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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

A NATIONAL OBSERVANCE.

The large number of touches which were specially rung on Intercession Sunday, and which have been sent us for publication, is testimony to the remarkable way in which the movement to pay a public tribute to those who have fallen in the war, was taken up. But these touches, numerous as they are, and coming, as they do, from towers in every part of the country, represent only a small proportion of the belfries where the day was observed by muffled ringing. In fact it is safe to say that the churches, where there are peals of bells, which did not join in honouring the memory of the dead in the way that was approved by so many of our Bishops, were in a small minority, while, even of these, many were prevented by local circumstances from participating in the observance.

So fully was the opportunity appreciated of showing honour and respect to the memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the great cause for which this Empire and her Allies are fighting that in some places, where the drain of war has taken away nearly all available men, and the bells have been rung only occasionally, the remnants of former bands left at neighbouring towers were united in order that muffled ringing might be carried out at one or more of the churches.

As was anticipated, the Archbishop of Canterbury's thoughtful suggestion of making Saturday last also an occasion for muffled ringing for the same purpose, resulted in quite a number of peals being rung in different parts of the country. Doubtless the total would have been greater had the men been available, but, with depleted forces, there was a vast number of towers where peal attempts were out of the question. It is interesting to note, in passing, that the number of peals rung last week is the greatest in any week since the war began, showing once more the tactful manner in which ringers have acted during this time of national stress and crisis. Hitherto they have restricted their operations, but last week provided them with the opportunity of uniting in a set purpose, and the Exercise rose to it, and demonstrated the readiness of the members, who are left at home, to fulfil their time-honoured task of voicing public feeling when national or parochial events dictate it. We feel we cannot close this article without thanking all those ringers who gave their assistance in carrying out the proposal, and thus made it a success worthy of a great occasion. "The Ringing World" set the scheme in train, but the ringers themselves made it a national effort, and the part which they played on Intercession Sunday will ever remain a memorable one in the annals of ringing in relation to public affairs.

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MUFFLED PEALS.

The following peals, as their footnotes show, were rung with muffled bells in memory of the heroes who have fallen in the war:—

TEN BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	PTE. G.E. CAPEWELL, R.E. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN WATHEN 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 8
RICHARD WHERINGTON 4	EX-SERGT. JOHN WILLIAMS 9
CHARLES DYSON 5	HUBERT BROWN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to those who have fallen in the war. It was the first peal on the bells since they were augmented from eight to ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(CHESTER BRANCH).

On Friday, December 31, 1915, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK FOX Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
GEORGE JONES 4	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to our soldiers and sailors who have given their lives for their King and country, and also our brother ringers who have passed away.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 7, 1916, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART: Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs., in D.

*GEORGE JUPE Treble	WILLIAM J. RYVES 5
CPL. GILBERT BULL, R.F.A. 2	*ALFRED POOK 6
ALFRED MEARS 3	ANDREW MEARS 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	CALEB JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled for all those who have fallen in the war, one of whom, Pte. Edwin Welstead, 13th Hants, being a much respected and promising member of this tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
LEONARD A. PYE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to those fallen in the war.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD KILBY Treble	BENJAMIN FOSKETT... .. 5
CHARLES H. HORTON 2	HARRY KILBY 6
*GEORGE M. KILBY 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
*FRANK BARRATT... .. 4	*ARTHUR FRENCH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

* First peal in the method. The above is the first peal since the old six were augmented to eight and was rung at the first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to those members of H.M. Forces who have unfortunately lost their lives in the war, and who were at one time residents of Willesden.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN MITCHAM Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ROBERT BYETT-SMITH ... 6
HARRY DURLING 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ALFRED JAMES, SEN. 4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of those who have laid down their lives in the war.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BUTLER Treble	*PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
†GEORGE ROBINSON 2	JOHN F. SMALLWOOD 6
WILLIAM O. TALBOT 3	HENRY LINDSAY 7
WALTER WOOD 4	HARRY WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to those who have fallen in the service of their country during the war, especially for several parishioners who met their death in action, and as a memorial to the late Lieutenant C. O. Sayer, a former valued member of the band, who died at Courtrai in Belgium from wounds received in action. R.I.P.

PENHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	GEORGE TURLEY 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
JAMES HEASMAN 3	HARRY SEAL 7
HARRY COOMBER 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the soldiers and sailors who have lost their lives in the war.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES WEST Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
ARTHUR TATNELL 2	WILLIAM STAITE 6
PTE. H. SMITH, R.G.H.Y. 3	FRANK COLE 7
HUBERT SCRIVENS 4	JAMES SINGLETON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the war.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs., in E.

*HUBERT TARLTON Treble	HENRY BEARDSLEY 5
†HENRY STRAW 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 6
ISAAC HUFTON 3	EDWARD C. GOLEY 7
HENRY HARRISON 4	†HERBERT TURNER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOLEY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal with a bob bell. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells double muffled as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the war.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., in E flat.

