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AFTERNOON PRACTICES.

The restrictions which the authorities have placed on ringing after dark in numerous towns liable to aircraft attack opens up the question as to whether Saturday afternoon practices can be made general in those areas. In many places, of course, practices have been suspended altogether, not on account of the fear of Zeppelin raids, but because it is felt that, in such a period as that through which we are passing, ringing ought to be curtailed to a minimum, and also because so many bands are depleted to a number which makes ringing out of the question. In the latter case, as we suggested last week, those who are left ought to bestir themselves to fill up their ranks by recruiting the services of youths — experience has shown that they can quite well be taught from, at any rate, the age of twelve or thirteen years—or ladies, whose influx into the Exercise in such numbers, in the emergency, ought to be doing much to swell the ranks of the Ladies' Guild.

Where local feeling has brought about the cessation of ringing on week days, no one would wish to influence those concerned to turn from the course which they believe to be the right one, although, to our mind, there are obvious and reasonable arguments in favour of maintaining practice, in order that the performance of Sunday duties may be efficiently carried out. But where practices have had to be suspended on account of the bells providing a possible guide to enemy aircraft at night, which, after all, is only a reasonable precaution, there does seem to be a good opportunity of utilising the Saturday afternoon—or some other convenient afternoon—for ringers to get in their practice. In London the Cumberland Youths intend to try to experiment at Shoreditch, where they are to meet every three weeks. Perhaps the College Youths may also find it possible to open some of their towers in a similar way, and London ringers would then get back some of their opportunities for indulging in the Art.

In the Metropolis, of course, there is always the certainty of a well-advertised practice being attended in sufficient numbers to make it successful, but in the smaller provincial centres there is no such certainty. Local circumstances are a greater factor, but, carefully organised, there is no reason why afternoon gatherings of the kind indicated should not be as successful as the more formal association meetings. There have recently been such practices in some of the Bucks towers, and while they have not been held in restricted areas, they have nevertheless shown what might be done. If there is objection to meeting at one particular tower every week, neighbouring bands might well arrange to visit their different bell-fries in succession, and in this way a good deal of profit might accrue from a ringing point of view.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, November 9 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	THOMAS MILLER 7
CHARLES DICKENS 2	JOHN CARTER 8
JAMES L. WELLS 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
A. PADDON SMITH 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the bells in the inverted titmuss and hand-stroke home positions, with all the 5 6 7 8's in both positions.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of Charles Henry Mattersley, who was a very highly esteemed member of this Guild for over forty years. Mr. Mattersley rang many peals at St. Martin's, including his first and last of Stedman Cinques, on May 28th, 1878, and November 22nd, 1910, respectively.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, November 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 49, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE 1—2	ERNEST PYE 5—6
WILLIAM PYE 3—4	CHARLES T. COLES 7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: A. S. WADDINGTON.

* First peal on handbells. W. Pye's 1200th peal.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM T. POWELL 1—2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 5—6
JAMES HUNT 3—4	FRANK SMITH 7—8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Witness: J. W. TRAPPIST.

First peal on ten bells in hand by a Bell Foundry Band. It is believed to be the first of Bob Royal on handbells by Royal Cumberland Youths.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following further ringers are now serving with H.M. Forces:

Pte Thomas William Rowley, of St. Weonard's, Hereford, 1/3rd Herefordshires, now at Oswestry.

Pte F. C. Clark, of St. George's, Benenden, Kent, Royal Flying Corps.

From St. Mary's, Harrow:—

Gnr. F. Hill, senr., R.G.A.

Pte F. Hill, junr., 9th Middlesex Regiment.

From St. Mary's, Brecon:—

Pte A. Matthews, and

Pte R. Kinsey, R.A.M.C., now at Netley.

From All Saints', Great Marlow:—

Sapper E. W. Coster, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.

Victor Gibson, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.**

On Saturday last members of the Manchester Branch met at Eccles. Several members of the Bolton Branch also attended. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and the bells were kept going until tea-time, the meal being admirably served in the School Room by the Eccles company of lady ringers. After full justice had been done, the business meeting was held, and was presided over by our esteemed President of the Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., who, on behalf of the members, expressed appreciation of the excellent and kindly manner in which the Eccles company, with their lady friends, had provided for the wants of the visitors. He was glad that day to be at Eccles at a Manchester Branch meeting, especially under the circumstances that brought them together. He would also take the opportunity of again expressing his thanks to those who were not at the annual meeting for the beautiful present they had seen fit to bestow upon him. His many friends, especially the members of his congregation at Bolton, were highly pleased and delighted at the beautiful model which was a credit to the bellfounder's art. Sympathetic reference was made to the sad and painful circumstances in which Mr. Francis Wood (son of that esteemed and respected member, Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne) met his death, and a vote of condolence was passed sympathising with the relatives.

A vote of condolence was also passed, sharing in the sorrow and loss which the Sheffield ringers had sustained by the death of Mr. Charles H. Hattersley.

Ashton-under-Lyne was chosen as the next meeting place on Dec. 11th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and to the local ringers for having the bells, etc., in readiness.—The Rev. Griffith responded on behalf of the Vicar, who was unable to be present owing to illness, the members wishing him speedy recovery.

Mr. John Myles, on behalf of the ringers and lady friends, said it gave them the greatest pleasure to know that each and all were well satisfied with their visit to Eccles.

An intercession service was conducted in the church by the Rev. —. Griffith and the Rev. H. J. Elsee when the ringers attended in full numbers.

After service, the ringers proceeded to the belfry, where the chief item of the day's proceeding was to take place, viz., the unveiling of a peal board to the late Mr. James Barrett.—The Rev. H. J. Elsee, in performing the ceremony, spoke in kindly and sympathetic terms of Mr. James Barrett, referring to the esteem in which he was held by his many friends, and to the sterling qualities of the deceased, which were such as each one might emulate.

The Rev. Griffith proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for unveiling the board, which along with the one at Pendleton, were presented to the respective towers by Mr. Amos Trippier, of Eccles.

Ringings were then again indulged in, the lady ringers, along with Mrs. Wolstencroft, ringing in rounds, etc., "conducted by W.B."

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.**MR. BERT HUGHES RE-ELECTED MASTER.**

At the annual meeting of the College Youths, held at the Coffee Pot on Tuesday last week, Mr. A. A. Hughes was re-elected Master of the Ancient Society. Mr. Hughes has admirably fulfilled the duties attaching to the post in a difficult year, and the fact that his was the only nomination received points not only to his popularity among the members, but to their appreciation of his services. There was a numerous attendance of members.

