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FINANCE AND PROPAGANDA.

Our article last week has called forth a letter from Canon Papillon, than whom no one in the ringing Exercise is better able to speak on the question of propaganda for the extension of knowledge relating to bells. For more years than most of us have known how to hold a rope, Canon Papillon has laboured with his able pen to spread information and create interest through many channels, and how much the Exercise owes to his efforts will never, perhaps, be known. Canon Papillon welcomes the suggestion which we put forward, and looks upon it as a fitting task to be undertaken under its extended reference by the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council. For ourselves, we care not whether this committee or some other specially appointed committee is entrusted with the work so long as it is taken up with energy. To be successful, a propaganda campaign cannot be run on half-hearted lines. It must be in the hands of men prepared to give time and thought to the matter, and the Council must be prepared to back it up, not only with its influence, but also with funds. It would be of no use to delegate to a committee a task of this kind without also a vote of money to put into operation any scheme which they might evolve. At present the Council appears to be committed to the expenditure of what funds it may possess for the purpose of printing the next section of the Peals Collection and the Plain Major Methods, and it is quite clear that nothing in the nature of an effective propaganda campaign could be run at the same time as a scheme was on foot for the issue of further publications, unless the Council can find a means of increasing its revenue.

It has taken a good many years to accumulate the present funds, but this small nest-egg, the result of long saving, will probably be swallowed up when the two publications contemplated are issued. What the Council must therefore be prepared to do is to go to the affiliated associations and tell them it is necessary to increase the annual subscription. If the Council is really prepared in the future to extend its efforts, it might well raise the fee to half a guinea. As long as it can show the associations that its work warrants it, we feel sure there are few who would quibble at the payment; but, here again, the Council must show its readiness to engage actively in work which is going to benefit ringing. While the Council remained purely a debating society, the modest half-crown fee was probably sufficient, but when it is remembered how little can be done with the annual savings from this contribution, it would be useless to think of launching any propaganda work without finding further money to carry it out, and in considering any plans of this description it will be necessary to deal with the financial situation as well.

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PEACE PEALS.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDGAR HANCOX 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	ARTHUR MASON 8
ALBERT W. COLES 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT 5	WILLIAM HONOR <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace and also as a birthday compliment to J. J. Pratt and Miss Pratt. The band wish, through the medium of this journal, to thank Mr. Pratt for his kind hospitality after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Monday, July 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE WALKER 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	JOHN NEAL 6
WILLIAM KENT 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL 7
S-M. ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES GEORGE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS, Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Priesthood of the Rev. Dom Lambert Nolle, O.S.B.P.S.; also to commemorate the Signing of Peace.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

H. MILES <i>Treble</i>	W. H. B. WILKINS 5
W. F. JUDGE 2	F. WEBB 6
F. TAYLOR 3	W. JUDGE 7
G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. 4	W. STONE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. JUDGE.

Quickest peal on the bells. * First peal.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS THORPE <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM DEVEY 5
JOSEPH CORNS 2	*ARTHUR PIPER 6
HARRY SADLER 3	HORACE SADLER 7
JOHN APSE 4	*ROBERT DEVEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HORACE SADLER.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace. * First peal.

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NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION,
AND THE MANCHESTER UNITY OF ODDFELLOWS.
(THE NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, July 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*BRO. J. WILFRED SHARP ... Treble	BRO. JOHN T. HENSMAN ... 5
BRO. BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2	*BRO. WILLIAM SIBLEY ... 6
BRO. THOMAS LAW ... 3	BRO. F. HOPPER, G.M. ... 7
BRO. FRED WILFORD, P.G. ... 4	BRO. WILLIAM STURGESS ... Tenor

Conducted by BRO. FRED HOPPER, G.M.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung to commemorate the Signing of the Peace Treaty, and is the first Oddfellows' Peal to be rung in the County of Northamptonshire. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th belong to the 'Victoria' Lodge, and the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and 6th belong to the 'Good Intent' Lodge.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD ... Treble	HARRY WOOD ... 5
THOMAS BLACKBOURN ... 2	WALTER PAYNE ... 6
BERT WILSON ... 3	ALFRED KING ... 7
HARRY WALKER ... 4	FREDERICK HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 1 ton.

ROBERT EVANS ... Treble	RICHARD JONES ... 5
WILLIAM WASE ... 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 6
*JOHN HERBERT RIXOM ... 3	GEORGE LEONARD HEWITT ... 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	*ALFRED SYDNEY BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. Walter Lago sat in the tower and checked every lead end.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY BROCKLEBANK ... Treble	*HERBERT SAMUEL ... 5
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	JOHN EVANS ... 6
WILLIAM HUGHES ... 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... 7
ROBERT BIRCHALL ... 4	SAMUEL MOSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LUDKIN.

