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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and gives general satisfaction.

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Compared with the number of peals that were rung at any other time during the year 1917, there was quite a spurt at Christmas, when ringers seized the opportunity of the Festival and the holiday to set the bells ringing in a number of places. Altogether ten peals were rung on Boxing Day, the greatest number, we believe, rung on any single day in the year 1917. This figure is, of course, insignificant compared with the peals rung on similar occasions in the years immediately preceding the war, but it is an evidence that where opportunity offers and local circumstances admit, bands can still be got together and peal attempts are possible. Of the ten peals rung on Boxing Day the city of Birmingham claimed two. It was indeed quite refreshing to see St. Martin's again figuring in the peal list after the long silence, which has extended to practices as well as to peals. Until the war put an end to the Tuesday evening ringing at the Parish Church of the Midland city it was many score years since St. Martin's bells were silent on a Tuesday evening, unless they happened to be under repair, while a Bank Holiday attempt was a very customary proceeding.

The performance on Boxing Day shows that Birmingham at any rate has suffered little loss in personnel—the explanation being that most of the men there are at the benches helping to keep the men in the trenches supplied with munitions. Indeed the records for 1917 go to show Birmingham as a much favoured city in the retention of its band, for the number of performances recorded on handbells, or in which Birmingham men have taken part is larger than can be claimed by any other district. No one, we are sure, will begrudge Birmingham its good fortune in this respect. Its men have been doing their part in the nation's task as much as any others who have not left our shores, but the circumstances have been favourable to them in that they have been able at the same time to maintain their traditions as a centre of ringing; while others, by the drain upon man power, have had very largely to shut down their active operations.

Birmingham has an almost unbroken record as a home of ringing for the best part of two centuries, and it is not inappropriate, therefore, that it should be able to uphold the flag of the Exercise at a time when such a large majority of places have had, as it were, to strike their colours to the stern demands which war has imposed. Favourably placed as it is in regard to men, we may expect to see Birmingham still continuing to give a lead in keeping the Exercise alive until—and everyone will hope that it may be an early date—we reach the successful termination of the war.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 26, 1917, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ARTHUR KEEBLE ... 5
HARRY SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 6
THOMAS FITZJOHN ... 3	LOUIS LEES ... 7
WALTER HEAD ... 4	THEODORE E. SLATER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and  
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Mr. Fitzjohn hails from Thetford and this is his 40th peal, Messrs. Head, Keeble and Slater belong to Little Walsingham, Monks Eleigh and Glemsford respectively.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1917, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART No. 1. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE ORCHARD ... Treble	HENRY NEWMAN ... 5
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 2	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 6
ARTHUR TATNELL ... 3	FRANK COLE ... 7
HOBERT SCRIVENS ... 4	HENRY PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 27, 1917, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLARK ... Treble	*SAM GIPSON ... 5
JOHN WM. DEWS ... 2	JOE HEWITT ... 6
CPL. W. H. SENIOR ... 3	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... 7
JOE GARNETT ... 4	†HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM A. HUDSON.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Cpl. W. H. Senior, who was on leave from France after serving three years with the colours in the R.F.A.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On New Year's Day, January 1st, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

DAVIES' TEN-PART.

ASTLEY JOHNSON ... Treble	SAMUEL WOOD ... 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
THOMAS LINGARD ... 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
GEORGE PINCOIT ... 4	JOHN EDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to two members of the above tower, Messrs. Thomas Lingard (the conductor) and John Edge

## THE PEAL AT PENDLEBURY.

After the peal rung on New Year's Day, at Pendlebury, as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Lingard and Edge, tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lingard.—Mr. Samuel Wood, on behalf of the ringers, heartily thanked the host and hostess for their kindness and generosity, which was highly appreciated, and wished Mr. Lingard and Mr. Edge "many happy returns."

The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 7th belong to Bolton; 3rd and Tenor to Pendlebury; Treble to Flixton; 5th to Ashton-under-Lyne; and 6th to Deane.

### PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET. THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MRS. J. E. STALEY ... .. Treble	MRS. H. S. BRIGGS ... .. 5
MISS DOROTHY SAGE ... .. 2	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM ... 6
MISS ADELAIDE STOKES ... 3	MISS EDITH M. HOLE ... .. 7
†MISS MABEL C. N. JUKES ... 4	MISS EDITH K. PARKER Tenor

Conducted by Miss NELLIE GILLINGHAM.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Miss Maud Pigott, of Smethwick, a highly esteemed member of the Ladies' Guild. All the ladies with the exception of Miss Parker are members of the Portishead band.

