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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.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

### THE BISHOP'S SUGGESTION.

Speaking at the dedication of an augmented peal of bells at Whiston the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Hedley Burroughs) said he would like to see an association of church bell ringers formed for his diocese. Dr. Burroughs knows something of the work of ringing organisations, for he had the Winchester Guild under his notice while Vicar of Godalming; at Croydon he was in touch with the Surrey Association, and when Suffragan Bishop of Lewes he interested himself in the Sussex County Association, presiding at one of their annual meetings as well as preaching the sermon. Dr. Burroughs does not speak, therefore, without knowledge of the good work which ringing associations have done and are doing, and when he says he would welcome a diocesan organisation the suggestion deserves the most careful consideration of those responsible for the existing societies in the area now covered by the Bishopric of Sheffield.

The question would doubtless be a somewhat thorny one to deal with, for ringers, as a rule, are jealous of the rights of the associations to which they give their allegiance. In Sheffield, the very centre of the diocese, at least three important organisations exist—the Yorkshire Association, the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society, and the St. Peter's Society, Sheffield. The County Association, of course, is outside the question, and any step which was taken would hardly be likely to injure its sphere of influence. In that quarter of Yorkshire it is deeply planted, and a Sheffield diocesan scheme could well be co-existent. It is between the two other societies, it seems to us, that the matter must be decided and an agreement between them, if not a closer arrangement, might enable a satisfactory outcome to be achieved.

There is much value, we think, in Diocesan Associations where they are possible. Our art is inseparably connected with our churches, and when our societies take a diocesan character, as against a merely geographical connection, they gain in value as a part of the church organisation. There are times, of course, when a county boundary is the only practicable one, but, on the other hand, some diocesan guilds embrace more than one county, notably the Oxford Guild, which includes Oxford, Berks and Bucks. Then, too, as in the instances of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and the London Diocesan Guild (which is the second title of the Middlesex County Association) we have proof that a diocesan organisation can work with perfect good will and success even when the sphere over which it extends partly covers the area of other societies. We hope we may hear that in Sheffield the suggestion of the Bishop is likely to bear fruit. Hitherto it has always been the ringers who

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have had to seek diocesan recognition; now we have a Bishop indicating his desire for a diocesan association of ringers. Could there be a better opportunity for any society to achieve this mark of additional Church recognition which ringers so much prize and for which so many of them have worked in past years? We have no doubt the keen-witted Sheffield folks will not miss the chance, for none of the difficulties should be insurmountable, especially with such a man as the Bishop himself to guide their counsels.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE  
ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 7
JOHN FLINT ... .. 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 8
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 9
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 5	*JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Oxford Royal.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND OLDHAM  
SOCIETY.

On Sunday, September 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWIN, OLDHAM,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

I. SCHOFIELD ... .. Treble	R. ALLRED ... .. 5
J. LEES ... .. 2	E. B. SHAW ... .. 6
S. STOTT ... .. 3	J. W. TAYLOR ... .. 7
F. CROSSLAND ... .. 4	A. CLEGG ... .. Tenor

Rung for evening service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, also as a birthday compliment to J. Knight, one of the local band. R. Allred hails from Tyldesley and was made a member of the Oldham Society before starting.

[The name of the conductor has not been forwarded with this report.—Ed. "R.W."]

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5
PTE. ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... .. 7
*WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE ... .. 4	†PERCY HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged for Pte. E. Bartram, 2/5th Leicesters, on leave from Luton.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SAMUEL WHEATLEY ... .. Treble	*WILFRID LEE ... .. 5
WALTER POPPLEWELL ... .. 2	WILLIE CORDINGLEY ... .. 6
SYDNEY KEIGHLEY ... .. 3	HARRY WARD ... .. 7
SAMUEL WARD ... .. 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER POPPLEWELL.

\* First peal by Wilfrid Lee, who was made a member of the Association before starting. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to Calverley, the rest to Pudsey.

HORICK, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## DAY'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. Treble	JOHN POTTER ... .. 5
HERBERT ALLRED ... .. 2	JOHN STUBBS ... .. 6
FRED BANKS ... .. 3	P.C. PETER CROOK ... .. 7
RICHARD P. HEALD ... .. 4	JOSEPH DERBISHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung, by request, with the bells muffled, as a tribute to our fallen heroes. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 7th belong to Bolton, 2nd to Tyldesley, 3rd to Leigh, 5th to Walkden, and 6th and tenor to the local tower.

## NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further subscriptions have been received towards the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	115	2	4
Ringers of All Saints, Arksey, further donation (per Mr. F. Clarke) ... ..	0	6	0
York Minster Society, September collection (per Mr. G. Horner) ... ..	0	4	0
	115	12	4

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers are serving with the Forces:—

- Pte Percy Edwards, of Wrexham, Welsh Guards, now at Caterham.
- Pte L. H. Holder, of Midsomer Norton, No. 16135, 8th Batt. Somerset Light Infantry (wounded).
- Pte Herbert Steeds, of Batcombe, Somerset, Bristol "Bantams."
- Gnr. Herbert Wiltshire, of Batcombe, R.F.A.
- Gnr. Tom Clare, and
- Gnr. George Jennings, of Baltonsborough, R.F.A.

## "RINGING" IN FRANCE.

Pte Holder, a member of the Midsomer Norton band, was wounded in the thigh while taking part in the great British advance in France on Sunday, Sept. 26th. He is now in Graylingwell Military Hospital, Chichester, where he was successfully operated upon on October 5th. Pte Holder, with Pte Armstrong, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, had an interesting experience in France a short time ago, when they assisted two old French ladies to ring the church bell for service. Probably the bell did not "go" so easily as some of our English ones.

RINGER'S EXPERIENCES IN GALLIPOLI.  
CORPL. ALAN MACDONALD IN THE TRENCHES.

