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Gentlemen,

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

COMPOSERS AND COMPOSITIONS.

All those who have more than a passing acquaintance with the subject will endorse the remarks as to composition made by Sir Arthur Heywood in our last issue, at any rate so far as they relate to the steps which a composer should take to assure himself that the product of his brain is good and new. For our part we believe in ringers understanding the theory of composition even though they do not enter the field as actual composers of peals. A knowledge of this branch of our Art is of value for many reasons. If, for instance, a man knows how to prove a peal it may prevent him having the chagrin of calling a false composition, while knowledge of the manner in which compositions are built is of no inconsiderable use in successful conducting. It is, therefore, good for a ringer to understand composition, but, as Sir Arthur Heywood pointed out, it is well-nigh impossible to compose a really original peal in any standard method. In the last five and twenty or thirty years the whole realm of composition in the best known methods, except perhaps Triples, the extents of which form too complex a problem for the average man, has been completely explored.

This brings us to the one point in Sir Arthur's letter with which we cannot altogether express agreement, and we take up the cudgels for editors of ringing papers past and present. Sir Arthur says: "It has always been a puzzle to me why editors of ringing papers, who should be competent, either themselves or vicariously, to distinguish the meritorious from the plagiarised, do not exercise the same discrimination as most other scientific journals in regard to the admission of worthless technical matter."

To begin with we think Sir Arthur will agree that no living man possesses sufficient knowledge to say, whether or not any given composition in any method is a variation of some other previously published one. It may be possible sometimes to say, broadly, whether a peal is of the plagiarised variety, but even the best versed students would hesitate, except in flagrant cases, to definitely assert that a set of course-ends was the property, so to speak, of some other composer. An editor, being only an ordinary mortal, can hardly be expected to have knowledge superior to those who specialise in composition, particularly when, as has been known, experts will differ among themselves as to claims to authorship. We agree that the composer should take every step open to him to ensure that his peals are not only true, but original, but we hardly think the responsibility of sponsorship, so to speak, should be shouldered on to an editor, while even selection by deputy would be most unlikely satisfactorily to secure the desired end.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, September 4, 1915, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

SAMUEL GROVE	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE PARSONS	2	GEORGE F. SWANN	6
WILLIAM J. MEERS	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
WILLIAM G. ANKER	4	JOHN E. PYWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Second-Lieut. Michael Vallansey Molloy, 2nd. Batt. Sherwood Foresters, who was killed in action.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR PAYNE	1—2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ...	5—6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	3—4	COLIN GRESTY	7—8

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.
Umpire: J. E. GOFTON.

RETFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1915, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. SEGAR,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*J. HURST	1—2	J. SEGAR, Junr.	3—4
G. TURNER ...	5—6		

Conducted by J. SEGAR, Junr.
Umpire: J. L. BLAGG.
Witness: LIEUT. JOHNSON.

* First peal. First double-handed peal for the Association,

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

On Sunday, September 12, 1915, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
IN THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1—2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON...	5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	3—4	HARRY MIDDLETON ...	7—8
*FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	9—10		

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters on handbells. The composition contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following have joined H.M. Forces:—

Pte W. Riley, of Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, A.S.C., at Aldershot.

Pte A. Tomlinson, of St. Michael's, Blackburn, R.A.M.C., at Sheffield.

Pte George Dowling, of Holy Trinity, Hull, East Riding, R.G.A., now at Hull.

CHAPLAIN INVALIDED.

The Rev. Connop L. Price, hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, and senior chaplain to the Welsh Division, has been invalided home from the Dardanelles, and is now in a London Hospital being treated for an affection of the eyes.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.

On Saturday last a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, and, being favoured with fine weather, over 40 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening. Ringing commenced shortly after 3.30, and continued until 5.30, when tea was served at the Nag's Head, where the needs of the ringers were well provided for by the hostess. Before adjourning to the tower for further ringing, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that as it was inadvisable to ring after dark, owing to the risk from hostile aircraft, it was proposed to cease ringing at 7.30, and to hold the business meeting in the belfry afterwards. This was agreed to, and whilst some ringers made their way back to the tower, others amused themselves by ringing touches on the handbells.

At the business meeting one new member was elected, and it was decided to leave the arrangements for the next meeting in the hands of the hon. secretary, it being pointed out that, wherever the meeting was held, ringing should cease at an early hour.

The Hon. Secretary made an appeal to the members present for prompter payment of subscriptions. He pointed out that the Association was not asking for subscriptions from those members who had joined His Majesty's forces, and it was, therefore, very necessary that all other members should make an effort to keep their subscriptions up-to-date, to enable the society to pay its way. He hoped that those local societies with funds of their own would keep up the payments of their own members away fighting, so that the whole of the burden should not fall upon the district funds.

Mr. F. A. Milne also spoke on this matter, and said that it was necessary for all the members to make an effort to keep the funds of the society in a sound condition.

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had received a letter from their President (Mr. A. T. King), who wished them a very pleasant meeting. He was glad to say that Mr. King was much better in health than he had been for some time past, and looked forward to being quite well again soon. Mr. Coles also said that he had been informed that Mr. A. B. Peck, a ringer well-known to all of them, was improving in health after his very serious illness, and he should like, in their name, to convey to Mr. Peck, as soon as that gentleman was well enough to receive a letter, their very best wishes for a complete recovery.—This was agreed to.

Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Lampen), for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. F. Rumens and their Walthamstow friends for their very kind welcome.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary, who said how much he was indebted to Mr. Rumens for the help he had given him.—The motion was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Rumens briefly replied, saying how pleased they all were at meeting their Middlesex Association friends again.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, the ringers adjourned to the tea-room, where the handbells were kept going until about 9.30, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, and a course of London Surprise Major, by Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. Pye, E. Pye and W. Keeble. Thanks are due to Messrs. J. Rayner, H. Alford, and R. K. Knight for the use of their handbells.

During the afternoon much good ringing was done, including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, and two plain courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal, in which 15 ringers took part, some ringing Surprise Royal for the first time.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancs Association was held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday last, when twelve members were present. Some very good touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung, but on account of illness near the church ringing had to cease early. At the business meeting it was decided that next meeting be held at St. George's.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Worsley for having everything ready.

A great improvement has been made at the tower by bricking up part of the sound outlets. Before, the bells were very noisy, and, the neighbourhood is a very thickly populated one the improvemen will be a benefit to all.

NEWPORT RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., had an outing on Saturday last to Trevethin, Pontypool. On arrival at the church they were heartily welcomed by the local band. The bells, being available for ringing, were quickly raised, and after touches of Grandsire Triples, tea was partaken of. Host Wheeler having provided an excellent meal. A visit was afterwards paid to the tower, and the bells kept going for a considerable time, the ringing being shared in by the local men, with whom, afterwards, a most enjoyable time was spent.

Opportunity is now taken of thanking the Trevethin ringers for their kindness, especially Mr. Sam Rogers, the leader, for the arrangements which he made.

THE PUNISHMENT OF A BELL FOUNDER.

IN THE "GOOD OLD DAYS."

One of the most celebrated of ancient bell foundries was that at Reading, which flourished in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. One of the proprietors of this famous establishment was John Saunders, and he seems to have fallen foul of the King's Majesty. John Saunders is frequently mentioned in the Reading churchwardens' accounts from 1539 to 1559, Mr. A. D. Tyssen tells us in his book on "Sussex Church Bells," and the "Reading Records" also contain many notices of a citizen named John Saunders, who was one of the burgesses from 1546 to 1553. In the last-mentioned year, under date May 26th, there is an entry in the Register of the Acts of the Privy Council to the following effect:—

"A letter to the Mayor of Reading, Thomas Vachel and William Edmondes to cause one John Saunders of that town to be set on the pillorie the next market day with a paper on his hed conteyning these wordes, 'For lewde and sediscious woordes touching the Kinges Majestie and the State,' and when he hath stode there the hole market tyme to cause both his eares to be cut off and his body to be returned to prison untill the Kinges Majesties further pleasour shalbe signified unto them."

That this pleasant form of punishment was inflicted upon the unhappy man, appears from another entry in the Reading Records, dated 13th September:—

"At this day, forasmuch as John Sawnders one of the said burgesses for seditious slanderous and opprobrious words by him spoken agenst the King's honorable counsaile by ther commaundment was committed to ponysshement on the pillorie on the market day and ther to stond all the market tyme and then both his ears cut off; and for other seditious lewde and slanderous words by him at sondry tymes after that spoken to the great perturbance and disquietness of his honest neighbours, hit was therefor thought by the said Mayor and Burgesses that the said Sawnders to be no mete man to contynewe and be of the said company whereupon the sd. Mayor and Burgesses with one assent and consent for the causes aforesaid the seid day and yere have expelled discharged & clerely advoided the said Sawnders from the seid hall & company for ever."

This entry, says Mr. Tyssen, appears to imply that John Saunders had been released from prison. His release may have been due to the death of Edward VI, which took place on July 6th of that year, and caused a complete change in the Government. As the occupation of John Saunders is not mentioned in the Privy Council Register or Reading Records, it is not certain that the bell founder and the burgess were identical. It would be strange, however, if two men named John Saunders were living at Reading at the same time, both in a substantial position and both apparently of about the same age. Still, the facts present some difficulties. John Saunders cast a bell for St. Mary's, Reading, in 1558, and in 1559 was buried at St. Lawrence's, in the accounts for which church there are the following:—

The great bell—Itm for the goodman Saunders knyll ..... xxd.
The best pawle—Itm for the goodman Saunders buryall ..... vid.
Graves. Imprimis for the goodman Saunders grave ... viis. iiiid.

In 1557-8 he was admitted to the Livery of the Founders Company of London. We thus see that John Saunders, the bell founder, prospered and was respected after John Saunders, the burgess, was disgraced. Can they have been identical? The question may perhaps be answered in the affirmative if we imagine the alleged seditious words to have been protests on behalf of constitutional government against the arbitrary acts done in the name of the Crown, both under Edward VI and Mary. Other citizens may have regarded John Saunders as a political martyr and done all that they could safely do to aid him and his fellow burgesses, who voted for expelling him, may have acted under compulsion and fear, and may really have sympathised with him all the time.

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

			Continued.
	234567		
	253746	S	453762
S	762453	S	724653
—	347562	—	367524
—	253647		356472
S	672453	—	243756
S	436572	—	672543
	453267		657324
S	274653	—	436257
S	632574	—	724536
—	456732		752643
—	274356	S	637452
S	362574	S	426537
S	543762	S	574326
—	275643	S	365274
—	362475	—	423765

Repeat 11 times. Single for bob at 6th and 12th part ends. This peal contains 300 calls.

