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Yours faithfully, F. T. BLOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RECIPROCITY.

It has been, we need hardly say, a source of much gratification to us to find that, quite unsought, the claims of "The Ringing World" to the support of the Exercise have been prominently brought before ringers of late at some important gatherings. At the Birmingham dinner, as we noted at the time, there was a strong advocacy in favour of ringers giving their individual support to a paper which was essentially "their own," and the policy of being content with one copy for a tower was wholeheartedly condemned. Since then, at the Hertford County Association meeting, similar views found expression in the annual report presented by the hon. secretary, and this week we read of these expressions being endorsed at an important meeting of the Llandoff Diocesan Association. Let us say at once, that we fully appreciate the kindness of those who have thus done us a service in seeking to gain for this journal a wider support, and we value it the more on account of the spontaneity which characterises it.

What is the relationship between ringers and their journal? It ought to be one of mutual help. The Exercise is bound together in a brotherhood that is to be found, we believe, in no other pursuit, and this fraternal feeling has been greatly fostered in the past by the ringing journals, whose services to the Exercise have been very largely responsible for the progress which has been made in the last thirty or forty years. Without these journals much of the knowledge, which is now widespread among ringers, would have been limited to a comparative few; the doings of those who take a delight in our art would remain unknown to the rest of the Exercise; there would have been little or no means of communication between the various organisations, and much of the spirit of emulation which the records of others give could never have been kindled, simply because the information would have been lacking. After all, it is not too much to say that in the last three decades the various papers devoted to the art have been the centre about which the ringing universe has turned, and, looked at from that standpoint, the prosperity of the Exercise depends in no small degree upon having a journal to provide a medium of intercourse. This task is now exclusively discharged by "The Ringing World," and, while we are always anxious to do our best to promote the interests of ringers, there ought to be, as some of the associations have very kindly recognised, an even greater reciprocity on the part of ringers than at present prevails. Every ringer can do his share by becoming a regular weekly subscriber and thus promote the interests of ringing generally, as well as keep himself in touch with the doings of the Exercise.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1916, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WALDER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER SADLER Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	DAVID H. ELLIOTT 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 4	ERNEST NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Arranged for Trumpeter-Major W. Farley, N.S.Y., of Wells, Somerset, who is at present stationed in this district, also as a farewell to E. Newman, who is called up.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 27th, 1916, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	*JOSEPH SMITH 6
*RALPH MOORS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
*ARTHUR WHATMORE ... 4	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of all members of this Association who have fallen in the war, Private Jacob Williams, of the local band, being one.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, May 27, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs., in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	JAMES ROSE 5
WILLIAM MOTTS 2	EDGAR PEMBERTON 6
HAWKINS ENGLISH 3	CHARLES T. SEDGLEY ... 7
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 4	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung with clappers half-muffled as a last tribute to the memory of Charles Albert Ward, Lance-Corporal, 11th Battalion Royal Sussex Regt., who died of wounds in France, April 30th, 1916. Aged 23. R.I.P.

SIX BELL PEAL.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, May 28th, 1916, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores, viz., two six-scores of Stedman and 40 six-scores of Grandsire, with the ten callings in Snowden's book.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs., in A.

WILLIAM BODEN Treble	Sec.-Lt. E. V. Rodenhurst 4
LEONARD HEWITT 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5
WALTER LAGO 3	JOHN ASTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**SPLENDID MEETING AT SUTTON COLDFIELD.**

A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday week. The meeting had been postponed for a month so that the longer evenings would permit more ringing, and, as it happened, the day was a glorious one, the attendance was large, and the privilege was enjoyed to the full.

Sutton Coldfield is a beautiful old town of great antiquity, and so far has managed to retain its rural character, although it is only distant about seven miles from Birmingham, in a north-easterly direction, and to which city it is now a sort of dormitory. Formerly a Royal Manor, it is now a Royal Borough, being incorporated by Charter granted by Henry VIII in the year 1528.

The church is a very ancient structure, and was enlarged and ornamented in the reign of Henry VII. An interesting feature is the record to be seen in the main porch of all the Rectors of Sutton from the year 1250 to the present day. The tower is square and rather squat, its height being between 50 and 60 feet, but by reason of the fact that the church is built on the top of a steep hill it absolutely dominates the whole town, and is a prominent feature in the landscape for miles around. The bells are a noble ring of eight, tenor 24 cwt., and to bask in the shade somewhere in the depths of Sutton Park listening to a well-struck touch or peal—but it must be well struck—is a treat not quickly forgotten.

The said Sutton Park is a natural beauty spot of immense size—about 3,500 acres—which was presented to the town by Bishop Vesey, a native of the Borough and one time Bishop of Exeter, who died in 1555 at the age of 103. His tomb may be seen in the north aisle of the church. Rumour says that the Park is not nearly so large now as it was when pious old Bishop Vesey presented it, but we hope no ringer of Sutton ever helped in the "land-grabbing!" The fortunate inhabitants of the Royal Borough can claim free admittance to the Park to this day, but to "outlanders" there is a charge of 2d.

The bells were going to Stedman when the majority of visitors arrived by the 3.36 train, and from then until 5.30 the belfry was positively over-crowded. At that hour the Guild's form of service was held in the church, and Canon Barnard, the Rector of Sutton, gave a very helpful address.

Tea, to which 67 sat down, was held in the Church House immediately after the service, the Rector taking the chair and being supported by the churchwardens, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and other of the Guild's officers. Canon Barnard remained in the chair for the business meeting which followed, and at which he was later elected an honorary member of the Guild. Seven full ringing members and one life member were also elected.

On the proposition of Ald. Pritchett, seconded by the secretary, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, wardens and others for the way in which they had welcomed the Guild that day, for providing such an excellent tea and for arranging the service; to the organist and choir for their assistance, and to Messrs. Bloore and Charles and Fred Dickens for the interest they had taken in helping to organise the proceedings.

In acknowledging the vote the Rector said it had given him true pleasure to welcome the Guild there, and he was delighted to see such a numerous assembly. He hoped his own band would benefit by the visit, and he should expect them to go ahead wonderfully in the future now that the control of the tower had been placed in the hands of men who knew what good ringing was.—Mr. Marston, people's warden, and Mr. Bloore also responded.

After the meeting the tower bells were again set going, while many stayed to listen to the handbells.

In connection with the latter, it was interesting to see three of the "old uns" (I beg their pardon) sitting down again to Stedman Cinques in the order in which they used to ring more than thirty years ago! These three were Tom Russam, Wm. Kent and Bernard Witchell, the second gentleman having resumed ringing and joined the Guild again after a slight lapse of eighteen years! Truly is it said once a ringer always a ringer.

