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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,
Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE "G.O.M." OF RINGING.

The ringers of Sheffield and district on Saturday honoured, in the person of Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, one who for many years has been looked upon as one of the pillars of the Exercise. Last month Mr. Hattersley reached the age of 70 years, and it was but natural that his intimate friends should desire fittingly to mark the auspicious occasion. It had been intended to celebrate the event with that characteristic English function, a dinner, but the development of events which threw this country into the war caused that part of the proceedings to be postponed. Preparations, however, had been already made to give Mr. Hattersley a tangible and permanent expression of the esteem in which he is held, and it was wisely decided to make the presentation. In the congratulations and good wishes which were thus conveyed the whole Exercise will join, for Mr. Hattersley has merited as few men have done the appreciation of ringers throughout the country.

Prowess in the belfry, where his participation in the Art would have been largely of personal satisfaction only, has not by any means been the sole object of Mr. Hattersley's ringing career. As a composer he has done much to provide for the entertainment of others, for his compositions have given pleasure to all those to whom the piecing together of the changes which go to make a true peal is something more than a mere table to be memorised by the conductor. For ingenuity in composition Mr. Hattersley has few equals, and some of his peals will live as long as change ringing lasts. His labours in composition undoubtedly place him in the forefront of his contemporaries.

But not for this alone was Mr. Hattersley honoured on Saturday. His personal characteristics—a genial disposition and kindly nature—have won him a warm place in the hearts of all who know him, and many men in all parts of England cherish the friendship of Charles Hattersley. Had it been possible to hold the commemorative dinner which was first suggested it would have provided, we are convinced, such a tribute as has seldom been paid to any living ringer, and we hope that the day is not far distant, when, under happier national conditions, the opportunity may occur of gathering to honour one who, for more than 50 years, has devoted himself to the progress of our Art. Mr. Hattersley has come of famous ringing stock, for his maternal grandfather was a celebrated ringer a century ago, and with those far-off days, Mr. Hattersley is one of the last links. That, although now somewhat weakened in health, he may long be spared to enjoy the bells he loves so well, and to delve, with intellect undiminished, further into the mysteries of compositions, is the wish, we are sure, of every ringer for one who may well be described as the "Grand Old Man" of the Exercise.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

EDWARD G. BOWYER ...	Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	5
BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	2	JESSE SCREEN ...	6
EDGAR MARLOW ...	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	7
THOMAS E. GRIFFITHS ...	4	WILLIAM E. COOPER ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Mr. T. E. Griffiths, who belongs to Sedgeley, was elected a member of the Stafford Society previous to starting for the peal, and E. G. Bowyer, who hails from Penn, was elected a member of the Dudley Guild. It was the latter's first attempt for a peal of Major. The peal was rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, at the special request of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Arthur Price, M.A.), an honorary member of the above Society and Guild. The band represents eight towers belonging to the Archdeaconry.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER ...	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ...	7—8

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

F. W. Sawfoot's 100th peal, and W. R. Hensher's 100th peal for the Northants Association.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

ARTHUR HAGUE ...	1—2	WILLIAM J. TRYNG ...	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ...	3—4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	7—8

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting, on the occasion of a cycle run, was held at Bushbury last Saturday. The church lies in the country three miles from Wolverhampton Station, and has a peal of six bells. "For lovers of George Borrow's 'Romany Rye' the church," we read in Masfield's "Staffordshire," "has a peculiar interest, for it was here that Borrow and his gipsy friends, one Sunday came to service (chapter viii). The accuracy of Borrow's description is very striking; the beech trees in the churchyard, the small door in the chancel (this is now disused), and the very benches for the poor at the west end which were rejected by Mrs. Petulengro, are all to be seen today. Borrow's memory must have been marvellous, for 'Romany Rye' was not written till twenty-seven or twenty-eight years after 1825, the year in which the events took place, and it is unlikely that he ever visited the church again."

The members of the local band, who joined the society a month ago, were present, as well as ringers from Bilston, Bloxwich, Browwood, Rushall, Tipton, Walsall, Willenhall and Wolverhampton. Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Lawrence, the wife of the Vicar's warden, twelve of the visitors were able to obtain an excellent tea at her house, despite the fact that everything had to be prepared at half-an-hour's notice. During the meeting a hint was thrown out that a cycle run should be arranged for a Saturday in next month: the hon. secretaries are giving it their consideration.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 24th, for the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: W. Cockle 1, G. Markwell (conductor) 2, J. Laurence 3, H. Cullen 4, A. Markwell 5, H. Markwell 6. Also 720 after the service by the same band.

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RINGERS AND THE WAR.

