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REACHING THE CLERGY.

There are often matters concerning bells, belfries and ringers which it is desirable should be brought to the notice of the clergy generally, but this it is not always easy to accomplish. A recent example is the danger of "clocking," and it is a matter of satisfaction to observe that in the Diocese of Salisbury the Bishop has brought the question before his clergy by quoting the report of the Diocesan Guild on the subject. Is it not possible for those clergy who are actively identified with ringing in other dioceses to induce their Bishops to take similar action? By so doing the matter would be brought to the attention of incumbents in the best and widest possible way, and with a weight that could be obtained through few other means.

The idea, too, opens up other possibilities. Among the aims of our Associations, in their endeavour "to secure the recognition of the true position of ringers as Church Workers," is that of getting into closer touch with the clergy, with whom, as we know, lies the final control of the bells, and by whose interest (or lack of it) the work in the belfry may be made or unmade. The absence of encouragement by an incumbent is probably often due to ignorance of matters concerning ringing, while the ringers are, perhaps, too retiring, or otherwise unable to take him in hand and arouse his interest. Even the well-directed attentions of an Association cannot always do so, but there are few clergy who do not find an incentive to pastoral interest when a subject comes under their notice in the official diocesan publication.

Would it not be possible, therefore, for the various ringing organisations throughout the country to keep their aims and their work more constantly under the notice of the clergy and influential churchmen by obtaining a corner more or less regularly in the gazette of their respective dioceses? Other diocesan organisations do so; and, with, we presume, the Bishop's consent, the task of communicating matters of importance and of general ringing interest could be entrusted to one of the clergy intimately associated with each organisation. By this means the best points in connection with the work that is being done in the belfries of a diocese, and questions affecting the care of bells and the conduct of belfries generally, would come under the direct notice of those most responsible for the churches. This is a matter in which each diocesan guild or county association could act, and it is also one in which the Central Council could use its good offices among the societies to get the idea generally adopted, so that throughout the country there would be direct channels for reaching the clergy, instead of having to rely upon the more or less haphazard methods that have to answer the purpose at present.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

On Monday, August 6th, 1917, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

With 4-6-8 covering.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

A. NASON Treble	C. MINTON 5
E. BEDDOES 2	W. JONES 6
W. R. NASH 3	G. ROBINSON 7
HOBERT JONES 4	W. HABBERLY Tenor

Conducted by C. MINTON.

* First peal.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 11, 1917, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	ALBERT WALKER 5
CHARLES DICKENS 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
THOMAS BLOORE 3	GEORGE ROBERTS 7
JAMES E. GROVES 4	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lieut. Michael V. Molloy (son of the Vicar and Mrs. Molloy), of the 2nd Batt. Sherwood Foresters, who fell in action whilst leading his men at Hooe, on August 9th, 1915.

* First peal in the method, and believed to be the first true peal of Treble Bob Major ever rung on the bells.

SIX BELL PEAL.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4th, 1917, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising one extent each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

LCE.-CP. WILFRED DOWNING Treble	HERBERT ROWLEY 4
GEORGE F. PICKLES 2	JAMES SMITH 5
GEORGE HUNT 3	ROBERT THICKETT Tenor

Conducted by H. ROWLEY.

* First peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On the Saturday before Bank Holiday the Manchester Branch held a meeting at Pendlebury, but the date did not prove a wise selection, as only 15 to 20 members were able to attend, several apologies being sent from members making the most of the holiday at other places than home. The only methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, but there was more Stedman than usual, as several members are studying it, and they made the most of the opportunity.

At the business meeting Prestwich was chosen for the next meeting, on August 25th, if convenient, when the Branch will choose their nominees for the general offices of the society.

The bells were kept going until 7.30, when a service was held to commemorate the end of the third year and commencement of the fourth year of the war.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

At Bristol, on Sunday, August 12th, for morning service at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins., by: Mrs. E. J. Wilson 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, F. S. Wilson (Tewkesbury) 3, G. Condie, senr., 4, H. H. Tucker 5, S. Thomas 6, J. Burford (conductor) 7, A. Reeves 8. This was the first quarter-peal by Mrs. E. J. Wilson, who was proposed and elected a life member of the Association prior to starting.—On Sunday evening, for service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: Mrs. D. J. Wilson 1, F. W. Wade 2, F. S. Wilson 3, G. B. Warburton 4, H. T. Howell 5, G. Wiltshire 6, J. Long 7, U. Braven 8. These quarter-peals were arranged for Mrs. E. J. Wilson, who hails from Portishead, and, through the medium of "The Ringing World," she wishes to thank Mr. Fred G. May and Mr. R. J. Wilkins for so kindly extending to her the invitation.