Solihull was chosen as the venue for the next meeting, which will be held in July.—A.P.S.

FULHAM CHURCH.

It is not often that writers in the daily press show much knowledge of bells, much less do we expect to find them able to mention the number to be found in any particular belfry. But here is a paragraph from the "Office Window" column of the "Daily Chronicle," which at any rate shows an accuracy of detail not often to be found in such quarters: "Fulham Parish Church, which gets a City rector for the new vicar, is a landmark familiar to most people who have seen the start for the 'Varsity boat race. The fine Early Perpendicular tower contains the ten bells which used to infuriate Swinburne—who lived on the opposite side of the river. The interior of the edifice has been much modernised, but contains many monuments and brasses of historic importance, including the altar-tomb of Sir William Butts, the royal physician mentioned by Shakespeare in 'Henry VIII.' In the churchyard are buried numerous Bishops of London, who have held Fulham manor for more than 1,000 years; but these highly-respectable prelates have an incongruous companion in Theodore Hook, the last exponent of the practical joke."

WEST HAM SOCIETY.**PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.**

An interesting little ceremony took place at All Saints' Church on Saturday last, when a good number of ringers assembled for the purpose of unveiling a new peal board to commemorate a peal of Stedman Caters, rung on March 5th, 1914, by W. Doran (conductor) 1, A. Neale 2, W. Truss 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Scholes 5, W. H. Theobald 6, W. W. Miller 7, J. Moule 8, H. Torble 9, G. Potter 10. The 5081 changes occupied 3 hrs. and 24 mins., and the peal was composed by J. P. Bradley.

The honour of unveiling fell upon Mr. G. F. Margetson, of Chigwell Row, who in performing the ceremony said: "We meet to-day in this ancient and venerable tower for the purpose of unveiling the peal board recording the peal of Stedman Caters, and to make the occasion more auspicious we hail this day as the anniversary of the birth of William Doran, who conducted the peal. Let me first wish him many happy returns of the day, even though he has passed the allotted span, and is now entering his 72nd year. No doubt you have chosen me for this honour by reason of my age and my having known Mr. Doran so many years, for I suppose he and I are now amongst the veterans, having joined the Cumberlands and St. James' Society in the late '70's, when John Cox was amongst us. In those days I regarded Wm. Doran amongst the 'Top Hats' of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, that is, as one of the best twelve-bell ringers, and I always recognised him as my superior in change ringing. I am glad to have lived to see his declining years surrounded with so much respect and esteem. He is as devoted to the bells as ever, and no doubt proud of his 'maiden effort' in calling a peal of Stedman Caters. This peal board which I am now to uncover I trust will endure the test of Time, being more durable than the tombstone, which 'the grass hideth and the rain effaces,' and may I hope it will not meet the fate of some, which are relegated to the upper regions of the belfry to give place to more recent performances. The old peal boards are silent monitors and pregnant with useful lessons, and I admire them more than the new. May this board, on which are inscribed the names of most of those present, with Mr. Doran as conductor, remain to future generations a testimony of your triumph and skill in the noble art we cherish."

The memento having been fully exposed to view, Mr. Doran, in a few appreciative words, thanked all present, especially Mr. Theobald, for their successful efforts in getting up the board. The company then indulged in a few touches of Stedman Caters, much to the delight of all those who love the magic dance of figures and sounds, separating with a fervent hope that the end of war is in sight, and peace shall soon be proclaimed. Plenty of ringing to be done then, but where are the ringers?

OLD AMERICAN BELL REHUNG.

A recent issue of the "Boston Globe" gives a picture of Mr. Richard Newton, formerly of Manchester, ringing a famous Boston bell, which was cast by Paul Revere a century ago, and which had hung silent in the tower of the King's Chapel for the past ten years. This year, however, it was rung every day at noon during Lent, and Mr. Newton is portrayed with rope in hand and watched by interested ladies, who are members of the King's Chapel choir. Does this portend more ladies finding their way into the Exercise in America, where, we believe, Dr. Nichols' daughter, Mrs. Shurtleff, is the only ringing member of the fair sex.

The "Boston Globe" says: "After ten years of silence the Paul Revere bell in the tower of King's Chapel has again been pealing the call to worship out of its historical old metal throat. During Lent its tones, familiar to old Bostonians, have been heard every day at noon, inviting the busy passer-by to the noonday service. On holidays the bell will be rung morning, noon and night—a small payment being made by the city for holiday ringing. Expert ringers from the Boston Guild of Change Bell Ringers alternated in ringing the bell."

"The reason for the long silence of the bell was a break in the mechanism, which necessitated its being rehung. This delicate operation Edward F. Gibbon, an expert hanger from the famous Whitechapel Foundry, which cast the predecessor of this bell in 1772, has recently successfully accomplished. This bell, cast in 1816 by Paul Revere at his foundry at Canton, weighs 2437 pounds, and is, with one exception, the heaviest bell cast at the Revere foundry. Its tone is E flat, with minor overtones, and it is celebrated for its beautiful harmonic effects which enable it to be identified even when heard from afar."

"It replaced an English bell hung in 1772 which cracked while being tolled for evensong on May 8th, 1814. A contract was entered into with Paul Revere by which he should take the old bell and allow 25 cents a pound for its metal. He was to mould the new bell in all respects, size, shape, weight and tone, as near as possible like the old one. This he accomplished successfully by using the old metal and adding a little of his own composition. His pay for the new bell completed was at the rate of 41 2-3rds cents a pound. During his lifetime Paul Revere cast 398 bells, of which this was the 161st."

BRIERLEY HILL.—On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) for evening service: R. Matthews (conductor) 1, R. Moors 2, Wm. Potter 3, A. E. Whatmore 4, G. Popnell 5, J. Basg 6, E. Perkins 7, C. W. Cooper 8.

FORTY YEARS A RINGER.

PRESENTATIONS AT QUEENSBURY.

At Queensbury, Yorks, on Saturday week, two interesting ceremonies took place. The first was in the belfry, where a peal board was unveiled. This board tells its own story in the following inscription:—

"Holy Trinity Church, Queensbury. A previous peal of six bells having been recast and augmented to eight, the re-opening and dedication took place on December 14th, 1907, a date touch being rung. Also on Saturday, March 21st, 1908, the same members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers rang the first complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5088 changes in three hours 12 mins., standing as follows: Joe Hardcastle, Bradford, treble; John E. Jenkinson, Huddersfield, 2nd; James Cotterell, Halifax, 3rd; Jonas S. Ambler, Halifax, 4th; James Barraclough, Huddersfield, 5th; Thomas B. Kendall, Shipley, 6th; George B. Bolland, Tong, 7th; Joseph Broadley, Bradford, tenor. The peal was composed by A. Knights, Chesterfield, and conducted by J. Cotterell. R. Pulleine, M.A., Vicar; J. Chatburn, E. B. Drake, churchwardens."

