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they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to
judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BUCK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK

THE SPITTLE MEMORIAL.

The announcement is made to-day that the Spittle Memorial Fund is about to be closed, so that those who wish to subscribe should do so at once. It is fitting that the memory of such a fine old Churchman and Ringer should be perpetuated in a manner which will remind generations yet to come of a long and active career of duty, loyally discharged, and of a life of simple faith, which closed full of years and honour. There were few better known ringers in the West Midlands than Mr. Spittle, and certainly none who were more highly esteemed.

Samuel Spittle was in some respects a unique figure in his native district of Dudley. He was a type of which there are few survivals at the present day, and he was respected and honoured by his fellow townsmen to a degree which many might envy. It must be almost, if not quite, a record for a man to hold one public office for the unbroken period of 71 years, yet this is what Mr. Spittle did, for at the age of nine, while a chorister, he was appointed Junior Beadle of St. Thomas' Church, his duties being to unlock the old-fashioned pews for the pew holders and to see them comfortably seated. Up to the time of his death Samuel Spittle was Beadle of Dudley Parish Church, and in that long period of more than three-score years and ten he was absent from his duties less than half a dozen times—a record of fidelity and reliability as stimulating as it is remarkable.

He held other public offices, which he discharged with the same single-minded purpose as that with which he served the Church, but it is his connection with ringing which more closely concerns those who, through the Dudley Guild, are being asked to subscribe to a suitable memorial. For sixty-six years at least Samuel Spittle was a bell ringer, and enthusiasm and enterprise marked his efforts in the promotion of the art, and his interest in it never flagged to the end of his days. He was one of those who recognised the value of the organisation of ringing, and he helped to found the Worcestershire Association, of which he was the first Master, and to establish the Dudley and District Guild, in which he held a similar office up to the time of his death. His help and his example largely made for the success of both these societies, and by their rise and advance ringing as a whole has benefited. Indirectly, therefore, the whole Exercise owes a debt to Samuel Spittle, and there must be many outside his large circle of intimate friends who would like to take a hand in perpetuating his memory. It is not too late to help in swelling the fund, and those who would care to do so should send on their contributions at once, either to Mr. Harry Mason, the present Master, or Mr. Herbert Knight, the hon. sec.

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OPINION OF OUR
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Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS.

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RINGER WINS MILITARY MEDAL.

Another ringer has gained distinction on the field of battle, the Military Medal having been awarded to Pte. J. C. Dean, of the "Royal West Kents," for his gallantry in bringing in wounded under heavy shell fire at Klein, on July 31st and August 1st. He was also recently awarded a certificate for his rescue work under fire. Pte. Dean is a member of the Central Northants Association, and belongs to "All Saints", Northampton, and was proving himself a gifted ringer when the war claimed his services. He has rung twelve peals up to the present, his first peal (on the treble) having been rung on July 12th, 1913. His next peal was rung September 6th, 1913, and in "Odd Changes" in "The Ringing World" of Sept. 12th, 1913, the following paragraph appeared: "With many people the practical side of ringing, what, indeed, is really rope sight, is quite a gift. At Harlestone, Northants, last Saturday, Joseph C. Dean rang his first peal with a bob bell. It was a peal in three Minor methods, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Yet Mr. Dean had never rung 120 in either of these before starting for the peal. It is wonderful how some people 'tumble' to a method directly they pull off in it." Pte. Dean rang the 5th to a seven method peal of Minor on June 27th, 1914. He has also rung two peals of Stedman Triples (one on tenor) and one peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the treble. His farewell touch before joining up was a quarter-peal of Superlative on an inside bell. He has also rung a course of London and Bristol on an inside bell, so that his Harlestone performance was not a mere "flash in the pan," and his good work in Flanders shows that whatsoever his hands find to do he does with all his might.

THE DEATH OF CORPL. BELTON.