A letter was read from Mrs. C. H. Hattersley acknowledging the society's vote of condolence passed upon the death of her husband.—A letter was also read from Mr. A. B. Peck thanking members for the sympathy shown with him in his serious illness, and stating that he was now convalescent, but unable to see visitors. He hoped, however, soon to be among the members again.

The balance sheet for the year showed receipts amounting to £5 18s. 7½d., and expenditure to £5 16s., leaving, with the sum brought forward, 14s. 0½d. in the treasurer's hands. The society had also £96 19s. 1d. invested in the savings bank.—The balance sheet was adopted, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) was thanked for his services, it being pointed out that he had forgone all his expenses except the payment for advertising the society's meetings.

The veteran, Mr. Ted Horrex, was voted to the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows:—

Master: Mr. Albert A. Hughes (re-elected).

Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. T. Cockerill (re-elected).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Arthur Hughes (re-elected).

Trustees: Messrs. C. F. Winney and Walter Primo (re-elected).

Senior Steward: Mr. J. C. Adams (re-elected).

Junior Steward: Mr. A. W. Grimes.

A vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services during the past year, and this was acknowledged by the Master.

One new member (Mr. Payne, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington) was elected, and at the conclusion of the business, the remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEETINGS TO BE RESUMED.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Romsey on Saturday last. The Abbey tower was open to members from half-past two, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, and Bob Major were rung on the bells. Tea was provided in the Temperance Hall at 5.15. Only 24 members had sent notice they would require tea, and provision was made for 30, but 40 were present. It would save much inconvenience if members would notify the district secretary beforehand. Fortunately the caterer (Mr. Chaso) proved equal to the occasion.

The Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. H. M. Tapper) presided at the tea and at the business meeting which followed. There were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. G. Williams (hon. secretary of the Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Cathedral Band), the Rev. E. Banks James, and members from North Stoneham, Hursley, St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Holy Rood, Southampton; Dibden, Andover, Titchfield, Romsey and Winchester Cathedral.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the balance sheet was adopted. The receipts for the year were £11 13s. 0½d., and expenditure £3 3s. 6d., leaving a favourable balance of £8 9s. 6½d.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Rev. Canon Braithwaite (chairman), Mr. J. W. Elkins (district secretary), Mr. C. H. Russell (assistant secretary) and Mr. G. Smith (auditor). Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. Tucker were re-elected to represent the district on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the district at Winchester on the second Saturday in November, 1916, provided permission can be obtained to use the Cathedral bells.

Mr. Tucker proposed, and Mr. Fray seconded the proposition: "That the district quarterly meetings be resumed next year."—This was supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester and Mr. G. Williams, and carried.

The Rev. E. Banks James proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Romsey for presiding, and for the use of the hall and bells.—The Vicar, in replying, said he was very pleased to meet fellow church workers and to hear the sound of the full peal of bells, as under present circumstances they were not always able to do. He hoped the Guild would soon pay him another visit.

Apologies were received from Canon Braithwaite, who had been summoned by telegram to France to see his son, and from Mr. W. Shimmick, of Romsey.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee it was decided to hold a quarterly meeting at Alresford, in February; another at Twyford or Hursley, in May; and a third at North Stoneham in September.

BIRTHDAY OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS.

On Saturday evening, by kind permission of the newly-inducted Vicar, the Rev. Riddlesdell, a friendly gathering of ringers of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at St. Michael's Church, Bray (where the tenor is 26 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs., in D), to celebrate the birthday of the King of the Belgians. The visitors were courteously received by the Vicar, who, in the interval of ringing, left the tower to hold the usual evening service at 7 p.m. to the accompaniment of his bells. Six scores in Stedman and Grandsire were interspersed with touches of Oxford and Bob Major: J. Worsfold 1, B. Ludlow 4, E. Saunders (conductor) 5, and J. Russell 6, of the local company, achieved a good six-score with visitors on 2 and 3, Messrs. Goodchild, Maidenhead; J. Brant, of Winkfield; G. Alder, Burnham; and T. Smith, Slough, also joined in the ringing. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 31 minutes, by: W. A. Garraway 1, J. J. Parker (conductor) 2, W. Henley 3, J. Eldridge 4, G. Martin 5, W. H. Fussell 6. The treble and tenor men took part in the first 720 Minor (Grandsire) on these bells on 26th April, 1885, rung in 29½ mins.

A general practice will be held at Burnham tower at 7 o'clock, on Saturday, the 20th inst.

The branch committee meeting will take place at Boyne Hill (All Saints' Vestry), Maidenhead, on Saturday, December 4th, at 4.30.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE WEALD OF KENT.

On Sunday morning last a party of change ringers visited Cranbrook Church—the Cathedral of the Weald of Kent. Mrs. Gatehouse, wife of the Vicar of Headcorn, who is an enthusiastic ringer, made the arrangements, with the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Bell), who readily granted the permission asked for, and visited the belfry to give the ringers a cordial welcome. Mrs. Gatehouse rang several rounds, and those participating in the change ringing (comprising Grandsire Triples and Doubles) were Messrs. F. Chapman, O. Waghorn, A. H. Wellard, J. Blake, T. Ashenden and G. Billenness (Hawthurst), W. H. Lambert (Benenden), and a Headcorn ringer. Several local men were present. This is the first time a change ringing party has been to Cranbrook since the bells were overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank some twelve months ago. The visitors expressed their satisfaction with the ring, the "go" being all that could be desired.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

These being quiet times for ringers, I have just dropped in, as it were, to have a gossip with the fraternity—a chat to friends known and unknown—about things in general, and ringing in particular. The Editor has offered me a corner occasionally and, as we all are able to do very little for the present by way of acquiring campanian fame—thanks to the wiles of the wildman of Europe and his gang of piratical cut-throats—it is, perhaps, not a bad time to talk over our affairs, and to think about some of the things that we have done, as well as some of those we should like to do. In these stray notes, from time to time, I'm just going to chat about things which I hope will interest ringers. Whether anyone will ever agree with anything I shall say doesn't matter, because if they desire to heave brick-bats, or election eggs, there will always be the Editor as my "sure and certain shield." But it should be quite clearly understood that I do not want my readers to take me too seriously. It never was my way to be serious—at least, that is what my schoolmaster used to say, and his corrective measures appear to have had no lasting effect, though, as a temporary expedient, they proved no laughing matter—to me.

CHANGED HABITS.

