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I am authorized 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. BEOK,

Architect. Diocesan Surveyor.

REPORTS & THEIR IMPROVEMENT.

The article which appeared in this column last week upon the question of Association reports has brought us an inquiry from the hon. secretary of one of the large societies as to which is the best of the reports that are published. This is rather a big question to answer, because, in choosing between them there are several factors to be taken into consideration. Moreover, it is somewhat invidious to draw distinctions between individual reports. Many reports contain most excellent features, but it has got to be borne in mind that the finances of many of the Associations would not stand the elaboration of these publications to any great extent, and they have of necessity to forgo the introduction of matters which, while they would add to the general interest of a report, would also increase the printing bill. Putting aside, however, all financial considerations, we should say that the report of the Midland Counties Association is among the best that are published, both with regard to its utility and the completeness of its information.

But in saying this we do not wish it to be for a moment understood that there are not numerous other reports which reach a high standard in both respects. From our bookshelf we take half-a-dozen at random, the Yorkshire, the Norwich, the Middlesex, the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Kent and the Worcestershire—all of them, and many others, are up to a high standard. Picking up one we find that its value might be improved by the addition of a list of the ringing times at the various towers. In another we miss the indication as to who is the secretary or correspondent at each belfry. The next provides us with a little problem as to where to find the particulars of any local band, because of their confused arrangement into the geographical divisions settled by the Association. In yet another our only trouble is to find the address of any one of all the names given as belonging to any particular tower, so that they might be communicated with by an outsider.

These are little points which, without being hypercritical, we think might be added with advantage and without much expense. Other features, such as the regular bringing forward of summaries of the past achievements of a society, of the performances of individual members, or of that valuable and instructive information, which, as we mentioned last week, appears in the Archdeaconry of Staffs report, viz., particulars about the bells themselves, are matters about which, probably, opinion may be divided upon the question of utility, and which, possibly, are excluded in some cases on the score of expense. There can be no question, however, that they add to the interest and completeness of the report.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.

JIM HURRELL Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 6
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 3	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 7
WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... 4	JOSEPH LAW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late William Weatherstone, who was buried at Nunhead Cemetery the previous afternoon.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOSEPH J. LEWIS Treble	HAROLD BURTON 5
WILLIAM TRUSS 2	C. H. W. ROBT. GRIMWOOD 6
†CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	THOS. GROOMERIDGE, Senr. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	GEORGE J. HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, Senr.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to an old and esteemed member, the late Mr. William Weatherstone.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT HARRIS Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	WILLIAM THORLEY 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM TRIGG 4	ALFRED HARRAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

Rung for the Harvest Festival services, it being the custom to start for a peal for this service every year. E. Reader's 150th peal. G. Wilson was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: J. G. RUMSEY.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal "in hand" by all.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT NO. 3, YORK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 5-6
*JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 3-4	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 7-8
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 9-10	

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Bob Royal on handbells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

RINGERS AND THE WAR.

Contributions to the National Relief Fund, which have been forwarded through us during the week, have been the following, which are acknowledged with thanks:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	18	14	0
H. S. Reeves, Hatfield	0	1	0
"C. G."	0	2	6
St. Mary's Ringers, Bonvilston, Cardiff (Messrs. F. Baker, W. Waters, E. Thomas, W. Coles, E. Coles, W. Samuel, F. Han- nington, F. Tarmar and H. Penny) (per Mr. E. Thomas)	0	9	0
Edgbaston Parish Church Ringers (first contri- bution) (per Mr. Harry Withers)	0	7	0
Holy Trinity Church Ringers, South Shore, Blackpool (per Mr. R. Rawcliffe)	0	6	0
Mr. A. W. Grimes, London	0	2	6
Total	£20	2	0

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who are giving their services to King and country, in response to the call to arms:—

G. Burrow, of Shrewsbury, in the new Army, now at Lewes, Sussex.

J. W. Rawlinson, of Liverpool, joined the new Army, and now at Lewes.

W. Wallis, of Rhyl, in the new Army, and now at Lewes.

T. W. Woods, of Newport, Monmouth, in the new Army, and now at Lewes.

E. Fletcher, of St. Mary's, Ilkerton, enlisted in the Notts and Derby Territorial Force.

W. Thornley, of St. Michael's and All Angel's, Stanton-by-Dale, Derbyshire, rejoined Notts and Derby Territorial Force.

Pte E. L. Bennett (2071), of Lancaster, 5th King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment, now at Didcot, Berks.

Staff-Parrier Sergt. S. Jakeman, of St. Alfege, Greenwich, 4th County of London Howitzer, R.F.A., at present in Sussex.

A. Langston, of All Saints', Peering, 10th Essex Regiment, now at Shoreham, Sussex.

P. Taylor, of All Saints', Peering, 10th Essex Regiment, now at Shoreham.

Frank Chapman, of Hawkhurst, Kent, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal Sussex Regiment, now at Chichester.

Lionel Clark, Sandhurst, Kent, enlisted in Lord Kitchener's Army, Royal West Kent Regiment.

Leonard Clark (Benenden, Kent), William Boxall (Benenden, Kent), William Wenman (Benenden, Kent), and Alfred Bridgland (Benenden, Kent), enlisted in the Territorial Force, "A" (Cranbrook) Co., 5th Battalion The Buffs, now at Sandwich. A. Bridgland has volunteered for foreign service in Egypt.

Pte A. Nicholson, of St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorks, 5th Batt. West Yorkshire Regiment (T), at present at Darlington, volunteered for service at the Front.

Pte J. Hogg, of St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Scots Greys, now at York.

