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MEMBERS. GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
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 given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased 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. BECK,

Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR DEAD HEROES.

When our article last week was penned in support of the suggestion that Sunday next, All Saints' Day, or Saturday should be made the occasion when the bells of our churches might be utilised for the purpose of muffled ringing as a tribute to the memory of those heroes who have fallen in the war, we hardly bargained for the diversity of view that would be forthcoming. Immediately "The Ringing World" was published we took steps to ascertain the feeling of representative officers of the ringing organisations throughout the country, and the numerous messages which we have received in reply, together with others which have come spontaneously, are published elsewhere in this issue. The reader will note the varied views which are expressed. Generally speaking, the proposal that a day should be set apart for muffled ringing meets with almost universal approval, but some of those in agreement think the time for doing so is premature, while others hold strongly to the opinion that All Saints' Day is not the occasion that should be adapted for the purpose. Many suggest that the more fitting day would be Monday next, which is known as All Souls' Day.

We do not for a moment desire to challenge any of the opinions put forward, but under the circumstances ringers may be looking for a lead, and to some extent find only confusion in the letters which have been sent to us. Let us say, therefore, that from the first we have realised, as must always be realised, that we can only act in these matters with the consent of the clergy, and, that being so, what is to be done rests largely with the incumbents. We are glad, therefore, to notice that many clergy are in complete sympathy with the suggestion, and, we feel sure, where they may object to muffled ringing on All Saints' Day, the adoption of All Souls' Day for the purpose would meet with their approval. We have been taken to task privately for having made a "dreadful mistake," but in view of the fact that from some clergy comes unequivocal support, we think we may not have transgressed the canons of propriety so very seriously after all, and we are fortified in our position by the opinion of no less an authority than the Lord Bishop of Oxford. The Master of the Oxford Guild, anxious to act correctly in the matter, took the opinion of his diocesan, who says: "Muffled ringing is quite suitable on Sunday night or Monday night."

With regard to the suggestion that the proposal is as yet premature, that, we think, is a question of opinion—opinion, too, which on either side should be honestly respected. This war may drag on for many months, it may even be years, and it seems to us, therefore, that an appropriate occasion might well be marked when it occurs

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OPINION OF OUR
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—quite apart from whether or not the specific occasion now before us is the appropriate one. If this be admitted, then for those who believe that All Saints' or All Souls' Day is suitable for recording a tribute to the fallen there is no reason why the proposal should not be put into operation this year.

Some associations have so readily approved of the suggestion that steps are being taken to get, as far as possible, uniformity of action among all the towers, and such unanimous purpose will provide a specially impressive tribute to the heroes who have fallen. If we may sum up from all that is before us we think we shall be right in advising ringers to act as far as possible in the light of the opinion of the Bishop of Oxford and ring the bells half muffled on Sunday evening and on Monday evening. In all cases, however, nothing should be done without the consent of the incumbent, who is in the best position to gauge the feeling of the parishioner—a matter upon which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies rightly lays stress—and whose aid, as we pointed out last week, should be invoked in making known the object of the ringing wherever the muffling of the bells is decided upon.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE DURHAM OX SHAMBLES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 size, in C.

GEORGE HOLLIS 1-2	*WILLIAM J. THYNG 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7-8
GEORGE DAVIES 9-10		

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Umpire: T. W. GORE.

* 10th peal. First peal of Caters on handbells in Chesterfield.

DEATH OF RYE'S OLDEST RINGER.

The Rye branch of the Sussex Association have sustained the loss of their oldest member (Mr. William Wood), whose death occurred at the age of 76 years. The late Mr. Wood was a railwayman on the S.E. and C.R., and after long and faithful service, retired and passed the eventide of his life at Rye. He was also an inhabitant of the "ancient town" in his younger days, when he was a member of the Rye Ringers, and acted as captain.

The bells of Rye were, at that time, in a deplorable condition, and change ringing was out of the question. Subsequently Mr. Wood was transferred to undertake railway duties at New Romney, Kent. Here he continued ringing, and when a desire was expressed to join the Kent Association, Mr. Wood, with the other members, started change-ringing. He did not get farther than the treble, but was a very reliable guiding star for Grandsire Triples. Being far from a young man when taking up change ringing, he probably was content with the treble, so as to give the younger blood a chance to climb the ladder. However, had he studied the inside work, he no doubt would have conquered it, and been a success in this direction.

Besides being attached to the Rye branch (Sussex Association), he was a member of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild.—On the Sunday after the death, the Rye ringers showed their respect by ringing, half muffled, for Matins. On the following day the interment took place at Rye Cemetery, and among the beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Rye Ringers and the members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild.

A WELCOME TO THE KING.

Last Monday will long be remembered in the history of Sittingbourne, as on that day it was honoured by a visit of His Majesty King George V., who came to inspect the troops, that have been billeted in the town for the last two months, and are leaving this week for India. The King's entry into the town was proclaimed by a right royal quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells at the Parish Church by: E. Spice 1, E. J. Bottle 2, J. Excell 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 5, F. S. Macey 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, A. Burley 8.

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RINGERS AND THE WAR. NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received towards the Prince of Wales' Fund since the publication of the last list:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	35	19	6
Ringers of St. Mary's, Lamberhurst (per Mr. Hardy Price)	0	14	0
Mr. T. Fitzjohn, Thetford	0	2	6
"A Ringer's Mother"	0	10	0
Mr. W. H. Fussell	0	2	6
Messrs. F. E. Kempton, W. B. Kempton and H. Mansfield, members of the Society of Cambridge Youths... ..	0	3	0
Ridgers of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Messrs. W. Pardoe, E. Horton, F. W. Perrins, A. E. Reed, W. E. Wathern, J. Evans, H. Coley, H. Ward, F. Ward, H. Taylor, C. Beech and C. Wallater (per Mr. C. Wallater)	0	10	0
York Minster Ringers, October Collection (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	5	0
Collected at the meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association (per Mr. R. G. Knowles)	0	11	0
Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden	0	5	0
Ringers of All Saints', Long Stanton (per Mr. C. W. Cook)	0	5	0
Ringers of Portishead (per Mr. W. Gillingham)	0	5	0
Total	£39	12	6

FOR BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND.

St. Wigram's Society, Grantham (per Mr. E. Nidd) £1 0 0

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving their country in the Forces of the Crown:—

Pte H. Finch, of St. Mary's, Maldon, Essex, Army Service Corps in France.
Pte R. Finch, of St. Mary's, Maldon, Essex, "Queen's Own" Territorial Battalion.
Pte P. Chalk, of All Saints', Maldon, Middlesex Territorials.
Pte W. Stamford, of Slinfold, Sussex, 4th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment.
Pte Alfred Rayner, of Scarborough, 5th Yorks Regiment (F.), now at Newcastle.
Sig.-Sergt. G. H. F. Marriner, of Leatherhead, Surrey, 5th East Surrey Regiment (F.), now en route for India.
E. Bonnett, of Royston, Herts, Bedfordshire Regiment, now at Felixstowe.
William Walker, of Hayfield Parish Church, Cheshire Regt.
Tpr. Stanley H. Cunningham, of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Yorkshire Hussars, now at Scarborough.
Lce.-Corpl. E. Attwater, of Streatham, late of Cuckfield, Sussex, 9th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, at Shoreham.
Corpl. F. N. Attwater, of Streatham, 3rd Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, at Dover.
L. F. Maunsell Eyre, of Congresbury, son of the Vicar, North Somerset Yeomanry.
George Sims, of Congresbury, Somerset Light Infantry.
Capt. A. O. Major, Somerset Light Infantry, and Driver Harry West, A.S.C., given in error last week as members of St. Mary's Tower, Taunton, belong to St. Mary's, Bridgwater.
Driver A. F. Allen, late of St. Andrew's, Clifton, 3rd Brigade Canadian Field Artillery (Canadian contingent).
Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, a commission in the Public Schools and Universities' Force (Royal Fusiliers), now at Epsom.
Sapper W. Rowe, R.E., of North Stoneham, has now reached England from Cairo, prior to going to the front.
William Fernley, of Norbury, Cheshire, A.S.C., now at Aldershot.
Pte A. Rodie, of Little Munden, Kitchener's Army, now at Shoreham.

Pte A. Carter, of Little Munden, Herts Territorials, at Hertford.
Pte Alfred Brewin, Christ Church, Mitcham, 5th East Surrey Regiment, now at Wimbledon.

No fewer than seven of the band at Thetford, Norfolk, are serving in the Territorials:—

F. A. Poulson, and
F. A. Salter, at Colchester.
E. Long, at Norwich.
A. Armsley,
C. Elmer.
G. Chaston, and
W. Gathercole at North Walsham.