VETERANS CROSS THE BOURN.**MR. REUBEN FLAXMAN, OF SLOUGH.**

The St. Mary's Society, Slough, have lost their oldest member by the death of Mr. Reuben Flaxman, who for over 40 years has struggled hard to help along change ringing, beginning at a time when half-pull was not so plentiful 20 miles out of London as it is to-day. He passed away quite peacefully—like a bell at rest—in the early hours of Monday morning, July 30th, in the 68th year of his age. Mrs. Flaxman, on awakening, finding no response to her early morning inquiries, summoned the family doctor, who had attended him when a serious accident laid him by some years ago, and an inquest was, therefore, unnecessary.

The deceased was carried to his final rest in St. Mary's Churchyard, on Thursday afternoon, the 2nd inst., followed to the grave by the widow and several members of the family. Amongst the wreaths was one from the local society of ringers, with deepest sympathy. In the evening the bells (muffled at back stroke) were rung in memoriam, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples almost succeeding with the band as follows, several relatives of deceased being present: Messrs. Purdue, Harding (Reading), Smith, Bedford, A. Leader, G. Leader, E. T. Hooper, W. H. Fussell, and Perryman.

On the Sunday evening, August 5th, the quarter-peal was again attempted, muffled, and was brought home in 50 minutes, with measured heat and slow, Messrs. Harding and Perryman kindly standing out as timekeeper and referee, thus consummating a special wish of the deceased to have a good muffled peal when he had gone. The ringers were: G. Bedford 1, T. S. Smith 2, E. A. Leader 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Leader 5, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 6, W. Henley 7, F. Purdue 8.

Reuben Flaxman was one of the Farnham Royal band for many years, and began in the early days of local Minor ringing, with Mr. J. J. Parker, going out to neighbouring towers to spread the "ringing fever." All the bell ringing newspapers, from 1879 onwards, contain reports of his local wanderings and doings. Born at St. Missenden, he went to Farnham Royal with his parents at a year old, and he continued to live there some time after his marriage. It was a long while before he gave up his connection with Farnham belfry, and moved to Slough on account of his employment, where he worked as estate carpenter for Messrs. J. H. Nash and Sons, brickmakers, for about 40 years.

His death removed one of a team of eight peal men, who were still surviving in June last as original members of the East Berks and South Bucks Association, founded in 1877. He was also a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from its formation, and the West Middlesex Association, and he twice joined the Royal Cumberland Youth's Society of London. He has scored peals of Triples and Major in each of the four popular standard methods, and conducted several 5,000's of Grandsire Triples, but had not kept a complete record.

The Flaxmans are a prolific family in South Bucks. Reuben was one of twelve (one girl), all the boys being baptized with a Christian name selected from the Bible, and he leaves a family of eight children (divided equally between the sexes), but none have taken up the father's pastime.

Reuben took part in the last peal rung in the old tower at Slough Parish Church, and it was also his last. He conducted his last quarter-peal (also Grandsire) in the new tower at the death of the old parish clerk—both of which performances were recorded at the time in this journal—the composition being one by his early change ringing chum, Mr. J. J. Parker. W. H. F.

DEATH OF AN OLD READING RINGER.

By the death of Mr. James Potter, of 83, Donnington Road, Reading, which took place on July 30th, local campanological circles have lost an able comrade and genial personality. Mr. Potter, by occupation a railway engine driver, came to Reading from Frittenden, in Kent, in the mid-seventies. He rang in many towers in Reading and the vicinity, taking part in numerous campanological performances of note in the district during many years, finally settling down as a member of the St. Lawrence's band.

It had been proposed, as a last farewell and tribute of affection, to ring a "touch" on handbells at the graveside, but this was regretfully abandoned, owing to the difficulty in mustering men at this abnormal time.

The funeral took place on August 3rd, at the Reading Cemetery, and, in the evening, a solemn quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Lawrence's, with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were: A. Wiggins 1, W. Newell 2, T. Hibbert 3, W. Hibbert 4, A. Pike 5, C. Giles 6, F. Hopgood (conductor) 7, J. Swain 8, A. Whitmore 9, T. Sawyer 10. Requisite in pace.

