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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.

PEAL TABLETS IN THE CHURCH.

One of the points of interest which will have struck the reader in perusing last week the report of the unveiling of the Coronation peal board at St. Martin's, Birmingham, is the fact that the tablet has been erected in the Baptistery, where it will remain for ever in the view of those who visit the church, instead of being placed in the ringing chamber, where only ringers themselves would see it.

Custom, as well as convenience, seems to be responsible for the placing of the vast majority of commemorative peal records in the obscurity of the belfry. At a time when ringers were considered a body apart from the Church, and when little or no heed was paid by the authorities to the belfry, the ringing chamber was the only place where meritorious performances could be recorded.

But we have reached to-day a new period, when the ringers are an honoured band of church workers, whose services are valued and whose efforts find recognition outside their own circle. When, therefore, they achieve a performance of exceptional interest, or ring a peal which has a significance outside the ranks of the ringers themselves, it is fitting that the record should be perpetuated in such a manner that it may be brought to the notice of a wider public. The walls of the tower under the ringing chamber—where the ringing is not done on the ground floor—is a very suitable position for dignified and durable monuments, and it would be to the advantage of ringing that peal tablets of special performances should find a place there more often than they do.

The erection of such memorials in a position where they could be seen by the public would serve as a reminder that peals are not always rung merely for the pleasure of those taking part in them, but that the ringers are ready to give expression to public feeling, be it grave or gay, through the bells. Moreover, it would do something to bring the art of ringing a little closer under the notice of the public, and anything which is likely to do that should be sought after. At Birmingham the unveiling was performed in the presence of a great congregation, whose interest must, at any rate, have been stirred to inquire further into, if they were not already fully aware, what manner of service it is that the ringers render.

There have been many occasions in the past when the ringers' share in some public event, either of rejoicing or sorrow, has been passed by with little or no recognition from those not actually connected with the belfry, but it must, we think, enhance the ringers' position when their share in some great national event or important parochial incident can be brought to the notice of the public in such a way as was done in Birmingham.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, October 12, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;
Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS H. REEVES ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT LITTLE	7
FREDERICK DICKENS	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	SAMUEL GROVE...	9
JAMES L. WELLS...	4	ALBERT WALKER	10
ALF. PADDON SMITH	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	6	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lieut. William D. James, a respected member of this Guild, who was killed in action in France on Sept. 25th. Mr. James rang his first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham (Stedman Cinques) on April 25th, 1911.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 16, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES BOWER	...*Treble*	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
THOMAS JAKEMAN...	2	BENJAMIN GILL	8
JONATHAN BROADBENT ...	3	JOHN HARRISON	9
CHARLES BROADBENT	4	ALBERT ADAMS...	10
TOM WILDE	5	SAMUEL WOOD	11
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ...	6	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the birth of the late Mr. James Wood, father of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, October 16, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FISHER	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ALBERT LITTLE	6
GEORGE HUGHES	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
*GEORGE POPENALL	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival of this church.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 16, 1915, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN FLINT	...*Treble*	DAVID BREARLEY	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	ARTHUR CRAVEN	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
THOMAS BETTISON	4	SAM THOMAS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. William Lambert, on his attaining the age of 60 years, the Vicar adding his congratulations to those of the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITCHURCH, NEAR CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called different. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEWIS WRIGHT	...*Treble*	FRANK JOSEPH BAILEY ...	4
*WILLIAM BISS	2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ...	5
SIDNEY DAWE	3	WILLIAM BOLTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BISS.

* First peal of Bob Minor as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy to the late Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, M.P., who fell in France.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 16, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FRED ABBAT	...*Treble*	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	4
THOMAS WORSLEY	2	TITUS BARLOW	5
GEORGE POWNALL	3	JOHN POTTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal on the bells. Rung for the anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Horace Headley) by whose able co-operation the ropes have been dropped into a lower room, and the louvres bricked up, the bells being terribly noisy before, making ringing a matter of great difficulty.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following ringers are serving with H.M. Forces:—

Tpr. A. Pepperell, of Arundel, Surrey Yeomanry.

W. C. Netley, of Arundel, Leading Seaman, R.N.

Pte A. C. V. Gasson, of Balcombe, Sussex, Royal Fusiliers, now at Dover.

Pte R. W. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe, 3/4th Northants Regiment, now at Walton Park, near Tring.

Pte C. J. Matthews, of St. Mary's Guild, Putney, 4th East Surrey Regiment (No. 11885), now at Wearde Camp, Saltash, Cornwall.

Pte William G. Whitehead, of St. James', Bushey, Royal Naval Air Service, at Felixstowe.