ROMFORD.—Essex Association.—At St. Edward's Church, on Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. E. Vyse 1, A. Chaplin (conductor) 2, G. R. Pye 3, A. Wiffen 4, E. Butler 5, H. Dawkins 6, E. Pye 7, W. Watson 8.

SUFFOLK RINGER "MISSING."

Sergt. G. E. Day, of Eye, who has been serving in the 1st/5th Suffolks, in the Gallipoli Peninsula, is, we regret to say, officially reported as missing. He had been a member of the Territorials for many years, and has been serving with his regiment ever since war broke out. The battalion went out to the Dardanelles some weeks ago, and has sustained somewhat heavy losses in the fierce fighting that has taken place on the Peninsula.

SERGT. G. E. DAY.

Sergt. Day is a son of Mr. Fredk. Day, the well-known bell hanger, of Eye, and has been a member of the Eye company of ringers from boyhood. He was a member of the Norwich Association, for which he had rung a number of peals, although his ringing interests were not particularly in this special direction. He was a most popular man in his tower, and much sympathy is felt with his wife and two sons, as well as with his father and mother, in the news which they have received, the hope being expressed that Sergt. Day may be still alive, although, perhaps, a prisoner in enemy hands.

POTTERIES RINGERS' EXCURSION.

AN ENJOYABLE WALKING TOUR.

One of the most enjoyable tours that the Norton-in-the-Moors company of the Stoke-on-Trent Association has ever undertaken took place on Sunday week. The excursion started with a brisk walk of about an hour, which landed the party at Brown Edge Church, where 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung for Matins by W. C. Lawrence 1, J. Walker 2, S. B. Bailey 3, J. T. Taylor (conductor) 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Rylis 6.

Leaving this tower, a very pleasant walk of five miles brought the party to Horton (near Leek), and here a splendid dinner was in readiness, served by Host F. Goodwin, of the Crown Hotel. After dinner 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was rung at the Parish Church for afternoon service, by J. E. Wheeldon 1, J. Walker 2, F. T. Dawson 3, J. Turner 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Rylis (conductor) 6. Then, after a smoke and chat, the party wended their way down to the beautiful vale of Rudyard, where they viewed the lake, teeming with small pleasure boats. From the railway station they entrained for Wall Grange on the way to Chiddleton, which is a village noted for its lovely scenery. Here tea awaited them, and full justice was done to the "cup that cheers but not inebriates." Adjourning to the church close by, the visitors rang 720 Violet Treble Bob for evening service: W. C. Lawrence 1, J. T. Taylor 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, F. T. Dawson 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Rylis 6. This occupied the time allotted for ringing, and afterwards the party joined the local ringers for an hour's chat, amid the smoke of the fleeting cigarette and the more substantial pipe. Train time prevented the pleasure of a longer stay, and the Norton men made their way homewards, after spending what is termed in the Potteries "a regular ripping time." A beautifully fine day added greatly to the pleasure of all concerned, and the company take the opportunity, through "The Ringing World," of thanking the various clergy for permission to ring, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ELY MEMBERS IN SUFFOLK.

A visit was paid by members of the Ely Diocesan Association on Saturday and Sunday last to Boxford, Suffolk, when, by kind permission of the new Rector, the fine peal of bells in the Parish Church had to face the music of change ringing for the first time for two years. The party arrived by cart and cycles at 5 o'clock, and, after having tea, raised the bells, which run in the following order: 1, 2, 4, 3 6, 7, 8, 5. Touches of 576 Oxford Treble Bob, 224 Superlative, a course of London (the first on the bells), and three courses of Grandsire, in which Mr. H. Elmer, of Boxford, rang the tenor, completed the ringing for the day, and the party then had a pleasant social evening at the Swan Inn, where handbell ringing and tunes occupied the rest of the time till supper.

Hadleigh was visited on Sunday morning, and touches of Oxford, Superlative and Double Norwich were rung for service, the party being there joined by Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Mr. Reed, of Hadleigh, kindly entertained the visitors, who then left for Boxford, where, after dinner the Rectory grounds were visited, through the help of Mr. Elmer, who acted throughout as guide, and made every arrangement for the outing. A touch of 400 Bob Major was rung for evening service, and then the party had to leave for home.

Boxford bells are a fine old peal, tenor 23 cwt., the 2nd, 6th and being mediæval bells, and are rung from the original ringers' gallery, built of large oak timbers, beautifully moulded; while Hadleigh has a splendid peal with a 28 cwt. tenor (Miles Graye 1680), all rehung by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, several years ago, and running very easily.

The party was made up of Messrs. W.,and J. Sadler, W. Howell, C. Elliott and E. W. Beckwith, of Coggeshall; A. Shufflebotham and E. Newman, of Bocking; F. Claydon, Earl's Colne; H. Evers, Colchester; and W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, who all wish to thank the Vicars of both churches, and Messrs. Elmer and Reed for the warm welcome extended to them.

5296 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS (LEICESTER).

