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Gentlemen,

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

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BLOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

MODERN WORK

AFTER THE WAR.

A month ago we made some observations in this column upon the desirability of Associations dealing with the question of "reconstruction" after the war. This is a subject which, as we then pointed out, is as much the concern of the organised societies as of the individual towers; indeed, we think that, unless they receive the encouragement and help of their Associations, there are many belfries where there will be little or no attempt at revival. By force of circumstances ringing has reached its lowest ebb for many years past, but there is no reason why, with properly developed effort, it may not rise as quickly as it has fallen. This, however, will not come about without organisation, and the means of organisation are in the hands of the Associations.

The whole subject is one which ought to occupy the attention of ringers at their various meetings, for the day, we hope, is not far distant when the schemes will be required. It opens a subject for discussion, and will provide a channel for practical effort. One of the first steps must be to ascertain how far bands have been depleted, what has already been done to fill the gaps, and to what extent the actual ringing standard has been reduced. With this information before them, Associations would then be more or less in a position to gauge what help is likely to be required of them. This assistance might be given in various ways, and different towers will require different treatment. But a scheme on well-conducted lines will be far better than a haphazard plan fixed up at the last moment when it is found that "reconstruction," left to look after itself, has collapsed from inanition.

Many methods will doubtless suggest themselves to those who think the matter out; but to our mind the surest way of re-establishing ringing after the war is to start now and get together a good band, if only of "round" ringers in every tower, so that "when the boys come home" the belfries will be well organised to meet them, and so set off adequately manned to climb again to the heights of campanological efficiency. Arrangements for the instruction of new bands, and for the interchange of visits between neighbouring towers are methods likely to promote the end in view, and in these things the Associations can not only encourage but help in a practical way. It just needs somebody to take the first step, and the rest, if not easy, is fairly sure of accomplishment. The important point is to get to work without loss of time. It may mean that some little trouble will be involved, but nothing is achieved without trouble, and we are sure the result will more than justify the efforts put forth, for we are all desirous of seeing the Art re-established in the eminent position it occupied before the war.

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The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, August 10, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| GEORGE F. SWANN Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS 5 |
| THOMAS BLOORE 2 | CHARLES DICKENS 6 |
| GEORGE PIGGOTT 3 | FREDERICK DICKENS 7 |
| CHARLES WAITHMAN 4 | JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor |

Conducted by **GEORGE F. SWANN.**

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lieut. Michael V. Molloy (son of the Vicar and Mrs. Molloy), of the 2nd Battalion, Sherwood Foresters, who fell in action whilst leading his men at Hooze, on August 9th, 1915.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 17, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble | JOSEPH WOOD 5 |
| JOE GARNETT 2 | FIRTH HOPWOOD 6 |
| REV. A. T. BEESTON 3 | FRANCIS BARKER 7 |
| W. ARTHUR HUDSON 4 | HERBERT DRANSFIELD Tenor |

Composed by **J. J. BREIRLEY, of Saddleworth.**

Conducted by **JOSEPH BROADLEY.**

It is over 20 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Monday, August 19, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOSEPH PIGOTT Treble | JAMES GEORGE 5 |
| JAMES E. GROVES 2 | WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6 |
| WILLIAM HOLBROOK 3 | HARRY CHAPMAN 7 |
| A. PADDON SMITH 4 | AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor |

Conducted by **JAMES E. GROVES.**

Rung as a farewell peal of John B. Collett, the deputy tower keeper, who has been called to the Colours. This was Mr. James George's 700th peal of Stedman Triples. The band was very generously entertained by Mr. Trippier after the peal.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 24, 1918, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.*

A PEAL OF GRANDBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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| J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART; No. 61 in Council Collection of peals. | |
| FRED G. MAY Treble | PTE. JOS. NICHOLLS, A.S.C. 5 |
| ALFRED PEARCE 2 | FREDK. W. WADE 6 |
| MRS. E. J. WILSON 3 | ISAAC LONG 7 |
| GILBERT PEARCE 4 | URIAH BRAVEN Tenor |

Conducted by **FRED G. MAY.**

Mrs. Wilson belongs to Portishead and it is her first peal with a working bell. The peal was arranged for her.

