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

MODERN WORK.

WARTIME LEEWAY.

The manner in which ringing societies generally are suffering through the war was reflected in the annual report, presented on Monday to the members of the Essex Association, who met at Romford. During the year there was a decrease of 63 in the membership, which follows upon a falling off of 64 in the year 1915. This shrinkage is not due to the fact that 156 ringers from the affiliated towers are serving in the Forces of the Crown—a most creditable record—but, we presume, principally to the lapses of those left at home, and which the stress of the present time prevents being made good by the bringing in of new members, owing to the extremely limited facilities for teaching beginners. Those ringers who are serving their country are retained in membership without the payment of their annual subscriptions, and the net loss in numbers is but an illustration of the difficulty which the various organisations have of keeping within the fold that section of ringers who are only, what one may term, of the half-hearted type. Unless somebody else is continually doing something to keep up their interest they soon get slack, and, by falling into arrears, automatically drop out of their association.

This is always regrettable, but it is one of the difficulties which associations can never get rid of. In normal times the lapses from this cause are not so numerous, because there are more opportunities of keeping in touch with members and sustaining their interest, as well as of making up the wastage by new enlistments. In wartime, however, there is a double handicap. There is less time and fewer chances of keeping the indifferent up to the mark, and there is less opportunity of filling the gaps. In the year before the war the Essex Association made an increase of 62 members, but since that time there has been a net decrease of 132, although the number of towers affiliated remains about the same.

To a large extent, we imagine, the experience of the Essex Association is but the experience of others; and it behoves those who are still left at home, and who have the interests of their ringing organisations at heart, to consider how best they may make up the leeway when peace is again restored. It is a matter to which attention should be turned without delay, for the sooner plans are laid, the better. In the case of Essex, although there was a falling off in receipts, careful management has enabled the balance in hand to be increased, in addition to carrying a sum to the reserve fund, and the report expresses the hope that opportunity will arise after the war to utilise the accrued sum for propagation work. This decision is wise and timely, and other organisations would do well so to arrange their finances that, when the moment arrives, they will be able to begin operations, instead of having to lament delay for lack of funds.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Whit-Monday, May 28, 1917, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

ISAAC PURSER Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
*EDWARD F. MITCHELL 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
DANIEL JONES 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the occasion of the Whitsun Festival. This was the first peal of Triples on the bells, and was rung after meeting short for Caters. The indefatigable Mr. James George, who arrived to listen to the peal, kindly took a rope.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Whit-Monday, May 28, 1917, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*STAFF-SERGT. G. R. MILLS... Treble	*JAMES DOUGHERTY 4
TOM W. CREED 2	*FREDERICK LOCKE... .. 5
THOMAS J. LLOYD 3	*ALBERT CASE Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LLOYD.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to A. Case, who is shortly joining up, on attaining his 18th year. The ringers of 4th and 5th are in their 50th year.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, May 20, 1917, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT 189, CHAPTER ROAD, WILLESDEN GREEN, N.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE-PART COMPOSITION. Size 14 in D.

HERBERT LANGDON... .. 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRIS 3-4	CHARLES H. HORTON 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1917, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor, 17 size in B flat.

FRANK W. PERRINS 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
THOMAS RUSSAM... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	*JAMES GEORGE... .. 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: WILLIAM KENT.

The figures of the peal, believed to be the first composed and rung on this plan, will be found on another page.

SERVICE RINGERS WELCOME.

Sergt. B. Thompson, 6th (Res.) Battalion Rifle Brigade, writes: "It may perhaps be of interest to any ringers now serving in His Majesty's forces in the Isle of Sheppey, that ringing takes place at Queenborough (six bells), on Tuesday evenings, 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m., and for evening service on Sundays at 5.30 p.m. Queenborough is easy of access from Sheerness by frequent bus service."

A DWINDLING BAND.