### SIX BELL PEAL.

STANTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1917, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with ten different callings.

*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	GEORGE ASHLEY ... .. 5
†LEONARD HARRISON ... .. 3	*JOHN WIGGINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. After the peal tea was provided by the Rector (the Rev. T. W. Reynolds), and was partaken of at the residence of Mr. J. Wiggins.

### HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 30, 1917, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,  
AT NO. 31, CHURCH STREET,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4-5
STANLEY SMITH ... .. 3	*FREDERICK PRYKE ... .. 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal on handbells. This was rung at the residence of F. Pryke to celebrate his 30th birthday.

The handbell peal reported in our issue of Dec. 21st, was rung at Lavenham, not Savenham.

### SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION AT TIPTON

On Saturday, December 29th, 1917, a peal of Kent Treble Bob was attempted at St. Martin's Parish Church, Tipton, as a mark of respect to Mr. Alfred Rowley, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his silver wedding. Unfortunately the peal was not completed, but a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was afterwards brought round, the ringers being: Messrs. A. Rowley, James George, E. Marlow, B. Horton, C. Wallater, T. Cattell, B. Gough, and A. Greenfield.

After the ringing, the band (with a number of friends) adjourned to the house of Mr. John Smith (parish clerk and towerkeeper), where a nice repast was provided at the expense of Mr. Rowley. Ample justice was done to this, and then several of the "Old School" related many humorous and interesting incidents of their careers as ringers. Messrs. Smith and Small made a few remarks, in which they said, that during the number of years they had had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Rowley, they had always found him a very enthusiastic ringer, and a staunch Churchman. They hoped they would all be spared to meet Mr. Rowley on the occasion of his "golden wedding," and that both he and Mrs. Rowley would enjoy health and happiness for many years.

Mr. James George said he could not enlarge on what had been said, but he felt he must also say that he had always found Mr. Rowley a very obliging and enthusiastic ringer.

In response, Mr. Rowley thanked all present for the honour they had conferred upon him by their presence, and said he felt he was not worthy of all the flattering remarks that had been made, as he had only done his duty, and hoped he would always be able to do so, as far as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was then given to the Misses Smith for their kindly work, which helped to make the evening a success.

### NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ORDSALL.

A district meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Ordsall on Boxing Day. The tower was open for ringing from 10 a.m. to sunset, by the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. R. D. Foster). The Church of All Hallow's, Ordsall (the birthplace of the writer), possesses a sweet and melodious ring, rehung and augmented from three to six in 1892 by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. They are in good going order, and, with a nice cosy and well-kept bellry, are an attraction to visitors.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a goodly number of ringers turned up, although, with the exception of three from Work-leop and five from Ordsall, the North Notts ringers were conspicuous by their absence. However, a hearty welcome was given to members of kindred associations, including ten loyal and true brother strings from Gainsborough and Bigby, Lincolnshire. The latter team of ringers had to rise at 6 a.m., and after breakfast brave the wintry elements in a two-miles walk from Bigby to Barnelly Station. They travelled a distance of 30½ miles in each direction, with a 50 per cent. increase in the railway fare, and made an excursion of 13 hours' duration. They were also joined at a later hour by their esteemed Rector (the Rev. H. T. Parry), who takes the keenest interest in bells and ringers. As no tea or dinner was obtainable (D.O.R.A. being very much in evidence), a snack of bread and cheese, and a pot or two of good old "nut brown," had to suffice to replenish the inner man until their arrival home. Their day's outing revealed the fine grit that these Lincolnshire ringers are made of.

Some excellent ringing was executed in the methods of Stedman Doubles, Bob and Treble Bob Minor. 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob being rung, as well as shorter touches.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster, of Swindon, Wilts, was elected a non-resident life member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Ordsall for the use of the bells, and also for the hearty reception he had given the ringers on their arrival.