HENRY W. WILKES Treble	ALFRED MEARS... .. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6
*PTE. A. JONES, A.S.C. 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	ERNEST DUMPER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled for all those who have fallen in the war.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALBERT COPPOCK Treble	NEVILL H. WIDDOWSON ... 5
ALLEN R. HICKTON 2	ARTHUR LOWE 6
PERCY PRICE 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
RICHARD DRAGE 4	THOMAS HUTCHENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

* 6th peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the soldiers and sailors who have laid down their lives for their King and country.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*C. W. DALE Treble	W. SOER 5
J. SUMPTER 2	A. J. TRAPPITT 6
F. A. MILNE 3	J. ARMSTRONG 7
H. BURLINGHAM 4	†G. HERBERT Tenor

Conducted by A. J. TRAPPITT

* First peal. † First peal on 8 bells. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of those fallen in the war.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 9, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN SPENCER Treble	*ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
PRIVATE THOMAS KING 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 8
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH 7
RIFLEMAN B. PREWETT 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. This peal was arranged and rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs., in F.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	JOHN W. J. COTTAM ... 5
MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE ... 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 6
RUFERT RICHARDSON 3	CLEMENT GLENN ... 7
EDWIN JAMES 4	WILLIAM WARBURTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a tribute to the memory of our soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRED HOPPER Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 5
FRED WILFORD 2	*THOMAS LAW ... 6
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... 7
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4	*FRANK ROLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with half muffled bells as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the war. The best thanks of the band were given to Mr. J. Clarke, for his kind hospitality after the peal. Mr. Clarke was unable to take part in the peal, having an appointment which could not be avoided.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 31 cwt., in C sharp.

HERBERT JORDAN Treble	*FREDERICK JORDAN ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... 6
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 3	HARRY MIDDLETON ... 7
JAMES HEMMING 4	FRANK JINKS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to those heroes who have fallen in the struggle for liberty and civilisation.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

JOHN WOODBERRY Treble	ERNEST J. BROOKS ... 4
FRANCIS S. SHAW 2	WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	ALFRED MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

Rung with half muffled bells as a humble tribute to the fallen heroes of the war.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

PERCIVAL J. BROOKS Treble	JAMES H. COX ... 4
LUKE VERRALL 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
HENRY JONES 3	ALBERT MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung in accordance with views expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with bells half muffled as a national tribute to, and in honour of the memory of, those men who have fallen in the war. Mr. Jones, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal, hails from Ringmer, and very kindly took part in the peal owing to five members of the local band serving in H.M. Forces.

PETERBOROUGH, THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HERBERT HOARE Treble	OSWALD RICHARDSON ... 4
FRANK DAINTY 2	GEORGE H. BARKER ... 5
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 3	†JOHN J. JUTSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JUTSON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Mr. G. H. Barker was made a member before starting. Rung with the bells half muffled for the soldiers and sailors who have fallen in the war.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, and Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN NEAL Treble	*HORACE M. DAY ... 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... 5
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... 3	JAMES OSBORN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal and proposed a member previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of those who have fallen in the war.

WALLESEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Hilary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 Grandsire and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Canterbury.

W. H. ROGERS Treble	*EDW. WEBSTER ... 4
E. PEERS 2	S. STRONG ... 5
G. R. ROGERS 3	J. WALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by S. STRONG.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of, and as a token of respect for, the men who have lost their lives in the war. This was S. Strong's first peal as conductor.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 9, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

A. R. BARKER Treble	D. CRASHLAY ... 4
F. ROWLINSON 2	J. GRANGER ... 5
J. ROWLINSON 3	A. J. ABRAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. ABRAMS.

First peal in six methods by all the band. Rung with the bells half muffled in honour of the brave men who have given their lives in the cause of what we believe to be loyalty to righteousness and truth.

OTHER TOWER BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS. THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. AND DUDLEY GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 4, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

WALTER E. BRITAN Treble	WILLIAM COOPER ... 6
HORACE BELCHER 2	GEORGE HUGHES ... 7
EDGAR MARLOW 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 8
CHARLES TYLER 4	*BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	JOHN BARBER ... Tenor

* Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD (Bromsgrove) and

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal with a bob bell. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Royal for the Dudley Guild. First peal of Treble Bob Royal for all the band except ringers of the 8, 9 and 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Bate and Mr. William Cooper.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, December 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 10 Six-Scores of Grandsire, and 32 Six-Scores of St. Dunstun's,
each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM GARDNER Treble	THOMAS LEACH 4
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	*EDWIN SIMS 5
PHILLIP POCKETT 3	*GEORGE DYER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal.

MORETON VALENCE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, December 27, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

With 10 different callings.

