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

MODERN WORK

REMEDIES FOR THE COUNCIL.

The letter which we published last week from Mr. J. A. Trollope, with regard to the Central Council, has brought two weighty replies from other members, which will be read with interest. It will be observed that both Canon Papillon and Mr. A. T. King are in agreement that there is room for increasing the Council's usefulness, and that its discussions are not always as interesting and profitable as they might be. The latter, at any rate, is a point upon which, we believe, not only ringers outside but the members of the Council as a whole will agree. The important thing, of course, is to find the way to remedy the existing state of things, so that the Council may be re-galvanised. We have stated many times that it is in the interest of ringing and ringing associations that there should be some central body which can, to some extent, co-ordinate effort, set a standard of ringing, and sit, as it were, as a court of appeal to offer guidance where it is needed. Without such an organisation, the associations, although animated by a common desire, would be like a wheel without a hub, but the hub must fulfil its functions.

Canon Papillon's views fully support what we have time and again advocated, that the associations themselves should take more interest in the affairs of the Council. It is the very rarest occurrence to find an association discussing anything which the Council has done or proposes to do. The work of the Council could be made much more practical if those who are represented upon it provided it with subjects to debate. Instead, it is nearly always left to the members of the Council themselves, and unless a man is very keen there is a natural disinclination to introduce a subject for discussion in such an assembly. Let the associations provide the subjects, then the Council will be usefully employed.

One or two practical suggestions are made by Mr. King, which might be adopted with advantage. He rightly points out that many men, who could speak with authority, refrain from taking part in discussions for fear of being unable to clothe their thoughts in suitable words, or because they are unable to criticise a proposal on the spur of the moment. It is just these men whose views would be the most valuable and anything which can be done, as Mr. King suggests, to encourage them to speak should be done. Under existing conditions the value of their views is lost. If anything can be done to obviate this, it should certainly be the first duty of the Council to do it. The members will have a year to think it over, and it would not be a bad subject to place on the next agenda: "How best to increase the usefulness of the Council." There is no doubt that many good suggestions would be forthcoming and, at any rate it would enable the members to justify themselves.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY	... .. 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS	... .. 2	TOM WILDE	... .. 6
ALFRED BARNES 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
HAROLD JACKSON 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
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HANDBELL PEAL.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 27, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH;

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

ARTHUR PAYNE	... .. 1-2	COLIN GREYSTY	... .. 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	... .. 3-4	*THOMAS R. PERCIVAL	... .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal on handbells.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Sunday, March 26th, for confirmation service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Newnam 1, R. Moors 2, J. Smith 3, W. Short (conductor) 4, A. E. Whatmore 5, T. Heathcock 6, G. Poppell 7, J. Bass 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples: J. G. Orford 1, A. W. Dodd 8, the others as above. After service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: J. G. Orford 1, J. Smith 2, A. W. Whatmore 3, J. Bass 4, T. Heathcock 5, R. Moors 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, G. Poppell 8.

KENNINGTON.—At St. John-the-Divine's Church, on Sunday, March 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Christopher Mitchell 1, J. Lee 2, F. Smith 3, L. Attwater 4, A. Walton 5, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 6, P.O. H. J. Walton, R.N.R.S., 7, F. J. Jerome 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 26th, for confirmation service, in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, R. Mackrill 4, F. Skevington 5, H. Cook 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 48 mins.: J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 26th, at St. Bartholomew's Parish Church, on the occasion of a service of intercession for the soldiers and sailors belonging to the parish who have fallen in the war, 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: S. Lanaway 1, J. Kenward 2, A. Songhurst 3, F. Voice 4, P. Etheridge 5, G. Ilman (conductor) 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Suart 1, J. Huddleston 2, Miss Gilchrist (first 360) 3, W. S. Forshaw 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5, J. Burrows 6. For evening service, 360 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay (first 360) 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. R. Jackson 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, covering.

LONDON.—Middlesex County Association.—At St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, on Sunday, April 2nd, for evensong, 1216 Bristol Surprise Major: G. B. Lucas 1, C. Pullen 2, W. Hewett 3, I. G. Shade 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, Air-Mechanic F. I. Hairs, R.N.A.S., 6, A. W. Grimes 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung on the occasion of the first visit of the Bishop of London to the above church.

LEICESTER.—On April 2nd, at St. Peter's, Belgrave, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), by: C. Hubbard 1, A. Ballard 2, E. Smith 3, A. J. Ballard 4, G. Walton 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, B. Kirby 7, H. Reeves 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. C. G. Thompson, M.A., of Wheat Hamstead, Herts, many years Vicar of Belgrave.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for men's service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Whatmore 1, — Whatmore 2, R. Moors 3, A. W. Whatmore 4, G. Poppell 5, C. E. Perkins (first 720 Kent as conductor) 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

MR. TROLLOPE'S CRITICISM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If it be true that, as Mr. Trollope states, the Central Council "does not represent ringers, or stand for the Exercise," there must be something wrong; but surely the remedy lies with the ringers themselves who elect representatives to the Council. It is for them to take greater interest in the elections, and more care that the Council shall be, in Mr. Trollope's words, "made to represent the Exercise in fact and not merely in name."

Mr. Trollope asserts that power upon the Council "is entirely in the hands of a small circle of men," admission to which "goes neither by seniority nor by merit, but by personal favour." Such charges ought to be substantiated by proof, and certainly cannot be accepted on the mere word of any individual ringer, however eminent. There is, no doubt, a "Standing Committee," a body which performs certain necessary and useful functions in the preparation of business for the Council. If this be the "small circle of men" referred to, I am afraid that we cannot dispense with it.

There is something in the suggestion "that no man shall hold the office of president for more than three consecutive years"; but it is, I think, rather too drastic. I should prefer to enact that no person shall hold the office of president for more than two consecutive periods of three years, except by an unanimous vote of the Council. As things are, the president has to be re-elected every three years, and it is always open to any member of the Council to propose a change—not an easy thing, I grant, to do.

I hope that Mr. Trollope does not object to those members of the Council who, like myself, no longer sit as elected representatives of any ringing society. We may not be now "in touch with ordinary ringers," but we value the opportunity of taking part in matters in which we still feel great interest; and I don't think that we do any harm to the Council or to the Exercise.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,
St. Albans, March 31st. T. L. PAPILLON.