This war has turned the world topsy-turvy. Many of us have had to change, more or less abruptly, the habits formed by years of regular practice. For instance, there's old Jim Brown (that's not his real name), who for 30 years never missed his whisky and milk at half-past six in the morning on six days of the week, at the Blue Bird, now finds the door bolted against him at that hour under the Defence of the Realm Act. The war has changed his habits, but I don't say Jim goes without his morning nip—he has the trouble of getting it in over night. Take my own case; when I've met a friend he's usually asked "What's yours?" Now I have to pay for my own. Even theatre lovers are having to change their habits, and evening performances are becoming matinees, and the once-a-week matinee is now the once-a-week evening show. You see it's safer to be at home at night if a Zeppelin should happen to pay a call and leave his card on the roof of the theatre. And these Zeppelins are responsible for other things. They have stopped a lot of ringing o' nights, and we who used to drop in at two or three practices a week now have to stay at home, for we find our evening occupation gone.

SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

The Cumberlands, however, have found a happy way out of the difficulty. They have taken a leaf out of the book of the theatrical world, and why should not all the societies, whose evening practices are cut off, follow their example and have regular Saturday afternoon gatherings for the purpose. London isn't the only place where there must be no ringing of bells after dark. In far-off Newcastle, and at many intervening East Coast places, a similar fiat has gone forth. But there is no interdiction on afternoon ringing. Let us, therefore, follow the lead taken by the theatres, and have matinees instead of evening performances. I warrant they would be well attended.

AT THE "COFFEE POT."

I was among the College Youths the other night when they met, as is their wont, at that famous hostelry near Ludgate Hill, where something besides Coffee may be obtained from the Pot. The occasion was their annual meeting, and centuries of existence have made their business formalities something of a ritual. With the emblems of their craft conspicuously displayed, with a sedate and dignified master filling the chair (more or less, according to his size), and with a wise and solemn-looking secretary by his side, the proceedings are conducted with a gravity that befits such a venerable institution. Levity would be as much out of place as it would be in the musty Law Courts, a little farther west. The College Youths have had their ups and downs (happily, more ups than downs) in their nearly three centuries of unbroken life, and it is, after all, really good to get occasionally into that ancient atmosphere, which has been handed down from generation to generation, not by written rules but by the practice of successive occupants of office.

SHARING THE HONOURS.

Many famous men have, as we all know, occupied the College Youths' chair, which, fortunately, has never been allowed to become the freehold of any one man, such as has been the case in regard to similar offices, in some other ringing associations I could mention. My own opinion is that these offices ought always to go round—the man who freezes to a job of this kind, unless he has exceptional recommendations, fails in the very thing which it should be his endeavour to promote—the encouragement of the members. All ought to have the opportunity of aspiring to the highest post of honour. In the College Youths' history the principle has always been acted upon, and it has done not a little. I should say, to create ambition among the members. And here is a suggestion which I offer to the ancients—free, gratis and for nothing—why not give each past master a distinguishing title, by putting a handle to his name, or pinning a rail on to it. Why not decorate him with Past Master's jewel, like the Freemasons, and pass a resolution enabling him to use the initials P.M. (no, not post-mortem) after his name. How do you think this would look, for instance, in a peal re-

cord: Alfred W. Grimes, P.M. Not bad, would it—but that's an honour to come. But there, I forgot! Have we not been told—I believe it was at the last Central Council meeting—that the College Youths, in meeting assembled, had decided that they don't want to be labelled? So perhaps my suggestion won't find favour, after all.

THE ORDEAL.

What I really intended to do was to write something about the College Youths' meeting, but it seems to me that I have shifted course. It was a nice compliment, and a really sincere recognition of services ungrudgingly given, to re-elect Mr. Bert Hughes for a second year of office. This worthy son of a worthy sire has proved his ability, and his re-election has proved his popularity. Well, Bert, we all hope that your wish to celebrate the restoration of peace during your term of office may be gratified—for more reasons than one. If I put forward any other than that we want to see this terrible struggle victoriously, triumphantly ended, I suppose I shall be—metaphorically—kicked by all my readers, but I do want, among other things, to see those famous banquets resumed—the ordeal which, if truth were told, more than half the occupants of the College Youths' chair, dread. I have known some to whom it has been a perfect nightmare for weeks beforehand, and I have watched—shall the truth be told?—with inward pleasure the way they have struggled with the job, and almost writhed under it. Let me make haste to say that most of them have come out of the ordeal with remarkable credit, and the man who does well at that gathering wins his spurs, so to speak. If I mistake not, Bert Hughes is one who would more than justify his selection for the place of honour on one of those occasions.

NO FUSS, PLEASE.

The meeting the other night ended in nearly everybody being re-elected—master, secretary, treasurer, trustees and steward. Of course there was no other possible man as secretary than our old friend, W. T. Cockerill—who never crows. He has come into the limelight, and it was typical that, when thanked for having declined to be reimbursed for the ordinary secretarial expenses, he contented himself with saying he was glad to have done what he could for the society—and hoped there would not be any more fuss made about it. Some secretaries I know need a lot of patting on the back to make them go, but not so with W.T.C. Which reminds me, I wonder whether Mr. Cockerill is still known to the authorities at St. Paul's as "the Bell-ringer." The cathedral, as we know, has twelve bells, with a tenor of 62 cwt., but I believe it is a fact that, in the early days at any rate, the Dean and Chapter recognised only one bell ringer. How they expected all their bells to be rung I don't know, but perhaps they are wiser now than in old George Musket's time.

THE LIBRARY.

How the space does run away, to be sure, when one sits down to put pen to paper. There were lots of things I wanted to "have a say" about, but some of them will have to wait till another time. The College Youths' library—I haven't yet learned whether it is a lending library or not—has gained by the addition of Steadman's "Lintonologia," which Mr. E. F. Pike has presented to it. Is this the outcome of the suggestion made by the Editor the other day, that societies should endeavour to accumulate libraries for the benefit of their members? I hope so, and I would say to other ringers—whether they are of the or otherwise, which are lying unused on their bookshelves, hand them over to your societies, and let the members have the benefit of them—you will thus be doing your colleagues a good service.

A DEPARTED FRIEND.

I feel I cannot close these notes without a brief reference to the loss which the Exercise sustain. The other day by the death of that old friend of many of us—Charles Henry Hattersley. Full tribute has been paid to him in the columns of "The Ringing World" by an abler pen than mine, but I feel his death as a personal loss. His friendship was worth having, and the feeling that was shared by many was expressed in the words of a friend of mine who spoke of him among a group of ringers as "dear old Hattersley." That description hit off unconsciously, but quite happily the position which was held in the hearts of all who knew him by the veteran whose busy life is now ended, and who, up to the very day before his death, I have been told, was busied with figures concerning ringing. What a master he was of the "long sums," which an inquiring juvenile mind once questioned him about. Never was there a more honest composer, never was there a straighter man, and even outside his figures he was, till health prevented, a wonderful ringer. Taking him for all in all, I look round in vain for the man who, at the moment, exactly fills the niche which he has left vacant.

