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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,
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CHRISTMAS BELLS IN WAR-TIME.

Then from each black accursed mouth
The cannon thundered.

For the third successive Christmas the world is plunged in the depths of war and all its attendant sorrow and desolation. Celebration of the festival in the old-time fashion is not merely out of place, but impossible, when so many millions of the bravest and best are facing all the horrors of this deadly strife, and when there can be few homes which have not been robbed of someone near and dear. The spirit of Christmas, breathing "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," seems as if it has fled from this planet, but never in its history has our nation been so united in its determination to defeat those forces of evil which made the present conflict possible. Each year since the war began there has been a fervent prayer at Christmastide that, by the next festival, peace would once more reign supreme. On this occasion, even though recent happenings seem sometimes to have put that happy day still further off, there are not wanting signs which give us hope that this Christmas may be the last in which war will dominate the world.

But be that as it may, be our sorrow what it will, our bells still have their place in national life at Christmas time. Their ringing still reminds us of the higher significance of the Church's great festival; to many a brave heart they will bring a message of good cheer, to many a stricken soul they will bring comfort. The "boys" over the water, when they think of Christmas at home, will inevitably associate with it the "old familiar carols" of the bells, and they at least will expect the traditional spirit of Yuletide to be voiced from the belfries, though they themselves are not here to hear the bells. Then, too, there is the place which bells have had from the earliest ages in sharing in this festival of the Christian Church—a share which, while there are bells and ringers, they will always take.

Despite, therefore, the gloom of war, there are many and powerful arguments why our bells should merrily peal this Christmastide, and those ringers who are left at home will doubtless do their best to maintain the traditions of the past. Many a belfry, as many a fireside, will be without a familiar face, and those brave hearts that have made the supreme sacrifice will not be forgotten. As the brazen tongues speak out from hundreds of steeples on Christmas morning, we shall be reminded of the peace that is to follow the victory which these sacrifices will have made possible; and we shall hear them and grasp their message as Longfellow did.

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!

The Wrong shall fail,

The Right prevail,

With peace on earth, Good-will to men!'"

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Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,

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HANDBELL PEALS.

RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 11, 1916, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At BRACKEN VILLA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Rev. H. DOBSON ... 1—2 | J. SEGAR, Junr. ... 3—4

J. HURST ... 5—6

Conducted by J. HURST.

Witness: J. ATKINSON.

First peal by Rev. H. Dobson, who was elected a member of the Association prior to starting for the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 12th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At 49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;

* J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2 | GEORGE R. PYE ... 5—6

WILLIAM PYE ... 3—4 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7—8

CHARLES T. COLES ... 9—10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 13, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL,

32, EDGELY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5075 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 1—2 | CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5—6

HARRY R. PASMORE ... 3—4 | HERBERT LANGDON ... 7—8

ALFRED B. PECK ... 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

From Chelmsford Cathedral:—

C. Gentry, R.N.V.R., Chatham.

From St. Mary's, Billingshurst, Sussex:—

Pte Harry Wood, 3rd Royal Sussex Regt., Newhaven.

From St. Mary's, Pulborough, Sussex:—

Pte Harry J. Doick, "Field Bakery," A.S.C. Camp, Codford St. Mary's, Wilts.

