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Gentlemen,

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MODERN WORK.

## RINGERS' GIFTS.

When, a fortnight ago, we made a special request to ringers to raise the amount which had been collected through "The Ringing World" for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, to one hundred guineas before the first anniversary of the first appeal made through our column, we did not anticipate that the sum would be reached within a week. But, as we were able to announce last Friday, the amount asked for was realised in that time by the contribution of several small, but none the less welcome donations, and the generous gift of Mr. Robert Warner. It is, we feel, a great credit to the Exercise that a substantial sum like one hundred guineas should have been given to the Prince of Wales' Fund through this one channel, because, as we know, many bands have given in other directions. Local funds have claimed their aid, while in the case of numerous individual ringers they are giving, many of them, weekly to workshop and similar collections. For that reason they have not been able to come into the Ringers' Fund.

We are now on the way to that second hundred guineas, which the balance of Mr. Warner's gift gave a start to, and we hope to see it rise rapidly. That all the help that can be obtained will be wanted is unquestionable, for it is not so much now as later on that the effects of the war upon the people of this country will be felt. It is not pessimism to face facts, and without doubt there will be a great strain upon the nation generally, and real distress among the poorer classes—who in ordinary times have a big struggle to live—when the war is over, even if that be within a reasonably short time. In addition, there will be, unhappily, only too many physically broken by the war for whom help will be needed. Indeed, war's aftermath is bound to try the nation severely. At the moment, therefore, when, comparatively, the majority of the people in the country are finding ample employment, is it not a time to think, not only of our own future, but of the future of those less well favoured than ourselves?

We have referred to the help which is being given to funds outside that which we have raised. Much is being done in that direction, and will doubtless continue to be done. In order that there may be a record of the help which ringers have thus given in answer to the many patriotic appeals that the war has called forth, we hope some day to be able to collect a summary of these gifts. The time, of course, is not yet ripe for this, but when it is we have no doubt we shall be able to rely upon the kindness of the various tower secretaries to assist us in the matter. In the meantime we must go on helping, and we trust that many more hands will see to it that they appear in the columns of "The Ringing World" as subscribers to the National Relief Fund.

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## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

On Saturday, July 10, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

* WILLIAM WALTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES SEDDON ... .. 5
* DAVID HINDLEY ... .. 2	ALBERT WALLWORK ... .. 6
GEORGE MORRIS ... .. 3	JOHN HOWARD ... .. 7
THOMAS LINGARD ... .. 4	JOHN EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

\* First peal. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late James W. Hindley, formerly a member of the above tower.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1915, in Two Hours,

IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

CORPL. W. R. JOHN POULSON 1—2 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3—4

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This peal was arranged for Corporal W. R. J. Poulson, of the 6th Suffolk Cycle Corps, now stationed at Marsh Chapel, Lincs.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 10, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At 49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1—2 | GEORGE R. PYE ... 7—8

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10

ERNEST PYE ... 5—6 | WILLIAM PYE ... 11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: E. F. PIKE.

This composition contains the 6th 24 times behind the 7th in the titums, and 14 times behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position, and is now rung for the first time.

## NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

Another 'whip-round' at a meeting is included in the list of contributions sent this week. We hope we may have further donations of the same sort to acknowledge from other meetings that are to be held.

The following amounts have been received since our last issue:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	106	17	6
Pte. Tom King, N.R. (Spitalfields Foundry Guild) ... ..		2	0
Tom King, junr. ... ..		1	0
Ringers of the Parish Church, Rammoor, Sheffield (per Mr F. Ward) ... ..		5	3
Ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin (per Mr. R. J. Curtis) ... ..		10	0
Central Northants Association, collected at Duston meeting (per Mr. F. Wilford) ... ..		10	6
Ringers of St. Peter's Church, Sowerby (per Mr. W. Sutcliffe) ... ..		2	0
The Ringers of St. James' Church, Tong, Yorks (per Mr. G. Bolland) ... ..		6	0
Anonymous, Camberley ... ..		5	0
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>£108</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

A. Wright, of Darley Dale, has been gazetted Second Lieutenant in the 14th Sherwood Foresters.

From St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, Glam., the following are now serving with the Forces:—

1. W. Evans, Glamorgan Yeomanry.  
1. T. James, Glamorgan Yeomanry.  
1. R. Bunstone, R.A.M.C.  
1. D. R. James, Royal Engineers.  
1. W. Smith, Royal Engineers.

## RINGER IN DARDANELLES OPERATIONS.

The brilliant dispatch published last week from Sir Ian Hamilton, describing the terrible landing of our troops in the Dardanelles, was full of the most thrilling interest. Among those who had their share in the fighting was a well-known ringer and a composer of no little merit—Sergeant Fred Holden, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. He is serving on H.M.S. "Implacable," and in writing to the Editor of "The Ringing World" he says: "We did have it warm while the landing was going on. Most of our sailors were away in boats landing troops and gear, and the Marines had to do most of the firing. We did not land, but expected to and were ready. It was a terrible job, and we lost something like 15,000 killed, wounded, etc., in the first 24 hours—it was like hell, real."

"I will just briefly describe our special job. At Lemnos the transports assembled, and some of the fleet waited there and rehearsed the landing. One evening we had about 750 Lancashire Fusiliers come aboard, and they were our guests for just a few hours. We had about 25 sergeants in our mess, and had a bit of a banquet (non-intoxicant, I may add), and afterwards they had hardly any sleep, talking of the morning, which was the last which many of them would see dawn. I am not very soft-hearted in many respects, but we felt something like Judases entertaining those chaps."