WINCHESTER GUILD FOUNDATION MEMBER.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild has lost another of its foundation members, in the person of Mr. George Farnfield, of Cranleigh, Surrey, who has passed away at the ripe age of 75 years. He, and others of the Cranleigh band at that time, were amongst the first to join the Guild on its formation. He had been a regular attendant for service ringing at Cranleigh for over 50 years, and was one of the pioneers in the practice of the Treble Bob Minor methods in the district some 30 years ago.

He was carried to his grave in Cranleigh Cemetery on Monday last by four of his fellow ringers, Messrs. Charman, Streeter, Whittington and Worsfold.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Official news has been received that Pte. B. Atkins, of the Manchester Regiment, was killed in France on July 4th. He was a member of the Oldham Church (St. Mary's) company, and was just picking change ringing up nicely when he enlisted in November, 1914. He had been out to the Dardanelles, and was invalided home with fever. After a stay in a home camp, he was sent out to France, about Easter, and has now met his death on the field of honour. He will be missed by his brother ringers, for he was of a genial and kindly nature. As a token of respect, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, by: S. Elson 1, J. Cox 2, S. Stott (conductor) 3, A. Waites 4, E. B. Sflaw 5, W. Hodgson 6, M. Newton 7, H. Wright 8.

CASUALTIES AMONG CLENT RINGERS.

Pte. Joseph Sheriff, of Clent, Worcestershire, who was serving in the Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed in Flanders on June 23rd. He had previously been wounded in the Somme advance, and was in hospital in Suffolk. He went back to France last November, after being home for ten days, when he took part in the ringing for service on Sunday. His aunt has received a letter from his lieutenant, to say he passed away shortly after being wounded, and that he had been a good and brave soldier. On Sunday, July 15th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect, by: Miss R. Shilcock 1, W. Shilcock 2, W. Boughton 3, E. Boughton 4, J. Bass 5, C. W. Cooper 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, H. Griffiths 8.

Two other Clent ringers are among recent casualties. Gunner W. Davies, R.F.A., was wounded by shrapnel on July 1st, his shoulder being fractured. He is now in Ward 9, Evington Military Hospital, Leicester.

Pte. J. Shilcock, of the Worcestershire Regiment, was gassed on July 23rd, and is now in the 22nd General Hospital, France.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Finedon on Saturday, July 28th, and was attended by ringers and friends from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston, Earls Barton, Easton Mauditt, Raunds, Castle Ashby, Kettering, Sharnbrook, Burton Latimer, Northampton, and the local band. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, and London Surprise were rung.

A war-time tea was provided at the Star Hall, and was much enjoyed by all, about 35 sitting down. This was followed by the usual business meeting. Owing to the Vicar (who is leaving very shortly for France as an army chaplain) being unable to stay for the meeting, the chair was taken by Mr. F. Wilford, general secretary. Amongst those present were Messrs. R. Sanders (London), C. W. Clarke (Redford), and Mr. Layng (Swindon).

This being the annual meeting of the district, all the officers were re-elected.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wilby, in September.

A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised 5s. 7d.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were afterwards rung on the handbells.

DEATH OF MR. T. C. GOZZETT, MALDON.

We regret to announce the death of Thomas Charles Gozzett, of Maldon, Essex, who passed away on the 30th of July, after an illness of over three years, at the early age of 30.

Deceased has been a member of St. Mary's company since the band was formed, about 12 years ago, and he will be greatly missed, as he was always ready to lend a helping hand at Sunday service ringing or on practice nights. He had rung ten peals in all, most of which were in Minor methods. He was a blacksmith by trade, and was also a keen sportsman, having been captain of Maldon Football Club, and also secretary of Maldon St. Mary's Club, when it was first formed. He was also a football referee, and was at one time sergeant in charge of the Maldon detachment of the Essex Cyclists Regiment.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Churchyard, when the local company of ringers were represented by H. J. Mansfield, A. South, and J. H. Waldeck.—On Sunday morning, for service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung with the bells muffled, by: E. Mansfield 1, A. Mansfield 2, A. South 3, H. J. Mansfield 4, W. Chalk 5, F. Chalk 6.—On Tuesday week, as a last tribute of respect to deceased and his brother, Pte. A. Gozzett, who was killed in France on May 7th, an attempt was made to ring a muffled peal, but it broke down, after ringing 2,400 changes in 1 hr. and 25 mins., those taking part in it were: A. Mansfield, A. South, J. Buckingham, F. Chalk, H. J. Mansfield and W. Chalk.

The deceased leaves a widow, but no family, and the sympathy of the Exercise will go out to her and the other bereaved relatives in their loss.