The belfry is not large, but over 50 people were crowded into it. Among them were many past and present ringers, and most of those mentioned on the tablet. Illness prevented Mr. George Bolland (Tong) from attending. After a hymn, and prayer by the Rev. F. W. Bardsley (Vicar), the Rev. R. Pulleine (Bingley, late Vicar) unveiled the peal board, and uttered a few words of dedication and prayer.

GIFTS TO MR. AND MRS. GREGSON.

In the Co-operative Assembly Room, where all retired for tea, after group photographs had been taken, honour was done Mr. Harry Gregson, a ringer at the church for 40 years. The Rev. F. W. Bardsley, presenting him with a silver rose bowl, subscribed for by the ringers and officers, said they could hardly believe that one so young-looking as Mr. Gregson could have been in office 40 years. Many of the ringers seemed robust, but whether it was due to ringing, or that only robust men could ring, he did not know. He was afraid some imagined that ringers were not churchworkers, but they were. Mr. Gregson was not the only one with a long record, and he hoped the young ringers would follow their example and become old stagers. In the name of those who had kindly subscribed to the gift, he made the presentation, hoping Mr. Gregson would be spared for many more years of service.

Mr. A. Hanson, handing Mrs. Gregson a gold pendant, said he had known both of them a long time, and felt sure Mr. Gregson would not have done his duty so well had it not been for Mrs. Gregson.

Mr. Gregson, replying for both, said he could scarcely find words to express their thanks. They would cherish the gifts as long as they lived. It was 41 years since he went as an apprentice, and after ringing twelve months, he was put on for the summer service in 1876. He remembered his first peal of 720 changes of Bob Minor, in 27 minutes, rung by a band of Queensbury ringers, conducted by Mr. Sam Gledhill, who was still with them.

Mr. E. Whiteley, thanking Mr. Pulleine for attending, and subscribers, mentioned that for a man to keep bell ringing over three hours was no little job. The cost of the board was about £3, paid for by the ringers.

RINGERS' FRATERNAL SPIRIT.

The Rev. R. Pulleine, replying, said it was always a tremendous pleasure for him to come to Queensbury. Bell ringing functions were especially happy because he thought in the various orders of church workers there was not the fraternal spirit which was found among bell ringers. They stuck well together, walked from 10 to 20 miles to visit towers, and always seemed to be very brotherly. Other church workers were apt to be too parochial, and in that bell ringers set them an example. A spirit of camaraderie seemed to pervade all their members.

Mr. James Cotterell, hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, on behalf of visiting ringers, said they enjoyed coming to Queensbury because they got such a warm welcome. They felt it an honour to be included in the names on the board.

Councillor W. H. Midgley, also replying, alluded to other ringers, Mr. S. Gledhill, who had served 45 years, Mr. Fred Gledhill and Mr. J. Butterfield, who had left the parish but enjoyed coming up occasionally. Having read a letter from Pte Fred Hoyle, Councillor Midgley said they all thought of the time, which they hoped was not far distant, when they would hear the bells ring out peals of victory and peace, when the menace of German militarism had passed.

Councillor Chatburn having thanked those who had prepared tea, Mr. E. B. Drake, a former warden, hoped they would put alongside the peal board another recording the names of all the ringers from the beginning of the church.

A fitting close to the proceedings were some well-struck touches on the bells.

LIEUT. E. MAURICE ATKINS, R.E.

We are glad to state that Lieut. E. Maurice Atkins, R.E., who was severely wounded in France some months ago, and who has been for some time in hospital in London, is now making splendid progress, although he still has to spend most of his time on his back.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me to make a few observations on the above subject, and also upon what transpired at the meeting of our Association. In supporting the resolution, "Not to send any delegates," I pointed out that the cost of sending these gentlemen during the last ten years had been £42 14s. 4d. Of this enormous sum over £20 has been paid out to the present delegates of the Eastern Division, £11 to the Central Division, and £6 to the Western Division. I should state of the present delegates of the Central and Western Division that this is their first term of office, and £5 of the total has been Council fees.

Now, what I want to know is, are we justified in spending the money in this manner? I say "No," emphatically. In my opinion, it should be spent in the advancement of change ringing, which should be the primary object of every Association, not on providing outings for privileged individuals.

The General Secretary, in his report of the meeting, says it might be found necessary to send only one or two members. If this is the case, why did he not put an amendment to this effect, when challenged to do so by me. I would have supported it, and the whole thing would have been settled. He then goes on to say that a central body is necessary, but he does not say what for.

The Central Council have no more power over any individual ringer or tower than I have, and to spend the money of an Association in this manner, and get not the slightest benefit, is one of the most scandalous things I have ever heard. I might add that Messrs. Dawe and Merritt spoke as to the uselessness of the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,
KEITH HART.

Brighton.

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. W. WHITING.

Members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers met at Fareham on Saturday to honour their late hon. district secretary, Mr. J. W. Whiting, who has given up the office through ill-health. A presentation took place at Mr. Whiting's residence, the officers of the district present being the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Ringing Master), Vicar of Titchfield; Mr. G. Williams (hon. secretary, Southampton), Mr. E. J. Harding (hon. district secretary), and Mr. Burnett (representative).

The Rev. C. E. Matthews testified to the excellent work done by Mr. Whiting for the Guild, and in handing him a cheque for £10 expressed their gratitude to him, and wished him restored health and every happiness.—Messrs. Williams and Harding also spoke.

It was stated that the subscribers belonged to quite a number of towers, and some of them were now serving in the trenches in France.

Mr. Whiting, in thanking the members for their kindness, said it had been a great pleasure to him for the last 40 years to work in harmony with his brother ringers and to forward the interest of the Guild.

By permission of the Vicar of Fareham, the bells of the Parish Church were rung in the evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Faversham on Saturday last, when about fifty members attended. The bells were kept going up to 5 p.m., when the service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Crosse), who gave an address on the subject of "Influence." The hymns, "O God of love, O King of peace" and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow" were sung, accompanied by Mr. C. H. Drake, organist of Ospringe.

The tea was held in the Queen's Hall, provided by Miss Drake. At the business meeting nine new members were admitted. The Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe (Elham) was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. F. G. Bursden (Canterbury), representative. Mr. F. G. Brett (Canterbury) was appointed deputy representative in case Mr. Bursden's military duties should prevent his attendance at the Central Committee meeting.—It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Littlebourne, the spring meeting at Sturry, and the annual at Chilham.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar, and Mr. and Mrs. Drake closed the proceedings.

KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

HELP FROM RINGERS' MEETINGS.

Collections in aid of the fund for recasting the tenor bell at King's Cliffe Parish Church were made at the Central Northants Association meeting at Dallington on Saturday last, and at the Winchester Guild meeting at Seale. These amounted to 7s. and 11s. 6d. respectively. We have also received a sum of 5s. from "Wanderer," which will be forwarded to the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Orlebar), who also acknowledged further contributions amounting to £1 17s. 6d. Now that the fund has really got a start we would urge ringers to subscribe without delay, so that the sum necessary (£38) may be secured as quickly as possible. "Strike while the iron's hot," is a maxim that may well be applied in this case. Belfry and individual contributions should be sent to the Rectory, King's Cliffe, near Peterborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**MR. JOHN AUSTIN ELECTED MASTER.**

The annual meeting was held at Painswick on Saturday week, and in spite of the fact that many members are serving with the colours there was a fairly large and representative attendance. The weather was glorious, and was responsible for the appearance of a number of enthusiastic cyclist ringers, to whom distance was no object. Amongst the visitors were Messrs. J. E. Sykes (Huddersfield) and B. Thorp (Ashton-under-Lyne). The famous Painswick bells were raised soon after two o'clock, and were kept going until 4 p.m., after which the ringers attended divine service in the fine old Parish Church.

The Rev. J. M. Williams officiated, and extended a very hearty welcome to all present, and hoped they would spend an enjoyable time during their visit. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. J. Russell in the Mission Room, where the business meeting was afterwards held. Mr. F. K. Howell (Master) presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. A. Cockey (treasurer) and Mr. R. W. Hyner (hon. secretary).

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £21 18s. 3½d.



The New Master: MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

The election of officers then took place, and Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, was elected Master. The Rev. H. A. Cockey, of Bristol, was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. R. W. Hyner, of Swindon, was again elected hon. secretary.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Painswick for the use of the bells and the service, coupled with the name of the Rev. J. M. Williams, who officiated.

A similar compliment was extended to the ladies for their kind assistance at the tea.

The newly-elected Master moved a vote of condolence with Lady Heywood in her bereavement.—This was seconded by Mr. H. Howell, and passed in silence.

After the meeting the bells were again set going, and during the evening Messrs. J. E. Sykes and B. Thorp were elected members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths before starting for Grandsire Cinques. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were also rung before the members dispersed to their respective destinations, after spending a most delightful and enjoyable time.

Our illustrated article this week gives the bell and ringing history of Painswick.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Bitton on Saturday. During the afternoon touches of Plain Bob and several six scores of Grandsire were rung, and a short service was held in the church, the Revs. E. E. Lough and H. A. Cockey officiating. The Rev. H. A. Cockey gave a very interesting address on the Vicars of Bitton during the past century.

The ringers then adjourned for tea, 36 members and friends sitting down. Mr. H. Howell took the chair at the short business meeting which followed.—One new member was elected, and it was decided that the next place of meeting be Abbot's Leigh, about June 17th, if this could be arranged.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. E. Lough and Mr. Higgins for making the arrangements.—The Rev. E. E. Lough, responding, expressed a hope that he would see some of the members in the Chippenham district, where he will be going shortly.

The members then visited the tower, and further six scores of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round.

A party (including some lady ringers from St. George's) were invited to the residence of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, and the use of his splendid peals of handbells was much appreciated.

DEATH OF LANCE-CORPORAL WARD.**"BRAVE WORK FOR SAKE OF HIS CHUMS."**

As briefly announced in our last issue, the death has occurred in France of Charles Albert Ward, lance-corporal, H Company, 11th Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, at the early age of 23. He was formerly a ringer and member of the choir at the Parish Church of Henley, Suffolk.

The following are extracts from letters received by the Vicar relating to this sad event: "Sir,—I am sorry to have to write and tell you of the death of Charlie; poor fellow, he died of wounds on 30th April. It is a very difficult job for me to have to write about, but I will do my best. He was in charge of a wiring section, whose duty was to go out in what we call 'No man's land' to put up barbed wire in front of our line. Being a very brave lad he volunteered to go out and do some special work, and, having to go very close to the German line, it was exceedingly dangerous; so you will see that he met his death while doing some good work, which was of great importance for the sake of his chums. I do not think he suffered much, for he was wounded on the 28th, but did not regain consciousness, being shot right through the head. I must say that he was a great friend and pal of mine, for we enlisted together, and have been together right to the last. He was a great favourite amongst all, and admired by every one of us for his great pluck . . . I must add before closing that Charlie was a very good living young man, and is sadly missed by all, including officers and N.C.O.'s of the company. The N.C.O.'s and men of No. 1 Platoon wish to offer their deepest sympathy to his mother and all his friends.—Yours truly, D. G. HONEYSETT, Sergt."

Captain Cooling, the captain of his company, has also written:—"Dear Sir,—I hear from Sergt. Honeysett, of my company, that the sad news of the death of Lance-Corpl. Charles Ward has not yet reached his relatives. Immediately after his death I made the fullest investigation to ascertain your address and the address of his relatives, but was unable to obtain any information. I wrote a letter of sympathy to his mother, and forwarded it on to the hospital where he died, with the request that they would send it on. This evidently has not reached its destination. I pointed out in that letter how brave Lance-Corporal Ward was, and what a great loss his death is to the regiment. He was very popular as a man, and equally admired as a soldier. I understand Sergt. Honeysett has written you personally. If there is any further information I can give you please let me know, and I will do the best I can for you.—Yours faithfully T. H. COOLING."

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**WEDDING PRESENTATION.**

A meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch was held at Mortimer, Berks, on Saturday last, and was attended by some 33 ringers and clergy. Service was held at St. John's Church, and an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. F. J. Howard, Vicar of St. Luke's, Reading, on "Love the Brotherhood." Tea had been kindly provided by the Vicar of Mortimer (the Rev. A. Baskerville Mynors) in St. John's Hall, at the conclusion of which the secretary of the branch (the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D.) took the opportunity of presenting a silver teapot to Miss M. Chillingworth, of Bradfield, on the occasion of her marriage with Mr. A. E. Reeves, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This had been subscribed for by 54 members of the branch as a token of their esteem and gratitude for all the work which Miss Chillingworth had done, and their appreciation of her energy and perseverance in the cause of ringing.