The Southover Guild, at Lewes, Sussex, has been further depleted by Mr. G. Richardson, who has been a ringer for nearly twenty years, being called to the colours. There are ten bells; only six of the band (including three ladies) are left. Pte Richardson is in the A.S.C., and stationed at Park Royal.

NEWS OF LONDON RINGERS.

MESSAGES FROM EAST AND WEST.

During the last few days messages have reached us from well-known London ringers, who are in the fighting ranks abroad. Spr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, who is in Salonika, writes to thank all those who have made inquiries after him at 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. He hopes, one at the time, to be able to write to all. He says: "The copy of 'The Ringing World' which is sent out here is well read. I send it on to my brother, who is now 2nd Air-Mechanic A. W. Coles, R.F.C., in Egypt. He is, I am pleased to say, quite well and longing to hear a good peal of bells again. How he envied me my few days' leave in February when I was able to do some ringing at our annual district meeting at Southgate! The paper, before going to Egypt, is now being kept for another London ringer, whom I met the other day. I happened to go to a Y.M.C.A. tent, about a mile from where I am stationed. I was sitting there, doing nothing in particular, and thinking a lot of past times, when who should clap me on the shoulder but my old friend, R. W. Green (Bob), of Islington. He was as much surprised to see me as I was to see him. He has been out here since November last, so, of course, I had to tell him all the latest ringing news as far as I was able to. I hope to see him often, especially as his work brings him very near my billet. It may interest many London ringers to hear that Bob Green has had a letter from Fred Hardy, who is at Malta and doing well."

Rifleman Bertram Prewett is in France, and, at the present time, has a bad foot, but is able to do cooking for "the boys." "They went over the top the other night," he says, "and took the village of B—, which had changed hands ten times lately. You can hardly imagine the ruin over here. Hardly a wall standing in the villages; fruit and other trees wantonly cut down; huge craters in the roads; and churches blown to pieces. In a village near here the only part of the church standing is the west end, and also a huge crucifix in the churchyard. In the latter lay German and our dead side by side, and I saw the grave of a 'Queen's' man, surmounted by a cross, who had been buried by the Germans on 11th March last. There are no traces of any bells—I expect they have gone to Essen for cannon. I saw, in a huge ruined sugar refinery the stock and lover of the factory bell, but there was no trace of the bell itself. It is very hot out here now, and it is a great contrast to a month ago, when we had frost and snow. I'm glad to say that I am quite well, with the exception of my foot, but the life is rather trying."

5005 STEDMAN CINQUES.

By JAS. E. GROVES.

Start slow six.

S134628709x	S1	7	8	S10	S13	16	17	18
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213564								19
214365								19
2154638709x	2				S13		S15	19
213564								19
312465			6					19
31526478x90	2				S13		S15	19
314562								19
312465								19
3152648709x	2				S13		S15	19
314582								19
413265			6					19
41536278x90	2				S13		S15	19
412563								19
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4153628709x	2				S13		S15	19
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412365			S6					19
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2153648709x	2				S13		S15	19
214563								19
214365			S6					19

Rung at Birmingham by St. Martin's Guild, on May 22nd, 1917, on handbells, conducted by the composer.

EAST SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William John Thomas, of Battle, Sussex, who passed away on May 10th, after an illness extending over a little less than a week. Deceased had been unwell for several weeks from the effects of influenza, and then double pneumonia set in, and hastened his end, which was quite unexpected.

Deceased had been a constant ringer at the Parish Church for 30 years, and had rung upwards of 50 peals. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on November 12th, 1892, and his first of Stedman on November 12th, 1898. In this peal the local ringers had the assistance of Messrs. George Williams and Keith Hart, of Brighton, and J. S. Goldsmith, of Lewes, who were determined to see the Battle men through their first peal of Stedman. One of the previous attempts came to an end in the last 500 changes through the appearance of the then Dean, who wanted the bells stopped. Mr. Thomas was a great lover of Bob Major, in which method he rang several peals, his last being rung at Salchurst, August 29th, 1915. Deceased was a man who could always be relied upon when a peal was "in the wind," no matter where it was to be rung, and was a safe ringer and good striker. He was a member of the Sussex and Kent Associations and was liked by all who knew him.