THE SILENT EXPERTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am a staunch admirer of Mr. Trollope in most things; but when he ventures upon a criticism of the Central Council so ill-natured and so manifestly unfair as that published in your columns last week, it is time that something should be said on the other side.

In case I should be reminded that I am one of those whose qualifications are not easily discerned for being a representative member of the Council at all, I admit the soft impeachment, so far as my ringing abilities are concerned, to save trouble. Still, I know something of the composition and work of the Council, and I can honestly say that, with very few exceptions, the men chosen as representatives are well chosen, and are really representative. Let any man go through the names dispassionately, and he will find that they mostly possess abundant qualifications. It could hardly be expected that all should be equally equipped with scientific as well as practical knowledge of the art of ringing; but most names are familiar in their local connection, as thoroughly experienced ringers. With the results of some of our meetings, notwithstanding such a concentration of talent, I am as disappointed as Mr. Trollope; but it is not to be mended by altering the representation in the manner he indicates.

My own view is that the amendment must come from the ranks of the elected members themselves, who must simply take more trouble. There are gifted experts who know what they want to say, and say it so that the meanest intelligence can grasp it. There are also gifted experts, who are utterly unable to make themselves intelligible to any class of listener. But where the Council suffers most is from those gifted experts, who say nothing at all. Those who are well able to give their colleagues the benefit of their accumulated experience are silent. Year after year "the oracles are dumb." It is difficult to say why it should be so, but the fact remains. Among the silent members may be noted the very cream of the Exercise; and in most cases this may well be due to a natural hesitation, a vague fear (quite unfounded) that they cannot readily find language in which to clothe their observations. Now, these men must clearly be encouraged, and I would suggest that in future our agenda should consist of papers to be read by various members on various subjects, copies of which might be circulated among members generally some months before the meeting, in order to give them time to consider and prepare their observations.

It is not everyone who can criticise on the spur of the moment some of the abstruse questions which are now and then presented for solution: in fact, very few can do so. Still, so much light has been thrown in recent years by patient investigators on some of these vexed questions, that it ought not to be a very difficult matter, with due notice such as I have suggested, for all members to follow the trend of scientific subjects and sift them from their own point of view.

Then as to the rule suggested by Mr. Trollope, that no man shall hold the office of president for more than three years in succession. Why not? If the members like to insist on the same man, why debar them from having him? If we get good and faithful service, talents of a very high order, absolute impartiality, coupled with an intimate knowledge of the essentials which go to make up an expert ringer,

why should we limit his usefulness to a period of three years? I don't say that other gifted presidents might not emerge under such a system: but it is far more likely that chaos would reign supreme. With so many "cocksure" experts airing their pet schemes, we must have not only enlightened, but impartial, presidents; and, in my humble judgment, we shall have to travel very far to find them.

I know nothing of the power being in the hands of "a small circle of men, who are not in touch with ordinary ringers, either in the Council, or in their own districts." I have been a representative for quite a number of years, and I have no hesitation in saying that, with the few brilliant exceptions of co-opted men, the rest are elected representatives in entire touch with the rest of the Council, and with their own organisations. These men simply do the spade work which must always precede every important meeting, and, let me add, they are all honourable men. The sneer implied in Mr. Trollope's estimate of these men is unworthy of him.

Do let us have done with this ungenerous sort of criticism, and try to encourage our colleagues, at least the silent section, to take a more active part in our discussions.—Yours very faithfully,

ARTHUR T. KING.

Glegariff, Barnet Common, High Barnet.

NOTEWORTHY PEALS OF THE PAST.

Among the very early peals of Grandsire Triples was one rung at Wye, in Kent, on March 29th, 1736—just 180 years ago. The performers were naturally proud of the accomplishment, for it was apparently the first peal ever rung in Kent without outside assistance. It was recorded on a tablet in the belfry as follows:—

"On Monday, the 29th March, 1736, was rung in this belfry by the underwritten men, 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hours and a half, being ye first set that ever rang it in the county, without the assistance of Londoners or others—Thos. Hudson, Chas. Baker, Thos. Jarman, Robt. Baker, Chas. Miller, Thos. Tabraham, Louis Austen, E. Pickenden and John Sharp."

A very early long length of Treble Bob was the one rung at St. Michael's, Coslany, Norwich, on April 1st, 1727. The tablet in the belfry records it as follows:—

"A remarkable peal was rung by the eight persons as under, called the Quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes, which they rung in 6 hrs. 28 mins. on the 1st day of April, Anno 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. Performed by Richard Barnham 1, Thomas Melchior 2, John Harvey 3, John Webster 4, Thomas Gardiner 5, Thomas Barret 6, Edward Crane 7, Robert Crane tenor."

In his history of Treble Bob, Mr. Jasper Snowden expresses doubt as to whether the composition was a true one, "considering the very little knowledge then acquired concerning the proof requisite for such peals." Mr. Hubbard conjectured that the peal might have been the one having 6th's place bobs at the part ends, given in Shipway's work as the composition of J. Tebbs, of Leeds.

April 1st was also the anniversary of the first 6,000 of Treble Bob Maximus, which was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, by the College Youths in the year 1777, at the time when the rivalry in peals of Treble Ten at Shoreditch was at its height. Ten of the band who rang in the peal of Treble Twelve were the performers in the 10,000 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on February 18th, and the 11,080 on May 19th. This peal of 6,000 was rung in 4 hrs. 58 mins. by Winstanley Richardson 1, John Povey 2, William Hatt 3, William Lyford 4, Thos. Bennett 5, Charles Purser (conductor) 6, William Scott 7, Jas Darquitt 8, Joseph Monk 9, Joseph Holdsworth 10, Samuel Muggeridge 11, Edward Sylvester and William Mills 12.

HANDBELL RINGERS CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY.