"During this time the ships had weighed, and we were proceeding to a spot near Cape Helles, arriving before dawn. Our soldier chaps got settled in our boats and pulled, or rather towed, to the lee side, and we went in within about 500 yards and played up 'merry hell' with the surrounding cliffs. (Do you know the coast line between St. Leonard's and Bexhill? Well, very much like that). So thorough was our searching fire that our soldiers made an effective landing, very few getting 'winged' for a start. It was a sight to see those chaps nip out of the boats, and no stopping till they reached the top of the cliffs. I admire those fellows; they were fit, no mistake. Sir Ian Hamilton did not choose the wrong covering party, but they 'copped out' then and lost terribly, but they held on and allowed the troops and guns to land. I heard afterwards that not many of the 750 escaped unwounded. A few of our sailors were 'winged' in boat work, and our Fleet Surgeon was shot dead on our own quarter deck. Poor chap, he was just going to land to act as P.M.O., on our beach, and had organised his staff. He was a man whom we can least spare—but it was to be."

"We stayed and pumped tons of metal into Achi Baba for about a fortnight, and then got a sudden swish to Malta. We got some slight damage done from the forts one day whilst doing a bit up inside the Straits, but nobody 'dipped'."

"While lying in Malta for a few days, we had 36 hours' leave. I went over to see the peal of six, which are a nice little peal by Mears, 1841, but they have never been rung, although they are hung for ringing, owing to the tower being so frail. They are chained (after a style). Of course, I have been there before, in 1906-8. This time I chimed Bob Minor and Doubles, and felt very proud. I went in to the service after. We only stayed in Malta a few days—a proper sailor's paradise that place and very interesting in the way of churches. I always look forward to going there. We are now having a decent time and a rest after our 'Dard's' experience, but we are still 2,000 miles away from home."

## 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, LEICESTER.

continued

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34256	—	—	—	—	32645	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—	26345	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—	32564	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—	25364	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—	32456	—	—	—	—
26534	—	—	—	—	23654	—	—	—	—
52463	—	—	—	—	62435	—	—	—	—
24563	—	—	—	—	24635	—	—	—	—
52346	—	—	—	—	62543	—	—	—	—
23546	—	—	—	—	25643	—	—	—	—
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## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## ENJOYABLE MEETING AT PERSHORE.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Pershore on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Worcester, Malvern, Upton-on-Severn, Madresfield, Evesham, Hampton, Teddington, Bretforton, Eckington, etc. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. R. Newman (general secretary of the Association), R. G. Knowles (secretary of the Western Branch), C. Camm (Ringing Master of the Western Branch), H. Middleton (Ringing Master of the Southern Branch), W. C. Jones and E. Barber, auditors for the Association, E. Gibbs (Hanley Swann), and D. Brearley, of the Sheffield District Association.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Philips) officiated at the service which was held, and had, as he described it, a few words of brotherly talk with the ringers.

Tea, which was to have been served on the Vicarage lawn, was, owing to the threatening weather, partaken of in the Mission Hall, about 50 sitting down. A business meeting followed, at which the Rev. A. H. Philips presided, and at which the Vicar, and Messrs. G. F. Hooper and D. T. Towers (churchwardens of Pershore), and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice, Vicar of Great Hampton, were elected honorary members. Two performing members were also elected.

It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal on the Abbey bells, with Mr. J. Dolphin as conductor. It was also resolved to arrange a united practice meeting at Great Comberton, with the approval of the Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon Peile.—It was further decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the branch at Overbury.

On the proposition of Mr. J. R. Newman, votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells and for arranging the service; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who had so kindly prepared it and waited upon the visitors. Needless to say this was carried with acclamation.—The Vicar briefly replied, and expressed the hope that it would not be long before the Association paid them another visit.

Apologies for absence were read from Archdeacon Peile, the Rev. W. Lea, the Rev. E. Baileman, the Rev. F. R. Lawson, the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice, and Dr. Woodward, of Pershore. The bells of St. Andrews Church and the Abbey were available, and both were utilised, touches in standard methods being rung, including Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman.

## RINGER'S PLUCKY DOUBLE RESCUE.

## MAN AND BOY SAVED FROM THE THAMES.

An extremely plucky action, which undoubtedly saved two lives, was performed the other day by Corporal Percy Edward Clark, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and one of the ringers at St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, where his father is assistant vergers and caretaker. Corpl. Clark is now stationed at one of the Royal Naval Air Depots, and was on the Thames bank between Kew and Richmond when the exciting incident happened. His attention was attracted by the cries of some women for help, and rushing to the spot he saw a man in the water, evidently in a helpless position. Divesting himself only of his jacket Corpl. Clark jumped into the water, and, reaching the man, swam with him to the bank, where he was got out of the water in an exhausted state. Corpl. Clark then saw a little boy in the water, and courageously returned to his rescue. Once he lost hold of the boy, but managed to find him again, and brought him to the bank. The tide was running strongly at the time. Corpl. Clark helped to restore animation in the rescued, who eventually came round little the worse for the adventure, while happily their rescuer suffered no ill effects. It appears that the boy while playing by the waterside fell in, and the man, although unable to swim, waded in and tried to save the child, but, when nearly up to his neck, was swept off his feet by the stream. Corpl. Clark's plucky rescue saved both lives, and it is hoped his bravery will be fittingly recognised by the authorities. Before being called up as a reservist last August, Corpl. Clark was acting as caretaker of the Ealing County School.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Brigg on Saturday, when a good muster of ringers and friends were present from Gainsborough, Kirton-Lindsey, Scunthorpe, Barnetby and Bigby, in addition to some of the local company. The bells, a very musical ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in various methods, including Grand-sire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tea was provided at Mr. Spencer's, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. T. Ladd presided.—One new member (Mr. G. T. Ella, Scunthorpe) was elected.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the chairman, concluded the meeting.—The best thanks of the visitors are also due to Mr. F. W. Atkinson, junr., for making the necessary arrangements, and to the host and hostess for the splendid repast which they provided on the occasion.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's, for the anniversary of the King's Coronation, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: J. Law 1, J. Crowder 2, T. Taylor 3, A. White 4, C. N. Walker 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.



# GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

## SERGT.-MAJOR W. A. CAVE'S RESIGNATION AS SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at St. Phillip's Church, Bristol, on Saturday. The bells were started at three o'clock. At the service, which was held an hour later, a very interesting address was given by the Rev. — Wibby, of West Bromwich, who is taking duty during the absence of the Vicar. The preacher spoke, in the course of his address, of his early days spent at Gloucester and his attempt at change ringing. He, however, did not get any further than call changes. In conversation with the hon. secretary after the service, it transpired that they were both singing the National Anthem on the top of the fine old tower of Gloucester Cathedral at 8 a.m. on the occasion of the late Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887, the rev. gentleman being then a boy in St. Luke's choir, while Mr. Wilkins had just been ringing in the belfry underneath.

After service an adjournment was made for the school where tea was provided, 50 members sitting down, including the late Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. It was hoped Mr. C. E. D. Bentflower would have been with the members, but something unforeseen happening, he was prevented.

Tea over, the meeting followed, the Master, Mr. F. K. Howell taking the chair. An interesting letter was read from Sergt.-Major W. A. Cave, R.E., who (as most letters from the front say) is "somewhere in France," wishing the meeting every success, and suggesting that the Association had better elect a fresh secretary in his place. He also informed the St. Stephen's ringers that a late member of their company, E. Kidler, was lance-corporal, and with Mr. Cave's company.

The re-election of Mr. F. K. Howell as Master of the Association was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey. This brought up a discussion as to whether the Mastership should be considered as a permanent office for the occupant, or whether it should go round. It was eventually agreed that it should be held for two years, and that the next Master should be selected from another part of the Diocese.—Mr. Howell was thereupon re-elected unanimously.

Mr. Wilkins was proposed as hon. secretary, but said it would be waste of time to go on with his election, as he was too busy to fulfil the office. He, therefore, proposed Mr. R. W. Hyner, of Swindon, and Mr. S. Abrahams seconded.—Mr. Hyner, being present, agreed to accept the position, and his election was carried with acclamation. The writer thinks the Association is very fortunate in getting such a good man in Mr. Cave's place.—The Master proposed the Rev. H. A. Cockey as hon. treasurer, and this, having been seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was carried.

## FUNDS TO BE INVESTED IN WAR LOAN.

The balance sheet was presented, and proved the Association to be in a very satisfactory condition financially, there being a good balance at the bank.—Mr. Wilkins proposed, and Mr. W. Short seconded, that part of the balance be invested in the War Loan, and this was carried.

At a meeting held in the Stroud branch it was recommended that all members serving in His Majesty's Forces be exempt from further contributions to the funds of the Association, and be made life members, but the members present at the annual meeting thought this would be going too far, considering that, when all the names were in, it would be found there were well over 100 members serving. Therefore, on the proposition of Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. F. G. May, it was agreed that members with the colours should be exempt from further contribution during the period of the war.—It was proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and seconded by Mr. Wilkins, that Rule 3 be altered, and that the end of the financial year for the branches should be December 31st instead of November 21st.—This was carried. It was also agreed that the reports be printed as usual.

A vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of the Master, seconded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, to the Vicar of St. Phillip's for the use of the church and bells, also to the Rev. Wibby for the address.—The Rev. Wibby responded, saying how pleased he was to be with the members.

Through the hurry to get back to ringing, a vote of thanks to Mr. W. A. Cave for the energetic way he had worked for the Association was omitted. The writer knows the difficulties Mr. Cave had to contend with, and during the five years he was secretary, he had turned a deficit into a balance of between £60 and £70. This vote must be reserved for Mr. Cave's (we hope) safe return. All the members were pleased to see Mr. F. G. May with them again, after an illness of nearly four months, and hoped it would not be long before he would be in his usual place again. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. P. Williams, of St. Phillip's; Mr. J. Richmond, of St. Nicholas' and Mr. F. Porch, of St. Peter's, where touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

## AN APPEAL TO LADIES.

A quarterly meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday week at Stroud Parish Church, when the record number of 41 ringers attended. The Master (Mr. F. K. Howell) and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies

being among those present. The bells were raised in peal at 3.30, and various touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung till 5 p.m., when service was held. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies took the first portion, which included special ringers' prayers and hymns. Canon Proctor gave an earnest address.

By the kind invitation of Canon Proctor all were entertained to tea at the Church Rooms, and a pleasant time was spent. A business meeting followed, presided over by Canon Proctor. Two new members were elected, and Horsley was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, and Bisley and Haresfield for the monthly meetings.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Proctor for his kindness to the Association at all times, and for allowing the members the use of the church bells and also for his excellent and practical address.—Canon Proctor, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome such an excellent and zealous body of church workers.

The Vicarage gardens were thrown open to the ringers, and all appreciated the pleasant walks round them and listening to the musical touches rung on the bells.

Amongst the visitors were two lady ringers from Dursley, who rang on both eight and ten bells during the afternoon and evening. Holt showed an excellent command, and rang a good course of Grandsire Triples.—The Master made an earnest appeal to ladies to come forward and assist in the ringing of the church bells now that so many of the ringers have enlisted in His Majesty's Forces. He said he was sure they would be heartily welcomed at the different towers, and would find ringing the church bells highly instructive and interesting.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

### A COLLECTION FOR THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Dunsen on Saturday. Ringers put in an early appearance, and touches of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Ireble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was served at the Squires Inn, about 48 members being present from All Saints', St. Peter's and St. Giles', Northampton; Weston Favell, Ecton, Earl's Barton, Bough-ton, Castle Ashby, Kingshorpe, Harlestone, Rothorpe, Welington, Hardington, etc.

After tea, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Pearson), supported by Mr. J. Clarke, Towcester.