The marriage of Mr. A. E. Reeves and Miss Chillingworth took place at Bradfield yesterday.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

In our next issue we hope to supplement the history of St. Mary-le-Tower bells by particulars of the early peals at that celebrated belfry, supplied through the kindness of Mr. William Mott and Mr. Chas. J. Sedgley.

Mr. Jerram writes: "In my account of the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in your issue of May 19th, there were two printer's errors, which I shall be much obliged if you will kindly correct. In the inscription on the fifth bell for "Renesonantibus" read "Benesonantibus," and in that on the tenor, for "Taudia" read "Gaudia."

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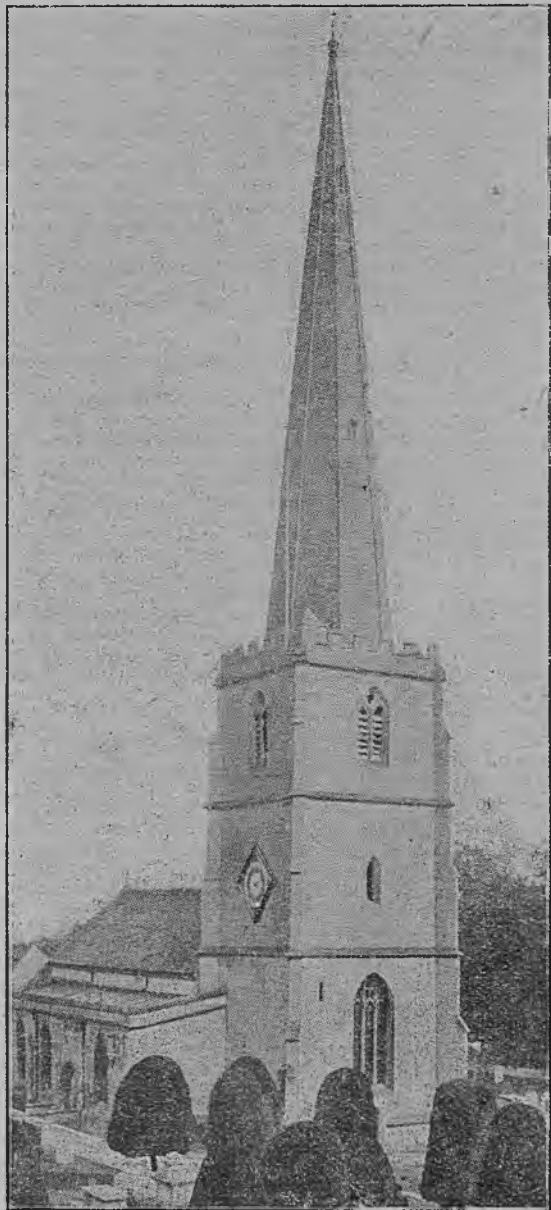
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

PAINSWICK'S FAMOUS PEAL.

One of the most celebrated rings in England, among ringers at all events, is the famous peal of twelve at Painswick. The tenor is 52 inches in diameter and weighs 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. The note is a rather flat D. Mr. J. R. Jerram supplies the following copy of the inscriptions:



Treble and Second.

JOHN RUDHALL. GLOUCESTER. FECT 1821.
[Both these bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank, London, in 1887.]

Third.

WHEN YOU RING ILE SWEETLY SING, 1731.

Fourth.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OUR BENEFACTORS.
A. ♪ R. 1731.

Fifth.

THE GIFT OF EDMD WEBB CLOTHIER 1686.
RECAST 1731.

Sixth.

THE GIFT OF WM ROGERS ESQR 1686. RECAST 1731.

Seventh

ABRA : RVDHALL CAST VS ALL 1731 ♪

Eighth.

1732 ♪

Ninth.

PROSPERITY TO THIS TOWN AND PARISH. A.
♪ R. 1731.

Tenth.

JOHN DOWNE VICAR. 1731. A. ♪ R.

Eleventh.

THOMAS SMITH AND WILLIAM BARNES,
CHURCHWARDENS. A. ♪ R. 1731. ♪

Tenor.

I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL AND TO
THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL.

In "The Church Bells of Gloucestershire," by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, we read: The third ring in Gloucestershire is the far famed ring at Painswick, noted throughout England for the beauty of its music, though modern critics would have us believe that all the bells were out of tune! The effect of the bells when rung, either in rounds or changes, is acknowledged by most people to be delightful, and is said by those competent to judge to be second to that of no ring in the country, with, perhaps, the one exception of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. In both places there is an excellent vantage ground on which to enjoy the music of the bells — at Norwich the Castle Grounds, and at Painswick the old bowling green at the back of the hotel, both being of somewhat higher level than the bells themselves and just far enough away for the clash of the iron tongues to be pleasantly modulated. Many notable feats of change ringing have been performed on these bells in bygone days, as well as in more recent times, and members of the Painswick Society of Change Ringers have greatly distinguished themselves in the ringing world. Mr. William Estcourt, as composer, conductor and ringer, was one of the most noted in England, and, amongst other fine performances, took part in a peal of 12,312 changes of Grandsire Caters in May, 1817, the ringing taking seven hours and forty-four minutes. The last surviving member of the band who rang this peal, Giles Mansfield, died only a few years ago, having rung his first peal at Painswick in 1814. On February 19th, 1831, the society rang a peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate one which was rung in the same method in the year 1731. It was in a great measure due to the enthusiasm of the members of this society that the ring was increased from eight to ten bells, and afterwards to twelve.

Previous to the year 1686 there were six bells in the tower, but in the January of that year a meeting was held, at which "a levy was made for the hanging of the two new bells, the two new wheels, four new ropes, the timber and workmanship and the two new clappers and other ironwork to the said bells belonging; and the ironwork in setting the chimes going on the eight bells and workmanship thereto belonging." The parish also voluntarily paid the expenses incurred in fetching and hanging the two bells, which were cast by "Abraham Riddall" (Rud-

hall), of Gloucester, and in re-arranging the chimes to play on the eight bells for which a new chime barrel and fittings were provided. Forty-five years later it was decided to add two more bells and to recast the eight old bells. The various payments in connection with their work are recorded in the parish accounts, and provide interesting reading. The ring of 12 bells was completed in 1821 by the same Gloucester firm of bell founders.

The treble and second bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1887, and the whole 12 bells rehung in a new iron frame, all on one level, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1902.

PEALS AT PAINSWICK.

In sending us the list of peals which have been rung on the bells, Mr. William Hale, the steeplekeeper, says:—"I should esteem it a favour if anyone could throw any light on the peals which must have been rung between the years 1737 and 1811. This period seems a blank, but as it was through the great enthusiasm of the ringers that the various improvements were made, and we have an excellent peal ringing society in 1737, and pick them up again in 1811, there must have been peals rung, and any information of what happened between those dates would be most interesting to us all."