QUARTER PEAL IN AMERICA.

The Boston Guild, who have met with frequent discouragement, have been fairly active of late, and have scored several touches. Last Sunday fortnight they visited Groton School, and, in the afternoon, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in which Mr. S. Warren Sturgess, one of the masters of the College, took part, the band being: S. W. Sturgess (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Letts 2, W. Bashford 3, P. J. Allfrey 4, J. Goodhead 5, E. E. Randall (conductor) 6, J. F. Laker 7, R. Newton 8. In the other ringing that took place during the day both A. Matthews and H. Ancill took part.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

In view of the coming new issue of "Standard Methods," we may recall that the author of that valuable work, Mr. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, died 30 years ago last Tuesday. He was only 41 years old, but those years had been so well employed that he rendered inestimable service to the art of ringing for all time, by the literary work which he undertook. Indeed, to this day, no one writer has done so much for ringers by laying bare the foundations of their art. He died on November 16th, 1885, from typhoid fever, and was buried at his own parish church of Ilkley, where his father was for 34 years Vicar, and a memorial window, erected in the church by the ringers of England, commemorates his work as "historian and expositor of change ringing."

CITY SCHOLARS' PEAL.

One of the earliest peals of Grandsire Caters on record, and probably the longest that had been rung up to that time, was accomplished by the Society of City Scholars on November 23rd, 1732, at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate. It is described in the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum as "a compleat peal of six thousand and twelve Caters," and it is interesting to note that three men were engaged in ringing the tenor, the band being: Jno. Arnold 1, Jona Keate 2, Robt. Mobbs 3, Thos. Nash 4, G. Elton Hall 5, Jos. Griffiths 6, Sol. Thompson 7, Wm. Hilliar 8, Jno. Box 9, Ed. Nodes, Hy. Macfarland, Darn. Newbolt 10.

A NORWICH TRAGEDY.

It was on November 17th, 1760, that the first peal of "Imperial the Third" Treble Bob was rung, at St. Giles', Norwich. So far as existing records go only three peals in this method were accomplished, and the first of them had a tragic conclusion. The peal was finished, and as the bells were lowered, John Webster, who rang the sixth, dropped dead. A tablet in the wall of the belfry, near where the sixth rope falls, has the following inscriptions—

"Near to this place John Webster fell.
Beloved of all who knew him well:
The most ingenious noted Ringer,
St. Giles' Sixth Bell round did bring her.
He closed the Peal, struck well his Bell,
Ceasing the same, down dead he fell.

November the 17th, 1760."

THE FIRST FAMILY PEAL.

What was probably the first family peal ever rung, was accomplished on November 20th, 1809. This was a 5208 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Soham, Cambridge, by eight members of the family of Tebbitt—three brothers and their sons: "Thomas Tebbitt, first; Robert Tebbitt, son of Robert, second; Benjamin Tebbitt, 15 years of age, third; John Tebbitt, son of Thomas, fourth; Robert Tebbitt, fifth; Edward Tebbitt, sixth; Thomas Tebbitt, son of Thomas, seventh; William Tebbitt, son of Thomas, eighth." The Tebbitt family were long associated with Soham ringing. The senior members, Thomas, Robert and Edward took part in a peal in 1790 and Thomas, at any rate, was in a peal in 1822, while the names of some of the sons are to be found in a peal rung in 1830.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Headingley St. Michael's on Saturday week, when the bells, a peal of eight, with tenor of 20½ cwt., were at the disposal of the members between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the tower bells, while touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung on handbells.

The business meeting was held in the scouts' headquarters, with the president in the chair, supported by members from Headingley, St. Chads, Guiseley, Armley, Pudsey, and the local company. The usual routine business was transacted, and Mr. E. Perkins, of Burley, was made a member of the society.

After the meeting, most of the ringers re-visited the tower, where various touches were rung until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

On Tuesday of last week, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to the memory of the late Mr. Hattersley. It is interesting to note that it was at Birmingham that Mr. Hattersley rang his first and last peals of Stedman Cinques.

At Cheltenham Parish Church, where Mr. Hattersley took part in several notable peals, muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung as a last mark of respect by members of the Cheltenham and District Guild, of which he was an esteemed member. Two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung by: W. T. Pates 1, G. H. Phillott 2, A. W. Humphris 3, W. Brinkworth 4, G. Pearce 5, F. Musty 6, J. F. Ballinger 7, J. Parsons 8, T. Pender 9, S. Hayward 10; and five courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by W. T. Pates, with J. F. Ballinger 3, Pte G. Walters 7, R. Trigg 10, the rest as before.

GUARDSMEN RINGERS.

There are at least three ringers serving in the battalion of the Grenadier Guards now in camp near Great Marlow, viz., Ptes F. G. Woodiss, W. Cossins and J. Leech, and at a special practice arranged at the Parish Church they took part in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with the local men.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HACKNEY.

A successful meeting of the North and East district of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday last, there being some 30 members and friends of the society present. Ringing commenced shortly before four o'clock with a touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Grandsire, Bob Major, Bristol and London Surprise, until 5.30, when a short service was held, attended by all the ringers present, and at which the Rector (the Rev. B. S. Batty) officiated. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and amongst the guests were the Rector, the organist, Mr. Elliott, and two friends in khaki, who had come all the way from South Africa, after having served under General Botha, to fight the enemy in Europe.

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the death of Capt. H. J. Sudell, Army Service Corps, who had been for many years Master of the St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Society of Ringers, and a very valuable member of the Association. He died on August 28th of wounds received at Gallipoli, and had been buried at sea. By request of the Vicar, a half-muffled peal was rung in his memory on September 18th, and he (Mr. Coles) had received a letter from the late member's sister thanking the society for the tribute of respect shown to her brother.—The Hon. Secretary stated that, when acknowledging the letter, he had conveyed the sincere sympathy of the members with Mr. Sudell's relatives in their irreparable loss.

Mr. Coles also spoke of the loss of a much-valued member, Lieut. W. D. James, R.G.A., of Cambridge University, who was killed in action in Flanders on September 25th. He had been a life member of the Association for about three years, and during that period had rung seven peals for the society. Amongst these were one each of Stedman Cinques on handbells and tower bells, of the former of which he was very proud, it being rung in his rooms at Pembroke College, Cambridge, the first in the county. He had also conducted the only peal of Bob Royal ever rung by the Association on handbells. He was greatly liked and respected by all who had come into contact with him, and his loss was very keenly felt. The sympathies of the members had been conveyed to the late Mr. James' parents, through the agency of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and an acknowledgment had been received.