Pte J. Greasley, of St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Wirral Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

Pte J. A. Webster, of St. Nicholas', Wallasey, Wirral Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

David Martin, Rye, Sussex (Rye) E Co. 5th Battalion Royal Sussex Regt. (Territorial Force).

Pte H. Thurlow and Bugler Geo. Osborne, of St. Peter's, Staines, are serving with the 8th Middlesex Regiment, and are at present abroad.

Rev. Canon W. W. Hough, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lewisham, is serving with the 4th London Howitzer Brigade (R.F.A.) as chaplain, and is now stationed at Uckfield, Sussex.

Mr. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Arnold Taylor, sons of Mr. John Taylor, who take an active interest in the foundry business at Loughborough, have joined the 9th Royal Fusiliers, and are now training on Epsom Downs. They are ringers and members of the Midland Counties Association.

Pte W. Emerson (16092) of Radcliffe Parish Church, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Pte T. Emerson (15996), of Radcliffe Parish Church, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, formerly Colour-Sergeant in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, is under training at Bisley Camp as a Musketry Instructor, and his services will be utilised in training N.C.O.'s of the new army.

Harold Ward, of Eckington, Parish Church, Derbyshire, has joined the new army.

Trooper F. G. Laverick (20544), of Middlesbrough, A Squadron, 18th Hussars, now at Tidworth, Hants.

Frank Caldwell, of Oldswinford, 9th Co. (Dudley non-manual section), 7th Worcestershire Regiment.

Pte Thos. Pryke, of SS. Peter and Paul's Co., Lavenham, 8th Batt. Suffolk Regiment, at present at Folkestone.

E. Tucker, of Hurst, Berks, Berks Territorial Artillery.

J. E. Denyer, of Ewhurst, Surrey, has joined the new army, and is now at Chatham.

Leonard Ruffle, of Sibthorpe, Hedingham, Essex, 1st Essex Regt.

Supper W. G. Rowe (15409), of the North Stoneham band, is, as recorded last week, at the front with the R.E.

Sapper W. Rowe, R.E., his brother, formerly of the Stoneham band, is reported to be on his way home from Cairo, where he has been for the past five years. Another brother is on H.M.S. "Dreadnought" in the North Sea. Their father, Mr. W. Rowe, senr., is a much respected member of the North Stoneham band.

The following have gone from the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford: A. H. Whiting, 2nd "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regiment.

F. Daniels, 5th "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regt. (T.).

C. H. Dobbie, Royal Ordnance Corps.

The following members of the Arundel band are now serving with the colours:—

Pte F. G. Kendall, 4th Sussex.

W. C. Netley, A.B., R.N.V.R.

Trooper A. Pepperells, Surrey Yeomanry.

Pte J. C. Rogers, 4th Sussex.

Trooper A. G. Whittaker, Sussex Yeomanry.

The following have joined the new army from St. John's Parish Church, Whittle-le-Woods:—

Herman Lancaster, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

William Lancaster, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Thomas Beaver, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Victor B. Blackwell, King's Own Liverpool Regiment.

Five members of Uttroxteter tower are with the colours, viz.:—

Rev. J. M. Lewis, Chaplain H.M.S. "Goliath," North Sea.

W. Lunn,

F. Richardson,

E. Roberts, and

F. Oliver.

The four last-named are with the Uttroxteter Territorials at Luton, and are under orders for Bordeaux.

The Wells Amateur Bell Ringing Society has had five of its members with the colours since the outbreak of war, and in addition seven of the remaining members are in the National Reserve. Those at present serving are:—

Corpl. J. Chatwin, Somerset Territorials.

Pte G. Wilton, Somerset Territorials.

Trumpet-Major Farley, North Somerset Yeomanry.

Corpl. A. Farley, Somerset R.H.A.

Gunner G. Radford, Somerset R.H.A.

Willenhall, Staffordshire, band, has three members, including the Vicar, with the colours, and all have volunteered for active service.

The Rev. A. M. Pratt, Chaplain 6th Batt. South Staffordshire Regiment (T), now at Luton.

D. Ambleby, R.A.M.C. detachment, 6th Batt. South Staffs Regt. (T).

Frank Ward, R.A.M.C. detachment, 6th Batt. South Staffs Regt. (T).

From the St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, five members are serving:—

Sergt W. A. Fowler, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. "Colossus."

Colour-Sergt. E. Wyatt, Somerset Territorials, on Salisbury Plain.

Dr. A. J. H. Hes, Red Cross Work.

Pte R. Fisher, West Somerset Yeomanry, Essex.

Pte Knight, Royal Engineers, Bristol.

From the Halesworth District (N.D.A.) the following ringers are serving their country: Halesworth Company:—

Col-Sergt. F. O. Lambert, N.R., Suffolk Regiment, attached to Ipswich recruiting district.

Corpl. A. Lee, N.R. A.S.C., in France with Indian troops.

Corpl. A. Took, N.R., 2nd class Suffolk Regiment.

Corpl. J. O'Neill, Depot, Suffolk Regiment, Bury St. Edmund's.

Pte S. Peck (handbell company), Bedford Regiment, in France, reported missing.

Chediston Company:—

Gunner A. Pratt, R.G.A., Woolwich.

Wissett Company:—

Gunner C. Jackson, R.F.A., in France.

Gunner G. Jackson, R.F.A., in France.

Wenhaston Company:—

Pte W. Levers, 8th Batt. Suffolk Regiment, Shorncliffe.

Huntingfield Company:—

Pte G. Rackham, Grenadier Guards, in France.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Eleven years ago St. George's, Bolton, was chosen for the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, and the Association returned to the town again for this year's meeting, making the Parish Church their headquarters, and having seven peals of bells lent for the occasion. With the exception of All Souls', where a case of illness near by caused the Vicar to withdraw his consent, and Holy Trinity, where the bell hanger is urgently needed, all the towers were used to advantage at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

Service was taken by the Vicar (Canon Chapman), who was assisted by the President of the Association (Rev. H. J. Elsee), and the Rev. F. W. Cooper, of Prestwick, the last-named being the preacher. Although not a ringer, he takes a great interest in ringing generally.