The handbell ringing members of the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, spent an enjoyable social evening together on Thursday—of last week, at St. Michael's, Joseph Road, the occasion being a celebration of the birthday of one of their number, Pte. C. H. Dobbie, A.S.C. The celebration was originally intended to take the form of a handbell peal attempt. This, however, had to be abandoned and the gathering postponed for domestic reasons. The postponement, however, proved an ultimate advantage, for in the interval, Pte. Dobbie arrived in England on leave, and was himself able to take part in his birthday celebration. Those present, in addition to Pte. Dobbie, included Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelden, Mr. M. Smither, Miss Hood and Mdle. Yvonne Eloie. During the evening the first quarter-peal of Holt's Original was rung upon a beautiful set of handbells (recently retuned by Messrs. Warner), by: C. Hazelden 1—2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3—4, M. Smither 5—6, Pte. C. H. Dobbie 7—8; and, later, 168 in the same method, with Mrs. Hazelden 7—8 and Pte. Dobbie 1—2. Pte. Dobbie's performance in these touches showed that he has lost none of his old powers, though for seventeen months he had been prevented from handling a pair of bells.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Tuesday evening, March 21st, for confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, W. Stevens 2, R. Mackrill 3, E. F. Cole 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. C. Brooks 8.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

Here's a pretty kettle of fish! A commotion among the councillors! Well, well—at least I hope it will be well. Hitherto we have had to be content to read the criticism of outsiders, now we have it straight from the shoulder from an insider. I have no doubt the editorial post-bag will produce something entertaining this week, and those of us who sit by in arm-chairs and revel in these "sparring matches" ought to have something to look forward to for the next issue or two. It's funny how we Englishmen delight in a row, if its only a dog fight. Paddy has the reputation of being the best lover of a scrap, but did you ever know an Englishman who didn't take a delight in watching a fight? The best part of an Englishman's fighting spirit, however, is that he can fight and still be friends—unless he gets up against a Hun. But look at our Parliamentarians and our lawyers, how they quarrel and fight. You would think it was only the decorum of their surroundings that keeps them from actual fisticuffs, but, bless you, no. See them at lunch time and they are sharing their bread and cheese; or catch a glimpse of them on Saturday, and they are having a round of golf together. And it doesn't end with lawyers and M.P.'s. I have seen it among those who find fun in the ring. I remember seeing a particularly hard bout with the gloves at a military boxing tournament, which was finished by a "knock-out," and yet when that fellow came to, after about half a minute, he went up to his conqueror and kissed him. This is not a fairy tale, and it illustrates the spirit that generally animates Englishmen when they fight.

A PROGRAMME WANTED.

Now, I am not classing members of the Central Council with those who like to punch one another about inside a roped enclosure, nor would I class them even with lawyers or members of Parliament, but what I am sure of is that in the wordy conflict that is likely to arise on the letter of our good friend Trollope no bad blood is likely to show itself. Nobody, least of all an elective assembly, is any the worse for a little candid criticism, and I have no doubt both sides—and don't let us overlook the fact, whatever we think of the Council, that there are two sides to this matter as to all others—having said what they think of each other will continue to be the best of friends, and dine, or golf, or ring together, as is the Englishman's wont. They have got a "ginger" group in Parliament now, and I must say, from all I have read, that the Council could also do with a "ginger" group, to buck them up. Some of our daily "scarifiers" are shouting for a man, with a capital M. What the Council want is a programme with a capital P. I quite admit that I can't provide them with one, but then, as a critic of somebody else's policy always says, that's their business and not mine. I don't mind, however, making them a few suggestions.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

They might begin with themselves, say, and discuss—it could not be done without discussion—whether they could not do away with the policy of 'one speech, one hour.' 'One man, one speech' is all right, but when that one speech goes on for one hour, it's time the standing order upon that point was turned into a sit down order from the president. Then, the Council might also consider whether, in future, when their expert committees cannot agree among themselves, they should not be removed to the clock tower, or the coal cellar, or some other fitting place, until they have come to some decision which will not distract the minds of the unlearned. Having settled these and other small domestic affairs they might draw up a penal code for the punishment of those who publish or circulate false compositions—editors acting bona-fide on the request of the composer to be immune from prosecution (I have put in this clause just to keep our editor quiet, otherwise he might apply the censorship). When this code was put into force, with what interest we should look forward to the trial of offenders. For a first offence they might be let off with a fine. But it ought to be the treadmill "without the option," for second and subsequent offences.

HELP FOR THE LAZY.

Among other things the Council might also do is to devise a means to enable of us who are thick-headed or lazy to grasp with ease the difficult methods—which I am told are very interesting when once you know them, although some of them are beyond me. I am advocating this from a personal point of view, because while I should like to be able to ring things like London Surprise, it is really too much for me to get such a long formula into my head. There are lots of other things I should like to suggest to the Council, but I must content myself with just one more. The Council have a committee of scientists who are considering strains and stresses on steeples, why can't they set them to work to invent a means to make little bells grow into big ones without recasting, and small peals into larger peals without calling in the services of the bell founder? But on second thoughts, perhaps this would be better left alone; it might result in the bell founders having to go out of business.

THE FIRST ROUND.

But whether the Council adopt my suggestions or not, we ought to see a bit of an awakening if friend Trollope's letter gets home. We ought to have some real good hitting in this match, and I must say that J. A. T. wasn't bad in the strength of his punch to lead off with.

ROUND 1.

A Council that needed awaking

Had a member who gave them a shaking.

He went off like a gun

In Round Number One.

In their shoes, it is said, they are quaking.

The record of subsequent rounds (if any) will be found in this column.

A PLEASANT AFTERNOON AT KIRBY MUXLOE.

On Saturday afternoon, at the Church of S. Bartholomew, Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1259 changes) was rung in 41 minutes, by: H. O. Over 1, H. Hollis 2, A. Ballard 3, F. J. Bowley 4, E. Morris (conductor) 5. This was rung especially to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the two new trebles by the Bishop of Peterborough, and the 310th anniversary of the casting of the tenor. This bell was originally cast by Newcombe, of Leicester, in 1606, and was cracked at the Coronation of George III, and so remained until 1908, when it was recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. At the same time a new iron frame was erected for five bells, the two trebles being added the following year. The inscription on the old treble (the present 3rd) is peculiar, showing one of the founder's blunders common in this period. It is as follows:—

"✕ BE YT KNOWNE TO ALL THAT DOTH ME SEE

THAT NEWCOMBE OF 6091 EW EDVW HELLEJOIET "

After the ringing the visitors were entertained to tea by the tower-keeper, Mr. F. J. Bowley, and afterwards several courses of Grandsire Triples, etc., were rung on the handbells, thus terminating a very pleasant afternoon.