* First peal with a working bell. Rung on Peace day in celebration of the victory of the Allies.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... 5
CHARLES GREEDY ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
TOM FORD ... 3	ARTHUR E. MORGAN ... 7
JOHN BULLEN ... 4	*FREDERICK J. WHITFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal. Rung in connection with the Peace celebrations and national rejoicings on the termination of the Great War.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... 5
ALFRED P. HENSMAN ... 2	HERBERT RAINBOW ... 6
HENRY BLUNDELL ... 3	WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. ... 7
WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... 4	*WILLIAM G. FAREY, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY, SEN.

* First peal. Rung in celebration of the signing of Peace.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK FOX ... Treble	MARTIN HARRIS ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	THOMAS NEWALL ... 6
EDWARD HARRISON ... 3	GILBERT GERRARD ... 7
GEORGE JONES ... 4	ARTHUR HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

All are members of the tower.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... Treble	AUSTIN GREGORY ... 5
RICHARD LUNT ... 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT ... 6
JOSEPH MAYERS ... 3	WALTER THOMAS ... 7
JOHN ROBERTS ... 4	ROBERT GREGORY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES V. WRIGHT.

All are members of the tower, and it is worthy of record that the ringer of the 3rd, Joseph Mayers, is seventy-nine years of age.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 6 qr. 26 lb.

EDWIN DUMPER ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 5
*OWEN H. GILES ... 2	ALBERT MARKS ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for Peace day celebrations, and was brought round at 8.30 a.m.

ROTHWELL, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE COPLEY ... Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW ... 5
ALFRED CHAPMAN ... 2	GEORGE W. STEEL ... 6
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW ... 3	STEPHEN STACEY ... 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS ... 4	WALTER CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Rung to celebrate the rejoicings on the signing of Peace.

CAERPHILLY.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

PERCY JONES Treble	* HARRY BROUGHTON 5
* WILLIAM DARE 2	GEORGE COOKE 6
WILLIAM PIKE 3	FRANK BOUCHER 7
ALBERT ADDICOTT 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by G. COOKE.

* First Peal. First Peal on the bells by a local band. Rung to celebrate the Signing of Peace.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

† THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... Treble	† GEORGE R. HOLMES ... 5
* RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 2	† JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 6
† JAMES E. GOFTON ... 3	† STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
† R. ALDER GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

Rung to commemorate Peace Day and as a welcome home to J. E. Gofton who has just returned from France.

* First peal in the method. † Served in H.M. Forces.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY LEA Treble	EDWARD BRETTLE 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
GEORGE COCKIN 3	WILLIAM WEBB 7
ALBERT PARSONS 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by W. WEBB.

Rung to celebrate Peace.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM COTTERIL ... Treble	CHARLES SEDDON 5
DAVID HINDLEY 2	THOMAS HOWARD 6
THOMAS LINGARD 3	JOHN HOWARD 7
JAMES HINDLEY 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's each called differently with 6-8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 2	GEORGE BEVERLEY 6
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
CHARLES WYBROW 4	CHARLES S. FUTHILL Tenor

Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

Rung in celebration of the signing of Peace. 'Go' was called at 6.41 a.m.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JONATHAN WHEWELL ... Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 5
MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JAMES THAW 6
* MISS MARY E. BARNES ... 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
JACK BARNES 4	JOHN BENTLEY Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung during Peace Celebration. Mr. J. Bentley had journeyed from Hoylake, and afterwards entertained the ringers to lunch.

* First peal in Major.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor, 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.

* FRANK CRUTTENDEN ... Treble	LAZARUS PAYNE 5
SAMUEL BURT 2	CHARLES TYLER 6
WILLIAM MARKWELL 3	GEORGE PAYNE 7
ALBERT E. BAKER 4	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PAYNE.

* First peal.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

P. H. DERBYSHIRE ... Treble	JAMES T. POTTER 5
J. H. RIDYARD 2	W. PENNINGTON 6
F. GRINDY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
W. JONES 4	W. GRUNDY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to commemorate Peace, also to welcome home on leave W. Oakes and W. Grundy. The ringer of the Treble has rung a peal on every bell in the Tower. The ringer of 5th hails from Eccles, 6th from Bolton, and the 7th from Walkden; the rest belong to the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Stamford, Lancashire, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. 10 G.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HORACE H. SMITH 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12th, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PETTIT Treble	HARRY MEADOWS 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN 2	RICHARD DUNKLEY 5
GEORGE LINES 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung as a thanksgiving peal on the signing of the Peace Treaty. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Mr. Dunkley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Exercise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE KEMP 4
WILLIAM ROSE 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
EDWARD YOUNGS 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Rung in honour of the Peace celebrations.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

BERT CARTER Treble	HENRY WALLACE 4
WILLIAM H. LAURENCE 2	NATHAN PATMORE 5
ERNEST A. OVERALL 3	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung upon the occasion of Peace Celebrations, after an unsuccessful attempt at Little Munden in the early morning at 4.40 a.m.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Maries,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EX-SPR. JOHN J. TUNE ... Treble	AUGUSTUS HATFIELD 4
EX-PR. EDWIN D. TUNE ... 2	GEORGE C. TERRY 5
MATTHEW T. TONE 3	EX-SPR. WM. A. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

This peal was rung for Peace Celebrations. The bells were rung in Queens and were 'fired' before and after the peal. It was also rung as a welcome to Ex-Sapper J. J. Tune, Ex-Private E. D. Tune, Ex-Sapper W. A. Hudson, who were the only three to join the Forces from the tower, and all returned.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*REV. CECIL H. CLARKE ... Treble	*ALBERT GORRINGE 4
*WILLIAM WHITE 2	ALBERT REED 5
WILLIAM JENNER 3	*WILLIAM ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by A. REED.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEAL.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HARRY HURST Treble	*ARTHUR BEARDSALL 4
*SYDNEY BLAGG 2	ROBERT MILES 5
*JOHN ATKINSON 3	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. SEGAR, JUNR.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of those who have fallen in the war.