BELLS WELCOME REPATRIATED MEN.

The pealing of the church bells, as well as the cheering of a large crowd, the waving of flags, and the sounding of ships' syrens, formed part of the stirring welcome given at Boston, Lines, on Sunday to 242 repatriated British prisoners of war, who landed from Germany.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 24, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 12¹/₂ cwt. 22 lbs.

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| MISS EMMA TONGE Treble | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5 |
| ARTHUR RIDYARD 2 | FRANK STONELEY 6 |
| JOSEPH HALL 3 | PTE. W. H. JAMES 7 |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4 | AMOS SIMPSON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

Arranged for Pte. W. H. James, South Lancashire Regt., who hails from Cobham, Surrey, and who is stationed at Heaton Park, it being his first peal on eight bells. The ringer of the fourth hails from Pendleton, fifth from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are of the local company.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 24, 1918, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17¹/₂ cwt.

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| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble | JAMES PARKER 5 |
| EDWARD F. COLE 2 | WILLIAM A. ALPS 6 |
| CHARLES V. HARE 3 | GEORGE PAICE 7 |
| WILBY J. HAZELL 4 | CHARLES ROCHESTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Herbert Cartwright and Miss Sarah Johnson, the bride being a member of the local band.

The following three peals were arranged for Mr. E. J. Pannett, of Lewisham, and Mr. E. B. Crowder, of St. John's, Deptford.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Bob and Single. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

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| JOHN BLAKE Treble | EDWIN J. PANNETT 5 |
| CHARLES TRIBE 2 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6 |
| WALTER H. PERRY 3 | ERNEST B. CROWDER 7 |
| OLDER WAGHORN 4 | FRANK CHAPMAN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JOHN BLAKE Treble | OLDER WAGHORN 5 |
| FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 2 | ERNEST B. CROWDER 6 |
| ALBERT E. EDWARDS 3 | CHARLES TRIBE 7 |
| EDWIN J. PANNETT 4 | *RICHARD BARMIN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Vicar's. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOHN CROWDER Treble | WALTER H. PERRY 5 |
| JAMES ARTHURS 2 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6 |
| EDWIN J. PANNETT 3 | ERNEST B. CROWDER 7 |
| CHARLES TRIBE 4 | *TRAYTON BOOTH Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* Elected a member of the association in the tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOODSTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob; each called differently.

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| FRANK DAINTY Treble | TOM VAUGHAN 4 |
| WILLIAM WALDRON 2 | HERBERT HOARE 5 |
| FRED COOK 3 | TOM TEBBITT Tenor |

Conducted by TOM TEBBITT.

HUNTINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 25, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7¹/₂ cwt.

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| AUGUSTUS HATFIELD ... Treble | *ROBERT B. SMITH 4 |
| W. ARTHUR HUDSON 2 | SERGT. E. MORRIS, A.S.C. 5 |
| *H. NOBLE IMESON 3 | EDWARD RICKITT Tenor |

Conducted by SERGEANT ERNEST MORRIS, A.S.C.

* First of Minor. First peal on these bells. The ringers of the 3rd and 6th hail from York, treble from Hemingbrough, 2nd from Birstal, 4th from Howden, 5th from Leicester.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 25, 1918, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

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| WALTER S. WISE 1—2 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5—6 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3—4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7—8 |

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires: ROBERT BRETT-SMITH and JAMES FORD.

THE HANDBELL RECORD.

To-morrow (Saturday) is the anniversary of the record peal of Stedman Caters on handbells at Gullford. It was on August 31st, 1912, that Arthur Shepherd, Alfred Pulling, William Shepherd, Jas. Hunt and Frank Blondell sat for 9 hrs. and 32 mins., and brought round a peal of 19,738 changes. The peal, begun on one day, was not finished until the next, and indeed was spread not only over a part of two days, but of two weeks and two months.