The funeral took place at Battle Cemetery on May 15th, amidst many manifestations of grief. The first portion of the service took place at Battle Church, and was conducted by the Dean of Battle, assisted by the Rev. John B. Drabble, there being a large congregation of sympathetic parishioners. The coffin was borne to the grave by four of his comrades. He was a member of the V.A.D., and the detachment was fully represented, a military funeral being accorded him, and the coffin draped with the Union Jack.

Mr. Thomas was also a trustee of the Loyal Harold Lodge of Odd-fellows, of which a goodly sprinkling of members was present. The Oddfellows' "Charge" was read at the graveside by Secretary H. Road.

After the committal the "whole pull and stand" was rung (47 times to represent his age), with the church bells half-muffled. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples was rung in 52 mins. by: H. Denman 1, H. Statham (Shoreham) 2, W. Hoad 3, G. Watson (Hastings) 4, T. Booth 5, A. E. Edwards (Salehurst) 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, C. Dennis 8.

The following twers in the Sussex Association were represented: Blacklands, J. Livermore; St. Leonards, Geo. Watson and H. Denman; Hastings, F. Lock; Shoreham, H. Stallham; Salehurst, T. Booth, A. E. Edwards and W. Hoad. The following also took part in the muffled ringing: J. Mathis, C. Carter, A. R. Franks (London), F. Mathis, R. Curtis, W. H. Eldridge. Deceased leaves a widow and three children to mourn the loss of a good husband and father.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Hilary's Church, Wallasey. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and at the service the Rector gave an interesting address. Special hymns were sung, including one for absent friends.

Owing to the food difficulty there was no public tea, and the Rector and his ringers, therefore, hospitably entertained several of the visitors at their respective homes. All assembled at the Rectory afterwards for the meeting, which was held in the dining-room.—Mr. Milner (president) took the chair, and at the close of the meeting proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. G. D. and Mrs. White for the use of the room, and for theirs and the ringers' generous hospitality.—This was seconded by Mr. Wilcox, and carried with acclamation.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m., the methods rung being Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, and Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

14,400 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By H. PRICE, FISKERTON.

23456	M	W	H
36452	1		2
34562		1	2
46325	2	2	
25634	1	2	2
54632	1		2
45236	2		2
34256		1	

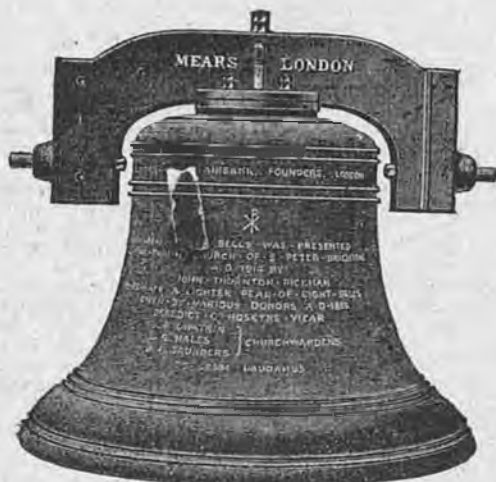
GLANDUDNO, N. WALES.—On April 29th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *T. Lodge 1, T. Barrow 2, A. W. Brighton (London), conductor 3, *J. Pritchard 4, R. W. Thompson 5, *W. Dunn 6. *First 720.—On Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, 600 Grandsire Doubles: T. Barrow 1, A. W. Brighton 2, T. King 3, J. Pritchard 4, R. W. Thompson (conductor) 5, W. Dunn 6: and for evening service, several touches of Grandsire Triples: T. Barrow 1, A. W. Brighton 2, Sapper A. Mitchelmore, R.E., 3, J. Pritchard 4, S. Gullington 5, Sapper J. Thorpe, R.E., 6, R. W. Thompson 7, Sapper W. H. Mills, R.E., 8, T. King, T. Lodge and Sapper J. Clark, R.E., also took part; conducted by A. W. Brighton.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. WORK IN ANOTHER YEAR OF WAR.