By the death of Corpl. T. W. Belton, which we recorded last week the Salop Archidiaconal Guild loses a valuable member. He was serving in the Shropshire Light Infantry, and fell in action about a fortnight ago. He was a very fine ringer and striker on any number of bells from 8 to 12, and was a member of the St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury. It was at that church that he rang his first quarter-peals of Stedman Cinques, Bob Royal and Maximus, and Grandsire Cinques, as well as Double Norwich Major. He and the conductor were old friends, and were engaged on the same estate. The six peals which Corpl. Belton rang for the Salop Guild included one of Bob Major (the first on St. Chad's bells, and the heaviest in the Midlands), one of Stedman Triples, one of Grandsire, and three of Minor.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 2nd, a touch of 900 of Bob Royal was rung at St. Chad's with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the deceased by: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, W. Brooks 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, E. Weatherby 6, W. Saunders 7, G. Jones 8, A. E. Fullick 9, C. R. Lilley (composer and conductor) 10. Also three leads of Kent Treble Bob Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Pindbury on Saturday week, when about 20 members were present, representing Bletchley, Stony Stratford, Buckingham, Maids Moreton, Newport Pagnell, Swanbourne, and the local tower, the small gathering being chiefly due to the unfavourable conditions of the weather. A touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Schmalz), and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. Demy (Vicar of Winston).

The usual business meeting was then held, followed by tea.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for so kindly entertaining the members and making all arrangements; also to the ladies for providing the tea.

A further visit to the tower was made, when the following methods were rung: Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor, Steel man and Grandsire Doubles, thus bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

5,000 BOB ROYAL.

By W. PAGE, WORCESTER.

| 23456 | W | B | M | H |
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| 84235 | — | * | — | — |
| 62435 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 46235 | — | — | — | — |
| 23465 | — | — | — | — |
| 42365 | — | — | — | — |
| 34265 | — | — | — | — |
| 62345 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 36245 | — | — | — | — |
| 23645 | — | — | — | — |

Twice repeated, calling one bob at * in the first part, and six bobs at * in the second part.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Saturday, August 18th, in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. Bolton, the leader of the St. John's tower, Cardiff, an attempt was made at Marshfield for a peal, but it unfortunately failed. A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards scored: E. Cole 1, S. Dave 2, F. Chamberlain 3, J. Harris 4, T. Wood 5, W. Bolton 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, the Rev. E. H. Whitford 8.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT MEETING AT SUNBURY.

The attraction of the beautiful ring of eight bells at St. Mary's Sunbury, usually makes a meeting at this Thames-side spot among the most successful of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, but this year the "clerk of the weather" prevented a big muster. Those who attended, however, were rewarded by a most enjoyable gathering in every way. Several louches were brought round before 5.30 p.m., when a move was made for tea, which took place in a tea garden overlooking the river Thames. Three lady ringers proved themselves very useful at this time, for teapots, etc., appeared much more homelike in the hands of the fair sex.

Subsequently the Vicar (the Rev. P. C. West) presided over the business meeting, which was held in the Parish Room.—Two new members were proposed, and Hillingdon was chosen for the next meeting. Sympathetic reference was made to the loss which Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president and hon. treasurer) has recently sustained, in the death of his son, and a vote of condolence was also passed to the relatives of Mr. Reuben Flaxman, whose death robs the Association of a prominent member.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and for defraying the cost of the tea was carried with applause, the Rev. P. C. West suitably replying.

Returning to the tower, the members indulged in further ringing until dusk set in and brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

"THE PROPHET."

We are asked to state that Mr. William J. Sevier, known to the Ringing Exercise as "The Prophet," has removed to Vision View House, 26, Notistone Place, Sneinton Road, Nottingham, and that Mr. Sevier, after the war, will (D.V.) be joining Sir Frederick and Lady Benson's company. Sir Frederick is the youngest son of the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr. Sevier claims to be a descendant of the first Earl of Somerset, created by William the Conqueror.

FARINGDON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue, Mr. B. J. Pannett asks for information regarding some Berkshire towers. I can tell him about Faringdon (not Farington) bells. There is a ring of eight in very fair going order; weight of tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs.; 3 ft. 10 ins. diameter. Treble second, and 6th are by Mears and Stainbank; the 7th by James Wells, of Aldbourne (my birthplace), and the tenor by Robt. Wells of the same place; date 1778.—Yours truly, WM. LAWRENCE.

ROLL OF HONOUR

From Barthomley Parish Church, Cheshire:—

George Addison, Royal Engineers.

Harry Fox, 5th North Staffords.

From St. Wulfram's, Grantham:—

Pte. T. H. Hall, Army Service Corps.

Pte. W. H. Proctor, 38th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers.

BLETCHLEY RINGER'S PROMOTION.