*GEORGE BOYCE Treble	*THOMAS LEACH 4
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	*OLIVER DANIELS 5
PHILIP POCKETT 3	*JAMES SMITH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 1, 1916, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Rectory,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

DAVID G. NICOLS 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed by G. R. FLEMING, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Arranged for Mr. Atkins, who was on short leave from the trenches.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 7, 1916, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Residence of LEWIS WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

With seven different callings.

LEWIS WISEMAN 1-2	SIDNEY HALE 3-4
PTE. OLIVE BROYD 5-6	

Conducted by OLIVE BROYD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
In the Old Room at King Edward VI's Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

Tenor, size 18 in G.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8

THOMAS W. RADFORD, 9-10.

Composed by SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I., and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: C. HAZELDEN.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MRS. HAZELDEN, and

Mrs. YVONNE L. ELOIE-LELOUE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Willshire, of Montreal,
formerly of the Holy Trinity band, Guildford, chairman of the
Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, and a member of the
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BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
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On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
In the Guild Room at the TAMWORTH ARMS HOTEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor, 13 size in E flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	*JAMES E. GROVES 5-6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3-4	*ALBERT WALKER 7-8

†MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: GEORGE GARRISON.

* First peal of Stedman and first of Caters on handbells. † First peal
no handbells.

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On Sunday, January 9, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At 31, HIGHER ALBERT STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

GEORGE HOLLIS 1-2	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7-8

*ALBERT H. WARD 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Witness: JAMES GEORGE. G. Davies, W. Allwood, and R. Richardson
also heard the peal.

* First peal of Royal on handbells.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE TRENCHES.

We have received the following further contributions
towards the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	120	12	2
Lieut. R. W. Falconer, 16th Service Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, "in the trenches"	0	10	6
Ringers of St. Matthew's, Stretford (per Mr. W. J. Moss)	0	6	9
York Minster Society, December contribution (per Mr. G. Horner)	0	4	0
Total	£121	13	5

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, has
been gazetted Major in the Royal Engineers. Major Cooke is Chief
Mechanical Engineer to the London and North Western Railway Co.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M.
Forces:—

From Solihull, Warwickshire:—

Pte H. Shepherd, 3/8th Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Pte R. Bragg, Inns of Court O.T.C.

EXCITING FLIGHT EXPERIENCE.

FORMER RINGER'S ADVENTURE IN FRANCE.

Flight-Sergt. George Lusted, who was some years ago a member of
the Southover, Lewes, Guild, and whose father, Mr. J. R. Lusted, has
been for a long period, and still is, the respected people's warden of
the church and one of the Guild's vice-presidents, has had some ex-
citing experiences while serving in the Royal Flying Corps. Previous
to enlisting he was an experienced aviator, and since going to France
he has done some splendid work as pilot. Recently he had a most mar-
vellous escape from death. He was out on a bombing raid in France,
and after he had dropped his bombs one of the German anti-aircraft
guns fired a shell, which burst between the two left planes of his
machine. Flight-Sergt. Lusted was over two miles up, but he suc-
ceeded in gliding 25 miles back into the British lines with a broken
plane. When about 250 feet from the ground the machine turned over
and then crashed to the earth. The airman was badly bruised, and
he has up to the present lost the use of one leg, but it is thought,
happily, that this trouble is only temporary. The observer who was
with him in the machine was killed, but it is not known whether his
death was caused by the shell or by the effects of the fall. Flight-
Sergt. Lusted is a patient at Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital,
Southend. He considers that he has been most lucky in his bomb raids,
as he has flown for more than 900 hours over the enemy's lines.

MANY WOUNDS.

Corpl. G. Bull, of the Curdridge, Hants. company, has just come
out of hospital, where he has been under treatment for a great many
wounds received from shrapnel, while gallantly attempting to repair
a communication line which had been broken, and which thus en-
dangered the artillery. He is now home on sick leave, and was able
to take part in a 500 of Grandsire Triples rung for men's service on
Sunday, January 2nd. The band have lost Pte E. J. Wellstead,
R.A.M.C., who was drowned when the "Royal Edward" was sunk,
and another member, Pte R. Elcock, is serving with the colours. De-
spite the loss of the services of these three men, the company, during
1915, rang one quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and 46 504's, two 720's
and eleven 360's of Bob Minor, and 104 six-score of Stedman Doubles.

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MISS THORPE. MRS. W. WOLSTENCROFT. MISS E. WILLIAMS. MISS S. HOLT. MISS A. WOLSTENCROFT.

In many parishes ladies have very gallantly come forward to fill the gaps in the belfry caused by the absence of the men on war service. Seven of the band of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, have enlisted (one, alas, was killed in the early part of the war), and members of the fair sex have come to the aid of those who are left. As the shield in the picture shows, they "will keep the home fires burning and the Church bells ringing till our lads come home." This is the splendid spirit in which ladies in many parts of the country are giving a helping

hand. At Ashton-under-Lyne the fair ringers are immensely proud of their self-imposed task, and have taken enthusiastically to the art. They promise to become most efficient ringers, and already Mrs. Wolstencroft, and the Misses Thorp, Scott, Wolstencroft (sister of the captain), and Holt have rung courses of Grandsire Triples. We hope they will be able to take part in the peals for Victory and Peace and for the lads' home-coming when the war is over.

