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Gentlemen,

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

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

## MODERN WORK.

### RINGS OF TWELVE.

It is not a little remarkable that the county of Essex, which fifteen months ago had not a ring of twelve bells within its borders, should now be in possession of no fewer than three peals of this number. Surely this must be something of a record in bell augmentation. Chelmsford led the way, its new peal being dedicated on September 27th last year. Then came Saffron Walden, and now Waltham Abbey follows suit, the bells at this last-named famous old church having been dedicated yesterday, and being open for ringing to-morrow. The geographical distribution of these three towers is fairly good, so that twelve-bell practice ought to be well within reach of most of the Essex members who have sufficient ambition and who care to make the effort to get it.

With all that may be done with the more intricate methods on the lower numbers of bells, a ringer has certainly not tasted to the full the sweets of his art until he has achieved a peal on twelve bells. There is something in twelve-bell ringing—it is difficult to define exactly what—which is not to be found in ringing on eight, or even on ten bells, and any extension of facilities for ringers to enjoy this practice is to be welcomed as tending to the progress of the art.

Waltham Abbey raises the number of twelve-bell rings in England to 36, 23 more than a century ago, when there were only 13 peals of twelve in the country, seven of which were in London, and the others distributed between Birmingham, Cambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Norwich and Shrewsbury. At that time Bow, Ashton-under-Lyne, Halifax, High Wycombe, Ipswich, Leeds, Oxford, Painswick, Sheffield, Wakefield, Worcester, Yarmouth and York were peals of ten. The rest of the present twelves have grown from octaves, or, like St. Paul's Cathedral, from a couple of odd bells. A considerable number of the present peals of twelve have, of course, come into being in the last 40 years, and are one result of the progress made by ringing and of the increased interest aroused among church authorities through the advance of our associations.

It is to William Shipway that the Exercise is indebted for placing on record something approaching an exhaustive list of the peals of bells existing in his day, but how slow at that time must have been the increases in bells of a ringable nature. Twelve-bell rings in the early 19th century, at any rate outside the metropolis, were possessions of great rarity, and peals upon them landmarks in ringing history. To-day practice upon this number is within the reach of a great number and peals are common. What, indeed, would have been said by Shipway of a man with a hundred to his credit!

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## RINGERS AND THE WAR.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions have reached us;—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	53	19	0
Ringers at St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs, second donation (per Mr. C. Wallater)	0	10	0
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Ringers of Beaconsfield Parish Church, Bucks, per second donation (Mr. R. H. Young),	0	5	0
	£54	16	6

## BELGIAN REFUGEES' FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	1	14	0
Ringers of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall ...	0	2	0
	£1	16	0

## NO PEALS.

For the first time we have no peal to record this week. Such a unique occurrence is noteworthy, for not even a handbell peal seems to have been scored since our last issue. Despite the cessation in ordinary tower bell peals, not a week has passed but some muffled peal or peal "in hand" has had to be recorded, but the past week, so far as we are aware, has been a complete blank throughout the country. But it's an ill wind, etc. What a relief the absence of so many peals must be to the members of the Analysis Committee. Their labours in the way of compiling statistics have reached almost vanishing point, although we can quite believe that when peace is once more restored there will be so many peals rung that they will have to work overtime to keep pace with their duties.

## NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

As Christmas Day falls on Friday in next week, "The Ringing World" will have to go to press a day earlier than usual, and consequently all communications intended for publication in the next issue should reach us not later than the first post on MONDAY.

"The Ringing World" will be on sale on Thursday next instead of Friday.

## ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The meeting of this Guild, held at Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, was not very well attended, but the inclement state of the weather, no doubt, detained some from making the journey. Fairfield, Rye, Tenterden, Woodchurch, and the local tower were represented. Bob Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were practised, and Mr. C. Tribe presided at the business meeting. It was unanimously decided that the annual meeting should take place at Appledore, on Saturday, 30th January next, and that the usual allowance for tea be granted to every member present. It was also agreed to hold a service in the church at 4.30 p.m., tea at the Swan Hotel at 5 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting; the remaining time to be spent in harmony.—Mr. H. F. Balcombe (Fairfield) was elected a new member, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Phillips) for the use of the bells. This was heartily endorsed by all.—There will be ringing in the afternoon of the annual meeting, if the bells can be obtained.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Grandsire Triples, at Benhillton on December 1st, was George Rayner, and not Sydney Rayner as published.

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# ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers serving with the Forces:—  
 Fred W. Herbert, of St. John the Divine's, Leicester, North  
 Midland Mounted Brigade.

Leslie Willars, of St. Saviour's, Leicester, 4th Leicestershire  
 Regiment.

Edgar Abbott, of St. Saviour's, Leicester, Royal Navy.

Sergt. W. C. Taylor, of Norton-in-the-Moors, 5th North Stafford-  
 shire Regiment (T), now at Bishop's Stortford.

Pte Bert Dean, of Norton-in-the-Moors, 5th North Staffordshire  
 Regiment (T), now at Bishop's Stortford.

Pto W. Poston, of Whibbourne, Herefordshire, K.S.L.I., now  
 at Aldershot.

J. Butler, of Cambridge University Guild, appointed Second-  
 Lieutenant in the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

C. Hughes, of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Territorials, now  
 at White City.

W. J. Cooper, of St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, A.S.C., now at  
 Crowborough, Sussex.

P. Tucker, of Hurst Parish Church, Berks Yeomanry, now at  
 Bear Wood.

W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale, officer attached to the  
 North Midland Division of the Motor Volunteer Corps.

Pte B. Goldsmith, of Rolvenden, Kent, 3rd Battalion (Special  
 Reserve), The Buffs.