Six members of the Leiston, Suffolk, company are now with the colours, the two latest to join being:—

F. W. Bailey, 8th Suffolk Regiment, now at Shoreham.
Allen F. Bailey, 6th Suffolk Cyclist Battalion, at present at Leiston.

The following four members from the Greens Norton Church company:—

Pte Arthur Hornsby, and
Pte Bert Hornsby, 2nd Battalion, London Fusiliers, at Epsom.
Pte Harry Wilkinson, West Surrey Regt.
Tpr. John May, Northampton Territorial Yeomanry.

The following list of members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association who have joined the Forces, has been supplied by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess):—

From Uiminster:

Percy Bailey, Royal Engineers.
Jasper Bailey, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
William Bailey, 5th Somerset (T.), India.

From Shepton Beauchamp:

Joseph Best, Kitchener's Army.
Charles Best, Kitchener's Army.
Herbert Clarke, Kitchener's Army.
Anthony Rowsell, Kitchener's Army.

From Long Ashton:

Irwin T. Kempe, Bristol's "Own" Battalion.
Leslie C. Osborne, Territorials.

From Ditchat:

Sergt. Walter Crabb, 9th Batt. Devonshire Regiment, India.

From West Tydford:

Pte Walter Tudgay, 1st Somerset Light Infantry, at the front.
Pte Gerald Moek, 9th Batt. Devonshire Regt., Aldershot.

From Everecreech:

Pte A. W. Read, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
Pte B. B. Cox, 5th Somerset (T.), India.

From Marston Magna:

D. W. Marden, Dorset Yeomanry, at Aldershot.

From Bruton.

Pte John Bindon, Somerset Territorials, at Taunton.

From St. James', Taunton:

Corpl. H. Bosley, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
Pte W. S. Doble, 5th Somerset (T.), India.
Sergt. W. Gillard, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Bishop Hull:

Pte E. J. Bull, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Trull:

Pte W. Fudge, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.
Pte W. Weaver, 5th Somerset (T.), India.

From Milverton:

Pte E. Chapman, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Langport:

Sergt. G. R. Mills, 5th Somerset (T.), Taunton.

From Middlezey:

W. H. Barnard, R.H.A., Chapeltown Barracks, Leeds.

From Glastonbury:

Rev. C. V. P. Day, Chaplain to the Forces.
Pte E. Dibden, R.A.M.C.
Pte W. Pearce, King's Royal Rifles.

From Yeovil:

Sergt. R. Maunder, Royal Engineers.
Corpl. J. Lukin, 5th Somerset Territorials, at Taunton.
Pte C. G. Garrett, 6th Somerset Territorials, at Aldershot.

RINGER WITH CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

A former Bristol ringer is among the Canadian contingent who are now in this country preparatory to going to the front. He was at one time a member of the St. Andrew's Society, Clifton, and on Sunday paid a welcome visit to St. Stephen's tower.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Collier 1, G. Booth 2, F. Ryell 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Warrilow 5, F. Haggis 6, A. Moreton 7, J. Spencer 8.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.—On Sept. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, R. H. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Richards 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8. Rung as a compliment to one of the old band of ringers on the occasion of his marriage. J. W. Jones was on a visit to Tenby from Newnham, Man.

THE TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN.

REPRESENTATIVE OPINIONS ON THE PROPOSAL.

The suggestion that the opportunity, which this season provides, of honouring the dead by ringing the bells of our churches muffled to the memory of those who have laid down their lives in the cause for which we, as a nation, are fighting, should be utilised has met with very general approval, but among the clergy there is a strong feeling that the better and more appropriate day is All Souls' Day, which is Monday next. With a view to ascertaining the feeling of representative officers of the various ringing organisations throughout the country, we consulted a number of them, and we append their replies. From these it will be seen that, while a few oppose the idea, some approve of All Saints' Day (Sunday next), while others suggest the following day (All Souls' Day). Between these two, ringers will have their choice, and can well meet the views and wishes of their own clergy in the matter.

Sir ARTHUR HEYWOOD, President of the Central Council:

"In my opinion the suggestion to ring muffled peals on All Saints' Day, in memory of the noble men who have died in upholding their country's honour, is not only most fitting, but the duty of those whose skill controls the voice to which England has for centuries looked to express the national feeling."

The Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, hon. secretary of the Central Council:

"The idea of ringing muffled touches on All Saints' Day or on its vigil for those who have fallen in the war is one that speaks of much sympathy and kindly feeling on the part of its proposer, and also of those who back up the proposal. Whether it would be advisable to carry it into action generally throughout the country appears to me to be a question requiring consideration, and one which, as a matter of fact, had better be left to local choice. To some it might be very welcome, but to others it might be more than their feelings could bear. The best plan, therefore, I should imagine, would be for the local company to take counsel with the incumbent, and to strive to ascertain the general trend of feeling in the parish, and to let themselves be guided accordingly. Kindly bear in mind that this is merely my own personal opinion, in no sense given officially as hon. secretary of the Central Council."

The Rev. A. T. BEESTON, hon. sec. of the Chester Guild:

"I am in hearty sympathy with the suggestion, and will do all I can to secure its adoption by our Guild."

Mr. G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec. of the Hertfordshire County Associations:

"I should say decidedly no. All Saints' Day is a Festival of the Church of England, and as such is a bright and happy day, a time when the Church bids us to think of our dear ones living in the presence of their Lord and Master, and calls upon us to anticipate the time when we shall be called to join them, and be 'for ever with the Lord.' To ring bells muffled at such a time, to my mind, is utterly out of harmony with the spirit of All Saints' Day. I could advance many other strong reasons against the question, but I refrain. However, might I pass on a suggestion. Why not utilise the last day of the old year as a special time for muffled ringing? We have much to mourn as a nation, and as individuals, and let us ring in the New Year with joyful expectation of His Blessing."

Mr. W. A. CAVE, hon. sec. Gloucester and Bristol Association:

"I think the suggestion of Miss Chillingworth an excellent one—but premature. Let us first ring as a thanksgiving for peace, and then let the Bishops appoint a day for muffled ringing for all those who have given their lives to bring that peace."

The Rev. E. V. COX, hon. sec. of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford:

"I am much in favour of half-muffled touches or peals being rung in honour of our soldiers and sailors who have already fallen in the war. I do not, however, consider All Saints' Day (or its eve), which is a Feast of the Church, a suitable day, but would like to see the suggestion, so fitly brought forward by Miss Chillingworth, put into effect on Monday, Nov. 2nd, which is All Souls' Day. This arrangement would also give opportunity for the special ringing to be announced to the congregations on the previous day."

The Rev. V. A. CRESWELL, St. Weonard's, Hereford:

"I have no wish to throw cold water on Miss Chillingworth's suggestion which appeared in your last issue with respect to muffled ringing at All Hallows' Day in honour of those who have fallen in this war, a suggestion which you also have supported in your leading

article. In my opinion the best plan would be to wait until this awful struggle is over. Our first duty then would be to ring a peal as a humble thankoffering to Almighty God for the restoration of peace, followed in the course of a few days by a muffled peal in honour of all those who will never return to their homes. If ringers, however, prefer to ring at this coming season, the most fitting day for so doing would be, not Saturday or Sunday, but Monday, All Souls' Day."

The Rev. F. LI. EDWARDS, hon. sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild:

"The suggestion made in your last issue, that a suitable day should be devoted to ringing muffled peals in memory of those who have fallen in battle, will meet with widespread and well deserved approval. But I ask leave strongly to deprecate the proposal to choose All Saints' Day for such observance. That day is one of the great Festivals of the Christian year, and should be universally celebrated with open ringing. When last this feast occurred on a Sunday, I happened to be in Jerusalem, and well I remember the pealing of the bells in the Holy City, especially the magnificent five of the Franciscan Church, both on the eve of the Festival, and from 4 a.m. onwards on the day itself. And was it not on All Hallows' Eve that the ringing of Bow bells recalled Dick Whittington to London town? Naturally the objection to muffled ringing on All Hallows' Day applies to the vigil as well. The best day to select for the tribute of the belfries to our heroic dead is Monday, 2nd November, traditionally known as All Souls' Day from the very practice, once general, of devoting, that day to the pious commemoration of departed friends. On that day let ringers pay due honour to England's fallen heroes."

The Rev. H. J. ELSEE, President of the Lancashire Association:

"I think the idea of commemorating those who have given their lives for their country on All Saints' Day is a beautiful one: the difficulty is, at such short notice, to explain to people outside the meaning of muffled ringing before it is heard."

The Rev. H. T. EYRE, Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association:

"Yes, I approve, and will try and arrange for muffled peals here next Saturday."