E. M.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:
 2nd Air-Mechanic Harry Dearden, of St. Thomas's Church, Newhey, Lancs, Royal Flying Corps, Farnborough.
 Pte. W. T. Whitehouse, and
 Pte. W. Toogood, of St. Mary's, Oldswinford, 5th Batt. Worcester-shire Regiment.
 Herbert Hale, of Royston (rejected unfit for army), British Red Cross Society, now in France.
 F. G. Griffin, of Royston (rejected unfit for army), Church Army Recreation Huts, with the army.
 Sapper J. Preece, R.E., St. Peter's Church, Staunton-on-Arrow, Hereford Guild, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.

BURIED BY A "JACK JOHNSON."

A Sussex ringer, Pte Ernest Taylor, is now in a military hospital at Denmark Hill, London, suffering from the effects of a terrible experience at the front. Pte Taylor is a member of Uckfield branch of the Sussex Association and, being a reservist, was called up at the outbreak of war, when he rejoined the 2nd Batt. Royal Sussex Regiment, at that time stationed at Woking. Recently he was attached to the 7th Battalion as a bomber, and on March 3rd he and some companions were shelled by the Germans, and were buried in the debris caused by the explosion of a "Jack Johnson." After getting free, Pte Taylor and his comrades lay out all night and faced a fierce snowstorm. They were rescued next morning suffering severely from shock and exposure.

A FAMILY OF RINGERS.

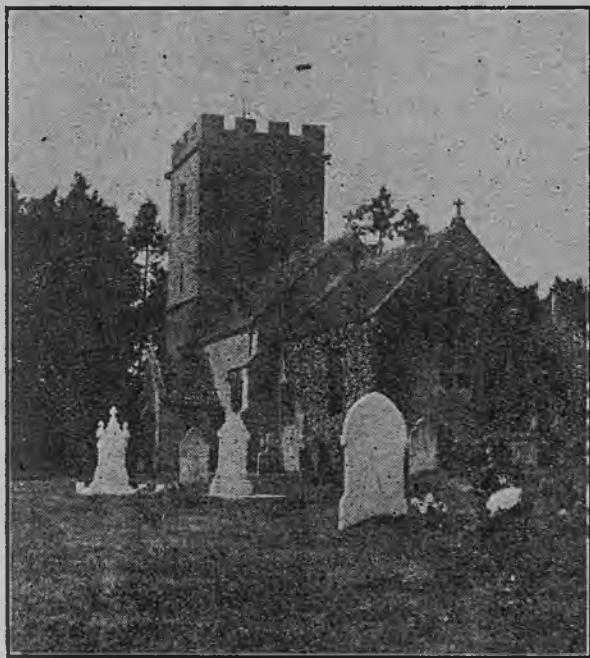
From the trenches in France comes a letter telling us of a family of ringers associated with the little village of East Markham, Notts. Father and four sons are ringers. The former has been a ringer for the past 40 years. Thomas, age 33, has rung several peals in Minor methods, William, age 29, rang his first peal on June 2nd, 1900, at the age of 11; Walter, age 25, also rang a peal at the age of 12, and conducted a peal the following year, and Sam, the youngest of the family, rang his first peal of Bob Minor at the age of 10, and was the youngest ringer in the North Notts Association to ring a peal. Pte W. Brett, of the 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, has been out on active service for twelve months.

BELLS OF THURLOXTON, SOMERSET.

By J. W. POWER.

It is a fact well known to all bell-hunters that bells of great age are to be found in small village towers far more frequently than in town churches and cathedrals. Indeed, it might almost be said that the smaller and more remote the village the greater is the likelihood of discovering mediæval bells in its church tower. The little ring of five at Thurloxtton, a small village at the foot of the Quantocks, in Somerset, would seem to bear this out, for, although the treble and second are comparatively modern bells, the lower three have a combined age of at least 1,400 years.

To take them in chronological order, we must begin with the third, which, besides being the oldest, is also, perhaps, the finest in tone of this interesting little company, though it has unfortunately been tuned by chipping the rim. The inscription is much worn away by time, but is still legible and runs "SCA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS" in Gothic capitals. It is not possible to say within 50 years when this bell was cast, but the character of its inscription would lead us to suppose that the date is somewhere between 1300 and 1400—1350 would not probably be far out. Again, the name of the founder has not been handed down. No doubt he was a monk, for it was not until many years after 1350 that laymen



THURLOXTON PARISH CHURCH.

began seriously to rival the church in this branch of ecclesiastical art.

Next in point of age is the tenor with a mixed Gothic inscription, "Eft michi collatum ihc iftud nomen amatum," a Leonine verse which has been translated by the Rev. R. Grosvenor Bartelot in an interesting paper on Thurloxtton as

"That Name of Jesus ever dear
Is on my brow engraven here."

This is a common inscription in the West Country. Ellacombe, in his "Church Bells of Somerset," mentions

that there are 16 such "Jesus Bells," as they are called, in Somerset, and 46 in Devon. All were most probably cast by Robert Norton, who flourished at Exeter at the beginning of the 15th century.

The fourth is, perhaps, the most interesting and curious bell in the tower. The inscription, in distorted Roman capitals, runs "AOPB AMCI AGIPE ANE RS." There is little doubt that the initials RS stand for Roger Semson (c. 1550), of Aish Priors, near Taunton, but no one has yet been able to interpret the inscription. A bell at Challacombe, Devon, bears a very similar jumble of letters, and was cast by the same founder, whose spelling may not have been his strong point, unless, perhaps, he intended to puzzle. At any rate, he was certainly a good workman, for the tenors of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset and Talaton, Devon, are his and have the reputation of being the finest bells in their respective counties.

Prior to 1884 there were only four bells in the tower of Thurloxtton, and the treble (now the second) was cast in 1804 by John Kingston, of Bridgwater. This bell was cracked and hung useless for many years, but in 1884 it was recast by Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, who also added another treble in the same year.