23456	1	5	6					
43652	—	—						
36452			—					
65432	—				42365	1	5	6
34562	—		—		34526		—	
54263	—	—			42536	—		
42563			—		23546	—		
52364	—	—			45326	—		—
23564			—		52346	—		
35264			—		43256	—		—
25463	—	—			35246	—		
45362	—	—			54236	—		
53462			—		32456	—		—
43265	—	—			25436	—		
32465			—		53426	—		
24365			—		24356	—		—
23465			S		43526	—		S
43562	—	—			32546	—		
53264	—	—			24536	—		
32564			—		35426	—		—
52463	—	—			52436	—		
24563			—		34256	—		—
45263			—		45236	—		
25364	—	—			53246	—		
35462	—	—			42356	—		—
54362			—		25346	—		
34265	—	—			54326	—		
42364			—		23456	—		—

Contains the 6th its extent W and R, without a call at 4. Omit 3 bracketted calls, reduces the peal to 5072.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 7th, by kind permission of the Vicar, a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Triples (1007 changes), as a token of respect to the late George Hedges, who had been a ringer at the above church: F. Moulson 1, H. Jenkins 2, F. Dale 3, D. Meadley 4, T. Mills 5, C. Jackson (conductor) 6, E. Cutsforth 7, T. Harrison 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples the first on the bells: W. Wigmore 1, A. W. Davis 2, G. Davis 3, Miss S. Davis 4, Rev. E. M. Thorp 5, A. Bird 6, W. Mathews (conductor) 7, E. G. Pickett 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. C. Stubbs (first 720) 1, F. Fensom 2, A. Howell 3, T. Langdon 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: H. C. Stubbs 1, E. Hibble 2, E. Davidson 3, T. Langdon (conductor) 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross 6.—On Sunday, August 15th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. C. Stubbs 1, H. T. Scarlett 2, F. Fensom 3, T. Langdon (conductor) 4, M Fensom 5, C. H. Ross 6.

THEODORE ECCLESTONE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If your readers will refer to "Ringing World" of August 16th, 1912, in my account of Winchester Cathedral bells therein appearing, they will find some account of Theodore Ecclestone. The present fourth at Winchester bears his name and the date 1742, the same date as the bells at Coddenham and Stoneham Aspal, all of which were cast at the Whitechapel foundry by Thos. Lester in that year. I can find no record of Theodore Ecclestone ever having had anything to do with Winchester Cathedral bells, which were augmented from six to eight in 1742, when the present fourth would then be the second.

It is just possible that this bell may have been originally cast for either Coddenham or Stoneham Aspall, and have afterwards been found unsuitable, and may have just fitted in as second of the eight at Winchester.

Anyhow it is evident that the bells for all three places were in the foundry at the same time. Yours faithfully,

Salisbury. J. R. JERR

THE STORY OF THE SQUIRE OF CROWFIELD HALL.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley Vicarage, Ipswich, has kindly supplied us with the following details with regard to Theodore Ecclestone, of Crowfield Hall, Suffolk, who, as a "ringing squire" maintained a band of ringers by employing them upon his estate. He gave the peal of ten to Stonham Aspal (tenor 24 cwt. in E flat), and the eight at Coddenham (tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp), both rings coming from the Whitechapel Foundry in the years 1741-2.

Theodore Eccleston was the grandson of Theodore Eccleston, and Ann Selby, his wife, and only son of John Eccleston, of London, merchant, by Isabella, his wife, daughter of John Harwood. This John Eccleston made his will 31st July, 1735 (proved August 4th, 1735), bequeathing his property in equal portions to his wife Isabella and children: Anne, Hester, Priscilla, Isabella and Theodore. Thus Theodore Eccleston inherited some means from his father, but the way in which he became possessed of the Crowfield estate was this: His mother had an only brother, Henry Harwood, who had a Grant of Arms from the Herald's College, 13th August, 1722, in which he is described as of Little Chelsea, in the parish of Kensington, also of Crowfield Hall in the county of Suffolk, and son of John Harwood, late of the city of London, merchant, by Katherine Middleton, his wife, daughter of Henry Middleton, of Twickenham, Co. Middlesex, Esquire, and some time Serjeant-of-Arms to the House of Commons. Katherine had a sister, Hester Middleton, who married one Daniel Browing. He purchased the Crowfield Hall estate from Henry Wingfield and Sir Thomas Hare about the year 1685, and, dying without issue, in 1695 bequeathed all his property to his wife. She, dying in 1708, devised her property to her sister, who, dying in 1720, left her property equally between her two children Isabella and Henry. This son, Henry Harwood, dying intestate 10th December, 1738, was buried in Crowfield church—where a slab on the floor still exists to his memory—and his sister succeeded to the whole of his property. Administration of her brother's estate was granted to her 17th January, 1739, as "Isabella Eccleston, widow, the natural and lawful sister and only next-of-kin."

By her will dated 5th May, 1743, she desired to be buried at Kingston-on-Thames, in the burial ground of her friends, and amongst other things bequeathed certain property to her daughter Hester for life, with remainder in default of issue to her son Theodore, and with ultimate remainder in default of issue to William, eldest son of Arthur Middleton, of South Carolina, her mother's nephew. She bequeathed her manors of Crowfield Hall and Booking Hall in Suffolk, with lands, etc., in Crowfield-cum-Bocking, Brockford, Wetheringsett, Stonham Aspal, Mendlesham, Earl Stonham, Coddenham, Wattisham, and Ringshall in Suffolk, also Dickleburgh Hall in Norfolk, to the use of her said son Theodore for life, with ultimate remainder in default of issue to her said cousin William Middleton.

THEODORE ECCLESTONE'S GIFTS.