The annual meeting of the Essex Association at Romford, on Monday, was, in view of the prevailing conditions, a very successful gathering. Appended are extracts from the report presented by the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), and they illustrate some of the difficulties under which work is now carried on:—

The report for the past year reflects the continued effect of the great war upon ringing, and our Association has suffered in common with all others in the country. The demand for men for the forces has led to a further depletion in our numbers, the total standing at 774, showing a decrease of 63 in the year, compared with 64 in the previous year. It is worthy of note that there are now 156 members serving in the army, and in addition ten have made the supreme sacrifice. This record is distinctly creditable to the Association, and it should prove an incentive to those members who from reasons of age or otherwise are permitted to remain at home to continue their efforts unselfishly to keep ringing alive in the diocese, ready for the time when we hope to welcome home again our brave sailor and soldier ringers who have been serving.

It is a matter of regret that it has not been possible to do more active work in the past year, but a great number of those who have remained at home have patriotically taken up work of national importance, which has prevented them devoting so much time to the practice of the art and instructing beginners as they would otherwise have desired.

We may congratulate ourselves that with a depleted membership and a decreased income, due to the members on active service remaining on the books without paying subscriptions, that the financial report shows an increased balance in hand. This position has been attained through the careful management of the officers, and by the general economy which has been practised. The year commenced with a balance of £17 6s. 11d., and after meeting all expenses and placing £5 to the reserve fund, the balance standing to our credit in general account amounts to £18 7s. 11d. We hope that the opportunity will arise after the war to utilise the accrued balance for the purpose of propagating our work.

It is with regret that I have to report the death during the year of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, M.A., who was for several years the secretary to the Association, and who by his active and practical interest in ringing took a very prominent part in placing the Association upon a permanent basis. He succeeded the Rev. J. B. Seaman who was the first secretary, and himself held office till 1886, when he removed to the West of England. During all the years since he went from Essex he never lost interest in our Association and work, very frequently attended our meetings, and was present at the annual meeting in 1915 at Chelmsford, where the warm reception he received testified to the high esteem in which he was held by the members, some of whom had known him in bygone years, and others had heard of his work for ringing in Essex. The report of his death and funeral, as published in the "Ringing World," showed that in the West of England he had gained the esteem and respect of all who knew him.

The only work of restoration to record is the rehanging and retuning of the ring of eight at Writtle. Although the order was placed in 1916, the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were entrusted with the work, were unable through pressure of Government orders to execute it before Easter of the present year. This delay was unavoidable, but the parishioners of Writtle have now the satisfaction of hearing their bells again greatly improved in tone, and the "go" of them is excellent. Only two peals have been recorded during the year, both at Widford, and were rung half-muffled in honour of fallen heroes. Mr. H. F. Cooper conducted upon each occasion. The thanks of the Association are due to the officers for their unfailing efforts to maintain the work during these trying times.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, several members of the Midland Counties Association from Beeston, Cotgrave, Daybrook, Nottingham, Orston, and Radcliffe-on-Trent, spent a very pleasant afternoon at East Bridgford. Some nice touches in various methods were rung on the six bells, the most noteworthy being a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in which the Rector rang his first 720 in the method, the ringers standing as follows: W. E. White, Cotgrave (conductor), 1, Rev. A. D. Hill, East Bridgford, 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, 3, A. Barratt, Daybrook, 4, C. J. Dicken, Beeston, 5, W. C. Hunt, Beeston, 6; and 120 of Grandsire Doubles for one who liked to hear the tenor behind.