Tea was served in the schools, and over 60 ringers, together with the choir boys sat down. An adjournment was then made to an upper room in the same schools, where the Rev. H. J. Elsee presided over an increased audience of 80.

The committee's report was presented, and mentioned that they did not foresee the shadow which would be overhanging them that day, when they chose Bolton at our last year's meeting, and although it did not affect their figures this time to any great extent, it would do so more next year. Two of their officials had answered the country's call, and this made the balance sheet incomplete. The membership stood at 1,359, an increase, after deducting five deaths and the usual lapses for arrears, of four, the ringing members living in the county numbering 1,125. The financial statement showed an income of £37 3s. 5½d., and an expenditure of £52 9s. 2½d., the loss being due partly to making no honorary members during the year.

The peal report stated that 118 peals were rung during the year, Kent Treble Bob taking top place with 24, Grandsire Triples coming next with 23. They also had to record a peal of London Surprise and the record peal at Ashton. One new ring of eight, at Tarlton, had been opened, and a centenary meeting was held at Colne.

The officers were re-elected without opposition. The Central Council representatives were re-elected with the exception that Mr. Sam Wood takes the place of Mr. Redman. A provisional auditor was elected in Mr. Gill to fill up the gap caused by Mr. Bottrill joining the Royal Marines.—Eight new members were elected, one being an honorary member.—Four towers were mentioned for the next annual meeting, and Pendleton, Manchester, was chosen. The Vicar and ringers hope to make it a record gathering, and it is hoped every member will reserve the last Saturday of September for the purpose.

Methods rung during the day and evening were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Superlative Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Burnham on Saturday week. The proceedings started with a short service in the Parish Church, when the Rev. Preb. R. H. Robinson (Vicar) officiated, and gave a very helpful address, urging all in the present time to pray for God's guidance and protection for our soldiers and sailors, who are fighting in the war.

A meat tea followed, and was partaken of at the Royal Clarence Hotel, the Master of the Association presiding, and being supported by Preb. Robinson, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Vicar of Meare), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsell), Mr. J. Prior (churchwarden of Burnham), and 45 performing members, representing eleven towers.—The Master presided over the business meeting, which took place after tea, and at which twelve performing and one honorary members were duly elected.

The Master remarked upon the great loss which the Association had sustained in the death of Mr. H. Moore, of Minthead, who, before he was taken ill, was always ready to lend a helping hand to any young band, while he was also always ready to stand in a peal and conduct if wanted.—A vote of sympathy with Mrs. Moore and family was passed, by the members standing.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Burnham for the use of the bells, for arranging the service and giving the address; and to the organist for his services.—The Vicar responded.—This concluded the business, and the members then visited the tower, where touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

DEATH OF A CHESHIRE RINGER.

The death has taken place at Barthomley, Cheshire, of Mr. John W. Sherratt, at the age of 56 years, after a very brief illness. He was one of the oldest ringers attached to the Parish Church. For 30 years he had been gardener at the Rectory, and was one of the ringers in 1885, but gave up through illness. When, however, the old six bells were relung and augmented to eight in 1908, he started again with renewed vigour, and before his death had rung several peals. His remains were laid to rest in the beautiful churchyard in the shadow of the church and the sound of the bells he loved to well. He was followed to his last resting place by many of the local ringers and many other friends.

The bells were rung, muffled, both before and after the service, which was conducted in a very impressive manner by his old master, the Rector. Many beautiful wreaths were laid on the grave, including one from his fellow ringers.

A BATTLE OF THE BELLS.

CONTESTS AT BELLEVUE, MANCHESTER.

"I will meet you at the Zoo, at Bellevue," thus runs a sentence in a letter before me. My friend does not even disclose the actual place of meeting, believing, perhaps, that his goodly proportions will enable him to be discovered without difficulty, albeit the place is no small village. I don't know if many of my readers have paid a visit to Bellevue. In the writer's estimation it is a place with a history as well as its modern associations. On entering I was very much struck by the luxuriant flower beds, aglow in their splendid autumn hues, but the throngs of visitors who will soon disturb the peaceful scene will give them but a passing glance, for their minds will be engrossed in the anticipation of the event of the day, for is it not a day of all days—the day set apart for the annual competition of hand bell ringers?

It is a musical festival. No change ringing is indulged in, and indeed very little is known of the Art by those who are the principal performers. It is "a Battle of the Bells," and I am going "to the front" and "within the lines" of sound, to pass judgment and criticise, although it may be an irresponsible criticism, and probably would not pass muster with the adjudicators. Before entering the scene of action, however, I had time to open up acquaintance with the zoological section of the gardens—an interesting pursuit. But whilst this was in progress, my mind flashed to another part of the world where friends, colleagues and relatives are engaged in another and sterner pursuit—a pursuit of "wild beasts" of another kind—vandals of the lowest type. But this is not the time to ruminate. I must wend my way yonder, where the masses have congregated. I must join them and make merry, and, perhaps, succeed in finding the writer of that letter. Bellevue is a place to amuse, to enthral and create mirth—not to mention the tears of joy and the tears of disappointment, especially after the judges have declared their decision from the platforms. Competitions are held here of almost every degree—abounding with successes and failures.

AN APPEAL FOR TUNE RINGING.