The tower, being comparatively low, the bell ropes hang down to the ground floor, which serves as a ringing chamber. The bells themselves are reached by a circular stairway leading to a small intermediate storey, and from there ascent is by a ladder to the bell chamber. Unlike so many rings in country church towers, the Thurloxtton bells are well hung and in good ringing order. Until a short time ago little or no ringing has been done for many months, but now, thanks to the energy and keenness of Mr. Stone, the band has been got together again, and ringing has been resumed. A most welcome addition to the belfry, in the shape of a chiming apparatus, has lately been presented by Mr. Dunning, in memory of his son, who died gallantly in action last year.

The following list gives the dimensions, etc., of the ring:—

	Diameter.	Height, Lip to Shoulder.	Thickness at Soundbow.	Note.	Weight.
Treble	25 $\frac{7}{8}$ ins.	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ins.	F	
2	26 ins.	21 ins.	2 ins.	Eb	
3	26 ins.	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	D	
4	29 $\frac{7}{8}$ ins.	22 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins.	2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ins.	C	
Tenor	32 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins.	23 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	Bb	7 cwt. (about)

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DAGENHAM. Essex Association.—On March 4th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chaplin 1, Pte Moore (of the Somerset Light Infantry) 2, G. Playle 3, J. Baker 4, E. Butler (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Freestone 1, Pte Moore 2, E. Butler 3, J. Baker 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.—On March 19th, with bells half-muffled for late Mr. J. Johnson, a ringer belonging to the local band, who was interred the day previous, 720 Plain Bob: D. Chaplin 1, Miss C. Playle 2, Pte Moore 3, J. Baker 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 12th, for morning service, A. J. Perkin's quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, A. Warboys 3, E. Andrews 4, F. Newman 5, E. G. Fenn 6, T. Faulkner 7, A. C. Hardy 8.—On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, *W. Beard 2, *A. Warboys 3, *G. Joyce 4, E. Andrews 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, G. Cottis 7, A. C. Hardy 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Fenn 1, R. Fenn 2, A. Warboys 3, E. Andrews 4, F. Newman 5, J. Norris 6, A. Hardy 7, Lance-Corpl. H. Wagstaff (Royal Berks Regt.) 8. Lance-Corpl. Wagstaff was home on leave for a few days from the front.

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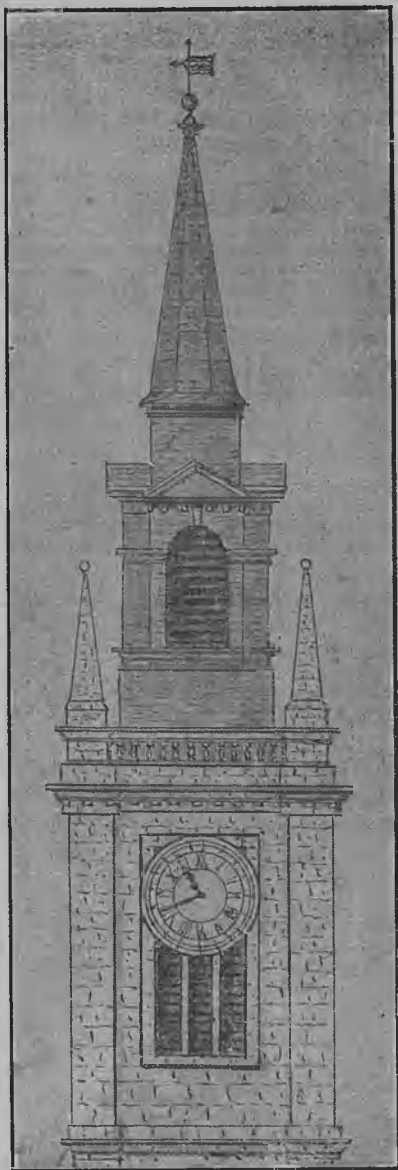
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LONDON CITY CHURCHES.

ST. LAWRENCE, JEWRY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The present church of St. Lawrence, Jewry, built from Wren's designs, supersedes the old one destroyed by the Great Fire of 1666; the foundation stone being laid on April 12th, 1671. It is a large and spacious building, somewhat over 100 feet long by 70 feet wide, consisting of nave, north aisle, vestries, and steeple. Both the



ST. LAWRENCE, JEWRY.

vestibule and base of the tower open into the nave by arches filled with handsome doorways and screenwork. Each of the two pediments of these doorways is filled with the figure of an angel holding a palm branch, and between the two doorways is placed the organ in a gallery supported by Corinthian columns.

The organ case is richly carved, being the work of Grinling Gibbons. The vestry, at the west end of the north aisle, is lined with oak panelling handsomely carved.

The ceiling is of plaster with a large quatrefoil panel in the centre surrounded by a framework of foliage and fruit, in which is a painting by Sir John Thornhill, representing the apstheosis of St. Lawrence, while a picture above the chimneypiece represents his martyrdom. Between the two east windows is a mosaic representing the Ascension.

Externally the east end of the church, towards the Guildhall, has a colonnade of four Corinthian columns supporting an entablature terminated by a pediment, with a circular window in the attic story.

St. Lawrence is the Corporation church of the city of London.

The tower at the west end has four lofty pinnacles and a cornice and balustrade, and is surmounted by a turret and spire covered with lead. The weather vane at the top is in the form of a gridiron, the emblem of St. Lawrence, and instrument of his martyrdom. I regret that I have no copies of the tablets in the belfry.

There is a peal of eight bells, tenor 56½ inches in diameter. They are thus inscribed:—

Treble.

WM. HAMILTON JNO. PYKE & JNO ANDERSON
CHURCH WARDENS * PACK & CHAPMAN OF
LONDON FECIT * 1775.

Second.

MR. WILLM. PATTEN RICHD. AVERY INO.
WHITE CH: WARDENS. 1770. R: P: FECIT.

Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh.

IAMES BARTLET MADE MEE 1679 ○ [Three
bells and crown enclosed by a wreath.—Whitechapel
mark.] S. IIII L

Tenor.