Mr. Frank Spencer, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, was elected a member of the Association.

The visitors all join in thanking the Rector for his kind welcome. Providing arrangements can be made, the next afternoon's ringing will be at Radcliffe-on-Trent, on Saturday, June 9th.

CHESTERFIELD.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 1264 Bob Major, in 47 mins.: W. J. Thyng 1, W. Allwood 2, F. Jacobs 3, G. Hollis 4, Pte F. E. Smith (A.S.C.) 5, A. Knights (conductor) 6, T. W. Gore 7, G. A. Thompson 8.

BELLS OF IRISH CHURCHES.

ST. AUDOEN'S, HIGH STREET, DUBLIN.

By C. MURRAY.

A visit to St. Audoen's Church produces a feeling of indescribable sadness. Everything reminds one of departed greatness. Of a noble church, divided in the centre by a row of Gothic arches, three-fourths is unroofed and in a state of decay. One sees monuments from which all traces of inscription have faded. In one the kneeling figures are falling to pieces. The brass of one monument has been removed from its matrix. In this portion of the church is seen a marble tablet to the memory of William Molyneux, the friend of Locke, and immediately the philosopher's pathetic words describing the decay of human memory are recalled: "... The ideas as well as children of our youth often die before us; and our minds represent to us those tombs to which we are approaching: where, though the brass and marble remain, yet the inscriptions are effaced by time, and the imagery moulders away." The memorial is not the original monument. It was erected in 1869 to replace another which was lost.

The church is named after a Norman Saint, Ouen, from the Latinised form of which the present name is derived. He was an Archbishop of Rouen, where a church called after him is to be seen.

One-fourth of the church has been kept for public worship. This has been done by filling up the arches with brick and building a brick wall across part of the centre.

At the western end is the tower. It is not considered safe for ringing, and, owing to damage done by a storm, the four picturesque pinnacles at its corners have recently been removed.

There is a ring of six bells—very interesting bells, too, as their inscriptions show—but, alas! there are no ringers. There have been none for many years. Ropes and fittings are in position, but everything betokens desertion and loneliness. And what is most remarkable is that one of the bells was recast as late as 1880.

The inscriptions in Roman capitals on the treble, 2nd and tenor, and in beautiful Lombardic capitals on the other bells, are—

Treble. The Rev. Thomas Craddock, Prebendary.
Lewis Hodgson, Thos. Hackett, Churchwardens, 1790.
(This inscription is cut into the bell.)

II. D.O.M.
Rev. Alexander Leeper, D.D., Prebendary and Canon.
Rev. Christopher T. Macready, M.A., Curate Assistant.

John W. Queale } Churchwardens.
George F. Wright }
J. Murphy, Founder, Dublin, 1880.

III. + CAMPANA : SANCTI : ADOENI.

IV. + CAMPANA : BEATE : MARIE : VIRGINIS.

V. (Four large fleurs-de-lys alternate with four smaller ones, then follows) ✠ AN : DOMINI : Mo : CCCCo : XXo : IIIo :
(This is on the shoulder of the bell.)

Beneath we read—

+ IHC + CAMPANA : SANCTE : TRINITATIS : ET :
OMNIUM : SANCTORUM :

VI. D.O.M.
Rev. Alexander Leeper, D.D., Prebendary.
Rev. Edmund Childs, A.B., Curate Assistant.
M. B. Lacey, Esq. } Churchwardens.
G. F. Wright, Esq. }

J. Murphy, Founder, Dublin, 1864.

As the lettering on the 3rd, 4th and 5th is of the same type, it is probable that they were all cast in the same year, 1423, the date given on the 5th. The fact that they are

dedicated to the saint after whom the church is named, the Virgin Mary and the Holy Trinity respectively, supports this conjecture—old rings of three bells being thus named elsewhere.

An old record says that one of the six bells had the inscription—

Soli Deo Detur Gloria, 1628.

