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Messrs. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1914  
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. BECK,  
Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

## HELPING THE FUND.

Our effort to assist the National Relief Fund is slowly mounting up, and we hope we may, through this means, have the opportunity of sending a really substantial sum, as the gift of the ringers of England, to this object which has an immense claim on us all. Men are rallying to the flag in their thousands. Those who cannot offer personal service should give of their means for the alleviation of the distress, which must of necessity follow in the train of war, and it should be one of the first duties which should appeal to us all, both high and low, rich and poor. For this reason we hope we may see the ringers' fund grow rapidly. The pence and the shillings, as we have said before, are as welcome as the pounds, when they represent what a man can afford, and it is with a view to getting the small amounts from those ringers who would not otherwise care to send their contributions direct to the central fund that we have opened our columns. We have been able to send one donation of £10 to Buckingham Palace, and we are well on the way towards the second. We want the ringers to rally round and make the ultimate sum in every respect worthy of the brotherhood to which they belong.

Various schemes have been mentioned for helping up the total, and this week W. C. H. urges the Associations to take up the matter. We should, needless to say, be glad to have their help. If it is not possible for Association secretaries to send to individual towers, the subject could at least be mentioned at any ringing meetings that might be held, so that the members might return to their respective towers and lay the subject before their own companies. We feel that in every tower throughout the land, the suggestion that a contribution should be sent up needs only to be broached to find a ready response. Let every secretary or captain of a tower "pass round the hat" when next the band meet in the belfry. However small the amount of the collection it will be a valued contribution. We want to make this effort a worthy one, and ringers are numerous and generous enough, we are convinced, to enable us to do this. The need is great and will be greater as the war drags out its weary length—let us not fail in our duty at a time when everyone must be prepared to help. The 25,000 ringers throughout the country can, with one combined effort, do a great deal, and they will, we are sure, do not a little to raise their prestige in the public eye if, in circumstances like the present, with a united front, they prove themselves, by their self-sacrifice, worthy of the place they should occupy as a body of Church workers.

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## HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, September 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At 3, YORK ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 1—2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 5—6
DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 7—8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and  
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Sunday, September 6, 1914 in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
At 7, THE BROADWAY.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;**

DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3—4	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 7—8
WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by the Association.  
First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all but the conductor.  
This was David J. Nichol's 100th peal. All his peals have been rung for the Central Northants Association.

These two foregoing peals were arranged for Mr. John D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths) who was visiting Kettering and who was at one time the much respected leader of the Kettering ringers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, September 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;**

Size 18, in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7—8
THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9—10	

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and  
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, his Guildford friends wishing him many happy returns of the day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1—2	ERNEST PYE ... 5—6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3—4	JAMES HUNT ... 7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and  
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire: M. F. R. HIBBERT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,  
At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ... 1—2	WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7—8

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Umpire: ALFRED B. PECK.

**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

HARRY HEAP ... .. Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR ... .. 7
SAMUEL WOOD ... .. 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... .. 8
CHAS. BOWER ... .. 3	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT 9
GEORGE GARNETT ... .. 4	SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. 10
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... .. 5	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 11
CHAS. BROADBENT ... .. 6	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a compliment to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mr. Harry Hattersley, of Sheffield, the ringers sending their best respects and wishing him many happy returns of the day.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

W. J. G. BROWN... .. Treble	ROBERT RAYNER ... .. 5
ROBERT RICHES ... .. 2	*JAMES RICHES... .. 6
JAMES ADAMS ... .. 3	*FREDERICK WARREN ... 7
*JOHN ETHERIDGE ... .. 4	ALBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and  
Conducted by A. RICHES.

\* First peal.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTHE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

G. MILLEN ... .. Treble	W. H. WOOD ... .. 5
J. HENLEY ... .. 2	S. BINFIELD ... .. 6
F. JORDON ... .. 3	W. J. JEFFRIES... .. 7
W. BIDNELL ... .. 4	W. KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

W. J. Jeffries hails from Lewisham, and W. Bidnell from Hythe, the remainder being members of the local band. Rung in honour of the induction of Canon Tindall as new Vicar of Folkestone, and also as a farewell to Mr. A. Binfield, who has gone to serve his country.

**ST. PETER MANCROFT PEAL BOARDS.**

To the Editor.

Sir.—I thank Mr. C. E. Borrett for his correction, and am glad to find that the tablets are still in existence. I was misled by the statement in the "Ringing World" of May 29th last, which is as follows: "Of these three the former (i.e., the peal of Bob Triples 1715), and the latter (i.e., the peal of Stedman Triples) came to grief some years ago, the 1715 tablet falling from the wall, and both were unfortunately restored to the extent of being remade."—Yours faithfully,  
J. R. JERRAM

**5040 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.**

By SAM WOOD.