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BISHOP CALLS ATTENTION TO "CLOCKING."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The enclosed from our "Diocesan Gazette" will appeal to you, as showing the commendable interest taken by the Bishop of Salisbury in a subject to which your recent articles have called most timely attention. "Other Bishops, please copy," as "John Bull" would say. With regard to the point brought up in Mr. Woolley's letter, there is not the least need to keep a "minute bell" on the swing. A pull and check at the interval required produces the effect without difficulty. It is frequently done here on a 16½ cwt. tenor by a boy of 13 or 14. The clappers in Belgium, as you rightly say, automatically spring back. Even then it is only for playing tunes that this action is used. For Divine service and such purposes the bells are properly rung in rounds. In Spain, "clocking" prevails to some extent, and many bells are cracked.—Yours very truly,

Kington Magna Rectory.

F. L. EDWARDS.

The following is the extract referred to:—

"The Bishop desires to call attention to a passage in the annual report of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers, in which the practice of sounding bells by means of a rope attached to the clapper is deprecated. It is the surest way to crack a bell, and many a fine example of the founder's art has been ruined by this illicit treatment. Nor is there the slightest need or excuse for it. Any bell of ordinary weight can be legitimately chimed by a boy or girl, after a little instruction."

The Bishop also mentions that the Guild's Roll of Honour shows that 13 members have laid down their lives, and no less than 360 are serving their King and country, showing the large number of young men who have devoted themselves to the service of the Church in the bellfries of the Diocese.

His Lordship also draws attention to the fact that the Master of the Guild, in his notes, utters a warning that when peace arrives there will be a considerable scarcity of ringers, and that it would be, therefore, wise for clergy, churchwardens, and steeplekeepers to obtain and instruct youths under military age in the art of ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a large number of members and friends of the London County Association from all parts of the Metropolis, including representatives of H.M. Forces in khaki, visited St. Mary's, Mortlake, for the usual monthly meeting, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Touches, including Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Kent, Bob Major and Stedman Triples, were brought round on this handy peal.

At a business meeting, held subsequently at the "Old George," Mr. Willoughby E. Maulden, of Framlingham, Suffolk, now serving in the A.S.C. at Lee Green, was unanimously elected a member.

The Master made sympathetic reference to the sudden death of Mr. H. G. Rowe, of Cheshunt, a highly respected member, and the action of the hon. secretary in writing a letter of condolence to his widow on receipt of the sad news, was endorsed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and also Mr. T. Bullen (steeplekeeper), who so kindly took pains to have everything in readiness for the comfort of the visitors.

Touches on handbells, kindly brought by Mr. J. Rayner, were indulged in, followed by a selection of tunes tapped by "mine host" on a very fine peal suspended from the ceiling of the house.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8th, full particulars of which will appear in the "Ringing World."

WAKING UP THE SLEEPY VILLAGES.

Thanks to the exertions of Mr. John Moule, of the Leytonstone company, several of the sleepy adjacent country villages have been lately aroused from their somnolence, and the bells have poured forth their message of hope and joy.

In the "Chigwell Parish Magazine," of a recent date, the Vicar referring to a peal just rung, writes: "We may congratulate ourselves that John Moule was born in this parish, and as a boy took a leading part in our choir."

"Jack," as we familiarly speak of him, has since developed into the strong man, sound in body and mind. He has rung so many Surprise Minor peals that the Leytonstone belfry could not contain the records. And he is ever ready to give assistance where required.

Last Sunday week, at Chigwell Row, the 5th proved exceedingly stubborn, so much so that Arthur Neale had reluctantly to turn her over to "Jack," who dealt with her as a lion would a mouse, sending her into the place-making and 3-4 down with ease. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was scored, but the Cambridge Surprise failed.

Thanks are due to the following members who assisted in the 720, in spite of the warm weather, and the excessive railway fares: W. Richter 1, P. C. Redgewell 2, G. F. Margetson 3, A. Prior 4, A. J. Neale 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6.

G. F. M.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 23rd, for the Prince of Wales' birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, J. W. Driver 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Dyna 8.

NEW BELLS AT CORSTON, SOMERSET.

A WAR MEMORIAL.