William Martin, of Headcorn, Kent, 1st Home Counties' Field  
 Ambulance, now at Windsor.

Charles Murrell, of Headcorn, 5th Battalion the Buffs (T), now  
 at Ascot.

Frank R. Cundale, of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 8th West York-  
 shire Regiment, now on coast defence at Redcar.

From St. Leonard's Church, Malinslee, Salop:—

Pte Archibald Chilton, K.S.L.I., 5th Batt. (No. 10751).

Pte George Garbett, 5th Batt. K.S.L.I. (No. 10755).

Pte John Garbett, 4th Batt. K.S.L.I. (No. 2956).

Pte John Harley, 9th Batt. K.S.L.I. (No. 15197).

Pte Robert Chilton, Army Service Corps.

Pte Frank Percy Mole, 4th Batt. C Co., K.S.L.I. (No. 2245).

The three following from Bridstow, Herefordshire:—

Tpr. E. Summers, Shropshire Yeomanry, now at Lowestoft.

Cpl. Allen E. Gwynne and Pte Albert E. Gwynne, 1st Hereford-  
 shire Regiment (T), now at Aberystwyth.

The five following from Talland Church, Cornwall:—

Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.

Bertram Vague, Royal Navy.

Joe Langmaid, Royal Navy.

William Hocking, Royal Engineers.

Ned Broad, Royal Engineers.

Five members of the band of the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart,  
 Vancouver, are, we understand, at present in England with the Cana-  
 dian contingent.

# THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY.

The Hawkhurst branch of the Kent Association have had the plea-  
 sure of making the acquaintance of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of  
 Netherseale, near Burton-on-Trent, who has been staying in the  
 parish quite recently. Mr. Worthington, since the outbreak of the  
 war, has been attached as an officer to the North Midland Division  
 of the Motor Volunteer Corps, and came to Hawkhurst on leave, his  
 furlough lasting about nine days. The Motor Volunteer Corps was  
 established some years ago. Eventually it became disbanded, but  
 was re-formed after the declaration of war. It has done useful ser-  
 vice, some of its members being at the theatre of war. The ringers  
 gave their guest a cordial welcome, and the following touches were  
 rung. For morning service, on Sunday, December 6th, 1050 Grand-  
 side Triples: T. Ashenden 1, G. J. Kemp 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J.  
 Blake 4, W. W. Worthington 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness 7, F.  
 Chapman 8. For evening service on the same day, a quarter-peal of  
 Grandside Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, A.  
 H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, W. W. Worthington 5, O. Waghorn 6, G.  
 Billenness 7, G. Maskell 8. On the following Tuesday evening an-  
 other 1,050 of the same method was rung by: J. H. Durrant 1, O.  
 Waghorn 2, A. H. Wellard 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Kemp 5, W. W.  
 Worthington 6, G. Billenness 7, F. Chapman 8. Then in order that  
 Mr. Worthington might hear the bells outside, 168 was tapped off.  
 Satisfactory striking prevailed in all the touches, which were con-  
 ducted by G. Billenness. Before taking his departure, Mr. Worth-  
 ington thanked the ringers for allowing him to ring with them.

**BEDFORD.**—Bedfordshire Association. At St. Peter's Church, on  
 December 4th, 720 Wragby and 720 College Bob IV.: A. Robinson 1,  
 Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Fineson 5, W.  
 Stapleton (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token  
 of respect to the late Earl Roberts.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.**—On Sunday, November 22nd, for  
 morning service, 714 Grandside Triples: G. Keen 1, F. E. Davis 2, E.  
 Hookham 3, R. Hookham 4, E. Hill 5, E. Pardon 6, W. Large (con-  
 ductor) 7, G. Pugh 8.

# GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB.

## ARE THEY THE SAME METHOD?

By HENRY DAINS.

For several years past Messrs. H. L. James and J. A. Trollope  
 have frequently told us that Grandsire and Plain Bob are methodically  
 the same; and recently the latter gentleman has told us that Shipway  
 knew this to be so. Well, whatever views he may have had upon this  
 subject, the fact remains that he never told us so in his "Campana-  
 logia." Mr. John Carter and I have several times disputed the  
 theory that placing another bell in the hunt of a Minor method  
 makes it a method of Triples, which has no relation, methodically, to  
 the Minor, our reason being that the Minor has but one hunt, while  
 the Triples has two.

Now, as I consider a better opinion can be formed by comparing  
 the work of one method with that of the other, I here give examples  
 of these side by side, as follows:—

Example of Plain Bob, coming home at plain lead.	Example of Grandsire Triples coming home at plain lead.
A	B
231546	3517264
213456	3152746
124365	1325478
123456	1234567
Example of Plain Bob brought home by a Bob lead end, also the going off from rounds.	Example of Grandsire Triples brought home by a Bob lead, also the going off from rounds.
C	D
341526	3215476
314256	3124567
132465	1325476 Bob
123456 Bob	1234567
214365	2135476
241635	2314567
426153	3241657

In these examples I have shown all the work there is in both  
 Plain Bob and Grandsire Methods, excepting the plain hunting, which  
 is so well known to all ringers that it need not be given here.

Now what I want is that all ringers should compare the work of  
 Example A, with the work shown in Examples C and D, in order  
 to discover if there is any corresponding work in the Minor that is  
 found in the Triples.

Again compare the work in Example C with that of B and D, for a  
 similar purpose, and if when this is done, the conclusion arrived at  
 is that the work in A and C is quite distinct from the work in B and  
 D, I will ask Messrs. James and Trollope upon what grounds they  
 base such assertions, presuming, of course, they have some.

I may here mention that you can ring Grandsire by noting the  
 Treble at lead and dodging directly after, while this rule is no guide  
 to Plain Bob ringing; as here dodging is done when the treble is at  
 lead, which is common knowledge to all concerned.