A VETERANS' QUARTER-PEAL.

There was an interesting gathering at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, on Sunday evening, when to celebrate the 86th birthday of the steeplekeeper (Mr. S. Greenwood), and that of Mr. Charles Gordon, a band of veterans met from five different parishes for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. This they were successful in ringing in 45 mins., the combined ages of the company being 538 years: They stood in the following order: G. Barrington (age 65) 1, J. D. Drewett (61) 2, E. Horrex (77) 3, H. Pates (71) 4, C. Lewry (66) 5, A. J. Perkins, composer and conductor (63) 6, C. Gordon (65) 7, W. Shepherd (70) 8.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have just completed the rehanging of the peal of eight at Crosthwaite Church, the Parish Church of Keswick, Cumberland, and the bells were first rung after their restoration on Christmas morning. The work has included the installation of a new iron frame and the recasting of the treble, which was previously a poor bell. The fittings have also been partly renewed, and the excellent manner in which the contract has been carried out has given the utmost satisfaction.

A set of nine bells, with a tenor of 12 cwt., is being made by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the new tower at All Saints', Basingstoke, and the Whitechapel firm have also in hand, among other work, the rehanging of the peal of five at Durrington, Wilts, in a new iron frame and fittings, and the recasting of three bells and the rehanging of the ring of five at Imber, in the same county.

THE OLDEST RINGER.

On Tuesday, Mr. John Heathorn, of Guildford, who, we believe, is the oldest ringer in England, celebrated his 92nd birthday. He learnt change ringing after he passed the age of 60, and has rung several peals. He rang a touch on Holy Trinity bells when over 90 years of age. He is spending his declining years in Abbot's Hospital, beneath the sound of the bells, and considering his great age enjoys comparatively good health.

WIND STORM MAKES PEAL IMPRACTICABLE.

By the kind permission of the authorities, the bells of Christ Church, West Didsbury, were at liberty for the annual peal by members of the Lancashire Association. An attempt was made on New Year's Day, when a dozen ringers turned up, some to ring and others to listen, but unfortunately the wind storm was at its height, and the louvres being very open, it was practically impossible to ring the bells. However, two hours of good practice were put in, and all took part. Afterwards, by kind invitation of the conductor, the visitors adjourned for a cup of tea, which Mrs. Davies had waiting for them. The wind did not stop that touch from coming round. Afterwards, Master Davies (aged 6) played for the entertainment of the party, and Mrs. Davies, Miss Davies and Messrs. Greenhalgh and Davies sang, and an extremely pleasant evening was passed. The best thanks of the party are tendered to the authorities for kindly granting the use of the bells, to Mr. Davies for his kind invitation, and Mrs. Davies for making the visitors so welcome, and remembering the names of all the guests, although a long time had elapsed between the visits.

THE MUFFLED RINGING.

INTERCESSION DAY TOUCHES.

The tribute of muffled ringing to those who have fallen in the war produced, as was, of course, natural, many special touches on Intercession Sunday, and a number of them are given below.

The suggestion for this muffled ringing, which gained the approval of the Archbishops and Bishops, was not only almost universally taken up, but in many cases it was made a special feature of. In numerous instances, in order to fall into line, it involved special effort being made to get a band together, and the ringing of rounds had to suffice, owing to many of the more practised members being away on service. But this only served to accentuate the desire which was felt to share in the widespread public tribute. For instance, at Godstone, Surrey, where they have had a peal of eight only quite a short time (the bells having recently been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), and where only four of the old hands are left, the gaps have been filled by school boys between the ages of 11 and 13. Their services were enlisted a few weeks ago, and on Intercession Sunday they were able to take their part in some round ringing for each of the services, including that at 8 a.m., and Godstone was thus able to pay its token of respect to those who have given their lives in the war, and especially to the seven men of the parish who have been killed.

An example of the way in which a large number of towers entered into the proposal is to be found in the following letter from Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, Kent:—"I thought perhaps you would like to know how we carried out your excellent suggestions with reference to the muffled ringing for our departed heroes. I handed 'The Ringing World' to our Vicar on Friday (Christmas Eve) with the result that he gave out in church, with the other notices on Sunday, the 26th, that the bells would be rung muffled in memory of those who had fallen in the war. A midnight service was held in the church at the close of the old year, from 11.30 to 12.30. We rang a 518 of Grandsire Triples for that service, and seven of the ringers attended the service. After the service we rang a 336 of Grandsire Triples with the bells open, to welcome the New Year. On Sunday, the 2nd inst., for the morning service, we rang a 350 of Grandsire Triples, muffled, and for the evening service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, and after the service we rang 168 in the same method, and lowered the bells. We have since been thanked by our Vicar and churchwardens for the ringing. The following are the names of those who took part: G. Neve, A. Snelling, W. Savage, F. Bennett, E. Want, F. Gilbert, G. Cramp, H. Rumery, N. Tickner, A. Field, H. Holdstock, Sergt. Kentspear, H. Baker, I. Bailey and C. Tribe."