The following officers for the district were elected: Mr. J. Clarke, vice-president; Mr. T. Law, district secretary; Messrs. F. Hopper, A. Mawby, J. Dean, W. Clarke, E. Jones, committee. The Rev. W. Pearson and the Rev. A. J. Woodhouse were elected hon. members, and two new ringing members from Ecton were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Moulton.

On the motion of Mr. T. Law, seconded by Mr. Clarke, it was unanimously resolved that a collection be taken for the "Prince of Wales' Fund" and forwarded through "The Ringing World." The proposal was heartily responded to.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. Pearson for the use of the bells, the Vicar's reply bringing a very successful meeting to a close.

## BIRMINGHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday the ringers of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, held their annual outing at Boldmere, near Sutton Coldfield. Ringing was delayed till after four o'clock owing to a funeral at the church, but subsequently touches of Grandsire Triples, two six-scores of Doubles and a few courses of Bob Minor were rung. Tea, to which ample justice was done, was provided at the Park Cafe.—The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for again entertaining them, and this was seconded by Mr. Coley, and supported by Mr. Perry.—The Vicar, in acknowledging the vote, remarked that he was pleased with the regular attendance of the ringers and with the ringing recently, and hoped it would continue.

The party afterwards paid a visit to Sutton Park, and enjoyed a voyage on the "Foam," after which an inspection of the huts, which have been erected for the City Battalions, took place. The men had made small gardens in front of some, others had named them with such titles as "The Dew Drop Inn," "Abode of Love" and "Ot-az-el," etc. Darkness at last caused a "retreat home."

## RINGERS' GIFT TO VICAR.

The members of the Lindfield, Sussex, band, have presented a silver bell inkstand (supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking) to their departing Vicar (the Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne), as a token of their appreciation of his kindness to them during his long stay of 29 years in Lindfield. The gift was inscribed: "Presented to the Rev. E. F. D'Auvergne, by the bell ringers of Lindfield. June 20th, 1915." In accepting the present, the reverend gentleman thanked the ringers for their most useful gift, and for their past services.

As a farewell touch to the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on June 30th, in 44 mins., by: F. Howell (first quarter) 1, R. Hodder 2, H. Tomsett 3, H. J. Gravett 4, A. Tomsett 5, G. Tomsett (conductor) 6, T. Stringer 7, E. Patching 8.

**A YORKSHIRE EXCURSION.****HEADINGLEY SOCIETY VISIT PICTURESQUE KILDWICK.**

The Headingley St. Michael's Society had their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited the village of Kildwick on the Aire, in the Craven district of Yorkshire. Mr. Geo. Bolland (vice-president of the Yorkshire Association) was of the party, also Mr. Tom Maude, Mr. John McKell, of Gargrave, and Mr. Geo. Robinson, a former member of the St. Michael's Society. The visitors arrived by the 1.15 p.m. train, and in the course of their walk to the village had an opportunity of admiring this pretty part of the Aire Valley, all vegetation being very fresh after the recent welcome rain. Severely planted on the hillside, the village nestles amidst ample foliage, and presents a perfect picture of rural comfort and happiness; the finishing touch being given by the grand old church, locally known as the "Laug Kirk in Craven," but it should be called the "Cathedral of Airedale," owing to its long connection in history. Just across the valley are the Cloth Mills, where the Dale folk gain their daily bread, under ideal conditions. When they lift their eyes from work it is to look out upon the beautiful in nature and not the sordid surroundings of a big city. Their leisure, too, can be spent in daily communion with things that soothe the mind and tune the nerves aright.

A glance at the map of Yorkshire shows that the north-western portion of the county could very well be called "The land of the five rivers," for here are five nearly parallel valleys, Yoredale, Niddersdale, Wharfedale, Airedale and Calderdale, each with its characteristic scenery and associations. Kildwick occupies an important part of the Aire Valley, and has no doubt witnessed some stirring times in bygone days. At the time when England and Scotland were separate kingdoms the Scots ravaged these northern valleys many times, especially after Bannockburn and Kildwick would suffer with other places from pillage, and quite certainly the church would be plundered on each occasion. But better times were in store for the people, and as we cross the ancient bridge built in 1305 A.D. by the Canons of Bolton Abbey, we think of the peaceful days following, when these lovely dales were the homes of a happy contented people under the Monastic system.

**PROMISING MATERIAL.**

The visitors from Headingley were met at the church gates by several members of the local company who gave them a very hearty welcome. The bells were raised in peal, and the first touch was 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Geo. Bolland, the tenor being excellently well rung by one of the local men. Some half-dozen lads in their teens are making good progress under the care of Mr. McKell, and these were put through their first course of Double Norwich, in which they acquitted themselves with credit. With such material as this in the eight-bell towers round, the Craven district will soon become a stronghold for the higher methods. The visitors rang London, Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise, and an attempt for Superlative which failed was a surprise to everyone. The touch par excellence of the day was a very musical one of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. F. Smallwood, the compass and striking being perfect. Three good courses of Double Norwich conducted by Mr. H. Lindsay concluded the ringing, and the bells were ceased in peal in good style.

The tower formerly contained a peal of six, but, acting on the advice of the President and some officials of the County Association, the Vicar and wardens decided to send them to the foundry at Loughborough to be recast, and with new metal added, the result is a very sweet-toned octave in the key of F, and Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on this decided addition to the excellent peals of bells in Yorkshire. The bells have not been formally opened yet, as it is the intention of the Vicar and his committee to delay this function until after the war, when no doubt justice will be done to the occasion, as the Kildwick folk are very proud of them.

The church is a most picturesque structure, has many interesting features, and is manifestly a very ancient home of the Faith. It possesses a number of fragments of several ancient crosses which disclose a high order of workmanship, and has a little Norman work. Its total length is 145ft., and it has no chancel arch. Many architectural features could be dwelt upon, but they may not be of interest to the general reader. The old oak screen work in the chancel is exceptionally good, and the collection of "Jacobean" carving worked into the seats is remarkable. At the west end is a beautiful octagonal font of perpendicular date, and surrounded by carvings of the Passion. Preserved in a glass case with the Deeds of Endowment are two old Bassons, with which the singing was led in pre-organ days.