23456	M	W	H
35426	1	.	.
24536	1	.	2
62345	2	1	2
54326	1	1	1
42356	1	.	.
53246	1	.	2
23456	1	.	1

\* Bobs at 5th, 8th and 11th leads.

First rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on September 12th, 1914.

**DURING WAR TIME.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in enclosing P.O. for 5s. towards the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund. I think you have done well in giving ringers an opportunity of subscribing through your columns.

In view of the cessation of peal ringing and the already large number of ringers who are on military duty, which must render practices difficult to arrange, I would suggest that the present is an opportune time for ringers to do all they can in the way of cleaning up, and overhauling, as far as possible, their bells and belfries. There are usually many small alterations in ringing chambers, etc., which could be carried out by the ringers themselves, and add to their own comfort and the tidiness of ringing chambers, and those ringers who are unable at the present time to get a sufficiency of ringing might do well to give these small matters, too often neglected in some towers, their attention, getting of course, where necessary, the churchwardens permission.

Let us try to get our belfries into first class order, ready for our ringers' return, and for peals as soon as occasion justifies them.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT W. FALCONER.

Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne

**ANOTHER SUGGESTION.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I enclose postal order, value 2s. 6d., as a small contribution to the National Relief Fund. I hope your efforts in this will enable you to send up a substantial offering from the ringers throughout the country. Might I suggest that the various and numerous associations should take up this question wholeheartedly, seeing that it is such a splendid medium by which to reach the various bell chambers of the land. I am sure this propaganda would be the means of swelling the fund substantially. Not only would it signify a willingness to help, but would place on record for ever the splendid response of one body of church workers. It is worth trying. Any small contribution would be acceptable from the (approximately) 30,000 ringing members, and would reach a sum of considerable magnitude if under one head: "The United Kingdom Bell Ringers' Gift." All subscriptions collected by the Association should, I think, be sent on to you in the first place, so that they may be included in the ringers' gift.—Yours faithfully,  
W. C. H.

**A LINCOLNSHIRE RESTORATION.**

ARCHITECTURAL OVERSIGHTS.

Churchworkers in the rural village of Harmston, situate some five miles from the City of Lincoln, have brought to a successful consummation important improvements connected with the church, holding, on Thursday of last week, a shortened form of evensong, which was attended by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Notwithstanding the grave crisis through which this county, and, in fact, the whole of Europe is passing, the service was a simple and plain thankoffering to Almighty God for the completion of the work which had been quietly going on for some considerable time. Through the generosity of one of the parishioners the tower of the church, which for many years had been considered unsafe, had been repaired, and the peal of eight bells partly recast and hung in a new iron frame; additional land had also been added to the churchyard. The consecration of the new ground by the Bishop was reverently carried out at the opening of the service by a procession lead by the churchwardens, followed by the surpliced choir, clergy, and the Bishop, and a large body of parishioners. After the consecration the procession re-formed, and the singing of a hymn in the quiet open-air was very impressive. Upon the re-assembling of the congregation in the church, the usual form of evensong proceeded until the singing of the Magnificat, whereupon the Bishop proceeded to the west end of the church and dedicated the bells, immediately after which a special band of ringers from Lincoln and Metheringham rang three leads of Grandsire Triples. The service then proceeded, and the Bishop preached a simple but impressive sermon.

At the termination of the service the bells sent out their sweet sound by a short touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Double Norwich; Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, taking the tenor in the latter. It was considered inadvisable to prolong the ringing, and after another short touch of Stedman the bells were lowered. The unanimous opinion of the visiting ringers was that the world-famed Loughborough firm had added another peal to their long list of magnificent bells throughout the country. The peal is a light ring of eight, with a tenor about 11 cwt., and the tone and "go" perfect. Indeed, the only regret seemed to be that the architect had not given sufficient thought in deadening the sound in the ringing chamber, and had evidently considered that those who attended to the ringing in the belfry were of so little importance that he had quite forgotten to provide any ventilation whatever. It was, however, understood that the energetic Vicar intended to have these two serious faults remedied as soon as possible. When this is done the inhabitants of the village will be in a position to feel proud of their church and bells, especially the latter, which affords fine scope for the enthusiastic band of ringers which is now being formed in the village.

## RINGERS AND THE WAR.

### RINGERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RELIEF FUND.

We again appeal to ringers throughout the country to send their "mite" to swell the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund. This great national effort is mounting up, but a very much larger sum than that already subscribed will be needed to alleviate distress if the war lasts anything like as long as those in authority contemplate. As ringers, who occupy a not unimportant position as workers in the Church, we must do our part, and any contributions sent to the fund through us will be acknowledged in these columns. We have already sent one sum of £10 to the National Relief Fund, and this has been acknowledged in the following terms:—

Buckingham Palace,  
14th September, 1914.

Sirs,—I am desired by The Prince of Wales to express His Royal Highness's sincere thanks for the donation of £10 which you have so generously given to the National Relief Fund.