Other touches rung include the following:—

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor (conducted by W. Page), and 360 Oxford Bob (conducted by W. Edgington): E. Watkins 1, W. Ranford 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, W. Lewis 4, W. Page 5, W. Edgington 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which Mrs. Watkins took part. The ringing at All Saints' is largely dependent on several long-distance men (some having to cycle 14 to 20 miles), and owing to the unpropitious weather only six mustered on Sunday. Of those who have to cycle only one daring spirit ventured through the rain and mud.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On January 2nd, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, with the bells muffled, 360 Plain Bob Minor: W. Last 1, R. Orth 2, A. South 3, A. J. Peake 4, F. Chalk (conductor) 5, H. J. Mansfield 6. Also 216 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Last 1, W. J. Brinkley 2, A. South 3, A. J. Peake 4, F. Chalk (conductor) 5, H. J. Mansfield 6. After service, 360 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Brinkley 1, R. Orth 2, A. South 3, A. J. Peake 4, F. Chalk (conductor) 5, H. J. Mansfield 6.

DORKING, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, with the bells fully muffled, two short touches of Grandsire Triples for morning service; for afternoon service, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles; for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Hills (first quarter on treble) 1, E. Pressling 2, W. Tarling 3, A. Baker 4, E. E. Dodd 5, H. Boxall (conductor) 6, J. White 7, W. Lynch 8.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—For morning service, on Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, 360 Grandsire Doubles: W. Vince 1, B. Allen 2, W. Lamperd 3, C. Pocock 4, J. Abery (conductor) 5, E. Cottrell 6. For evening service, a 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cottrell 1, B. Allen 2, W. Lamperd 3, C. Pocock 4, J. Abery (conductor) 5, T. Harris 6.

MALDON, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on January 2nd, for morning service, with the bells muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: E. Mansfield 1, R. Hutson 2, A. Mansfield 3, J. Gozzett 4, J. H. Waldock 5, A. Gozzett (conductor) 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On January 2nd, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Shepherd 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, F. J. Shepherd 3, Pte. J. Loveridge (B. Surrey Regiment), first quarter-peal of Stedman 4, A. F. Shepherd 5, A. Woodrow 6, J. Emery 7, R. J. Polley 8.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—The bells of St. Peter's Church were rung muffled for all services on Sunday. Owing to seven of the members being at the front, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were all the method ringing that could be done.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—For Intercession service, on January 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, 336 Bob Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, the following taking part: Canon W. W. C. Baker, E. Franklin, junr., E. Franklin, senr., F. Baldock, C. King, junr., G. Heley, A. E. Sharman and C. King.

ERITH.—At the Parish Church, on January 2nd, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. Cullum 1, J. Cullum 2, G. Cullum 3, C. Bush 4, A. Mason 5, J. Lowney 6, F. J. Cullum 7, P. Robinson 8.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, for divine service, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), each six-score called differently: W. Law 1, F. Rollings 2, C. Haines 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Law (conductor) 5.

HACKFORD, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, January 2nd, at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, with the bells muffled, 720 of Minor: W. Ducan 1, Jacob Moy (Aylsham) 2, F. J. Barber 3, G. Timbers 4, W. Rought 5, John Moy (Aylsham), conductor, 6.

WALTHAMSTOW.—St. Mary's Society.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 419 Grandsire Triples: W. Coakham 1, F. Rumens 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, J. C. Adams 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, W. J. Kemp 6, F. C. Maynard 7, H. T. Scarlett 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. T. Scarlett 1, F. Rumens 2, H. J. Maynard 3, J. C. Adams 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, R. Maynard, junr. (conductor) 6, F. C. Maynard 7, R. Maynard, senr., 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, 559 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Heath 1, E. Etheridge 2, S. Radford 3, W. Loader 4, G. Petter 5, S. G. Steer 6, T. W. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, after the abandonment of a peal attempt by members of the Metropolitan Police Force, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung by: J. Barry 1, A. Coles 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, A. Turner 4, F. Richardson 5, W. Bottrill 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, Miss G. Adams 8. Also 360 Bob Minor. The above were rung with bells half-muffled.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled for all services, the usual "whole pull and stand," together with touches of Grandsire Doubles.