* First peal.

DEATH OF A LUTON RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Rookwood, which occurred at his residence, at Luton, on July 13th, at the age of 58 years. The deceased had been a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 30 years, and watched with interest the progress of the band from call changes to Double Norwich. He had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and was looking forward to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples, when he was called to rest.

The funeral took place at the church cemetery and was attended by five ringers in addition to the family, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Chapman, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. C. M. Winter (senior curate). The Vicar gave an appropriate address.

During the evening the local band rang the bells half-muffled for upwards of an hour. Deceased was a member of the Beds and Herts Associations, and of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AT BEACONSFIELD.

Members of the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met on Saturday, July 5th, at 4.30 p.m. for a combined practice, which was rather thinly attended owing to the heavy storms in the district which prevailed till after 3 o'clock. Several bands made good progress in Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and touches of Double Norwich, Plain and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. By kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett, the party was entertained to tea at the Burnham Hall, the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Commeline, saying a few appropriate words of welcome. The branch secretary, Mr. W. H. Fussell, offered thanks on behalf of the visitors to the host and hostess; to the Vicar and steeplekeeper, and to Mr. Churchwarden Bagley, mentioning what a fortunate tower they possessed so far as peal ringing was concerned, and that a complete local band of eight joined the Army and Navy during the war.

Mr. A. Bagley responded and referred to one or two early points of interest to ringers concerning the old ring of six when restored to the coming of age of Lord Burnham, a life member of this branch, who built the hall in which they were gathered for the use of the townspeople.

Mr. J. H. Barnes and son cycled from Great Missenden, and Messrs. Elburn and Edwards, both recently demobilised, from Amersham. Mr. Bennett, late of St. Albans, gave some particulars of his experience as a prisoner of war in Germany and mentioned how pleased he was to entertain them, and generously offered to do so again later in the year.

STRANDED!

A LEICESTER OUTING 'BUNKERED.'

Re-united, with one exception, the members of St. Martin's Society, Leicester, set out on Saturday week for their annual outing in true victory style. Discarding the old-fashioned means of locomotion, a programme was arranged by which the field of operations was considerably extended by means of a motor charabanc. The ultimate destination was the capital of the smallest county in England, where a good repast had been prepared for the party, and where they hoped the natives would bear some good practice on the bells. Alas! the plans were rudely upset by the mechanical transport failing to carry the weight (due to some extent to a few whose avoirdupois was in excess of the average). Anyhow, after traversing some seven miles steam was up, and it was decided to give the engine a cooling mixture. The complaint was catching, and after the requirements had been satisfied a fresh start was made, but another four miles found the excursionists in a similar predicament far removed from the remedy. They rested by the roadside whilst the mechanic performed gymnastic exercises under the car, but all efforts to coax the machine into life and movement failed, and the party were reluctantly compelled to wend their way to the nearest village. There their difficulties multiplied, for there appeared to be no means of refreshment, either liquid or solid. Two disgruntled individuals decided to tramp the 11 miles back to town, and departed with various blessings. After some search, a loaf or two and some 'bully' did a little to revive drooping spirits, and after several inglorious attempts to ring the five bells in the village church the outlook brightened. No conveyance was likely to be available until late in the evening, but at the legal hour an inn was found where the supply of the cup that cheers had not quite run out. Here the handbells were requisitioned and a fairly pleasant evening spent, and eventually the party reached Leicester in the manner they apparently should not have forsaken, and in better spirits than at one time appeared probable. Regret was expressed on behalf of those who had been at so much trouble in making the arrangements, which were unhappily in vain.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS. — Two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples and a 504, conducted respectively by Andrew Mears, Alfred Mears and W. J. Ryves, were rung at St. Peter's Church for the Peace celebrations.

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PROPAGANDA.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your article on Propaganda is a timely sequel to the recent decision of the Central Council to widen the scope of its 'Literature Committee'; which might, as you suggest, under an energetic and enthusiastic secretary, become the mainspring of an organisation for diffusing wider knowledge of, and interest in, the ringer's art and bell-love in general. Of all that concerns our art, its history, its technique, its fascination as a pastime, the general public is profoundly ignorant. It does not know, and at present it does not want to know anything. Nor are the mental habits fostered by daily skimming of newspapers, which demand little thought or mental exertion, likely to make it respond to any kind of educational propaganda. I have at various times tried various methods—leaflets, correspondence, articles, lectures, etc.—with little or no apparent result. But where an individual fails, or drops off disheartened, a committee, constantly reinforced by fresh brains and enthusiasm, may in time succeed. I trust that the Central Council, among other evidences of life and progress, will through its Literature or Propaganda Committee, make a determined and systematic effort to dispel the mists of ignorance which obscure the Exercise and all its works from public view.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, August 2nd, 1919.