Kildwick is said to be the church where the parish clerk announced "a Psalm of my own composing," and proceeded to "give out" the first two lines:—

"Ye little hills why do ye skip, and wherefore do ye hop,  
Is it because ye have come to see His Grace the Lord Bishop?"

**WORDS OF THANKS.**

The tower is a sturdy, pleasing structure of perpendicular date, with a turret for approach to the bells, and it adds a degree of picturesqueness to the whole building that is charming to the eye. A story is told of a former Vicar. When building the school, the Board of Education demanded a boarded floor, and he replied, all the children carried their own floor boards on their feet, and sent a specimen of the local clogs, saying, the irons would destroy a wooden floor.

An excellent tea was provided by mine host of the White Lion, to which a company of fourteen sat down, including three of the local

men, the kindness of Mr. Maude in providing two baskets of strawberries being much appreciated, while the rich cream of the district made a dish to be long remembered. Opportunity was taken at the tea tables to recognise the courtesy and kindly interest taken by the local men in the visitors. Mr. Law, *seur.*, replied, and promised to convey the thanks to the Vicar and wardens, and assured the visitors of the pleasure they had derived, and expressed a hope that the visit would be renewed.

A few words of encouragement were addressed to Mr. McKell in the work he has undertaken by establishing practice meetings in this district, and in reply, he thanked the company for his first course of Bristol, just rung. He was reminiscent of happy times in the past, and expressed a hope for a visit to Gargrave in the future.

The handbells were brought into use many times during the excursion, courses and touches in the following methods being rung: Grand-sire Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and Stedman Triples. The following characters worthily upheld their great reputation in this branch of the science, viz., "The Ringing Master," "The Dr.," "The Critic," "Little Mary" and "Father Robinson." The band were ably captained by Mr. H. Lindsay, "a past provincial Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Antidiluvian Buffaloes," and on that account better known to his immediate friends as "The old Buffer." His fatherly eye was continually over the younger members, particularly "Little Mary," and he paid special attention to the Temperance section when the strawberries were about, and made all square when time for drinks was called.

The outing was a great success, and the thanks of the visitors are hereby accorded to all who contributed to the same. The prevailing spirit of the day was that each one tried to give pleasure as well as to receive it.

H. W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the South Western Division of the Essex Association was held at North Weald on Saturday last, and was attended by about 30 members and friends. The bells were available from 3 o'clock, and good use was made of them during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung varying from Grand-sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. One feature of the ringing was a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor rung by six of the now famous peal ringing band of Georges, with Mr. George Dent, of Harlow Common, as conductor.

Twenty-five members sat down to tea, which was provided by Mr. E. Gridley, Master of the local ringers.—The Vicar of North Weald (the Rev. C. S. K. Ryan) presided over the subsequent business meeting, at which Mr. W. Vale, of Chigwell Row, was re-elected a member of the Association.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, was selected as the place for the annual meeting, and it was decided to hold a bye-meeting at Dagenham at the end of August or early in September.

The members present took the opportunity of expressing their sincere wishes to their fellow members who have answered the call to arms.

Mr. G. A. Black proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, and for presiding at the meeting.

The bells were afterwards rung for some time, and everybody went home with the feeling that they had had a very pleasant meeting. The following towers were represented: North Weald, Stansted, Harlow Common, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow; Loughton, Woodford, Chigwell Row, Leytonstone, West Ham, Romford and Barking.

**NORMAN TOWER AT WARGRAVE CHURCH.**

An interesting discovery has been made during the rebuilding of Wargrave Church, which was destroyed by fire caused by Suffragettes last year.

In restoring the tower it was found that the present casing of red brick is a covering or casing of the original Norman tower, which is a very fine example of Norman masonry, and, in the opinion of experts, one of the best discovered up to the present time.

There is no record of the date of the casing of the tower, or by whom the work was done, but apparently it was in the reign of either Henry VII. or Henry VIII.

There has also been discovered a number of interesting vaults under the chancel, of which no mention is made in the church records.

Before the fire the church possessed a peal of eight bells, which were a great delight to the members of the Oxford Guild.

**MUFFLED RINGING AT IPSWICH.**

Muffled ringing took place at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on June 28th (by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Douglas Hamilton), as a last tribute to the memory of Mrs. Mary J. Catchpole, wife of Mr. William L. Catchpole, a much-respected member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, the funeral having taken place earlier in the day. The ringing was also a mark of respect to the late Mr. Robert Brundle, father of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, another valued member of the society. As beadle, Mr. Brundle, *seur.*, was a familiar figure in former years, particularly in the vicinity of St. Matthew's Church. He reached the ripe age of 85 years. The touches rung with half-muffled bells included Grand-sire and Stedman Triples on the back eight.

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## RESTORATION OF FELSTED BELLS.

### NEW OCTAVE FOR ANCIENT ESSEX CHURCH

To-morrow afternoon the restored and augmented peal of bells, which completes the restoration of the Parish Church of Felsted, Essex, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford, and it will doubtless be the occasion of a numerous gathering of Essex ringers. The foundation of the church—dedicated to the Holy Cross—is lost in antiquity, but it is believed to have been founded by Queen Helena. The registers date from 1558 and there are many historic associations with the ancient building. In plan, the church consists of a chancel, nave with double arcade, clerestory, lean-to aisles, south porch and western tower, besides the Rich Chapel attached to the south side of the chancel, and an ancient sacristy, now used as the vestry, on the north side. Various dates of ecclesiastical work are represented in this church; the earliest part probably being