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY JOHN CARTER, BIRMINGHAM.

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| 231456 | |
| 512346 | a a c b a a |
| 425136 | a a c b a a |
| 152436 | a a c b a b a |
| 321546 | a a c b a a |
| 413256 | a a c b a a |
| 534126 | a a c b a a |
| 245316 | a a c b a a |
| 354216 | a a c b a c |
| 143526 | a a c b a a |
| 231456 | a a c b a a |

a—1s, 5s, 8s, 10s, 12.

b—1s, 5s, 8s, 9s, 10.

c—1s, 5s, 8s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 14.

This peal has all but 22 single calls, and is the first composed on this plan.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — On Sunday evening, June 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): T. H. Tuffender 1. A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2. J. Trappitt 3. C. Dean 4. E. Pike 5. A. J. Plowman 6. W. R. Grimwood 7. M. Fensam 8. L. Rodwell 9. N. Brassett 10.

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DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WATSON.

FORMER SECRETARY OF THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

On August 13th last, Mr. George Watson, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, passed to his rest, after a long illness, at the age of 63 years. He was one of the original band formed at Christ Church, St. Leonards, in 1895, when the bells were first opened; and he was captain from the commencement. For some years he was secretary of the Sussex County Association, a position which he filled most admirably, resigning last year. At one time he represented the Association on the Central Council. He was well known in most of the towers in East Sussex, where he rang over 60 peals in the four standard methods, many of which he conducted.

Mr. Watson was for over 40 years headmaster of Christ Church Boys' School, and was for many years a sidesman of the church, where he was greatly respected, and will be much missed. His funeral took place at Christ Church on 17th August, and ringers from the different towers of the town united to ring muffled touches.

WEDDING AT EDMONTON.

On Saturday last an exceedingly interesting event took place at Edmonton—the wedding of Miss Sarah Johnson, a much-respected member of the local band, and Mr. Herbert Cartwright. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Evill), who, in an appropriate address, paid tribute to the bride for the help she had given to the church, not only as a ringer, but also as a Sunday School teacher.

As the wedding party were leaving the church, the bells were rung in rounds, in which four ladies participated, and afterwards a selected band rang a peal of Stedman Triples (recorded elsewhere), in honour of the occasion. After the peal, the ringers were entertained at the Church Hall by the bride and bridegroom, and Mr. W. A. Alps took the opportunity of proposing the health and happiness of the newly married couple, wishing them every success in their married life.

The bride has been a member of the All Saints' band for a number of years, and is also a member of the Ladies' Guild, the Royal Cumberland Youths, and the Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

On Saturday week, the usual monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Worsley, members attending from Ashton-under-Lyne, Eccles, Bolton, Manchester, Pendleton, Miles Platting, Stockport, Pendlebury, Walkden, etc.

Mr. Percy Derbyshire presided over the business meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, was chosen as the next meeting-place, on September 14th.

Mr. H. Chapman and Mr. Sam Greenhalgh were nominated for the office of vice-president, Mr. H. Jackson as treasurer, Mr. W. H. Shaker as general secretary, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., as president.

An interesting discussion took place as to the advisability of the vice-president vacating the position after a period of one or two years, and to be ineligible for re-election in order that the honour might pass on to other respected members who have served the Association well during their membership.

After the business meeting ringing was again indulged in, several methods being rung, from rounds—with the youthful daughter of the branch secretary, Mr. Wolstoncroft, whose age is only nine years, and who managed the bell very creditably—to the more intricate systems.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness.