I should like to mention here, in connection with our own and exclusive fraternity of change ringers, that it surprises me that more handbell ringing is not indulged in more from a musical point of view, by the numerous bands. A local company of musical handbell ringers are invariably in demand, and I am sure the public would appreciate our bell ringing a great deal more, and doubtless give it greater support if our ringers were more often able to entertain them with selections. It would help to eradicate antagonism to our church bells, and would court appreciation. The number of musical bands is limited, but from the very beginning of my initiation into the art of bell ringing I have always had an appreciation for handbells, which, to my mind, is equally as fascinating as change ringing.

I am writing this within sound of the handbell performances, and my emotions have guided me to say these few words on handbell ringing from a musical point of view. It is a charming pastime. The day has provided another success to be placed on record, and I appeal to those who can allot one day in the year to visit this noble and ancient form of entertainment, to ask themselves whether it is not time something should be done to promote its more general favour.

I am interested to hear that so many of our esteemed veterans in the ringing world have paid visits to this annual feast, some almost from the time of its inception without a miss. As the time passed on and the band left the rostrum, I perceived some well known members of our own profession, who were among the audience. To name a few who were enjoying their visit and exchanging views: Messrs. E. Dennison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chapman (Manchester), Mr. Sam Wood (Ashton), Mr. Jos. Ridyard (Worsley), Mr. W. C. Hunt (Northampton), Mr. S. Greenhalgh, and others.

The test piece was a grand selection from Auber's Opera, "The Crown Diamonds"—a very difficult and intricate test for handbells. It was wonderful how the piece was handled by the different sets of performers, and much credit was given for the masterly way in which it was brought out, almost, if not quite, reaching, I should say, the style which the author intended. At the conclusion the following bands were announced as the winners of the awards: 1st prize, £15, Saddleworth (Yorks); 2nd, £10, Crosland Moor United (Huddersfield); 3rd, £8, Elland C.E.M.S. (Yorks); 4th, £6, Thurlstone Public (near Penistone, Yorks); 5th, £3, Leyton United.

WEDDING AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

North country ringers will be interested to read of the marriage, which was celebrated at Benwell Parish Church, of Mr. Benjamin Crawford Dixon, son of the late Mr. Benjamin Dixon, and of Mrs. Dixon, of Low Fell, the bride being Miss Daisy Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Page, of Benwell, Newcastle. Mr. Dixon is a prominent member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers, while Miss Page is a probationary member of the same Guild. A 360 Kent Minor was rung immediately after the ceremony, as the happy couple left the church, by: C. L. Routledge 1, A. F. Hillier 2, J. E. Keen 3, T. Murray 4, E. E. Ferry 5, W. Sinclair 6. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained by the bride's parents to refreshments at their house. The proceedings closed by a lively "setting off" of the bride and bridegroom on their honeymoon at the Central Station.

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DEATH OF MR. THOMAS HUDSON.

VICE-PRESIDENT AND FORMER SECRETARY OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Thos. Hudson, senr., of Sunderland, who passed away on Friday, Sept. 18th, at the age of 69 years, after a long and trying illness, at his residence in Scruton, North Yorkshire. The mortal remains were interred on Monday week at Sunderland Cemetery, preceded by a burial service in the old Parish Church of Bishopwearmouth, under the shadow of which he lived, and which he lived so well. In this church, too, he had held the office of churchwarden and sidesman for many years.

The service was conducted by Canon Gouldsmith, the Rector, assisted by the Rector of Scruton, Yorks (the Rev. T. Rigby). Among the numerous floral tributes sent were wreaths from "the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers," from the St. Michael's Society, Bishopwearmouth, and from St. Ignatius' Guild of Ringers, Sunderland. The chief mourners were: Mr. T. Hudson and Capt. R. C. Hudson, A.S.C. (sons), the Misses E. and S. Hudson (daughters), Mr. Jos. and Mr. Wm. Hudson (brothers), Rev. Charles Hudson, and others. The ringers present included Messrs. C. L. Routledge, President of the Durham and Newcastle Association, J. W. Parker and R. Patterson, of St. Ignatius'.



THE LATE MR. THOMAS HUDSON.

R. W. Lovie, Richardson, G. and J. Pickering, of Bishopwearmouth Belfry; and E. E. Ferry, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. Hudson was for five years hon. secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and following his resignation of that office was elected a vice-president. Though he did not commence ringing till comparatively late in life, his interest in ringing and ringing matters was intense, and he did excellent service in teaching his own colleagues at St. Michael's, and the ringers of St. Ignatius', besides helping on other bands in the district. He was naturally a good "striker" and an intelligent method ringer.

His connection with the Association as secretary will be long remembered—he laboured incessantly, visiting every tower within his reach, and placed the Association on a good businesslike footing, both financially and clerically, a fact which has been distinctly appreciated by succeeding secretaries. Mr. Hudson's peal list was a comparatively small one, 14 in all. These were rung in the methods of Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. But this did not exhaust the extent of his knowledge of methods—it was just as he was getting into the higher reaches of the Art that ill-health stopped further practice, and he had to be content with Sunday ringing at home, while even that was constantly restricted by his medical man. Consequently most of his time in later years was spent in his pretty country house at Scruton, near Bedale, North Yorks, where he indulged his hobby of gardening to the full extent, and to the delight of not only himself, but of his neighbours. His talent in this direction being much above the average.

In Thomas Hudson the world, and the Exercise in particular, has lost a true-hearted, single-minded gentleman: one who was upright in

his dealings with his fellow men. Thereby, he got the best out of those with whom he dealt, or with whom he came into contact, and they were infinitely the better of having known and dealt with such a personality. Hence his success in business and hobbies. He will be long mourned by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him, and by ringers in particular.