The Architect, Mr. Wykeham Chancellor, of Chelmsford, is to be congratulated on the way in which he has restored the tower; the old plaster has been removed and the windows restored to their original Norman shape. The chancel and nave were restored in 1877 under the vicariate of the Rev. J. C. Cox, and now that the tower is finished the parish possesses a beautiful church of which, not only the parishioners, but the county, may well be proud, the restoration having been fittingly completed by the renovation of the bells. Formerly there were five, three of them cracked and the whole in such a dilapidated condition that they had not been rung for half-a-century. Messrs. Warner & Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, have now installed a new peal of eight hung in one of their new pattern frames. A capital job has been made of the contract and Felsted is in possession of a most handy ring with a tenor of about  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F. Towards the cost, which is about £300, only £50 has so far been subscribed to this particular part of the church restoration. The parishioners have, however, done a great deal, for the other renovations have been paid for. Essex ringers, and



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, FELSTED.

the Norman arch in the tower, and the fine Norman arch which divides the nave from the south aisle, the arcade to the north aisle being of a later date. The windows are for the most part of the decorative period, though some are more recent. On the south side of the chancel is the mortuary chapel of Lord Rich containing the remains of Lord Rich, the founder of the school and almshouses at Felsted, and of others of his family who became Earls of Warwick. Its only monument is that of Lord Rich himself, of exquisite workmanship, and which has now been restored. It is interesting here to note that eleven members of the Rich and Warwick families are buried in the church. Oliver Cromwell is said to have married his wife from Felsted, and four of his sons were educated at the old schoolroom. His eldest son Robert died while at the school and was buried in 1639. There are two well-preserved brasses on the chancel floor: one of a knight, name unknown, in plate armour of the fourteenth century; the other, of Christina, wife of John Bray, who died on the 19th Feb., 1420. The font is early fourteenth century.

members of the Exercise generally, are invited to subscribe to this bell fund, and their contributions will be most gratefully received. They should be sent to the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Doherty).

The inscriptions on the bells are as under, those on the old ones having been reproduced on the new, and all of them bearing the name of the founders:—

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5th.—Miles Gray made me 1638.

6th.—John Waylett London fecit.

Peter Davey and Richd. Stacey 1731. C.W.

7th.—Lester and Pack London fecit 1764.

Peter Sewell and Jas. Brown, ch. wardens,

Tenor.—T Mears London fecit 1815.

Rd. Makin and S. Fitch, ch. wardens.



## METHODS—RULES AND LAWS.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

I can assure Mr. Carpenter that I fully "acknowledge that his contention has something in it," and have always acknowledged it, but I am certain that he does not appreciate my standpoint, and if he will consider my arguments he will find that not only are they true, but they do not in any way warrant the construction that he seems to think some people put on them. It is quite true that at the outset the aim of the Methods Committee was "to draw up rules (not laws) of method construction, by which methods of a certain standard of excellence may be produced." That was in the mind of the Council when the committee was appointed. Some eighteen or twenty years ago a lot of methods were published by people who had no elementary idea of what a good method is, and some of our leading authorities (notably the late Mr. Bulwer) seemed to fear lest these crude and unsuitable productions should swamp the really good ones. Hence the appointment of the committee. There really was no need for fear. The Exercise had managed for a couple of centuries to get on without a Methods Committee to tell it what to ring and has always, in the long run, managed to pick the good and reject the bad; and I am perfectly convinced that it is quite unnecessary to attempt to lay down any rules at all, and I have long since given up all attempts to do anything of the sort. My task has been the humbler, but infinitely more difficult, one of trying to find out why things are as they are; to find out the laws that produce methods, and the laws which say that this method is good and that method is not so good.

For the whole question is one of law, not law like Acts of Parliament which have been laid down by authority at a certain time, and could at any time be repealed by the same authority; but natural law, which as Mr. Carpenter rightly says, "enforces itself and brings its own punishment to those who try to break it." But Mr. Carpenter knows quite well that breach of natural law does not bring punishment to the offender in the same way that breach of statute law does. If you steal a watch and get caught you get fourteen days, but if you build a house and set the proper laws of construction at defiance, when that house collapses it is just as likely to kill or ruin another man as yourself. So that to talk of a "penalty" being attached to breaches of the laws of change ringing does not really help the argument. What I do say is this: that change ringing is produced and developed by natural laws, and these laws do enforce themselves and always have done. This does not in any sense mean that a band cannot, if they choose, ring a "mongrel" method, or that if they do they receive some "punishment." Natural law does not work in that crude and melodramatic fashion. Let us take a case, the one Mr. Carpenter quotes. He says, "Will Mr. Trollope tell us what law there is to prevent a band ringing that excellent though illegitimate method, Union Triples, and what is the penalty for breaking the law?" The answer is easy. There is no such law and consequently no penalty. But there is a law which says that Union Triples is faulty in construction, and that is the law of symmetry.

The law of symmetry is a natural law, and is a law which enforces itself in almost everything in human life. Not only in such obvious cases as architecture and art, but in literature, and music and also in conduct. What it really is and why it should be a law are questions quite beyond me. Whether it is a part of that law of rhythm, which, I believe, Herbert Spencer speaks of as one of the fundamental laws of the Universe, I cannot say. What I do know is that here you have a law which is present everywhere in human activities, and which control almost everything in change ringing.

And does it not enforce itself? Most certainly it does. Union Triples may be an "excellent" method, but it is as dead as mutton. Why? No method had a better start. It was a favourite with the great London ringers of the eighteenth century, it is in the ringing books, and on paper it seems to be almost everything that a seven-bell method should be. But the simple truth is that it has been tried and found wanting. Natural law has enforced itself.

When men say what right have you or any other man to decide what we shall ring and what we shall not ring, and what is to prevent us ringing what we like, I answer: I have no such right and claim no such right, nor has any other man, but you don't ring just what you like. You ring what change ringing gives you, you have to abide by its standards. Try and break away from them if you like, and see what success you will have. There is no one to prevent your putting Union Triples and London Court in the place of Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich, but you don't do it.