It may be of interest to the ringers of Bletchley, who are away on active service, and to other members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, to learn that one of their members, Sapper S. King, of the Railway Operative Corps, has been promoted to the rank of Company-Sergeant-Major. He was a member of the local band at St. Mary's, Bletchley, and left his employment in the locomotive department of the London and North-Western Railway to join up in the Railway Operative Corps. He went to France in January, 1916, and has had one leave when he was made sergeant.

Since his return to France, some ten months ago, he has been promoted to Company-Sergeant-Major's rank, and his fellow ringers wish him the best of luck. The tower has now seven men serving in France, and they will all be delighted to read of C.-S.-M. King's success, as most of them, through some source or other, get a copy of "The Ringing World," and thus keep in touch with what is happening in the Exercise they so much enjoyed.

TOUCHES OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By G. E. SYMONDS, FRAMLINGHAM.

Perhaps no method lends itself to the amateur composer like the Stedman Principle. It always had a fascination for the writer, who endeavoured some years ago, in spare moments, to dabble in composing something off the beaten track, viz., touches of Stedman Triples of every number of changes, from 100 upwards.

But one stumbling-block came in the way of the completion, a touch of 108. Surely it is not to be said this is impossible, or that this touch is the missing link in the chain of changes. If it be impossible, some ingenious person will no doubt prove by mathematics the solution of the problem.

I append the sequence of touches which I was able to construct.

Bobs at B = 3—4; H = 5—6; L = 7—8; Q = 12—13.

Touches from 123456 start with a slow six.

No. of
Changes.

| | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 100 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 653142 | 1 4 | (6 sixes) | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 7, 8, 10, 11. | | | |
| 101 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 346125 | 2s | (2 sixes) | | |
| | 134265 | 3 8 | 12 | | |
| 102 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 362541 | 2 4 5 | (6 sixes) | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 5, 6, 10, 11. | | | |
| 103 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 341256 | 4 12 | 13 | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4s. | | | |
| 104 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 632145 | 1 5 | (6 sixes) | | |
| | Rounds | by 7, 10, 11, 12. | | | |
| 105 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 345261 | H Q | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 3s. | | | |
| 106 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 124536 | 1 | (1 six) | | |
| | 421365 | 3 5 6 | 10s 13 | | |
| | Rounds | with quick six | | | |
| | | by 2s, 3. | | | |
| 107 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 243156 | 4 5 | Q | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4s. | | | |
| 108 | Stumbling-block. | | | | |
| 109 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 451236 | 4 8 | Q | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5s. | | | |
| 110 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 352461 | S L | 10 (10 sixes) | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 4. | | | |
| 111 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 461235 | H L | 10s. | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4. | | | |
| 112 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 543216 | L | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. | | | |
| 113 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 453126 | 8 | 12 | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5s. | | | |
| 114 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 541326 | S L | 13 | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. | | | |
| 115 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 152364 | S 6 8 | 10 | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 4, 10s. | | | |
| 116 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 423516 | 8 | | | |
| | Rounds | by 2, 5. | | | |
| 117 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 615423 | H L Q | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 3s, 4, 5. | | | |
| 118 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 423516 | 3 8 | 12 | | |
| | Rounds | by 2, 5. | | | |
| 119 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 521436 | S 6 7 | Q | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6s. | | | |
| 120 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 461532 | 5 8 | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 4. | | | |
| 121 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 653142 | 1 4 | (6 sixes) | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15s. | | | |
| 122 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 351426 | S H L | Q | | |
| | Rounds | by 2, 5, 7. | | | |
| 123 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 352614 | S H | 13 | | |
| | Rounds | by 1s, 2, 4. | | | |
| 124 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 652341 | 1 4 5 | (6 sixes) | | |
| | Rounds | by 4, 12, 15. | | | |

No. of
Changes.