We have to acknowledge the following further sums sent through "The Ringing World" to the National Relief Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	24	9	0
St. Iltyd's, Bridgend, Ringers (per Mr. A. J. Stanley)	0	6	0
G. E. J.	0	10	0
Wraxall Parish Church Ringers (Messrs. S. Butcher, H. Frappel, J. Everett, J. Gould, V. Partridge, J. Winsor, H. Winsor and J. Youde (per Mr. J. Winsor)	0	5	6
Acton (St. Mary's) Guild (per Mr. R. H. Boddington)	0	10	6
J. and H. W. Newman, Kelvedon	0	12	6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	0	5	0
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (per Mr. W. A. Cave)	2	2	0
Ranmoor, Sheffield, Ringers (per Mr. F. Ward)	0	10	0
Benfieldside Parish Church Ringers, Durham (per Mr. J. W. Forster)	0	6	0
St. James's Church Ringers, Norton, Derbyshire (per Mr. E. James)	1	15	0
Total	£31	11	6

Our second remittance of £10 has been acknowledged on behalf of the Prince of Wales.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

- G. E. L. Fursdon, Cambridge University Guild, London Rifle Brigade.
 Sergt. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, South Midland Royal Engineers (T.).
 Fred Davies, Chesterfield Parish Church Co., 11th Battalion Notts and Derby Regiment, now at Frensham Camp, Surrey.
 Sidney Bannister, of Milton-next-Gravesend, Royal Engineers (T.), at present at Gravesend.
 Pte Alfred Gould, of Wraxall, near Bristol, Worcestershire Regt. Sapper Fredk. Winsor, Royal Engineers.
 From Aldenham the following ringers have joined the colours:—
 J. C. Childs, 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
 A. T. Franklin, 7th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment.
 H. Mansfield, Army Service Corps.
 E. Scott, Royal Horse Artillery.
 The following members of the Shere Parish Church company, Surrey, have enlisted:—
 Maurice Bignold, H. Company, 3rd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, now at Weymouth.
 Richard Taylor, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Newhaven, Sussex.
 Philip Summers, 5th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt. (T.).
 Eustace Ellis, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Newhaven.
 From the Norton, Derbyshire Company:—
 G. W. Rose, 1st Coldstream Guards, in France.
 A. Rose (his brother), and H. Smith, in the new Army.
 Tpr. E. R. Pope, of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Royal West Kent Yeomanry, now at Sturey.
 Pte A. T. Rootes, Royal West Kent Regt., now at Sandwich.
 Sergt. W. Anderson, and
 Pte Leonard S. Murphy, of St. John's Parish Church band, Eltham, Kent, 20th County of London Battalion, now at New Town, Hatfield, Herts.
 Pte Frank E. Billows, of Skipton, member of Blackburn Parish Co., 10th Devons, now at Skerrington Camp, Codford St. Mary, Wilts.
 Charles Barnes, of Fulbeck, Grantham, 4th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment.
 E. Harry Stoneley, leader of St. Margaret's band, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, Royal Garrison Artillery.
 Ralph A. Brown, of Eastwood (Rotherham) company, Durham Light Infantry.
 F. S. Clissold, and
 H. Gingell, of St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, Glos., 5th Reserve Batt Gloucester Regiment.
 From Easton Neston, Northants, three members have joined:—
 C. H. Clarke,
 C. S. Faulkner, and

G. W. Beesley, 7th Batt. Northamptonshire Regiment, now at Shoreham.

The following four members of St. Wulfram's, Grantham, band:—

Pte Richard Peck, R.F.A., now in France.

Pte Lawrence E. Mears, the new Army, now at Belton Park, Grantham.

Pte Harry Daniels, Lincolnshire Territorials, now at Luton, and

Pte George Green, Lines, Territorial Yeomanry, now at Oakley Park, Eye, Suffolk.

From St. Aidan's Parish Church, West Hartlepool, the following are serving with the Forces:—

Pte John W. Mellor, A.O.C., at Red Barracks, Woolwich.

Pte Thos. Jolly, A.O.C., at Aldershot.

Pte Jas. Thomas, A.O.C., at Gillingham.

The following members of St. Mary Abbot's Guild are serving with the Forces:—

E. G. Stibbons (Lance-Corporal), 2nd Batt. City of London Royal Fusiliers, now stationed at Malta.

F. J. Redknapp, 2nd Life Guards, now at Windsor (re-joined old regiment).

Also the following probationers:—

H. E. Garrard, 24th County of London (Queen's) Territorials, at Kennington.

J. A. Haryott, Royal Engineers (Territorials), at St. Albans.

F. Payne, 13th County of London (Territorials), at Abbot's Langley.

A. Phipps, 5th Dragoon Guards, at Aldershot.

A RUGBY "SEND-OFF."

On Monday, October 5th, at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung by the following band in 52 mins.: B. W. Haywood 1, J. B. Fenton 2, W. Tayler 3, J. A. Fenton 4, H. O. White 5, W. Malins (composer and conductor) 6, C. W. Wheeler 7, J. George 8. This was rung as a send-off to Gunner J. A. Fenton, of the 4th Warwickshire Howitzer Brigade, 5th Battery, who is, along with his brigade, shortly leaving for the front. After the ringing was over, the Rector (the Rev. Claude M. Blagden, M.A.) and his brother ringers wished Gunner Fenton "God-speed" and a safe return.

NORTON RINGER AT THE FRONT.

Pte G. W. Rose, of the 1st Coldstream Guards, who is now at the front, is a member of the Norton, Derbyshire, Parish Church company, who, despite the absence of three members on service, have still a full company of eight to keep the bells going for Sunday service. A letter from Pte Rose has been received this week by the secretary of the Norton band (Mr. E. James). He is, happily, in good health and spirits. Tobacco and a few other comforts are being sent off to him by his fellow ringers, to let him know he is not forgotten by his friends at home.

TERRITORIAL RINGER'S PEREGRINATIONS.

ACROSS ENGLAND WITH ENGINEERS.