Mr. JAMES GEORGE, Master of the Warwickshire Guild:—

"I agree with the suggestion, and at Rugby we purpose ringing muffled after Sunday evening service, and on Monday evening. I am doing all I can to encourage our Guild to act upon the proposal."

Mr. H. HAIGH, hon. sec. North Notts Association:

"The suggestion is splendid, and I hope the essentials will be carried out throughout the British Isles, where there is a peal of bells by all loyal and patriotic Churchmen. Many of us in this district have both relations and friends serving their country on land and sea, some of whom have passed away to the great majority. I feel that the most appropriate day to 'honour the brave' by ringing muffled peals and touches is the day suggested by Miss Chillingworth. The Priory Church ringers, Workshop, will ring with the bells muffled on Sunday next, and hope the remainder of the towers affiliated to the North Notts Association will do likewise. It would be something unique if all the bells in the British Isles could be rung muffled at the same time, and would have a tendency to enlist a kinder feeling from the public towards the bells and ringers throughout the wide wide world."

The Rev. F. J. O. HELMORE, hon. sec. of the Kent County Association:

"I think the suggestion a very good one—only you should include Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day)."

Mr. F. K. HOWELL, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association:

"The suggestion at once appealed to me, and I sincerely hope it may be heartily taken up. If ringers will approach their clergy and invoke their sympathy, it can be done. I at once communicated with our Vicar (the Rev. Canon Cornwall), and he was very pleased to give permission for our bells to be rung muffled both for matins and evensong on Sunday next, and he intends conveying to the congregations from the pulpit the reason of the muffled bells. If officers of the various Associations would during this week notify all branch chairmen or local secretaries general action could be brought about."

The Rev. H. LAW JAMES, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:

"I hasten, as a Churchman, to protest against the horrible idea of ringing muffled bells upon All Saints' Day or its eve. It is a joyous Feast of thanksgiving for all those who have fought the good fight and kept the faith, not least for those who have laid down their lives the last two months upon the battle field of Europe for the Catholic faith against the German antichrist. Secondly, as a Briton I must protest against the idea as most unpatriotic. The country wants brightening, not depressing; and, moreover, imagine the comment of the German Press. The whole idea is worthy of a German spy."

The Rev. C. W. O. JENKYN, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild:

"The idea in general is excellent, and I was thinking myself of the fitness of having some general recognition soon of those who have fallen in the war. But I do not think All Saints' Day the right day

for this, as it is a great Church Festival, and many parishes will be keeping their Dedication Festival. The eve (Saturday) would be more appropriate, but far better would be Monday, Nov. 2nd, known as All Souls' Day."

Mr. J. R. JERRAM, Salisbury:

"I cannot at all agree with your correspondent as to All Saints' Day or the eve thereof being a suitable time for ringing muffled peals for those who have fallen in the war. The day is a Festival on which we commemorate the faithful departed, and rejoice at their deliverance from the trials and troubles of this life, rather than mourn their loss to us."

Mr. J. W. JONES, hon. sec. Llandaff Diocesan Association:

"As you know we can do nothing without the Incumbent being a party to it, so I conferred with the two Vicars of the churches with rings of bells in Newport, and both are opposed to it. Their opinion is that it is premature at present. Our ringers, too, think there should be no muffled ringing yet. In last week's issue of the Church paper, 'The Record,' there is an article dealing with the suggestion that a day should be set apart for humiliation and prayer, as was done at the time of the Crimean war. That would be an appropriate day for all our bells to be muffled, if it is arranged."

Mr. C. F. JOHNSTON, hon. sec. Surrey County Association:

"I think the proposal is an excellent one, and although I have not a chance of sounding the members of the Surrey Association before writing to you, I think I am safe in saying that the scheme of muffled ringing on one special day will meet with their unanimous approval and support."

Mr. C. H. Reading, the assistant hon. secretary, who is acting during the absence of Mr. Johnston, who has taken a commission in the Public Schools and University Force, has circularised the branches of the Association. After drawing attention to the suggestion that was made, adds: "If it is possible for the suggestion to be adopted in the whole of the district covered by the Surrey Association the effect would be much greater than in isolated instances, and I think that we should only be acting in unison with many of our ringing brethren throughout the land in calling attention on this particular day of remembrance to the supreme sacrifices which are being made—there are few sounds that strike the ear more forcefully than the weird effect of a half-muffled touch. Should your company approve, it can only be adopted with the consent of your Rector or Vicar. I write this letter on my own responsibility, but I may say that I have the permission of our Master. It is, however, in no way to be construed as a dictation."

Mr. A. T. KING, President of the Middlesex County Association:

"We hardly need to be reminded just now of those heroes who have fallen, when almost every church in the land is engaged in offering up daily intercessions for those who have gone forth to fight their country's battles; and to my thinking nothing can more fitly interpret our feelings, while waiting till some suitable victory is vouchsafed to us, than the silence of our bells for everything save the services of the church, or the joys and sorrows of a parish needing local interpretation. No doubt there are many who think strongly the other way: but I am speaking as a parent with one son in the army in the fighting line, and another in the navy, who may at any moment be appointed to a ship for active service, and I say that my own feelings are soothed by this silence of our bells. I shall be glad when the silence may be fitly broken, when we may be permitted to ring for victories vouchsafed; and if at such a time we were to commence or close every peal or touch by a short course of muffled ringing to show that we do remember those who have helped on our victories, and have fallen in the fight, it would in my own humble opinion be more fitting than breaking the silence of the bells now."

Mr. J. R. MACKMAN, of Southall:

"While appreciating Miss Chillingworth's kind thoughts for our fallen heroes, I most strongly deprecate muffled ringing on their account until the war is over, when there will be plenty of opportunity for this in connection with commemoration services which will undoubtedly be held when the fight is won. I am sure that in London, particularly if the bells are rung muffled on Saturday or Sunday next, people will think that some national calamity has taken place, and not associate such ringing with All Saints' Day. I am writing more particularly from the soldiers' point of view, and just now they are the first to be considered. There are thousands of our men leaving England for the front every week, and it would hardly be an inspiring send-off for those who, just before embarking, hear the solemn sound of bells ringing half-muffled. As a national reservist, and an old campaigner, my mottoes are: 'Carry on,' 'Keep the flag flying,' 'Business as usual.' I often thought of our bells ringing merrily for service during those dreary Sundays on the veldt, but never muffled for my dead comrades, and from what I know of T. Atkins I am sure from his outlook our lamentations would not be appreciated. We should rather rejoice over the fact that old England can still bring forth men willing cheerfully to risk their lives for the old country."

"Old Ringer," in supporting the suggestion, asks ringers to bear in mind that muffled ringing ought not to be done at a gallop. The compass can scarcely be too slow."

Mr. J. D. MATTHEWS, Master of the Cumberland Youths:—

"I think the suggestion of Miss Chillingworth is very good, and have arranged for ringing at Shoreditch next Saturday, when we shall most likely attempt a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques."

Mr. A. E. PARSONS, Master of the Worcestershire and District Associations:

"The suggestion offered by Miss Chillingworth, to which your leader is admirably devoted, should meet with universal approbation. Our Church has rightly endeavoured, in some measure, to lead our nation in prayerful humiliation for what she believes to be a chastisement for national sin. Many of her sons have left our shores, to fight the battle of liberty and justice against tyranny and diabolical vandalism. For those who have fallen in the conflict the nation will mourn. Surely, then, it is fitting the initial note of national mourning should issue from the Church's muffled bells, and 'All Saints' day seems to me suggestively appropriate."

The Rev. CLAUD C. PARKER, President of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association:

"I am sure that everyone would agree that muffled peals should be rung for the brave men who have given up their lives for their country, but Monday (All Souls' Day) seems preferable to All Saints' Day."

The Rev. E. S. POWELL, Hon. Sec. of the Devon Guild:

"Is this the time for laying stress on our grief over personal losses? Should we not rather set ourselves to learn how great a privilege it is to be allowed to give our best in a cause higher and nobler than we are yet fully able to appreciate? Let us get rid altogether of the idea that this is in any sense an ordinary sort of war. On the contrary it is at bottom a struggle between the doctrines of Nietzsche and of Christ, between the rule of force and the power of righteousness. The nobility of the soldier's calling the world over lies in the fact that this is the privilege of giving his life for his country, and in this case he gives it in a higher cause even than that of patriotism, namely, that of the Christian Faith itself. However, if some find it necessary to give expression to feelings of grief by ringing muffled peals, it would be better to choose Monday, Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day), which is intended for the affectionate recollection of the departed, rather than All Saints' Day, which rings with the spirit of triumphant victory on the part of the soldiers of the Cross when any ringing except with open bells would be distinctly out of place."