February 19th, 1731	Ye whole	in ye	3-27	5040 changes.
March 1st, 1731	Peal of	space	3-36	
March 26th, 1731	Tripples	of	3-24	

March 1st, 1734	a Peal	— 8,064	4-55 minutes.
March 1st, 1735	of	— 10,080	6-27
April 18th, 1737	Caters	— 12,006	7-55

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		Changes.	Hrs.	Mts.
February 10th, 1811	Grandsire Caters	5039		
June 19th, 1814	Holt's Original	5340		
August 6th, 1815	Grandsire Royal	5099		
October 29th, 1815	Grandsire Caters	6001		
September 23rd, 1816	Grandsire Caters	10,278	6	48
November 27th, 1816	Bob Royal	6440	4	48
January 14th, 1817	Bob Major	6000	4	1
January 21st, 1817	Bob Major	6336	4	15
February 1st, 1817	Bob Major	8064	5	24
May 5th, 1817	Grandsire Caters	12,312	7	44
January 1st, 1818	Grandsire Royal	6000	4	3
May 4th, 1818	Grandsire Major	8000	5	23
September 21st, 1818	Bob Royal	6300	4	1
October 11th, 1819	Grandsire Caters	5213	3	32
August 7th, 1821	Grandsire Cinques	5081	3	26
January 1st, 1823	Treble Bob Major	5088	3	27
April 26th, 1824	Treble Bob Major	5856	3	51
April 1st, 1827	Treble Bob Royal	5000	3	20
May 6th, 1828	Treble Bob Royal	5120	3	23
April 4th, 1831	Grandsire Triples, with- out a plain lead	5040	2	49
November 5th, 1832	Treble Bob Maximus	5232	3	35
December 9th, 1832	Treble Bob Maximus	10,224	6	50
November 5th, 1837	Stedman Caters	5232	3	21
November 5th, 1841	Stedman Caters	5081	3	13
January 25th, 1842	Stedman Caters	8105	5	10
November 19th, 1846	Stedman Triples	5040	3	12
May 20th, 1850	Grandsire Cinques	5191	3	23
April 28th, 1851	Stedman Triples	5040	3	8
December 26th, 1851	Stedman Caters	5079	3	16
January 31st, 1852	Stedman Caters	5189	3	15
March 4th, 1852	Stedman Caters	5081	3	20
April 18th, 1853	Stedman Triples	5040	3	3
April 16th, 1856	Stedman Triples	5040	3	5
December 26th, 1857	Stedman Caters	—	—	—
January 25th, 1858	Stedman Cinques	5148	3	25
February 16th, 1858	Stedman Cinques	8448	5	52
January 3rd, 1859	Stedman Caters	5081	3	19
May 28th, 1860	Stedman Caters	5081	3	9
February 25th, 1862	Stedman Triples	5040	3	7

This last was the only peal rung in the Painswick tower for about 50 years without one of the members of the Estcourt family taking part. It was conducted by Robert Birt.

There was a break then in peal ringing at Painswick till the year 1888, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was again rung by the Painswick Youths, and in appreciation of the peal Mr. Albert Estcourt pre-

sented them with a splendid peal of handbells. Since then a large number of peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, Bob Major, Royal and Maximus have been rung, including a peal 7325 of Grandsire Cinques on Easter Monday, March 24th, 1913, in 5 hours, conducted by Mr. Albert Wright. An attempt for a record peal failed in the following year, but another attempt is to be made at the first opportunity after the war.

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT ABERAVON.

Favoured with beautiful weather the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Aberavon, Port Talbot, on Saturday week. The bells were available for ringing all the afternoon and evening, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity, various methods being rung. The Vicar of the Parish very kindly provided tea, which was followed by the business meeting.

The Vicar, who presided, said it was a great pleasure to welcome the Association to Aberavon. The Master of the Association (Mr. W. B. Biss) was unfortunately unable to be present owing to a serious attack of rheumatism, which confined him to his bed.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) referred to the death of the President of the Central Council, and at some length mentioned what an enormous amount of good Sir Arthur Heywood had done during the past 30 years for the Exercise.—A vote of condolence with the relatives was passed, all standing for a few moments in silence.

New members were elected from Llanishen and Aberavon.—The place for the next Glamorgan meeting was discussed, both Whitechurch and Pentre being proposed, and, on going to the vote, Pentre was carried by a large majority.

The circular letter sent out by the hon. secretary of the Central Council was next read announcing the abandonment of the meeting at Plymouth this year.

A GOOD WORD FOR "THE RINGING WORLD."

The Hon. Secretary next read an extract from the report of the Herts County Association meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday urging ringers to support "The Ringing World" by individually taking copies. He endorsed every word that was said at that meeting, and was backed up by the Vicar, who asked the members, in a very humorous speech, to see when they obtained their "John Bull" or other paper next week, that "The Ringing World" accompanied it.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness and generosity in providing the tea, and to the ladies who so well attended to the serving of it.—Replying, the Vicar said it had been a great pleasure to do the little he had, and if at any future time the Association cared once more to visit Aberavon, he would be only too pleased to welcome it again.

There was an excellent attendance, and the meeting was a successful and pleasant one.

A GLOUCESTER RING RESTORED.

BELLS OF ENGLAND'S FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Situated in St. Mary's Square, formerly the mother church of the city of Gloucester, St. Mary de Lode Church is a building of stone in the later Early English style, consisting of chancel and nave and a low massive tower containing six bells. The chancel is Norman, and the arch between it and the nave is much admired. In the chancel is an ancient tomb, said to be that of Lucius, the first British Christian King and founder of the original church, who is supposed to be buried here. Much interest attaches to the site of the edifice, for on the rebuilding of the nave in 1826 it was found to have been previously occupied by a Roman Temple used as the first Christian church in this country. In the churchyard is a fine monument to Bishop Hooper, who was burned at the stake on February 9th, 1555. The church has recently undergone a thorough restoration, and the bells, which have been silent for about 17 years, have been put in good order by Messrs. John Warner and Son, of the Spitalfield Foundry. The old wood frame has been taken out, and a new girder frame put in on the firm's latest principle, built on four main girders let into the walls of the tower, thus binding and strengthening the whole together, the bell frame having a clearance of nearly two feet all round the tower, thus leaving plenty of room to get about. The bells were taken away to the foundry and tuned on the Canon Simpson principle, and have been rehung with all new fittings and the firm's patent self-aligning self-lubricating bearings. The whole of the work has been carried out by two of the firm's bell hangers, who are good practical ringers, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. J. Hunt. Room has been left in the tower for the addition of two trebles to complete the octave, which it is hoped will be forthcoming after the war is over in commemoration of peace. When the work was completed a number of ringers from the surrounding districts were invited to try the bells, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Treble Bob Minor were rung, the general opinion being that the work had been carried out in a first-class manner, and leaving nothing to be desired except the addition of the two trebles. On Monday, May the 20th, a special dedicatory service was held by the Archdeacon of Gloucester, after which visiting ringers once more rang touches in various methods on the bells.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the Northampton District was held at Dallington on Saturday last, when a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, and tea was served in the Vicarage grounds under the shade of some splendid old beeches, a party of 25 sitting down.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Streatfield for the splendid tea, also for the privilege of roaming about the beautiful garden.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Mr. H. Clarke proposed a "whip round" in aid of the Kingscliffe Bell Fund—for which an appeal was made in "The Ringing World."—The Vice-President (Mr. J. Slarke) went round with the plate, the result being the sum of seven shillings for the secretary to forward to Kingscliffe, with the hope that they might soon be able to have their bell recast.