The activities of some of our Territorial units is well illustrated in a letter which we have received from Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who is a non-commissioned officer of the South Midland Royal Engineers. Mr. Cave's corps went into camp at Abergavenny on August 2nd, only to return to their "Peace" station the next day, in consequence of an order received by telegram at 4 a.m. At the time, he says, they did not understand being roused by bugle at 4.30 instead of 5.30, but the work of striking camp was soon under way, and they were entrained for home at 2 o'clock.

"Next day was spent hanging about at Head Quarters till about 4 p.m.," continues Mr. Cave, "when there came a call for clerks, and I concluded the order to 'mobilise' (which we were expecting all day) had at length arrived. This proved correct, and at eight o'clock we were being handed our notices to join at 8 a.m. next day."

"The next week was spent in preparation, and on the Wednesday following we left Bristol for Swindon, staying there till the Sunday, when we left for Leighton Buzzard. Here we expected to stay some time, but it was not to be, for orders came on Tuesday evening to move off next morning to march to Brentwood (Essex), the destination being subsequently altered to Chelmsford. We spent nights at the following places: Flamstead, South Mimms, Waltham Abbey and Ongar, arriving at Springfield on Sunday afternoon."

"I managed to get some ringing at Swindon (Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman), Leighton Buzzard (Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob), Chelmsford (Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Stedman Caters), Widford, which I visited on a stormy night (Grandsire Triples), and Springfield, where I was billeted opposite the church (Plain Bob, Treble Bob, my first course of Oxford Minor and a course of New London)."

Mr. Cave desires to convey his best thanks to all the ringers whom he met, especially those at Chelmsford and Springfield, whom he hopes to meet again later on. At present he is back in Bristol busily engaged in helping to train the 350 recruits who have joined his battalion. Mr. Cave, being an excellent shot, is chiefly employed in musketry instruction.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

"HODGE" REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Neither of my friends, Mr. James nor Mr. Dains, has apparently grasped the point of my argument with regard to Superlative Surprise Royal. I will deal with Mr. James's letter first.

His illustration of the eight men ringing Grandsire Triples is ingenious, but not very convincing. If he could have said that they were ringing six different methods, there might have been something in it. But, of course, he does not. The rules by which the inside men ring, which are not the method, but are rules for ringing it, are, as a matter of fact, identical, though expressed in different language. How do you do? and comment vous portez vous? ask a question by two different methods, but the question is the same. Even if the rules were different, the work done by them all is identical.

Poor "Hodge" has not confused (a) and (b) at all, he does not take (b) into account. The rules by which a method may be rung are not the method in any sense, but the work which is done certainly has a good deal to do with the method.

Mr. James has not given any answer to the question about that little word "must." "Hodge" has just as much right as Mr. James to put in a "must," and to say that the work of the Royal Method must, as far as possible, be the same as the work of the Major, and that the additional work must be of the same character, if the method is to be the same.

Mr. James has not attempted to answer the argument, which has not been brought forward before. He still confounds laws and rules. Additional laws have not grown out of the three "positive laws" quoted, but rules for forming methods satisfactory from all points of view have; and no one has any doubt that the rule of Bob Major lead ends is an excellent one. At the same time it is quite easy to form a method which has other lead ends, which conforms to the three fundamental laws, and which gives a true peal.

It is really a matter of convenience, and, especially, taste, and perhaps it would be better to use the word "tasty" instead of "legitimate." If Mr. James likes to change the initial "t" into an "n" for "illegitimate," he is quite welcome to the word. Taste, after all, is very much like prejudice. We are prejudiced in favour of keeping the heavy bells together, but it is quite conceivable that, some time, taste might alter, and it might be considered most suitable to have them spronged all over the place, as they are in the extension of Superlative, which results from the consideration of the work of the bells in the method. It is not very easy to understand the position of our friend Mr. Dains. Apparently he does not like Shipway's extension, nor does he like poor "Hodge's"; the reason for the latter objection being that two particular musical changes do not appear in a certain place, and, therefore, the extension is not "acceptable." From a musical point of view, no doubt it is not acceptable, but that has really nothing to do with it; except in so far as it goes to strengthen the objection to ringing real Superlative Royal. "Hodge" did not say that he finds no guidance in the "Glossary" for extending methods. That was not to be expected. Read the letter again, friend Dains. Two changes do not make a method, nor does even a half lead. The half lead only was given out of consideration for the composer, but anyone can write out the whole course from that half lead, and it will be seen to be quite free of falseness in composition.

"Hodge" is only a poor bucolic countryman, and of no account, but his opinion (prejudice if Mr. James likes) is that the extension of Superlative Surprise Major to Royal does not produce a "tasty" method. In order to achieve this desirable result, a multiple of four bells is needed for the reason given on October 2nd, and another prejudice is that in considering what a method is the whole course ought to (he won't say must) be taken into account.

"HODGE."

Dear Sir,—I note in your issue of the 9th inst. that the Rev. H. Law James, in inflicting his views in detriment of "The Glossary," tells us that Method means:—

(a) "The system by which changes are produced." What changes? Churchyard Bob or continuous? Which of these he does not mention. If readers will turn to "The Glossary," page 10, following the word Method, they will find a clear description of that term.