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|-----|--------|----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 125 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 543621 | S | 12 | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 5s | | | |
| 126 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 561423 | 5 L | Q | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 7. | | | |
| 127 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 154326 | 7 | 12 | | |
| | Rounds | by 2, 5, 7, 8s. | | | |
| 128 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 143265 | 6 7 | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 5, 7, 8. | | | |
| 129 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 631542 | 1 | (6 sixes) | | |
| | 435216 | 3 4 6 | 7 12 | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2s. | | | |
| 130 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 641235 | H L | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 3, 4, 7. | | | |
| 131 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 632145 | 1 5 | (6 sixes) | | |
| | 415326 | S 6 | 7 | | |
| | Rounds | by 1 2s. | | | |
| 132 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 341625 | 6 L | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 3, 4, 6. | | | |
| 133 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 163425 | 6 | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 4, 7, 8, 9s. | | | |
| 134 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 256431 | S H | | | |
| | Rounds | by 4. | | | |
| 135 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 146532 | S H L | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 2, 3, 8s. | | | |
| 136 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 346521 | S H L | | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 6, 7 | | | |
| 137 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 342516 | S H Q | | | |
| | Rounds | by 1, 4, 8s. | | | |
| 138 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 256431 | S H | | | |
| | Rounds | by 3. | | | |
| 139 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 261354 | 5 | 13 | | |
| | Rounds | by S, H, 10s. | | | |
| 140 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 146253 | Q | | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 10. | | | |
| 141 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 364512 | 3 6 L | 12 | | |
| | Rounds | by 3s, 8. | | | |
| 142 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 321465 | H | | | |
| | Rounds | by S, 6, 7, 10. | | | |
| 143 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 234651 | S 6 L | 12 | | |
| | Rounds | by 3s, 7. | | | |
| 144 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 346152 | S H | 7 | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 10 | | | |
| 145 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 213465 | H | | | |
| | Rounds | by S, 6, 10, 11s. | | | |
| 146 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 231564 | 3 H | 13 | | |
| | Rounds | by S, 10, 11. | | | |
| 147 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 246351 | Q | | | |
| | Rounds | by 3, 6, 7, 10, 11s. | | | |
| 148 | 123456 | | | | |
| | 231564 | 3 H | 13 | | |
| | Rounds | by S, 6, 10, 11d. | | | |
| 149 | 231456 | | | | |
| | 321465 | H | | | |
| | Rounds | by S, 10, 11s. | | | |

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RECIPROCAL PROOF.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Seeing Mr. Baker's letter in last week's "Ringing World," I am prompted to add a few words to his assertions. First, as regards Leytonstone Stedman Caters. Unfortunately, I was too busy at the time it was published to go into figures, and at the present moment I cannot find the issue which contained it. But taking the method as given by Mr. Baker, it appears to be nothing more or less than an application of the Erin Principle to ten bells, quite legitimate, according to all established rules, and obviously having several false course ends. So much for that.

But Mr. Baker goes on to mention Reciprocal Proof. Before committing myself to paper, I read through a précis of Mr. Baker's writings that I wrote in past days, when I had more time, and, possibly more enthusiasm. Like many detective stories, they won't stand the light of précis. Mr. Baker's Reciprocal Proof is merely a test of symmetry—not a proof of truth. Now I am fully agreed with Mr. Baker that it is absolutely necessary for all methods, principles, and systems to be symmetrical. But I would add that the Law of Symmetry has never yet been satisfactorily proved. We often forget, I think, that the theory of change ringing is a science in its infancy—so much so that we are by no means all agreed, even on the exact definition of the science, and that, therefore, very few of our propositions have been formally proved.

Some day, when we have paid off our scores against Billy the German, I hope to try and prove the law, unless somebody forestalls me. Meanwhile, I accept it implicitly, in common with other people. Where Mr. Baker makes a mistake is in calling his test of its fulfilment a proof. It is this misnomer which has led to much misunderstanding. It led to a false peal once, I believe. Reciprocal Proof is no test of the truth of a method; but it is a test, and a very good one, of its symmetry, if properly applied. Here again I think Mr. Baker stumbles a little. He insists on starting everything from rounds, with the result that Reciprocal Proof (or shall we call it the Reciprocal Test?) sometimes makes methods, which inspection shows to be symmetrical, appear not to be so. Now this is unfair. A few seconds' thought should show that methods, etc., being round blocks can start and finish at any row without altering the working. And this, surely, is proof that, if methods which are symmetrical appear unsymmetrical when started from rounds, they ought to be started from some other row.—Yours truly,

Catford Bridge.

H. W. FRIGHT.

Second-Lieut.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Brocklehurst), at Mersham, on Saturday week. The weather was none too cheering for the occasion, and no doubt prevented several members from attending, but in spite of that about 25 members braved the elements, and were rewarded for their pluck by a hearty welcome from the Rector and the local ringers. Some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round during the afternoon, and a service was held in the church, the Association's form being used.—The Rector gave a very interesting and helpful address, mentioning that it was in that tower that the Association was first started on its useful and prosperous career. To the organist and choir boys the best thanks of the members are due for making the musical portion of the service so bright and effective.