The ringing included: 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. S. W. Butler 1, J. C. Tinker 2, G. Blanchard 3, Rev. H. T. Parry 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, F. Bartholomew 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Haigh 1, J. C. Tinker 2, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 3, G. Blanchard 4, J. T. Ladd 5, S. Bartholomew 6. 360 Kent: F. S. W. Butler 1, J. C. Tinker 2, A. Peart 3, H. Russling 4, G. Blanchard (conductor) 5, J. T. Ladd 6. 120 Stedman Doubles, 180 Bob Minor, and 360 Bob Minor the last by: T. Bartholomew 1, E. Russling 2, E. Leedham 3, A. Peart 4, H. Russling 5, G. Blanchard (conductor) 6.

### DEATH OF OLD LAVENHAM RINGER.

On Sunday morning, December 23rd a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung before morning service, at Lavenham, with clappers half-muffled as a tribute of respect to an old departed ringer, Mr. William Snell, who was born at Preston St. Mary, Suffolk, on February 15th, 1839, and died at Cosford Union, near Hadleigh, Suffolk, on December 20th. Deceased was a ringer at Lavenham Church for upwards of 40 years and was an excellent striker. His peals were four in all, the first, 5024 of Bob Major, composed and conducted by the late Mr. N. J. Plistow, on September 25th, 1889; the second, 5040 of Grandsire Triples on April 10th, 1890, the late John Holt's 10-part, conducted by G. C. Hammond, of Long Melford; the third, 5040 Grandsire, Taylor's Bob and Single, November 3rd, 1894, conducted by Thomas King, of Lavenham, now of Shipley, Yorks; and the fourth, 5040 of Grandsire Triples, May 25th, 1896, composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and conducted by Thomas King, the muffled touch was rung by S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, H. Smith 2, S. Smith 3, W. W. J. Roper 4, F. Parker 5, A. Symonds 6, L. Leeks 7, F. Pryke 8. Deceased's first steps to ringing came under the tuition of the late Jesse Symonds of Preston, grandfather of the 6th ringer of the above touch, who is a nephew of the deceased, and on this bell deceased rang all his peals.

### HELPING HAND REQUIRED.

A grand archery tournament is to take place at Irthingborough on April 1st for the benefit of Mrs. Palmer (widow of the late Mr. F. Palmer), who has been a great sufferer from chronic muscular rheumatism for several years, and is now absolutely helpless. The late Mr. F. Palmer was a regular ringer at St. Peter's, Irthingborough, and he was well known by the members of the Essex Association, especially at Harlow Common, where he was employed by Mr. George Dent.

There will be 45 prizes ranging in value from two guineas to one shilling, and particulars and tickets (one penny each) can be had from the Secretary, Mr. J. Cowper, 1, College Street, Irthingborough.

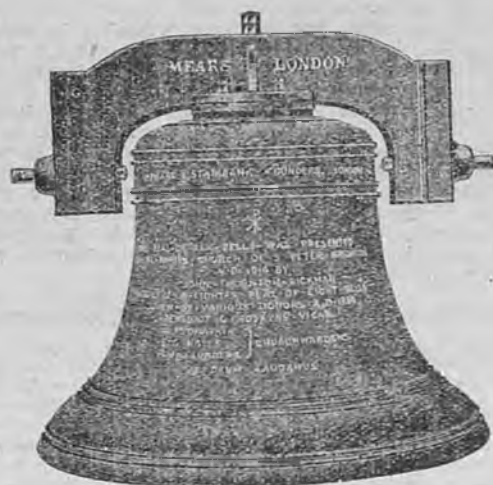
NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Christmas morning, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Morgan 1, T. Ford 2, J. Bullen 3, C. Q.-M. Sergt. A. Morgan 4, Sergt. F. Morgan 5, C. Greedy 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, N. Ridout 8. The Brothers Morgan were home on special Christmas leave, and this was arranged as a special welcome to them.

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## WHAT WOKINGHAM LADIES HAVE DONE.

The following letter, from the pen of a lady ringer, appeared recently in a Wokingham paper:—

"Sir,—For many years we have awakened on Christmas Day to the sound of Christmas bells. Early in the morning they have spoken, saying, 'Christ is born,' and over all the land have sent the messages singing, 'Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.'

"This year there were no Christmas bells, because there is no peace on earth, goodwill toward men. We missed the Christmas bells, but their silence brings home to us the value of the bells. They have become a part of life, sharing in the joys and in our sorrows. How often our hearts have thrilled at the merry sound of wedding bells! How often they have filled with awe at the solemn tolling of the passing bell, and our hopes rose high, when recently they rang for victory! Week by week we hear them as they call the world to worship and we thank God for the bells.