JOHN BEDELL WILLIAM PICK CH: WARDENS
IAMES BARTLET MADE MEE 1687 ○ [White-
chapel mark as on the last five bells.] S. IIII L.

The mark IIII between S and L represents a gridiron, "S. L." standing for "Saint Lawrence." The "S" is reversed.

Presumably the peal originally consisted of six heavy bells, two trebles being added by Richard Phelps in 1710, one of which was recast by Pack and Chapman in 1775.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A very welcome change in the weather contributed in no small degree to make the meeting at Bolsover, on Saturday last, not only successful but very enjoyable. Some 30 ringers paid a visit to this rather remote corner of the Dukeries, the following towers being represented, viz.: Anston, Barlborough, Eckington, Norton, North Wingfield, Nottingham (Lenton), Mansfield, Rammoor, Sheffield Cathedral, Staveley, Worksop, and the local company. Some good practice was obtained. Although London Surprise wouldn't travel, Cambridge, Superlative, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, etc., were tried with success.—The Vicar (the Rev. D. Ackrill Jones) visited the tower, and gave all a hearty welcome to Bolsover, and in reply to a vote of thanks, said he hoped the next time the association came to make their visit still more enjoyable.—Two new members were elected. Ringing continued until 7.30 without any interruption from the police (which was regarded as almost inevitable by the local ringers), when the bells were lowered, and the party made the best of their way home, thankful that the trains were not held up, although the cars had ceased running by the time some of the ringers reached Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting held at Feltham, on Saturday week, ringers attended—as will be seen in the subjoined list—from some considerable distance, and no less than twenty-nine sat down to tea. Among those present were that good old ringer from Reading, Mr. Wm. Newell, and Messrs. E. Newell, W. H. Fussell, W. Hewett, T. Smith and W. Welling. The towers represented were: Birstead (Hants), Caversham (Oxon), Camberwell, Ealing, Feltham, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kensington, Reading, Slough, Sunbury, Windsor and West Ealing.—Two new members were elected, viz.: Mr. E. Newell and Mr. P. H. Smith.—St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was suggested for the next meeting, subject to permission being obtained from the Vicar.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

In beautiful weather the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change Ringers held a quarterly meeting at Minchinhampton, when 17 ringers from the different towers attended and were welcomed at the tower by the Rector and the Rev. A. S. Hope, both of whom are ringing members of the Association. Some good touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung until 5.30, when a ringers' service was held in the church, at which the Rector gave a most instructive address. He welcomed the members heartily both as Rector and brother ringer, and briefly traced the history and uses of the church bells from the earliest to the present time. He said he appreciated the excellent work of the Diocesan Association, which had done so much to improve the office of the church bell ringer. After service all partook of an excellent tea at the Institute.

A business meeting followed. The Rev. A. S. Hope presided. Bisley and Stonehouse were selected for the monthly meetings, and Frocester for the quarterly meeting in June—One new member was elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the very excellent address, the use of the bells and his kind hospitality, the Rev. A. S. Hope, the local society of ringers, the organist, and the ladies for their kind help at the tea.

The tower was then again visited, and some good touches of Grandsire Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Treble Bob Minor were rung till 9 p.m.—A pleasant feature of the meeting was that the Rector and the Rev. A. S. Hope both took part in most of the ringing, and all were much cheered by their hearty co-operation at the meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Tyldesley on Saturday last, 30 members being present from Bolton, Worsley, Leigh, Eccles and Walkden, with most of the local company. Some very good touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung. It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Walkden.—One new member was elected, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their welcome and having the bells ready.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held on Saturday last at Oldham Parish Church. Mr. S. Stott presided, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Leesfield, on May 13th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness. Ringers were present from Manchester, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, etc. Touches of Kent Treble Royal and Major, Grandsire Caters and Triples, and Stedman Triples, were rung up to 8 p.m., when the bells had to cease on account of restrictions.

BINGLEY'S RECORD WAS NO PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your issue of February 18th tells of an interesting find at Bingley, Yorks, in the shape of the record of a long peal of Minor rung there in 1826. Now, nobody wishes to suggest that thirty-six 12-scores were not rung on that day, or to deny that the time occupied was 5 hours 11 minutes, but, through the instrumentality of Mr. Jasper Snowden it became common knowledge that these were rung in three separate heats of twelve 12-scores each, and, therefore, constituted no peal at all.—Yours truly,

"INELIGIBLE."

FIVE-PART PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

In the following peals, which are given by the call leads, Nos. 1 to 14 and No. 21, have the 2nd as observation, and the leads of the plain course for part-ends. The remainder have the 7th as observation bell, with the following part-ends:—

234567
345627

456237
562347
623457

Should one wish to transpose those given with 2nd as observation to the 7th start the calling below the line. Those with 7th as observation, if started below the line, give the 2nd as observation.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	1	S1	S1	1	4	4	1	4	2	2	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	3
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	1	2	2	2	1	S2
S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	S1	2	S1	S1	1	2	1	3	2	1	4	2	S2
3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	5	2	5	2	1	3	2	3	4	1	4	S1
2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	5	3	2	3	5	1	1	2	5	1	2
1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	4	S2	2	3	1	3	1
2	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	4	1	2
1	1	4	3	1	5	2	2	1	3	2	5	4	3	2	2	S1	3	2	1	4	1
4	4	1	1	5	5	1	1	5	3	1	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	3	3
1	1	2	2	1	1	3	4	1	4	1	3	2	1	5	4	1	2	3	1	2	1
3	2	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	5	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	5	2	1	2
1	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	1	2	2	5	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	5	2
3	2	4	3	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	3	1	4	3	1
2	3	5	1	2	2	4	2	1	1	5	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	3
1	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	4	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
2	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	1	1	3	4	1	2	4	1	1	2	S2	2	3
1	1	3	2	2	5	2	1	2	2	S1	1	2	2	S2	2	2	2	3	2	S1	1
3	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	3
2	5	2	2	2	2	3	5	3	4	2	2	3	3	S1	2	5	1	2	1	1	1
4	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	4	3	S2	1	1	1	2	2	2
2	2	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	5	5	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	2
3	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	4	5	3	S2	S2	S2	1	3	4	1
1	2	3	2	3	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	2
2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	S1	2	2	S1	2	3	4	3
1	5	2	2	3	1	4	2	3	1	1	5	1	1	4	5	1	1	1	2	1	1
3	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	5	4	3	4	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	4	1	5
2	4	1	3	4	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	4	5		5	2	2	1	2	2
1	1	5	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2			1	4	S2	S1	1
4	2	2	5	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	5			2	2	2	S2	2
2	5	2	1	5	4	4	2	3	2	3	1		S2				4	S1	S1	1	1
3	1	3	1	1	1	1	3			2	2		5				3	2	2		5

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By GEORGE BAKER.