A letter has reached us from Second-Corpl. Alan R. Macdonald, of Bournemouth, who has been serving with the 71st Field Co. R.E., on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and who is now in Hospital at Port Said, suffering from enteric. His ringing friends in England will be glad to learn that he is now approaching a convalescent stage, although it may be some time before he is fit again. That his attack was not a more serious one he attributes to inoculation. Relating his experiences in the fighting line, he says: "It is a fine sight when the ships start with their guns. I used to feel glad I was not a Turk. I was in our front line trenches one night when the Turk first line was only about 25 yards away. One of our gunboats started shelling at about a two miles' range, sending the shells just over the top of our trench right smack into the Turks. It was grand shooting. We were three weeks at Achi-Baba, then we got attached to the Australians at Gabe-Tepe where we were in a much warmer quarter. On one occasion we exploded a mine right into a Turkish gallery, and had a lively hour, as the Turks started bombing us in the tunnel. One of our officers got wounded before we could close up the passage with sand bags. I have managed to get through so far without a scratch, but it is simply luck, as I have one of our chaps shot alongside of me. We lost five men in the first two days after we landed, which was not a bad start, including our officer commanding."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. G. Heath 1, E. Etheridge 2, F. Radford 3, T. W. Radford 4, G. Fetter 5, S. G. Steer 6, S. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8.

BIRMINGHAM'S CORONATION PEAL.  
INTERESTING UNVEILING CEREMONY AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A significant and highly interesting function took place at St. Martin's Parish Church on Sunday last. Before the sermon at the morning service on that day, the Rector of Birmingham (Canon J. W. Willink) preceded by the Beadle and the two churchwardens, carrying their staves of office, and by the assistant clergy, proceeded to the Baptistry under the church tower at the west end of the church for the purpose of unveiling a memorial tablet of great beauty, which had been just placed in position by the members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

Before calling upon Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the highly-respected hon. secretary of the Guild, to perform the unveiling ceremony, the Rector made the following statement, which will doubtless be read with interest by many: "This tablet has been placed here in the Baptistry of this church by the members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, who have defrayed the entire cost of the work in their worthy and laudable desire to commemorate the unique achievement which they, as a Guild of Ringers, accomplished on the occasion of the Coronation of our most Gracious Sovereign Lord, King George the Fifth, when they alone of any body of ringers in England rang a special twelve-bell peal of Stedman Cinques (5007 changes), in three hours and thirty-seven minutes, on June 22nd, 1911."

## THE DEDICATION.

As the Secretary unveiled the memorial, the Rector dedicated it in the following words: "To the Glory of God and in memory of the loyalty of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, we unveil this Memorial, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, to whom be Glory and Honour, for ever and ever, Amen."

The Rector then offered the following prayer, preceded by the Lesser Litany and the Lord's Prayer: "O Lord God of Hosts, the God of our fathers, and the Protector of all who put their trust in Thee, we thank Thee for the keen and eager loyalty of the members of the St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and for all the willing service that they have ungrudgingly rendered in this House of Prayer for very many years past. And now especially we beseech Thee to accept at their hands their gift to this Church of the Memorial Tablet which has just been unveiled. May it ever remind all who shall see it of their own duty to their King and country, and inspired by the example of the Guild, may they ever seek to fulfil Thine own Divine command to Fear God and Honour the King. We pray Thee that my blessing may continue to rest upon the labours of the Guild, grant that they may find much true joy in their work, and may the joy of the Lord be now and always their strength. And this we ask through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

The procession was then re-formed, and the Rector returned to the chancel and ascended the pulpit for the delivery of the sermon.

There was a large and thoroughly representative gathering of the St. Martin's Guild present at the service, and it was very striking to see them all file into the Baptistry reverently and solemnly for the unveiling of the memorial. The whole of the proceedings were most impressive, and the large congregation present were obviously deeply interested in all that transpired, a great number remaining after service to inspect the tablet, which is a very handsome piece of marble of admirable design and execution.

It was made and fixed complete by Messrs. O. C. Hawkes, Ltd., Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, on whom it reflects great credit.

The tablet itself, which measures 48in. by 36in., is of heavy plate glass, with the lettering incised on the back (to preserve it from the atmosphere) and inlaid with English gold leaf, the Royal Arms being done in colours, the whole on a black background. It is mounted in a fumed oak frame of deep section, harmonising with the adjacent screen work of the Baptistry.

The peal was rung by the regular Sunday service ringers, and eleven of the band were present at the ceremony. To them there was a note of sadness in the proceedings, when they remembered that never again would the same band attempt a peal together, one of their number—Thomas Reynolds—having passed over to the great majority in January, 1912.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the Manchester Branch held their usual monthly meeting at Prestwick, and, judging from the attendance, the enthusiasm of the annual meeting had not died down. Several of the fair sex who are taking to the art were also at the meeting. Mr. A. Barnes took the chair at the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors.

The general secretary read letters of thanks and appreciation from the Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. Jackson for the beautiful presents which the Association had been pleased to give them for their long and faithful services.

Eccles was chosen as the next place of meeting, on November 13th, when it is hoped to unveil a peal board to the memory of Mr. James Barratt, the late vice-president.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and local ringers for the use of the bells. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were the methods rung during the day.



## A YORKSHIRE AUGMENTATION. WHISTON BELLS INCREASED TO EIGHT.

Whiston is a pleasant village some two miles south of Rotherham, standing on a steep hillside, and aptly termed the "village of steps." An event of great importance and unique in the history of the parish took place on Thursday, Sept. 30th, when the five new bells, which had been added to the existing three in the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, were dedicated. Two of the old bells date back to the pre-Reformation period, and the third is dated 1637. Through the generosity of Mrs. John White, of Northen, these have been returned, and five new bells added to make a ring of eight, the old bells being now the 3rd, 4th and 5th of the new peal. The work was entrusted to the firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the well-known Loughboro' firm, and it is needless to say that the tone of the new bells is perfect. The splicing of the other three is also as good as possible short of being recast, and the "go" of the whole is all that can be desired. A chiming apparatus has been fitted in memory of the Rev. T. Atkinson, a former rector, the cost being defrayed out of a surplus after the church restoration, which was accomplished during the Rev. Atkinson's ministry.