BLACKBURN BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday last. There was a representative gathering, and the bells were put in motion soon after three o'clock, various touches in standard methods being rung.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. S. Redman.—Mr. W. Heaton, of Colne, was re-elected President of the branch; Mr. J. Watson was re-elected for another two years as branch secretary, and Mr. W. E. Wilson to serve on the committee for a similar period.—Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley, was nominated for vice-presidency of the Association, and Accrington was chosen as the place of the next branch meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, also to the chairman for presiding over the meeting.—Further ringing took place afterwards.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 16th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Rice 1, G. Paice 2, A. Ellis 3, J. P. Kent 4, G. Illman 5, F. Rice (conductor) 6; 240 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Mitchell 1, J. Rice 2, G. Paice 3, A. Mills 4, G. Illman 5, F. Rice (conductor) 6; 360 College Exercise: F. Rice 1, J. Rice 2, G. Paice 3, A. Mills 4, G. Illman 5, A. Ellis (conductor) 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEMBERS ENTERTAINED BY BISHOP.

A glorious August, afternoon, a fine peal of eight bells, a gathering of from 50 to 60 enthusiastic ringers, numbering amongst them a fair proportion of ladies, a hearty welcome from the Bishop of the Diocese to Farnham Castle and its beautiful grounds—what more could a ringer wish for? A combination of these circumstances was the experience of those members of the Winchester Guild who attended the Guildford District meeting on Saturday last. In addition to this, to the older members there was the added delight of meeting the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, C.F., M.C., the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, home on leave from the front, and Mr. W. H. George, of Eastleigh.

The proceedings began with ringing in the Parish Church tower about 2.30 p.m., but owing to the illness of the daughter of Mr. A. Le Clercq, one of the local ringers, only short touches were indulged in, and at 4 o'clock the visitors made their way up the hill to the Castle, the residence of the Bishop, who was there to greet them, with his wife and daughters, Mrs. and Misses Talbot. Tea was already prepared for the party in the ancient covered courtyard, and the Bishop's children and grandchildren vied with one another in waiting upon the guests, who came from the towers at Aldershot, Binsted, Frensham, Farnham, Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas), Godalming, Ewhurst, Puttenham and Worplesdon.

At the business meeting, which was held in the open air, a new band of six members at Puttenham was elected, as well as several other ringers.—A paper by Miss Fisher, of Dorking, giving her impressions of the annual Guild meeting at Winchester, was read and much appreciated, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Ashted in September.—For a year past, monthly practices have been held at Worplesdon, and it was decided that for the next twelve months they be held at Puttenham.—The Hon. Secretary was asked to write to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, congratulating him on his restoration to health.—The Ringing Master's report was of a very satisfactory and encouraging nature.

At the close of the meeting, a vote of thanks to the Bishop and his family for their kind hospitality, was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. F. E. Dawe, seconded by Mrs. Bruce, wife of the Rector of Worplesdon, and herself a ringer, and carried by acclamation.—To this the Bishop suitably replied.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, being called upon to address the meeting, said how heartened he was when he saw the way that Guild was endeavouring to carry on, and the great success that had attended their efforts.

During the meeting, a postcard was signed by as many ringers as could find space for their names, and dispatched to Gunner A. H. Pulling, who is at the front, to let him know that he was not forgotten.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the ancient private chapel of the Castle, where the Guild form of service was conducted by the Bishop, Miss Talbot officiating at the organ. The service was most heartily rendered, and an impressive address was given by the Bishop, who afterwards offered prayers for absent members of the Guild, and specially for those who have gone from the Guildford district.

During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells on the Castle Keep, by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, and Messrs. F. E. Dawe, S. Radford and M. Smither, while, after leaving the Castle, the members returned to the church tower and rang touches until train time called them away. The afternoon was one that will long live in the memory of those who were privileged to take part in the proceedings.

COMMEMORATION PEAL AT SHENSTONE.

It was a glorious afternoon on Saturday, August 10th, when the Sutton Coldfield Branch of the St. Martin's Guild, assisted by one or two ringing friends, journeyed to Shenstone to be the happy guests of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Molloy at Shenstone Vicarage, and to attempt the annual commemoration peal as a tribute of respect to an English officer, and one of Nature's gentlemen, Lieut. Michael V. Molloy. In travelling through the countryside, and surveying the plentiful cornfields, now ripe unto harvest, one was able to realise that Shenstone and district at any rate was doing its best to defeat the U-boat campaign.