The bells of Bishopwearmouth Church were rung deeply muffled for morning and evening services on Sunday week, and after the funeral a representative band of the Association rang a 5040 Stedman Triples at Bishopwearmouth, which was recorded in our last issue.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL.

IS THE REV. H. LAW JAMES RIGHT?

"HODGE" DISCUSSES THE METHOD.

At the Winchester meeting of the Central Council, the Rev. H. Law James asked the Council to say "that Superlative Surprise Royal, as given by Shipway, is the same method as the Major." It probably is not of absorbing interest to the majority of ringers whether it is or not; but some may be glad to take advantage of the present unfortunate rest from ringing to go into the matter, and consider whether Mr. James is right. Before the meeting he wrote an interesting account of the way in which he arrived at his result, and he proved conclusively that a method on any number of bells can be obtained by satisfying certain conditions which he lays down.

"Consider Superlative Surprise Major. It is a double method so constructed that 7th's place is made when the treble is behind, and 2nd's when she leads, and if these two places are omitted the bells will run up backwards when the treble is behind, and also run round when she returns to lead." And he goes on to say: "If the Royal exists it must satisfy these conditions, and also we must be able to give a satisfactory reason drawn from the Major for every place we make in Royal."

With the latter part of this statement no one, I suppose, will disagree, but the "must" in the first part is not explained. Perhaps Mr. James will tell us which of the "laws," referred to at a former meeting of the Council, is responsible for the "must." Mr. James's argument, if we grant the premises, is excellent, but he ignores a great deal which ought to be taken into account in extending a method.

The method known as Superlative Surprise Royal is Superlative Surprise Royal because Shipway named it so, but we must consider a little more what we understand by a method before we grant Mr. James's proposition. The main purpose for which the figures are put on paper is, after all, that the method may be rung, and the name certainly ought to convey some idea of the work to be learnt and performed. Now it does not want a very long inspection of Shipway's method to show that, for practical purposes, it bears not the slightest resemblance to Superlative Surprise Major; and if a method can be found which contains all the Major work, and is constructed on the same lines as the Major method, it is much more reasonable to say that it is the same method as the Major, even if the bells do not run up backwards with the treble behind, or run round at lead if the places are omitted. If the method is useless for ringing, or even if the lead-ends are not Plain Bob lead-ends, it doesn't matter. We have just as much right, or perhaps more, to lay down the law that the work ought to be as nearly the same as possible, as Mr. Law James has to lay down his laws.

WHAT IS "METHOD"?

Cambridge Surprise is an example of the perfect extension of a method. The work on all numbers is identical, similar work being added for the extra places in each extension. The characteristic of the work of Cambridge is that you get pairs of places on each side of the dodge with the treble, the path of the bell being straight forward afterwards. In Superlative we have the same pairs of places, but with an extra place either before or after, which causes the path of the bell to be turned back. There is also the long dodge before and behind, so arranged that when the work in front has been ended with the long dodge the succeeding work behind begins with a long dodge, and vice versa.

What is to be understood by the word "method"? The "Glossary" does not help us much. But as it speaks of "the regular and orderly movement of all" the bells, the work of the bells seems to be one of the principal points to be considered. What does the ordinary ringer do when he wants to learn a new method? A great many will study the diagram of the path of a bell in the plain course, and so learn the method. For him, at any rate, "method" means method of ringing, and to understand that a view of the whole is required. Of course, the method depends upon the arrangement of the places, and in both Cambridge and Superlative Major the most prominent feature is that places are made on both sides of the path of the treble from 3rd's to 6th's. In both, 2nd's and 7th's are made when the treble is at lead and behind. In Cambridge the places under the treble begin at 2nd's instead of 3rd's, and in Superlative there are additional 3rd's and 6th's places when 6th's and 3rd's are made. When we extend to Royal, the 7th's place evidently becomes 9th's—there is no difficulty about that—and if all the places from 2nd's to 3rd's are made on both sides of the path of the treble we get Cambridge Royal, the additional work falling into its place in the same way and being of the same character as in the Major.

SUPERLATIVE PLACES.

In Superlative, if the work of Royal is to be anything like that of Major, we have to see how the extra places are to be arranged, and also whether the new work is to be in 3-4, 5-6, or 7-8. As the method is double, the work in 3-4 and 7-8 must be identical, so that evidently the new work must be in 5-6, and if it is to be of the same character as the work in 3-4 and 7-8, there should be pairs of places on each side of a dodge with the treble, and an extra place before or after. As the method is double, and there are only two bells to do this work, there must be either no extra place or an extra place both before and after the pairs of places. The only alternative, to have no places in 5-6 is impossible. If we write out a skeleton course, we shall see this.

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At A we must have 3rd's, therefore 8th's at a.
At E we must have 4th's, therefore 7th's at b.
At C treble dodges in 3-4, we must have 5th's or 7th's.
At e treble dodges in 7-8, we must have 6th's or 4th's.
If we are to follow the analogy of Major, these places must be 5th's and 6th's.
At D we must have a place at 3rd's or (and) 6th's or 8th's, while the treble passes from 3-4 to 5-6. Similarly at d, 8th's or (and) 5th's or 3rd's.
In order to keep the Superlative work we must have 3rd's at D and 8th's at d, and for the same reason 4th's and 7th's at Ee, and also 3rd's at C and 8th's at e, and the dodge before and after the pairs of places requires 5th's at d and 6th's at D.

It will be seen now that all the places on each side of the path of the treble are accounted for. No other place is wanted at B or b, or the place making work in 3-4 and 7-8 would be altered. There remains the question of A and a. We can have (1) no extra place there, or (2) 6th's and 5th's, or (3) 8th's and 3rd's.

A COMMON WORK.