Daniel Welde, Verger and Sexton of Christ Church.

This must have been a bell which has been recast. The keeping of the old inscription was often neglected in cases like this.

Some of the bells must have been frequently recast. We read in the church records—

1654. Two bells are newly cast and hung in the steeple.

1694. Henry Lord Viscount Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, gives to the Church Wardens and parishioners 25cwt. of brass metal for the founding of a bell for the use of the church. The metal was cast into two bells, one tenor and one treble, by Major Matthew Paris.

1732. A bell is recast.

1841. Stand of six bells put into thorough repair.

(Chiefly by the energy of the Rev. Thomas Scott.)

Perhaps some time in the future High Street may again become the High Street of the city, and some of its former greatness be restored to St. Audoen's, but things do not seem to point in this direction.

£66 FOR HANDBELLS.

The disposal of the peal of eighteen handbells, which was the property of the late Mr. A. W. Grimes, for the benefit of the widow and six young children, has had a splendid financial result. No fewer than 5,100 tickets were disposed of at 3d. each, and the total amount raised was £64 14s. The expenses were only £3 18s. 8d., with the result that a net amount of £60 15s. 4d. was realised. The draw, which has had so successful a termination, was organised by Mr. W. Pye, the Master of the Middlesex County Association, who had the active assistance of the officials of other London Societies with which the late Mr. Grimes was connected, and ringers throughout the country gave their hearty co-operation. The balance shows £63 15s. received from the disposal of 5,100 tickets; donations of 10s. from Corpl. A. R. Macdonald; 5s. from Mr. A. A. Hughes; and 4s. from the Dorking (Surrey) ringers, per Mr. E. E. Dodd, making up, as already mentioned, a total of £64 14s. The sum of £2 19s. 6d. was expended in printing, and 19s. 2d. in postages, leaving the sum, to be handed to the widow and family of £60 15s. 4d. Mr. Pye asks us to state that he tenders his sincere thanks to all those gentlemen, too numerous to mention, who assisted in the sale of tickets, as, needless to say, without their help, the draw could not have been a success.

Since the above was written a further sum of 30s. has been received from Rifleman B. Prewett, making the total received £66 4s., and the net result £62 5s. 4d.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE CELEBRATION.

On May 24th, Empire Day was celebrated at Ashton-under-Lyne. After the Royal Proclamation had been read by his Worship the Mayor to a large concourse of people, including the school children of the borough, the band of the 1st Manchester Regiment, whose headquarters are at Ashton-under-Lyne, gave selections of music. The National Anthem was sung by the people. The bells of St. Peter's Church were rung during the evening, and were "fired" in honour of the day. The following took part in a 504 of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Ethel Grimshaw (first 504) 2, J. W. Holme 3, J. Harrison 4, Miss Sarah Holt 5, Pte H. Palmer 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Rolls 8.

For service, on Whit-Sunday, as well as in honour of the coming of age of Miss Ada Wolstencroft. 700 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Pte H. Palmer 2, J. W. Holme 3, Miss A. Wolstencroft 4, Miss S. Holt 5, Miss M. E. Thorp 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Rolls 8; also 336, with Miss E. Grimshaw 2, Miss E. Williams 3, Miss E. Crabtree 4, J. Harrison 6, the rest as before.

WINCHESTER.—Winchester Guild.—Recently, at the Cathedral, for evening service 504 Grandsire Caters: Driver J. H. Brittan (R.G.A.) 1, Pte Lampard (A.P.C.) 2, C. Russell 3, F. Smith 4, G. Prideaux 5, J. W. Elkins 6, Pte W. Wyatt (Queen's) 7, Bomb. S. Hector (R.G.A.) 8, W. C. Lampard (conductor) 9, Bandsman H. Borley (Devons) 10. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Lampard 1, Driver J. H. Brittan 2, Pte R. Snow (Devons) 3, Bandsman H. Borley 4, Pte W. Wyatt 5, Gnr. H. Head (R.G.A.) 6, Bomb. S. Hector (R.G.A.), conductor, 7, Pte W. H. Prophet (Devons) 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 11th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes), from Holt's Original, in 46 mins.: E. W. Lubbock (H.M.S. Hibernia) 1, J. Morris (aged 70) 2, R. G. Knowles 3, F. Stanton 4, W. Ranford 5, F. Bryan 6, C. Camm 7, A. W. Brighton (London), conductor, 8. Also touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, in which E. E. Barber and A. Richings took part.