Your obedient Servant,  
(Signed) F. M. PONSONBY.

Amount from Church Bell Ringers.

The sums sent in since our last issue are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	11	8	0
Bobbing, Kent, ringers (per Mr. C. E. Waters)	0	3	0
Gosforth, Northumberland, ringers (per Mr. Robt. W. Falconer) ... ..	0	5	0
Woodford, Thrapston, ringers (per Mr. T. Wilson) ... ..	0	10	0
Llandaff Cathedral ringers (per Mr. J. Aldridge)	0	10	0
Salehurst, Sussex, ringers (per Mr. J. Goodsell)	1	0	0
St. Peter's, Caversham, ringers (per Mr. Ernest W. Munday) ... ..	0	10	0
Mr. W. C. Hunt, Nottingham ... ..	0	2	6
East Hampstead ringers (per Mr. A. J. Rance)	0	5	0
Mr. G. J. Yardley, Walsall ... ..	0	1	0
Holy Trinity Parish Church, Hull, ringers (per Mr. C. Jackson) ... ..	0	10	6
	£15	5	0

#### ROLL OF HONOUR.

W. Turner, of Wakefield Cathedral Society, Territorials, and volunteered for service at the front.  
Pte W. Williams, of Wrexham tower, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
Pte J. Lloyd, of Wrexham, 4th Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers (T.), now at Northampton.  
Pte John Siddall, junr. (No. 13969), of the St. Helen's, Darley Dale Society, Notts and Derby Regiment, now stationed at Backworth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
Pte Sydney Amos Foster, of Mitcham Parish Church Society, King's Royal Rifle Brigade.  
Sapper H. G. Frampton, of Bournemouth, R.E. Territorials.  
F. Caldwell, of Oldswinford company, Birmingham City Battalion.  
Charles Cooper, of Geddington, Northants. Lord Kitchener's new Army.  
Sapper A. R. Macdonald (No. 41816), of Bournemouth, 71st Field Co. R.E., present address, Bulford Camp, near Salisbury.  
Pte Fred Kilborn, of Market Harborough, 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, now at Shoreham. Mr. Kilborn is one of a company of 400 raised by Mr. Edgar Mobbs, the famous amateur international rugby footballer.  
Pte James Shipton, of All Saints', Marlow, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry Regiment.  
Pte Thomas Hammond, junr., of St. Peter's Parish Church, Liverpool, with the Army Service Corps (T.), at present at Romsey, Hants.

Pte M. R. Warnett, of Lewisham, F Company 20th County of London Battalion, at present at New Town, Hatfield, Herts.  
Pte Walter Wales, of St. Mary's Co., Worstead, 5th Battalion Norfolk Regiment.  
Pte John Long, of St. Mary's Co., Worstead, 5th Battalion Norfolk Regiment. The two foregoing have volunteered for service abroad.  
Charles Long, of St. Mary's Co., Worstead, enlisted in Kitchener's Army.  
Shoeling-Smith W. Harding, of Berrybarrow, North Devon, Royal North Devon Hussars, now at Tendring, Essex.  
William H. Hayman, of Withycombe, Devon, Royal Engineers, Chatham Division.  
Ptes Frank and William Calloway (brothers), of Monksilver, Somerset, with Territorials on Salisbury Plain.  
Pte B. L. Lyddon, of Sampford Brett, with Territorials.  
William T. Law, of Weston Favell, Northants, 5th (S) Battalion Northants Regiment, now at Shorncliffe.  
Pte A. Brockman, of St. Paulinus, Crayford, Kent, R.A.M.C.  
Pte W. Eames, of Crayford, Coldstream Guards.  
Harry Marlow, of Hardingstone, 6th (S) Battalion Northants Regiment, at Weybridge.  
V. Gasson, of Salehurst, Sussex, has joined the Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Pte Edward Mullins, of Pendleton (late of Birmingham) King's Shropshire Light Infantry.  
A. G. Shorter, secretary Christ Church, Consett band, Royal Field Artillery.  
F. Eales, Christ Church, Consett, Durham Light Infantry.

In addition to the above-mentioned, the Vicar of Consett, who, although not a ringer, is a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association, is serving as chaplain with the Durham Light Infantry, and another of the ringers, H. S. Bates, of the Consett and District Division (Durham No. 7) of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, is awaiting instructions for service among the sick and wounded.

The following members of St. Giles', Reading, are with the colours:—

Cpl. W. Dormer, Lee-Corpl. R. Dormer and Trooper G. Wheeler, 3rd Troop, B. Squadron, Berks Yeomanry.  
Lee-Corpl. R. Bishop, Machine Gun Section, Berks Yeomanry.  
Pte A. J. Harding, 4th Essex Infantry.

From St. Thomas's tower, Lymington, the following are with the 7th Hants Regiment (T.) on Salisbury Plain:—

Sergt. Elliott.  
Lee-Corpl. Wilkins, and  
Pte Arnold.