From Kelvedon, Essex:—

Pte W. Keeble, A.V.C., Curragh Camp, Ireland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Manchester Town Hall. Owing to the dense fog prevailing many were prevented from attending, whilst those who came from short distances were as much as one and two hours late, owing to the difficulties of travelling. Mr. J. Ridyard presided over the business meeting, and an expression of sympathy was voiced with Mr. Harry Chapman, who was confined to bed.—A vote of condolence to the members of the family of the late Mr. Smithson, of Reddish, was passed in silence.—The annual branch meeting, which is usually held at the Cathedral in January, will be held at Pendleton instead on the 13th of the month.—A vote of thanks was passed to the authorities for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for having things ready.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The last meeting for 1916 of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, was held at Great Chart on Saturday last. The weather being very cold and foggy, had an effect on the attendance, which certainly was not very numerous, only Ashford, Stone and Tenterden towers being represented. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and had to cease at 4.30, during which time several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were accomplished. Ringing finished, the business meeting was held, Mr. Everett, of Ashford, presiding. Mr. J. Skinner and Mr. A. Johnson, members of the local tower, were elected members of the Guild, and the annual meeting fixed to be held at Appledore on January 6th, 1917.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the tower and bells. A member of the N.D.C., Mr. Duffel, from Kingston-on-Thames, received a cordial welcome, and took part in most of the ringing.

RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

EARLY SERVICE BELLS AND EXCESSIVE PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have followed with interest the various articles and letters which have lately appeared on the above subject; and I quite agree, in the first place, that much of the annoyance complained of is caused by noisy single bells, which are often tolled for a quarter of an hour at a stretch, and even longer in some cases.

I cannot altogether agree with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as to the necessity of ringing early on ordinary Sunday mornings. This practice might well be confined to the great Church Festivals, and they would thereby be better marked and distinguished from ordinary days.

It should be remembered that Sunday is a day of rest as well as a day of worship. Very early services are as a general rule unnecessary; though no doubt there are exceptions in some places. In the country there is always a certain amount of work which must be done in the early hours of Sunday morning, such as milking, attending to cattle, and so forth; and everywhere there are always household duties which must be performed before attending Divine service. This being the case, it seems that on ordinary Sundays morning service, with Holy Communion at 11 a.m., is quite early enough to meet the needs of most people. But, as I am not writing on questions about church services, I must say no more on this head.

But to come to the point, which more nearly concerns ringers, has not peal ringing been rather overdone in recent times? From the number of peals which appeared in print every week before the war began, one would say that this was so. Some twenty years ago the number of peals published did not often exceed half a dozen each week, and sometimes even less.

I do not wish to say anything to disparage the art of change ringing; but it must be borne in mind that short touches are more generally appreciated by the general public than peals, which, however well struck and however intricate the method, sound very monotonous to the uninitiated ear. I question whether a concert of the very best music, where there would be plenty of variety, would be appreciated by a general audience if kept up for three hours at a stretch without a break.

Whatever may be said of ringing for services, and on church festivals, as a branch of church work, it cannot be denied that peal ringing is simply for the gratification and glorification of those who take part in it, and for no other purpose.

In times past a peal was a thing to be talked about for some years after its performance, and many good ringers only rang two or three peals in their lives. But of late years we find ringers striving to ring as many as three peals a day; and any party out on a ringing tour are hardly satisfied unless they can secure a peal at each tower they visit.

In my younger days we were generally content with short touches on such occasions, and a peal was quite an event in our lives. Nevertheless, I myself have rung something like twenty-two peals in various parts of the country in years gone by, as far as I can recollect. But these were mostly Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob—I never went in for more intricate methods; though I have rung every bell in the octave, from treble to tenor inclusive, through a peal in one method or another in various towers. But I will say no more, and hope that these remarks may not cause offence to any modern enthusiasts in campanology.—Yours, etc.,

Clerical Library, Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

December 16th, 1916.

A REPLY TO THE REV. F. LL. EDWARDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was much interested in the letter by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards in the issue for Dec. 15th on the question of Ringing and the Public, especially the part of it which dealt with the duties and inherent rights of the Church authorities with regard to the full use of the bells for all services of the church; and I am not in the slightest degree competent to enter into any discussion or argument on that aspect of the question with such an authority as he. But, sir, "duties and inherent rights" apart, surely the reverend gentleman is asking for trouble by taking up such an uncompromising attitude as is shown in the last paragraph of his letter, and trouble, too, of a sort that we are discussing how best to avoid. I do not, of course, know which section of the community he had in mind when he described the vice of somnolence as being typically English; but if he will, between the hours of 5 and 6 a.m., parade the streets of any town that has factories or large works of any kind, I think he will find ample cause to alter his opinion on the point—at any rate, as far as the working classes are concerned.