Pte William Seeley, of St. James', Bushey, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C., Grove Park Camp.

RINGERS IN THE GREAT FIGHT.

A good many ringers took part in the recent great fight in France, by which the British Army made a substantial advance. Several Northamptonshire men were in the fighting, and while, so far as we are at present aware, there were no fatalities among them, we are sorry to learn that Pte Fred Kilborn, of Desborough, who is a very popular member of the Central Northants Association in the Kettering District, is suffering from gas poisoning. He was serving in the 7th Battalion, and our latest information is that he is in hospital in France.

Corpl. S. Plant, of Kettering, who is in the 5th Battalion of the Northants Regiment, came out of the great fight, after a strenuous experience, without a scratch. He, however, had a remarkable escape, a shell falling within three paces of him, but failing to explode.

Ptes A. J. Knight and P. Inns, also of Kettering, who are with the 6th Battalion are, according to last reports, quite well.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE IN STAFFORDSHIRE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It will greatly oblige me if you will allow me space in "The Ringing World" to correct the error I made in publishing the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung at Wood Green, Wednesbury, on September 22nd, as "the first rung by a resident Staffordshire band." I have since been informed that there have been others rung previously, so I hereby offer my humble apology. Thanking you in anticipation, Yours truly,

JAMES TYLER

UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

An interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday week, when about 40 ringers from numerous towers assembled to witness the unveiling of a peal board recording two peals: one of Stedman Cinques—the first peal on the new ring—and one of Grandsire Cinques rung by the local band.

Printed forms were provided for the dedication, from which Mr. H. Knight read the opening paragraph, and then, by the request of the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Penny, M.A.), withdrew the veil. The remainder of the service was read by the Rector. The following is a copy of the record:—

"Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Saturday, February 17th, 1912, in 3 hrs. 52 mins., a peal of Stedman Cinques (consisting of 5019 changes) was rung on the bells in this tower by the following: Robert Pickering treble, George Hughes 2, James E. Groves 3, Thomas H. Reeves 4, William Fisher 5, Rev. E. V. Cox 6, William G. Hall 7, Rowland Cartwright 8, Horace Belcher 9, John C. Adams 10, Herbert Knight 11, Isaac Purser tenor. Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Herbert Knight. First peal on the bells since being recast and augmented.

On Saturday, January 24th, 1914, in 3 hrs. 31 mins., a peal of Grandsire Cinques (consisting of 5081 changes) was also rung here: Edward F. Mitchell treble, Isaac Purser 2, Frederick Darrall 3, Harry M. Hawkswood 4, Harry Farlow 5, Thomas O'Connor 6, Albert Little 7, Herbert Jones 8, William H. Lawley 9, Benjamin Clark 10, Herbert Knight 11, Thomas Smith tenor. Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Herbert Knight. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and by all the performers, who are members of the local band, and of the above Society.—Rev. Preb. Penny, Rector; H. Brevitt and F. J. Gibson, Churchwardens."

On the motion of Mr. E. F. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. W. G. Hall, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his attendance, and Preb. Penny, in response, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on such an occasion, and gave his hearers a little paternal advice.

Upon the termination of the ceremony a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung for the benefit of the reverend gentleman, who was interested from the "parting" of the bells until their coming into rounds again. Further ringing included an unfinished course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, and a fairly well-struck course of London Surprise Major, as well as Stedman Cinques.

An adjournment was afterwards made to a neighbouring hostelry—the "Glue-pot"—where a refreshing tea was provided by Host Freeth. Here several of the ringers' wives joined the company, and song and handbell ringing enlivened the proceedings during the evening.

It need scarcely be mentioned, but it is hoped the lady visitor who took the chopper back to "Brum," met with no mishap en route.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AT OVERBURY.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Overbury on Saturday week, when there were ringers present from Evesham, Bretforton, Fladbury, Pershore, Eckington, Malvern, Madresfield, Upton-on-Severn, Tewkesbury, Hampton, and Toddington. Service was held in church at 5 p.m., and was well attended. The Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) officiated, and gave an excellent and appropriate address, taking for his text, Isaiah lxii, 6, 7.

A meat tea was provided in the Village Hall by the Vicar, a party of 45 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. J. Ancil (churchwarden) and Mr. H. E. Hopkins (sidesman). Apologies were received for non-attendance from the Venerable Archdeacon Peile, the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, the Rev. E. Bateman, and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice.—One life member and three performing members were elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Overbury, with Mr. W. Payne (one of the local band) as conductor. It was further decided to abandon the united practice meeting.—It was unanimously resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Evesham, subject to the approval of the Rev. Dr. Walker.