Thornby-on-Tees tower (Yorks) has lost three members, two of them brothers:—

Corpl. Norman Addison, Northumberland (N.R.), R.G.A.  
Gunner Wilfred Addison, R.F.A., and  
Gunner William Wallace, Northumberland (N.R.), R.G.A.

Wishbech has four members on service:—

Pte Frederick Lightning, R.A.M.C.  
Pte Geo. E. Piggins, E. Co., Cambs Territorials.  
Assistant Sea Scoutmaster Edwin Doncaster.  
Sea Scout Reginald Watts.

From the St. Nicholas' band, Hurst, Berks, six members have responded to the call:—

E. W. Lloyd, Royal Berks Territorials.  
R. H. Tucker, Royal Berks Territorials.  
F. P. Priest, Royal Berks Territorials.  
A. M. Priest, Royal Berks Territorials.  
J. S. Chalker, R.H.A.  
C. W. Grant, R.H.A.

The three sons of Mr. J. W. Derbyshire, of the Darley Dale Society, have enlisted:—

Pte Geo. Derbyshire and Pte Joseph Derbyshire in the Notts and Derby Regiment, and Trooper John Derbyshire in the 10th Hussars.

Altogether, five of the Kettering ringers have joined the colours, for, in addition to Mr. Arthur Plant, whose name has already been given, the following have joined Lord Kitchener's new Army.

William Mace,  
William Smart,  
Philip Inns, and  
Alfred Knight (who has transferred from the County Police Force).

From Yateley, Hants, the following four members are serving:—

Lee-Corpl. Harold Tice, Surrey Yeomanry, now at Canterbury.  
Lee-Corpl. Cyril Bunch, 4th Hants Territorials, Winchester.  
Pte George Butler, 4th Hants Territorials.  
Pte Charles Butler, 4th Hants Territorials.

From the Portsea band the following have joined forces:—

Dick Stone, Royal Engineers (T.), now at Southsea Castle.  
Harry Murley, enlisted in Kitchener's Army.  
Joe Wheeler, enlisted in Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.  
Cecil Cressy, Auxiliary hospital ship, "Plassey."



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## CHAGFORD RINGERS' FAREWELL TO THEIR BELLS.



Photo.]

[W. John Aggett.

This photograph represents the "parting of the ways," as it were. The ringers of St. Michael's, Chagford, Devon, are seen with the old peal of bells just before the removal of the latter to the foundry for recasting.

Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, are being entrusted with this work, and the new bells will be hung in new frames and fittings by Messrs. Aggett & Sons, of Chagford.

## AN OXFORDSHIRE DEDICATION.

## SANDFORD ST. MARTIN'S ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED.

The interesting old Church of Sandford St. Martin, Oxon. has had its peal of six bells admirably restored, and placed in excellent ringing order. The bells had got into a very bad state, but when, last February, the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Cardigan-Williams) sent out an appeal for funds for rehangng the peal, such was the response that, with the aid of a substantial donation by the Lay Rector (Mr. E. F. Chance, of Sandford Park) the work was quickly put in hand, the contract being entrusted to Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington. The inscriptions on the mellow-toned bells show four of them to be nearly 300 years old:—

Treble: "Praise the Lord." Mears and Stainbank, Founders. London. 1871.

2nd: "James Keen made me, 1630."

3rd: "Nathaniel Boulter, 1620."

4th: "Humphre Keene, 1620."

5th: "Mears and Stainbank, 1871."

Tenor (9 cwt.): "Made by Keene, 1630."

The date of the church itself is, approximately, 1245, and contains some interesting architectural features. Seating nearly 300 people, the sacred edifice consists of chancel, clerestoried nave of three bays, south porch and west tower. The chancel and nave in the north aisle have Transition Norman arches, and in the south aisle Early English. The east window of the church and that of the south aisle are both of the Transition period from Decorated to Perpendicular, and the latter has curious tracery. In the south aisle is a very richly decorated Piscina and the south porch retains a Stoup. On the south side of the chancel arch is fixed the wrought-iron framework of an hour-glass, by which in ancient times the preacher doubtless regulated the length of his sermon; and of the chancel screen of Perpendicular work, only the upper portion, with the Arms of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1602, on an ermined ground, is now left. The Norman font, originally round, has received the inartistic attentions of some merciless vandal, who chiselled the sides octagonally to match the pedestal on which it rests, but the Norman carving on the upper half is still in a good state of preservation.

There were festal services for the dedication, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) preaching in the morning, while the formal ceremony took place at Evensong, and was performed by the Archdeacon. In his address the Archdeacon, basing his remarks on the Corinthians xiv, 7-8, dealt not only with the definite function

of the bell in the service of God's House, but showed how that its sweet sounds touch the common life in its varied appeals—the ordinary peal as the summons to the worship of God; the wedding bells as a reminder of the necessity of pure home life; the solemn passing-bell as the announcer of the flight of a Christian soul to the God who gave it. Each had its solemn lesson to teach. The Archdeacon gave some wise counsel to the ringers themselves, urging them to regard their call upon others as a definite call to themselves; to look upon their work as a privilege and their function as a reflex of their personal lives.