Mr. Edwards also says, "Where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated at early hours . . . it is but fitting and proper that it should be honoured with the music of the bells." But the question for us all, is, I think, "Can that be done, and at the same time show such consideration for our neighbours as Churchmen may be expected to?" (the reverend gentleman's own words). "The less de-

vout or indifferent who choose to spend their Sunday mornings in bed," I would respectfully like to point out, may be numbered by the thousand amongst those who have been on all the other mornings of the week no less devout in their attention to their daily duties, which will have made it imperative for them to have been out of bed by at least 5 a.m., and many even earlier than that; a sufficient reason, in my opinion, why the bells should not, in populous areas, at such early hours, for at any rate 20-minute periods, send forth their summons.

Such jangling as I tried to describe to you in my previous letter, is no honour to any Christian service, and is making a lot of people antagonistic to bells and bell ringers, and is undoubtedly a cause of a lot of the complaints. It is all very well to talk about "taking our stand . . . on the principle of liberty of worship . . . and the inherent rights of the Church," but when a person has had to turn out of bed every morning all the week at 5 a.m., and then gets roused just before 6 on Sunday by a wretched "noise on bells," they will not be likely to appreciate that "liberty of worship" at all; they will be much more likely to make complaints. They have, I think, reason for complaint, and it is just such cause for complaints that we should try and avoid.

The inalienable right of Churchmen to hold early morning services no one will, of course, attempt to gainsay; but let us show consideration for the sensibilities of our neighbours, by waiting at least till a fairly reasonable hour before we worship with the full complement of music from the bells. I am convinced that it is this sort of thing, especially in populous districts, together with, in some places, excessive peal ringing, that is getting the backs of the public up against ringing, and unless steps are taken to try and stop some of it our art is going to suffer. Instead of "taking our stand" in such an uncompromising attitude, as is advocated by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, I would suggest that we bear in mind the old proverb: "Do unto others as you would like to be done unto."—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Winterfold, Cranleigh, December 16th.

FALL OF A CHURCH BELL.

MR. RICHARD NEWTON'S ALARMING EXPERIENCE.

When being rung for noon service, on Nov. 23rd, the bell of King's Chapel, Boston, U.S.A., weighing 2,400 pounds, fell with a tremendous crash, heard throughout the neighbourhood.

By an arrangement with the parish officials this bell has been rung of late, daily, by members assigned from the Boston Guild. On this occasion it was being raised by Mr. Richard Newton, and, when nearly inverted, the cast-iron stock parted near the line of the cannons, as the result of an extensive flaw in the casting. The bell, considered the finest specimen of the Revere foundry, fortunately escaped damage, and will be rehung from the Whitechapel foundry. Mr. Newton, in his account of the incident, was emphatic in his declaration that he had heard something drop.

PRINCE OF WALES' FUND.

We have to acknowledge the sum of 6s. from "Wanderer" towards the above fund, contributed for October, November and December.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hollis (Southleigh) 1, G. A. King (Kidlington) 2, W. Cox (Yarnton) 3, V. Webb (Kidlington) 4, T. Bull (Witney) 5, J. Monk, conductor (Witney) 6, J. Brooks (Witney) 7, G. Brooks (Witney) 8.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—At St. Chad's Church, on Oct. 22nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for 11 a.m. service, touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob; for evening service, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters, by the following members: G. Byolin, Pte T. W. Belton, J. Tudor, G. Scarratt, G. Jones, H. Jones, W. Brooks, W. Stockdale, A. Fullick, C. R. Lilley, T. Stedman, Messrs. Byolin and Lilley conducting.—On Oct. 29th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brooks 3, Pte T. W. Belton 4, W. Stockdale 5, C. R. Lilley 6, A. Fullick 7, H. Jones 8.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Chad's, as a farewell to Pte T. W. Belton, who was removing to Pembroke Dock, 305 Grandsire Caters: G. Scarratt 1, G. Byolin 2, J. Tudor 3, W. Brooks 4, G. Jones 5, Pte T. W. Belton 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8, A. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10.