I have drawn the line through C and D simply to draw attention  
 to the difference of the work in the two examples.

# DEATH OF THE REV. W. P. SCHUSTER.

## SALISBURY GUILD'S FORMER SECRETARY.

We regret to have to record the death of the Rev. William Percy  
 Schuster, Rural Dean of Purbeck, and Vicar of West Lulworth,  
 Dorset, who passed away on November 6th, at a nursing home at  
 Bournemouth, to the grief of the many who knew and loved him.  
 The deceased gentleman was educated at Hertford College, Oxford,  
 and was ordained in the diocese of Salisbury, serving first at curate  
 at Warcham, next at Bere Regis, and then at Corfe Castle, from  
 whence he went to be Vicar of West Lulworth, where he remained  
 for the rest of his life, from 1887 to 1914. These 27 years will al-  
 ways be a well-remembered period in the annals of the parish.

The mark of his character that struck one most of all, perhaps,  
 was his excessive kindness—the pleasure he felt and showed in help-  
 ing anyone who needed help in any way.

There were many things he took an interest in besides his de-  
 votion to his parochial work. Though not a practical ringer, he was  
 for many years a most successful secretary to the Salisbury Diocesan  
 Guild, proving himself in full sympathy with the spirit of progress,  
 though always anxious to look after the patient plodders of the rural  
 parishes, who had no opportunities to advance in the art.

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Church  
 of England Temperance Society were two other organisations which  
 claimed his most ardent support. But, naturally, above all his parish  
 had the first claims upon him, and his anxiety to do all the good he  
 could doubtless hastened his end.

For many years past there has been during the summer months a  
 large military camp in his and adjacent parishes. This camp was  
 very largely augmented on the enlistment of men in Kitchener's  
 Army. The spiritual needs of this camp entailed a large amount of  
 extra work on the clergy living in the locality, and doubtless it was  
 this extra work, taken up willingly, that accelerated the end of this  
 noble man.



### ORIGINAL TRIPLES. "A TEST FOR CONDUCTORS."

A peal of Original Triples has not yet been rung, although a peal of Major has. There are probably many ringers, however, who have but a hazy notion of what the Original method is. It is the method in which all the bells have a plain hunting course, and thus in Triples there are only 14 changes from rounds to rounds. Obviously, therefore, to call the bobs of a peal in this method must be a big tax upon the conductor, and in sending the subjoined composition, Mr. J. W. Parker, the composer, says it might be termed a "test for conductors, as it would tax the abilities of the best to merely call it, and, in my opinion, would require a fairly good band to get it." Who, we wonder, will be the first to score. The peal contains 560 calls, and it should be noticed that although there is only one bob in each of the callings B and D, there is a difference in the length of the course, the former course having 24 changes and the latter 20.

5040 ORIGINAL TRIPLES, By Joseph W. Parker, Sunderland.									Examples of 'A' Course, showing the plain and bob rows.	
1934567	1	2	3	7	10	11	14	15		
2476135		—		—						1234567
5162743										2143657
3254167		—	—			—				2416375
5372641	—								—	4261357
7136452										4623175
2675134		—	—			—				6432157
7246351										6341275
6534217										3614725
5261374 S			—				—	—		3167452
2143567 S	—	—			—					1376542
6427351										1735624
2651734		—	—							7153264
6137254	—	—	—			—				7512346
4356217	—									5721436
3671452										5274163
7352146										2547613
3241756	—	—	—			—				2456731
6453721										4265371
Six times repeated.										4623517
B contains 12 rows.										6432571
C contains 8 rows.									—	6345217
D contains 10 rows.										3654127
All other courses contain 30 rows.										3561472

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday week at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Dudley. The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar and Rural Dean, and vice-president of the Guild), who also gave a very interesting address. Upwards of 40 members were present, representing Dudley, Bradley, Sedgley, Coseley, Wolverhampton, Bilston, Willenhall, West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Tipton, Blakenhall, Oldbury, Old Hill, Halesowen, Brierley Hill, Netherton and Clent. A letter of apology was received from the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall.

After the service a free tea was provided in the Church House by the Vicar and churchwardens, and the Vicar gave the members of the Guild a very hearty welcome to Netherton, remarking that it gave him much pleasure to see such a number of church bell-ringers together in this Church House. He was sure they were an earnest and energetic band of church workers, and he was proud to be with them that day, and to hold the position of vice-president of the Guild. He hoped it would not be the last time he would have the pleasure of their company, at Netherton. — Mr. W. Cooper (Vicar's warden) and Mr. E. Frost (people's warden) gave the members of the Guild a very hearty welcome to Netherton.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, Mr. W. Rock Small (treasurer) was re-elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. Two honorary members, viz., Messrs. W. Cooper and E. Frost (churchwardens) and three performing members were elected. The next meeting being the annual one, it was decided to hold it at Dudley. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for providing the tea, to the Vicar for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, was passed, on the proposition of Mr. S. Spittle, seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, and suitably responded to. This brought a very happy meeting to a close. Touches in several different methods were rung during the afternoon and evening on the parish church bells.

### PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA. GROTON SCHOLARS LEARNING TO RING

On November 25th the ringers from Boston, U.S.A., visited the Memorial Tower at Hingham, Mass., where 564 Grandsire Triples was brought round, after some very fair striking, the ringers standing as follows: A. Matthews 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, Mrs. M. H. Shurliff 3, C. C. Randall 4, J. Goodhead 5, J. F. Laker 6, W. Bashford 7, R. Newton 8. A 672 in the same method was also rung by: A. Matthews 1, D. T. Gibbons 2, C. C. Randall 3, R. Newton 4, J. Goodhead 5, W. Bashford 6, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 7, J. F. Laker 8. J. Goodhead has recently come to Boston from Michigan, and was elected a member of the Guild at this meeting.