The Hon. Secretary asked the members to endorse what he had done, and, further, to pass a vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. A. R. Barker, J.P., of Southgate, who died on October 26th, aged 73. Mr. Barker was Vicar's warden at Christ Church, Southgate, for 26 years, and was an honorary member of the Middlesex Association for a long period.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Armstrong, who stated that on the occasion of the funeral, the local ringers had rung the bells half-muffled, which service had been gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. A. R. Barker.—The Chairman (Mr. F. A. Milne) asked the members to pass the vote of condolence, and to endorse the actions of the hon. secretary, to which the members agreed in silence.

Mr. Milne then proposed that the hon. secretary should convey to one of their vice-presidents, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, their hearty congratulations on his promotion to the rank of captain, which he was sure Mr. Hesse quite deserved.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Pye, and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Milne to the Rev. B. S. Batty for the use of the bells, and for his presence amongst them, also to the organist for his services that day, to Mr. A. Riley, the tower keeper, for his great efforts to make the meeting successful, and to Mrs. Soall for preparing tea.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and carried with acclamation.

Whilst the members were smoking the remains of the very nice cigars which had been presented to them immediately after tea by the Rector, that gentleman replied to the vote of thanks, stating how pleased he was to see so many present. He said that he had known many kinds of ringers, amongst them those at Bolsover and at Wargrave, and he always knew them to be men who, when they set themselves a task, made up their minds to carry it out. This was one of the things he admired them for. He mentioned that this meeting had given him some trouble. On the previous Thursday, late at night, a very excited man knocked and rang at the Rectory, and stated that somebody was up in the belfry signalling to enemy aeroplanes. On going out to see he found a number of people congregating round the church, and sure enough, high up in the tower was a twinkling light. On investigating the matter, he found, not a German spy, but Mr. Riley oiling the bells for the meeting, and using a lantern to guide him. This anecdote was received with loud laughter, as also were other interesting incidents related by the reverend gentleman.

After the meeting a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Armstrong, W. Pye, E. Pye, A. W. Grimes and C. T. Coles, whilst a few members adjourned to the tower for about half-an-hour until 8 o'clock, touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative and Bristol being rung.

KETTERING.—On Sunday, October 11th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. E. Payne 1, C. W. Bird 3, R. F. Turner 4, F. Sawfoot 5, J. E. Chapman 6, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 7, W. Horden 8; and 214 Plain Bob, conducted by J. E. Chapman.

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ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, OXFORD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The University Church of Oxford (St. Mary-the-Virgin) is not of such great interest to ringers as that of Cambridge (St. Mary-the-Great), inasmuch as it only possesses six bells; whereas the latter can boast of a peal of twelve.

But from an archæologist's point of view St. Mary's, Oxford, is the most interesting; since most of the bells are early seventeenth century ones, and the fourth is the famous "music bell," the only one of its kind known in England.



Although the site of the church is the same, the existing building is at least the third that was erected there; evidences existing both of a Norman and a Decorated church before it. The steeple was finished some time in the fourteenth century, and suffered severely from a violent tempest in January, 1506. The spire was again found to be in a dangerous condition in the winter of 1807-8, and was then repaired under Wyatt's direction. In 1856 the steeple was again repaired, under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott, when the lower part of the newel staircase was blocked up with the idea of strengthening the fabric. Again, in 1893-6 extensive repairs were carried out under the direction of Mr. T. G. Jackson. At

this time all the twelve statues but one were removed from the pinnacles, and were deposited in the Congregation House, where they still remain.

I cannot say whether there were six bells here in the early part of the seventeenth century, or only five. But at the present time there is a heavy peal of six, with a tenor $53\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter, about 28 cwt. We will now examine each of the six bells singly in order.

The *Treble*, cast by Abel Rudhall, was either an addition in 1731, or an old bell recast in that year. The inscription is: PROSPERITY TO THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND. A R . 1731.

The *Second* was recast by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co. in 1895. Previously inscribed **GLORIA DEO IN EXCELSIS 1623 F.S.G.A.H.O.T.H** [a chain pattern of two loops like a pair of spectacles, with a crown in each loop.]

The *Third* has simply R.E: T.B: CHVRCHWARDENS. APR: 8: 1641.

THE MUSIC BELL.

We now come to the *Fourth*, the celebrated "music bell." Round the shoulder is **BE.YT.KNOWNE.TO ALL THAT.DOTH.ME.SEE THAT NEWCOMBE.OF LEICESTER.MADE.MEE 1612**. [in small block capitals, with a running border of foliage above and below the inscription.] Below is the music in two lines, the first extending all round the bell and the second line partly round. It is divided into four parts by the medallions, of which illustrations are given, thus O — — O — — O — —. There are no bars except a double one at the end of each strain. The C clef is used for the upper part, and F for the bass. All the parts have the signature of B flat. It is generally supposed that the music is intended for four parts, to be sung in harmony, but the tune is rather obscure. A specimen of the music is also given in the illustration. The mottoes round the medallions are (1.) "The last strayne is good." (2.) "Keepe tyme in anye case." (3.) "Then lett us singe it againe." (4.) "Excelent well songe, my harts."

The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe remarks: "No record of this bell can be found in the parish archives, neither has any other bell by Newcombe (and they are legion) been found with such a singular style of inscription. . . . From the words, 'well songe, my harts,' it seems probable that it was a favourite vocal exercise of some society of choice spirits, who found pleasant recreation in singing as well as ringing; both which accomplishments were sedulously cultivated by gentlemen at that period."

The *Fifth* bell was cast at the same time as the fourth, and is inscribed: **BE.YT.KNOWNE.TO.ALL THAT.DOTH.ME.SEE.THAT NEWCOMBE.OF LEICESTER.MADE.MEE.1612 THO.L.ELLES-MERE.L.HIGH.CHANCELLOR.OF.ENGLAND.AND.CHANCELLOR.OF.THE.VNIVERSITYE.OF.OXON.ANO.1612 THO.SINGLETON.DOCTOR.DIVINITY.AND.VICE.CHANCELLOR.THOSSELLER.SENOR.PROCTOR.RICHARD.CORBET.IVNOR.PROCTOR.**

[Arms of University of Oxford twice on the waist, an open book between 3 crowns; but in this case the motto on the open book is "Sapientiae et Felicitatis" instead of the first sentence of Psalm xxviii, "Dominus Illuminatio mea," which is now in use.]