(b) "The rules by which these changes are rung." This statement is surely an oversight, for we all know by a study of any Method that we extract a rule by which we ring it, and for this purpose we turn to Snowdon's Standard Methods, and not to "The Glossary."

His next essay is to deride the good old rule, by which our grandfather's learned to ring Grandsire, sub-dividing it into six or more parts, without showing how the hob is made. Fancy, what a chance he has lost in not giving the young ringer a new and better rule!

Turning to Stedman, he repeats that Triples, Caters and Cinques were made by Norwich men. This is another oversight, as what the old Norwich men did was to extend Stedman's Doubles to higher numbers upon odd bells, and it is held by a large majority of the Exercise that this extension is a proper one. I will here ask Mr. James to point out to us, how and in what form he would extend these Doubles. The present gives a very good opportunity.

Further on, he tells your readers that the rules and conditions he works upon were carried by a large majority at the Council meeting. This I do not deny. How many of the councillors are there who understand these rules and conditions?—Yours faithfully,

HY. DAINS.

NEW BELLS FOR WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

The peal of six bells at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church has been rehung and augmented to a peal of eight, the dedication having taken place on Thursday in last week. This splendid improvement in connection with the bells of the Parish Church has been rendered possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor, who, some months since, offered to provide two additional bells, and subsequently agreed to defray the cost of rehanging the whole peal in an iron and steel frame, it being found that the wooden cage then and for many years in use had become somewhat unstable. The estimate of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was accepted, the total cost of the improvement being £245. The result is that the bells are not only now heard to much better advantage, but the strain on the tower is also reduced to a minimum. The new additions to the peal bear the inscriptions: "Te Dominum Confitemur," and "Te Deum Laudamus" respectively. On one of the old bells appears the curious inscription: "May the Church of England flourish and its enemies decrease." The clergy present at the dedicatory ceremony were: Ven. F. A. Brymer (Archdeacon of Wells), Rev. Prob. B. Norton Thompson, R.D. (Rector), Revs. W. H. Gregory, B.A., E. B. Williams, B.A. (curates at the Parish Church), H. M. Troen, B.Sc. (curate in charge of St. John's Mission Room), C. A. Le Geyt (hon. Priest-Vicar of Truro Cathedral), David Lloyd (Vicar of St. Paul's), S. J. Swainson (Vicar of Blackford and formerly on the Parish Church Staff), and J. W. Danford. The opening prayers were intoned by the Archdeacon, who then, attended by the Rector and churchwardens (Messrs. G. W. E. Round and Spencer Tyler), unveiled the memorial tablet.

A telling sermon, based upon II. Cor. ix. 16, was preached by Archdeacon Brymer, and at the conclusion of the service the bells rang out merrily. The dedication festival was continued on Sunday.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work with their characteristic thoroughness. The new bells are a splendid "splice," and the frame in which the peal is now hung is of cast-iron, with steel angle plates. The tenor is a bell of 15 cwt.

THE PEAL IN CANADA.

The article published in our last issue, recording the unveiling of the peal tablet at Vancouver, recalls the fact that the bells at the Catholic Church, where the peal was rung, are the product of Messrs. Llewellyns and James' Bristol Foundry. They were hung in 1907, under the supervision of Mr. A. C. Limpus, and it is interesting to read his comments made at the time. Writing to congratulate the founders upon the excellent job they had made upon the recasting and rehanging of the bells, he said: "The 'go' of them is perfect, and reflects great credit on your bell hanger. The splice of the five smaller bells to the three larger and foreign bells is also perfect, and the tone of the whole peal is remarkably sweet and mellow. The frame is much more substantial than I expected it would be, and there is absolutely no vibration from ringing whatever. It might interest you to hear that after the bells were hoisted in the tower with the separate parts of the frame, the whole was erected and in ringing order between the hours of one and five p.m. They were erected under my supervision, and went together without a hitch. After a thorough test, not only by myself, but by many good ringers from all parts of the United Kingdom, they are pronounced to be as good a peal for their size as any."

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held at North Wingfield on Saturday week, and was well attended, the towers represented being Alfreton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Eastwood (Rotherham), Ripley, Swanwick, Treeton, Worksop, and the local branch. Some good ringing was done in various methods, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Duffell, Norfolk and Little Double Court Bob Major being successfully brought into rounds.

The Rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome to his tower, and, with his usual kindness, provided a substantial tea, which was served in the schoolroom. Owing to a prior engagement, however, the Rector was unable to be with them, much to the members' regret. After the tea, and the transaction of the usual business, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and providing tea, to the ladies who so willingly assisted at the tables, and to the local band.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Management Committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 8th, 1915.

RINGERS' GIFT TO CHURCH.

An interesting ceremony was performed at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on the evening of Sunday week, during the harvest festival services, a new set of handbells being given to the church by the local ringers, and dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.).

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MR. CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION AT SHEFFIELD.

An event of widespread interest to ringers throughout the country took place at Sheffield on Saturday last, when an illuminated address was presented to Mr. C. H. Hattersley at the Cathedral House, in honour of his seventieth birthday, which was attained on September 12th last.