On Nov. 26th, which in America is known as "Thanksgiving Day," six members of the Boston Guild visited Groton School, and enjoyed a very pleasant outing. The ringers met at the North Station at 8 a.m., and soon were being carried out through the open country. As Boston was left behind the ground became more and more thickly covered with snow, while on reaching Groton there had been a fall of six inches, although in Boston there has been no snow at all. On account of the snow-covered roads the ride by automobile from Agawam Junction to the school was an exciting one. One or two short touches were rung before service at the school chapel, some of the pupils taking a rope. The ringers enjoyed lunch with the masters and boys in the large dining hall of the school, and plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, which were rung on handbells in the reading-room afterwards, were very much appreciated. Coffee and cigars were then enjoyed in the sanctum of the headmaster, Dr. Embicott Peabody, and at 1.45 an attempt was made for a peal on the tower bells, the ringers standing as follows: S. Warren Sturgis 1, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 2, W. Bashford 3, J. F. Laker 4, J. Goodhead 5, C. C. Randall 6, R. Newton 7, L. Adams 8. Owing to the noise in the tower, however, a trip, which occurred after 50 minutes' good ringing, could not be adjusted, and the bells were brought to a stand. Mr. Louis Adams, a pupil at the school, was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. Taking into consideration the noisy towers at their disposal, the changes that are always occurring in the band, and the very little practice obtained, it is creditable that even 1,500 odd changes were so well struck.

Several short touches were rung after the attempt, and then the visitors enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Sturgis, the time to return coming all too soon. A very enjoyable day was spent by all.

### CARBROOKE BELLS.

#### WHERE GEORGE NEWSON LEARNED TO RING.

The bells at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Carbrooke, Norfolk, have been increased from five to six by the addition of a treble, and the whole peal have been rehanged. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Day and Co., of Eye, Suffolk, in a very satisfactory manner.

The dedication took place on Thursday evening of last week, the ceremony being performed, in the absence of Archdeacon Pelham, who was unwell, by the Rev. R. W. Pitt, of Saxlingham, who preached a very appropriate and instructive sermon from Psalms cl. 5. There was a large congregation, and after the service 720 Bob Minor was rung by Hubert J. Day (Eye) 1, Fredk. Day (Eye) 2, Wilfrid Fisher (Watton) 3, Alfred Macro (Thetford) 4, William Adcock (Euston) 5, Thos. Fitzjohn (Thetford), conductor, 6. This was followed by 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung by Hubert J. Day (Eye) 1, Rev. R. W. Pitt (Saxlingham) 2, Thos. Fitzjohn (Thetford) 3, Fredk. Day (Eye) 4, Fredk. Brunning (Eye) 5, Wm. Steele (Saxlingham), conductor, 6. The "go" of the bells was perfect.

Subsequently a very nice supper was provided for the ringers and friends by the Vicar, who warmly welcomed all present, and thanked those who had taken part in the ceremony.

It is interesting to note that it was at Carbrooke that the late Geo. Newson, one of the most famous leaders of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, learned to ring.

### A VETERAN.

#### SOLE SURVIVOR OF A PEAL RUNG 65 YEARS AGO.

Despite his more than 90 years, Mr. William Banister, we hear, is still enjoying good health, and, in the words of a ringing friend who called upon him a few days ago, is "as young as Johnny Walker," thanks to the care of Mrs. Anderson and his two good grand-daughters.

Mr. Banister is the remaining link with a past generation of ringers, and one of a famous family in which the father and five brothers were all enthusiasts. They were ringing Surprise Methods at Woolwich nearly 70 years ago, and Mr. William Banister composed and conducted the second peal of London ever rung. As a member of the College Youths, Mr. Banister used to walk to the City for his twelve bell ringing, and we have a record of a peal of 5146 Stedman Cinques, which he took part in at St. Saviour's, Southwark, exactly 65 years ago, the anniversary of the peal being to-morrow. Some great names in the past history of ringing appeared in this: John Cox, William Cooter, James Mash, William Banister, George Ferris, Richard Jameson, Robert Haworth, Mat. Wood, J. Bradley, E. Lansdell, Jemmy Dwight and E. Sawyer. William Banister is the sole survivor of that band.

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## OUR ILLUSTRATION.

## MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.

There is no better known figure in ringing circles in the Midlands than Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, who, as reported the other day, has just celebrated his 75th birthday, and who, for more than 50 years, has been a most enthusiastic member of the Exercise. Despite his advancing years, Mr. Small is as keen as ever in the pursuit of his favourite pastime and wherever he goes is received as an honoured guest, for his services in the advancement of the Art have been incalculable. His spade work was done at a time when ringing was not held in the high repute in which it stands at the present day, and although Birmingham has been a stronghold for well over a century, there were many places in that centre of England where the Art had not penetrated and where Mr. Small was one of the pioneers.

Mr. William Rock Small was born at Wednesbury,



MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.

Staffs, on November 12th, 1839. He received a little schooling at the Parish Church Schools, but at the early age of nine years he started work, and he is still "in harness." It is better to wear out than rust out, says an old adage, but Mr. Small must be made of uncommonly tough stuff, for he has worn remarkably well through all these 66 years of unbroken labour. In the year 1855 he went to work in the iron gas tube trade at Wednesbury, and, after being turner, fitter, machine and tool maker, rose to the position of foreman of the works. He remained for 17 years with this firm, and, after spending five years with another, went to the Victoria Tube Works, Great Bridge, as foreman tool maker, which position he has filled for the past 36 years, during which time he has held the respect of his fellow employees and the esteem of his employers.