Ring out sweet chimes to Him above  
The message of goodwill and love,  
And in thy music heavenward bear  
Our thanks and praise for all His Care."

"But as we listen to the bells, how seldom our thoughts turn to those who ring them! How many people realise the difficulty (even may be the danger) that lies in ringing! Weeks of patient practice go to make a ringer, with patience on his part and patience on the part of those who teach him. Ringing is an art not easily acquired, and as we listen to the bells, let us think of those who hold the ropes and let us say:—

\* God speed them well."

W. N. A.

In forwarding this cutting, Mr. S. Paice, the foreman of the Wokingham tower, writes:—"I am pleased that in your columns recently you have been advocating the idea that the public should be better informed of what church bell ringing, and especially scientific change ringing, really is, and I am heartily in accord with that view, especially as the late opportunities of ringing for what victories have been achieved has awakened public opinion generally to the important part that the church bells of Old England have played in the history of our country for centuries past. The right good fellowship that exists amongst real ringers, their great readiness to share in the joys and sorrows of each other, their willingness to help necessitous brother ringers in times of affliction or distress, and the energy they display oftentimes to meet for friendly ringing, or to enjoy a meeting which offers a chance of sociability or the making of new friends and acquaintances, to exchange opinions, and to further the art of change ringing, are things still little known to the public. We hear much in these days of the want of unity in the church. I always maintain that in the ringers we have in the Church of England a body of men united by the strongest ties of friendship and brotherhood, with love for their art and for the Church of which they are real working members, and I doubt not if the clergy generally gave them more consideration and understood better the men and their science, they would find at their hand a band ready to be their helpers and supporters in many ways. This would be still more the case now we are welcoming in our ranks the ladies, who are so nobly coming forward to assist and help in this all-important work of the church and nation. At Wokingham, we are instructing four ladies of the parish in the art of change ringing, and very apt and persevering pupils we find them. One is Miss Vera Robinson, a daughter of the late lamented Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and I should like to assure you, sir, of the great honour I feel (an honour of which for certain many ringers would envy me) in being the humble instrument to teach the first rudiments of bell ringing to the daughter of so illustrious a ringer. One of our lady learners is the author of the article submitted to you, and before I close I may mention other good works of theirs in connection with our ringing chamber, including the presentation of eight mats for the floor to preserve the ropes, the refilling and recovering of the window seat, the washing of the marble monuments, with the assistance of our soldier ringer (home on leave) thoroughly scrubbing the floor, and thus improving the appearance of our tower, and making it more worthy as a part of God's house."

## GONE OVERSEAS.

On the eve of going on active service in France, Pte. J. A. Trollope, so well known to our readers, wishes to be remembered to his many ringing friends. For some time Pte. Trollope was stationed at Chelmsford, and a farewell meeting was arranged at the Cathedral on Saturday, December 29th. A quarter-peal was to have been rung, but owing to a late start the bells had to be called home at about 8 changes. The band was: H. Richell (Chelmsford) 1, F. Edwards (Writtle) 2, H. Allen (Chelmsford) 3, A. Tarbin (Widford) 4, A. Edwards (Boreham) 5, W. Lincoln (Writtle) 6, J. A. Trollope (5th Territorial Battalion Yorkshire Regt.), conductor, 7, J. Wood (Chelmsford) 8. Tenor 35 cwt. Afterwards some Caters and Stedman Triples were rung, and on Sunday, December 30th, at Boreham, 720 Plain Bell Minor, conducted by J. A. Trollope, was rung.



## IRISH BELLS AND RINGERS.

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

Two Dublin churches possess rings of ten bells—the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, commonly called Christ Church, and the Roman Catholic Church of St. Augustine and St. John.

Christ Church Cathedral had originally a ring of three bells known as the Great Bells, cast by John Kyrcham, circ. 1420. The Book of Obits of the Cathedral contains the entry, "O Johannes Kyrcham frater nostre congregationis artifex companarum nostrarum." (John Kyrcham, a brother of our congregation, and founder of our bells, died.) These bells were cracked and broken in 1597, and were recast in 1610.

Through the zeal of the Dean of Christ Church, the Very Rev. John Parry, D.D., the Purdues were induced to visit Dublin. They cast six bells for Christ Church and eight for St. Patrick's Cathedral, of which Dean Parry was Precentor. These bells were made and hung in 1670. The Purdue bells of Christ Church are not in evidence now, but, as stated in the article on St. Patrick's, some Purdue bells are preserved there, one of them bearing an inscription in which Dean Parry's name is seen.