ALL SAINTS', NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes): H. Rainbow 1, A. P. Hensman 2, T. Law 3, F. Hopper 4, J. Hensman 5, H. Blundell 6, W. Farey 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8; also rung as a birthday compliment to H. Blundell, and a farewell to W. J. Allen, who was called up under the Derby Scheme.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert 1, J. D. Drewett 2, W. H. Joiner 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, C. Bance 5, A. Calver 6, W. S. Smith (conductor) 7, J. Currell 8.

OXHEY.—On April 25th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: *B. Dell 1, *H. Dix 2, C. Leman 3, *F. Codling 4, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 5, *C. Kayser 6. *1st quarter-peal.

ST. ALBANS.—On April 28th, at the Cathedral, as a ringers' tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Churchwarden T. Kent (who for over 40 years had been a churchwarden of the Abbey), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled, in 58 mins.: F. Whiteman 1, G. W. Cartmel 2, Corp'l. A. G. Arnell 3, Serg't. F. N. Allwater 4, E. Whitbread 5, H. Goodenough 6, F. Jeffs 7, T. Seymour 8.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Saturday, April 28th, 504 Stedman Triples and 504 Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: J. H. Clark, W. Dickinson, C. Ward, W. Wood, H. P. Nash, F. I. Hairs (R.N.A.S.), C. W. Smith (A.M.C.), L. Batting (P.O.), W. Townsend. At St. John's Church, Great Hale, touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, were brought round. Specially arranged for the last named ringers, who were present from Cranwell.

SHIPLEY.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Parish Church, for afternoon service, on the occasion of the Munition Workers Church Parade, on April 29th, 12802 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Hutly 1, J. Broadley 2, A. Gill 3, W. Joyce 4, H. Haigh (longest length in the method) 5, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 6, J. A. Ross 7, G. A. Nettleton 8. — For evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Joyce 1, G. A. Nettleton 2, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 3, W. Joyce 4, H. Haigh (longest in the method) 5, J. Broadley 6, J. A. Ross 7, H. Hutly 8. — On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 1040 Bob Major: H. Hutly 1, J. A. Ross 2, T. B. Kendall 3, W. Joyce 4, H. Haigh (longest length in the method) 5, J. Joyce 6, J. Broadley (conductor) 7, G. A. Nettleton 8. — On Sunday, May 20th, for the anniversary services, 672 Grandsire Triples: J. Joyce 1, G. A. Nettleton 2, W. Waland 3, W. Joyce 4, H. Haigh 5, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 6, J. Broadley 7, H. Hutly 8. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Hutly 1, J. A. Ross 2, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 3, W. Joyce 4, H. Haigh 5, J. Joyce 6, J. Broadley 7, G. A. Nettleton 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Helen's Church, Worcester, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Powell 1, E. E. Barber 2, J. Bretell 3, C. Jones 4, W. Ranford 5, L. Longuey (conductor) 6, R. G. Knowles 7, J. H. Hill 8.