After the service, tea was provided in the Scouts' Hall, the visitors being the guests of the Rector and Mrs. Brocklehurst.—The Rector presided, and was supported by his churchwardens and other gentlemen.—The Rector, in giving the Association a hearty welcome, said to him and to his parishioners it was a great treat to hear the bells rung as they had been rung that day. The bells had been hanging silent through being out of repair for a long time, and as there were so many things necessary to be done to the church at once, it was impossible to raise sufficient funds at the present time to have the peal thoroughly restored, as they would have liked. Therefore, they had called a meeting of parishioners, and had decided to have the bells put in order locally, so that they could be rung for the Sunday services. The work was placed in the hands of Mr. Finn, a local engineer, and had been carried out (as far as funds would permit) in a very satisfactory manner.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kind invitation and generous hospitality, and to the ladies who had so ably ministered to the comfort and wants of the party.

A cordial welcome was extended to those members present belonging to H.M. Forces, some of them from overseas, and one who had the proud distinction of ringing in the only peal ever rung in Canada, viz. at Vancouver.

As Saturday is not a suitable day for ringing at Ashford (as was learnt by a communication from the Vicar), it was decided to hold the annual meeting there on Wednesday, Sept. 26th, instead of Saturday, Sept. 29th, and due notice appears in another column.

The members present at Mersham represented the following towers: Ashford, Headcorn, Hythe, Folkestone, Rolvenden and Tenterden.

PORTISHEAD CHURCH.

There is in the tower of St. Peter's Church, at Portishead, Somerset, a fine ring of eight bells, with a tenor that weighs 16 cwt. The nave was built in the reign of Edward II.; the tower about the middle of the 15th century; the font, a relic of earlier days, is Norman. The pulpit is entered by some curious steps which gave access to the Round-loft that at one time had a place in the church. The old cross has occupied its present position in the churchyard for 120 years, before then it stood at the junction of the High Street and Church Road from time immemorial.

Take a journey to Portishead if you would see eight ladies of one band ringing Grandsire Triples, and with several capable conductors amongst them, and you will not be disappointed. It will be remembered that it was at Portishead that the first peal was rung by a band of entirely local ladies.

On Sunday, August 19th. Pte. E. J. Goldstone was home on leave, and a quarter-peal was rung for the evening service as a welcome to him. The time was 45 minutes, Miss Edith Hole conducted, and it was



the first quarter-peal rung by Miss S. Williams, the band being: Mrs. Stacey 1, Miss Dorothy Sage 2, Pte. E. J. Goldstone 3, Miss S. Williams 4, Miss Nellie Gillingham 5, Miss E. Hole 6, Wm. Gillingham 7, J. Nesbit 8.

About three miles to the S.W. of Bristol there is situated on a hill, 769 feet above sea-level, the village of Dundry, from whence extensive views may be obtained, and it is said that on clear days ten counties can be seen. The tower, a well-known landmark, dates from the 15th century, contains six bells, and is 100 ft. high, and surmounted with beautiful openwork battlements and arcuated turrets. On August 25th, the tower was visited by some of the Portishead ringers, and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman.

The following day (Sunday, 26th), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Portishead, in 46 mins., no fewer than five of the ladies taking part, with Miss N. Gillingham conducting from a non-observation bell. The band was: Miss M. C. Jukes 1, Miss Dorothy Sage 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss N. Gillingham 4, J. Nesbit 5, Miss E. Hole 6, W. Gillingham 7, Wm. Lawrence 8. The ringer of the tenor is a member of the Middlesex County Association, who was on a visit from West Faling.

Permission was readily given by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Young) to the Portishead band and their visitor to pay a visit to All Saints', Long

Ashton, on August 30th. Upon the arrival of the ringers they were met by the Vicar, who extended a cordial and a hearty welcome, and he sat in the belfry during the ringing. The bells, a grand ring, with a tenor of 31 cwt., were raised in peal. A quarter-peal was rung in 50 minutes, conducted by Mr. W. Gillingham (who had previously raised the tenor), four ladies taking part: Miss D. Sage 1, Miss N. Gillingham 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Pte. E. J. Goldstone 4, J. Nesbit 5, Miss E. Hole 6, Wm. Gillingham 7, Wm. Lawrence 8.