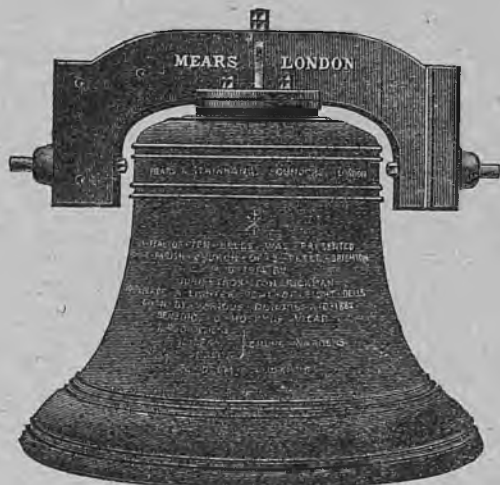
STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at St. Thomas' Church, 1008 Bob Major, for evening service: W. Hand 1, C. W. Cooper 2, R. Moors 3, A. W. Dodd 4, G. H. Pagett 5, W. A. Pugh 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, J. Bass 8. Also 168 Bob Triples, with P. Richards 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Second-Lieut. E. Smith, of Hanbury Hill House, Stourbridge, killed in action.

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KILLED IN ACTION.

WELL-KNOWN HERTFORDSHIRE RINGER FALLEN.

Great regret will be felt in Hertfordshire ringing circles at the death of Lance-Corpl. Walter S. Inwood, of Aldenham, an enthusiastic and accomplished member of the Exercise, who has been killed in France.

Born in 1892, at Aldenham, the deceased won a Platt scholarship when at Delrow School, and went to the Watford Grammar School, where he did remarkably well. From there he went to Lloyd's Bank, Watford, where his sterling qualities and happy disposition won for him the good opinion of everyone. He enlisted in January, 1916, in the Royal Fusiliers, was sent to France in July, and was killed instantly by machine gun fire on November 14th.

He commenced ringing when a lad of 16, at Aldenham, where he rang his first peal in 1909. Owing to his studies, his time for ringing was limited, but he was always willing to oblige, and he became a frequent visitor at the practices in the neighbouring towers, thinking nothing of walking back from Bushey to his home (a distance of over three miles) in the winter through the muddy lanes. His peal list, though not a long one, comprised some of the higher methods, and his striking was very accurate. He was also a prominent member of the church choir and bible class, and he will be sadly missed, both at home and in local ringing circles.

His peals include the following: Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 6; Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob Major, 6; Double Norwich Major, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; Treble Bob Minor, 1.

At Bushey, on Sunday, Dec. 10th, 504 Stedman Triples was rung for the Confirmation service, and in loving memory of the late Lance-Corpl. W. S. Inwood, by: W. Hodgetts 1, R. Darlow 2, Rfn. B. Prewett (conductor) 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, W. I. Oakley 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. E. Oakley 7, F. Edwards 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Darlow 1, B. Prewett 2, W. Hodgetts 3, F. W. Brinklow 4, W. I. Oakley 5, F. Edwards 6, W. E. Oakley 7, F. A. Smith 8.

BRADFIELD TOWER'S LOSS.

The tower of Bradfield, Berks, has lost an enthusiastic and much-respected member, by the death of Pte C. Hunt, of the R.A.M.C., who was killed in France on November 14th, while carrying wounded off the field of battle. Before entering the army, Pte Hunt was for many years a member of the Bradfield branch of the Oxford Guild, and was most regular in attending both at service ringing and practice. Much sympathy is felt for his wife, who was also a member of the Bradfield band, and whose little daughter was invariably called "Plain Bob" by the foreman (Mrs. A. E. Reeves), as a 720 of that method was rung for the christening.