During the afternoon a reception was held in the Church Institute, presided over by the Rector of Whiston, the Rev. A. G. Allton, when a large company assembled to meet the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. H. L. Burrows) this being the occasion of his first parochial visit. By 6.30 the church was crowded for the dedication service, which was conducted by the Rector, and was of a most impressive character. The three old bells were chimed before the commencement. During the service the Bishop, Rector and choir proceeded to the tower at the west-end of the church, the ringing chamber being on the ground floor, and the Bishop dedicated the new bells, following which the whole eight were chimed.

### BISHOP SUGGESTS DIOCESAN ORGANISATION FOR SHEFFIELD.

Preaching from the text, Ezekiel 33, v. "He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul," the Bishop said they were living in stern days. As Ezekiel had the trumpet, so had they the bells. God would wish the same truths to be impressed on those assembled in church that night that Ezekiel wanted to impress on the people. The time would come when Whiston bells would ring out in public thanksgiving to Almighty God, for, he hoped, a glorious victory and a still more glorious peace. But would they heed the warnings of the past terrible months? They might, like the Roman Empire, decline and sink into oblivion, but their blood would be upon their own head. How grand it would be if, after all the sacrifices of their gallant sons, England and the Empire should say, "We have heard the warning, and never again are we going to be caught like that; we will live holier and purer and more united lives, and will try to crush down those terrible evils which are a disgrace to the nation and a despair to the patriotic soul." Now that they had their splendid peal of bells, he earnestly hoped that the spiritual life of the parish would grow and increase, and that strangers who came to take part in the service would say, "Here are people who have heard the warning of God." Turning to the ringers present, the Bishop addressed to them words of advice, encouragement, and appreciation of their office in the church. He knew of the good work done by the various ringing associations, and hoped it would be within the bounds of possibility to have an organisation for the ringers of his dioceses of Sheffield.

After the service the bells were raised, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, the striking being very good indeed. The ringers learned afterwards that the Bishop listened most attentively to the opening touch.

The ringing arrangements were entrusted by the Rector to Mr. Clement Glenn, secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and the following members of the Southern District were present: Messrs. D. and J. Brearley, W. Briggs, L. Brightman (Southern District Secretary), J. H. Brothwell, R. W. Collier, E. C. Garrison, Miss Hague, Messrs. S. Harrison, J. Holman, W. Warburton, and R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. J. Oldham, representing the founders, was also present, and took part in the ringing. After the bells had been lowered in peal, all accepted the kind hospitality of the Rector, and partook of refreshments in the Church Institute.

The following are the inscriptions and weights of the bells:—  
Treble: "For God and King I ring." Weight, 3cwt. 0qrs. 9lbs.

2: "Ring out the false, ring in the true." Weight, 3cwt. 1qr. 10lbs.

3: Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 3lbs.

4: Weight, 5cwt. 0qrs. 4lbs.

5: Weight, 5cwt. 3qrs. 24lbs.

6: "Fear God, Honour the King." Weight, 7cwt. 2qrs. 13lbs.

7: "Good Will toward men. Andrew Merryweather. John William Hardwick, Churchwardens." Weight, 9cwt. 3qrs. 14lbs.

Tenor: Glory to God in the Highest. Augustus George Allton, Rector.  
Note F. Weight, 14cwt. 1qr. 22lbs.

Each of the new bells also bears the inscription: "The gift of Martha White of Northen. To the Honour and Glory of God. 22 July, 1915."

Our readers will learn with regret that the Bishop of Sheffield has received an intimation that one of his sons has been killed in action in France. He was shot while bravely rescuing a wounded man. The funeral service of the gallant young officer was conducted by his brother, who is serving as chaplain with the Forces.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

By kind permission of the Rev. E. J. Atkins, a very successful quarterly meeting of the Kettering Branch was held at Isham on Saturday last. Forty-five members were present from Bedford, Burton Latimer, Barton Seagrave, Cranford, Cransley, Desborough, Geddington, Northampton, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Pychley, Orlingbury, Kettering, Sharnbrook, Wellingborough, Rothwell, Islip, Thrapston, and the local ringers. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector. Tea was held in the Schools, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. E. J. Atkins presided, supported by the Vice-President (the Rev. R. Copeman, Stoke Albany), Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary), and the Misses Steel (Bedford). The committee recommended that Geddington be chosen for the next meeting, and this was confirmed.—One new ringing member was elected, viz., Mr. J. Burgess, of Pychley.

The meeting learned with great regret of the death of an out-county member, Lieut. W. D. James, a ringer well known in the district.

The Rev. R. Copeman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and to the local ringers for providing tea, and to Mrs. E. J. Atkins and the other helpers. — Mr. F. Wilford seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. E. J. Atkins, in replying, said he was always pleased to see the Association at Isham, and proposed to give the profits of the tea, which he hoped would be from 10s. to 12s., to the Red Cross Fund. The bells were kept going merrily during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Touches on handbells were rung by Messrs. D. J. Nichols, C. W. Clark (Bedford), J. E. Chapman, W. Perkins and F. Sawfoot, the methods being Kent, Grandsire and Stedman.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT TUXFORD.

Fine weather favoured the quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association at Tuxford. There was a representative gathering of members from various parts of the county, including Everton, East Markham, Cuckney, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Laneham, Tuxford and Workop. Tea was partaken of at the Mail Hotel, at which the Vicar of Tuxford presided. The usual business meeting followed, 42 members being present. Four new members were elected—two from Workop, one from Cuckney and Mr. J. B. Jackson, of Guiseley, Yorks (unattached). It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Workop in January, 1916.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) said he was sure all those who were present would be glad to know that Mr. Wm. Butt, who had been fighting for King and country in France almost since the war began, and who had had a most horrible experience in the trenches, had been in five hospitals in France and one in England, had been spared to have a short furlough, and was present with them that day. It would be gratifying to all when he told them that Mr. Butt was making slow but sure progress towards recovery, and was quite ready when the time came to go back along with other comrades in the room and do a little bit more, until the time came when the bells would be ready to ring a peal of joy and thanksgiving for the proclamation of peace, and to give him a welcome home (applause).