The following are the inscriptions on the present bells:—

Treble. J. MURPHY FOUNDER DUBLIN 1877.

II. CAROLO COBBE S.T.P. EPISCOPO DARENSI DECANO ANNO DOM 1738.

III. J. MURPHY FOUNDER DUBLIN 1877.

IV. J. MURPHY MAKER DUBLIN CHRIST CHURCH 1844.

V. CAROLO COBBE S.T.P. EPISCOPO DARENSI DECANO ANNO : DOM : 1738.

VI. THE GIFT OF CHARLES L. B. OF KILDARE DEAN. RECAST BY J. MURPHY DUBLIN 1845.

VII. J. MURPHY FOUNDER DUBLIN 1877

VIII. CAROLO COBBE S.T.P. EPISCOPO DARENSI DECANO ANNO : DOM : 1738.

IX. CAROLO COBBE S.T.P. EPISCOPO DARENSI DECANO ANNO DOM 1738.

X. THIS BELL PRESENTED TO THE CATHEDRAL BY HENRY ROE THE RESTORER 1877.  
J. MURPHY FOUNDER DUBLIN.

This tenor weighs about 39 cwt., and its note is C. The 9th is the tenor of a ring of eight in D; the 2nd in the ring of ten being the treble to this eight. The second bell in the ring of eight has the inscription:—

CAROLO COBBE S.T.P. EPISCOPO DARENSI DECANO ANNO DOM 1738.

And the sixth has:—

CAROLO COBBE S.T.P. EPISCOPO DARENSI DECANO ANNO DOM 1738.

A.R.

RECAST BY JOHN TAYLOR AND CO. LOUGHBOROUGH 1881.

There is also an extra bell for the carillon, which is not hung for ringing, and which has merely the words—

J. MURPHY.

The name of Charles Cobbe, Bishop of Kildare, appears on the older bells. In those days the revenues of the bishopric of Kildare were very small, and the holder was also made Dean of Christ Church, whose revenues were considerable.

One of these bells has the initials A.R., those of the well-known founder, Rudhall, of Gloucester.

Little change ringing is done at Christ Church. Three peals of Stedman Caters have been rung on the bells by visitors.

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Here, as in Christ Church Cathedral, the ring is a composite one. The original eight were cast by John Murphy, Thomas Street, Dublin, and the ring was opened on the 17th March, 1873. The old eight were rehung, and two trebles were added by Charles Carr, Ltd., Birmingham, and the ring of ten was opened on the 24th December, 1898. These are the inscriptions and notes:—

Treble	F	St. Catherine.
II.	E	St. William.
III.	D	St. Bridget.
IV.	C sharp	St. Patrick.
V.	B	St. Nicholas of Tolentine.
VI.	A	St. Thomas of Vinculia.
VII.	G	St. Joseph.
8	F sharp	St. John the Baptist.
9	E	St. Monica.
Tenor	D	St. Augustine.

The tenor weighs 25 cwt.

Change ringing is not much practised. The ringers of this tower were noted in days not long gone by for their accurate striking. But through death and the removal of members to other districts the band has suffered greatly. This has also been the case with the neighbouring tower of Christ Church. One peal of Rob Royal and two of Stedman Caters have been rung by visitors.

Photographs of these churches will appear in a later issue.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT MEETING.

A very successful meeting was held at Kingsthorpe, on Saturday, January 5th, the following towers being represented: St. Peter's, St. Edmund's and St. Giles' Northampton; Cogenhoe, Ecton, Brafield, Woolton, Hardingstone, Harlestone, Boughton, Moulton, Weston Favell, and the local ringers. Visitors were also present from Irthlingborough, Finedon, Flore, and Easton Mauduit. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Tuson), and the collection for the Belfry Fund amounted to 9s.

Tea was served in the schools, 36 sitting down. The business meeting followed, Mr. F. Hopper (vice-president) being in the chair. He expressed his pleasure at having such a splendid gathering, and wished all "a happy New Year."

The financial report of the past year was read, showing a balance of £5 Os. 3d. to the general fund, and £1 4s. 3d. to the belfry fund.

Great Brington was chosen for the summer meeting and Whiston and Long Buckby for special meetings.—One new member was elected.