Mr. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association:

"I think it would be wiser to wait until a day is announced by the Church for such mourning, and that we should be guided by our Archbishops in either our national mourning or rejoicing. We are hardly justified at present (and certainly our bells, more than anything else, give voice to the mood of the people) in adding to the depression of the nation arising from our lists of casualties."

Mr. T. H. TAFFENDER, Master of the London County Association:

"The suggestion re muffled ringing for our heroes who have fallen in the war is undoubtedly good, but for Saturday next, October 31st, it is rather premature."

Mr. F. R. TOMPKINS, Master of the Sussex Association:

"I think the suggestion that the bells throughout the country should be rung, muffled, in memory of those killed in the war is an excellent one. The ringers at our Cathedral here have decided to adopt the suggestion, and to muffle the bells on Sunday next."

Mr. F. WILFORD, Hon. Sec. Central Northamptonshire Association:

"I think the suggestion a very good one, and hope all the towers in my Association will carry it out as far as possible. Our President (the Rev. W. St. G. Coldwell) also thinks the idea a good one, and suggests that the ringing should take place on Monday, All Souls' Day."

The Rev. H. B. WOOLLEY, Ely Diocesan Association:

"With regard to Miss Chillingworth's suggestive letter and your interesting leader thereon in last week's 'Ringing World,' the idea of ringing muffled peals at this season to 'toll for the brave' is one that should enlist the sympathy of all ringers. I should like to suggest, however, that the most suitable day for the ring of such peals would be All Souls' Day, November 2nd, which, falling as it does on a Monday this year, should suit the convenience of many. All Saints' Day includes all who are 'called to be saints,' whether living or departed, but All Souls' Day is the day especially set apart in All Saints' tide for the commemoration of those who 'rest from their labours,' whose 'warfare is accomplished and their rest won.' Failing this, any day in the octave of All Saints might be utilised. May I suggest in addition that, where possible, a muffled touch, or peal, should be rung in every parish for each of the parishioners who lose his life in the great cause for which our nation is fighting?"

Among the towers where it has been decided to ring with the bells half-muffled on one or other of the days mentioned are the following:

Allesley, Warwickshire.—Mr. H. KETTLE says: "The Rector entirely approves of it, and suggests that we should ring on Saturday, as he thinks that is the most suitable."

Heptonstall (St. Thomas's), on Sunday; Croydon (St. John the Baptist's), on Sunday.

Billingshurst, Sussex.—Mr. RAYMOND WOOD writes: "We have approached our Vicar, who readily gave his consent and welcomed the suggestion. We all think it a great opportunity to show our respect to those who have fallen."

Little Munden, Herts.—Mr. W. H. LAWRENCE writes: "Our Rector and ourselves gladly fall in with the suggestion. Special mention of it will be made at the services, and special hymns will be sung. It is the 'east we can do for those who have laid down their young and healthy lives for their country. Nothing can be good enough for their honour.'" Hawkshead, Ambleside, on Sunday; Congresbury, Somerset, on Sunday; Solihull, Birmingham, on Saturday; Weston Favell, Northants, on Saturday; Pontypridd (St. Catherine's), on Sunday.

Pendleton, Lancs.—Mr. H. CHAPMAN writes: "I pointed out your article to our Vicar, and he at once asked me if I would muffle the bells for Sunday next. He also announced it at evening service on Sunday last. Our tenor bell is rung every day at 12 noon, and is known as the 'Prayer Bell.'"

In reply to an inquiry the ringing, we think, should be open at back stroke.

AIRCRAFT AND BELL SOUNDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read your leading article and Miss Chillingworth's letter with interest, and I like the idea. May I suggest that, whatever ringing is done, it should be finished before dusk. The decision that the College Youths came to was owing to a suggestion of my own, and by telling the following, that I know to be true. A few years ago a certain aviator was passing over Weybridge, on a Sunday evening, and he described how very plainly he heard Weybridge bells at a considerable height. I am the last to want to stop any ringing—I miss it terribly—but we cannot be too careful. Bells around London and other large towns would be a guide to the enemy's aircraft.—Yours truly,

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HELP FOR RELIEF FUND AND FOR BELGIAN WOUNDED.

This society held a meeting at Rolvenden, Kent, on Saturday. There was a fairly good attendance, the towers represented being: Beneuden, Hawkhurst, Iden, Rye, Salchurst, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden, together with several members of the local band. The ringing consisted of a 504 of Grandsire Triples, several six scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and a course of Bob Major.

At the business meeting it was resolved to visit Iden on the last Saturday in November, and, failing Iden, to assemble on the same date at Stone-in-Oxney.

In reading the minutes, the secretary had recorded in the book the death of Mr. William Wood, who had been a member of the Guild practically since its formation. He had, in the name of the society, sent a letter of condolence with the widow and relatives, and after consultation with the master, purchased a wreath out of the Guild Funds. Mr. Wood, he mentioned, was ringing in Rye belfry twelve days prior to his demise.

The question of contributing to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund was brought up by the hon. secretary, and in proposing that a donation of £1 be despatched to the "Ringing World," the Master alluded to the good condition of the Guild financially. By using from their balance in hand, they would not be taking from the members' pockets, and every tower would then still have the opportunity of contributing apart from the society's subscription.—Mr. W. H. Lambert seconded, and Mr. C. Tribe, in speaking in favour of the proposal, said that as they did not spend any money on an outing this summer, he thought they could devote the proposed sum to the relief fund.—The motion was unanimously carried, as also was a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Lynn Fryer) for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for allowing them to assemble at Rolvenden.

Mr. Tribe then mentioned that twenty Belgian wounded soldiers were in the parish, and being nursed by the Rolvenden Voluntary Aid Detachment of the Red Cross Society. He moved that they have a whip round for these brave fellows to purchase some tobacco and cigarettes for them.—Mr. G. Billenness seconded, and the sum of 5s. 3d. was collected.

The captain of the local band (Mr. A. Blackman) was requested to hand the money to the commandant of the detachment (Mrs. F. Coombe Baker), and explain to what purpose it was to be devoted.

The proceedings concluded with a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples (double-handed) on a new set of nice toned handbells, the property of the Rolvenden band.

COBHAM.—Kent County Association.—On Saturday, Oct. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Minor in three methods—720 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, and 180 Grandsire: Geo. Mungoam (longest length of Minor) 1, C. Waterman 2, G. A. Jones 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, G. Marnad 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. "Jimmy" Wood, one of the local ringers, who was married earlier in the day to Mrs. Pearce, at Maidstone. It was also a birthday compliment to the only daughter of the conductor.

5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

By W. A. OAVE.

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32465	—			S		23465	—	—	—	S
43265	—					42365	—	—	—	—
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By E. H. LEWIS.

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CROYDON RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Henry Brooker, who passed away on the 16th inst. at the age of 55 years, after a long and trying illness, at his residence, Upland Road, South Croydon. The deceased had been a member of the St. Peter's Society for 27 years.

The first portion of the funeral service was conducted at St. Peter's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Reeve). At the Mitcham Road Cemetery, where the interment took place, the Rev. C. E. O. Finch officiated. Among the floral tributes were wreaths sent from the St. Peter's Society and the Surrey Association. The following members of the Association were present at the funeral: Messrs. J. D. Drewett, C. Reading, A. E. Bassett, W. Stales and H. J. Rumble. In the evening members of St. Peter's and St. John's Societies rang, with the bells muffled, the whole pull and stand, and 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Dean 1, W. Gammon 2, G. Burt (conductor) 3, A. Clark 4, A. Jones 5, C. Kitching 6, F. Hermon 7, J. Calcutt 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 336 Double Norwich Major. Also 504 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng 1, A. Lawrence 2, J. H. Odey 3, D. Jackson 4, R. W. Hyner 5, Lee-Corpl. J. W. Washbrook 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, O. Norman 8. These touches were conducted by Lee-Corpl. J. W. Washbrook, of the North Staffordshire Regiment. For evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, J. H. Odey 2, R. W. Hyner 3, Lee-Corpl. J. W. Washbrook 4, D. Jackson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. W. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

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ST. MARY THE GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.

(Concluded.)

Having dealt with the history of the bells themselves, the details of one or two of the ancient performances upon them may be interesting, for the Cambridge Youths are among the oldest of our ringing societies. Moreover, Cambridge was the birthplace of change ringing, for it was here that Fabian Stedman lived and invented method ringing, and for that reason we give on this page an illustration of St. Benet's Church, where, probably, his famous method was first practised.