It was at first intended that the event should be celebrated in the way beloved by Englishmen, and particularly so by any community of brotherhood, i.e., in the form of a dinner and general rejoicing, but owing to the crisis in which the nation is at present suffering considerable anxiety, it was the wish of Mr. Hattersley, after consultation with those responsible for the inauguration, that all manifestations of festivity should be postponed sine die. However, as the address had been completed before the outbreak of hostilities, Mr. Hattersley was prevailed upon to accept the work of art in token of the regard and good feeling prevalent amongst the ringers in the city and district of Sheffield, and also of the profound admiration for the services so nobly rendered to the cause and welfare of the science and art of change ringing.



MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Consequently, the proceedings, although of a quiet nature, did not suffer by any want of appreciation on the part of his many friends and admirers, and upwards of sixty were present at the Cathedral House to do honour to the occasion.

The chair was taken by Mr. A. Hughes, principal of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, founders of the Cathedral bells, and amongst the company were the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Ven. H. Gresford Jones), Mrs. Jones, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, and President of the Yorkshire Association; Mr. C. Glenn, hon. general secretary of the Yorkshire Association; Mr. J. A. Cockey, hon. secretary of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society; Mr. W. Davies, Liverpool; Mr. C. D. Potter, Barasley; Mr. D. Brounley, Bolsterstone; Mr. W. Biggin, Norton; Mr. A. Hague and Miss Hague, Rotherham; and others.

HONOURING A BROTHER.

A fitting opening was a simple course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells by Miss W. Hague, Messrs. A. Hague, C. Glenn, J. Thorpe,

and W. Allwood, after which the chairman sought to justify his position by explaining that his visit to Sheffield that day had brought forth a hearty appeal to take charge of the meeting, and he felt proud to be called upon to do so. He stated that in occupying that position, he was representing a large number of London ringers who were all admirers of what Mr. Hattersley had done for ringing in general, and he was voicing their expressions of good feeling when he offered Mr. Hattersley hearty congratulations on attaining his seventieth birthday (applause).

Letters of apologies were read from Messrs. W. Gifford, W. Whitaker, W. W. Worthington, G. Rolland, J. W. Taylor, and Sir Arthur Heywood, the last-named explaining he was compelled to be elsewhere to look after the affairs of his eight sons and sons-in-law, who were away doing duty in their country's cause.

The Chairman then called upon the Archdeacon to make the presentation.

In performing this task, the Archdeacon stated he recognised personally he was in the presence of a noble brotherhood, and warmly welcomed that remarkable assembly from the district. In speaking of the character of the man, he said he had the greatest pleasure in looking upon Mr. Hattersley as one of his many friends and workers in the church, who had kept the standard of ringing high, and promoted a just cause, by paying strict attention to all little details connected with the Art. It was those strict little things that made the great Associations, of which the ringers were so proud, and also drew prosperity to their cult. In making that presentation they were honouring a brother in service of their cause, and he was delighted to be associated with the tower and the ringers. In wishing Mr. Hattersley a long life in a noble cause, he was expressing a feeling of universal admiration to him as a ringer, and also a tribute of respect to a noble Art (applause).

ADVICE TO CONDUCTORS.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Hattersley said he had the confidence in his colleagues in this matter, and he wished to emphasise his gratefulness for their happy thought in asking the Archdeacon to be present that evening, for his presence added dignity to the occasion. He considered there was great pleasure in giving pleasure, but in accepting the emblem offered him, he should regard that as the greatest pleasure of his life. He paid a great tribute to the clergy, some of whom were very clever ringers, and took keen interest in the advancement of the Art, and it was by their association with the Exercise that ringers were now looked upon as real church workers. With regard to the science, he would like to put it under five different headings, v.z.: Ringing, conducting, composing, proving, and the in and out of course, all of which could be mastered by close application and study, but the last-named was by far the most difficult to comprehend. Many ringers satisfied themselves with the ringing and conducting, but a conductor should always pay attention to the other elements to become thoroughly efficient, and help to raise the standard even higher than it had already attained. Without a knowledge of all the branches, a conductor merely evolved into what he termed a "Bob-caller." Speaking of the early days of prize-ringing, he thought this had been a means of creating good striking, and he was pleased to add this had been maintained up to the present day. He was thankful to Providence that he had been spared to assist in the advancement of the Art, and although the body was weaker, his mind was as active as ever, and he took just the same interest in ringing matters as of yore. He thanked them all for the most beautiful emblem which he should always prize as one of the greatest treasures of his life, and added that when the time came he would die happy in the reflection of the good feeling they had expressed to him that evening (applause).

Mr. J. T. Rew proposed, and Mr. Sam Thomas seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for coming to make the presentation. Both speakers stated that he was a man that everyone could appeal to, and since he had taken up his residence in Sheffield he had endeared himself to all with whom he had come in contact.

As the Archdeacon had previously been compelled to leave, Mrs. Jones thanked the company for their very kind remarks about her husband, and stated how sorry she was that he could not hear the delightful words from his ringers. They both took great interest in the work of the ringers, and it was just what they wanted, when they knew their friends would come to them. It was a delight and real pleasure when they knew they held the confidence of their fellow workers.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who humorously remarked that apart from the pleasure Mr. Hughes would receive by attending the meeting, it would doubtless be a further pleasure to him in this time of trouble, to leave the city of darkness and enter the city of light.—Mr. J. A. Cockey ably seconded the vote.—In reply, Mr. Hughes again expressed his pleasure, and hoped that on the next occasion Mr. Hattersley took part in any ringing it would be in honour of the final victory of the Allies.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE ADDRESS.