THE GREAT BELLS OF MOSCOW.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be pardoned for calling attention to a curious blunder in that invaluable work of Ellacombe, "The Bells of the Church"? He says (p. 493): "There are other large bells in Russia, particularly at Trotskoi . . . descriptions of which I have not succeeded in finding." The author, if living, would doubtless be surprised to learn that "Trotskoi" is the name of a bell, not of a locality. Indeed, in the same volume (p. 417) he himself records accurately its weight, 171 tons, and date of casting, 1746. This error is reproduced, by the way, in Walter's "Church Bells of England" (p. 96).

The careful reader will note many other errors in Ellacombe's volume. For example, on the same page (493), the weight of the bell, St. Isaac, in the cathedral at St. Petersburg, now Petrograd, which was cast from re-called coin, is given as 18 cwt., instead of 18 tons, as indicated by its diameter of 8 feet.

Of great bells, "Trotskoi" is exceeded in size only by "Tsar Kolokoi" of the Kremlin, called the King, or more properly Queen, of bells. Third in size is "Bolshoi," the big, also of the Kremlin, originally cast in 1710, but irreparably damaged by the conflagration and fall of its tower during the French invasion of 1812. In 1817 the bell was broken up and recast with additional metal to make 110 tons. Another great bell of the Kremlin was St. Ivan of the Cathedral, cast in 1819, and weighing above 57 tons.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

55, Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A.
November 29th, 1916.

THE CHURCHMAN'S YEAR BOOK.

Revised and enlarged, "Mowbray's Annual," the Churchman's Year Book and Encyclopædia for 1917, makes its welcome appearance. This 9th issue shows that there is still no effort left to make it as complete and exhaustive a book of information upon church matters as possible, and the careful arrangement of the matter, facilitating ready reference, makes it particularly acceptable to the busy man. There is something about everything and everybody of importance connected with the church, and it is a volume which should be in every churchman's reference library. The Year Book is published by Messrs. A. R. Mowbray and Co., 28, Margaret Street, Oxford Circus, W., who are also the publishers of that capital little volume on church bells by H. B. Walters.

60 YEARS A RINGER.

MR. WILLIAM PRICE, OF ECKINGTON.

Very few men live to see their "diamond jubilee" as ringers, especially at one tower; but Mr. Wm. Price has now completed his 60th year as one of the band at Eckington Parish Church, Derbyshire, and the Exercise will join in congratulating him upon this fact.

Mr. Price is a well-known figure in ringing circles in the Midlands, and his many friends will rejoice to know he is still able to take a rope for short touches in most of the standard methods.

Although now over 80 years of age, he is as punctual and painstaking as ever in regard to the Exercise, and as eager for the advancement of the young ringer who shows a real taste for this most fascinating of hobbies.

An account of his wanderings in pursuit of the art he loves would occupy too much space at this time, but there are very few ringing



towers within a 30 mile radius of his native town to which he can be called a stranger, and few methods in which, at one time or other, he has not shown himself proficient.

He takes a great delight in relating the story of the days when the old band, of which he was one, would set off at holiday time with a bag of handbells, and astonish the inhabitants of the various villages where they stayed at night—they usually found accommodation at an inn near a tower in which ringing had been indulged in during the day—and of the many and urgent requests from the inhabitants to repeat their visits.

Though his spirit is good as ever, Mr. Price naturally regrets his physical inability to do as he has done in past years, but he hopes that once more at least he may be successful in scoring a full 720 of Treble Bob.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterley meeting was held on Saturday last, at Long Ashton, when over 40 members attended, representing 14 towers. The bells were set in motion shortly after 2 p.m., and kept going in various methods until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar officiating, and giving a very appropriate address.