Among the tablets in Great St. Mary' Church are the following ancient records:

On the 14th of March, 1779, was rung in this steeple a true and complete peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR, in 3 hours and twenty six minutes. Performed by the following persons:—

RICHD. WIDNELL First	JOHN BOWTELL Fifth
JOHN COOPER Second	JOHN SWAN Sixth
RICHD. LAUGHTON Third	JOHN SANDERS Seventh
WILLM. BLAND Fourth	JOHN HAZARD Tenor

B. JEFFS, }
J. WOODYEAR, } Churchwardens.

N.B.—This peal was called by J. SANDERS.

On Monday, January 21st, 1788, was rung in this tower a true and exquisite peal, consisting of 6600 changes BOB MAXIMUS, in 5 hours and 5 minutes, without a false change, by the undermentioned Cambridge Youths:—

I. SMITH First	T. JONES Seventh
W. BLAND Second	P. GOULD Eighth
R. LAUGHTON Third	C. DAY Ninth
J. LAWSON Fourth	W. YOUNG Tenth
J. COE Fifth	J. HAZARD Eleventh
T. STEERS Sixth	J. BOWTELL Tenor

Bobs by C. DAY. J. WILLIMOTT, }
R. WHEELER, } Churchwardens.

[This tablet is ornamented with twelve bells and a painting of the tower of St. Mary-the-Great.]

A.D. 1790.—On Tuesday, the 16th of Feb., was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, consisting of 6000 changes, performed in 4 hours and 15 minutes by the following members of the Cambridge Youths:—

J. COOPER Treble	CHAS. DAY Sixth
T. STEERS Second	JNO. SWAN Seventh
I. SMITH Third	G. COOPER Eighth
J. LAWSON Fourth	P. SPENCELEY Ninth
J. HAZARD Fifth	J. BOWTELL Tenor

Bobs by P. SPENCELEY. This tablet is erected as a memorial of the performances.

S. SMITH, }
L. APSEY, } Churchwardens.

A.D. 1791.—On Monday, the 31st of October, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of GRANDSIRE QUATERS, consisting of 7002 changes, performed in 4 hours and three quarters by the following members of the Society of Cambridge Youths:—

R. WIDNELL Treble	CHAS. DAY Sixth
J. COOPER Second	J. HAZARD Seventh
J. COE Third	G. COOPER Eighth
J. LAWSON Fourth	P. SPENCELEY Ninth
T. STEERS Fifth	J. BOWTELL Tenor

Bobs by P. SPENCELEY. That the same may be transmitted to posterity this inscription is here erected.

B. LEACH, }
J. BURRELL, } Churchwardens.

In addition to the above there are eleven other records of peals in the tower, coming down to the Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques of last year, and including a peal of Stedman Cinques in the previous year, which was the first peal on twelve that a Vicar had taken part in on the bells of his own parish church. Incidentally, it may be added that the curate (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson)

also took part, as well as his Vicar (the Rev. A. F. H. Boughey).

THE CAMBRIDGE CHIMES.

I cannot conclude this account without some allusion to the famous "Cambridge quarters," which were first attached to the clock here in March, 1793. I therefore give the late Canon Raven's account of them from his *Church Bells of Cambridgeshire*. Speaking of the reconstruction of the clock he says: "About the time of these improvements Dr. Jowett was Regius Professor of Laws, and Dr. Randall Regius Professor of Music, and



ST. BENET'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.

Where Fabian Stedman, the author of change-ringing, was wont to practise. There are still six bells in the tower, but in a neglected condition.

Crotch and Pratt, then mere lads, were his pupils. Dr. Jowett was expert at practical mechanics, modelling, etc. . . . He appears to have been consulted by the authorities of the University, and to have taken Crotch into his counsels. The latter may be credited with the idea of taking a movement in the 5th bar of the opening symphony of that most sublime air of Handel's 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' and, by a system of variations, not unworthy of Fabian Stedman, expanding it into the annexed musical chime. [Here he gives the chimes in musical notation.] It was said by Mr. Pratt that when the chimes were first heard they were thought so strange that they were nicknamed 'Jowett's Hornpipe.' Very few, except those who had known Crotch, were aware that he had anything to do with their composition, and till

they were copied for the Royal Exchange their merits were but little appreciated. But now they sound from many towers, and are dear to many ears, and Crotch and Jowett may say, in the words of *Aeneas*:—"Quæ regio in terris nostri non plena laboris?"

THE SEXTON AND HIS OFFICE.

IS HE "TENANT FOR LIFE"?

An interesting case has been before the Divisional Court, consisting of Justices Darling, Coleridge and Shearman, who investigated the nature of the office of parish sexton, in the course of an action in which they were asked by Mr. George Brooke to restore him to the office of sexton of St. Mary's Church, Dymock, in Gloucestershire, on the ground that the office was a freehold.

Mr. Hansell, appearing on behalf of the Rev. S. Marston, the Vicar, and the churchwardens, opposed the application. He explained that Mr. Brooke was appointed as sexton at the vestry meeting twenty-five years ago, and had since performed the duties of sexton, such as ringing the bell for services, digging the graves, and looking after the church. In his affidavit he deposed that he was at first paid £5 a year and afterwards £8, with fees for marriages and burials. In May, 1913, six months' notice of dismissal was given him because of his neglect of his duties. On behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens it was argued that there was no evidence to show that Mr. Brooke was properly appointed or that his office was a freehold one.

Mr. Justice Darling: Suppose it were a freehold office and he did not ring the bell often enough, what would happen?

Mr. Justice Coleridge: He could be removed for grave misconduct, and I suppose neglect of duty would be grave misconduct.

Mr. Justice Darling: If the office were a freehold could they turn him out whatever he did? He might live to 100 and do almost anything.

Mr. Hansell pointed out that in order not to appoint a man to an office from which he could not be removed it was quite common to appoint him not to the office, but to perform the duties.

ADAM ONLY TENANT AT WILL.

Mr. Harding, for Mr. Brooke, contended that it was a matter of law that the sexton and the parish clerk held freehold offices for life; the applicant's predecessor held his office for life. The complaints against Mr. Brooke were very trivial. As to the suggestion that he did not ring the bells, it was a case of "the parson told the sexton, but the sexton did not toll the bell" (laughter). But against the complaints, such as they were, he had no opportunity of defending himself. From time immemorial it had been held that an accused man was entitled to be heard before being punished. Even Adam and Eve were not turned out of the Garden of Eden till they had been called upon to show cause (laughter).

Mr. Justice Darling: Who laid that down? (laughter).

Mr. Harding: It was laid down by Mr. Justice Fortescue; I think he said he had heard a learned brother say so.

Mr. Justice Darling: The learned brother was only speaking from hearsay (laughter). His lordship went on to quote Lord Campbell as pointing out that Adam was heard in his own defence, and added, "It's perfectly plain, however, that Adam was only a tenant at will" (laughter).

Mr. Harding: Quite a different position (laughter). Dymock is a very old parish; it was mentioned in the Domesday Book, and its registers are in perfect condition since 1536.

The Court refused the application, on the ground that there was no evidence that Mr. Brooke ever was elected to the office of sexton as a freeholder.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The last quarterly meeting for the year of the South-Western branch of Worcestershire Association was held at Madresfield on Saturday last. On the arrival of the first six visitors the bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal, and several touches in various methods were rung until service time, at which the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Williams) gave a very stirring address. After further ringing, an adjournment was made to the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, where full justice was done to a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp.

In the absence of Earl Beauchamp, through other business engagements, the Rector presided over the meeting which followed, about 38 members being present.—It was decided (if favourable news from the seat of war should arrive) to attempt the quarterly peal at Madresfield, with C. Camm as conductor.—The next meeting is to be held at Hallow on February 13th, 1915.

Mr. C. Camm, of Upton-on-Severn, was appointed Branch Master; Mr. R. G. Knowles, re-elected hon. secretary; and Mr. W. C. Jones, representative on the Central Committee.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Page for his services as Branch Master since the formation of the branch.—Mr. Page, replying, thought it right that the office should go round, but he would be quite willing to take an active part in the work.

On a member going round with a hat, the sum of eleven shillings

was collected for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.—The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting.

A move was then made to the Church, and everyone had a "pull," touches being rung in various methods, which included Grandsire Doubles and London Surprise Minor.

This is the first meeting held at Madresfield, and was greatly appreciated by the inhabitants, who, although sharing a national sorrow, liked to be cheered by the bells ringing.

INVERNESS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RESTORATION OF A SCOTTISH RING.

On Sunday week, at Inverness Cathedral, in the presence of a large congregation, the Bishop of Moray said a short office consisting of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells, and prayers that they might be a blessing to those who heard and those who rung them.

The eleven bells, consisting of a ring of eight, together with three semitones, after being silent for some time, owing to extensive repairs to the framework in which they hung, and also the fittings, have now been put in good ringing order. The framework has been further strengthened by placing massive compound or box girders below the existing beams. The restoration was provided for by Mr. Charles Fountaine Walker, as a memorial to his mother, the late Mrs. Ada Fountaine Walker, for many years a faithful churchworker in Inverness.