(3) If the work of a bell after work with the treble in front be examined, we find (omitting dodges on the way) in all three arrangements—odd 8th's last—dodge at lead—work in 5-6—dodge behind—odd 3rd's first—work with treble behind. This is the same in general as the work of Superlative Major, with the addition of the work in 5-6 between the dodges before and behind. In (1) and (3) the work in 3-4 and 7-8 is exactly the same as the work in 3-4 and 5-6 in Superlative Major. In (2) it is the same with the addition of a 5-pull dodge before or after the odd place. In (1) the dodges at lead and behind consist of a double dodge before and triple dodge after the whole pull in front, and a triple dodge first behind. In (2) a long dodge before and double dodge after the whole pull at lead, and long dodge last behind. In (3) long dodge last in front and first behind.
The work in 5-6 is different in all three. In (1) Cambridge work, no extra places, and the bell going straight on to and from the place making. In (2) and (3) an extra place both before and after, the places in (3) being moved to 8th's and 3rd's. In (2) and (3) the path of the bell is reversed twice in the 5-6 work, which is what we would expect, as the work in 5-6 has to balance itself.

Comparing these three arrangements with Superlative Major we find in (1) the long dodge is reduced to a triple dodge, and the work in 5-6 is Cambridge, not Superlative. In (2) the long dodges are reversed, and there are 5-pull dodges before the odd place first and after the odd place last. In (3) the long dodges come as in Superlative, the only difference being that they are longer.

THE EXTENSION TO MAXIMUS.

If we extend the method still further on the same plan as (3) to Maximus, making 10th's (i.e., 3rd's from behind) while the treble dodges on the lead, the work exactly follows the model of Superlative Major. After work with the treble in front: Odd 10th's last, back to lead—double dodge before and triple dodge after the whole pull—work in 7-8 with odd place (10th's) last, back to long dodge last in front, long dodge first behind, work in 5-6, odd place (3rd's) first, back to 3-pull dodge first behind, odd 3rd's first and up to work with the treble behind.

If we apply Mr. James's tests to this form of Maximus, we shall find that it satisfies them, and so, presumably, he would accept it as Superlative. The Royal he refuses, although it is formed in precisely the same way. In it the bells run up backwards when the treble is behind halfway through the course. The tenors, however, are very much parted, and it does not appear to be of much use for ringing purposes, but for all that it is as nearly the same method as may be, in spite of the coursing order and Plain Bob lead end superstitions. Superlative Surprise requires that the number of bells should be a multiple of four, as two pairs of bells are needed to do the work in

each pair of places, if the heavy bells are to be kept together and the Plain Bob lead ends to be obtained.

And so the Royal method formed in the same way as Superlative Surprise Major is "illegitimate," which only goes to show what an unfortunate word that is to use. We have just been told in your contemporary that Stedman Triples is "illegitimate," and so it is to be "buried for ever in the graveyard of the past." I do not know whether this is sarcastic, or whether the writer really thinks that Stedman will be buried for ever if all our experts agree that it is "illegitimate." No one would hesitate to ring Stedman, even the experts themselves, in spite of such a verdict; which shows what a foolish word that "illegitimate" is, and to what mistaken ideas it gives rise. Legitimate and illegitimate imply the keeping or breaking of laws and no laws (in spite of Mr. James) come into the matter at all. Certain rules have been formulated by our experts, but they have no Parliament Act powers to force them on the Exercise, and until they are generally accepted they have no right to the name of law. At present the only laws of change ringing for the production of a plain course are:—

- (1) There must be a change of the order of the bells at each succeeding row, and no repetition of any row as a whole.
- (2) No bell must strike more than two blows consecutively in one place.
- (3) No bell must move more than one place up or down at each succeeding blow.

All the rest are rules which have been drawn up for producing satisfactory methods, and which may or may not in time receive the general assent of the Exercise. It would be much better, therefore, to give up the use of the terms legitimate and illegitimate, which suggest laws (which do not exist), and adopt "regular" and "irregular" instead, words which denote according to, or contrary to, rules, which have been formulated for certain purposes, and are more or less accepted by the Exercise.

HODGE.

HERE AND THERE.

A CORNISH PEAL REHUNG.

The six bells of the Parish Church of Menheniot, near Liskeard, Cornwall, have recently been rehung, and the frame strengthened. They are now in thoroughly good ringing order. The work has been carried out, with their usual thoroughness, by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, Bell Hangers, of Woodbury, Devon.

ANOTHER "BAILEY" PEAL.

The Bailey brothers of Leiston seem as likely to make their mark upon ringing annals as much by their handbell peals as by their family performances on church bells. They followed up Bob Major by Bob Royal, and, as will be seen by a reference to the peal columns, they have now followed up their peals of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells by a peal of Royal in the same method.

PROGRESS AT LAVENHAM.

And references to handbell ringing reminds us of the progress which is being made at Lavenham, where Mr. Symonds and his colleagues have just scored a 720 of Norfolk Surprise Minor "in hand." This looks promising.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

The illustration, accompanying the account of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, in our last issue, was from a photograph by Mr. F. E. Dawe, to whose courtesy, for the use of the picture, we are much indebted.