Mr. H. Middleton was re-elected ringing master, and Mr. J. Hemming, secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year, and Mr. G. Dolphin was elected on the Central Committee, in the place of Mr. F. Jordan.—On the proposition of Mr. F. S. Wilson, votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, for his excellent address at the service, and for his hospitality in providing such a splendid tea; to Miss Rudd for presiding at the organ, which considerably brightened the service; to Mr. W. J. Ancil and Mr. H. E. Hopkins for their presence amongst them; to the ladies who had so kindly attended to the wants of the visitors at tea, and to Sir Richard B. Martin, Bart., for throwing his beautiful grounds open to the ringers.—Needless to say these votes of thanks were carried with loud applause.—In a few well-chosen words, the Vicar replied, as also did Mr. Ancil and Mr. Hopkins, and this brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE LATE LIEUT. W. D. JAMES.

The members of the Cambridge Youths Society received with the deepest regret the announcement in "The Ringing World" of the death of one of their members, Lieut. William Douglas James, B.A., late of Pembroke College, who was killed in action on Sept. 25th last. On Saturday last the members in residence assembled in the tower to pay their last tribute of respect to their fallen brother, when they rang a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled, followed by one of 336 half-muffled. The following took part: W. B. Kempton 1, H. Mansfield 2, J. Taylor 3, A. Wilkerson 4, F. E. Kempton 5, F. Brown 6, W. Eusden (conductor) 7, P. Taylor 8.

At Birmingham, on Tuesday of last week, a peal of Stedman Cinques to the memory of Lieut. James was rung, he having been a member of St. Martin's Guild, and having rung his first twelve-bell peal at that church.

Sympathetic reference to the death of Lieut. James was made at the meeting of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday.

On Thursday evening of last week, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Sutton Coldfield, in memory of the late Lieut. W. D. James, who for some time regularly practised in this tower. It was there that he commenced conducting, and that he called his first quarter-peal. Three towers were represented in the muffled ringing, viz.: Sutton Coldfield, Erdington Abbey and Erdington Parish Church, although Mr. Garrison, from the latter, only took part in a short touch, owing to a recent accident to his hand. The band stood as follows for the quarter-peal: William Parr 1, Bernard W. Witchell (conductor) 2, Charles Waithman 3, George Parsons 4, Thomas Bloore 5, George Roberts 6, Bertram G. Leedham 7, James Reynolds 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Westerleigh, on Saturday week, and, possibly owing to the fine weather, a good number assembled. Ringing opened with a touch of Bob Minor, followed by various methods. Service was held in the church, the singing being of a particularly hearty character.

Tea followed at the Old Inn, a splendid repast having been provided by the hostess, and to which full justice was done by the 29 members participating. The business meeting was subsequently held, the Vicar (the Rev. R. Stevens) taking the chair, supported by the branch hon. secretary and members from thirteen towers.—Three new members were elected, and Warmley was decided upon for the next meeting.

The "go" of the bells caused some comment from the visitors, but the locals considered that the bells went splendidly. This, however, does not bear out the opinion of Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), and other would-be "Sandows" who turned the tenor in to the various touches of Minor rung.

The Vicar, in replying, mentioned that the bells had been rehung not many years ago, and taking into consideration that his own ringers were satisfied, he did not think any action was needed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the lady organist terminated the meeting, and a move was once more made to the tower. A course of Grandsire Caters, on handbells, was rung by some of the experts, and the bells were kept going until about eight o'clock to various methods.

Before parting a pleasant, though short, time was spent at the Old Inn. Mr. S. Abraham's songs were much appreciated, and when Mr. W. Thomas gave his "Mary Ann" chorus, which was quickly taken up by all present, the melody (?) was sufficient to lift the roof. The company then dispersed, some having to walk two miles to catch a train. The meeting was a most successful one.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Berkeley on Saturday week. The bells are a fine peal of eight, with tenor 24 cwt., and several touches of Grandsire were brought round before tea, which, by the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Armour, was partaken of in the Parish Room at the Vicarage. The usual business meeting followed, the Canon presiding, supported by the Rev. J. D. Mills, and Mr. F. K. Howell (Master of the Association).—North Nibley was approved of as the next place of meeting.—The Rev. Canon Armour was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association, and Mr. F. Cooper was proposed as a performing member.—The Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Armour for his great kindness to the Association by coming amongst the ringers that afternoon, and by providing such an excellent tea.—The Canon, responding, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to help them in the afternoon's proceedings, and to become a member of the Association.