The work of restoration was entrusted to the founders of the bells, Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, and they have carried out the work in first-class manner. All the bells have been fitted with the "Warner" patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil bath and oil ring bearings, and a complete set of modern fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, etc., have been provided. The tuning of the bells upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle has greatly improved the tone, and with the chiming apparatus replaced, the Cathedral chimes have been providing melodious programmes during the last few days. A large number of tunes, sacred and secular, have been discoursed.

After the bells had been erected in their positions, the tuning was tested by an expert before the work was made over to the Cathedral authorities. The tones are sweet and pleasing, and the music of the bells should prove a source of pleasure to the community.

The inscriptions cast upon the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

2nd.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

3rd.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God and in Memory of my dear husband Hester Fraser, A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

4th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God and the Memory of Samuel Smithson, a beloved husband and father. F.S. and H.S.C.S. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

Semitone.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

5th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God. Ring, ring ye bells and sweetly tell, that Christ hath conquered death and hell. I was given by Robert Eden and Emma his wife. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

6th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. Glory to God in the highest. I was given by members of the Diocese and many well-wishers. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

7th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. To the Glory of God and in Memory of my dear wife Fredrica Mary. James Fletcher of Roschaugh. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

8th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. Glory be to Thee O Christ. And many women were there beholding afar off which followed Jesus from Galilee ministering unto Him. The gift of the female members of the Cathedral congregation. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII.

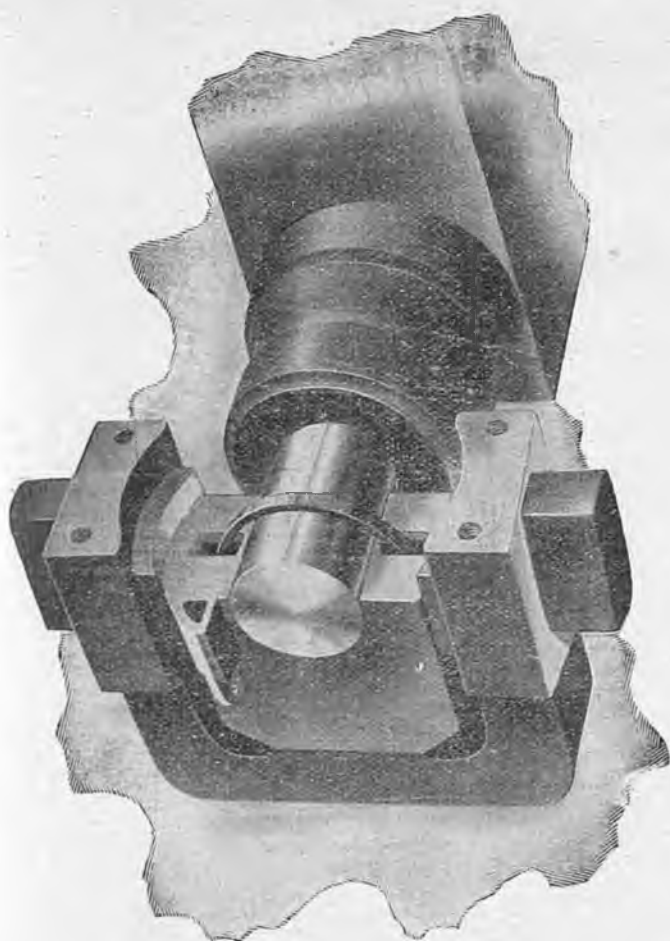
9th.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1877. I was gifted by the citizens of Inverness to the Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew in affectionate esteem for its founder, Robert Eden, D.D., Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness. Alexander Simpson, Provost. A.D. MDCCCLXXVII. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace goodwill towards men.

Tenor.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1869. Laudo Deum Bonum Probum. Voco Congregatio Clerum Defunctos Ploro Sollemnis Festa Decedat.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. BARNES, BACUP.

RINGER AND CHURCHWARDEN.

Ringling at Bacup has sustained a heavy blow by the death of Mr. J. H. Barnes, who has passed away after a very short illness. For 23 years he had been connected with Christ Church tower, and was a good ringer, a sound conductor, and one who was always to be found at his post. He was an able instructor, and will be greatly missed. He had held many offices in connection with the church, and, at the time of his death was people's warden. He was a member of the Lancashire Association, and was one of the committee who compiled the six-bell diagrams. After the funeral, with the bells he had loved so well, deeply muffled, the following rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Holt 1, G. Brown 2, G. Shotton 3, R. W. Etherington 4, E. J. Cockroft 5, J. S. Lomas (conductor) 6.



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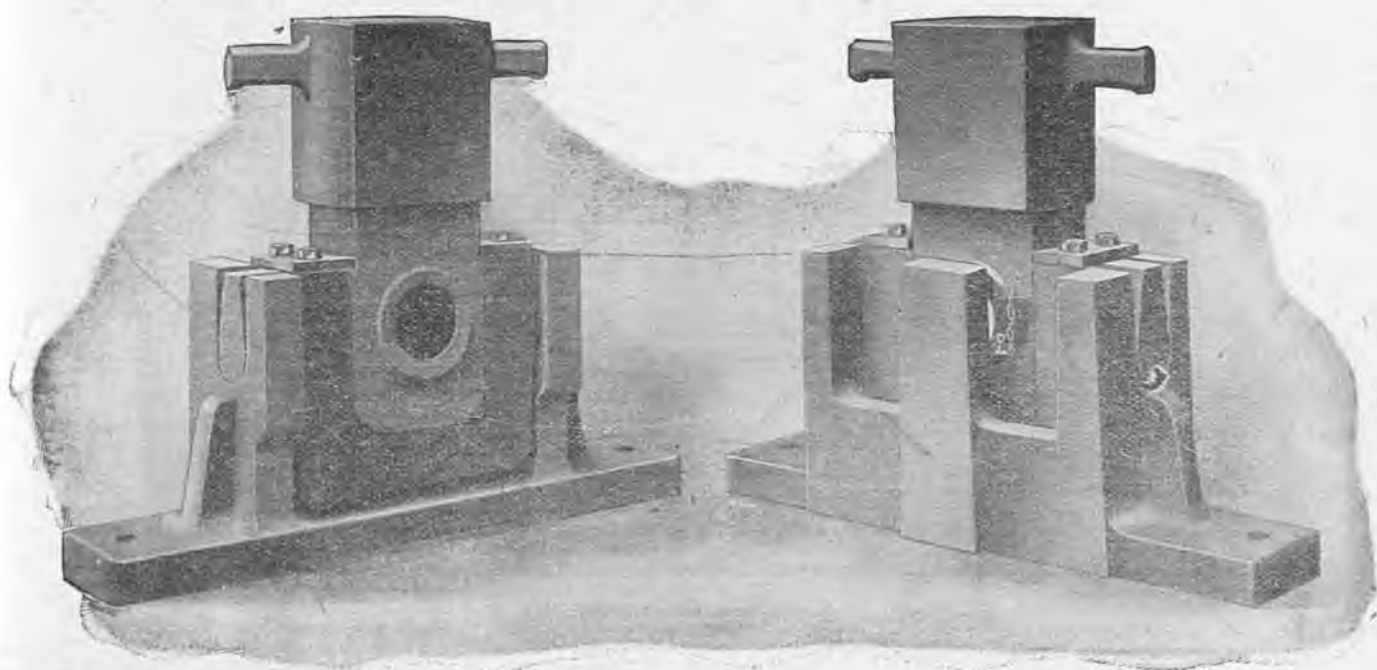
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WRAYSBURY'S NEW BELLS.

SUCCESSFUL DEDICATION.

The dreariness of a rainy day, coupled with fog, was not sufficient on Saturday last to deter the inhabitants of this river girt parish from attending an important ceremony at their ancient Parish Church of St. Andrew. The dedication of a new peal of eight bells by the Bishop of Buckingham was accomplished, in the presence of a crowded congregation, who attended the evening service, arranged by the Vicar for 5.30 p.m.

The well-lighted, cosy interior of this church, with its joyous service, afforded great contrast to the dismal outdoor conditions which prevailed, the latter much relieved afterwards by the welcome sounds of the new octave. A form of Dedication service, adopted by the Oxford Diocese, also, an impressive composition which may well be termed the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," was employed; and



WRAYSBURY CHURCH.

a hearty service commenced with the processional hymn, followed by "God save the King." The clergy present, in addition to the Bishop (the Very Rev. E. D. Shaw), who was in cope and mitre, were the Rev. P. F. Eliot, Rural Dean (Slough), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. Read Davis (Vicar of Horton), and the Rev. L. F. Hake (Vicar of Wrayisbury). The lessons were read respectively by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Canon Eliot, and the prayers by the Vicar. After the second lesson, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the belfry by negotiating a small circular stairway at the west end of the nave, and were there received by the ringers and Mr. J. Burley, their captain, and the vergier.