Hence it follows that the statement I gave in "The Ringing World" of 18th June is either a statement of change ringing as it is (not as I think it should be), or it is nothing. I do not mean that these are all the qualifications necessary for a good method for that they certainly are not, but they are the really fundamental ones and, because they are fundamental, they are not the most obvious ones. Do not let anyone think that they are restrictions which I am trying to force on an unwilling Exercise. They are merely statements of laws which have always operated since ringing was and will continue to operate, whether you like to recognise them or not.

Note.—Mr. Carpenter says that in paragraph A if I have made a statement which is not true. That paragraph, paraphrased, is that without the continuous connected paths of the bells moving from place to place one step and one step only at a time, change ringing does

not exist; and that is most certainly true. You could produce rows by letting bells skip two or three positions at a time; but that would not be change ringing, at least not our change ringing, and I am concerned only with ringing as it is, not as it conceivably might be.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I looked in your columns last week in vain to find a champion of the Central Council's cause. Attacks which go unanswered frequently leave a bad impression. As a member of the Council I think both your correspondents, "Khaki Lad" and "A Country Ringer" have failed to do the Council all the justice they are entitled to. Unless the Exercise is to consist of so many disintegrated units, each following its own course, with no cohesion in policy, we must have a hub for these organisations to turn upon. The Central Council supplies the pivot, and it cannot be denied that either because of, or in spite of the Central Council—I prefer to think the former—the greatest advance which the Exercise has made has been since the Council has been set up.

I am, however, quite prepared to admit that the meetings are, under present arrangements, sometimes a waste of time, and that the last gathering was one which reached almost the limit of sterility. The ordinary business is cut and dried for us by the Standing Committee, and when the discussions come on, the subjects are usually such that the majority can only sit and listen. I have been told by an outsider that the Council consists of four classes of members: a very minute proportion who understand and can talk, a rather larger proportion who know and can't talk; and the balance made up of those who don't know and can talk, and those who neither know nor talk. This is somewhat scathing, but having been a member for some few years now, I must say I am rather of the same opinion. The number of those who can really grasp these subjects and put their views into words intelligibly is certainly small. Things would be better if the Council dealt with more practical matters, and did not waste so much of its time in discussing theories. On these latter subjects let the experts first agree among themselves. When they do we shall be prepared to accept their dicta, but their efforts at present seem only to be leading us into greater confusion.—Yours faithfully,

AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER.

## MR. A. E. SEERS' PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

### SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

"Robert Stringfellow" writes: "In your issue of May 28th last you publish a very interesting composition—a nine-part peal of Grandsire Triples, by A. E. Seers, of Bath. Would the composer kindly let us know whether the figures as given are correct, and if so, where the row 342567 (2nd part end) is obtained from; also the row 245367, given as the first row of part B, as I am unable to trace them. Also, if part B is to be inserted between the singles in † how does it come that the first row, 245367, is an in-course row? There are other interesting points in the composition which I had hoped some of your correspondents would have drawn attention to ere now."

In order that the questions raised and the explanation given might appear together, we submitted "Robert Stringfellow's" inquiries to the composer, and Mr. Seers' replies will doubtless make the matter clear.

The figures as given are correct, except that the number of leads between the 3rd and 4th bobs of part B is two instead of one, as printed, but the transposition of the rows shows this.

The key to the peal is by following the working of the 7th, which, in each of the three parts A, is called into the same places, and is similarly treated in each of the three parts B. The second part-end, 342567, is, therefore, obtained by calling the 7th into the same positions as in the first part, as far as the second single, when the part-end will run up at a plain lead by omitting the bob at \*. The third and fifth parts are got by the same calling from the 7th as the first part, and the fourth and sixth by the same calling as the second part, the only difference in the two callings being the omission of the last call of the first part.

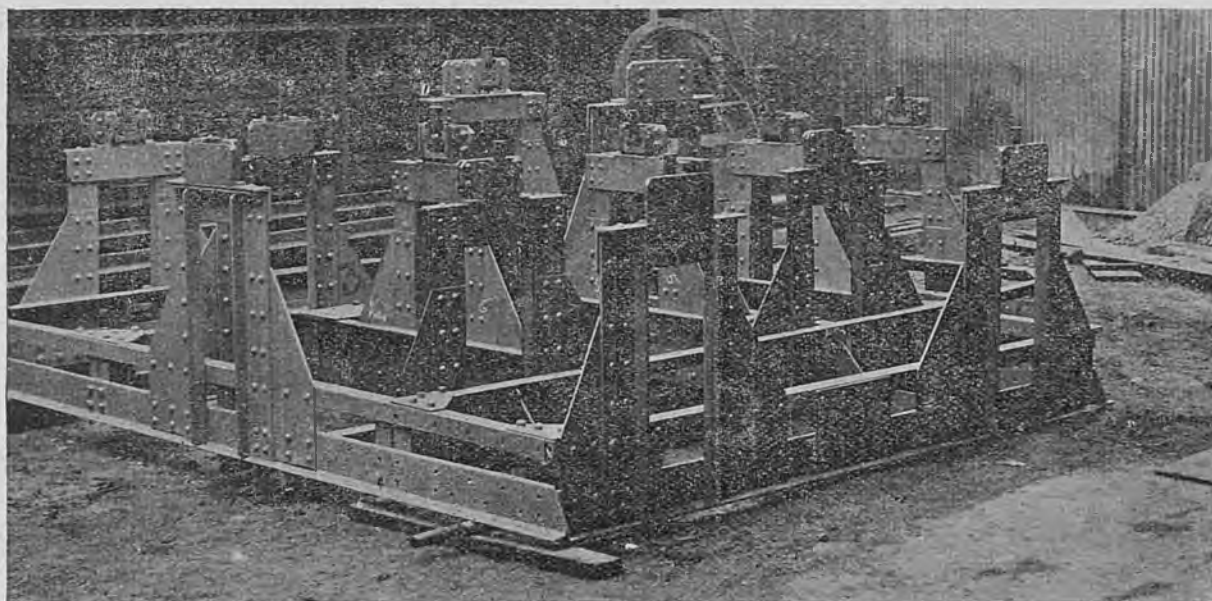
The first row (245367) of the first part of B, is got by calling a single at † 425367 in part A, and it is an in-course row because it is produced by two singles in addition to the bobs. It should be noted that the first call in each of the parts B is a bob with the 7th at Home, corresponding with the call at 245367 mentioned above. The third part-end of B is 573624, and a single at 2 brings up 425367 in the first part of A, which was the point at which the original calling was broken off.