## MARRIAGE OF CUMBERLANDS' SECRETARY.

A marriage of more than passing interest to ringers generally took place at Shoreditch Parish Church on Saturday last, when Mr. Herbert J. Bradley, hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths, was united to Miss Florence M. Wheeler. As it was entirely due to the initiative of the bridegroom that the restoration of Shoreditch bells was set on foot some three years ago, it was only fitting that the Cumberlands should show up in strong force to mark the occasion. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. R. Ford, Rector of Broudesbury (late Vicar of Shoreditch), assisted by the Rev. F. E. Birch (Vicar), and the Rev. Colin Wale (curate). The service was fully choral, the hymns being "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O perfect love," whilst the choir formed a guard of honour, and the organist rendered the "Bridal March" and "Wedding March." So soon as the ceremony was over the famous bells were set going to alternate rounds and firing, followed later by Stedman Cinques. A reception was held in the Parish Room adjoining the church, where a substantial repast had been provided for a large number of guests, both ringers and otherwise. A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, music, singing, various games, and handbell ringing making a varied programme that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are spending their honeymoon at Folkestone, and we are sure that they have the good wishes of all ringers for a happy and prosperous future.

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for evensong at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Thrift (first quarter-peal) 1. W. Coley 2. W. R. Thrift 3. H. Dawson 4. A. Edwards 5. H. W. Kirtton (conductor) 6. J. Wood 7. J. Walden 8. Arranged for Bandsman W. Coley, of the 7th Worcestershire Territorials, billeted at Boreham.

## SIX GREATEST MEN IN RINGING HISTORY.

### WHO ARE THEY?

If you were to take a general opinion as to which six men have during the last couple of hundred years done most to advance Change Ringing, I wonder how many different names you would get? For obvious reasons you would have to exclude all living men, but even if you did not, probably the great dead would still supply the majority.

The first name that would in all probability occur to everyone is that of Fabian Stedman. It is quite safe to say that two, and perhaps three, other names would appear in every list. You could not possibly omit Fabian Stedman. He comes in not merely because he gave us his Method, for, popular as that is, the man who first produced Double Norwich got a finer thing and the man who first hit on Grandsire was the man who first gave us our standard of what a method should be. Who was that worthy? If we knew we would, without further thought, put him down among our six. But perhaps, like Topsy, Grandsire never had a father, but simply "grewed." Stedman comes in because he was the first of our authors, the first to try and explain ringing as a scientific thing.

The next man we cannot afford to omit from our list is John Holt. He comes in because of his two peals of Grandsire Triples. Grandsire is not, nowadays, the one standard method it used to be, and Mr. Parker's excellent Twelve-Part peal has largely supplanted Holt's compositions, but what our fathers would have done without Holt I do not know. Listen to the stately language of the "Clavis"; it is familiar to us all, and it is not one little bit exaggerated. "Ever since Grandsire Triples hath been discovered or practised, 5040 changes manifestly appeared to view; but to reach the lofty summit of this great climax was a difficulty that many had encountered, though none succeeded, and these great names, viz., Hardham Condell, Anable, etc., who are now recorded on the ancient rolls of fame, had each exhausted all their skill and patience in this grand pursuit to no other purpose than that of being convinced, that either the task itself was an utter impossibility, or (otherwise) that all their united efforts were unequal to it, and it is possible that had it not been for the author (of whom we are now about to speak) that this valuable piece of treasure would at this day be fast locked up in the barren womb of sterile obscurity. Thus it was until a poor unlettered youth appeared. No sooner did he approach this great pile, but as if by magic power, he varied it into whatever form he pleased and made it at once subservient to his will. After paying this small but just tribute to the memory of this ingenious composer, the Exercise in general can scarcely be at a loss with respect to his name nor once doubt but that we mean Mr. John Holt, whose extraordinary abilities, aided by his surprising natural gifts, were such as must ever excite the astonishment and admiration of the professors in this art, whether novices or adepts."

Our modern journalistic English will not let us write an eulogy like that, but it was not, as I said, exaggerated, only, I suspect, that the Clavis authors were indulging a little in poetry when they said that "no sooner did he approach" than he did the job. How much paper was used and how many figures written before the "Original" was composed, let them that know something of such matters guess.