HACKNEY.—For evensong, on Jan. 2nd, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 49 mins.: W. Pye 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, O. L. Twist (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, G. B. Lucas 4, R. W. Green 5, W. T. Powell 6, J. Hunt 7, Sergt. J. Bullock (R.F.A.) 8. Sergt. Bullock was home on short leave from France.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at St. Thomas' Church, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: V. Harmon W. Hand 1, C. W. Cooper 2, J. Bass 3, G. Pagett 4, W. A. Pugh 5, Dodd (conductor) 6, W. Ward 8. For evening service, 784 Bob Triples: W. Hand 1, C. W. Cooper 2, J. Bass 3, G. Pagett 4, W. A. Pugh 5, A. W. Dodd 6, R. Matthews (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8. After evening service, 360 Bob Minor, conducted by A. W. Dodd.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: E. Rusling 1, E. Leedham 2, A. Peart (first 720 as conductor) 3, Rev. H. T. Parry 4, H. Rusling 5, G. Blanchard 6.

BOSHAM.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 2nd, at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. H. Blake 1, Fredk. Brown (conductor) 2, G. W. Christian 3, G. Marshall 4, W. Ticehurst 5, Charley Smithers (longest length) 6. Also 180 in the same method, with Geo. Brown and Fred Kearvell standing in.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson (conductor) 1, A. Bragg 2, W. Meeks 3, Pte H. Shepherd 4, Stan. Bragg 5, Sam Bragg 6, J. Bragg 7, H. Foster 8.

SITTINGBOURNE.—Kent County Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Burley 1, E. J. Bottle 2, E. J. Dobbie 3, Lance-Corpl. C. Brett, R.E., 4, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 5, F. S. Macey 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Mills 8. In the evening, an attempt was made for another quarter of Grandsire, but after 40 minutes' ringing it was found there was not time enough to finish it, so "stand" was called. The ringers were: E. J. Bottle 1, H. E. Simpson 2, E. E. Spice 3, F. S. Macey 4, J. Excell 5, E. J. Dobbie 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, A. Burley 8.

TRING, HERTS.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, with the bells muffled, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. Fitkin 1, F. Reeve 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Thompkins 4, Pte H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regt.), conductor, 5, O. Bayes (Berkhamsted) 6, H. Heley 7, W. Redman 8. A quarter-peal had been arranged, but owing to the inclement weather, the visitors who had five miles to travel in opposite directions arrived a little late, and the above was rung instead.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Stedman Triples: H. J. Blackwell 1, G. Durling 2, P. Spice 3, S. Marshall 4, G. Huxley 5, A. Bygrave 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, C. Austin 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Jan. 2nd, with the bells muffled, 1316 Grandsire Triples: W. Flinders 1, W. Sevier 2, E. Hughes 3, G. Parlett 4, A. Barratt 5, G. Johnson 6, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. R. Cobbin 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at St. John's Church, for morning service, 1302 Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: R. Forsdyke, T. G. Deal, E. J. Pannett, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson (conductor), J. Law, W. J. Jefferies, T. Esterby.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Kendall 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, Pte R. Rayner 3, F. Wiseman 4, E. Barker 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Hale 7, W. Ruffle 8. Also 700 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by S. Hale.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, Jan. 2nd, for evening service, at St. Leonard's Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Barrington 1, J. Lee 2, F. Smith 3, H. Pates 4, H. Lewry 5, L. Attwater (conductor) 6, I. J. Attwater 7, J. Chapman 8.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, 583 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Bedford 1, R. Flaxman 2, A. Leader 3, T. Smith 4, G. T. Leader 5, P. Jones 6, E. Hooper (conductor) 7, F. Purdue 8. This was the first 583 of this method rung upon the new bells, and the first attempt by five members of the band.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—On Jan. 2nd, with bells half-muffled, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: W. Hudson 1, P. L. Cooper 2, R. Squires 3, R. H. Howland 4, J. Jessop 5, P. Larvin (conductor) 6, J. R. Moger 7, D. York 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, three six-scores of Bot Doubles: E. Holman 1, C. Gasson 2, C. Holman 3, A. Marchant 4, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob C. Gasson 1, P. Hall 2, F. Streeter 3, A. Marchant 4, C. Holman 5, A. Gasson (conductor). Also 240 Oxford Bob, with E. Holman treble and 240 Plain Bob, conducted by C. Holman.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 9th, at the Parish Church, with the bells fully muffled, 720 Plain Bob: H. Bright 1, R. Matthews 2, S. Nunn 3, A. E. Austin 4, M. Lyles 5, F. Hurry (conductor) 6, R. Wilson 7.

Numerous other touches are unavoidably held over.

"MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES."

TWO RINGERS GAIN DISTINCTION.

Two ringers have recently been mentioned in despatches, and are the first members of the Exercise, we believe, to gain this honour. One is Captain J. H. B. Hesse, Vice-President of the Middlesex Association, who is filling an important position in the Motor Transport Department "somewhere in France."