T. L. PAPILLON.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Sir,—Having read through your reports of the last Central Council meeting, also your excellent observations on the same I suppose the whole matter is now open for general discussion as it were.

The one real item which directly concerns the rank and file, is whether the Council should have power to enforce its decisions, or should remain as ever only an advisory body.

I think that the most ardent supporters of the Council are beginning to see that as an advisory body, the days of the Central Council are numbered; therefore, it is on the first part of the proposition that all who are interested should concentrate. Your excellent article this week gets down to the rock bottom of the whole matter. Has the Council any decisions to enforce. Practically they have none, and concerning the rank and file of ringers, it is remarkable what little time is spent in trying to create any, or in trying to strengthen the links which should bind ringers to their associations and the associations to the Central Council.

The Council members say: 'If you will only give us something to do we could go ahead.' Well, in my humble way, I am going to make one or two suggestions.

I should suggest that the Central Council should launch out on the lines of some of the musical bodies, say, for instance, the London College of Music. This body has not the power to say that a person should only play a certain piece of music, but at the same time it is a great power in directing the music of the whole nation. For instance, if a church is in want of an organist, who in most cases directs the church's music, the church officials know at once the merits of any man by the certificates awarded him by some of these bodies.

I think the Central Council could create tests in various stages which would show any man's degree of proficiency, and also give him an incentive to go from one step to another. Each association could have its own examining council, which would visit districts periodically. If some system like this was persisted in, I think we should eventually know who was who, we should begin to have the right men in the right places, and not round pegs in square holes, as is now too often the case, simply because Bob proposes Bill, and so on. We should have ringing masters all teaching on the same lines, and those lines laid down by the Central Council. Here the force of the Central Council would come in, as no man should be allowed to be elected to any position unless he had passed the Central Council's examination.

Lastly, and, perhaps mostly, the church officials would have something to guide them which they have not to-day.

The above scheme is, perhaps, a rough one, but if some such principle were adopted there are sufficient brains on the Council to lick it into something like shape. It has a good deal more to recommend it than I have written, but no doubt I have trespassed on your space sufficiently for once.—Yours,

Birkenhead.

H. LUDKIN.

EARLY BIRDS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the question asked in the 'Ringing World' as to which was the band of ringers who first roused a air neighbours on Peace morning, I really think that Beasted (Kent) band can claim this honour. The time the bells were raised and rung was 4.5 a.m., thus beating Salehurst (Sussex), and Wrexhall (Somerset) by an hour and five minutes!

It would be only fair to mention that the ringers lived in terror of their lives throughout the whole day, and were the recipients of some caustic remarks, but they were heartily thanked by one lady, who said that the only bit of happiness and cheer for her invalid mother was the ringing of the Peace bells. Is this a record?—Yours faithfully,

W. H. STAPLEY.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT PORTISHEAD.

A meeting of the Western District was held at Portishead on Saturday week. Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m., touches in various methods being rung by mixed bands. A short service was held in St. Peter's Church, and an address given by the Rev. H. S. Briggs. Miss H. Orchard, a member of the Portishead ringers, presided at the organ, and Miss Jukes acted as organ blower, owing to the electric apparatus failing.

Tea was served at 5 o'clock at the White Cot Dairy, to which 20 members and friends sat down.

A short business meeting followed, Mrs. H. S. Briggs presiding. The Hon. District Secretary read a letter received from the General Secretary, with regard to the alteration of rules, viz., the election of Secretary and committee of four for the Western District, and two representatives for the General Committee. There being only 12 members present, it was decided to defer the matter until the next meeting, when a better attendance is hoped for.

Bristol was fixed for the September meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs. Briggs for presiding, to the Rev. H. S. Briggs for arranging the service, and to Miss Orchard and Miss Jukes for their services at the organ.

The members then returned to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung.

THE LYDNEY 'ANNUAL.'

AN ENJOYABLE GLOUCESTERSHIRE OUTING.

The annual 'salmon and green pea' supper at Lydney, Glos., took place on Saturday July 26th, and proved quite equal to, if not better, than any of its predecessors. The bells of the Parish Church were available, and it being the first opportunity for a peace peal on these bells, the effort was made, which happily proved successful. The visitors who put in an appearance, were the Rev. Edward Banks James, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Arthur Wilkins, Mr. Jesse Tylor, of Bristol, Messrs. J. Austin, of Gloucester, J. Williams, Newent, J. E. Sykes, Huddersfield, Herbert Dransfield, Barlisheaton, Gordon Checketts and W. C. Jones, of Worcester, J. Clutterbuck, of Cardiff, and H. Morgan, Newport. Appropriately enough, the Peace celebrations for the village were in full swing, the whole of the children of Lydney being entertained by his lordship of Lydney Park.