The third name, which I should expect to find in every list, is that of Joseph Snowden. What he did for ringing and ringers everyone knows. Who are to be the other three? A good round dozen names at once occur, all of whom have more than an outside chance. John Garthorn, the first man to compose a true peal of Triples, no mean feat since he had no one to show him how. William Shipway, George Gross, Hudson, Hubbard Sottanstill and others, and we could hardly leave out old Ben Annable, the man who in his lifetime was undisputed the first man of the ringing world and who left more than one composition of real merit. The authors of the "Clavis" gave him credit for being the inventor of "Changes in regular peals," but that, of course, was not so. They may be right when they say that "Caters and Cinques, which he found in a rude and jumbled state, he threw into the harmonious tittums where they still continue and most likely ever will remain." I think he must have a place among the six.

Then there are Thos. Thurstans, the composer of the peal of Stedman Triples, the credit of which, however, he must share with Shipway and Hudson, Henry Johnson and John Reeves. Reeves was one of the authors of the "Clavis" and is always supposed to be the author of all the peals in it; why, I am not quite sure, as the book does not definitely say so, and they may have been collected from different sources. For instance, the composition of 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal, rung by the Cumberlands at Shoreditch in 1784 is always given as Reeves, but in the Cumberlands' Peal Book it is said to have been composed and conducted by George Gross, and Gross was quite capable of doing so. Also the tale goes that before the "Clavis" was brought out, Blakemore, one of its authors, stayed for some time at Norwich and when he returned to London he brought with him much manuscript concerning bells which he had stolen from his host. I am not sure whether John Reeves ought to go into our six; but anyhow I have left two vacant places and the reader may fill them up how he pleases.

### THE SPHINX.

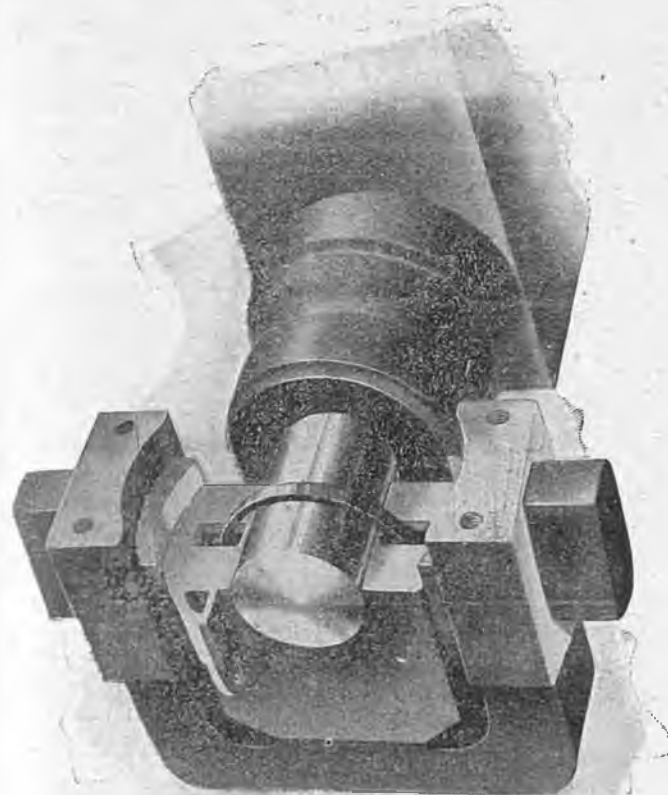
#### MR. D. J. NICHOLS' 100 PEALS.