In his young days Mr. Small was in Wednesbury Church choir, and while there became interested in the bells, then a peal of eight. They were recast and made into a peal of

ten in 1855, and Mr. Small used sometimes to chime the bells for service and occasionally pull up some of them. In the year 1863 he joined the band, and on April 29th, 1866, rang his first peal—Kent Treble Bob Royal. His first peal of Bob Major was also rung at Wednesbury in 1867, and his first of Stedman Caters in 1870. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Feckenham in 1877, of Stedman Triples at Willenhall and of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1880, of Grandsire Caters at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in 1883, and of Grandsire Cinques in 1885, and of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 1890 at St. Martin's, Birmingham. Mr. Small has rung peals on nearly every ring of bells in the Black Country, and in a great many other towers in the Midlands, while he has been present at the opening of a large number of new peals of bells, including the reopening, after the second casting of Wednesbury bells, which took place in 1912.

Some of his peals have been noteworthy for their length, among them being 9,020 Grandsire Cinques in 6 hrs. 17 mins. at St. Martin's on March 23rd, 1887, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to that city; 8,064 Grandsire Caters in 4 hrs. 59 mins. at Bromsgrove on December 29th, 1888, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 12,000 of Bob Major rung at that church in 1788; 6,354 Grandsire Caters in 4 hrs. 4 mins. at West Bromwich on December 21st, 1889, and 8,009 Grandsire Caters in 5 hrs. 11 mins. at Wolverhampton on April 3rd, 1893. In connection with this last-named peal there were sad circumstances. The occasion had been fixed for an attempt for a record length of 17,045, but the man who was to have rung the tenor was buried on that day, and the reduced length was rung muffled instead. Mr. Small has also been concerned in other long peal attempts. On January 29th, 1884, he was in an attempt at Aston for 13,104 Grandsire Caters, which was lost through a "change course" after 11,000 changes in 7 hrs. 7 mins. On March 26th, 1894, in an attempt for 17,000 Grandsire Caters, 7,362 changes were rung in 4 hrs. 38 mins., when the tenor clapper broke. To finish off the day, therefore, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Wombourne. Mr. Small's last peal was that by the veterans at Aston in May of this year, the average age of the band being 65 years four months. He hopes, however, to ring more peals yet, and he still finds great pleasure in meeting ringers at association gatherings.

Mr. Small is a member of the College Youths, the Midland Counties' Association, the St. Martin's Guild, the Dudley and District Guild, the Worcestershire Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Hereford Guild and the Yorkshire Association. His peals number 321, including one of Stedman Triples in the Isle of Man, and are made up as follows:—

Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	...	...	14
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	...	18
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	...	74
Grandsire Cinques	...	...	...	...	...	5
Grandsire Royal	...	...	...	...	...	2
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	...	...	40
Grandsire Major	...	...	...	...	...	6
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	...	78
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	...	10
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	...	15
Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	...	5
Bob Caters	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	...	34



Bob Triples ... ..	1
Darlaston Bob Triples ... ..	4
Canterbury Pleasure Major ... ..	1
Double Norwich Major ... ..	5
Forward Royal ... ..	2
Forward Major ... ..	4
Double Oxford Bob Major ... ..	1
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>32</b>

Mr. Small has seen something of the world, outside the Ringing Isle, for he has visited America and the Continent. His journey to the United States was made in 1902, when, after landing at Boston, he visited many of the American manufactories, including the Armoury at Springfield, and the Arsenal at Waterfleet, where he saw the biggest gun on earth, 52 feet long and 130 tons in weight. Among the places he visited were Hartford, Connecticut, Troy, Cohoes, Albany, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Amhurst, Northampton, Holyoake, Brooklyn and New York, from which city he sailed for England, after a grand seven weeks' trip. In 1907 he visited Belgium with a touring party, which included his old friend, Mr. John Carter, and he therefore follows the present conflict in Flanders with the keenest interest. They landed at Ostend and visited Brussels. At Antwerp they climbed one of the towers of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, to see the carillon of 99 bells, the largest of which is eight tons in weight, and the smallest 15 inches in diameter. To reach the bells they had to mount 520 steps. It is a good job for some of those ringers who make a habit of being late that there are no such flights of steps to the ringing chambers in England. On this trip, also, Bruges, with its famous bell tower and carillon of 49 bells, Rochefort, with the Grottoes of Hans, and Dinant, the beautiful town now destroyed by the Germans, were also visited. On the occasion of the Brussels Exhibition, Mr. Small revisited some of these places with Mrs. Small. In 1905 he, with Mr. Carter, made a trip to Paris, and in 1908 went again to the French capital with his wife. On February 8th, 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Small celebrated their golden wedding, but Mrs. Small has since passed away.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Bridport on Saturday week, when representatives from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Lyme Regis, Netherbury and Symondsbury were in attendance. Ringing took place at Bradpole and Bridport before the service, which was held in the latter church. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Langford, chairman of the branch, and was followed by a most helpful sermon by the Rev. C. Carow Cox, of Symondsbury. The blessing was pronounced by the Rev. Canon Farrer, Rector of Bridport.

Tea followed at the "Greyhound" Assembly Room, to which 39 sat down; a most satisfactory number, when one considers the present unsettled state of things in general and ringing in particular.

Increased interest on the part of the clergy was evinced by the presence of three others besides those already mentioned, viz., the Revs. C. H. Cooke and —. Needham, of Netherbury, and the Rev. A. B. Hutton, of Loders.

The report and balance sheet presented by the hon. secretary were considered satisfactory, and were adopted. The whole of the officers were re-elected, and one guinea from the local funds was voted to the Mayor of Bridport's maintenance fund for Belgians living in the locality.