Immediately following the peal a move was made for the Queen's Hotel, where a bountiful supper was in readiness, consisting of the palatable green pea and Severn salmon galore. In addition to those already mentioned were the ringers of Ruardean and St. Bridwells, with the organiser of the function, Mr. John Davies. After grace had been said by the Rev. Banks James, the 'course ends' rolled up in fine style. The evening was spent afterwards with songs, recitation and handbell ringing, various methods and tunes being rung, while the Rev. E. B. James tapped off courses on the piano, the proceedings coming to a close at midnight. At 8.15 next morning the cars were waiting for a trip through the Forest of Dean. The first stop was made at Ruardean, where the locals were in force to welcome the visitors. Touches were rung for the morning service, and then a move was made to Mitcheldean Church, which was reached just in time to ring the people out from service. Several touches were indulged in, and the party received an invitation from Dr. N. F. Seavrance (who, by way, is a keen ringer) to his house for refreshments. There, too, his own peal of handbells were brought into use, and were soon off into Kent Major. After the doctor had taken a photograph of the party, a return was made to the tower to lower the bells, and then the journey was continued to Westbury-on-Severn. Here is a heavy ring of six, and if rumour is right they will be a ring of eight in the near future. After all had tried their hand at these bells they proceeded to Newnham, where there is a handy ring of eight by Mears. The bells were soon raised, and touches of Major and Stedman Triples rung. Tea was next enjoyed, and brought to an end one of the very best outings a change ringer could possibly have, the party dispersing with the hope of a similar gathering next year.

MUFFLED BELLS AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

On Thursday, July 3rd, with the bells fully muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Wiseman (conductor) 1, F. Wiseman 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, C. Barker 4, A. Wash 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, K. Harper 8.—On Wednesday, July 9th in 1 hour 35 mins., a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 (first half of Holt's 10-part): L. Wiseman (conductor) 1, F. Wiseman 2, R. Rayner 3, A. Wash 4, S. Hale 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, K. Harper 8. This was rung with the bells fully muffled after the funeral of the late Miss Eleanor Webster, who, with her sister, a few years ago defrayed the cost of rehanging the old peal of five with new steel frames, and the adding three new trebles to make a splendid peal of eight.

THE ADVENTURES OF HE, ME AND IT.

A WEEK-END AT WINCHESTER.

Yes, we went to Winchester on the twenty-first of June. The bells were ringing all day; that was why; I mean, why we went.

We are not so large a party now as when we went to Diben; he is the only one left with me. Phiz left at the end of last term, so we held a meeting in May, at which all the members were present, and decided to elect a new one.

After mature deliberation, it was selected and was evidently gratified at the distinction. It began burbling something about having rung Grandsire Doubles on one handbell, but was sternly rebuked. We all said 'Hush!' in a dreadful voice, and explained that in the best circles such things were never done, and that in our company they must not even be mentioned. That was on the fourteenth of May. Now it can ring 5-6 for Bob Minor, ay, and call a 720 if necessary.

But as I was saying, we went to Winchester. We left Fareham on Friday evening at 4.30. The handbells were at once produced, and a 720 rewarded our efforts before we reached Eastleigh. The crowd at Botley Station round our carriage was tremendous, and I still have visions of scores of unwashed faces and glittering eyes that devoured us as we rang. At Winchester we repaired to the residence of Mr. Elkins, where we passed an evening most cheerful and musical, and Mrs. Elkins provided an excellent supper. On Tuesday morning we visited the Waterworks—the Mineral Water Works, I should say—and were shown the whole process by the foreman. Mr. Wilfred Andrews was obliged to go out into the country, but had left instructions that we were to be treated as honoured guests, and we certainly had a good time. We inspected everything, from the washing of the bottles as they came in, the brewing of the beverage, the mung, and even went so far as the emptying of some of them.

Then to the cathedral. We took our seats modestly in the ringing chamber beneath the clock case, and a kind friend came and asked us if we were ringers. However, on a nearer inspection he made up his mind that we were, and did not press for an answer, so we took our turn with some of the many ladies who had already come. Lunch to lunch. Lunch at Dumper's is an institution. All who have ever visited Winchester will understand me. The meeting has already been fully described in your columns.

After that we rang for service and then came the tragedy of the day. It was lost! He and me waited vainly for it at the belfry door, but it never came out. We ran wildly round the streets, we visited the Guildhall, we were rebuked by Mr. William George for not being in service; but all to no purpose. In despair we returned to the cathedral, where we got a ray of comfort from a kindly Bedesman, who told us that he had seen something closely resembling it following Mr. Elkins into the choir. We were filled with horror. Could it have forgotten itself so far as to have usurped the Dean's position? But no, it was not so bad as that. It had only slipped out of the belfry by another way, had followed Mr. Elkins into the choir, and had occupied one of the choicest chairs, as is its custom. So we managed to get into the choir in time for the sermon after all.