The *Tenor* has the following inscription: **LOVE GOD. M.L.LB.: CHVRCHWARDENS.1639.** [also engraved

on the shoulder] ROGER BRACEGIRDLE MATHEW CHVB GENT.

In conclusion I may say that though the music on the fourth bell has not been found on any bell elsewhere, two of the medallions (Nos. 2 and 4) are on the second bell at

West Haddon, Northants. The inscription on this bell is precisely the same as on the Oxford one, but dated 1611, and with the addition "Heare I had not hunge but for John Dalington."



Nº 1.



Nº 2



Nº 3



Nº 4



MEDALLIONS AND
MUSIC ON FOURTH
BELL, ST MARY
OXFORD.

MIDDLESEX v. BUCKS.

"Those evening bells, those mellow bells,
How many a tale their music tells."

An unofficial gathering of ringers was held at Denham by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. Battiscombe, M.A.), on Saturday week, when a good number of "cycling changers" enjoyed a pull on the famous ring of eight bells at St. Mary's Church, with its tenor of 24 cwt. in E flat.

The parish of Denham, like its tenor, consists of "old and new," the Great Central Railway affording facilities for London men to take an outing into fresh pastures, which the late Rector, a practical ringer, too, for several reasons was loath to encourage. Around the railway station is gathered the modern township, whilst the village itself, a mile away, still preserves the quaint domestic architecture of the 17th century.

The present tenor, by John Warner, 1875, was formerly cast, with others, by:—

James Bartlett made mee

Sixteen hundred and eighty three (1683).

As the inscription poetically describes the event took place at the village of Whitechapel of that period.

The "go" of the bells does not come up to standard, although the foreman of the Denham Society, Mr. Bronsdon, had very kindly given due attention to their appendages. However, at the hour of "fall in" at six p.m. everything was found ready for the "strong and eager," and five methods were indulged in at intervals till 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered "in peal," after a course of Double Norwich, which proved an excellent finish to a good practice.

The touches rung included 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. Chandler; a 504 Stedman Triples by E. Hancock; Grandsire by W. Welling; and Bob Major by J. Pratt—some ten neighbouring towers being represented by the following: Miss Jones, Messrs. Lawrence, Horne, Blackman, Gutteridge, Akerman, T. Smith, W. H. Fussell, Honor, P. Jones, H. Smith, Carter, Kedge, Henley, Holloway, Elburn, Baker, and local men.

This belfry is on the ground-floor, is quite open to the nave by a fine lofty arch, and entered by the west door, the main entrance of the church. The former ringing floor was some 20ft. higher. When the "restoration" was made an ancient peal board was left on the tower walls in its old position, and is now quite 40ft. above the ringing floor. Like the solid brass chandelier, which lights the apartment, it requires to be lowered to discern its beauty.

Some of the party who were newly introduced to the "Hero of Warnham" were surprised at the fairy-like Sussex Bobs called by old Harry on the tenor. The lady made a brave show with the long draught—rope, mind you—and the "go" of the sally; Akerman rang rounds for the first time on eight bells with an inside bell, and earned his star; Lawrence was determined to master the 6th, which he did both hand and back; Pratt refused the 7th for a second venture in Stedman, but kindly coached Miss Jones through a musical touch called by Hancock,

with Horne on the tenor—in fact, the Honor of the evening was, like Henley Regatta, divided equally between the counties concerned.

Denham still observes Guy Fawkes Day, and the bells were rung by the local band the previous evening, following an old parochial custom, so that Sunday peals for services the day after our visit meant three successive spells of bell ringing for the inhabitants to enjoy—a population suddenly increased by some 1,500 men of the New Army quartered in hutments between the village and station. Who knows how many of these sturdy khaki lads were carried "homeward" in memory on hearing Denham bells? What thoughts of their dear old parish church at home and mother's warm fireside, were roused as the bells rang out on the still November air?

"And so 'twill be when I am gone
Those tuneful bells will still ring on."

W. H. F.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO EYE RINGER.

On October 30th a memorial service was held in the Parish Church, Eye, for Sergt. G. E. Day, who, as we have already stated, was killed in action at Suvla Bay on August 12th. A comrade, who was in the deceased's platoon, spoke most highly of the gallant way in which Sergt. Day led his men, only four of the platoon escaping injury.

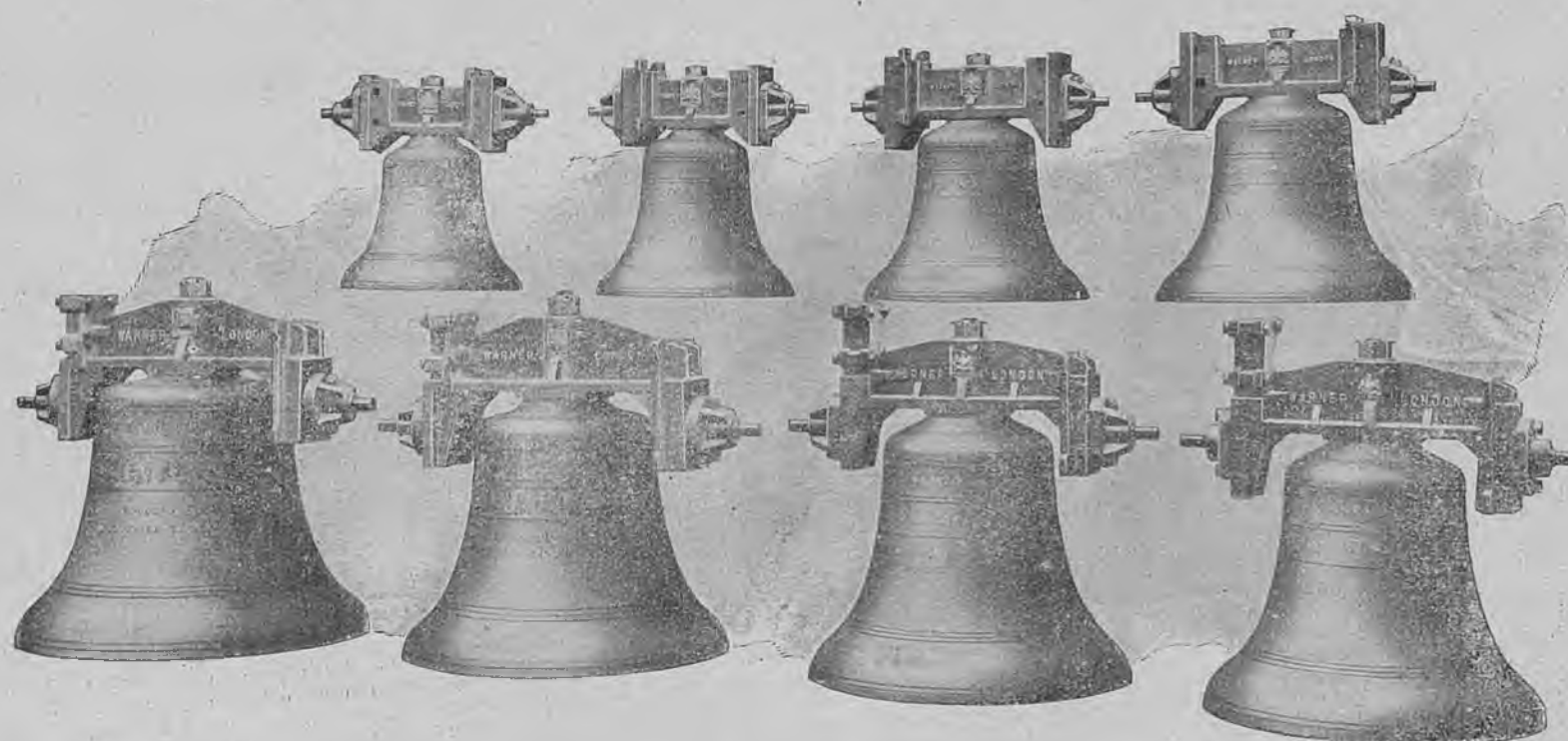
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the members of the Volunteer Training Corps and the Voluntary Aid Detachment (Red Cross) attended the service in uniform. Suitable hymns were sung, and an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. J. F. S. Pritchett.