The solemn office of Holy Dedication was then performed by the appropriate handing over of all bell ropes from churchwarden to priest, priest to Vicar, Vicar to ringers, and, let us add, ringers to parish ioners, as the bells pealed out in well-struck rounds by an entirely local band, who had been previously taught by their chief. Next followed the sermon, a practical address by the Bishop founded upon the last verse but one of the Psalms: "Praise Him upon the loud Cymbals," which may, for the interest of absent friends, be summarised as follows: Bells were not in use during the earliest Christian period; they are not actually essential to present-day worship in an age of clocks and watches; they have attained their present use by the English Church since the 7th century, approximately; the national love for bells, its ready response to bell funds, arises from the association of bells with our daily life—birth, marriage, religion, loyalty and death. During the singing of the subsequent hymn, a collection was taken, and this was followed by the Bishop's blessing, and another hymn as a recessional.

As to the work itself we gathered that easy-going bearings, true clappering, with the usual sweet-throated small bells, made and hung by the old Whitechapel firm, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, gave everyone satisfaction. The tenor weighs 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs., in key F sharp, and is some 3 lbs. less than the original bell, cast in 1591, and the oldest dated one to disappear in Bucks. The original oak frame was re-used as supplied when the five bells were increased to six, the two trebles having been added later, so that we now record the fourth chapter in the history of Wrayisbury bells. The total cost of

the work now carried out was to have been £197, but it was afterwards increased by a few pounds—a handsome initial donation from Squire Benson, of Ankerwyke, giving the Vicar sufficient stimulus to undertake eighteen months' work in a comparatively poor district in which to collect the money. The belfry has also had attention—coloured in distemper, with a suitable dado to the walls, and new lamps with neat brackets, add greatly to the comfort of the room, which became filled with ringers and friends after service, a touch of Sledman Triples being well struck by the following: Messrs. F. E. Dawe (Woking), W. Welling (Old Windsor), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), A. A. Hughes (London), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham), J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington) and A. Hughes (Whitechapel). Three other Standard methods were rung to short touches at intervals till 8 p.m., in which everyone present took a spell, including Messrs. W. Parker and J. Preston, of Staines; and Beadle (Isleworth), Flaxman, T. Smith and W. H. Fussell (Slough) and the members of the promising St. Andrew's Society.

"POP" BOTTLES AS HANDBELLS.

HOW MILITARY RINGERS HAVE KEPT IN PRACTICE.

Something decidedly novel as a substitute for handbells comes to light from one of the military camps. The little village of Claverley, in Herefordshire, once boasted of a band of which any church might be proud. They practically taught themselves to ring, and scored a peal by their own unaided efforts. That band is now training in the new army, anxious to uphold the honour of the country on the stern field of battle. But even amid the exacting duties of the training camp, they find a little relaxation in "ringing." At first, however, they were confronted with the difficulty of having no handbells on which to practise, and so for want of any better substitute they used "pop" bottles.

The Rev. J. S. Roper (hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild), writes from Quatt Rectory, as follows: "I send a few extracts from a letter recently received from one of our ringers, who has joined one of the newly raised battalions. I think your readers will find them interesting. In the course of his letter, he says: '... We went to Old Dean camp, Camberley, a very pretty little town, but an awfully dusty camp. While staying there I went to the fine old church, where there are eight bells, and had a ring, as I am with all the Claverley ringers. ... The Claverley chaps have sent and asked the Vicar to send the handbells ... We often have a 'ring' on a set of pop bottles, just to keep us in trim. The handbells will sound very nice in camp ...'

"I may mention that the Claverley ringers are a young band from a neighbouring parish, who recently learnt to ring with very little outside assistance, and scored their first peal, entirely by themselves, in less than twelve months. They have since volunteered for service. Both they and the writer of the letter belong to the Hereford Diocesan Guild."

AN ESSEX MEETING.

The annual district meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Ardleigh on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Kelvedon; St. Peter's, Colchester; Lavenham, Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Totham, Rayne, Tendring, Earl's Colne and Langham. Service was held at the Parish Church, the Rev. R. H. Grabbe preaching an excellent sermon from the text: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God."—Tea was served at the Lion Hotel, followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association) presided.—Mr. G. Pannell, who is serving with Lord Kitchener's army, was re-elected district master. Mr. B. Redgwell was also re-elected district secretary. Two new members were elected from Langham.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Feering.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the district officers for their services during the past year.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Spaxton on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Enmore, Huntspill, Chedzoy, and Wembdon. The service held in the church was conducted by the Rector (Rev. L. Bush), assisted by the Rev. E. de St. Croix (chairman of the branch).—The Rector delivered a splendid address, and the service was fully choral. Afterwards tea was provided in the parish hall by the kind invitation of the Rector, and the usual business meeting followed, at which the Rev. E. de St. Croix (branch chairman) presided. The next meeting, being the annual meeting, will be held at Bridgwater.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness in providing tea, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir for their attendance.—During the evening the belfry was again visited.

CONDUCTOR AT SEVENTY-ONE.

A touch of 734 Bob Major, rung for the harvest festival service at St. Mary's Church, Dover, was conducted by Mr. E. Potter, a veteran of 71 years. The ringers were: A. Saywell 1, C. R. Millway 2, A. Roberts 3, E. Potter 4, R. Stevens 5, H. Whitehead 6, H. C. Saywell 7, C. Turner 8.

5002 STEDMAN CINQUES.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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312546	—		
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Repeat the last fourteen courses, calling first course, S5, 6, 19, produces 312456. Round with 2, S10, S15, in the least possible number of calls, and now published for the first time. The composition has the 6th its full extent home (24 times), and also in fifth's in this limited number of changes, with the usual going off and the treble a second's place bell. The 6th, also, is never below fourth's place at a course-end.

* Call first course 2, 5, 7, 8, S10, 16, 17, 18, 20.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax Association was held at Denholme on Saturday week, when four companies entered for the contest. During the afternoon a very substantial tea was served by the local company to about 80 ringing friends and visitors.

After the contest a meeting was held in the Schoolroom, Mr. Cotterell, the President, being in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. — Evans), and the society's officers.

It was decided to leave the matter of the next contest (on six bells) in the hands of Mr. Idle, of Earlsheaton, to try and make arrangements with the Thornhill company.—A vote of thanks was passed to the local company and the ladies for the way they had catered for the visitors.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was unanimously passed. The judge's report, given by Mr. Broadley, was as follows: No. 1 Co., Halifax 295 faults; No. 2 company, Pudsey 258 faults; No. 3 company, Birstall 348 faults; No. 4 company, Earlsheaton 111 faults.

Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners. — The Vicar responded to the vote of thanks, and said how pleased he was to see so many ringers and friends present that evening. It gave him great pleasure to be amongst them, and he proposed they should pay another visit to Denholme at some future date. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the winning team.—Mr. Goodall received the cup, and suitably responded on behalf of the company.—A very successful meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

HERE AND THERE.**ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.**

The band of Thornington have lost one of their number, by death, Mr. George Miles. The funeral took place at the Parish Church on Oct. 19th, and later in the day a 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, by: P. R. Almond 1, G. Jennings 2, J. Bowel 3, E. Eady 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF A NEWPORT RINGER.

Death has removed a most respected member of the Llandaff Association, in the person of Mr. S. Bais, of Newport, Mon., who died on Sunday from an attack of pleurisy. For 12 years he had been tenor ringer at the Parish Church, Newport.

ANOTHER "BELL WELCOME."

Knighton, in Radnorshire, has taken a leaf out of its neighbour's book, and has followed Chum in having a "Bell Welcome." This took place last Saturday. The bells were a ring of six, and have been increased to eight by the addition of a treble and tenor (10 cwt.), the fourth having been recast. The peal has been rehung in a new steel frame with cast-iron headstocks, and is to be dedicated on Friday, November 6th. Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., of Birmingham, are carrying out the contract. They have also just rehung the ring of six at Norton-in-the-Moors, North Staffs, and are, among other jobs, rehanging the fine ring of ten at Worcester.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sept. 27th, Festival Sunday at St. Matthias' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for morning service: E. E. Barber (1st quarter-peal as conductor) 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. Niblett 3, F. Bryan 4, H. Chance 5, F. Stanton 6, O. Camm 7, F. Richings 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: H. Chance 1, E. E. Barber 2, W. Niblett 3, J. Brown 4, F. Bryan 5, F. Stanton 6, O. Camm 7, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 8.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: S. Robinson 1, H. Franks 2, A. Hart 3, A. D. Barker (conductor) 4, J. W. Cornford 5, A. Turner 6, J. Bullock 7, H. Stubbs 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for evening service, on the occasion of harvest festival, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, T. Walker 2, W. Buckingham 3, E. Brett 4, T. H. Taffender 5, W. Alps (conductor) 6, A. W. Grimes 7, W. J. Nelder 8.

ABINGDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, on the occasion of harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: E. Langford 1, W. H. Holfield 2, H. Holfield 3, A. Fordry 4, Miss K. Holfield (conductor) 5, F. Barrett 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Holfield 1, H. Holfield 2, Miss K. Holfield (conductor) 3, A. Fordry 4, A. E. Lock 5, F. Barrett 6.

TAUNTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, 639 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt 1, J. Routley 2, H. J. Creed 3, A. Wyatt 4, P. Merson 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, I. Creed 7, H. Mockridge 8, J. Fowler 9, S. Phillips 10. Also 420 and 504 Stedman Triples: J. Routley 1, H. J. Creed 2, I. Creed 3, S. Wyatt 4, H. Mockridge 5, F. J. Sudd 6, J. Burge (conductor) 7, S. Phillips 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Southover, on a visit from the late secretary, Mr. E. J. Pannett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service, in 46 mins.: G. Richardson 1, R. Hide 2, E. J. Pannett (Lewisham) 3, F. S. Shirt 4, G. Piper 5, G. Burrow 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, D. Turner 8.

CHELMSFORD.—To celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells and the harvest festival at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes) was rung on Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, in 50 mins.: *J. Ridgwell 1, A. Wright 2, *D. H. Newman 3, H. Halford (5th Glos. Regiment) 4, *P. Timson 5, H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regt.), conductor, 6, A. Acfield 7, H. Allen 8, H. Richell 9, *J. Poulton 10. *First quarter-peal of caters. With the exception of H. Halford, all are members of the Cathedral band.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Lawrence's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. A. Waite (conductor) 1, F. T. Waite 2, A. G. Waite 3, A. E. Waite 4, H. Mitchell 5, J. A. Waite 6, H. Newman 7, R. Jennings 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, and also as a farewell to A. G. Waite, who was leaving the county to take up a position in Bedford.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, October 4th, in the afternoon, for men's service, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: J. Brooks 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, G. Miles 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. J. Walker 5, H. Beadle 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, 720 St. Clement's Bob: J. Gilbert 1, E. H. Stouley 2, H. Hill 3, J. G. Stouley 4, R. Clifford 5, T. H. Vallance (conductor) 6. Rung for harvest festival. Also as a send-off to E. H. Stouley, leader of the band, who has joined His Majesty's forces.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: M. Bowley (first 720) 1, M. E. Chillingworth 2, J. Abery 3, C. Hunt 4, S. Chapman 5, G. Abery 6.

LONDON.—The London County Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, Southwark, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Walker 1, F. V. Martin 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. T. Gowell 4, W. W. Ayres 5, H. W. Hibbert 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

TRING.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 560 Grandsire Triples: F. Pitkin 1, F. Reeve (conductor) 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Tompkins 4, H. Heley 5, W. Grove 6, W. Melville 7, W. Redman (longest length) 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, being the harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Townsend 1, C. Watson 2, M. Duck 3, J. W. Wilkinson 4, R. Duck 5, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 6. Before the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Wellburn 1, F. S. Hodgson 2, J. T. Waters 3, W. Harland 4, R. Duck 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 7, F. Townsend 8. Messrs. Hodgson, Waters and Harland hail from Whitby. On a previous Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Wellburn 1, M. Duck 2, C. Watson 3, A. Coates 4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck 7, F. Townsend 8. This was the first quarter-peal on this fine ring, recently installed by Messrs Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

EDGEASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for morning service, 720 Stedman Minor: H. Withers (conductor) 1, J. Dowler 2, T. J. Bratton 3, J. Eaton 4, W. Ikin (first in the method) 5, E. T. Allaway 6. Also 420 Double Oxford Minor: J. Dowler 1, W. Bryant 2, T. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, E. T. Allaway 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.

SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): W. Dowler 1, J. Dowler 2, E. Boylin 3, H. Withers (conductor) 4, T. Collinson 5, J. Eaton 6, W. Ikin 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Collinson, a son of the ringer of the 5th, who is serving his country at the front in the Army Service Corps.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association. — For harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: R. H. Boddington 1, H. Holloway 2, W. Phillips 3, T. Haines 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, V. Holloway 7, T. Smith 8. For morning service, on Oct. 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: J. R. Mackman 1, W. Phillips 2, W. A. Garrard 3, P. Miles 4, W. Lawrence 5, Robt. Holloway 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, for the harvest festival, on the evening of October 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Smith 1, A. Streeter 2, A. Martin 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, W. Denyer 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, J. Avis 8. Messrs. Streeter and Denyer are attached to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, stationed in the town.

OSPREY, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: W. G. Coveney 1, T. E. Eades 2, S. R. Garner 3, A. Biggs 4, G. Beaby 5, E. D. Bridges 6, H. Baker (conductor) 7, G. Coveney 8.

TROWBRIDGE.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 3rd, in 43 mins. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Baxter 1, E. Chivers 2, I. B. Holmyard 3, C. Raddon 4, C. Raison 5, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 6, S. Hector 7, S. Francis 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Bavington 1, J. J. Parker 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, J. Elderfield 5, J. Blackmore 6, G. Basden 7, W. Clarke 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 5th, in the belfry of the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), on handbells, in 39 mins.: J. Thompson 1—2, W. Jacques (conductor) 3—4, F. Parsons 5—6. Longest length by all on handbells.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sept. 20th, at St. Thomas's Church, 336 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, Sergt. C. Blake (Royal Warwick Regt.) 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, T. Scammell 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. — On Sept. 24th, 602 Grandsire Triples: J. Simmonds 1, Sergt. C. Blake 2, W. Upton 3, T. Scammell 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. Also 224 in the same method, with S. Moody 1. Much credit is due to this band, as they only started to learn change ringing in March last, under the instruction of Mr. H. Jennings, of Ryde, I.W. Previously they were a 'stone' band.

UPPER CLAPTON.—On Monday, Sept. 21st, for the patronal festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: C. L. Twist 1, J. C. Adams 2, H. Rumens 3, P. R. Hislop 4, C. A. Gray 5, S. H. R. Cooper 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, Miss Grace Adams 8.

EVHURST, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Rose 1, A. Francis 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, W. Tidy 4, F. Francis (conductor) 5, R. Whittington 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Waldron 1, E. Tilley 2, J. Julson 3, A. Johnson 4, G. White 5, G. Julson (conductor) 6.

LAVENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, on handbells, Holt's one-part 720 of Bob Minor (21 bobs): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2—3, L. Poulson 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5—6. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th, as he only started a few weeks ago. This 720 is supposed to be now rung for the first time in Suffolk. The same evening, 720 of Norwich Surprise: S. H. Symonds 1—2, A. Symonds 3—4, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 5—6. First in the method by all, the first in West Suffolk, and the first time "double-handed" in the method for the Ely Association. These 720's were rung to celebrate the birthday of W. R. J. Poulson.

STRETTFORD.—The Lancashire Association. — On Sunday, Sept. 27th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single; for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor; for evening service, 720 Oxford Single: J. J. Moss 1, T. Birchell 2, C. W. Birchell 3, W. E. Dale 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Tapp 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe 4, H. Price 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. — On Sept. 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Price 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, E. C. Lambert 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. Also two courses of London Surprise. Arranged for E. C. Lambert, who was visiting the neighbourhood.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's aircraft in locating our cathedrals and churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, October 31st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

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. 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.—R. Stephenson, Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, November 3rd next, at 8 p.m.—A Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 7th, 1914. The annual service will be held in St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A. Tea at Brett's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Free to all members who inform me of their coming by Wednesday, November 4th. Visitors 1s. each.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, November 7th. Church of St. Mary; 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.; available 4.30-7.30 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Secretary *pro tem.*

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 7th. Bells available from 4. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Tea at 5.15 in the Deanery School Rooms, and business meeting immediately after. Only handbells available. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by November 11th.—Jas. W. Elkins, Honorary District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6 o'clock. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmsford, on Saturday, November 14th, 1914. Bells ready at 3.30; meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

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 third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—The address of the Rev. C. Carew Cox is now Symondsbury, Bridport, Dorset.—Mr. W. J. Prescott, Sec. of the Bath Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has removed to Fern Cottage, Southdown, Twerton, Bath.

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