The business meeting then took place in the Church Room, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding.—Two new members were elected, and four ringers passed from probationers to full membership.—The next meeting was fixed to be held at Dunster, on the second Saturday after Easter, if possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Young for the very kind welcome he gave the members, for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, and to this the Vicar replied.

Tea, provided on this occasion by the Long Ashton ringers and their wives, followed, and the Rev. C. C. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to them for the very able way they had catered for the members.—This was carried with acclamation.

There being no more ringing, on account of the Defence of the Realm Act, the rest of the evening was passed by discussing various ways and means of spreading the Association.

PRESENTATION TO SURREY RINGER.

MR. CHARLES EDWARDS LEAVES FARNHAM.

Mr. Charles Edwards, who has done so much to promote change ringing in the neighbourhood of Farnham, Surrey, during the last twelve years, has left the district for Downham, Norfolk, and his departure is regretted not only by the members of his own tower, where he has been the leader, but in the whole of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, of which he has been Ringing Master, and in which his energy has resulted in bringing into affiliation several of the remoter belfries. During the time he had been at Farnham Mr. Edwards had taught a band of change ringers in practically every tower within an eight-miles' radius of Farnham, and conducted peals in most of them. Writing of him in the "Parish Magazine," the Rector says: "He will not be here to ring out the old and ring in the new of 1917. He has been long a sort of tenor bell in our belfry. He rang a Trafalgar Peal—but that was a hundred years after the battle. And we hoped he would be here to ring in a glorious peace. Maybe he'll come and do it for us. Meanwhile we and many of our neighbouring towers are sorry to say good-bye to him. He is the kind of bell ringer who is a cause of bell ringing in others. He is a contagious and infectious campanologist."

On his last appearance in Farnham belfry before his departure, a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., by the following, the bells being half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. T. Coleman: H. Preer 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, J. Mann 3, H. Lees 4, B. Hammond 5, Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E., 6, C. Edwards (conductor) 7, A. King 8.

"A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE."

When the ringing had been completed, the Rector's warden, Mr. Edgar Kempson, entered the ringing chamber, and congratulated the band on their ringing. Speaking on behalf of the Rector (who was fulfilling an engagement away), he said it had come to the knowledge of the Rector, churchwardens and ringers that Mr. Edwards would shortly be leaving them, and they felt they could not let that happen without making some recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Farnham tower, during the twelve years he had been connected with it. He had been the life and soul, not only of that tower, but of every tower in the neighbourhood. Mr. Kempson then handed to Mr. Edwards a copy of Hope Moncreiff's "Highways and Byways of Surrey," and a handsome writing pad, both bearing the names of the subscribers. In one of the volumes the Rector had written: "Presented to Mr. C. Edwards, as a small token of gratitude for the good work he has done in Farnham bell tower, and in many other towers in the neighbourhood, by the few of the many who would have wished to make a worthier testimonial had wartime afforded them an opportunity. In the name of those that are absent, and in my own name, we wish that you may live to conduct many more peals, including one to celebrate peace after victory."

Mr. Edwards suitably responded, by saying that what he had done for Farnham and other towers had been a labour of love, and he appreciated their kindness very much. He went on to say that he should never have been able to do what he had done for bell ringing, were it not that his wife was a co-partner in the cause, adding humorously that she often expressed the opinion that when he was out bell ringing she knew he was in good company. Therefore she would appreciate the gift as much as he did.

Mr. Kempson expressed a wish, with which he was sure all present would agree, that when peace was declared Mr. Edwards would come back and conduct the peal to celebrate the final victory. Mr. Edwards said he would very much like to do so, and expressed his regret at leaving the district.

LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION'S NEW TOWER.

RINGING PRACTICE AT LLANGONROYD.