The other is Corpl. A. Hiestad, a member of the band of Shiplake, Oxon, who won his distinction on the battlefield, while serving with the 5th Royal Berks Regiment. In honour of their comrade, his fellow members at Shiplake on Sunday, January 2nd, rang for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: A. Sheppard 1, E. Nash 2, O. W. Porter 3, W. G. Wicks 4, E. W. Wenman 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, H. B. Quaint 8. After service another touch was rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the fallen.

The congratulations of the Exercise will go out to Capt. Hesse and Corpl. Hiscock upon the distinction they have won.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung at Wednesbury, and reported in this issue, was specially arranged for the 85th birthday of the veteran ringer, Mr. Joseph Bate, who, despite his great age, regularly rings for divine service and at the Tuesday evening practices. He is still able to ring the standard methods, and, in addition, Forward, Erin, Court Bob, Darlaston, and Oxford Bob, but Treble Bob has always been a favourite with him.

In April, 1866, he rang his last peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and we believe that no other peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal has since been rung at Wednesbury until the one on January 4th, 1916. Mr. Bate has rung on three peals of bells in the Wednesbury tower: The old peal of eight, the subsequent peal of ten, which took the place of the old ring, recast, rehung and augmented to ten in March, 1855, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank; and the new ten after the bells had been recast and rehung in October, 1915, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. We believe Mr. Bate to be the oldest change ringer in the Midlands. He rang his last peal (Grandsire Caters) on his 83rd birthday. May he be spared longer to fulfil his duty in the belfry he loves so well.

The peal was also the ringers' New Year peal, and a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt, M.A., who had recently been inducted to the living of St. Bartholomew's.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Matthew's on Saturday last. The bells were available from 3 o'clock, and soon after that time ringing was started, touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob being rung before the service, at which the Rev. Bland (Vicar), who officiated, gave a splendid address. Tea was then partaken of in the Parish Hall, to which 26 members did full justice.

The business meeting followed, Mr. H. Howell taking the chair.—Four new members were elected, and, after some discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Stapleton, on the 5th February, if possible.

Mr. R. J. Wilkins then proposed that the annual branch meeting be held in future in January instead of December, which would enable the secretary to place a completed balance sheet before the members.

Mr. C. J. Walton was elected hon. assistant secretary.—Some discussion followed on the advisability of holding four quarterly meetings, but the matter was postponed until the next meeting. This brought the business to a close, and the ringers then resorted to the tower once more. Various methods were rung until after 8 o'clock, and brought a very enjoyable meeting to a finish.

A MIDNIGHT DEDICATION.

THE AUGMENTATION AT ST. MARY'S, WILLESDEN.

Some two or three years ago two bells were added to the old six at St. Mary's Church, Willesden. Originally the bells hung in the tower of St. Peter-le-Pore, but were taken down and placed in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, from whence they passed into the hands of the restorer, were recast into two trebles and placed in the old tower of St. Mary's. Owing to unforeseen circumstances it was not found possible to dedicate them at the time. Now, as a memorial to those who belonged to Willesden, and have lost their lives in the war, these bells were dedicated at midnight at Christmas by the Vicar of the parish.

Before the evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung on the old six by C. H. Horton 1, F. Barratt 2, R. Kilby 3, G. Kilby (conductor) 4, A. Hill 5, H. Kilby 6. After the dedication ceremony the eight bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes, and then 447 of Grandsire Triples was rung by: E. Lankester 1, C. H. Horton (conductor) 2, G. Kilby 3, F. Barratt 4, R. Kilby 5, H. Kilby 6, A. Hill 7, A. French 8.—On Christmas Day, for service, 320 and 240 Grandsire Triples. The two bells were recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and give entire satisfaction.

The following ringing has also been done upon the bells: A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Horton 1, B. Foskett 2, G. Kilby 3, F. Barratt 4, G. Chalkley 5, R. Kilby 6, H. Kilby (conductor) 7, A. French 8, and a 504 in the same method; also 630 and 513 of Stedman Triples, by: G. Kilby, H. Kilby, R. Kilby, T. Langdon, G. Chalkley, B. Foskett, A. French, F. Barratt and C. H. Horton (conductor). Several 720's of Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge have also been rung, and, as recorded elsewhere, a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung last Saturday. There is ringing on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m., and on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT CHEWTON MENDIP.

In commemoration of the first peal rung in the grand tower of the Parish Church of Chewton Mendip, Somerset, the peal board was unveiled on Sunday, January 2nd. The former ring of six bells had recently been recast into one of eight by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, so that it was practically an inaugural peal. The tenor is 24cwt., and the total weight of the bells 92 cwt. The key is in D, and the name of the firm is a guarantee of the perfection of the tone. The actual performance still lives in the memory of those who heard it, from a critical and professional point of view, the peal being in every way worthy of its surroundings.