Three new ringing members were elected.—Great Brington was chosen for the next special meeting on June 24th. Ringing was continued until 7.30, there being a good attendance of young ringers, for whom these meetings are chiefly arranged.

SHRAPSTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Shrapston District of this Association was held at Great Addington on Saturday last, when about 30 sat down to tea. The President (the Rev. W. St. Geo. Coldwell) presided at the meeting, which followed, and was supported by the Rev. F. Lang (Rector of Twywell). An apology was read from the Rector of Addington regretting that he was unable to be present.

It was resolved to hold the annual quarterly meeting of the district at Islip in August, and to hold a special ringing meeting at Aldwinckle in July. One new member from Lowick was elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells; also to all those who had made the arrangements for such a successful meeting.

Various Minor Methods were rung during the afternoon and evening on the bells, which are a fine peal of six.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Barthomley on Saturday last, when there were about 25 ringers present, representing the following towers: Crewe, Nantwich, Bunbury, Alasger, Lawton, Kidsgrove, Bucknall, Wybunbury, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round, and some call changes were rung by the band from Wybunbury, where they have decided to take up change ringing, and have formed a new band. Nine new members were elected from Wybunbury and from Barthomley. The captain kindly catered for tea, which was served *à la carte*, and he was ably assisted by his wife in making everything a success. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

"LUSITANIA" DAY RINGING.

The sinking of the "Lusitania," one of the blackest crimes in history, occurred on May 7th, 1915, and the anniversary was fittingly celebrated in many places in America. The Boston (Mass.) Guild of Ringers met at the Perkin's Institute, Watertown, and rang the bells half-muffled, the following taking part: A. Matthews, P. J. Allfrey, R. Newton, E. E. Randall, J. Goodhead, W. Bashford and J. F. Laker.

At the Church of The Advent, at 3 p.m. the same day, 672 Grandsire Triples was rung on the occasion of a church parade by members of the Orders of the "Sons and Daughters of St. George." Six of the ringers belong to the Order of "Sons of St. George," and stood for the ringing as follows: A. Matthews 1, J. F. Laker 2, J. Goodhead 3, Mrs. M. H. Shurtleff 4, W. Bashford 5, E. E. Randall 6, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 7, R. Newton 8.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A meeting of Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Woodchurch on Saturday. About 15 members attended, representing Bidenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Fluckley and Tenterden, and several of the local ringers. Ringing commenced soon after 6 p.m., and the bells were kept busily swinging to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor till sunset.

At the business meeting, the Secretary read a letter from Mr. G. Billeney, the Master of the Guild, resigning office, as he had now been called on, like so many more of his brother ringers, to fight for his King and country, and should not, therefore, be able to take any active part in the Guild's affairs. A resolution was passed congratulating him on his loyalty, and conveying hearty wishes for a safe and speedy return. Mr. G. Youngs, the late secretary, was then appointed Master pro tem.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in conjunction with the Kent County Association at New Romney on Whit-Monday.—Two new members, Kenneth King, of Woodchurch, and Walter Ovenden, of Aldington, were duly elected.—The Rector gave the visitors a cordial welcome and an invitation to the Rectory for light refreshments before proceeding on their homeward journeys, which, needless to say, was greatly appreciated. When the party dispersed, all thought they had done their little bit towards "Keeping the home fires burning and the church bells ringing till the boys come home."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for early service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Tompkins 1, W. G. Edwards 2, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 3, W. Bonham 4, H. J. Tucker 5, T. Tompkins 6.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, several 120's Grandsire Doubles, with three bells covering: J. Williams 1, F. Day 2, W. Knight 3, W. Bryant 4, R. Harris 5, J. Lazenby 6, S. Murphy 7, C. Williams 8.—On May 2nd, several 120's Grandsire Doubles: J. Williams 1, F. Day 2, W. Knight 3, Pte F. Parsons 4, R. Harris 5, G. Lacey 6; and also with W. Bryant on the fourth.—On May 4th, several 120's Grandsire Doubles, with three bells covering: J. Williams 1, F. Day 2, W. Knight 3, Pte F. Parsons 4, R. Harris 5, J. Lazenby 6, G. Murphy 7, C. Williams 8; and also a six-score, with W. Bryant on the fourth, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples: J. Williams 1, F. Day 2, R. Harris 3, Pte F. Parsons 4, J. Lazenby 5, G. Murphy 6, W. Knight 7, C. Williams 8. The practices were arranged for Pte Parsons, on leave after 16 months' absence in France, he having to return on the following Friday. These were the first six-scores rung by the members as a band.

EALING.—For the evening service, at Christ Church, on Sunday, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. J. Pratt (conductor) 1, W. Lawrence 2, W. H. Hollier 3, R. Holloway 4, Geo. Iles 5, A. Harding 6, H. H. Chandler 7, Pte S. Meadows (Staffordshire Regiment) 8. For service the same evening, at St. Mary's (Old Town), the time being half-an-hour later, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Pratt (conductor) 1, J. W. Walsom 2, Geo. Iles 3, W. Lawrence 4, A. Harding 5, H. H. Chandler 6, H. Browning 7, E. Harris 8.