The 9th bell at Stonham Aspal bears the following inscription: "In this tower hung 5 bells, the tenor weighing 10 hun. 2 qrs. 0 lbs. In the year 1742 they were taken down and with ye addition of 3 tons 10 hun. of mettle were recast into ten att ye expence of Theodore Ecclestone esq. of Crowfield Hall aged 27 years. He also gave a new frame att ye same time 1742. Thos Lester made us all." This proves that Theodore Eccleston was born about the year 1715, and in accordance with this an entry in one of the Quaker Registers preserved at Devonshire House gives the date of his birth as September 11th of that year. It is interesting to note that he came of a Quaker family, and was probably drawn to the church by his love of bells and change ringing. He appears to have lived much at Mortlake, in Surrey, where he had a house, which accounts for his giving two trebles to that church in 1746, one of which still bears his name, the other having been recast in 1784. He also gave two bells to Fulham Parish Church, both of which were afterwards exchanged or recast, and two to Winchester Cathedral, only one of which—the fourth—remains. These two bells were given in 1742, and the third (then the treble of a peal of eight) was recast in 1772. What his connection with Fulham and Winchester was has not been discovered.

He married at Mortlake, April 24th, 1746, Catherine (who died in 1747, and was buried March 2nd at Mortlake), daughter of Mr. Samuel Jacomb, of Ipswich, and Flora, his wife. The only issue of his marriage was a son, Theodore who was baptised March 30th, 1747, died in infancy, and was buried at Mortlake, July 9th, 1751.

MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

His knowledge of change ringing must have been acquired in the metropolis previous to his connection with Suffolk, as he joined a London society called the Eastern Scholars in 1735, and as a member of that society assisted in ringing the tenor to 6012 changes of Grandsire Caters at St. Saviour's, Southwark, 28th November, 1735, in 4 hours 45 minutes, at which time he would have been about twenty years of age. He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1744, served the office of steward in 1747, and Master in 1750, but does not appear to have taken part in any peals with that society. Two old peal boards still hang in Coddenham belfry on which his name appears, and there is an interesting chandelier of heavy cast brass bearing the inscription: "The gift of Theodore Eccleston, esq. in the year 1740." Originally it had six movable branches, but unfortunately two only of them now remain.

In addition to the peal board referred to in "The Ringing World" a week ago, recording a peal of "Gathrine's Tripples," there is another at Coddenham bearing the following inscription:—

"On Tuesday, November ye 9th, 1742, was rung in this steeple by the Crowfield Society of Ringers a complete peal of five thousand and forty Bob Major, being the first eight-bell peal ever rung here. It was compleated exactly in three hours by the men whose names are underwritten: Benjamin Walker 1, Daniel Hearsham 2, John Jennings 3, Samuel Cullum 4, John Bales 5, Andrew Field 6, Robert Greening 7, Theodore Eccleston 8. N.B.—Andrew Field called the bobs."

It is also said that the squire of Crowfield Hall also took part in a peal at Stonham Aspal, but if a board was erected to record it, it has long since disappeared. Theodore Eccleston died in 1753, and was buried on January 14th, with his wife and son at Mortlake; and it is not a little singular that, although their burials are duly recorded in the register there, no memorial inscriptions of any sort exist. By his will, he left "to my friend Mr. Samuel Anderson 10s. 6d. a week for life." The bulk of Theodore Eccleston's property having been settled by his mother's will, he had no disposing power over it, and at his death it passed to the ultimate remainder-man, his cousin, William Middleton, and is still in the possession of the latter's lineal descendant, the present Lady de Saumarez. "My friend, Mr. Samuel Anderson," was one of the Crowfield company of ringers, and was the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Gathrine's Triples. He lived at Stonham Aspal.

There is reason for believing that Mrs. Eccleston was not of the same social standing as her husband, and that she was probably his servant before he married her, and that her father was one of his band of ringers. He and several others were, it is believed, members of the College Youths.

After William Middleton came into the Crowfield property he purchased the adjoining estate of Shrubland, and removed there, pulling down the old house at Crowfield. He was created a Baronet in 1805.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUMMER GATHERING AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

The summer festival of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, upwards of 20 members being present from the following towers: Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Bedford, Luton, Dunstable, Harpenden and Bletchley.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept busy, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The bells of Linslade were also at the disposal of the members in the evening.

After tea a short meeting was held, at which a vote of sympathy was passed to the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association, and to Mrs. Baker, in the loss of their son, Capt. Baker, of the Beds Regiment.

A service was held in the Parish Church at 6 p.m., when an able discourse was delivered by the Rev. J. J. A. Stockton, and much appreciated by the ringers.

The general secretary (the Rev. A. Rust) was unable to be present, he being employed at an Aeroplane Works on week-days.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of Leighton and Linslade for the use of the bells.

It is proposed to hold the next monthly meeting at Ampthill, on October 2nd.

EVESHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes): R. Young 1, A. Paddon Smith 2, F. S. Wilson 3, J. D. Johnson 4, F. J. Johnson 5, H. Jordan 6, F. Jordan 7, H. J. Phipps 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, F. Jinks 10. Arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in three methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire, in 50 mins.: R. Sharp 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, T. Wood 4, F. Edwards 5, T. Middleton 6. R. Sharp hails from Porthcawl, and F. Edwards from Penarth.