The address, which had been procured by voluntary subscription from the ringers of the city and district of Sheffield, had been most

admirably executed by Mr. L. Berrisford, a local ringer, and was as follows:—

"To Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq.

"Dear Sir,

"Your many friends and admirers in the vicinity of Sheffield have great pleasure in asking your acceptance of this address as a present on the attainment of your seventieth birthday, to show our appreciation of your valuable labours and investigations in the science and art of change ringing.

"The science of composition has for over fifty years been your close study, and has resulted in your giving to the Exercise a considerable number of high-class peals.

"We are also pleased to place on record the great courtesy with which you have encouraged young aspirants, either as ringers, conductors, or composers.

"Moreover, by your geniality, kindness, and honesty of purpose, you have endeared yourself to all with whom you have been associated.

"We, therefore, on behalf of the subscribers, and your many friends, present you with this token of our regard, and trust that by the grace of God, you may be spared many more years of useful and happy life."

Yours sincerely,

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A LONG RINGING CAREER.

Mr. Hattersley's connection with ringing dates from a very early period. He well remembers being carried by his grandfather up the steps of the Sheffield Parish Church, when only four years of age, and he has been a constant visitor ever since. His earliest recollection of actual ringing was the pulling of the evening prayer bell when quite a "nipper," and although he gave promise of exceptional ability at that time, he was considered too young to be enrolled a member of the Parish Church Company, but at the same time he is proud of the fact that he was old enough to be one of their own colleagues, and always took part in their prize-ringing contests of that period.

Eventually being taken into the company in 1862, he soon took a prominent part in the conducting, and called his first peal when only 19 years of age, which was considered a clever performance at that time of day. Continuing his activities he took up the work of composing, and we now have an endless number of peals in all methods bearing his name, many of which are of an unique character, and are among the "classics" of composition.

The number of peals rung half a century ago was not nearly so great as at the present time, but about 200 stand to Mr. Hattersley's credit, the majority being composed by himself, and conducted from a working bell. Some of these peals are of historical note, but Mr. Hattersley considers the 120 course-ends peal of Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham in eight hours and 29 minutes, and which stood as a record for many years, was one of the best performances he ever participated in, and still ranks this as unbeatable for correct striking. There was never a serious mistake, and he relates that for a period of five hours not a single word was spoken in the way of correction.

His travels have taken him great distances, and amongst his many acquaintances, he values the friendship of the late Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, as one of the main features of his career. He has also been connected with the Yorkshire Association since 1879, and still holds the office of vice-president for the Southern Division. He is now the only living link between the present and past generation of Sheffield ringers, the records of the Parish Church showing he rang a peal with the late Robert Daft, whose records date back to 1811. His grandfather was the late William Booth, a ringer of some note, who took part in the first and last peals on the ten bells of the Sheffield Parish Church, and whose compositions of Treble Bob may now be seen in the last pages of Shipway. Mr. Hattersley's kindly heart, and genial nature at once made him friends with all with whom he came into contact, and his fund of anecdotes relating to ringers and ringing is inexhaustible. It would require a special edition of the "Ringing World" to give but a portion of those it has been the writer's privilege to listen to. S. F. P.

SITTINGBOURNE.—Kent County Association.—On Sept. 29th, being the Patronal Festival at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. — Fl. 1 Bottle 1, F. 2 W. 3, H. E. Simpson 4, E. J. Excell 5, F. S. Macey (conductor) 6, E. J. Dobbie 7, S. Bottle 8.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

At a special meeting of the members of the Warwickshire Guild, held at Coventry on Saturday, a presentation was made to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who for the past three years or so has been the hon. secretary of the Guild, in recognition of his ungrudging labours and the esteem in which he is held by the members. Mr. Cox is leaving Shottery, where he has been for some time, for a new incumbency and this is taking him away from the area of the Guild.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I crave the favour of a little space in your columns to express my warm thanks to the members of the Warwickshire Guild for their very handsome gift to me on my departure from the county. I should like to have had the opportunity of thanking all who subscribed to it in person, but must ask those whom I did not see last Saturday to accept this my heartfelt appreciation of their kindness. The standard lamp is a welcome addition to my household effects, and it will always be inestimably precious to me as the reminder of many happy years spent in close touch with the ringers and ringing affairs of Warwickshire. I would prefer all to think that I am saying "au revoir" rather than "good-bye," and can assure them that my interest in the Guild and my prayers for its welfare and progress will not diminish, whatever my surroundings. Thanking you for this courtesy, yours faithfully,

Oct. 12th, 1914.

C. CAREW COX.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

We extract the following from an article on "Sunday Riding," which appeared in the "Motor Cycle" the other day:—

"A biggish motor cycling meet is, surely, something of a public nuisance at the best of times and under the most careful management. It always implies a good deal of noise and bustle, often much dust-raising, sometimes a fair amount of rowdiness. In these respects it is like bell ringing, or a Labour procession with a band and open-air speaking. It should be reserved for times at which the mild inevitable nuisance is not a gross breach of manners. It would be ungentlemanly to a degree for a team of bell ringers to 'go for a peal' when a person in the vicinity was dangerously ill: or for anybody to hold an open-air political meeting outside a house where a funeral was in prospect."