The parish of Corston, near Bristol, of which the Rev. Claud C. Parker, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, is Rector, has just become possessed of a peal of eight bells. These, together with a war shrine, have been placed in the Parish Church by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bartelt, of Corston Lodge, and each of the bells bears the inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Capt. Fritz W. Bartelt, who gave his life for King and country, 1916." This simple sentence conveys a whole volume of meaning. It speaks of duty nobly done, of sacrifice cheerfully made, of parental love, and of affection for the church and all that it symbolises. Capt. Bartelt was an officer of the 4th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry, and he died in Calcutta last September. His ashes repose in the church, of which he was Rector's warden. The new peal of bells, from the Loughborough Foundry, have a tenor of 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. in A flat. The bells are hung in an iron H frame, which stands on steel girders, and although the tower is a small one, are all on one level. As considerable work has been necessitated in the tower by the installation of the new peal, it has been deemed advisable, says the "Bath and Wilts Chronicle," to take advantage of the present opportunity to renovate the parapets and pinnacles, and to effect other improvements to that part of the church. The cost, about £200, is being defrayed by subscriptions. The war shrine is a solid copper cross inserted in an oak frame on the north wall, both wood and metal having come from H.M.S. Britannia, for so long the naval training ship. Above the cross appear the words: "For God, King and Country," and at the foot, "The Heroic Dead," whose names are set out in gold letters below the right arm, as follows: Capt. F. W. Bartelt, Somerset L.I., P. Box T. W. Davey, J. Eades, P. W. Hannam, A. E. James, J. Mercer, W. Smith. "Greater love hath no man than these" appears in red characters on the woodwork from which the cross stands out in relief. On either side of the recess are painted the names of sixty parishioners who are serving or have served with the colours. An inscription records that Mrs. F. L. Bartelt presented this memento of "Our Brave Corstonians who took part in the great World War."

The dedication of the bells and shrine was performed by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and a large number of ringers attended, among them being Messrs. W. J. Prescott, W. Seers, C. Goodenough, H. W. Brown, R. J. Cousins, T. Hogsflesh, A. Richardson, H. E. Holder, and W. Flower (Bath), R. J. Wilkins and A. E. Wilkins (St. Stephen's Bristol), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.), F. Canning and J. Harris (Bathford), J. Taylor (Bathampton), T. Grant (Swainswick), J. Hallett and C. W. Bell (St. Saviour's), N. Wake (Tower-master, Bath Abbey), J. Lye and J. Stagg (Weston), G. Hill (St. Stephen's) and G. Tovey (Newton St. Loe). Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bartelt, Mrs. Fritz Bartelt and Master Dick Bartelt were among the large congregation, while the 4th Somerset L.I. was represented by Capt. Malcolm Bell and Lieut. T. Brown. As a processional hymn, "Lifted high within the steeple" was sung, and after prayer by the Bishop, his Lordship announced the object for which the service was held. While Psalm 122 was chanted, Bishop, clergy, choir, and others, moved to the belfry, where Mr. and Mrs. Bartelt, taking the ropes of the bells, asked the Bishop to dedicate the peal, which he accordingly did with due solemnity. His Lordship afterwards delivered the ropes to the Rector, asking him to receive them as a sacred trust, while he also notified the churchwardens that the bells were committed to the custody of the Rector, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese. "Let the bells be chimed," then said his Lordship, and immediately their music broke forth, the bells being rung by a selected band, under Mr. Prescott. It was noted by the congregation how sweet and pure was the tone of the new ring. Psalm 150 was sung while those in the procession returned to the chancel, and a series of appropriate prayers was offered by the Bishop, the Rector, and several others of the clergy present.

A move was then made to the War Shrine, which the Bishop dedicated with customary ceremonial. After the hymn, "Behold, we know not anything," Dr. Kennion delivered an address from St. John x. 13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." He referred to the fact that these words were used on the war shrine which had just been dedicated to God's glory, and in memory of those whom they would ever hold in such constant affection. It was an event of great interest that there should be dedicated a new peal of bells, which meant so much for their church, and that it should be connected with the dedication of that war shrine. It set before them an example of what others had done for them; and which, he hoped, none of them would ever forget, as long as they lived. Those bells would sound on many different occasions, and he dared say how church bells always seemed to accommodate themselves to the particular purpose for which they sounded when summoning us to pray for one who might be passing away, and how sad in their muffled peal which told us of someone we should see no more on earth; but how joyful they were at other times! they seemed to delight to ring the praises of God, swaying between earth and heaven, and seeming to wish that they might ring in the Christ that is to be. Referring to the great struggle now being waged, his Lordship said that if we learnt anything from this terrible war, it was to be more like and more worthy of the Lord Jesus.

At the conclusion, "Hark, on high, the joyful music," was sung and after the Bishop had pronounced the Blessing, the congregation joined in the National Anthem.