Bye-meetings for combined ringing practice were settled, and the usual quarterly meetings were ordered to be advertised in "The Ringing World."

The only other business was a vote of condolence with the family of the Rev. W. P. Schuster on the death of that staunch supporter and former hon. secretary of the Guild.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### LATE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Finding it impossible to write individually, may I, through the aid of "The Ringing World," thank most heartily those members present at the annual meeting of the South-Eastern district on December 5th for the beautiful parcel of tobacco, subscribed for, and which has been received by me through Mr. Lincoln (District Master) as a small recognition of my services as secretary for the past seven years, an office which I felt it only my duty to give up, owing to being called up with my regiment. I feel sure, however, that Mr. F. W. Edwards, my successor, will carry on the work most successfully. Thinking all once again, and wishing the members of the Essex Association "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."—Theirs most gratefully.

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### DEATH OF MR. CHARLES H. FOWLER.

It is with deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Chas. H. Fowler, of Leicester, and formerly of Oxford, which occurred somewhat suddenly on Saturday evening last as the result of a chill, which turned to pneumonia. Deceased, who had taken part in some notable performances, was well known throughout the Exercise, and his death will come as a great shock to his many friends.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a practice meeting of the Western Division was held at Pudsey. Although the weather was unfavourable, a good number attended, the following towers being represented: Bramley, Calverley, Gargrave; St. Michael's, Headingley; Hunstet; St. Matthew's, Holbeck; Halifax, Mirfield, Rothwell, Skipton, Shipley, Tong, and the local company. The bells were available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and touches of Cambridge, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford were rung. Afterwards the handbells were well utilised, touches of Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal were brought round. At the close of the evening, Mr. G. Bolland (vice-president) reminded those present of the next practice, which will be held at Shipley, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 9th January, and hoped as many as possible would attend.

### ANNIVERSARIES.

The paragraph in our last issue in reference to past events of which December 9th was the anniversary, brings a note from Mr. Challis Winney, recalling the fact that Mr. John Cox, the famous old ringer, was born on December 9th, 1813. He died on January 29th, 1885.

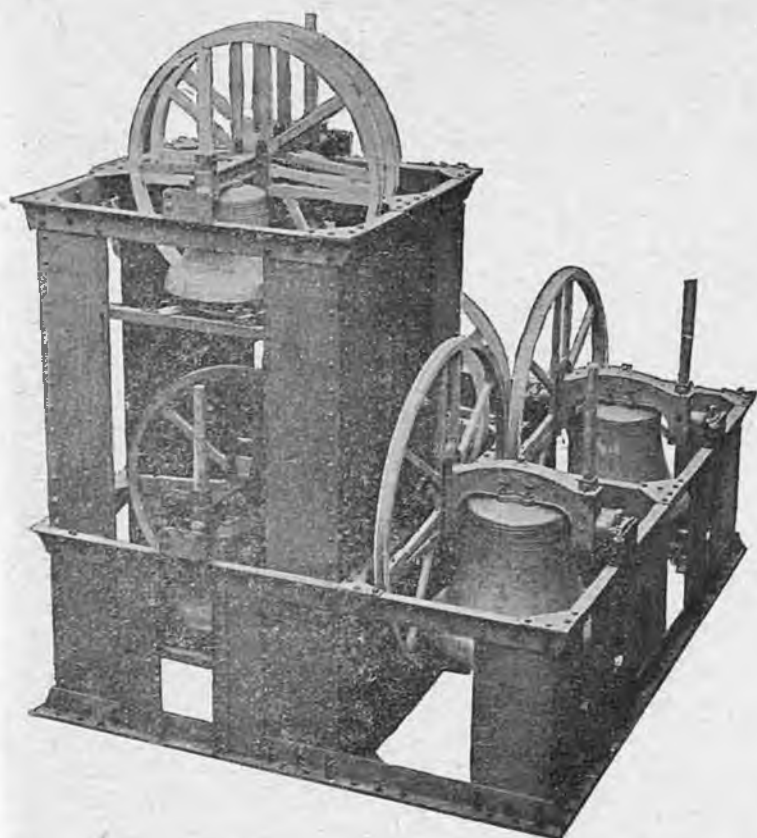
Sherborne Abbey bells, after having been relung, were re-opened on December 9th, 1885, by a band of College Youths. Mr. Winney recalls that their dear old friend, John Murray Hayes, was on the 7th, but the bell hangers' task had not been satisfactorily completed, and Mr. Hayes, despite herculean efforts, had to give up. "It's no go, Jim," said he to Mr. Peltit, who was calling the "Original," and the bells were stopped at 324657. Subsequently Messrs. Ted Horrex and Frank Dave had a turn at the 7th, but had to give in after a lead and a half, but "our powerful friend John," as Mr. Henry Haley used to call Mr. Hayes, rang the bell to 504 of Stedman Triples.

Tuesday last was the anniversary of a record peal rung in the very distant past by the College Youths. In their archives there is the following: "St. Saviour's, Southwark. The company rung on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1735, a complete peal of 8008 Grandsire Cinques, being the longest peal that has ever been done on twelve bells, and in 6 hrs. and 25 mins. it was performed: William Pickard 1, Samuel Lee 2, John Dearmor 3, James Watson 4, Robert Mobbs 5, Samuel Jeacocke 6, John Ward 7, John Trenell 8, George Elton Hill 9, Benjamin Annable 10, John Cundell 11, Richard Spicer, Matthew East and R. Wendleborough 12. Mr. Benjamin Annable call'd bobs."