The position of the Church and Vicarage of Shenstone is about all that could be desired. Situated on a hill, with its two towers, the church is a landmark for miles around. Whether it is the salubrious surroundings, or the delightful welcome one always receives at the Vicarage, that makes attempts for peals at this church more than usually successful, the writer cannot say, and it is certain the parish of Shenstone is at the present time very fortunate in regard to its church matters.

The peal on Saturday, the 10th, was the fourth in memory of the gallant officer. Each was rung at the first attempt, and all four have been conducted by Mr. G. F. Swann. The ringers again wish to thank the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Molloy for their kind hospitality on this and other occasions.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

GARDEN PARTY AT THE RECTORY.

'If parsons would mix among bowlers on the green more than they do it would take a lot of starch out of them.'—Country Vicar.

Upon the level sward
You may not put on frills,
And snobbery abhor'd
The trundling pastime kills.

Stiffness of manner, too,
It surely will attack;
Though now and then you do
Collect a rigid back.

And starch it won't endure—
Hard collars simply irk;
They hamper one, for sure,
In keen exciting work.

And oh, remember this:
Precise be with your 'wood,'
For the reward is bliss—
Your 'end' will then be good.

BEZIQUE.

Whoever the country Vicar might be who indited the paragraph above, it would have made his heart rejoice had he been present at the Birmingham Rectory on Saturday week, and have seen Canon Willink not only 'mixing' with the bowlers on the green, but giving some of them what is called 'a good licking' into the bargain. Some of the starched collars certainly lost a little of their pristine stiffness, but as for the Rector, well, he's got none to lose, for what Canon Willink does not know about the art of being sociable is not worth knowing.

It was at the kind invitation of the 'Guild's Own Rector' and Mrs. Willink that members of the St. Martin's Guild and their wives gathered in the beautiful Rectory garden for an hour or so, and a more delightful spot in which to spend a summer afternoon can hardly be imagined. Almost surrounded by tall trees, and flanked by bushes, ferns and flowers, it seems unbelievable that one can get from there into St. Martin's belfry in half an hour, and yet this is so.

A very nice war-time tea was provided on the terrace for a mixed party of about 40, after which games were arranged and the handbells brought into use. Quota and bullboard were fixed up for the ladies, the Rector's daughter, Miss Dorothy Willink, 'bossing this show,' and bowls for the men. Prizes were offered for the winners, and there was much fun and some excitement as the bowling tournament drew towards its close, and one team after another got 'knocked out.' The 'final' lay between the Rector, who had Mr. Mansell as his partner, and Messrs. Groves and Pigott, the latter winning eventually, and thus landing some nice vases. For the second year in succession the prize for the bullboard competition was lifted by Mrs. Albert Walker, which we must bear in mind next year. Perhaps a little handicapping would be advisable!

Towards the end of the afternoon we were much astonished to see the burly form of Mr. Harry Chapman appearing through the shrubs, accompanied by three other Lancashire lads. It seems they had come to Birmingham on business, which would keep them perhaps a week, and had been trying all the afternoon to find the Rectory. However, when the Rector knew who they were, he ordered some tea to be prepared for them immediately, and in a few minutes Messrs. Harry Chapman, Amos Trippier, Wm. Holbrook and a non-ringer were busily engaged on the terrace.

In addition to these visitors from Lancashire, there were also present Mr. and Mrs. James Pagett, of Denby, and Mr. W. H. George, of Eastleigh, Hants. That fine old Black Country veteran, Mr. William Rock Small, was also in evidence, and although he invariably says he is not so well as he used to be, if he had to be graded by the military as it is done at present, he would undoubtedly be classed Grade I, as being 'very fit for his age.'