The recessional was, "O God, our help in ages past."

After the service numerous touches were rung on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT THE CATHEDRAL CITY.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on August Bank Holiday. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodston Churches were available all day, and were made good use of. The service was held at St. John's Church, the Rev. C. J. Sturton officiating in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Morse).

The business meeting was held in the Vestry, when the president (the Dean of Peterborough) presided.

The report and balance sheet were presented by the secretary, showing that, as there was no Bank Holiday last year, it was two years since the last meeting. During that time two peals of Minor had been rung on tower bells. Forty members were serving with H.M. forces, and four had been killed in action, viz., F. Smith (Cathedral), S. Franklin (Woodston), F. Hotson, and G. E. Piggins (Wisbech). The accounts showed a balance of £5 0s. 3d. carried forward.

It was decided that during the war the subscriptions should be voluntary.

Eleven new members were elected from King's Cliffe (including five ladies) and four life members.

The officers were re-elected, with the addition of Miss C. M. Orlebar, on the committee.

It was felt necessary that some arrangements should be made to provide teams in the villages, when required, when peace should be proclaimed.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. J. Sturton, for conducting the service, and to the Dean for presiding, was passed.—The Dean, in reply, said he had to offer an apology for their not being allowed the use of the Cathedral bells. They had decided not to have the bells rung during the war, on account of the munition workers, but the other churches rang their bells. He (the Dean) did not realise there would be so many visitors, from such a long distance, or they should have rung at the Cathedral, but they were quite welcome to ring, even at that late hour, if they felt disposed.

Amongst those present were Messrs. W. E. White and W. White (Cotgrave), S. Wesley (Lenton, Notts), A. Mason, York Green (London), F. S. W. Butler (Gainsborough), A. Mackears (Long Bennington), S. Proctor (Grantham), several ringers from Irthlingborough, Wisbech, Fleet, Chatteris, King's Cliffe, Northampton, Miffield, etc., with the local men.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT AT DARTFORD.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Dartford on July 28th, and, fine weather prevailing, a good muster of ringers turned up, about 60 being present during the afternoon to avail themselves of the opportunity of ringing on the new peal. The bells were raised soon after 2.30 p.m., and the Rev. D. R. A. Williams (curate) said the belfry prayer. Touches in various methods were then successfully rung. The members attended service in the church, the Association Form being used, the Rev. Williams reading the prayers, the lesson being read by the Rev. L. Savill (Vicar), who also gave a very interesting address on "Bells and their associations." He said bells were mentioned at Dartford as far back as 1504.

A move was then made to the Church Hall, where tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. Penney and Dines), was thoroughly enjoyed, Mrs. Penney and other ladies kindly waiting on the company.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) and Mr. J. Bruce Williamson (Isle of Wight) were elected non-resident life members. The Vicar was elected an honorary member, and nine practising members, including the Rev. Williams (Dartford) and Miss Emilie F. Birch (Bromley), were duly elected.

Lewisham was selected as the place for the annual district meeting, on the last Saturday in October. Failing Dartford, Greenwich was the reserve choice.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, to the Vicar and churchwardens for the tea, to the Rev. Williams for making the arrangements, to Mrs. Penney and other ladies, the organist, and Mr. Shaw, for their services, was carried with applause.—The Vicar, replying, said how pleased he was to meet them all, but sorry Mr. Penney (who had had their bells put in order) could not be present, owing to pressure of business.

The tower was again visited, and touches in various methods were rung till 9 p.m. During the day the following methods were practised: Grand sire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge, a course of London failing in the last lead. The ease with which the bells were rung speaks well for the way the restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

ANNIVERSARY PEAL AT SHENSTONE.

It is to be hoped that some day a roll of honour will be compiled of those who have given their lives, for the cause of freedom and righteousness, from the parsonages of England. When this comes to be written, one of the most worthy names to be placed thereon will be Lieut. Michael V. Molloy, of the Sherwood Foresters, son of the Rev. Eben Molloy (Vicar of Shenstone, Staffordshire) and Mrs. Molloy. August 9th was the second anniversary of this gallant officer's death, which took place at Rooge, whilst leading his men against the despotism of the Huns.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., a memorial service was held in the Parish Church of Shenstone, the Dean of Lichfield being the celebrant. On Saturday, the 11th, eight members of the St. Martin's Guild, representing the Parish Churches of Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield, rang a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5184 changes) as a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased lieutenant.