The business meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for use of the bells, to which the reverend gentleman replied. In the course of a most interesting address to the ringers, he said he was pleased to meet such a large and representative gathering of bell ringers of North Notts for the first time since the tower of Tuxford had been affiliated. It was such meetings as those which cemented the true bond of brotherhood between them, and which has a tendency to bring about an improvement in church bell ringing which was so greatly desired. That, at any rate, was his experience, so far as the Tuxford ringers were concerned. Joining the Association had been the making of them, and a good fellowship existed amongst them. It was only fit and proper the bells should be heard now and again, notwithstanding we were passing through a very trying period. If many more of the men were taken away to uphold the honour and glory of their King and country, he supposed the ladies would willingly come forward and take their places in the belfry, and when the ladies came in, the gentlemen would be sure to be there also. He had the greatest pleasure in welcoming the Association to Tuxford, and hoped to meet them again very shortly.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung by mixed companies on the Tuxford bells, whilst some of the visitors also went over to East Markham to try their skill.

Towards 8.30 p.m. the visitors began to disperse to their various destinations, all having had an enjoyable time. East Markham and Tuxford being at the height of the fruit season, fruit and flowers were plentiful, and it was a case of help yourself.

If one or two ringers who came a long distance in the afternoon and, going away early to catch a train, did not get a pull, the writer of these notes is extremely sorry, and the committee will endeavour, at the next meeting, to give consideration to this matter, and make up companies for those who do not bring a full band with them in order that all may have a pull before returning home.

**DEATH OF Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR, CAMBRIDGE.**

Ringers throughout the Eastern Counties will learn with regret of the death of Mr. George Taylor, which occurred on Monday of last week, at Cambridge. Mr. Taylor was well known, having been steeple keeper at Great St. Mary's Church since October, 1877, and Cambridge loses one of the most congenial of its ringers; visitors, one of the most obliging steeple keepers; learners, one of the most painstaking teachers; friends, one of the most steadfast and unselfish companions.

No record of Mr. Taylor's peals have been kept, but it is noted that he took part in ringing the Old Year out and the New Year in for over 50 years.

The funeral took place on Thursday week at Mill Road Cemetery, following a service at Great St. Mary's Church, at which Archdeacon Cunningham, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughcy, the Rev. J. Morgan, and the Rev. Clarke (curate of Great St. Mary's Church) officiated.

Messrs. F. Pitstow and J. F. Penning, representing the Saffron Walden Society, and Mr. Percy Webb, Ickleton, were amongst the mourners. A wreath was sent by the Walden Society as a token of their esteem.

Mr. Taylor, who was 66 years of age, was a member of the Royal Cumberlands, Ely, Norwich and Essex Associations, and an honorary member of the Saffron Walden Society.

Muffled touches were rung in the evening.

J. F. P.

**PERFORMANCES OF PAST CENTURIES.**

The anniversaries of a good many interesting performances of past years fall in next week.

On October 19th, 1766, the first peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung on Shoreditch bells, upon which, in later years, so many great feats in the method were achieved. This first peal was one of 6,000, and was rung in 4 hrs. 21 mins., by: Winstanley Richardson 1, Jas Darquit 2, Wm. Moss 3, Wm. Underwood 4, Thos. Bennett 5, Wm. Mills 6, Emanuel Crouch 7, George Meakins (conductor) 8, Robt. Bly 9, Jos. Monk 10.

On October 20th, 1751, a peal of 5104 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, by the Society of Union Scholars, and was probably the only peal of Grandsire Cinques in which John Holt took part with that Society.

Some famous names appear in a peal of 6720 Union Treble Bob, rung in 3 hrs. 58 mins., on October 20th, 1794, at St. Giles', Cambridge, "It being the most that was ever rung in that steeple." According to Shipway, who took part in it, the peal, composed by J. Reeves, was the first ever rung containing the 120 course ends. The ringers were: George Gross, senr. (conductor) treble, Wm. Pliso 2, Wm. Stephens 3, John Darby 4, Wm. Shipway 5, Malachi Channon 6, Truscoat 7, Geo. Harris tenor.

At Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on October 22nd, 1734, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Cambridge Youths, in which Dr. Mason took part. Peals in those days were great performances, and this was the second peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, the previous one having been rung in 1725.

On October 23rd, 1791, Holt's Original was rung by the College Youths at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London, and the record of it shows that it was supposed to be the first time it was conducted by a man taking part in the peal, the bobs being called by James Bartlett, who rang the treble. On October 23rd, 1884, to celebrate the anniversary, eight members of the College Youths rang the peal "silent" at the same church.

In our issue of January 2nd, 1914, we quoted records which showed that the composition had been called twice (on December 25th, 1753, and on January 1st, 1754), at Saffron Walden, the conductor on each occasion being one of the ringers. It will be recalled that the first time the peal was rung it was called by Holt himself, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751, but Holt did not ring either of the bells.

**RECORD PRESIDENCY.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In your issue of October 8th you report a meeting at Puddleton of the Lancashire Association, in which a writer says that the unbroken record of 25 years' presidency enjoyed by the Rev. H. J. Elsee has been equalled by very few, and that the only other instance he can recall is that of Mr. William Snowden, who presided over the Yorks Association for a quarter of a century. May I remind him that the Rev. F. E. Robinson was Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from its inception, in 1881, until his death, on February 16th, 1910?—Yours faithfully,

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

**BOSTON GUILD.**

The following touches have been rung by the Boston Guild on the bells at the Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass.: On Sunday, Sept. 12th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, by: A. Matthews 1, J. Goodhead 2, P. J. Allfrey 3, W. Bashford 4, E. E. Randall 5, J. F. Laker 6, R. Newton (conductor) tenor.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, 360 of Plain Bob Minor, by: A. Matthews 1, H. Petts 2, P. J. Allfrey 3, W. Bashford 4, E. E. Randall 5, J. F. Laker (conductor) 6, J. Goodhead tenor.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**

MEETING AT WEST LYDFORD.

A meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch was held at West Lydford on Saturday last, this being the first meeting the branch has held since the outbreak of war. The gathering should have taken place at Queen Camel, which was chosen at the last meeting held at Bruton on May 9th, 1914. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. G. Vincent) had several interviews with the Rector of Queen Camel, but could not induce him to allow the use of the bells there. However, Mr. M. S. Welchman, churchwarden of West Lydford, kindly came to the rescue, and, with the consent of the Rector, offered the use of the fine peal of six bells at West Lydford, and to make any arrangements concerning the meeting. His kindness was at once taken advantage of, although the meeting held there on Saturday was not so largely attended as former meetings of the branch. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, the following towers being represented: Castle Cary, Batcombe, Ditcheat, Baltonsborough, West Lydford, Taunton, Bridgwater and Bampton.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. W. R. Gegg, Rector of West Lydford, officiated, and delivered a very appropriate address, taking his text from Romans x. 18, "Their sound went into the earth." In the course of his address the Rector remarked that it was the first time he had had the pleasure of addressing a party of church bell ringers, and he must say he was very pleased to think that ringers of the present day were brought to the front as church workers. In years gone by the ringers were thought very little of, but he could only impress upon all those ringers present that their services as ringers were just as important as the choir or any other body belonging to the church. Great praise was due to the Diocesan Association of Change Ringers for the improvements which had been effected in ringing also among ringers.

After the service tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. W. B. Gegg presiding. One honorary member and several performing members were elected, and Ditcheat was chosen for the next place of meeting, to be held in January.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir for their services, and to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables.—A move was then made to the tower, where touches of Minor and Doubles were rung, and brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The October meeting of the above Society was held at Eekington on Saturday week. Eekington being about in the centre of the Society's territory a good meeting is usual at this tower, and such proved to be the case on this occasion, when some 15 branches were represented, viz.: Beighton, Bolsover, Eekington, Ilkeston, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Norion, North Wingfield, Rammoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, Surfleet, Slaveley, Treeton, and Workop. Some good practice was obtained in the Standard methods and Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.—The President, Mr. J. P. Tarlton, presided over a brief business meeting, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Hewson, who kindly abandoned the usual evening Prayer and allowed the bells to be rung as long as the ringers wished.

**THE CLAIM TO A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. Pitman, in your last issue, says he fails to see on what grounds I claim the 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples given in "The Ringing World" on Sept. 18th. He says the two peals are arranged in different order, and that the part bells are worked on a different plan. But who does the calling of the peals belong to? The peal is given in Grandsire reprint page 69, with the 6th as the observation. This I sent, together with variations with the 3rd and 5th as observation bells, to the late Mr. Snowden.

It is well known that a 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples can be arranged in a large number of ways, and this bare-faced method of peal snatching—exposed years ago by one of our prominent composers—what by transposing and substituting a few Singles, results in claiming, as their own, peals by other composers ought, in the present state of the Exercise, to be placed in the background.—Yours faithfully,

43, Cross Street, Macclesfield. W. MATTHEWS.

**ELECTIONS IN THE TOWER.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In reply to "H's" question, in his report of the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, "What about the new member's subscription one may ask in the event of the peal failing?" I may say that the gentleman who was made a member before the attempt for the peal at Pendleton gave me his subscription as a non-resident member after leaving the tower. It is always understood amongst the ringers in Lancashire that the person who proposes a member is held responsible for the subscription. I only remember one occasion where this unwritten law was not carried out and that was in a peal of Treble Bob Maximus conducted by me at St. Nicolas', Liverpool.—Yours faithfully,

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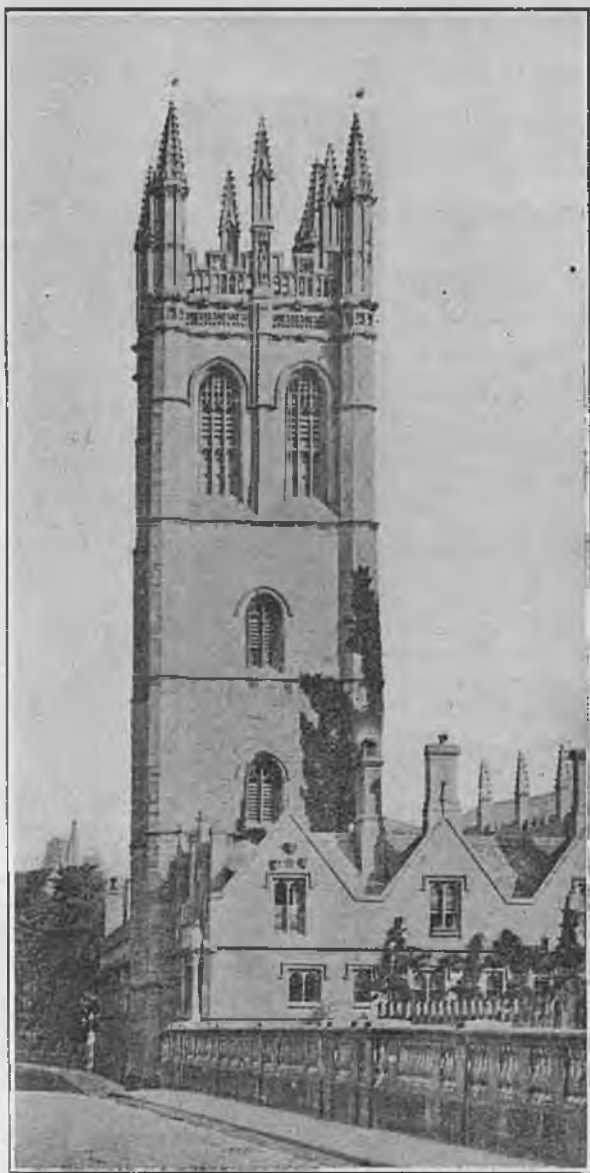
## BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

## MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Although Magdalen College was founded by William of Waynfleet in 1458, and the principal buildings, including the chapel, were finished by 1480, the bell-tower was not completed until 1505.