Various touches in various methods were rung on the handbells by Messrs. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Wm. Kent, J. E. Groves, A. Walker, J. George, W. H. George, T. Russam, J. Pigott, J. Pagett, and A. Paddon Smith. Altogether a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, free of speeches and all other formalities, and all present felt deeply indebted to their good hosts for their kind hospitality, and for the very hearty way in which everyone was welcomed.

A. P. S.

THANKS.

Frederick W. Thornton, of Greenwich, London, S.E., desires to express his sincere gratitude to Messrs. T. Law, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, and other members of the Central Northants Association, for their goodness in arranging for and meeting him to ring for Divine service at the Churches of St. Giles, St. Peter, St. Edmund, and All Saints, on Sundays, August 11th, 18th and 25th, thus adding greatly to the pleasure of his visit to Northampton. The courtesy and kindness extended to him by all is most deeply appreciated.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY 'BOB MAJOR.'

Sitting over a pipe late on Monday evening, I was pondering over the fact that it was the 200th anniversary of the first peal of Grand-sire Triples, and I endeavoured to picture to myself the scene that must have been enacted in St. Peter Mancroft belfry when the bells came round, and those eight men finished their task. Well may they have been jubilant over their achievement, and what a triumph it was for John Garthorn, who had 'perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England.' What a to-do there was, I'll warrant, and not without reason, too. That peal was one of the greatest events that ever happened in ringing history. Some of us fancy we have done a thing or two in our time, but we never did, in ringing, a greater thing than that first performance of those Norwich men. We do not know who called the peal. Perhaps John Garthorn called it while sitting in the belfry, as John Holt forty years later called his famous one part? And we can quite imagine the congratulations that would go round, both inside and outside the tower. John Garthorn, it may be remembered, was the first to obtain a true peal of Bob Triples, and he took part in its performance in 1715. Only James Brook and John Briggs took part in the two peals.

Now that the military authorities are beginning to rope in the grandfathers, many of our towers are feeling a still greater pinch at the rope end. The coming is not quite so severe as in the days when younger men were called up, but it will be enough in some cases to squash out what little life there is left in not a few belfries. It isn't nice to contemplate—but there it is. As long, however, as they leave us the children and the great-grandfathers we will try to carry on. But what a business it will be to get things going as of old, when the boys and the old boys come home again. I often wonder whether they will flock to the belfries once more of their own sweet will. I somehow think we shall see them there again—those who are spared to come back—for ringing is one of those fascinating subjects that, once it has gripped a man, never seems to let go absolutely. Interest may flag and dwindle, but usually—sometimes after years—the spark rekindles it to flame, and the old enthusiasm returns. I hope this may be true of all who come back from the war.

For some reasons it is a good job that the Minister of National Service has based his man-power arrangements on age, and not entirely on physical fitness, otherwise some of our youthful veterans would have had to join up. There is that young man, James George, for instance, only waiting for the war to be over to ring Exeter or some other great tenor to a twenty thousand of Treble Bob. Well, he ought to be good enough for a twenty mile route march with a 90lb. pack, or a trip 'over the top.' At any rate, I know his heart is good enough. Then there is that active young fellow, William Rock Small, who is able to ring two peals for his birthday when past fourscore years. Why shouldn't he command a battalion of veterans? I could mention plenty of others who, if physical fitness, judged by their ringing activities is any criterion, might well go in front of some of us infirm old young men. A corps, with Colonel William Rock Small at their head, and Major Edwin Horrex as second in command, would settle the Kaiser's hash in quick time. I think I had better write to the Minister of National Service.

The Americans think a lot of their Liberty bell—pretty nearly as much as they do of Old Glory. It is something of an idol to them, and when it went on its tour of the States, en route to the San Francisco exhibition thousands of people we were told, kissed the precious relic from Philadelphia. Now, when a practical, level-headed people like Americans, come to kissing bells (with only one 'e,' Mr. Printer), I reckoned there must have been a pretty good reason for it. But I have come to the conclusion that the folk who saluted those hundredweights of cold metal with osculatory caress were either much misled or else the Americans aren't any better than anybody else in expressing their emotions. Old Liberty, which was trundled so many thousands of miles on a railroad car, didn't ring out any song on the original Independence Day, for a correspondent has informed us in the columns of the ever-reliable 'Daily Mail' that a new bell was pul up in 1876. I have no doubt, however, that the Yanks who kissed the bell enjoyed the job, so what matters?