NUNEATON.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Argyle 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, J. Clarke, junr., 3, W. Horton 4, T. W. Chapman 5, D. H. Argyle (conductor) 6, J. Clarke, senr., 7, J. Ballard 8. This was taken from Mr. J. O. Lancashire's peal (No. 820 in the Midland Counties report), and contains 40 Singles and 70 Bobs, and has 6—7 at home every course end.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 29th, at 135, Brighton Road, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Hewitt 1—2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3—4, W. S. Wise 5—6, Joe Sykes 7—8. This quarter is in three parts of 30 leads each, and each one called differently. It was Mr. Hewitt's first quarter "in hand," and Mr. Sykes' first of Grandsire Triples.

LLANDAFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At the Cathedral, on April 29th, for evening service, 1280 Bob Major, in 48 mins.: S. Dawe 1, J. Harris 2, W. Bolton 3, W. Biss 4, T. Woods 5, F. Chamberlain 6, W. Coombes (conductor) 7, J. Aldridge 8.

LONDON.—For evening service, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on April 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Kennedy 1, T. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Diserens 3, W. A. Alps 4, J. B. Williamson 5, J. Milner 6, A. Harris 7, G. L. Dorrington 8.

BOLTON.—On Sunday, April 29th, at the Parish Church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Pincott 1, T. Barlow 2, T. B. Worsley 3, W. H. Passmore 4, J. Lowe (conductor) 5, W. Pennington 6, J. Ridyard 7, P. Nuttall 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, May 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Lily Law 1, F. Rollings 2, W. T. Law 3, F. J. Lancaster 4, T. Law (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. T. Law, on attaining his majority.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 2nd. Service, 3 p.m.; meeting to follow. Owing to difficulty in getting provisions no tea will be provided. Bells (6) available 2 p.m.—W. Sear, Sec., 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 2nd. The bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. until 9. Business meeting in Parish Room 3.30. Divine Service 4.20 p.m. in Parish Church. Owing to food restrictions there will be no public tea catered for this year. Every ringer must make his own arrangements. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on June 5th and 19th, and on the 14th and 28th for handbell practice—all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday the 10th, at 6 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available during the afternoon and evening. Visitors welcomed.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Gloucester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society) Est. 1824.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of all Saints, Isleworth, on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 to 9 p.m. Short business meeting at the "London Apprentice," opposite the Church, at 6 p.m., followed by tea at 8d. per head to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 6th June.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C. 2.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn on Saturday, June 16th, 1917. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8 bell contest will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 16th, 1917. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the school. Entries for contest to be sent to me not later than Monday, June 11th.—F. Salmons, Sec., 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—Mr. Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Corrington, Nottingham, has been appointed Local Hon. Secretary. It is hoped that every encouragement will be given him, so that the work connected with the office may be successfully carried on to the mutual benefit of the members and the Association. The General Hon. Sec. and Treasurer will be pleased if all outstanding subscriptions are paid to Mr. Kirkby as early as possible.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mrs. Frank I. Hairs has removed to 189, Chapter Road, Willesden Green, N.W. 2.

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IN MEMORIAM.

In affectionate remembrance of Ernest E. Huntley, of Bushey, late President of the Hertfordshire Association of Changeringers, founder and for 21 years Master of the Bushey Society, who died 3rd June, 1915.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE LATE MR. SAMUEL SPITTLE.

At the annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild, held on Saturday, March 10th, 1917, it was unanimously decided to erect in the Parish Church, Dudley (the Vicar and wardens having consented to the same), a tablet recording the half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters rung on Saturday, February 3rd, at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, to the memory of the late Mr. Samuel Spittle, who had been its ringing master ever since the Guild was formed, and had held other important offices at the Parish Church for upwards of 70 years. It was further decided to appeal to the members of the Guild for subscriptions, and it was thought that many of the late Mr. Spittle's ringing friends and acquaintances would like the opportunity of contributing something towards perpetuating the memory of so devoted and honoured a ringer and church worker. The work has already been put in hand, and subscriptions should be forwarded without delay to the Ringing Master, Harry Mason, Stourdell, Old Hill, Staffs, or to the Hon. Secretary, Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley, who will in due course acknowledge the same in "The Ringing World."

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