It is seldom that a ringer completes his first century of peals without ringing one for any association but his home society. Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, however, has just reached three figures, the whole of the peals having been put to the credit of the Central Northants Association. The 100 are made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Doubles .....	1	1		
Minor in 1 Method .....	4	3		
Minor in 3 Methods .....	1			
Minor in 4 Methods .....	2	1		
Minor in 5 Methods .....	2	2		
Minor in 7 Methods .....	14	11		
Minor in 8 Methods .....	1	1		
Grandsire Triples .....	8	7	3	3
Grandsire Caters .....			2	
Stedman Triples .....	13	7		
Stedman Caters .....	1			
Bob Minor .....			2	1
Bob Major .....	3	1	15	12
Bob Royal .....			1	
Little Bob Major .....			2	
Treble Bob Major .....	1		4	1
Treble Bob Royal .....			1	
Double Norwich Major .....	9	9		
Superlative Surprise Major ..	8	3		
Cambridge Surprise Major ..	1	1		
London Surprise Major .....	1	1		
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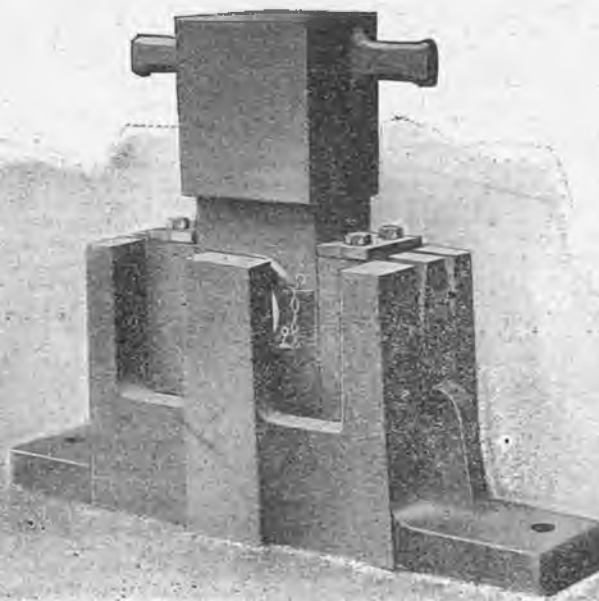
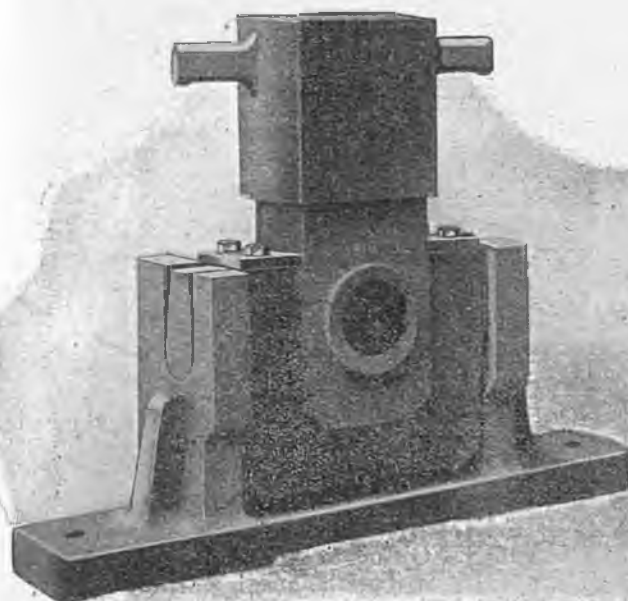
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### BELL RESTORATIONS. WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.

For many years a large piece has been broken out of the soundbow of the tenor bell at Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire, and the whole peal has been in a very dilapidated condition. Some four months ago, however, the six bells were taken down and sent to Ipswich. Mr. Alfred Bowell has recast the tenor, which weighs 10cwt., and tuned the whole peal and hung them in a new steel frame with all modern fittings. On the completion of the work ringers from Emberton, Olney, Filgrove, and other adjoining parishes assembled to try the bells, and two 720's of Treble Bob were rung. Everyone expressed their entire satisfaction with the tone and "go" of the bells.

### LITCHAM, NORFOLK.

The fifth bell to this peal of six has just been recast and rehung, and the clappers of the other five refitted by Mr. Alfred Bowell. The local ringers met on completion of the work, and rang the bells for a few minutes. The Rector and wardens congratulated the founder upon the excellent tone of the new bell.

### HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

Some three years ago the five bells in High Halden Church tower were rehung and the tenor recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. At that time provision was made in the framework for a sixth bell, which has just been cast and hung by the same firm. This makes another fine ring of six in the county, with a tenor of 13 cwt. The new bell is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Croydon on September 27th.

### HIGHAM BELLS.

On Monday week the bells of the St. John's Church, Higham, were given a trial run, after being rehung in a rigid steel frame built on three 12-inch by 5-inch steel girders, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who also added a new treble, making a ring of six in all. Members of the Kent County Association (Rochester district) from Milton, Shore, and Frindsburg, were present, and all were delighted with the perfect "go" of the bells. The new treble is a fine-toned bell, weighing 3 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. (note G), and was given in remembrance of the late Mrs. F. Stunt by her son and daughter (Mr. Warwick Stunt and Mrs. Neame). The tenor of the old peal is 6 cwt. in 15 flat. The old bells have been quarter-turned and fitted with steel headstocks and other new fittings throughout. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung for the trial, by: A. Bowell 1, H. Welham 2, G. Ambrose 3, G. Morrad 4, F. Hayes 5, Edward A. G. Allen (district secretary) 6. Others who took part in the ringing were: Messrs. R. Paine, C. Winsor, W. Stockley, S. Jarrett, P. Tester, E. Smith, G. Wells and W. Kent. The Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Allen, D.D., who has worked hard in getting funds for this work) visited the belfry during the evening.

At the Parish Church Mr. Bowell has recast the two old bells into three, with an addition of 3 cwt. of new metal, the bells being hung for chiming.

The bells at both churches will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Rochester (the Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, M.A.) before evensong, on Sunday, September 27th, on the occasion of the harvest festival.

Mr. A. Bowell also has the following work in hand:—  
**WARMINSTER, WILTS.**—A ring of eight, tenor 22 cwt., to be rehung in new steel frames with all modern fittings.

**CHRISHALL, ESSEX.**—A ring of four to be augmented to six, all hung in new steel frames with all modern fittings.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**—A ring of eight, tenor 16 cwt., to be rehung with new fittings and the fourth recast.

**DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.**—A ring of five, tenor 24 cwt., to be augmented to six, the present third recast and the peal rehung in new steel frames for eight, with modern fittings.

**BARKWAY, HERTS.**—A ring of six, tenor 16 cwt., to be augmented to eight, and rehung in new steel frames with modern fittings.

**ST. CROSS, NORFOLK.**—A ring of five to be rehung.

**LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.**—A ring of five, tenor 14 cwt., the treble to be recast, and the peal rehung in new steel frame for six, with modern fittings.

**EAST SUTTON, KENT.**—A ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., to be rehung with modern fittings, and the fifth recast.

### CLUN BELLS.

The dedication of the restored bells at Clun, Shropshire, took place on Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by the Rural Dean. The clock and font cover were dedicated at the same time. The festival is to be continued on Sunday, when one of the preachers will be the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild.

**BARNES, SURREY.**—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rang at St. Mary's Church, Barnes, in 43 minutes, on July 19th: F. Ashford, H. Barrett, M. Jacobs, H. Cook, C. Hunt, W. H. Crook, F. S. Revington (conductor), J. Wilmott. Also a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rang on August 30th, in 44 minutes: E. Castle, H. Barrett, H. Cook, C. Hunt, R. Mackrell, A. W. Darlington, F. S. Revington (conductor), J. Wilmott, rang as a birthday compliment to H. Cook.

### NOTICES.

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

Matter intended for publication should reach the Editor not later than *first post* on Tuesday morning, but all reports should be sent in *as early as possible*. Records of peals rung after Saturday will be accepted up to Wednesday morning first post, although insertion is not guaranteed in the same week's issue.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sept. 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus, 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 5.30. Tea (9d.) at the "Fox and Hounds" at 6 o'clock. Reports will be ready for distribution. For excursions see railway company's handbills.—H. Knight, Hon. Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY** (established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, September 19th, 1914. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Royal Clarence Hotel at 4.15 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley, on Saturday, September 19th. Service in the Church at 4.30. A collection will be made at this service for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. Business meeting, including election of officers from the branch, after the tea. Ringing will be governed by the news from the seat of war. It is requested that every member will make an effort to attend the service.—James Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton, on Saturday, September 26th. Bells ready from 2.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secretaries.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Owing to the War the officials of this Association announce that the meeting arranged for Sept. 26th, 1914, at Stoberley and Carlton will not be held, and they believe that the members will approve of this.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**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.

#### HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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#### DEATH OF A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Albert Huckley, who passed away recently, after a short illness, at the age of 65 years. Deceased, who had taken part in about 50 peals in various methods, including one of over 10,000 changes of Grandsire Major, was formerly a member of St. Philips' company, and had been a Sunday service ringer at St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.) for a good many years.

On Sunday evening, August 29th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Chad's, with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect, by: S. Colley 1, J. Stratford 2, A. Scrivens 3, J. Porter 4, C. Mackenzie 5, W. F. Webb 6, J. T. Perry (conductor) 7, J. E. King 8.

#### DEATH OF MR. C. PRICE, CHELTENHAM.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Price, which took place in a hospital at Cheltenham during last week. Though deceased had done but little ringing of late years, many ringers in Staffordshire and North Worcestershire will remember his former participation in the art, which he actively followed some 20 years ago, being a useful man at the heavy end.

The mortal remains were laid to rest on Saturday last in the Parish Churchyard of Longdon, Worcestershire, near his home. The local ringers rang several six-scores of Grandsire with the bells muffled.

#### HASLEMERE'S WORTHY EXAMPLE.

The ringers of Haslemere, Surrey, ten in number, have abandoned their outing this year, and the ten shillings each which is given them for the purpose by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Aitken) has been given to relief funds, £3 to the Prince of Wales' Fund, and £2 to the Belgian Refugees' Fund. The Rector, our correspondent informs us, is very pleased with the ringers' decision. We think the action is a highly commendable one.

**BARNES, SURREY.**—On August 30th, as a birthday compliment to H. Cook, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Church: E. Castle 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, C. Hunt 4, R. Mackrell 5, A. W. Darlington 6, F. S. Revington (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.—On July 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Ashford 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, W. H. Crook 6, F. S. Revington (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

**WINDSOR.**—On July 27th, on handbells, 600 Grandsire Doubles: L. Stilwell 1—2, W. Welling 3—4, Miss S. Durnford 5—6. Longest touch by Miss Durnford.—On August 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 17 mins.: L. Stilwell 1—2, W. H. Fussell (conductor) 3—4, W. Welling 5—6, Miss Stella Durnford (longest length of triples) 7—8.

#### WITH THE FLEET.

His many friends throughout the Exercise will learn with interest that Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.M.L.I., is among those of our brave defenders at sea who are itching to get at the Kaiser's fleet. His present address is H.M.S. "Implacable," 5th Battle Fleet, care of G.P.O.

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