The ringers arrived at Shenstone about 2.30 in the afternoon, and from then until the time of return at 9.15, the band were guests at the Vicarage. The poet Shenstone wrote of the "Glorious Welcome of an Inn"; it would require a laureate to properly describe the appreciation of the "Fortunate Eight," who had the privilege of enjoying the hospitality of the Vicar and the gracious lady who presides at the Shenstone Vicarage. The writer's mind goes back to the time when, on more than one occasion after a peal attempt successful or otherwise, congratulations or wishes for better luck next time would be waiting "at the bottom" from the Vicar and his son. The gentlemanly manner of the latter will never be forgotten by those who knew him, and the ringers hope to be able to take part in these anniversary peals for many years to come. On this occasion the company was exactly the same as visited Shenstone for the anniversary peal last year, except Mr. George Garrison, who is now on active service. Kindly inquiries were made about him at the Vicarage, and wishes expressed for his safe return. Mr. Albert Walker, ex-Ringing Master of the Guild, took Mr. Garrison's place in the peal.

PENDLETON SOCIETY'S OUTING.

August Bank Holiday has been the chosen day for the annual picnic of the Pendleton Society, with one or two exceptions, for at least 25 years. This year a return visit was paid to New Mills and Hayfield, and nine members and friends participated. New Mills was reached at 10.15, and, by kind arrangement by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the bells were at liberty, and were raised in peal. A plain course of Superlative set the tune for the day, and this was succeeded by another course and a touch of Stedman. In the meantime the Rev. A. T. Beeston arrived, and two courses of Superlative followed on an attempt for London, but either the bells or men were running dry, and the extent seemed to be two leads. Another touch of Stedman and one of Grandsire finished the ringing at this tower, which, like many others, has suffered from the war, and a suggestion was made that it would do the bells good to attempt a peal on them occasionally. Dinner was then nicely served in the school, the last time it was used for a similar purpose being when Messrs. Pye and company were on tour in the district. Pleasant memories were revived in the after-dinner talk, and tracks were made for the station for Hayfield. Here is a nice light peal of six in good going order, and the methods attempted were Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. At 6 p.m. Churchwarden and Ringer Box arrived with the information that tea was ready, as were the company, by this time increased to 14. After tea some courses on the hand-bells, and more lower bell ringing, to give a helping hand to some who are just learning the A.B.C. of the art and struggling with Bob Minor, passed the evening, until train time split the company up, some friends having to make for Worsley, Flixton, and Macclesfield. The best thanks of the visitors are due to Messrs. Beeston and Box, and other kind friends for doing their best to make another red-letter day in the annals of the Pendleton company.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On June 17th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 52 mins.: H. Butler (first quarter of Stedman) 1, G. Twitchen 2, R. Coles 3, Driver Mawby, R.F.A., 4, G. White 5, Gunner Hinton, R.F.A., 6, F. Hayes (conductor) 7, W. T. Horne 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. George's Church on June 24th, for the Sunday Schools' Anniversary, 840 Grandsire Triples for the morning service: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, Harry Allred 4, W. Windley 5, R. Allred (cond.) 6, Herbert Allred 7, J. Watts 8. For afternoon service, a 720 Bob Major: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, Harry Allred 3, Herbert Allred 4, J. T. Allred 5, J. Watts 6, R. Allred (conductor) 7, J. Hampson 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins.: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, R. Allred (conductor) 3, B. Allred 4, J. T. Allred 5, Harry Allred 6, Herbert Allred 7, J. Watts 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 24th, for 10 a.m. service, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. T. Tucker 1, Pte. H. C. Edwards, R.E., 2, E. Yates 3, W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Ward 1, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 2, A. Ward 3, G. Freebrey 4, O. Draper 5, S. Maskrey 6, B. Mitchell (conductor) 7, J. Pagett 8. — On June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major: G. Ward 1, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 2, A. Ward 3, C. Hart 4, S. Maskrey 5, B. Mitchell 6, E. Willis 7, J. Pagett (conductor) 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Y. Edwards 1, Pte. H. C. Edwards 2, T. Tompkins 3, W. Bonham 4, W. T. Tucker 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. Pte. Edwards was home on leave from France. W. Y. Edwards and W. T. Tucker, of North Stonham band, were home on a week-end visit.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, for evening service, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Bailey 1, H. J. Button (longest in method) 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. S. Bailey 5, G. Wilson (conductor) 6, J. M. Bailey 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Wednesday, June 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1269 changes): Geo. Thompson 1, C. Cooke 2, W. J. Wolfe 3, Pte. W. Marshall (4th Bufts) 4, W. Latter 5, G. H. Stonestreet 6, W. Stead (conductor) 7, Pte. J. F. Coppins (4th Bufts) 8. Arranged for Ptes. Marshall and Coppins, who had from Lamberhurst and Folkestone respectively, and are at present billeted in Tonbridge.