According to the writer, therefore, we are "a public nuisance" at the best of times. Well, there are others, and motor cyclists are not altogether "out of the running" in this respect, even when we meet them singly on the roads. It is really nice to think that we are given credit for knowing how to behave in a gentlemanly manner. We wish we could say the same thing of all those lords of creation (some of them have been called by another name) who use mechanically propelled vehicles on the road.

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By HENRY DAINS.

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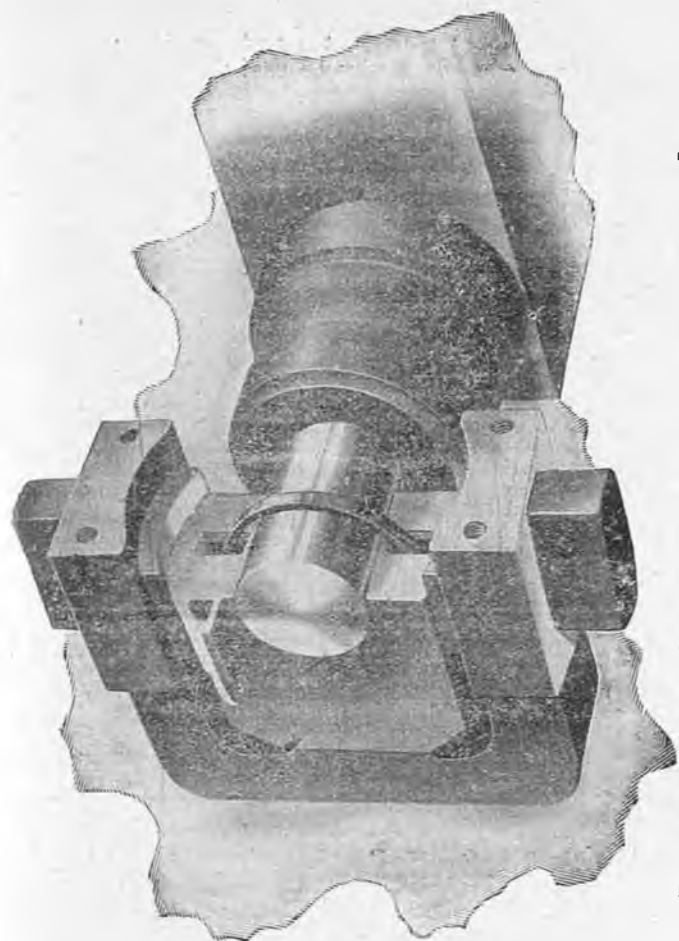
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By J. A. TROLLOPE.

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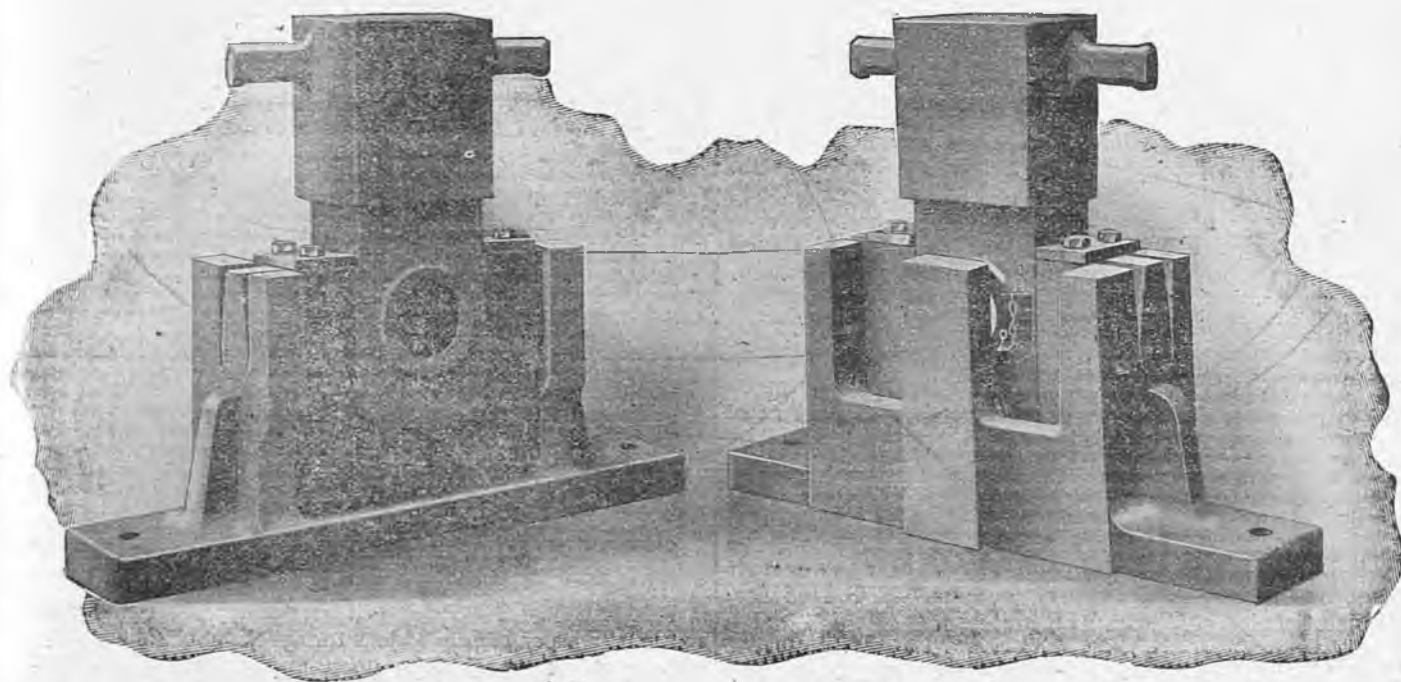
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Denholme on Saturday, October 17th, 1914. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good meeting is desired, as branch officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available for service, and the question of further ringing will be decided at the meeting.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 1914, at St. Mary's, Islington. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ardleigh on October 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Tea at the Lion 5.15, 6d. each, to all giving notice not later than October 20th.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Kingswood Hall, provided by the Rector, for those who send their names to me, not later than Tuesday, October 20th. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, October 24th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp, in the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. As this is the meeting for election of officers, it is hoped a good number will attend. The bells will be available for ringing. All who attend *must* send their names to me, by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at