How many bells there were originally I cannot say; but



THE TOWER OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

it is remarkable that the present seventh, the oldest bell in the tower, bears the trade mark of William Dawe, a London founder, who died nearly a century before the date of the completion of the tower. Of course, it is possible that this bell may have done duty somewhere else before being hung in this tower; or, as in other cases, the founder's stamp may have descended to, and been used by, some later founder. It consists of a medallion bearing in the centre a representation of a tree, on which are perched two birds, supposed to be daws (a rebus on the

founder's name) and round the border the inscription "William ffoundor me fecit," in black-letter alphabet. This is not the only instance in which foundry stamps bear a rebus on the founder's name.

In 1623 some of the old bells were recast and others added by Ellis Knight, of the Reading foundry, and thus a peal of six was formed. In 1712 two trebles were added by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, thus augmenting the peal to eight. This appears to have been the number in Hearne's time; for in his account of the visit of the London ringers at Whitsuntide, 1733, after recounting their failure to secure a peal at Christ Church, through the breaking of the gudgeon of the tenor, he says:—"In the evening they rang the eight bells at Magdalen College, but two or three ropes breaking they could not proceed above half-an-hour."

Lastly, in 1739-40, William Freeman, a Magdalen man, presented two more trebles; and thus the present peal of ten was made up. He subsequently paid for the recasting of the fifth bell, which was cracked. The work was done by Abel Rudhall, son and successor of Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, who cast the two bells added in 1712.



WILLIAM FFOUNDROR'S MARK.



THE SHIELD ON THE 7TH BELL.

The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:—

*Treble.*

THE GIFT OF WM. FREEMAN ESQR. A  $\Delta$  R. 1740.

*Second.*

THE GIFT OF WM. FREEMAN ESQR. OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE.  
A  $\Delta$  R. 1739.

*Third.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. A R. 1712.

*Fourth.*

PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD. A R. 1712.

*Fifth.*

RECAST AT THE EXPENCE OF WM. FREEMAN ESQR. A A. 1748.

*Sixth.*

PRAYSE YE THE LORD. 1623. E.K.

*Seventh*

✠ Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata.

○ [MARK OF WM. DAWE, DESCRIBED ABOVE]  $\nabla \nabla \nabla$

[THREE SHIELDS CHARGED WITH A CHEVRON BETWEEN 3 LAVE-POTS]

*Eighth.*

OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI. RECAST BY R. TAYLOR.  
1828.

*Ninth.*

HONOR THE KINGE. 1641.

*Tenor.*

LET YOUR HOPE BE IN THE LORD. E.K. 1623.

Ellis Knight, founder of the sixth and tenor, succeeded his father, Henry Knight the elder, at the Reading foundry in 1623, the year these bells were cast, and he seems to have carried on a flourishing trade till 1642. "In the



winter of the latter year (says Mr. Cocks in his 'Church Bells of Bucks') after the victory of Edgehill, Charles established a garrison in Reading, and on the 15th of April, 1643, the town was invested by the Roundheads under the Earl of Essex. On the 26th of that month Reading surrendered, and this hitherto extremely prosperous business does not appear to have turned out a single bell again for four entire years! It is difficult, even in these so-called 'bad times,' to realise the utter stagnation of trade which this one fact partly discloses."

The clock chimes on the ten bells are very quaint. They are as follows; first quarter, 4.3; second, 4.3.X.6.; third, 6.5.7.8.5.9.; fourth, 6.5.7.8.5.9.4.3.; hour X.

There are two tablets in the belfry recording peals of Grandsire Triples rung on the back eight in 1862 and 1868 respectively. The three following are records of peals rung on the full peal of ten bells:

"Art hath no enemy but Ignorance."

Rung in this tower, Monday, Oct. 8th, 1866, a true peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, consisting of 5021 changes, with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th in 3 hrs. 18 mins., by the following persons, viz.:-

A. White	Treble	C. Hounslow	Sixth
H. Mills	Second	F. E. Robinson, Esq.	Seventh
T. Hill	Third	H. White	Eighth
R. Young	Fourth	F. White	Ninth
R. Barrett	Fifth	H. Pitts	Tenor

Conducted by H. White."

"On Wednesday, July 7th, 1869, a Peal of STEDMAN CATERS. 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.:-

John Cox, London	Treble	Charles Hounslow, Oxford	Sixth
John Rogers, Oxford	Second	Noble White, Appleton	Seventh
Robert Rose, London	Third	William Howard, London	Eighth
Isaac Rogers, London	Fourth	Frederick White, Appleton	Ninth
Henry White, Appleton	Fifth	Edward Harrison, Oxford	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Mr. John Cox."

"The Oxford Society of Change Ringers rang on these bells on the 1st of April, 1872, a true peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, consisting of 6030, in 3 hrs. 56 mins., viz.:-

H. Mills	Treble	T. Hill	Sixth
J. Roberts	Second	J. M. Hine	Seventh
R. Young	Third	C. Hounslow	Eighth
J. E. Troyle, Esq., Ch:Ch:	Fourth	F. Harrison	Ninth
J. Warner	Fifth	F. Bayliss	Tenor

Composed and conducted by J. Rogers."