The bells were rung, with half-muffled clappers, to Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative, by Messrs. F. Borrett, C. Baker, R. Whiting, E. Whiting, E. F. Whiting, F. Piercey (Pulham Market), A. Berry, W. Rose, C. Nunn, E. Youngs (Thornham), J. Betts (Wetheringsett), W. Grimes (Debenham), H. Moss (Yaxley), C. More (Palgrave), E. Linesh (Barnham), T. Fitzjohn (Thetford), and the local company.

To accord with the memorial service at Eye, the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, were, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Douglas Hamilton), rung muffled for divine service on Sunday morning as a last mark of respect. The death of Sergt. George Day is much regretted by the ringers of Ipswich and district, where he was, of course, well known. He assisted his father, Mr. Fred Day, to rehang the first ten bells at St. Mary-le-Tower in 1911, and was often in the belfry. The sympathy of the members of the society goes out to the widow and family of the deceased. The muffled ringing on Sunday included touches of Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters. In addition to the members of the local band, Mr. E. Diaper, of Stowmarket,

ACTON. On Oct. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Harding 1, J. Armiger Trollope (conductor) 2, A. Hubbard 3, G. Hes 4, Robt. Holloway 5, J. W. Frim 6, F. Skevington 7, W. Lawrence 8.

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PLEASANT GATHERING AT WARMLEY.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Warmley on Saturday last. The bells were available from 3.30, and soon after that time were set going to Bob Minor, followed by other methods until five o'clock, when the ringers attended divine service, the Rev. H. A. Cockey (hon. treasurer) and the Rev. F. Rogers officiating. In the course of his address, the Rev. F. Rogers remarked how well his own ringers at Warmley turned up for ringing on Sundays, and at the church festivals, and he thought great credit was due to them for their keenness.

Service over, a move was made to the tea room, some 38 members, representing 13 towers, sitting down, amongst them being the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave (late hon. secretary), and Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, who is now a familiar visitor at ringing meetings in the district.

At the business meeting, the Rev. F. Rogers was voted to the chair. It was decided to hold the annual branch meeting at St. George's, on December 11th, if possible, the meeting being informed that there was a good time in store.

The knotty problem of dividing the branch into districts was then discussed, and finally Q.-M.-S. Cave proposed that the committee be called to draw up a full year's programme, and that the same be submitted to the annual meeting.—This was carried.

Mr. H. Howell then read a report of the business accomplished at the annual committee meeting at Stonehouse.

A hearty vote of thanks was then proposed to the Vicar and Mrs. Rogers for the splendid reception they had given the visitors, and to the young ladies who had kindly waited upon them at tea. This proposal met with a fitting acceptance, and the Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Warmley. Proceeding, he congratulated the Rev. H. A. Cockey, on behalf of the company, on the mention of his son, Lieut. L. Cockey, in dispatches for his bravery at the Dardanelles.—The Rev. H. A. Cockey, in acknowledgment, said how pleased he was to receive congratulation on such a matter.

Mr. G. Condict then asked the meeting to give a hearty welcome to Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E., who was home from the front on leave, and this also was suitably acknowledged.

Mr. J. W. Jones took the opportunity of congratulating the Vicar on the regularity of his ringers, and said that ringers did not consider a peal of bells complete until there was a full octave. He thought Warmley bells would sound better with two trebles, the music obtainable on the eight being far superior to that on six. To show this in a practical way, Mr. Jones said he would call on the "experts" (as the handbell manipulators are now called), to ring first some Doubles, and then some Triples on handbells.

This was ably accomplished, and fully demonstrated Mr. Jones' advocacy. It is hoped that Mr. Jones' remarks will at all events cause the Warmley folk to think.

The tower was again visited, and various methods were rung until about half-past eight, when the bells were lowered, and brought to a close a most pleasant time.

If this should catch the eye of the gentleman who departed with the wrong hat, perhaps an exchange could once more be effected, for he who was left with the remaining one seemed very anxious as to who had taken his. The writer wonders who had the best of the exchange?

RINGING AT SOUTHWOLD.