An anniversary falling to-day is that of a peal of "5040 changes of that intricate Method of Norwich Court Bob," rung at St. Michael's at Coslany, Norwich, on December 18th, 1815, "without the misplacing of a bell or the repetition of a single change. The peal was conducted by Mr. Robt. Chesnutt with his accustomed precision, and the bold and regular striking reflects great credit on the ringers, after which a short length of that ingenious and Harmonious Peal, Stedman Triples, was rung by the same company." The tablet is still, we believe, in the belfry at St. Michael's, and it records that "this board was erected by the churchwardens to commemorate the above Display of Genius in the extensive science of Campanologia."

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On December 13th, for morning service, a touch of Bob Major, and for the Men's Service in the afternoon, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. Sampson 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, P. G. Potter 8. These touches were rung on the occasion of the new Bishop's first visit to Leiston.





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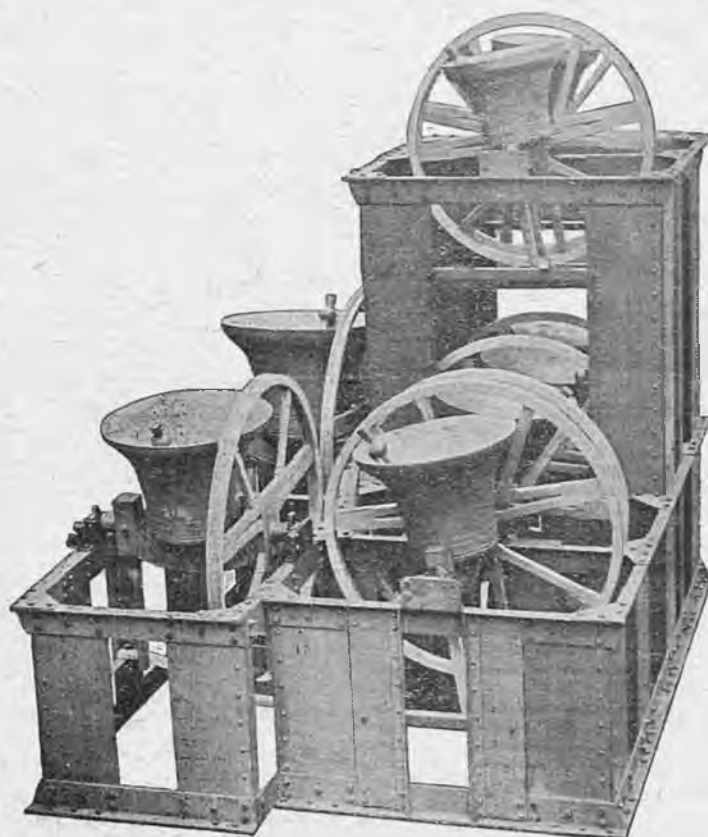
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## NOTICES.

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**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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7. Reports (to life members, 6d. each) are now ready. Members' subscriptions are now due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, December 19th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 4.30; Meeting to follow.—E. F. Burgess, Hon. Secretary, Taunton.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The monthly meeting of the society will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, December 19th, 1914. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 in the Schools, Otley Road.—William Barton, Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. Reports now ready.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for business will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, December 22nd; for Handbell practice, on Thursday, December 31st; all at 8 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due and should be paid before February 28th next.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Saturday, December 26th. The Dean will preside at the business meeting to be held in the Schoolroom at 4 o'clock. The Cathedral bells (8) are available during the afternoon and evening, also the bells of St. John's, Cardiff (10).—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon, Hon. Secs.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Peal of ten (24½ cwt.) available 3.30 to 7.30.—Sam Thomas, Secretary pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—Annual meeting at Bagshot, Saturday, January 2nd. The new peal of eight bells are available by special arrangement from 3 p.m. Tea at Institute 5.45 p.m. Visitors from other Associations and Guilds heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 113, Angell Road, Brixton, S.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915. Bells available from 3.30. Service, with short address by the Vicar, at 5.30. Tea, 6d. each, in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. Members requiring tea should notify me by Wednesday, December 30th, so that proper arrangements can be made.—H. Rumens, Honorary District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at E. Farleigh on Saturday, January 9th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m., short service in church 5 p.m.—K. W. Mumford, Honorary Secretary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—May I ask all members whose subscriptions are outstanding to pay the same in at once, either to the local secretary, or to me, as all members owing two years on the 31st inst. will be struck off according to rule.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—All communications for the present to be addressed to Mr. R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol, who has kindly consented to act as Hon. Secretary in my absence.—W. A. Cave, Hon. Secretary.

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## A YOUNG BAND OF RINGERS.

### HOW TO REPLACE THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED THE COLOURS.

The war has sadly depleted the ringers in many of our towers, and from some quarters we hear of the bells being silent owing to there not being enough hands to ring them.

This might be overcome if the plan adopted at Bradpole, Dorset, were more generally adopted. As soon as they found their numbers dwindling they immediately took steps to introduce young lads and boys to replace those of an age able and willing to serve their country.

To such good effect has this been carried into operation that at this tower there is now a band able to ring the peal of eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.), whose average age is only 14 years, made up as follows:

Charles Lathby, 11 years 7 months; William Stiby, 12 years 11 months; Harold Corbin, 13 years 2 months; Edward Hartnell, 13 years 5 months; Thomas Stiby, 14 years 7 months; Frederick Elsworth, 15 years; Stanley Vining, 15 years 6 months; Roy Langford, 15 years 10 months; total, 112 years, average 14 years exactly. Surely this must be almost a record!

The call to arms has taken no fewer than eight members from the tower of Hurst, Berks. Efforts are being made to fill up the gaps with ladies, two of whom can already take their places in rounds on Sundays, and five others are learning.