The important point is that the 7th is to be followed as observation bell throughout. No matter where it may be at the part ends, it does exactly the same work in every individual part of either A or B.

## RINGING AT SHOREDITCH.

We are asked to state that the Monday evening practices at Shoreditch Church have not been suspended. There seems to have been some misapprehension on this point since the air raid, but practice takes place every Monday evening at eight o'clock, and visitors are welcome. The historic ring are now in capital going order, and ringers in and around London ought to be glad of the opportunity of regular practice on twelve. Sunday service ringing also takes place each third Sunday at 10 a.m.





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## NOTICES.

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

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meetings will be held at Titchmarsh July 17th, and Earls Barton July 24th. It is hoped members will try and attend these meetings, as important business is to be transacted.—Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, July 17th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) and the Abbey (8) will be open for ringing from 3 to 3.45 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 4. Towers open again from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, July 17th, at 4.30 p.m., and the local ringers at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, have kindly made arrangements if sufficient members wish to have a pull on that peal of six. The business meeting will be held at Highgate, and business affecting the future welfare of the district will be brought forward. Will all members make an endeavour to attend.—L. B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury, N.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Secretary, Sea View, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available from 3.30. A short service will be held, followed by tea, on the usual terms. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The Midsummer meeting of the Central District will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, Dorking (S.E. and C. Railway via East Croydon, L. and B. via Mitcham and Sutton, S.W. via Wimbledon; half-hour service motor bus via West Croydon to Reigate and Reigate to Dorking). Bells 8 (tenor 25 cwt.)—available at 3.30 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.45 in the Church Room (members 3d., visitors 1s.). Short business meeting to follow. Members of Southern District and visitors will be welcome. Ch. Reading, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30. All nominations for branch secretary to be sent in not later than this meeting.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, to-morrow (Saturday), July 17th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on July 20th; for handbell practice on 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, for practice on the 13th and 27th, and for service on the 18th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Prees, Salop, on Saturday, July 24th. Train leaves Shrewsbury 1.50 p.m. Ringing at 2.45 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 24th, 1915. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea at the George and Dragon Inn at 5.45, at 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. By kind permission of the Rector the grounds of the Rectory will be open to members during the afternoon and evening. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 20th.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Castle at 5.30, 9d. per head.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 24th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by Canon Dawson (Rector) and A. F. Nussey, Esq. (churchwarden), in the Village Hall at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Half fares allowed at this meeting. It is particularly requested that all intending to be present at the tea notify me by Tuesday, July 20th, the latest.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Particulars to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The 28th annual festival will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, July 24th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. M. W. Myres, M.A., Vicar of Frodsham. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 24th. Dinner at the Feathers Hotel at 1.15 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The bells at Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Carhampton (6) available all day.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, July 24th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A cycle run to Shareshill (6 miles from Wolverhampton) will take place on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. All are welcome.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual business meeting will be held in the Palmer Hall, West Street, Reading, on Saturday, July 31st, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. H. Middleton, ringing master of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, has removed to 73, Lenchwick, nr. Evesham.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**LONDON.**—On May 23rd, for evening service, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: C. H. Hughes 1, F. Andrews 2, F. Smith 3, T. Walker 4, C. F. Winney 5, W. Bottrill 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, F. Davis 8.

**BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Whit-Sunday, May 23rd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), at St. Mary's Church for the 6 a.m. Communion service: P. J. Brooks 1, L. Verrall 2, A. E. Auscombe 3, J. H. Cox 4, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 5, A. Martin 6.

**UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of the Holy Cross, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Wren 1, F. Tester 2, W. Burrell 3, H. Jenner 4, A. J. Pierpoint 5, W. Jenner 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, F. J. Charnan 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Charnan.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On Empire Day, at St. John's Church, 336 and 291 Grandsire Triples, 336 and 168 Stedman Triples, conducted by Cpl. A. Sheppard (Herts) and Pte H. F. Cooper (Essex). At St. Augustine's, Woodston, three six-score of Grandsire Doubles, 360 Kent, 720 Plain Bob, conducted by R. Rowell and Pte A. Catterwell (Essex). At St. Mary's, 120 Stedman Doubles, 240 Little Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by Pte H. F. Cooper, J. J. Jutson and Pte A. Catterwell. Others taking part were: Pte H. W. Catterwell (Essex), Pte W. Lawrence (Northants), T. Vaughan, F. Cooke, F. Dainty, W. Cross, H. Cole, T. Howling, S. Wright, H. Hoare, senr., H. Hoare, junr., and S. Hoare.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Empire Day, at 6 a.m., at the Parish Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cootie 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. H. Hammond 3, F. Webb 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Pte C. Hughes (2/17 London Rifles) 6, G. Lindridge 7, C. H. Howard (conductor) 8.

**WORCESTER.**—On Empire Day, May 24th, at St. John's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: C. Bowkett 1, W. Ranford 2, T. Howells 3, W. Niblett 4, J. Warran 5, W. Page (conductor) 6.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—St. Peter's Society. — At St. Peter's Church, on Empire Day, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Holme 1, J. Broadbent 2, G. Lowe 3, H. Holme 4, R. Wimpenny 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, D. Wolstencroft 8. Mr. Rolls, a veteran, who was a ringer some 40 years ago, also had a pull.

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