For the use of the blocks illustrating the stamps upon the 4th bell we are indebted to the Society of Antiquaries. As explained above, the stamp of William Founder is believed to be an enigmatical representation of his name, which some archaeologists think to have been William Dawe. Mr. Stahlschmidt considers that this man was a citizen of London, who styled himself successively William Dawe founder in 1393 and William Founder in 1395, the change being, perhaps, caused by the fact that there was another William Dawe in the city, engaged in the leather trade. In 1385 this William Founder supplied twelve guns, 120 stones for the guns, 100 lbs. of powder and four stocks of wood, for fortifying and strengthening Dover Castle. There are still extant a number of bells bearing William Founder's mark. About the time of this founder there was a good deal of mixing of founders' marks, but, about 1430, according to Mr. A. D. Tyssen in "Sussex Church Bells," it is conjectured that the London bell founders awoke to the undesirability of intermingling their stamps, finding that a faulty bell made by one of them might be attributed to another, and therefore destroyed all which were common property, only preserving a few which had been, or had become the private property of some members of the Bell-makers' Guild.

The illustration of the tower is from a photograph kindly lent by Mr. F. E. Dawe,

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**WORKSOP.**—North Notts Association.—On August 29th, for evening service, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), 47 mins.: E. Clark 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, Pte. W. H. Johnson 5, H. Haigh (composer and conductor) 6, J. T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of 6th and tenor. Rung as a welcome to Pte. W. H. Johnson, of the 2/8th Notts and Derby Regiment, at present stationed at Watford, Herts, who is a member of the Priory company, and was on a short furlough.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, 168 and 350 of Grandsire Triples: S. Walker (aged 15) 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, W. Roberts 5, H. Haigh (conductor) 6, J. T. Wilson 7, G. Hardwick 8. This is the third attempt to ring changes by the treble ringer, who has had only a few weeks' tuition.

**MELBOURN, CAMBS.**—On Sept. 12th, at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob: F. C. Harper 1, C. S. Gouldthorp 2, P. W. Rayner 3, J. W. Ward 4, W. I. Winter (conductor) 5, H. Connell 6. For afternoon service, 720 College Single: F. Wall 1, C. Day 2, C. S. Gouldthorp 3, J. W. Ward 4, F. C. Harper 5, H. B. Day (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: F. Wall 1, H. B. Day 2, C. S. Gouldthorp 3, J. W. Ward 4, C. Day 5, F. C. Harper (conductor) 6.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—Chester Diocesan Guild, Wirral Branch.—On Sept. 14th at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cash 1, H. Ludkin (conductor) 2, Miss M. M. Woods 3, H. Martin 4, J. Mann 5, T. Moslyn 6. This is the first 720 by a lady for the Wirral Branch, and also the first 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and fifth.

**PRESTWICK, LANCASHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on September 14th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6 and 8 covering: F. Smith 1, W. Clarke 2, W. Bullough 3, F. Hall 4, R. H. Bent 5, W. Foster 6, H. Chapman 7, V. Bellerby 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Jones, who was a ringer at the above church prior to his leaving for Australia. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 7th hail from Pendleton, and of the 4th from Miles Platting.

**THURSLEY, HANTS.**—On Saturday, August 21st, 720 Bob Minor: G. Williams (conductor) 1, J. Richards 2, Lance-Corpl. W. Rowe (R.F.) 3, Corpl. B. Thompson (Rifle Brigade) 4, R. G. Hunt 5, W. T. Tucker 6. Also 420, conducted by B. Thompson.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: \*W. P. Evans 1, W. A. Norman 2, A. J. Barcock 3, \*H. W. Gavton (conductor) 4, H. Robinson 5, E. P. Duffield 6. \*First 720 of Treble Bob. The ringers of the 4th and 5th belong to Harrold.—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor by members of the local band: C. Allen 1, W. J. Evans 2, G. Bell 3, A. J. Barcock 4, W. A. Norman 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6.

**LUTON.**—Bedfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Shaw 1, B. Wilson 2, A. King 3, P. Hunt 4, J. Rookwood 5, T. Kendall (first as conductor) 6, H. Shaw 8.—On September 26th, for evening service, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Shaw 1, C. Wing 2, B. Wilson 3, F. Hunt 4, J. Rookwood 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King (conductor) 7, T. Guttridge 8.

**ACTON.**—For the afternoon service, on Sept. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Hubbard 1, G. Iles 2, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 3, H. J. Smith 4, R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin (first quarter of Grandsire away from the treble) 6, H. L. Garfath 7, W. Lawrence 8. Arranged for H. L. Garfath, of Croydon.—On Sept. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. W. Davis 1, W. Phillips 2, Miss Jones 3, J. W. Fruin 4, J. H. Payne 5, R. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. E. Smith 8.

**WEST EALING.**—For the evening service, on Sept. 19th, at St. Stephen's, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Hunnisett 1, G. Harbour 2, A. W. Davis 3, R. Holloway 4, H. L. Garfath 5, G. Iles 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.—At St. Mary's Church, 500 Grandsire Triples. Arranged for H. L. Garfath, of Croydon.

**BUCKNALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Wheeldon, junr., 1, T. Shaw 2, W. Wheeldon, senr., 3, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 4, L. Clarkson 5, C. Preston 6.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, at St. Michael's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Densley 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, C. Goodenough 4, C. W. Bell 5, A. E. Seers (conductor) 6, R. J. Cousins 7, C. Cambridge 8.

**BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival and C.E.M.S. service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Johnson's), 1260 changes, in 46 mins.: J. Saunders 1, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 2, W. J. Seaton 3, W. H. Jones 4, W. J. Meers 5, J. Preston 6, R. A. Eaton 7, C. Allen 8.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 19th, for evening service, 1280 Bob Major: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, E. Pardon 4, J. Collett 5, T. Banning 6, H. Gillett 7, W. Large (conductor) 8.