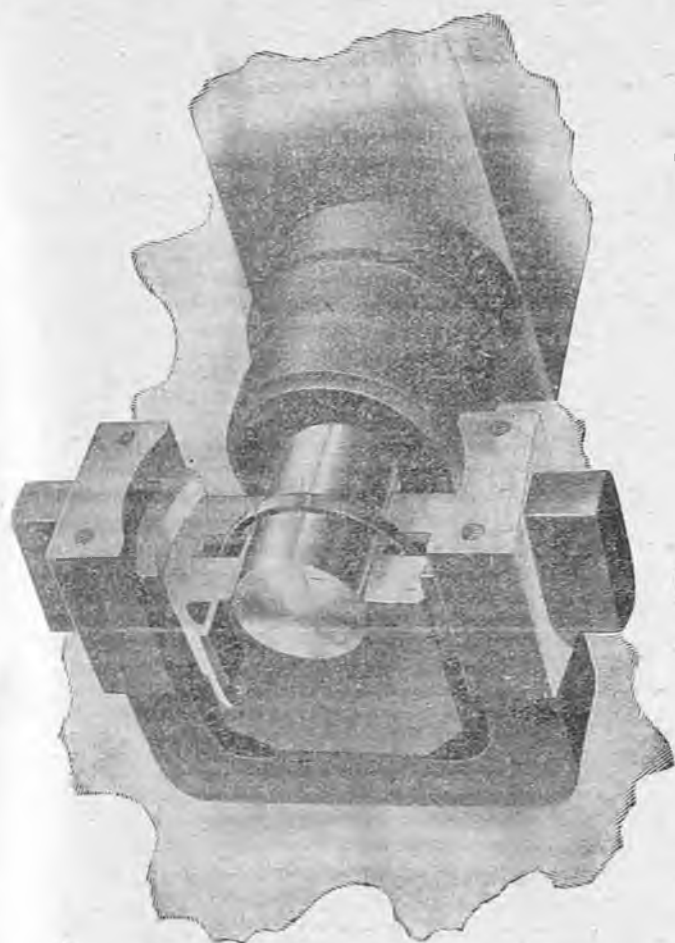
DEATH OF MR. W. WEATHERSTONE.

A well known London worthy has passed away in the person of Mr. William Weatherstone, whose death, at the age of 73 years, we regret to announce. Despite his advanced years the deceased was an enthusiast in the Art up to the last, and was "game" for a peal with the best of them. The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Tuesday of last week, and on the following day, members of the Kent Association, of which, among other societies he was a member, rang a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church, Deptford.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Smith 1, A. James, junr. (first quarter in method) 2, G. Durling 3, A. E. Newick 4, G. Huxley 5, I. Emery 6, E. G. Fillans (conductor) 7, A. James, senr. 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, F. Hodges 2, J. Mead 3, P. Stanton 4, H. Sear 5, F. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, A. Crane 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of 1, 2 and 4, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Faulkner 1, W. Adams 2, F. Bird 3, C. Bird 4, S. Arthurs 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Bird 1, W. Adams 2, P. Bird 3, C. Bird 4, S. Arthurs 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.



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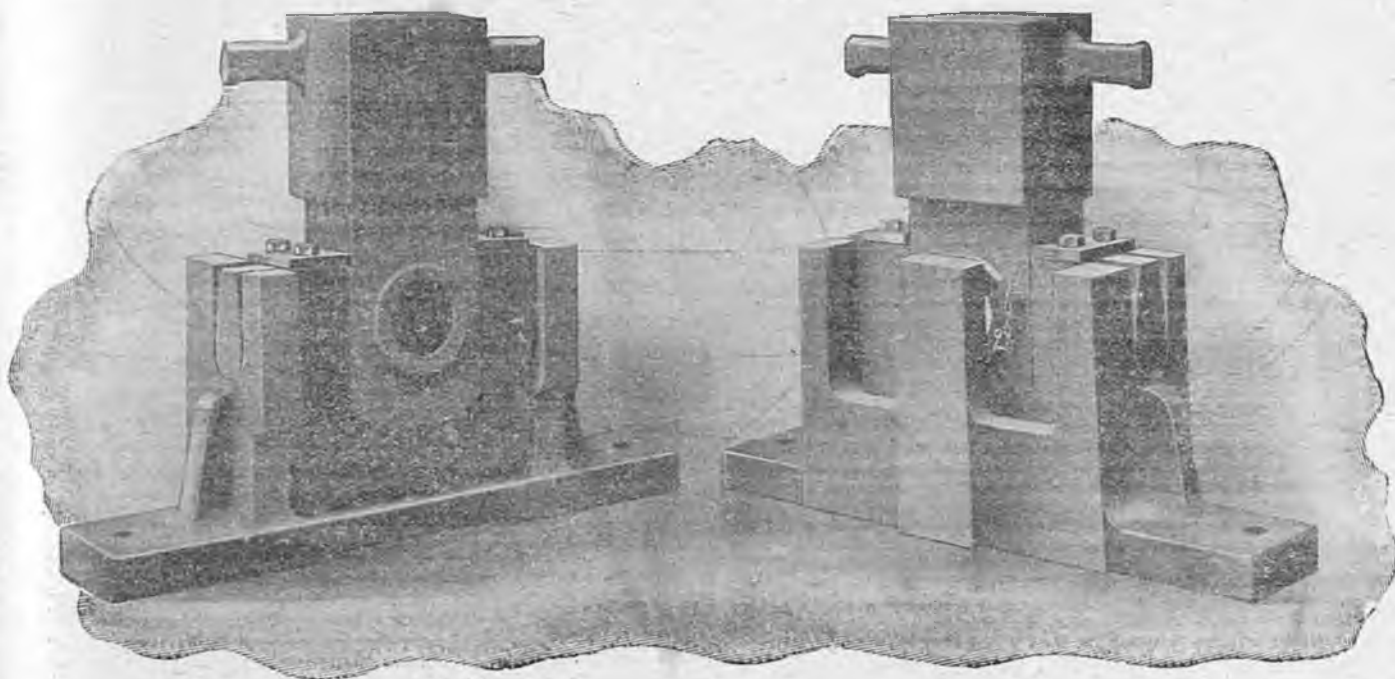
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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—At St. Faith's Church, on August 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *Miss Annie E. Adecock 1, C. Baker (Pulham Market) 2, F. R. Borrett (Pulham Market), conductor, 3, F. C. Burrows (Kenninghall) 4, F. J. Howchin (Norwich) 5, *Geo. Hawes (Gaywood) 6. * First 720 in the method and first attempt. Also 240 Plain Bob: W. Steel (Saxlingham) 1, C. Baker 2, F. Borrett 3, Miss A. E. Adecock (Gaywood) 4, F. C. Burrows 5, W. Curston (King's Lynn) 6.

