, E. Kendall (first in the method) 2, Gnr. C. Kennington (Lincoln, R.F.A.) 3, (Lt. Wing 4, Bomb. J. Davies (Derby, R.F.A.) 5, J. Rookwood 6, A. King (conductor) 7, Pte C. East (5th Lincoln Regiment) 8.—On May 2nd, for evening service, on the occasion of the Sunday School Festival, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: Pte L. Willars, 2/4 Leicester Regiment (first in the method) 1, G. Newson 2, Sergt. R. Pickering (South Staff Regiment) 3, T. Blackburn (late of Oakham) 4, T. Kendall 5, J. Rookwood 6, F. Hunt 7, A. King (conductor) 8.

COLCHESTER.—On April 23rd, in celebration of St. George's Day, at St. Peter's Church, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Major, including a touch of 960; also 1008 Bob Major and 1088 Kent Treble Bob by the following members of the local company: G. Burch, W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, H. Evers, S. Hull, G. M. Rashbrook and W. J. Schofield.

LONDON.—Ancient Society of College Youths.—On Sunday evening, April 25th, at St. Mary's, Bow, E., a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: E. Gibbs 1, H. Springall 2, R. Turner 3, J. Scholes 4, T. Langdon 5, W. Truss 6, E. Hall 7, H. Langdon (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the 29th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. J. Scholes.

WEST EALING.—For evening service, at St. Stephen's Church, on April 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Edwards 1, G. Harbour 2, Miss Edith Jones 3, J. Hunnisett 4, Pte J. A. Snow 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, Geo. Iles 8.—On Rogation Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal, in 43 mins.: C. Edwards 1, Pte J. A. Snow 2, J. Hunnisett 3, G. Harbour 4, Geo. Iles 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, W. Lawrence 8.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—Worcestershire Association.—At the Parish Church, on April 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Keys 1, G. Hatchman 2, E. Boylin 3, H. Grosvenor 4, H. Pratt 5, W. Iken (first in the method) 6, A. Beecham 7, G. Pigott (conductor) 8.

LEEDS.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service, on April 25th, 1152 Bristol Surprise Major, in 46 mins.: J. Butler 1, Dr. W. O. Talbot 2, R. Thomas 3, W. Wood 4, I. J. Johnson 5, F. Smallwood 6, H. Lindsay 7, H. Williams (conductor) 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 27th, after meeting short for a peal, and with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Willard, wife of the organist of the above church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Hiscox 1, W. Bavin 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. C. Parker 4, T. Smith 5, A. Gray 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, S. Greenwood 8. Also 546 in same method, with H. Stevens ringing the third.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On April 28th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: E. Day (first 720) 1, A. Croft 2, G. Wolfe 3, W. Croft 4, H. Day (first 720 in the method) 5, G. Croft (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Tettenhall on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in Church, with an address at 5. Tea and general meeting at the Rock Hotel at 5.45. Tea, 6d. to fully paid-up members, to others 1/-. Bells at St. Peter's from 7.30 to 9.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The anniversary of Great Ringing will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available all day. Service at 1 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Allesley, Coventry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Sible-Hedingham, June 26th. Short service, with address, at 4 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the White Horse, at 5 o'clock, at the kind invitation of the Misses Webster, to all giving notice to me not later than June 23rd.—B. Redgwel, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. By kind permission of the Earl of Bridgewater the grounds will be open to ringers and friends at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson), at Harlington, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at a small charge, at 6. Members and friends heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgend on Saturday, July 3rd, at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, July 10th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held the same day.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells open at 3 o'clock, service at 4 o'clock, tea 6, meeting following. Business: election of officers, reports, etc. Will the branch secretaries let me know by Wednesday, the 7th, how many members will be present?—R. J. Wilkins, Secretary pro tem., 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m., short service at 5 p.m., tea by Vicar at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Would all members intending to be present at tea please let me know not later than Monday, July 5th.—Stephen Hazzelden, Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch). — A quarterly meeting will be held at Pershore, on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Abbey Church at 5 p.m. prompt, at which all members are requested to attend. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Philips), and it is most important that I should be notified by all intending to be present by the Wednesday previous. Bells available: St. Andrew's (6), 3 till 5 p.m., the Abbey (8) 7 till 9 p.m.—James Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — SOUTH - WESTERN DIVISION. — The next meeting will be held at North Weald, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, at a small charge, followed by business meeting. Will all those who intend to be present kindly notify me on or before July 7th.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Walter Ingham has removed to St. Margaret's, Gwynne Road, Upper Parkstone, Dorset.

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SELLY OAK.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday evening, May 16th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Birmingham, who gave the address and the form of dismissal to the Vicar of Selly Oak (the Rev. E. A. Haviland), who is leaving to take up the Archdeaconry of Kimberley, South Africa, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Cartwright 1, W. Dowler 2, P. Laffin 3, W. Ikin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. J. Dowler (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, C. Webb 8.—On May 18th, an attempt for a farewell peal to the Vicar was made, but came to grief after ringing over 2,000 changes: V. Cartwright 1, W. Dowler 2, E. Boylin 3, W. Ikin 4, W. Mumford 5, E. J. Dowler (conductor) 6, J. Eaton 7, H. Parkes 8.

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