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## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 19th, five 120's Grandsire Doubles, and three of Stedman Doubles for evening service, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving. The following members from West Ham and Barking towers participated: E. Andrews, R. Saunders, A. J. Neale, F. C. Newman, A. C. Hardy, T. Faulkner, G. W. Faulkner.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Saturday, Sept. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, A. Mackears (conductor) 3, Wheeler A. Roberts (212 Co. A.S.C.) 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, S. Baker 7, H. Thoriby 8. Arranged for Wheeler A. Roberts.

**LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sept. 30th, in 25 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Sharman 1, J. W. Simpson 2, H. Wilmott 3, E. Kershaw 4, J. W. Emmitt 5, H. Simpson (conductor) 6. Rang as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on attaining his 17th birthday.

**CHISWICK.**—Middlesex Association.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on October 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holloway 1, W. Phillips 2, A. W. Davis 3, G. Iles 4, J. W. Frain 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, T. Smith 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—For evening service, at St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Wilkins 1, A. Andrews 2, W. R. Parker 3, W. H. Sibley 4, F. Hopper 5, W. Sturges 6, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 7, W. H. Austin 8. Arranged for Mr. A. Andrews, Daventry.—On Sept. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Austin 1, W. Geralt (Irthlingborough) 2, A. Andrews (Daventry) 3, W. H. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, A. J. Mawby 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Dean 8.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 19th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Kent Minor: E. Dummer 1, W. Edwards 2, W. Rowe, senr., 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor, conducted by W. L. George.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—St. Martin's Guild.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 19th, at St. John's Church, Deritend (City), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. E. Groves 1, W. Short 2, A. Walker (conductor) 3, W. B. 4, G. Yendell 5, W. Webb 6, J. Neal 7, H. Withers 8.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, for the harvest festival service, 720 Treble Bob Minor: W. Webb 1, T. Russam 2, J. Wells 3, J. Neal 4, A. Gardner 5, A. Walker (conductor) 6.

**ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.**—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 22nd, 720 London Surprise: W. Platts 1, H. Turner (conductor) 2, Hy. Stanton 3, R. Smith 4, T. Bartholomew (1st 720 London) 5, C. Fowler 6.

**DUNMOW.**—Essex Association.—On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Dunmow, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Noon, J. T. Barker (Stebbing), A. Ribbaas, H. C. Young (Stebbing), H. W. Smith, E. Claydon (Stebbing), conductor. After service 240 Plain Bob Minor, with E. Scrivener 2nd.

**ROMSEY, HANTS.**—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Smithers 1, J. Elcombe 2, F. Paskins 3, F. Hand 4, T. Cole 5, J. Walker 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. Payne 8.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, on October 3rd a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Smith 1, J. R. Sims (first on an inside bell) 2, H. Holloway 3, W. Phillips 4, J. W. Frain 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. Elliott (first quarter-peal) 8.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday evening, October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Coley 1, W. D. Stratford 2, J. Porter 3, T. Scrivens 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, J. B. Collett 8. This was S. Coley's 100th quarter-peal.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 3rd for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Lucas 1, G. B. Lucas 2, H. Rumens (conductor) 3, O. L. Twist 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, G. W. Cooper 6, H. F. Hull 7, W. J. E. Jones 8.

**SWANMORE.**—Winchester Guild.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: Roy Linter 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishiev 3, E. Jacobs 4, Wm. Linter 5, W. Harris (conductor) 6; and for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: A. Millard 1, F. Hoar 2, W. Harris 3, E. Jacobs 4, Walter Linter 5, Wm. Linter (conductor) 6.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.**—On Sunday evening, October 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Floyd, junr., 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker 3, Bomb. J. H. Jones (Stafford R.F.A.) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8. After service, 546 Grandsire Triples: Gnr. C. A. Bailey (Stafford R.F.A.) 1, Bomb. J. H. Jones 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

**LAMBERTHURST, KENT.**—On October 3rd, for the harvest festival a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 360 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and College Single, and 180 of Plain Bob: R. Russell 1, A. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, H. Price 4, J. Waghotp (Kilndown) 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Fernley Hotel, Guildhall Street, at 6.15. As the Association allowance for tea is limited to 1s. each member, members will be asked to pay 3d. each to defray the extra cost. The business meeting to follow the tea.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

**AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING** will be held at Bampton, Devon, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (6d.) in the Infants' School at 5. Change ringers will greatly help by their presence.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, October 16th, 1915. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea in Trinity Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting 7.30. Subscriptions now due.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting, at which the peal board recording the peal rung by the Ladies' Band at Portishead will be unveiled, will be held in the tower at Portishead on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 4 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Committee meeting at 5, tea at 5.30. General meeting after tea. Ringers requiring tea kindly communicate with Mr. J. George, 125, Victoria Road, Aston, Birmingham, H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting of this district will be held at St. Laurence on Saturday, October 16th. Half-fares up to but not exceeding 2s. will be allowed. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on October 21st for handbell practice; and on the 26th for business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rayne, October 23rd. Bells 2.30. Short service, with address, 4.15. Meat tea, 6d. each, at the Sunday School, 5 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers and other business. All those intending to be present please notify me not later than October 20th.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755. — Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) available from 4 to 5.30, and from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A short meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells raised at 4 o'clock prompt. All ringing friends welcomed.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, October 23rd. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The autumn meeting of the Central District will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Carshalton, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8—tenor 12½ cwt.) available at 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5.30; tea at 6 in the Church Room, The Square (members 3d., visitors 9d.), followed by a short business meeting. Croydon and Sutton trams, nearest stop Seymour Road. Please notify intention to be present on or before Friday, the 22nd, to Ch. Reading, Assistant Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Provisional Notice. — The annual meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, October 30th. Full particulars will appear in next week's issue.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E., on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Room. It is particularly requested that the names of those who will require tea should reach me not later than Tuesday, the 26th. A charge of threepence per member will be made.—T. Groombridge, sen., Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Reuben Sanders' address is now 4, Aston Street, Stepney, E.

**PEAL BOOKS.**—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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