We met it at the choir door after service; but where were the handbells? It said that it had given them to a man, who had promised to put them in a safe place, and then wandered off aimlessly in the direction of the west door, as if it thought they might be there. It was afterwards discovered that Mr. Elkins had kindly placed them in one of the vestries, in the south transept before taking it in to service. Then to tea in the Guildhall. Who shall describe that tea? Certainly not me. We shared a little table near the wall, where we made acquaintance with some nice friends who had come from Diben long years ago, and told us much interesting lore of the ancient ringing history of Hampshire. After tea we had some handbell ringing with Mrs. George Williams, and were very pleased to meet her. Then up the tower for Stedman Caters, but the long dodging in 4-5 and 6-7 upset it.

Sunday was Coronation Day, and we stayed over, as did Mr. Harris. The proceedings commenced by firing the cathedral bells at 9 a.m., a performance in which we took part. He was afterwards heard explaining to some officers that his was the little bell that went all by itself while the others were crashing. I believe that they thought he had been appointed solo boy for the occasion.

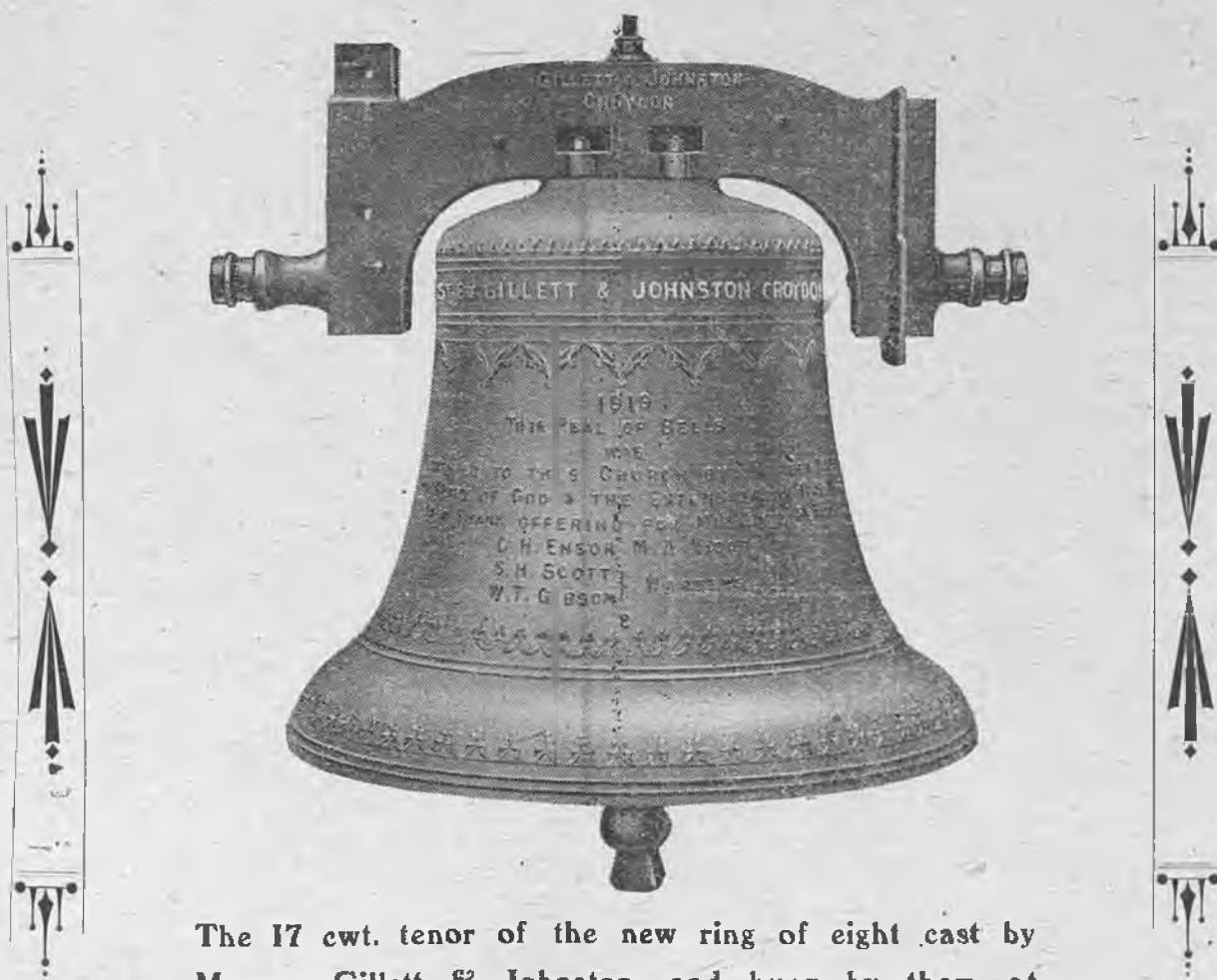
We feel that we cannot say too much of the kindness of Mrs. Elkins and Mr. Andrews during our stay.