In a short article in "The Ringing World" of February 25th I suggested that the fresh round block of Stedman Triples then published might lead to further discoveries, and I was not mistaken.

One discovery is the fact that Late's Single can be made in both round blocks without causing three blows in one place, and without interfering with the 7th as a fixed bell.

For this reason I have not hesitated in using these Singles in the following peal which, I believe, is the first peal of Stedman Triples ever produced with one call only in any division of twelve changes.

Excepting for the proving of the peal I do not claim any particular credit, because it will be evident to all that the idea of the construction is borrowed from Late's twin-bob peal.

This peal proves beyond doubt that construction in twelves is quite feasible, and one more theory, held by many of us, that it was impossible, is proved to be false.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES

from the fresh round block.

Composed and proved by George Baker, 25th March, 1916.

123456	2	3	4	6	7
163542	—	—	—	—	—
521364	—	—	—	—	—
542136	—	—	—	—	—
561243	S	—	—	—	—
235164	—	—	—	—	—
243516	—	—	—	—	—
263154	—	—	—	—	—
142365	—	—	—	—	—
154236	—	—	—	—	—
164325	—	—	—	—	—
351462	—	—	—	—	—
325146	—	—	—	—	—
365412	—	—	—	—	—
423561	—	—	—	—	—
412356	—	—	—	—	—

Three times repeated.

The place I have chosen for making the Singles is when the 7th is leading her whole pull as a quick bell; see example below:

Second division head	6317452
	6134725
	1637452
	6173542
	6715324
Late's Single	7613542
	7163452
	1764325
	1673452
	6137542
	1635724
	1367542
	3165724

This Single, made in the plain course, brings up the course-end 154236, and, consequently, when made in the fourth course of each part, 5-6-7 are not interfered with. It may be argued that the Singles are made in the middle of a division, while the bobs are made between the divisions, *i.e.*, between the 12th and 13th changes, but there

is something to be said in favour of this Single in the fact that the peal is obtained without adjoining places, and, in any case, a Single has a purpose of its own, apart from the use of bobs, so I see no valid reason why Late's Single in this form should be objected to. In Grandsire two forms of Single have been in use for all time, and what is sauce for Grandsire must be sauce for Stedman too.

While I am writing, if the Editor can give me space, I may as well submit for the consideration of the Exercise two round blocks of a Principle that I discovered some years ago, and which have never yet been published. It will be seen that the first round block has plain coursing order at every division head and end: to all intents and purposes the other round block appears not to have plain coursing order at division heads and ends. A skeleton diagram, however, will prove that they are one and the same method, but the proof with 6-7 fixed in the two round blocks is vastly different.

The round block with visible coursing order throughout has 10 false course-ends with 6-7 fixed; the round block that has not visible coursing order has only two, *i.e.*,

231456
312456

the same as in the fresh round block of Stedman Triples. Later on I hope to be able to say that I have obtained peals in one or both round blocks.

1234567	1234567
2143576	2135476
2415367	2314567
4251637	3241657
4526173	3426175
5421637	4362157
5246173	4631275
2541637	6413257
2456173	6142375
4265713	1624735
4627531	1267453
6472513	2164735
6745231	2617453

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Idle on Saturday last, and was well attended by members from Armley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley St. Michael's, Tong, Pudsey, Mirfield, and the local tower. The bells were kept going during the day to touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Duke of York, Oxford, Kent and Flain Bob Minor.

The business meeting was held at the White Bear Hotel, with the President (Mr. Peacock) in the chair. At the opening of the meeting, the President stated that owing to the enlistment of practically all of the Hunslet company, it had been impossible to hold the meeting there, as it would have been against the Vicar's wishes, and as Idle now possessed a peal of bells, and was in the district, the officers of the society had thought it best to hold the meeting at that tower in lieu of Hunslet, and to hold a meeting there annually, if it could be arranged.

Three members of the Idle company were made members of the society, *i.e.*, Messrs. W. Kendall, F. Kilshaw, and W. Feather.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Idle for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements, was carried, on the motion of Mr. Bolland, and seconded by Mr. Wheatley.

Handbell ringing in various methods then brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

NEW EIGHT-BELL METHODS.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff writes, with reference to Mr. Lewis's letter, pointing out that the method published by him had previously been published by Mr. Trollope, that he had not seen the figures before as, since the advent of "The Ringing World," he had not been a reader of "Bell News."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SPRINGFIELD.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, March 18th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of an ordination by the Bishop of Chelmsford, 108, 216 and 360 of Plain Bob: F. Ward 1, D. Dawson 2, A. Speller (Widford) 3, W. Sharpington 4, M. Windley 5, H. Sharpington (conductor) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: T. Law 1, J. C. Dean 2, H. Blundell 3, J. S. White 4, J. T. Hensman 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen 7, W. Farey (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by T. Law, and rung as a farewell to J. C. Dean, who has joined His Majesty's Forces.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, SS. Peter and Paul's, for evening service, on Sunday, March 19th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 45 mins.: J. A. Lambert 1, *A. Clayton 2, D. W. Drewett 3, L. Attwater 4, C. Dean 5, *A. Winch 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, W. S. Smith (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

HITCHEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 19th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by A. J. Perkins), in 50 mins.: E. Newell 1, A. Squires 2, J. Hare (conductor) 3, F. R. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, W. Croft 6, H. Day 7, H. Else (first quarter) 8.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 19th, at the Parish Church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 37 mins.: S. Danby 1, T. Verry 2, F. Williams 3, B. Starkey 4, T. Westwood 5, C. Davies 6, C. Williams (conductor) 7, R. Speakman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. Faux and F. Williams.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Margaret's Parish Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Thurstans'), in 44 mins.: T. S. Smith 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, Percy Jones 4, W. H. Fussell 5, E. T. Hooper (first in the method) 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, Percy Kedge (first quarter) 8. The tenor man is local steeplekeeper, and kindly rang for an "absentee," whose mate also failed to reach Hillingdon Church the same evening, where another quarter-peal was achieved.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 19th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob and 192 Oxford Treble Bob. For afternoon service, 360 College Single, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Oxford Bob, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, L. Naunton, E. Chatten, J. Spencer, Rifleman B. Prewett, F. Naunton, W. Legood. Conducted by B. Prewett and F. Naunton.—On Sunday, March 26th, for afternoon service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 216 Plain Bob and 180 Oxford Bob, the following taking part: Rifleman B. Prewett (L.R.B.), Pte. C. Ebberson (6th Norfolk), J. Spencer, J. Larter, E. Chatten, L. Naunton, F. Naunton, A. J. Naunton. Conducted by B. Prewett and F. Naunton.

NANTWICH.—Chester Guild. At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 19th, for memorial service for those fallen in the war, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. Stubbs 1, F. Boaks 2, W. T. Cookson 3, Albt. Stubbs 4, W. Sutton (conductor) 5, H. Stubbs 6.

SELBY, YORKS.—To celebrate the recovery, after a long and serious illness of James Jackson, a member of the local band of ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service at Selby Abbey on Sunday, March 19th: J. Jackson 1, H. Fairlam 2, E. Storr 3, G. Fenton 4, A. Hall 5, W. Hinton 6, F. Cryer (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8.

SALEHURST.—Sussex Association.—On March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, W. Thomas 2, H. Edwards 3, W. Franks (conductor) 4, W. Hoad 5, A. E. Edwards 6, W. H. Perry 7, T. Booth 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for A. E. Edwards, formerly of Barcombe, Sussex.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, special touches (arranged by the steeplekeeper, Mr. G. T. Leader) were rung for an evening "confirmation service," when the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rev. E. D. Shaw, M.A.) officiated, and 202 candidates were confirmed. Three courses of Stedman and three of Grandsire Triples were performed by the following members of the Oxford Guild: G. Bedford, R. Flaxman, W. H. Fussell, G. Gutteridge, F. S. Smith, G. Beeby, W. Welling, E. T. Hooper and A. Perryman.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Saturday, March 25th, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1916 changes), composed by Charles Jackson, of Hull, and rung as a birthday complement to James Arrowsmith, an esteemed member of the band: T. Oldham 1, Wm. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, Jas. Arrowsmith 4, Wm. Hardman (longest length in method) 5, T. A. Ogden 6, S. Holt 7, T. Wellens 8.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *H. Johnson 1, *A. Robinson 2, *R. Elson 3, F. Jones 4, T. Law (conductor) 5, *C. Tapp 6.—For divine service, on March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), each six-score called differently, standing as above. * Longest lengths. Rung as a farewell to R. Elson, who has donned the King's uniform on attaining his 19th year.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on April 6th and 20th for handbell practice, and on the 11th and 25th for business.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, April 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those sending their names to W. H. Baines, 15, Church Green, Radcliffe, not later than April 6th. Meeting will follow the tea.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next District meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 3 to 8 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at the Fox and Hounds 5.30, 8d. each. Business meeting to follow. All will be welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify the undersigned by first post Wednesday, April 12th, at the latest.—E. J. Butler (temporary Honorary Secretary), 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Central Division).—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday. Tower open at 2. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall, by kind invitation of the Rector to those who notify me by Tuesday, April 18th. Subscriptions for 1916 are now due.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Easter Monday. Leamington bells will be available all day, except between 12.30 and 1, Emscote bells will be open all day, and those of St. Mary's from 6 p.m. All ringing to cease at dusk. H. Kettle, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 24th. Business meeting in Chapter House at 2.30; chairman, The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings. Tea in College Hall at 5.15 for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 19th. At 12.45 p.m. the Dean of Worcester will unveil a peal-board in the Cathedral Tower, to record the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on those bells. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1.0 to 2.0 p.m.; All Saints (10), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas (6), St. John-in-Bedwardine (6), and St. Swithin's (6) 10.0 to 11.0 and 5.0 to 6.0.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Easter Monday, April 24th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. The Rev. J. F. Morley, South Wingfield Vicarage, Alfreton, would be pleased to know on or before April 18th how many for tea.—Thos. Allebone, Secretary, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The district quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Easter Monday, April 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. to dusk. Tea will be provided at the White Lion Hotel for those that let me know not later than April 18th. Subscriptions for 1916 are now due.—J. Harding, District Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916, at the office of the British Equitable Assurance Co., 1, Greyhound Street, Long Row. Committee meeting at 3.15, followed by general meeting at four o'clock. Tea at cafe prices at Glover's Cafe, two doors away, after meeting.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Alban's on Easter Monday, April 24th, 1916. Towers open for ringing from 1.30 to 5 p.m. Choral evensong in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address to ringers by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Vicar of Thundridge. At 5.50 p.m. meat tea will be served at the Abbey Institute, for which a charge of 9d. each will be made to members. Annual business meeting to follow. The secretary earnestly asks secretaries of bands, and unattached members, to advise him as early as possible the probable number of members attending the meeting, so that satisfactory arrangements can be made for tea. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at once.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, "Duffield," St. Albans.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —Will members and friends kindly note, that during the absence of the Hon. District Secretary (Mr. H. Rumens) on Military Service, the secretarial duties will be undertaken by the undersigned, to whom all subscriptions and communications should be sent. — Ernest J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WILLIAM SNOWDON.—The Members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers propose to erect a Memorial to the late William Snowdon in the form of a Brass Tablet in Ilkley Parish Church, near to the Ringers' Window already erected to the memory of his brother, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. Will any person wishing to be associated with this movement kindly communicate with the Treasurer to the Fund, Mr. H. Williams, New Worthy Cemetery, Leeds, Yorks.

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