ACTON.—Middlesex County Association and St. Mary's Guild.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, on August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holloway 1, T. Haines (first with a bob bell) 2, W. Phillips 3, H. W. Cotton 4, V. Holloway 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, J. W. Fruin 7, T. Smith (first quarter-peal) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On August 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: R. Kilby 1, F. Barrott (first in the method) 2, G. Chalkley 3, G. Kilby 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On Sunday evening, September 13th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Kilby 1, A. French (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, F. Barrott 3, H. Kilby 4, G. Kilby (conductor) 5, A. Hill 6. First touch for 2½ years by the ringer of the tenor, he having just returned from Canada.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on Sunday, August 23rd, 408 Steadman Triples: Lance-Corpl. A. G. Stone 1, Sergt. W. Wakley (conductor) 2, A. E. Sharman 3, Sergt. R. Stone 4, F. G. Baldock 5, J. Rookwood 6, Rev. Canon Baker 7, G. Heley 8.—On August 28th, 384 Bob Major: E. Franklin 1, Sergt. R. Stone 2, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 3, Lance-Corpl. Stone 4, A. King 5, G. Newson 6, G. Heley 7, Sergt. W. Wakley 8.—On September 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: *E. Franklin 1, *G. Heley 2, *F. G. Baldock 3, Rev. Canon Baker 4, *Col. Sergt. R. Pickering 5, *A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Oxford. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Pte. Seabrook, of the 5th Beds Regiment, who was killed on duty with his regiment, and was interred on the above date. Messrs. Stone and Wakley hail from Burton-on-Trent, and Pickering from Wolverhampton, and were on duty with their regiments, the Staffords, in the district.

HYDE.—On August 30th, for morning service, at St. George's Church, Hyde, 420 Steadman Triples: J. Shaw 1, A. Haughton 2, J. Brierley 3, W. Slater 4, W. Walmsley 5, T. Wilde 6, A. Hough 7, J. Howcroft 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major with J. Stopford 1 and J. Shaw 8. These touches were rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Mr. William Walmsley's first peal, which was rung in the above tower on Saturday, August 30th, 1884. Mr. Walmsley hails from Macclesfield, and took part in a touch of Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, for evening service.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for morning service, 504 Steadman Triples: C. Sampson 1, E. S. Bailey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, F. W. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, P. J. Potter 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1914, for evening service; also as a compliment to C. H. Walker on his 43rd birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: E. Cordery 1, E. J. Pannett 2, G. Simmonds 3, C. H. Walker (conductor) 4, H. Warnett (composer) 5, H. Barrett 6, W. W. Fox 7, H. Goodwin 8.

WESTON FAVELL.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for divine service, also as a farewell to W. T. Law, who joined Lord Kitchener's army on the following day, 720 Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently: W. Law 1, C. Haines 2, J. Lancaster 3, W. T. Law 4, T. Law (conductor) 5.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 of Oxford Bob (containing 22 Singles): F. G. Elliot 1, W. E. Spice 2, E. H. Spice 3, W. G. Webb 4, W. Spice 5, F. S. Macey (conductor) 6. Also 360 of College Single, S. J. Spice ringing in the place of F. S. Macey. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Paddock and Miss Florence Gertrude West, both of Hampstead, London. The bride was given away by S. J. Spice, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. E. T. Oruso, R.D.

THORNSEY.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, September 13th, on the occasion of the 7th Battalion Middlesex Regiment attending divine service at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Davidson (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, W. E. Dixon (first 720 Treble Bob with a bob bell) 2, C. H. Ross 3, H. Howell 4, T. Langdon 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, F. Skevington 5, W. Crooke 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THANET.—At St. Lawrence's Church, Thanet, on Sept. 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Gibbons 1, S. G. Tryman (conductor) 2, J. Thornton 3, W. Birch 4, A. Jarman 5, W. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8.

NOTICES.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, October 3rd. Church of St. Lawrence; 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 3rd, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 6th and 20th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 8th and 22nd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 13th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

PRESENTATION.—The presentation to Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq., will take place at the Cathedral Church House, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914, at 6.45 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will make the presentation. The Cathedral Church House is in St. James' Street, close to the Cathedral. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Frank Willey, Secretary, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, October 10th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, to be kindly provided by the Vicar. All intending to attend should send their names by October 3rd to the District Secretary, Rev. K. A. Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, October 10th. Bells at 4. Meeting in schoolroom at 7 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Christ Church Rooms, Union Street, Coventry, on Saturday, October 10th, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Important business.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will take place at Denholme on Saturday, October 17th, 1914. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those sending in their names by October 12th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elmley Castle on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Tea and business meeting to follow. All intending to be present at tea please let me know by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as branch officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available for service, and the question of further ringing will be decided at the meeting. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 1914, at St. Mary's, Islington. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the King's Head. All ringers welcome.—L. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, N.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the annual subscription is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Will members kindly note that as I have joined the Sheffield City Battalion, I should be glad if they would for the present communicate with the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the war the annual meeting, arranged for October 15th next, has been cancelled.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—The general committee have decided that it is not desirable to hold the annual concert under the present National circumstances.—T. H. Taffender, Master, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

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.

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