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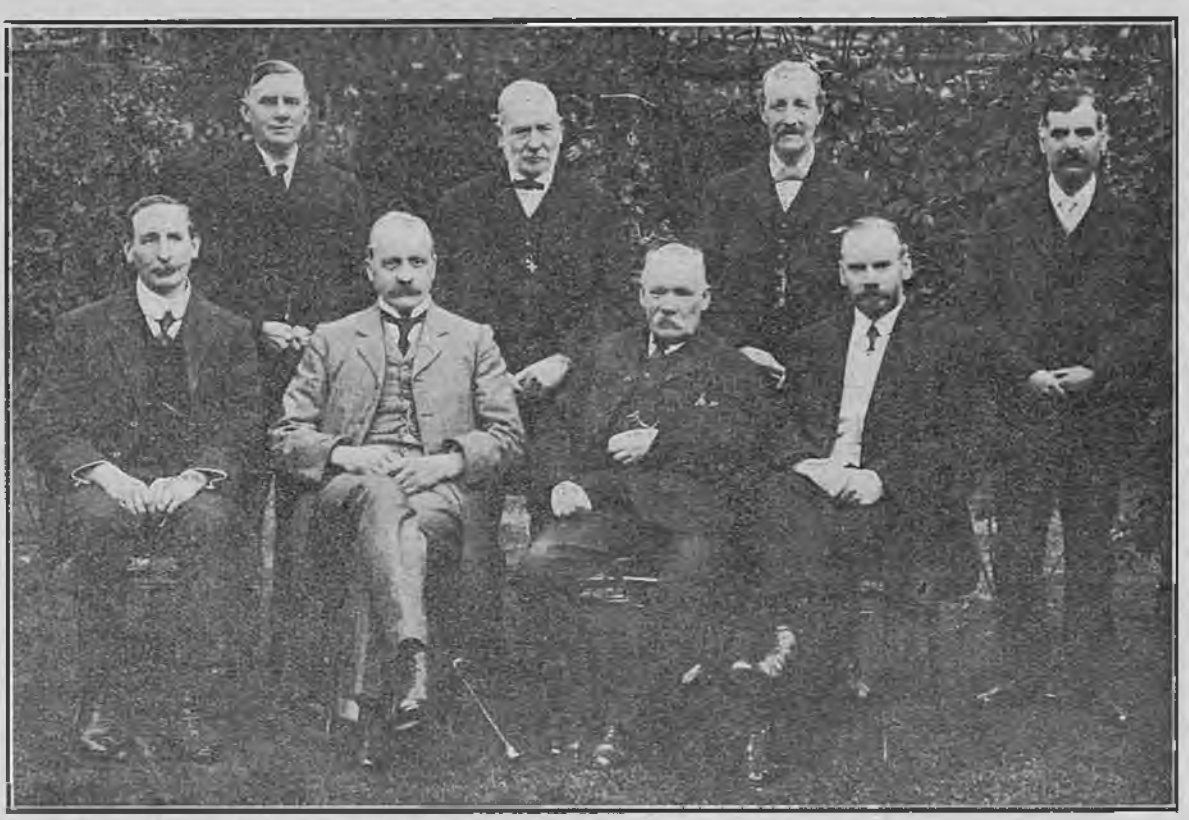

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We recorded last week the festivities at Erdington in celebration of the two peals rung by the same band at Coseley on November 24th, 1893, and November 24th, 1913. The eight ringers were present at the gathering, and above we give their photograph taken upon that interesting occasion. It is not a little remarkable that, after a lapse of 22 years since the first of the two peals was rung, the whole of the band should still be residing in the neighbourhood.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, was held at Stockland, Bristol, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Bridgwater, Chedzoy, Enmore, Huntspill, Middlezoy, Wembdon and Bampton.

Service was held in the Parish Church, at 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. K. Ambrose), who gave an earnest address. After the service the Vicar very kindly entertained the company to a most sumptuous tea on the Vicarage lawn, the visitors, needless to say, doing full justice to the good things provided, and much appreciating the reverend gentleman's hospitality.

A meeting followed, at which the chairman of the branch (the Rev. E de St. Croix) presided, about 40 members and friends being present. Afterwards the members returned to the belfry and kept the bells rolling till 6.30, when the company left for Cannington, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. W. Mallett), some touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Bob Minor, etc., were much enjoyed on those beautiful toned bells. The proceedings concluded at 8.15 p.m., all having spent a most enjoyable time.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable, although poorly attended meeting of the South Eastern Division of the Essex Association, was held at Prittlewell on Saturday last. Fourteen members were present from Boreham, Orsett, Writtle and the local company, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd of Swindon. Had it not been for the Boreham company making an outing of the occasion and coming in force the meeting would have been a farce. The bells were raised at 4 o'clock and kept going in Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters for an hour, when service was held, at which the Rev. F. Dormer Pierce gave an excellent address.

After the service the members adjourned to the Blue Boar for tea and meeting, the Rev. F. D. Pierce presiding.

The District Master (Mr. W. Lincoln) and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Edwards) were re-elected.—The Rev. F. D. Pierce was elected an honorary member of the Association, and Widford was selected as the place for the next meeting.

The business proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his services, and for the use of the bells, and the members then adjourned to the church for further ringing.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sept. 12th, at St. Paul's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, P. H. Smith (first quarter-peal in method) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8.

ROTHERHITHE.—St. Paul's Guild, Hammersmith.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, P. H. Smith 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, H. E. Dare 8.

HINTS ON CONDUCTING.

HELP FOR BEGINNERS.