E. B. J.

THE BELLS OF ASHBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

On the occasion of the choir and ringers outing from Nottingham, which was held at Dovedale on July 26th, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the bells of Ashbourne Church. The bells have been practically silent for some years, owing to defects in the tower, which have now been satisfactorily remedied. All the bells, except the tenor, go splendidly. They are very noisy in the ringing room, but are a delightful eight. There is a peal board in this tower recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, by a band from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, claiming to be the first peal on the bells, but a band from Nottingham rang a peal of Grandsire Triples here quite 65 years previously.

GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919,

CROYDON, SURREY.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The bells of Norton Cuckney, fitted with new frames, with two trebles added and the tenor recast by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, in 1914, leave nothing to be desired in the way of hanging and ringing, and it was not unnatural that the ringers of the North Notts Association should desire to return to this place for their summer quarterly meeting, as it is just five years since the Association held its last gathering there on the eve of the European war. There was a fair attendance of ringers from Anston, Bolsover, Barlboro', Mansfield Woodhouse, Killamarsh, Treeton, Shireoaks, Worksop, Warsop, and Cuckney, on Saturday week, and the ringing during the afternoon and evening was of the highest standard, from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob Minor. It included 720 Kingston Treble Bob, 720 violet Treble Bob, 360 each of Cambridge and Plain Bob, and 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, the conducting being done by Messrs. Flint, Hargreaves, Severn and Haigh.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Smith) the business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks. The new members elected included the Rev. F. A. Newton, Rector of Warsop, and Mr. O. Levick, of Norton Cuckney, as vice-presidents, Mr. J. H. Brothwell, of Treeton, as non-resident member, C. Moore and F. Needham, Norton Cuckney, and J. Wilson, of Warsop, as probationers.

The Vicar and the genial steeplekeeper, Mr. Smith, gave the ringers a hearty welcome. The ringers of North Notts are greatly indebted to those members of kindred associations who favoured them with their attendance, and the friendly rivalry for good striking and classical methods in open lead ringing and close lead ringing by the different bands of ringers was keenly followed by outsiders. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar was accorded for use of bells.

The next meeting will be at Harthill in October.

GREAT MARLOW AND ITS MEMORIES.

AN O.D.G. MEETING.

The meeting of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild announced for Whit-Monday at short notice, brought over 30 ringers together, and an enjoyable summer afternoon's outing on the banks of the Thames was greatly enjoyed by those present. Tower ringing—kindly sanctioned by the Vicar, the Rev. O. F. Sparring, M.A., as a favour to the branch—was limited, as the bells were being reserved for 'peace day' celebrations, but the members made up for this with the handbells in the well-known long room of the Two Brewers Inn, where more than one generation of the ringing craft has spent many jovial hours in the past.

Mr. H. Collins, steeplekeeper, was present to receive the visitors, who found everything in readiness and greatly appreciated on a hot day the modern small window built in the south wall of the belfry—formerly very dark—through the influence of Mr. A. H. Cocks, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, besides dear old Stedman and Grandsire, were the methods attempted, some of which did not come out any too well. Tea was served at the Station Road Cafe by Mrs. Bert Truss, amidst humble but most satisfying accommodation for rather a hungry crowd.

The Marlow and Boyne Hill 'tune men' brought a couple of teams out, and with handbells retained (four in each fist) gave one or two fine selections—one of which the 'Rakes of Marlow' having rather a local twang about it. Stedman and Grandsire Caters, double-handed, was softened by the fumes of shag or other pipe deceptions, and peering through the 'clouds' other faces seemed to be with us, faces that will remember their 'firsts' in Bucks—Symonds, Richardson, Barton, Taffender, Davies and O'Meara.

One cannot say Marlow without thinking of Truss, and ringers cannot mention Truss without dwelling upon the ancient Parliamentary borough of Marlow, which used to return two members. The graceful church tower and spire and the suspension bridge; the picturesque weir and lock; the distant famous quarry woods were all looking their best at Whitsuntide. Marlow scenery still remains to us beautiful as ever, but of the Trusses few remain of a long family who have had connections with ringing here for a century. Many who dared to climb the steeple, when undergoing repairs, and turned the weathercock round, rest beneath its shadow John Truss, senr., lies near, too. In his younger days he was a pioneer of 'half' pull in the days when Tom Tollyday haunted the riverside towns between Marlow and London. Arthur William will never again pour out his eloquence at the annual gatherings of the O.D.G.

I hope my readers will excuse these little wanderings from the strict path of Editorial matter; there are times when one's thoughts run away with oneself. There are a number of old hands living to whom, perhaps, these wanderings may be a pleasure to read of, and I feel we owe a debt to the retiring generation of change ringers for handing down the art to us from their few but earnest predecessors. To resume our subject, the members broke up reluctantly, and with a full moonlight night made fair voyages home with pleasant memories, having carried out a long-desired trip.

W. H. P.

PEACE CELEBRATION TOUCHES.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.—On Peace day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: *C. King 1, E. Hill 2, E. Hookham 3, G. Pugh 4, F. E. Davis 5, *R. Shillam 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8. * First quarter.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 19th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Leeson 1, E. C. Shepherd (composer) 2, H. Shepherd 3, H. Bragg 4, Sam Bragg 5, J. Bragg 6, A. Bragg (conductor) 7, A. Bragg 8.