BISHOPS CASTLE, SALOP.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: Geo. Robinson 1, Rev. H. J. Scott 2, Rev. C. E. Warner 3, C. Minton (conductor) 4, W. Mead 5, W. Jones 6. Rung with half-muffled bells, as a token of respect to Pte. Geo. Evans, K.S.L.I. (nephew of the conductor), who was severely wounded on Easter Monday, and died in St. John's Military Hospital, Cheltenham. His body was conveyed to Bishop's Castle, and interred on the 30th June. The Rev. H. J. Scott and W. Mead hail from Clun.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 1st, for morning service, the last 742 of Holt's Original: Miss M. King (longest length) 1, G. Edser, senr., 2, Miss Ida Woodrow (longest length inside) 3, W. Shepherd 4, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 5, A. Woodrow 6, F. Shepherd, senr., 7, J. Emery 8.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, July 1st, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: A. J. Chamberlain 1, C. H. Chamberlain 2, F. Pickard 3, G. E. Padgett (conductor) 4, Sapper S. T. R. Brown, R.E., 5, H. F. Chilow 6, Sapper F. W. Naunton, R.E., 7, G. Beckett 8. The two engineers are stationed at Newark.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, on July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: S. Meadows, A.S.C., 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, G. Iles 4, F. Skevington 5, Staff-Sergt. A. T. Verrells 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Dyns 8.

LONG EATON.—At St. Lawrence's, on Sunday, July 1st, 504 of Stedman Triples: Pte. A. R. Hickton, D.L.I., 1, W. R. Drage 2, R. Hickton 3, Pte. G. Bull, R.D.C., 4, T. Hutchinson 5, C. Chasty 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. Simpson 8. — On July 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. R. Drage (conductor) 1, J. Bailey 2, R. Simpson 3, R. Hickton 4, C. Chasty 5, Pte. A. R. Hickton, D.L.I., 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association. — At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 1388 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: Miss M. Woolley 1, J. Barrett 2, E. Hughes 3, T. H. Kirkby 4, W. J. Sevier 5, G. Johnson 6, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 7, R. Cobben 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sunday, July 1st, 504 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, for morning service: G. Williams 1, W. Y. Edwards 2, W. Rowe 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—On July 5th, 360 Violet Treble Bob: W. Gage 1, W. Barton 2, J. Whitaker 3, Miss O. Lumley 4, F. Hutchinson 5, H. Lindsay (conductor) 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob: — Sherwood 1, W. Gage (conductor) 2, G. W. Slack 3, Miss O. Lumley 4, W. Barton 5, H. Lindsay 6. 720 Plain Bob: S. Sadler 1, J. Schofield 2, J. Whitaker 3, Miss O. Lumley (conductor) 4, F. Hutchinson 5, Geo. W. Slack 6. This was the first 720 by the ringers of the treble and 2nd, and the first as conductor by Miss Lumley. These touches were rung for the ringer of the 2nd, who was about to join the colours, making the eleventh from this tower. Nearly 60 years is the difference in the ages of the ringer of the treble and third, for Mr. John Whitaker will shortly celebrate his 75th birthday.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Saturday, July 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): W. S. Smith 1, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 2, J. Trappitt 3, F. W. Richardson 4, Pte. W. E. Maulden, A.S.C., 5, C. Dean 6, A. J. Plowman 7, A. Clarke 8, W. Groves 9, S. Godin 10. This quarter-peal has the 5th and 6th behind the 9th at six courses in the titmuss, seven courses in the hand-stroke home position, the 6th behind the 8th, with the octave bell two courses in sixth's, and the 5th five courses in sixth's place, with two singles only.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the first Sunday in the month at 6 p.m.; and at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on August 23rd; and for general business on the 28th, at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, August 18th, at 4.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Aug. 18th, 1917. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Wenden on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m.—William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7.15.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members will let me know by August 20th.—J. Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Padbury on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Service, 3.30 p.m. Business meeting and tea to follow. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on September 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Ringers' service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. (for those who notify me by August 28th), to be followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Shepherd, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West), at Sunbury on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at a nominal charge at 6 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

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