LONDON.—London County Association.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Sunday, 30th April, for evening service, also to celebrate the election on the previous Thursday, of Mr. John Todd to the position of senior churchwarden of the above church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. W. Grimes 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. P. Buckingham 3, W. G. Matthews 4, F. Davis 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, A. Turner 7, A. Pettett 8.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on April 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. T. Beeson 1, L. Goodwin 2, F. Smith 3, W. T. Beeson, junr. (conductor) 4, G. Potter 5, F. Balcombe 6, Corpl. W. Cockings 7, J. Balcombe 8.—On May 1st, three courses of Grandsire Doubles: R. Hayward 1, W. Moore 2, A. Redford 3, W. T. Beeson 4, W. T. Beeson, junr., 5, D. Ashdown 6. The ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are all 13 years of age—2 have only learnt to ring this year.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 30th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, R. Mackrill 4, C. Hunt 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity, on Saturday, May 6th, in honour of the anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty King George V, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Jelley 1, R. W. Mellville (first 504) 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, M. Smither 5, W. R. Mellville 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor), H. Harris 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT. At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Warnett, junr., 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the King's Accession, also as a compliment to H. Walker on his 21st birthday.

OLDSWINFORD.—On Sunday, May 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), for evening service: R. Moors 1, J. Bass 2, A. E. Whatmore 3, Jos. Smith 4, T. Heathcock 5, J. Newnam 6, R. Matthews (conductor) 7, T. C. Whitehouse 8.—On Sunday, May 14th, 720 of Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: J. Orford 1, C. W. Cooper 2, R. Moors 3, A. E. Whatmore 4, G. Popnell 5, J. Newnam (conductor) 6, P. Pope 7, R. Newnam 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for the morning service, on May 7th, the first 518 of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, A. Davis 2, J. Fruin 3, R. H. Boddington 4, R. Holloway 5, Geo. Iles 6, B. Brewer 7, A. E. Smith 8.—On May 6th, for King's Accession, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Edwards 1, G. Harbour 2, J. W. Fruin 3, W. Lawrence 4, H. W. Lidbetter 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, F. Skevington 7, A. E. Smith 8.—On April 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss Jones (first in the method) 1, Pte S. Meadows (A.S.C.) 2, P. H. Smith 3, G. Iles 4, W. Lawrence 5, B. Brewer 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. Practice on Wednesdays from 7 till 8 p.m.

STONY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—At St. Michael's Church on the occasion of a special service, held on Sunday evening, May 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Briggs 1, C. Briggs 2, Nunn Walker 3, G. Wood 4, T. Wright 5, H. Wright 6, W. Hyde Inglesant (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Evans 1, T. J. Evans 2, A. J. Stanley 3, C. H. Perry (conductor) 4, R. Evans 5, F. Stedman 6, J. Pitman 7, B. Toby 8.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on June 15th and 29th; and for general business on the 6th and 20th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Shenley, Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. Best, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Ripponden on Saturday, 3rd June. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Schools 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 3rd. The bells (12) will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 p.m., which will be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Penny (Rector). Business meeting in upper vestry at 4.30.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held in Milnrow on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. This meeting is by special request of the Milnrow ringers for the unveiling of a Peal Board. A good attendance of members is requested.—Secretary, T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston (Bus 2d. from Rotherham) on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in Church Institute after tea.—Leonard Brightman, 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham (District Sec. *pro tem.*).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Western Division).—A District Meeting will be held at Matching on Saturday, June 3rd, 1916. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Marriage Feast Room, next the Church, at 5.30 p.m. All subscriptions for 1916 are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday, June 12th, 1916. The bells of Higham Ferrers will be available from 10.30 a.m. to 11.50, and from 3 o'clock to 6.30. The bells of Raunds, Irthlingboro, and Finedon will be available from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Service in the Parish Church, Higham Ferrers, at 12 noon. Meat tea in the Bede House at one o'clock. Business meeting to follow. — Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Whit Monday, June 12th, 1916. Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Ormesby (8 bells), Stockton-on-Tees (10 bells). Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Divine service at 12 noon; Address given by the Rev. F. H. Stock, Vicar of Middlesbrough. Dinner provided at the Clifton Temperance Hotel; members 1/3, non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the hon. sec. not later than Thursday, June 8th, 1916.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Braintree on Whit-Monday. Service in the Parish Church, address by the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. France) 11.30 a.m. Lunch at the Mechanics Institute 1 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. Braintree (8 bells), Bocking (8 bells), Felsted (8 bells), Stisted (6 bells), Rayne (6 bells), Black Notley (5 bells) will be available. To ensure accommodation at the lunch notice must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than June 7th.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Beverley on Whit-Monday. Bells available most of the day. Tea at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 2, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, on or before Tuesday, June 6th, 1916, 1s. per head. — Thos. Smith, 12, Sutton Street, Goole, Hon. District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Whit-Monday, June 12th. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. A short special service in the church at 4 o'clock. The Vicar and Mrs. South have cordially invited all the members attending to tea in the Vicarage grounds at 5 o'clock. A brief business meeting will follow and ringing continued till sunset. It is earnestly requested that all members intending to be present should notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45 p.m. The service will be taken by the Rev. Canon J. H. Grieg. Tea kindly provided for all those who let me know on or before June 14th. — E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hoo St. Werburgh, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 3.30 till 8.30 p.m. (election of district representative for Central Committee). — Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 24th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

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

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Seale on Saturday, May 27th, and was attended by nearly 40 members from the neighbouring towers. The weather was beautiful, and the lovely church and village looked quite ideal, and amid the peaceful surroundings of so pleasant a spot it seemed out of place to have so many apologies from tower after tower for the small numbers present, because "all the others have joined up." Tea was held in the Jubilee Hall, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Wiseman), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Seale. The Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards) reported that only one peal had been rung, and that on handbells, since the last meeting. Mr. R. Whittington asked for an expression of opinion as to the advisability of sending any representatives to the Central Council. A number of ringers took part in the discussion, and it was finally resolved that no alteration should be suggested for this year. A collection was made for King's Cliffe tenor, and the sum of 11s. 6d. was raised in the room by the persuasive collecting powers of Mr. C. Hazelden.

Service was held in the Parish Church, the congregation nearly half filling it.—The Rector gave a most interesting address, and mentioned that a church had been on that spot for over 600 years, and was situate right on the Pilgrim's Way, and was one of the shrines visited by the Pilgrims on their way to Canterbury. The nice little peal of six was kept going in various methods, and the large and lovely gardens of the Rectory were greatly admired.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of Preston branch was held at Eccleston on May 13th, a fair number of members being present. After various touches on the bells, the business proceedings were presided over by Mr. J. R. Taylor.—It was decided to hold the next quarter's meetings at Ribchester, Goosnagh and Broughton.—A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Sir Arthur Heywood was passed, to be expressed through the columns of "The Ringing World."—Votes of thanks to the church officials for use of the bells, etc., closed the meeting. Further ringing and an attempt at the peculiar local method brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

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