**DEAL.**—On Oct. 24th, at the Parish Church, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. H. C. Castle (foreman of the Deal Parish Church company), 720 Bob Minor: J. Axon 1, A. Long 2, E. Kemp 3, G. Fenn 4, L. Ladd 5, J. Trinder (conductor) 6.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**BREDENBURY.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: J. Passey (first 720, age 15 years) 1, H. Lambert 2, W. Clements 3, W. Watkins 4, R. Bethel 5, A. Tomkins (conductor) 6.

**EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, 1260 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: J. P. Maxfield 1, E. Collingburn 2, J. H. Bartram 3, A. T. Winter 4, E. Miles 5, J. Sagar, junr. (composer and conductor) 6, T. Spurr 7, H. Warburton 8, G. R. Winter 9, G. Joynes 10.

**BRECON.**—Hereford Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, October 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Watkins 1, S. Brooks 2, G. Giblin 3, Pte W. White (3rd S. Wales Borderers) 4, A. Matthews 5, W. Hargest 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8.—On Sunday evening, October 25th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Powell 1, S. Watkins 2, G. Giblin 3, W. Fletcher 4, R. Kinsey 5, A. Matthews 6, W. Hargest 7, W. Evans (conductor) 8.—On October 29th, on handbells, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Powell 1, S. Watkins 2, W. Fletcher 3, G. Giblin 4, A. Matthews 5, C. Beech 6, W. Hargest 7, W. Evans 8. Also 315 Stedman Caters.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 1st, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Powell 1, S. Watkins 2, G. Giblin 3, W. Fletcher 4, C. Beech 5, A. Matthews 6, W. Hargest 7, W. Evans (conductor) 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: S. Watkins 1, S. Brooks 2, C. Beech 3, R. Kinsey 4, A. Matthews 5, W. Fletcher 6, W. Hargest (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8.

**WALSOKEN.**—On Oct. 21st, 720 of Bob Minor: F. W. Carter 1, Stanley Andrews 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sergeant 4, T. Allen 5, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 6. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. Joseph Storey, a much-respected member of this band.

**WEST RETFORD.**—North Notts Association. — On Oct. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Michael's Church, in 44 mins., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. V. Sydney Woods, of Maryfield, Retford, to Miss A. M. Cossey, of Erindene, Birchington, Kent, the wedding taking place at St. James' Church, Piccadilly, London: C. Blagg 1, W. Gibson 2, F. A. Blagg 3, G. Turner 4, R. Potter 5, J. L. Blagg (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells since the tower was restored in November, 1913.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 25th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, also two courses Bob Major: J. Shaw 1, J. Rookwood 2, T. Kendall 3, A. King and Gunner W. Ayre 4, Pte A. P. Wakley 5, W. Payne 6, Pte H. Walker 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte H. Walker, 5th Bedfordshire Regiment, who was home on leave before going abroad, also Pte A. Rookwood, of the same regiment, both of whom are members of the local band.

**TOTTENHAM.**—All Hallows' Society.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, Oct. 25th, at the Parish Church, Tottenham: W. W. Dickenson 1, H. A. Barnett, senr., 2, H. A. Barnett, junr., 3, C. Rochester 4, H. Fowler (Castle Ashby) 5, H. Ellis 6, C. A. Button (conductor) 7, F. Roper 8. H. A. Barnett, late secretary of the society, is now over with the Canadian contingent (19th Alberta Dragoons).

**HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On Oct. 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Busby 1, C. H. Edwards 2, R. Devenish 3, E. Devenish 4, F. Price 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8. Mr. C. H. Edwards hails from Westbury-on-Trym, and will attain his 80th birthday in December. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells since they were rehung.—On Wednesday, Nov. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: C. H. Edwards 1, H. Harvey 2, R. Devenish 3, W. White 4, J. Martin 5, J. Gould (conductor) 6, F. Price 7, C. Jeffries 8.

**WISBECH.**—On Oct. 29th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: Robert Crofts 1, Arthur Wenlock 2, Stanley Andrew 3—4, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 5—6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Stanley Andrews, a great friend of all the ringers.

**THANET.**—At St. Lawrence Church, on Nov. 3rd, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornton 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, J. Hiseock 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, A. E. Jarman 6, E. Pantony (first 504) 7, J. Jarman 8.

**FULMER, BUCKS.**—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 8th, 360 Grandsire Doubles: A. Akerman 1, J. H. Bailey 2, G. Gutteridge 3, E. Harding 4, K. G. Hawkins 5, D. Webb 6. Rung after a memorial service, with the bells half-muffled, in respectful memory of Lieut. Nigel Legge Bourke, of the Coldstream Guards, son of Col. Sir Henry and Lady Legge, of Fulmer Gardens, who was killed in action during the week.

**THETFORD, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, for morning service, 672 Bob Major, by: Walter Radley (Bury St. Edmund's) 1, Frederick Dewell (Bury St. Edmund's) 2, Alfred Macro (Thetford) 3, Percy Fordham (Mildenhall) 4, Herbert Mason (Attleborough) 5, Thos. Fitzjohn, Thetford (conductor) 6, Edgar Hunt (Shropham) 7, Chas. Woodcock (Bury St. Edmund's) 8.

**IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.** On Monday, Nov. 9th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, for the election of Mr. John D. Cobbok as Mayor, several touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal; also three courses of Stedman Cinques: J. Motts (conductor) 1, F. O. Lambert 2, R. H. Brundie 3, R. H. Hayward 4, W. Motts 5, W. Kinsey 6, J. Rose 7, C. A. Catchpole 8, H. C. Gillingham 9, C. J. Sedgley 10, A. S. Boar 11, W. L. Catchpole 12. The above is the first touch Stedman Cinques by Drill Instructor Sergt. F. O. Lambert, who comes from Halesworth, and now is on duty at Ipswich with recruits.

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