A letter was read from Lance-Corpl. J. C. Dean, thanking the members for their kind thoughts and congratulations to him on being awarded the Military Medal.

The Secretary reported that another member—Lance-Corpl. C. Haines, of Weston Favell, had been awarded the Military Medal for courage and devotion to duty. A letter had been sent on behalf of the Association, congratulating him.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service, also for the use of the bells, and said how sorry all were to hear that he was so soon leaving Kingsthorpe. He was a very valued and energetic member, being the first to join the Association from Kingsthorpe, thus setting his ringers a good example, which they soon followed.—Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), in seconding, also testified to the sterling qualities of the Vicar as an hon. member, who not only attended the meetings in his own parish, but took a real interest in the Association, and attended the other meetings in the district. He expressed the sincere wishes of the meeting that he would be spared to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

The Vicar, replying, said how pleased he was to welcome them to Kingsthorpe once more. On looking back over the past 20 years, great progress had been made in the belfry. It was now looked on as part of the church, not a place where all the rubbish could be put as in the old days. The ringers were now also recognised as officers of the church. He hoped they would still go on with their good work, and have meetings at Kingsthorpe from time to time after he had gone. He thanked them one and all for their kindness.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the ringers and their wives for the splendid tea which they provided under great difficulties.

## BELTON RINGER KILLED.

The sad news has reached the village of Belton, Uppingham, that Corpl. Alban Jarman, aged 27, West Yorks Regt., was killed in action on November 14th. Corpl. Jarman was a native of Alexton, and joined the colours soon after the outbreak of war. He was a keen and accomplished change ringer, and was one of the first to join the Belton Guild on its formation at the time of the restoration of the bells, in August, 1911. He took part in six peals of 5040 changes, three of which were rung in seven different methods, and in all rang one hundred and fifty-three 720's.

A memorial service was held at Alexton, when the curate-in-charge, the Rev. H. K. Moses, gave a most appropriate address. While the service was being held at Alexton, the Belton bells, half-muffled, pealed out their mournful music in remembrance of one who had rung and loved them so well. The ringers assembled were Messrs. R. H. Bartman, Melton Mowbray; R. W. Baker, Langham; F. Towell and Sergt. H. Burbeck (wounded), Oakham; and J. J. Jackson and I. Grecock, Belton—all members of the Midland Counties Association, of which Corpl. Jarman was also a member. It says much for the brotherhood of change ringers when the first four mentioned cycled a distance varying from nine to twenty miles in such dismal weather to pay their last token of respect to a fallen colleague. Two 720's were rung, previous to which the last 720 rung on these bells was Jan. 3rd, 1915, when Corpl. Jarman was home on short leave, and rang the tenor. The Rev. G. J. Pattison, Vicar of Belton also made a suitable allusion to the loss of one of his church workers at the evening service, and the deepest sympathy is felt in both parishes for Mrs. Jarman, his widowed mother.

## WHAT PERSEVERANCE WILL ATTAIN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Doubtless, like many other of your readers, I read with interest and pleasure the note to the peal on the "Isle of Wight," which performance, I think, reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Jennings, and the band who took part in it; more especially when we think of the many difficulties ringers have to contend with during these trying times. I think it serves well to back up your leader this week, that much may be attained by us, even under great difficulties, if we will only persevere.—Yours, etc.,

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

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## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Dec. 16th, on the back six, for morning service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: W. Beard 1, A. Neale 2, A. Worboys 3, F. C. Newman 4, T. Faulkner 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Dec. 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Siedman Triples (1260 changes), composed by J. George, in 47 mins.: T. Faulkner 1, T. Cranfield 2, A. Worboys 3, J. Waghorn, senr. 4, A. J. Neale 5, F. C. Newman 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, R. Fenn 8. Rung on the 67th birthday of Mr. T. Cranfield.—On Sunday, January 6th, the day of prayer and thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: R. Fenn 1, F. C. Newman 2, A. J. Neale 3, E. Andrews 4, W. Aldridge (Woolwich) 5, J. Corpl. G. W. Faulkner, R.A.M.C. 6, C. Fenn 7, Lance-Corporal H. Wagstaff (Royal Berks) 8. Rung on the 54th birthday of Mr. A. J. Neale.

**STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Dec. 23rd, as a token of respect to H. Burman, who died of wounds in France, 672 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: J. Pickering 1, Geo. Wood 2, N. Walker 3, H. Webb 4, C. Briggs 5, J. Garratt 6, H. Briggs (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

**ROMFORD, ESSEX.**—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: G. R. Pye 1, F. Rainbird 2, Sergt.-Major A. Pye 3, Gunner Leonard Pye 4, G. Jax 5, H. F. Dawkins (conductor) 6, W. Watson 7, J. Harwood 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church, on Christmas Day, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. B. Crowder 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, Arch. Bennington 8. For Matins, another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: T. Easterby 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, E. B. Crowder 4, F. W. Richardson 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, Arch. Bennington 8.

**CHESHUNT, HERTS.**—Hertfordshire Association.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Darlington 1, G. Andrews 2, G. Thurgood 3, G. Maxim 4, C. Dilley 5, F. Jelf (conductor) 6, G. Radley 7, R. Smith 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Christmas morning, at six o'clock, 448 Bob Major's Pie: G. Jackson, R.F.A., 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, W. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. R. Jackson 6, T. Stuart 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. Pie: G. Jackson has been wounded at the front, and his brother strings were very pleased to see him safe home again.—On Sunday, Dec. 30th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Stuart 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 26th, a peal of Grandsire Triples (as a wedding peal for Mr. W. H. Hoar and Miss Taylor, of Loughborough, Gloucestershire) was attempted, and came to grief after 1½ hours' ringing, much to the disappointment of all concerned: F. Morgan 1, W. H. Lambert 2, W. H. Perry 3, W. H. Hoar 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. Booth 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, C. Tribe 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal in the same method was brought round in good style, in 48 mins.: F. Morgan 1, C. Tribe 2, E. J. Pannett 3, W. H. Perry 5, W. H. Hoar 6, W. H. Lambert 7, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, L. French 8. C. Tribe hails from Tenterden, and E. J. Pannett from Lewisham.

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## NOTICES.

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

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available 2.30. Tea will be provided at Miss Foster's, West Street, free for those that acquaint me not later than Jan. 9th; business meeting after tea.—J. Harding, Dist. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society—Established 1824).—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Giles, Camberwell, on Saturday, 12th January, 1918. Bells available from 2.45 to 5 p.m. A business meeting will follow at the Stirling Castle, Church Street. All ringers and friends invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Ringing practice will be held at Bocking January 12th, Earls Colne January 26th, Braintree February 9th. Bells, 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m.—H. F. Cooper, District Master. B. Redgwell, District Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 12th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m.; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**BECKENHAM.**—A practice will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, January 12th, 1918, from 3 to 5 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—W. Smith.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on January 15th and 29th, and for handbell practice on the 24th, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended twenty meetings in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting of the branch will be held at All Saints' Vestry, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, January 19th, 1918, at 5 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Thackeray, M.A., has kindly promised to preside. Business: Minutes of the last two meetings; audit the accounts for 1917; officers and committee for 1918; annual branch meeting and Service; new members; and war-time suggestions.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec and Treas., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.—Memo.: All subscriptions and names for 1917 should be sent in at once for inclusion in the Annual Report. The Guild's "Roll of Honour and War Workers" is now in the hands of the Branch Secretaries, and all members are asked to take pains to see that full particulars of those ringers, whose names are to be included or amended, are sent in to their District Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock till dusk; meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; meeting in the Church Room at 6.30. Owing to the difficulties of catering, no tea will be provided this year.—J. Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**

Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at S. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready 4 p.m. No tea.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, 19th January, 1918. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service (Association Form) and address by the Rev. J. K. Wilson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Hall, West Street. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the Schools after the service.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2 o'clock until 6. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea (1/3 each), followed by general meeting at 6 o'clock, all at the Dining Rooms, Market Place. Arrangements for tea will only be made for those who notify Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, London Road, Hinckley, by the previous Saturday of their intention to be present.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 3 till 9 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Those who require tea must let me know not later than January 22nd.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Established 1878).**

—The annual meeting will be held at Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 26th. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Parochial Institute, Bennett Road. Further particulars by circular.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, February 2nd, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting following the ringing.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**

—Mr. A. Mason has removed from Erith to 120, Llanover Road, North Wembly, N.W. 5.

**PEAL BOOKS.**

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

**FULMER, BUCKS.**

—Oxford Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: Miss E. Fuller 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, Miss G. Bateman 3, E. Harding 4, W. Henley (conductor) 5, W. J. Bateman 6.

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