The parish church of Llangonoyd, which is situated on the top of one of the Glamorganshire hills, and reached after a stiff climb from the railway station in the Llynvi Valley, was visited by members of the Llandaff Association on Saturday, the members hailing from Aberavon, Bridgend, Cardiff, Llandaff and Newport (Mon.), the heartiest of welcomes was accorded the visitors by the locals, who included the man in blue. Robert, contrary to the many stony ringers which are occasionally met with, expressed his regret that he could not take a rope in change ringing. After the bells had been raised, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles rung, a 720 of Bob Minor was brought round by: R. Evans (Bridgend) 1, R. J. Evans (Bridgend) 2, J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) 3, S. Dawe (Llandaff) 4, F. Chamberlain (Cardiff) 5, A. J. Pitman (Aberavon, conductor) 6. The bells are a light ring of six, and go like the proverbial fiddles. At the conclusion, a social hour was spent with the locals, the most pleasing feature of the visit being that seven names were submitted to the hon. secretary for him to propose as members at the next Association meeting, thus bringing into affiliation one more tower anxious for change ringing.

PROOF AND COMPOSITION

OF TREBLE BOB METHODS.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF,

(Continued from page 29.)

The five-part table given in our last article contains thirty course-ends, each of which are given by the leads of the Bob positions, M. W. H. The greatest latitude is allowable in passing from W to H, and from H to M. You can pass from one to the other of these positions as your fancy takes you, care of course being taken that any particular lead is not used twice.

In passing from M to W no such latitude is allowable, you must in each case go through the last M of one of the courses in the table, otherwise the centre of the course would be foreign to the table, and would in most cases make the composition false.

If these rules are followed correctly all peals obtained from any table constructed from any of the sixty-four sets of thirty course-ends are bound to be true, no other proof being necessary.

Here is an old peal by Henry Hubbard which we will trace through the table published.

6,720 Treble Bob.				
23456	M	B	W	H
24536			1	2
24346	1	—	2	2
42563			—	2
34625			2	2
Four times repeated.				

It starts as usual from rounds, which will be found in Col. V. Course 1. Now when we get back to this point in any of the five columns we have arrived at our part-end. From rounds the first M we arrive at is 42635 (see Col. I, Course 1). Now we must get out of this course, otherwise when we get to the end of the course we are at a part-end. To do this, the "Before" is omitted, which leads us to W 35246 and will be found in Col. III. Course 6. This course is finished out by calling 1 W 2 H giving us 24535 as a course-end. This transposed by 42635 gives us 52643 as first M of second course (see Col. IV. Course 5). This course is taken complete and the missing 46 is added in, which leads us to H in Col. V. Course 2, the calling being 1 M, B, 2 W, 2 H, course-end 25346. This, transposed by 42635, gives 32654 as first M for third course of peal, (found in Col. V. Course 3). The whole of this course is taken and the missing 63 added in which leads us to Col. V. Course 4. Calling B, 2 H, gives 42563 as our third course-end. Transpose again by 42563, this gives 54326 the M of fourth course (found in Col. I. Course 4). When we get to the W of this course a connection is found with Col. IV. Course 1, through the W of Col. IV. Course 2, and leaves us at a part-end, calling B 2 W, 2 H.

In composing five-part peals from these tables you will note that if you use a course or lead from one column you cannot take a course or lead from a similar position in another column in the same part, as they turn up in a similar position in each part. Thus using the first M 42635 actually seals the fate of all the middles of the top row of courses. They each become in their turn the first M lead of each part.

In composing one-part peals from these tables this is not the case. Tracing the following peal in the table will give one a good idea how one-part peals can be obtained.