Our men are learning many things, pleasant and unpleasant, in France, but it strikes me as curious that a man should go from London to the fighting line to study bell ringing. Yet that is what has happened to one young man of my acquaintance. He has been in France since 1915, and when he went he knew as much about the subject of bells as his horse did of aeroplanes. Yet a few days ago I received a most learned opus, from him on the subject of bells and ringing—including the acknowledgment that much had been done to eliminate unmusical cadences from peals—and an invitation to join in a peal with him after the war. I shall only be too glad to do so, but methinks he has been pulling my leg. Perhaps he has been making use of an encyclopedia which he found in some place behind the lines.

NOTICES.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock till dusk; business meeting at 6 p.m.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford tomorrow, Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 2.30 till 5.30 and from 6.30 till 8 o'clock. Tea cannot be provided, but gd. will be allowed each member of the district who attends.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northampton, Saturday, August 31st. Ringing at St. Giles' 3 to 4 p.m., St. Peter's 4 to 5 and 6.30 to 7 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—(Estab. 1637.)—A meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral on September 7th at 6 p.m. Meetings will be held at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C., on the 5th and 19th for handbell practice, and on the 10th and 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 2 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Stanmore can be reached by train from Harrow, L. & N. W. Ry., by tram to Cannons Park and by bus from Cricklewood. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Vicar, who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Almondsbury, Glos., on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. Will those who require tea, kindly notify me not later than Sept. 2nd?—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown Branch.—Combined Practice Meetings have been arranged as under: Sept. 7th, Otlands Park (Near Walton Station), 6 p.m.; Sept. 14, Ottershaw, 5.30 p.m.; Sept. 21, Yateley, 5.30 p.m.; Sept. 28th, Walton-on-Thames (St. Mary's), 6 p.m. Members and other Ringers are cordially invited.—F. J. Shephard, Dist. Sec. *pro tem.*, 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14th, at Doncaster, St. George's. Bells (8) will be at the disposal of the visitors from 3.30 till 5 o'clock, and from 5.30 till dusk. The fine-light peal of 6 at Arksey

(tenor 9 cwt.) are also at the service of the visitors. The business meeting will be held at 5.30 p.m.—Frank Willey, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield, Sec. *pro tem*.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Idle on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Brighthouse on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45. *No refreshments provided*.—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Lufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next and last meeting of this summer series will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Twelve bells available from 3 o'clock.—Sam. Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church on Sept. 14th. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday, 14th September, from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

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Other subscriptions will be acknowledged from time to time.—G. Gendick, 15, Westbourne Road, Easton, Bristol.

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AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

A well-attended meeting of the Axbridge branch was held on a recent Saturday at Cheddar. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman. Ringers attended from Weston-super-Mare, Worle, East Brent, Brent Knoll, Huntspill, Winscombe, Congresbury, Burnham, and Mark. The branch was also favoured with a visit from the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. E. Bankes James, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilkins, and others from Bristol.

Tea was provided at the Valley Restaurant. Subsequently the Secretary (after referring to the death of the President, the Rev. Preb. R. Hayes-Robinson) asked the Vicar (the Rev. J. N. Wallis) to preside at the meeting, which he did. One honorary member and two performing members were elected, and Weston-super-Mare was chosen for the next meeting.

The Rev. J. N. Wallis proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late president of the branch in their bereavement, and in so doing voiced the thoughts of all present when he remarked that the death of Preb. Hayes-Robinson was a loss not only to Burnham and this Association, but to the whole diocese. The members present rose reverently in their places to mark their approval.

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