THANET.—On Peace day, at St. Lawrence Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Gildrens 1, S. G. Twyman (conductor) 2, F. Gibb 3, W. G. Birch 4, W. J. Jarman 5, A. E. Jarman 6, H. Marsh 7, J. Jarman 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—Ringing began at the Parish Church on Peace Day, 10 a.m., and was kept up at intervals until 7.30 p.m. A good start was made with a date touch of 1919 changes rung in 1 hr. and 8 mins. in four Treble Bob Minor methods, as follows: 119 Cambridge Surprise, 360 each of Killamarsh Surprise, Violet and Woodbine, and 720 of Oxford: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. J. Wheeldon 2, W. C. Lawrence 3, F. T. Dawson 4, J. Walley 5, J. E. Ryles 6. Conducted by J. E. Wheeldon. In the afternoon an invitation was received from the Norton Parish Council to a 'knife and fork' tea, which was very much appreciated.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—For Thanksgiving Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for morning service, and 672 Stedman Triples for evensong, the former being rung by: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Upton 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Johnson 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, J. Neal 8.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Peace Day, July 19th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 54 mins.: G. R. Naish 1, J. Howes (conductor) 2, F. G. Woodiss 3, F. G. Goddard 4, J. N. Frossell 5, C. Slade 6, H. G. Naish 7, C. H. Dobbie 8, G. Woodiss 9, J. Chandler 10. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: Mrs. C. H. Dobbie (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Howes (conductor) 2, W. Duffell 3, F. G. Goddard 4, F. G. Woodiss 5, J. N. Frossell 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, J. Chandler 8.

LONG STANTON.—At the Vicarage, on July 14th, 720 Bob Minor on handbells: W. H. J. Hooton 1—2, B. F. Sheppard 3—4, C. W. Woolley (aged 12½), conductor, 5—6.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, H. Bellamy 3, E. Coles 4, J. Clutterbuck 5, W. Coombs 6, F. Viles 7, F. Chamberlain 8, W. Bolton (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. H. Bellamy has just returned home after demobilisation, and this was his first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, July 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Pannett 2, E. B. Crowder 3, A. G. Bennington 4, T. Easterby 5, A. E. Goddard 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Law 8.

OXHEY.—Oxhey Society.—On Sunday, July 6th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. W. Dix 1, *H. Dix 2, *G. Cooper 3, W. Hodgetts 4, C. Leman 5, H. Hodgetts 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, *C. Kazer 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Euston Maudit on Saturday, July 26 and proved very successful, 25 members being present from Irthlingboro', Wellingborough, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Wollaston, Castle Ashby, Bozent, Northampton and the local tower. The Rev. G. Dalrymple gave an excellent address at the service, at which Mrs. Sturgess presided at the organ. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the local ringers and their wives. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. F. Hopper (president) and Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wellingborough in October. Mr. J. Sturgess, who is churchwarden, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. C. Newman, of Irthlingborough, was elected a ringing member. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised 7s.

A hearty vote of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers and their wives for their kindly welcome.

BARKING.—The College Youths.—At All Allowes, on July 13th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes. Wm. Tanner 1, H. J. Walton 2, T. Langdon (conductor) 3, W. A. Alps 4, H. Hills 5, E. Hall 6, J. Scholes 7, A. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, Mr. A. Joyce, who is much respected by his brothers of the long stinging. He was the recipient of many good wishes from them.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Hereford District).—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m., free to members forwarding replies not later than Aug. 5th. Business meeting afterwards. It is earnestly requested that all members in union in the district will attend this meeting. Combined practice as follows: Allensmore, Aug. 23rd; Stoke Edith, Sept. 6th; Townhope, Sept. 20th, all at 6 p.m.—C. Edwards, Great Bramp'ton, Madley, Hereford, Dist. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, August 9th. Service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec., Burnham-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing from 2.30 till dusk. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mr. H. R. Butcher (Gen. Hon. Sec.). Half railway fares. The postponed Chiddingfold meeting has been arranged for Sept. 20th. Notice in due course.—George H. Howse, Div. Hon. Sec., 'Kenilworth,' Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th, at 10 a.m.; and on the 11th and 25th, at 7.45 p.m.; * St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, and *St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824, Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth, tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Nominations for Vice-Presidents, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors to be handed in at this meeting.—W.

W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Pudsey, Saturday, August 16th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hanbury on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who send me their names by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Saturday, Aug. 16th, the ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church will be available, commencing at 3.30. All ringers welcome.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45; service, 4.30. Tea can be provided in Bishop Ryder's Schools at a reasonable charge at 5 o'clock for those who notify Mr. James George, 13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than Aug. 18th. Business Meeting after tea. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8), and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open at 3; Service at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, August 26th.—W. Lather, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Any suggestions for the annual meeting, and nominations for Vice-President, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors, to be sent in to the General Secretary by September 1st.—W. H. Shuker, Gen. Sec., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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