					8128 Treble Bob	
23456	M	B	W	H		
55264	—	—	—	—	Col 1	Course 1
36452	—	2	1	—	" 1	" 5
62453	2	—	1	2	" 1	" 6
45623	1	—	2	1	" 2	" 5
53624	2	—	1	2	" 2	" 6
62534	1	—	2	1	" 3	" 5
24536	2	—	1	2	" 3	" 6
53246	1	—	2	1	" 4	" 5
36245	2	—	1	2	" 4	" 6
24365	1	—	2	1	" 5	" 5
56342	2	—	2	1	" 5	" 6
64523	—	—	—	—	" 2	" 2
64235	—	—	1	—	" 2	" 3
43652	—	—	—	—	" 3	" 2
43526	—	—	1	—	" 3	" 3
32465	—	—	—	—	" 4	" 2
32654	—	—	1	—	" 4	" 3
25346	—	—	—	—	" 5	" 2
25463	—	—	1	—	" 5	" 3
56234	—	—	—	—	" 1	" 2
63254	1	—	—	—	" 1	" 3
35642	—	—	—	—	" 3	" 4
54326	—	—	—	—	" 4	" 4
42563	—	—	—	—	" 5	" 4
65243	1	—	—	2	" 1	" 4
46532	—	—	—	2	" 3	" 1
34625	—	—	—	2	" 4	" 1
23456	—	—	—	2	" 5	" 1

Part and Col 1, Course 3

Part and Col 2, Course 4

Part and Col 2, Course 1

To be continued.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on December 28th for handbell practice. The subscription of rs. 8d., which entitles members, who seldom attend the meetings, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells (10) available from 10 o'clock. Short service in the church at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30, the Vicar will preside. A meat tea will be provided at 5.30, to be followed by a social gathering. Llandaff Cathedral bells (8) available from 12 to 2; Whitchurch bells (6) available from 10 to 2.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

BEDDINGTON SURREY.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Boxing-day, December 26th. Tower open at eleven o'clock a.m.—Alfred Clayton, 5 Highland Cottages, Bute Road, Wallington, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Boxing Day, December 26th. Tower open from 10.30 a.m. Service at 12 noon.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary District Secretary, 77, Bill, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 6th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. A special service at 4.30. Tea (free) to all members at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. Will all members intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 3rd?—H. Balcombe, The Priory, Appledore.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The yearly meeting of the Branch Committee will take place at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, January 6th, 1917, by kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, M.A. Ringing at the Parish Church at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at the Vicarage at 5 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

NOTE.—United Practice will take place at Farnham Royal, on Saturday, December 23rd, and there will be a friendly gathering of members at Burnham, on Sunday afternoon, 24th December. Both at 2.30 p.m. The Secretary will be glad to have returns from one or two incomplete Towers before the close of the current year.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 6th, 1917. Bells available from 2.30 to 5.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Annual Business meeting will be held at Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at 7.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due at this meeting, and the special attention of members whose subscriptions are in arrears, is directed to Rule 5. The balance sheet and statement of accounts for year ending Nov. 30th last will be presented.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. Clement Glenn, having joined the R.N.V.R., all official communications should, for the present, be sent to the President or Hon. Treasurer.

GREETINGS.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild has in remembrance his many ringing friends at this season, and wishes them all a happy Christmas, and a brighter outlook in the year that is to come. His address for some weeks will be Arthur T. King, Esq., I.S.O., "Glengariff," Barnet Common, High Barnet, Herts.

Heartiest good wishes for Christmas and a Victorious New Year to all ringing friends, both far and near, is the sincere wish of Rifleman Bertram Prewett, B Co., London Rifle Brigade, Sutton-Veney, Wilts.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year are the hearty wishes to all ringing friends from Corpl. James E. Davis, Royal Engineers, B.E.F., France.

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WORCESTER.—On Oct. 22nd, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Pte H. Troughton 1, J. Woodgett 2, B. S. Hill 3, W. Lewis 4, W. Page 5, W. Edgington (conductor) 6. Rung as a welcome to Pte H. Troughton, of the Firms, who, after twelve months' active service at the Western front, was home on a week's leave. When he joined up about seventeen months ago he was quite a learner, but of more than average promise.

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