In the first volumes of "The Ringing World" I wrote a series of articles for beginners in our Art, and included some hints upon conducting. In view of the fact that the call to arms has resulted in many belfries losing their conductors, and that there are always, happily, aspirants to the higher spheres of practical ringing eager to go forward, the Editor has suggested to me that some further articles upon the subject of conducting might be acceptable. In acceding to his request, I feel I cannot do better, by way of introduction, than repeat what I said in an issue of "The Ringing World" nearly four years ago:

"A beginner at calling must not expect to jump to the top of the tree as a conductor straight away. Apart from a few exceptional cases, the successful conductor is one who has devoted years of patient study to the business, for conducting is not simply a question of calling bobs in the proper place. A conductor ought to know whether the bells are right and how to put them right when mistakes occur."

Herein, I may point out, lies the difference between the "conductor" and the "bob-caller."

"When the young conductor begins he will probably find he has as much as he can manage to call the bobs in the proper places, for precision in this matter is of prime importance. Nothing is more likely to upset the ringing than bobs called too soon or too late—the latter is usually fatal to the touch or peal. To the calling of the bobs, then, let the beginner first devote his attention; the rope-sight which will enable him to correct mistakes is a matter which experience only will bring—coupled with the acquired knowledge of the way in which the bells work one with the other."

In these articles I am hoping to cover several methods, and I am going to assume that those for whose benefit these notes are being specially written, have a good working knowledge, so to speak, of the methods themselves, for until a man understands a method and can ring it well, he ought not to attempt conducting. Indeed, if he tries to run before he can walk, inevitable failure awaits him. One other point by way of explanation. We have got to begin at the bottom of the ladder, and for that reason I have thought it well to give some hints, first, upon the calling of Grandsire Doubles. From this stage I hope to go forward by easy steps through the standard methods. One thing the beginner in conducting, even more than the beginner in ringing, will find extremely essential is that before he goes to his task in the belfry he must study at home. No man ever made a good ringer, much less a successful conductor, who failed to apply himself to study away from the belfry, therefore I hope these hints will be taken not as an exhaustive treatise upon how to call touches and peals, but as just a helping hand to those who are ready to help themselves.

Now, the first essential, of course, of conducting is knowing the proper moment at which to call the bobs. In Grandsire the correct place is the handstroke row when the treble is in 3rd's place going down to lead. Thus, the bell, which is to make 3rd's place at the bob, and which is the only bell affected by the call, is leading its handstroke blow. The bell which will have to make the extra 3rd's place and go into the hunt will be striking in 2nd's place. The treble, as I have said, will be in 3rd's place, and of the bells that have to do the double dodging in 4-5, that coming out of the hunt will be striking its last blow of the whole pull behind and that which is to dodge in 4-5 up will be striking in 4th's place. The places mentioned are those in the handstroke row, but the conductor needs to avoid the variation in the time of his calls which would occur if, when going to make 3rd's place, he called, "bob," as he pulled off for his handstroke lead, and if, when about to dodge in 4-5 down, he called as he pulled off in 5th's place. To secure this even timing he should endeavour to notice the moment that the bell—whichever it may be—going to 3rd's place begins to lead and call the bob then, remembering, for his own assistance in selecting the right change at which to call, the position in which his own bell is going to fall.

Let me say here, that I am not one who believes in a conductor always ringing a "fixed" or "observation" bell. I know it is often convenient—especially in peals—to do so, as it saves a certain amount of mental strain and gives the conductor so much more relaxation to pick up trips as well as, perhaps, making it easier to keep the bells right. But the conducting of peals always from a fixed bell would fail to have any attraction for me. It is nothing like as entertaining as calling from a "working" bell, and there are also other strong arguments in its favour. For that reason I hope to include in these articles some helpful hints for calling from a non-observation bell. I will content myself for the moment, however, with the calling from a "fixed" bell.

In Grandsire Doubles with ordinary bobs and singles there can be only one of two bells as the observation bell—the 5th or the 3rd. There are ten ways of calling the six-score, and five of them have the 5th as observation and the other five the 3rd. For convenience, I give the calling of each 120, showing by either B or S the leads at which the calls are made. The observation bell can be doing only one of two things throughout the twelve lead-ends, either making the ordinary 3rd's place or double-dodging in 4-5 up. In the 120's with six calls the 5th is the "fixed" bell where the first lead is a plain lead, and the 3rd the observation where there is a call at the first lead. In the six-scores with nine calls the 3rd is the observation where there is a single at the first lead and the 5th in the remaining ones.

Lead									
1				B	B	S		B	S	S
2	B	B	S				S	S	B	
3				B	S	B	B		S	S
4	B	S	B				S	S		B
5				S	B	B		B	S	S
6	S	B	B				S	S	B	
7				B	B	S	B		S	S
8	B	B	S				S	S		B
9				B	S	B		B	S	S
10	B	S	B				S	S	B	
11				S	B	B	B		S	S
12	S	B	B				S	S		B

If, in the course of these notes, there is anything which is not clear to my readers, or any points in connection with ringing upon which they think I may be of assistance to them, I hope they will communicate with me and I will do my best to help them.

CONDUCTOR.