The presentation of the board was made on behalf of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association by Sergt. Walter Farley, of the North Somerset Yeomanry, who was on leave from war service, and the only member of the peal band who could be present. The gift was accepted by the Rev. J. A. Bengley, on behalf of himself and the churchwardens (the Earl Waldegrave and Mr. J. H. Flower), and a short service of dedication followed. The wording of the inscription was as follows:—

"Praise to God.

"Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Tuesday, January 20th, 1914, there was rung in this tower, in 3 hours and 38 minutes, Thursdays' four-part peal of Stedman Triples (5040 changes), being the first peal on the bells; William T. Pates treble, George H. Phillott 2nd, Albert W. Humphries 3rd, Rev. G. F. Coleridge 4th, Rev. H. A. Cockey 5th, Rev. C. D. P. Davies 6th, Rev. Cyril Jenkyn 7th, Walter Farley tenor. Conducted by Rev. Cyril Jenkyn."

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was then rung by members of the Wells Branch of the Association before the usual evening service: H. Fry 1, T. Hayward 2, F. Loxton 3, W. J. Mills 4, E. E. Lush 5, A. E. Mills 6, Sergt. W. Farley (conductor) 7, W. Leakey 8.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on financial matters, should be paid before February 29th. Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on January 18th, for business, and on the 27th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on January 15th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting after tea. — H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, January 15th, 1916. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Rector at 5.30. Business meeting after.—Stephen Hazzelden, Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, January 15th, 1916. Bells ready at 3.30 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. Reports now ready. Subscriptions are due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldswinford, Stourbridge, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.45. Tea kindly provided in the Schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

MIDLANDS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the Derby District will be held in St. Alkmund's belfry on Tuesday, January 18th. Bells open at 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 8 p.m. — J. Lord, District Secretary, 36, Howard Street, Derby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—On Saturday, Jan. 22nd, the annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock. Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 6 p.m. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer Parish Church on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, January 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m., service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. P. Gosselin (Vicar). Tea in St. Luke's Institute at 6 p.m., at 8d. per head. but notice of those requiring same must reach me not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 18th. Subscriptions should be paid now.—P. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6.15, 6d. each to those members who inform me by the 19th inst. of their intention of being present.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Members requiring tea, kindly inform me not later than the 19th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, 9, Colenso Road, Fareham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5.15; business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Tower at 5.30 p.m. Wm. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, January 29th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A committee meeting will be held at the offices of the British Equitable Assurance Co., 1, Greyhound Street, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting at 5.30. Business: Appointment of Auditors, etc. A notification of intention to be present will be esteemed.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec., Cotgrave.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, January 29th. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m., at which members are requested to attend. Tea will probably be arranged, and it is most important I should be notified by those intending to be present by the Wednesday previous. The bells (10) will be available for ringing.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. For full particulars of the day's arrangements see circular sent to each tower secretary.—C. Glenn, Hon. Gen. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the subscription for 1915-16 is now due. — E. K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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A NEW YEAR'S GATHERING.

Following an old custom, the Salehurst (Sussex) Society of Church Bell Ringers assembled at the tower of St. Mary's Church at 11.30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and rang the old year out and the new year in, with several touches of Grandsire Triples. The bells were also rung at intervals throughout New Year's Day. In the afternoon the party adjourned to the Old Eight Bells Inn, where an excellent tea had been provided by Host and Hostess Kirby, the usual supper having been dispensed with owing to the war. Ample justice was done to the good things provided, and the party again repaired to the tower, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round.

Subsequently a gathering took place at the inn, the Rev. C. E. Ward (Vicar) presiding. After proposing the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were musically honoured, the Vicar gave "The Bell Ringers." He thanked them for the excellent manner in which they had performed their duties, and said the bells fulfilled a variety of purposes. That day, for instance, they had been ushering in the New Year, while on the morrow they would be sounding muffled peals for the heroes who had fallen in the war. No one appreciated the work of the ringers more than he did, and he congratulated Mr. T. Booth, their captain, on the way he had kept the band together during the trying time through which they were passing.

Mr. Booth, in reply, thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks, and said it had been a pleasure to him to have such a band as they at present possessed. In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," he said the members were glad to have Messrs. W. Franks and W. Thomas, of Battle, again with them.

Mr. Franks, responding, said he hardly looked upon himself as a visitor, as he always seemed at home when amongst the Salehurst ringers.

Mr. T. Booth also gave the toast, "The Host and Hostess," to which Mr. and Mrs. Kirby responded.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, selections being given on the handbells by Messrs. W. Franks and W. Thomas (Battle), and Messrs. T. Booth and W. Hoad (Salehurst), while songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Franks, F. Morgan, J. Goodsell, E. Mills, H. Weston, H. Pantry, A. Mills, S. Goodsell, T. Booth and W. Thomas. —The National Anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

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