A full band met for ringing for both services, on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, when a variety of touches was conducted by Miss N. Gillingham, and a 504 Grandsire Triples by W. Lawrence, the band in the latter being the same as the quarter-peal on the 26th August. Miss M. C. Jukes is a daughter of the Rector of Portishead (the Rev. H. W. Jukes, M.A.).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DIVISIONAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The members attending the meeting of the Eastern Division at Salehurst, on Saturday week, although few in number, received a very cordial welcome from the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward, M.A.) and the local band, the reverend gentleman coming into the ringing chamber to greet the company. Touches in Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor, etc., were rung during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, prayers being offered for Messrs. Franks and Simms, who are ill.

Tea was served at the Old Eight Bells Inn, Host and Hostess Kirby providing a bountiful repast. The member who made the long journey from Shoreham on his bicycle can vouch for this.

At the business meeting which followed, seven members of the Heathfield band were elected, viz.: Mrs. D. Smart, Mrs. R. Barrow, Mrs. A. Arnold, and Messrs. W. J. Barrow, W. G. Barrow, N. Davis, and L. Bean.

Under the new rule passed at the annual general meeting of the Association, the following officers were elected—the first Divisional election of officers that has taken place in the county: Mr. G. H. Howse, divisional secretary; Messrs. W. Franks, J. Livermore, and A. R. Miles, committee. These representatives on the General Committee of the Association were also appointed to act as the Committee of Advice for the Division.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Walter Franks, who, after arranging the meeting, was too ill to attend, and a wish was unanimously expressed for his speedy recovery.

After the usual votes of thanks—to the Vicar for the use of the bells, arranging the service at short notice, and presiding at the tea and meeting; to Host and Hostess Kirby; and to Mr. Franks for fixing up the meeting, the company returned to the tower.

WESTERN DIVISION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Steyning, on Saturday week, members being present from Shoreham, Slinfold, Shipley, Warnham, Pulborough, Heene, St. Peter's, Brighton, and the local band; Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master of the Association), Chichester; Mr. W. Steed, Tonbridge, and one lady ringer (Mrs. F. Hairs). Touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise, and a short touch of Grandsire Triples, in which the Vicar of Steyning took part, were rung, and 25 sat down to tea at the Norfolk Hotel, the Rev. A. E. Pridgeon being present.

At the business meeting the Vicar was voted to the chair, and the following members of the Steyning band were elected, viz.: Arthur James, Ernest Lakor and George Parsons. The first divisional election of officers then took place.—On the proposition of the Master, Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected as hon. divisional secretary.—Three new members were elected as divisional representatives on the General Committee viz.: Messrs. George Norriss (Heene), Harry Stallham (Shoreham), and Richard Howell (Shipley).

The committee of advice was appointed as follows: Messrs. George Gatland (Steyning), Walter Charman (Warnham), Percy Daick (Pulborough).—It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Horsham, some time in December.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding for his hearty welcome, and for granting the use of the bells.—The reverend gentleman, in replying, said how pleased he was to see so many old faces again. It was also the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting a lady ringer, and the way she rang her bell reminded him of 35 years ago, when he first learned to pull a bell. The old gentleman who taught him used to say, "Stand right under the bell and pull her down straight," and the graceful way this young lady rang reminded him of the style his tutor wished to impart.

After tea the bells were kept going till eight o'clock.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On Sunday evening, August 12th, at the Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples: The Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare 1, Spr. J. E. Mellor, R.E., 2, G. E. Padgett 3, F. Pickard 4, Spr. S. T. R. Brown, R.E., 5, Spr. F. W. Naunton, R.E. (conductor), 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, C. H. Chamberlain 8. Arranged and rung as a farewell to Spr. F. W. Naunton, who was leaving the district for Carnarvon, North Wales. It was arranged to ring a quarter-peal, but owing to illness near the church the above had to be rung instead.

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 handball practice on September 20th, and for general business on the 25th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Edgware on Saturdays September 15th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Short service at 6.30, followed by the business meeting. All ringers welcome. I should be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions for 1917.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn on Saturday, Sept. 15th, 1917, instead of Sept. 29th. Particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock until sunset. All ringers welcome.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea at Tea Table Café, High St., after ringing ceases; 6d. per member will be charged.—Edward A. G. Allen, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford, G.N.R. Station) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. Tea at 6 p.m.—H. Haigh, S. C. Walker, Joint Secretaries.