HILLINGTON, WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, on August 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Smith (Slough) 1, G. H. Guttridge 2 Pte W. J. Robinson, R.A.M.C. 4, W. H. Fussell 5, W. Henley 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, H. H. Chandler 8.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 21st; and for service on the 12th at 6 p.m. At the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on the 23rd, and for business on the 28th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. The others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. — Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alvechurch on Saturday, September 18th. The bells (8) will be availabe for ringing from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Tea in the schools, 10d. each. — E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, September 18th. Bells open at 3 p.m., service at 5, tea at 5.30, kindly notify early.—George W. Tomkins, 35, Monk Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (8) available all afternoon and evening. All subscriptions due should now be sent to me as soon as possible. — H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings on Saturday, September 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. 'Bus leaves Town Hall, Northampton, 2.30 for Yardley.—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, September 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Meeting and tea at the Bath Arms Hotel to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, September 25th. The bells (8) will be available; service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for those who give me notice by the Wednesday previous. Election of branch officers at this meeting.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Conisbro', near Rotherham, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—Leonard Brightman, Honorary District Secretary pro. tem., 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 1/3 per head to visitors and non-resident ringers, and half-price to members giving notice to Rev. Walter Smith, The Vicarage, Tuxford, Newark. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, September 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, September 25th, 1915, when the bells of Carlton (8, tenor 15 cwts.) also the bells at Whorlton (6, tenor 8 cwts.) will be available for ringing all day. The president (Rev. J. L. Kyle) has kindly offered to provide luncheon and tea free at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Carlton. Those intending to be present for lunch must notify the secretary not later than first post on Monday, September 20th, 1915; those intending to partake of tea only must also notify the secretary on the above date, or they will not be provided for. A short business meeting will follow on after the tea.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, September 25th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available. — Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretaries.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Barr on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. A. Partridge. Tea (10d.) at the Beacon Inn at 6. The question of "War Loan" will be considered. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, September 28th. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Kirkheaton on Saturday, October 2nd, 1915. Draw for order of ringing at the Beaumont Arms at 3 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided at 6d. each to all who send in their names not later than Monday, September 27th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 to 8 p.m.—Sam Thomas, Sec. pro. tem., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held on October 2nd, 1915, at Hilperton, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with short business meeting. Ringing also at St. James', Trowbridge, in the evening. Intending visitors please advise early.—Henry Brownlee West, Honorary Secretary, "Avalon," Devizes.

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SAFFRON WALDEN.—At St. Mary's Church on June 20th, for evening service, 1025 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Coe 1, F. Pitstow (conductor) 2, R. A. Strong 3, Sergt.-Major Owen (Queen's Westminsters) 4, A. Pitstow 5, F. J. Pitstow 6, G. Sparrow 7, Pte E. A. Hull (London Scottish) 8, A. Everett 9, W. Parish 10. Rung as a compliment to Sergt.-Major Owen on his departure from the town where his regiment had been billeted.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on August 4th, for the special service on the anniversary of the declaration of war, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: B. Chorley 1, W. Jolley 2, M. Smither 3, A. H. Pulling 4, C. Burdock 5, J. T. Lee 6, H. L. Garfath (conductor) 7, C. Hazelden 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, Farnham, on Saturday, August 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins., in honour of the wedding of Major Raymond and Miss Clare: C. Edwards (conductor) 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, A. R. Elkins 3, H. Chaffey 4, G. Upshall 5, W. G. Elkins 6, T. Upshall 7, A. E. King 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, for morning service, on August 8th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: Mrs. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, C. Raison 3, J. Francis 4, G. H. Harding 5, Corpl. A. K. Harrison, A.S.C., 6, S. Hector (conductor) 7, S. Francis 8. Arranged specially for Corpl. Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

HANLEY.—At the Parish Church, on August 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Wedgwood (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Goldstraw 2, H. Cordall 3, H. Alcock (conductor) 4, S. Sargeant 5, W. Degg (first quarter-peal) 6, C. Page 7, J. Prophett (first quarter-peal) 8.—Another quarter-peal was rung on August 27th: P. Dale (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Woodward 2, S. Sargeant 3, H. Alcock (conductor) 4, H. Cordall 5, G. Jones (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Degg 7, H. Wedgwood 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. Walker 1, J. Vickers (Derbyshire), R.F.A., 2, W. H. Newell 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On August 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Pte H. Evans (1st quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, S. Churton (conductor) 3, C. Woodward 4, E. Landon 5, C. H. Page 6, T. Austin 7, H. Austin 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Aug. 22, for evening service, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. (composed by Cornelius Charge): W. A. Alps 1, T. Walker 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. Bottrill 4, J. Hunt 5, E. Brett 6, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 7, A. Pettett 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Harbour 1, A. W. Davis 2, J. W. Fruin (first quarter of Stedman away from tenor) 3, H. Payne 4, Robert Holloway 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, J. R. Sims 8.—On August 18th, 336 Bob Major: A. Edwards 1, —. Stevens 2, G. Harbour 3, A. W. Davis 4, A. Hubbard 5, J. H. Payne 6, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.—On Saturday, August 28th, to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Joseph E. Fellows and Miss Agnes Bywater, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), and other touches were rung by: J. Ray, A. Abiss, W. Mills, junr., T. Griffiths, F. Evans, H. Jeavons (conductor), W. Mills, senr., B. Fullwood.—On Tuesday, Aug. 31st, in honour of the birthday of "Jack" Ray, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by James George): J. Ray 1, F. Darral 2, A. Abiss 3, T. Griffiths 4, B. Gough (conductor) 5, E. Mitchell 6, W. Mills, senr., 7, T. Smith 8. Messrs. Darral, Mitchell, and Smith belong to St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

FULHAM. — On August 29th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1263 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. W. Davis 3, H. Dains 4, W. G. Matthews 5, P. G. Miles 6, W. J. Daubney 7, A. V. Selby 8, J. W. Driver 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

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