On Sunday afternoon, October 24th, several ringers from the district round gathered at St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, to meet Rifleman Bertram Prewett, who is now stationed at Southwold with the London Rifle Brigade. A capital afternoon's ringing was enjoyed, some well-struck touches being brought round. The first was 454 Bob Major, by: Pte T. King 1, Norman Bailey 2, Jas. Spalding 3, J. Spencer 4, J. Larter 5, E. Chatten 6, Rifleman B. Prewett 7, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 8. This was followed by 168 Grandsire, rung by: Gunner F. Osborne, R.F.A., 1, J. Spalding 2, Clayton Parnell 3, Rifleman B. Prewett 4, N. Bailey 5, J. Larter 6, Fred Smith 7, Corpl. Brown 8. Then came 448 Kent Treble Bob Major, by: C. Parnell 1, Rifleman B. Prewett (conductor) 2, F. W. Naunton 3, Jas. Spalding 4, F. Smith 5, Pte T. Chapman 6, Pte T. King 7, Norman Bailey 8, and 224 Bob Major, by: Gunner F. Osborne, R.F.A., 1, W. Fanington 2, Pte T. Sparrow 3, C. Parnell 4, J. Spencer 5, John Larter 6, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 7, Rifleman Bertram Prewett 8. Alderman E. A. Holmes, the Vicar's warden, also took part in some minor touches. The ringers came from the following places: Corporal Brown (Bedford) and Pte T. King (4th Suffolks), Lowestoft; E. Chatten, Halesworth; Pte T. Sparrow, Great Finborough; J. Larter, Henham; Norman Bailey and Fred Smith, Leiston; Clayton Parnell and Jas. Spalding, Beccles; the rest belong to Wrentham and Southwold companies.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Busby 1, H. Hanry 2, R. Devenish 3, Pto H. Jones (A.S.C.) 4, W. White 5, J. Martin 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Price, of Bristol, who attained his 63rd year on that date.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHOREDITCH.—Middlesex County Association.—On Oct. 10th, for evensong, at St. Leonard's Church, 1311 Stedman Cinques in 1 hour: W. J. Nudds 1, R. W. Green 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, I. G. Shade 4, A. J. Neale 5, *H. Rumens 6, *G. B. Lucas 7, F. G. Tegg 8, J. Armstrong 9, R. Sanders 10, H. Flanders 11, W. Pye 12. Rung for the harvest festival. * Longest length of Stedman Cinques.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—For evening service, on October 10th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. J. Balcome 1, W. J. Smith 2, C. Freeman 3, W. H. Brunsdon 4, E. H. Johnson 5, W. T. Cox 6, J. H. White (conductor) 7, F. Brassington 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 10th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker 3, W. Shepherd 4, J. Floyd 5, Owen Bayse (Berkhampstead) 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, J. Floyd, junr. (first 500 with a bob bell) 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 10th, for harvest festival, morning service, 360 Bob Minor: C. Woodbridge 1, T. Wardman 2, T. Hillier 3, M. Bowley 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth 5, S. Chapman (1st 360 as conductor) 6. Evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Woodbridge 1, S. Chapman 2, T. Hillier 3, M. Bowley 4, Miss M. E. Chillingworth (conductor) 5, A. E. Reeves 6.

CHESTERFIELD.—On October 10th, for morning service, 435 Stedman Caters: J. George (conductor) 1, A. Knights 2, P. Sault 3, G. Davies 4, W. J. Thyng 5, F. Stubbs 6, H. Chapman 7, G. Hollis 8, G. A. Thompson 9, W. Allwood 10. For evening service, 1299 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: Jas. George (composer) 1, B. A. Knights (conductor) 2, F. Jacobs 3, G. Hollis 4, W. J. Thyng 5, G. Davies 6, H. Chapman 7, W. Allwood 8, G. A. Thompson 9, A. Knights 10.

BRIDGWATER.—After harvest thanksgiving service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, October 10th, 720 of Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: F. R. Coles 1, Miss Ruth Coles 2, H. L. Jennings 3, V. Carter 4, C. V. Fry 5, A. E. Coles (conductor) 6. The first 720 Bob Minor by all except the conductor.

WHITCHURCH, near CARDIFF.—On Sunday, Oct. 10th, for evening service, on the occasion of harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of four 120's of Plain Bob, four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and 360 of Grandsire: B. Chew 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, A. Dawe 5, J. Paine 6. Also several 120's of Doubles after service.

WEST EALING.—On October 10th, for evening service, at St. Stephen's Church (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1261 changes): O. Edwards 1, H. W. Lidbetter (Isleworth) 2, A. W. Davis (Kensington) 3, G. Harboure 4, R. Holloway (Acton) 5, P. H. Smith 6, J. A. Trollope 7, W. Lawrence (conductor) 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—Worcestershire Association.—On October 12th, at the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Bristol Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: J. Woodberry 1, N. Davis 2, G. Davis 3, T. J. Salter (conductor) 4, J. Smith 5, E. J. Brooks 6, W. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry 8. Rung in celebration of the harvest festival. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

CREWE.—Chester Guild.—On October 14th, 634 Stedman Caters: W. T. Holding 1, R. Langford 2, H. Overton 3, J. H. Riding 4, R. D. Langford 5, A. Crawley 6, G. H. Crawley 7, J. Denteth 8, R. T. Holding (conductor) 9, W. Edge 10.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on October 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: C. Gentry 1, A. Spellar 2, Pte H. F. Cooper, 5th Essex Regiment (conductor) 3, Pte H. Halford (5th Gloucester Regiment) 4, A. Whight 5, Corpl. W. Yeend (5th Gloucester Regiment) 6, A. E. Acfield 7, H. Allen 8, A. Head 9, W. Pease 10. Arranged for Pte H. F. Cooper, who was home on a week-end leave.

HALIFAX.—At St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on Oct. 17th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Edgar Bottomley 1, E. Kershaw 2, J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) 3, A. Jagger 4, *W. Noble 5, *H. Hanson 6, J. Rushworth 7, M. Taylor (longest length as conductor) 8. * Longest length.

LLANISHEN BELLS RESTORED.

After being silent for some time the bells of Llanishen, near Cardiff, were again heard on October 22nd, when members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association journeyed there to give a trial to the bells which had been thoroughly overhauled by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. The work which they have very successfully carried out included new gudgeons and carriages, the strengthening of the frame, etc. The bells had got into a bad "going" condition, and only with difficulty could be rung at all, but now they go excellently, and gave the utmost satisfaction to the following who rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: F. Tyler 1, W. B. Biss 2, W. Bolton 3, T. Woods 4, J. W. Jones 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 23rd, for general business, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, 6d. each, at "The Nag's Head," 6 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers for 1916.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual Meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells (8) from about 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at Church Cottage at 6.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A special general meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, November 20th, 1915. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Service at 6.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, Dec. 4th, 1915. Bells available from 3.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 4th, 1915. Bells available from 2 till 6 p.m. Short service at 6 o'clock. Tea, 6d. each, at the Infants' School, 6.30 p.m., followed by meeting for election of officers and other business. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, December 1st.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Conisborough (8 bells) on Saturday, December 4th, bells available 3.30-7.30.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. W. Evans, tower keeper of St. Mary's, Brecon, is now 11, Bulwark, Brecon.

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