Spaxton on Saturday, October 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4 o'clock, tea and meeting to follow. Nether Stowey bells will also be available from 6 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, on Saturday, 24th October, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in Parochial Room at 7.30 p.m.—William Barton, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting to follow at the Parish Room. All intending to be present at tea (6d. each) please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as district officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available afternoon and evening.—William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, October 31st, 1914. Service in Cathedral at 2 p.m. Committee meeting in Cathedral Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. Annual meeting immediately after tea. Social, with handbells, at 7 p.m. The committee have decided, in view of the national crisis, there shall be no ringing. All who intend being present please communicate not later than October 27th with R. Stephenson, Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, October 31st, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The general committee have decided that it is not desirable to hold the annual concert under the present National circumstances.—T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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WHITCHURCH RINGERS' TRIP.

Taking advantage of the last of the season's Sunday afternoon trains to Porthcawl, several members of the band of St. Mary's, Whitchurch, paid a visit to Newton Nottage, accompanied by Mr. Sharp, of the Porthcawl company. A peal board had been unveiled after the morning service by the Rev. Holms Morgan (Rector of Newton) recording a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung by the local band, and conducted by Mr. Tom Wood, now a member of the Whitchurch band. Time would not allow the visitors to attempt a peal before service, and a quarter-peal of Doubles was therefore rung in three methods—four 120's of Canterbury, four of Plain Bob, and two and a half of Grandsire, the ringers being: F. J. Bailey, junr., 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, F. J. Bailey, sen., 5, T. Middleton 6. The Rector congratulated the band on the striking, and hoped the party would visit the church again. Several 120's were rung for evening service, members of the local band taking part, and afterwards accompanying the visitors back to Porthcawl. A most pleasant afternoon was spent by all.

NORTHANTS RINGERS' CENTURIES.

The handbell peal at Kettering, which we record in this issue, was a century "double." Mr. W. R. Hensher reached his 100 peals for the Central Northants Association, and Mr. F. W. Sawfoot reached an individual aggregate of three figures. The latter's century is made up as follows: On tower bells: Doubles in one method, 2; in four methods, 2; Minor in one method, 5; in three methods, 1; in four methods, 1; in seven methods, 17; in eight methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman Triples, 11; Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 11; Superlative Surprise Major, 11; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1. On handbells: Minor in one method, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 2; Bob Major, 13; Bob Royal, 2; Little Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4. Total: On tower bells, 72; on handbells, 28—100.

TO THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, Chatham, on Sunday evening, Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but owing to the treble rope breaking was unfortunately lost. The following ringers took part: Capt. Jerram, R.M.L.I. (H.M.S. "Euryalus") 1. Private G. Whiffen, R.M.L.I., 2. P. Burgess 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock 5, C. Norris 6. F. Belsey 7, G. Lawrence 8. The bells were half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives by the sinking of the H.M.S. ships 'Aboukir,' 'Oreusy' and 'Hogue,' many of whom belonged to Chatham.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STANSTED. — Essex Association. — On Sept. 30th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, J. Luckey 4, A. Jordan 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8; and on Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 210 Grandsire Triples.

BRISTOL. — At St. James' Church, on Sept. 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with bells half-muffled, was rung as a token of respect to the late Sir Herbert Ashman, Bart., of Bristol: H. Porch (conductor) 1, C. J. Walton 2, A. W. Seviour 3, E. G. Seviour 4, A. Pearce 5, W. H. Short 6, H. J. Way 7, F. Jewell 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 25th, to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Atkins) and Mrs. Atkins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: R. T. Buswell 1, W. C. Lewis 2, F. Talbutt 3, W. T. Wilson 4, J. Farley 5, G. A. Blaxley (conductor) 6.

HORBURY, YORKS. — On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1408 Stedman Triples: H. Pickles 1, G. F. Pickles 2, W. H. Mitchell 3, J. Smith 4, G. Barslow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thickett 7, J. Woffindou 8.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE. — On Sept. 24th, after harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by John Carter: D. Jinks (longest length) 1, W. R. Small 2, T. W. Cattell 3, G. Hughes 4, H. S. Smith 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, T. Hughes 7, G. Williams 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — At the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, on Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Jones 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Corrigan 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, W. Davies 7, G. Ellis 8.

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