HILLINGDON.—Practice at St. John's Church, Hillingdon, has unavoidably had to be postponed until Saturday, September 15th, at 6 p.m., when the help of any ringing friends will be most welcome.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next meeting will be held at Tichmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Stubbs, Dist. Sec., Bridge Street, Raunds.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardingstone, Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, 5 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m.—T. Law, District Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Otley on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. Business meeting in the Church Institute at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30. The election of elective officers for the ensuing year takes place at this meeting.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, St. Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 6 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, September 22nd, for the election of Officers and other business. Tower open, 2.15. Business meeting in Parish Room, 4.30. Half railway fare. Tea will be arranged at usual price for those who let me know not later than Monday, the 17th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. E. K. Sopwith, on Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Ringing from 3 to 6. Service at 6 and tea (provided by the Association) at 6.30. Will all members intending to be present at the tea kindly inform me of same not later than Saturday, Sept. 22nd? Brother ringers in khaki will be heartily welcomed.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 29th, 1917. Ballot for order of ringing will take place in the school at 3 p.m. Entries for the contest to be sent to me not later than Monday, Sept. 24th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 at G. Austin and Co.'s, King Street. The tea will be 1/3 each, and will only be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Flower, Eaton Bank, Duffield, not later than the previous Thursday.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 4 to 7 p.m. Tea will be provided after ringing if members will let me know by the 24th.—J. Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 1917. The business meeting will be held in the Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LENTON, NOTTS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Samuel Wesley 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, W. Wagstaff 3, William E. White 4, L. Chadburn 5, Walter White 6, A. Knights (conductor) 7, E. Blagden 8.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: W. Crews 1, G. Hancock 2, W. Clapp 3, W. A. J. Knight (first quarter) 4, A. Tout (conductor) 5, F. Thorne 6. Rung with bells half-muffled, to the memory of Pte. Cornish, who has recently been killed in action.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, August 5th, 504 Stedman Triples A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, F. Stanton 3, Gnr. J. Marks 4, H. Sear 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8.—On Tuesday, August 7th, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, by: Gnr. J. Marks, E. Marks, F. Hodges, F. Stanton, F. Whitehead, E. Holderness, A. Crane, W. Mead, C. Garner, D. Goodman, V. Sear, W. Sear, H. Sear. These touches were rung as a farewell to Gnr. J. Marks, 124th Field Battery, who left again for France the next day, his brother ringers wishing him a safe return.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, Barnes, on Sunday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmore 3, Pte. S. Meadow (A.S.C.) 4, F. Skevington 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, Pte. J. Hughes, R.F.C. 8.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church (St. Mary's), on August 5th, for the intercession service, in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Watts 1, H. Smith 2, R. Allred (conductor) 3, H. Allred 4, J. T. Allred 5, J. Smith 6, W. Smith 7, J. Watts 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, who hail from Tyldesley. The rest belong to Leigh.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Nicolas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Mason 1, R. Melville (first quarter-peal) 2, G. Petter 3, S. Radford 4, T. W. Radford 5, S. G. Steer 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Pitts 1, R. Hall 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, J. Collett 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

SAXMUNDHAM.—On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Flanning 1, W. Drew 2, J. Avis 3, F. Watling (conductor) 4, G. Hardy 5, N. Bailey 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by N. Bailey.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Sunday, August 5th, 576 College Single Major and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Hardwick 1, E. Clark 2, H. Cartwright 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, Pte. W. G. Lancaster (Swindon) 6, T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8.—On August 16th, 360 Kent Minor and 360 of College Single Minor: G. Hardwick 1, E. Clark 2, H. Haigh 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Bartholomew (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, August 12th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Hardwick 1, E. Clark 2, T. Bartholomew 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, W. G. Lancaster (Swindon) 6, T. Wilson 7, Corpl. J. W. Barker, R.E. (Bedford) 8.—On August 26th, 366 of Kent Minor: G. Hardwick 1, S. C. Walker (first touch) 2, H. Haigh 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Bartholomew 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On August 11th, 1008 Double Norwich Major: J. Waffenden 1, E. Brooke 2, G. F. Pickles 3, G. Hunt 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—Previous to the memorial service for the fallen, on Sunday, August 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. (taken from Parker's Twelve-Part): W. Henley 1, T. Smith 2, G. T. Leader 3, A. Harding 4, T. Gosling 5, A. W. Blake (conductor) 6, E. Hooper 7, P. Guttridge 8.

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