There was a short service at 6 p.m., when Canon Armour gave the members a most interesting and instructive address. The tower was afterwards visited again, and ringing indulged in until 8.45 p.m. The towers represented were: Dursley, Slimbridge, Tytherington, Wickwar, Forthworth, Berkeley, and Thornbury.

FRODSHAM.—On Sept. 28th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7—8 covering: F. Bibby, aged 12 years 4 months (first 720 on tower bells) 1, T. G. Bibby (aged 14 years 6 months) 2, A. Ryder 3, A. Unsworth 4, W. Bibby (conductor) 5, F. Ghare 6, Pte Lightfoot 7, A. Jones 8.

IDEN'S PATRIOTIC RINGERS.

The little village of Iden, East Sussex, is a real hot-bed of patriotism. Practically every physically fit man of recruitable age is serving in His Majesty's forces. Four members of the belfry responded immediately after the declaration of war, their names being Messrs. W. R. Wood, J. Wood, S. Nash and C. Mills. All of them went to France.

The brothers Wood have gone through so far unscathed, but Private Nash's parents have been in suspense regarding the whereabouts of their son. A fortnight after the great advance, they did not know if he was killed, wounded, taken prisoner, or still somewhere in the British lines in his usual health. It is certain that he was not among his own battalion after the victorious engagement, for one of his comrades sent a letter home stating that Percy failed to answer the roll call. We earnestly hope that before this Mr. and Mrs. Nash have had welcome news of their brave son.

Pte Charles Mills is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown. Charlie Mills proved himself a crack shot—one of the best in his battalion—but his nerves were not strong enough to stand the noise of the guns, and consequently he pulled the trigger of the rifle but few times in actual warfare. He is in hospital in France, and not recovered sufficiently to return to the firing line.

Frederick Clark, of the Canadian contingent, is a prisoner at Giessen, Germany. When change ringing was first started at Iden, Fred Clark displayed great energy and enthusiasm, and showed signs of becoming a good and safe ringer. Wishing to improve his position in life, he emigrated to Canada, and enlisted after the outbreak of war, returning to the mother country with the Canadians.—Mrs. R. T. Blomfield, wife of the eminent architect (Mr. R. T. Blomfield) resides near Iden, and under her supervision, many of our prisoners have received welcome gifts. Pte Clark, in acknowledging one of these packages, wrote to the sender as follows:—

"Dear Madam,—I received the two postcards and parcel. Kindly accept my thanks for same; they and the contents of the parcel were heartily appreciated. I am a Sussex man, and lived at Iden before going to Canada. Yes, I shall try, by looking forward to the days that are to come, to 'keep smiling,' but you can guess what a happy day it will be when I see the shores of dear old England again, and I trust that is not far off, for I'm sure it will bring happier days to everyone. Once again thanking you for your kindness.—Yours sincerely, Frederick Clark."

We trust Pte Clark will speedily see the realisation of his hopes, and that the other brave Iden men will be spared throughout the terrible conflict.

CHANGE RINGING IN BURMA.

NATIVES KEEN ON HANDBELLS.

In far off Burma there is an England priest who must have had a more than passing interest in bell ringing. We do not know his name, but with that enthusiasm which marks the true ringer he has obtained a peal of handbells, and has set a party of native boys to learn change ringing. The news comes in a little pamphlet, dated July of this year, entitled, "Work Amongst Mountain Men," and is a record of missionary work carried on amongst the Karens and other races in the Toungoo District of Lower Burma by S.P.G. The magazine is printed and published by the S.P.G. Mission Press at Toungoo, and covers the work of two large districts, St. Luke's and St. Peter's. In an article upon the general work among the Karens at St. Luke's, which is religious, educational and medical, the writer says:—

> Karens have a reputation for being fond of music, which is true, although at the same time they show wonderful powers of going flat in chapel. A few weeks ago I had a set of handbells sent out to me and four of the boys are now learning change ringing. Of course they have never heard what bells sound like when rung in peal, and the whole idea is new to them, but it is extraordinary the way in which they are picking it up. They are very keen at present, and if they will only stick to it we should have a good company of change ringers here before long.

It would be rather interesting to know how the translation of ringing terms into the vernacular is overcome. We hope later to hear more of the progress of this unique band.

FORMER DAGENHAM RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Dagenham, Essex, of Mr. Alfred Wellington, and on the day of the funeral (Oct. 5th) the whole pull and stand was rung at SS. Peter's and Paul's Church as a last tribute to the deceased, who was highly respected in the village. He was closely connected with the church, having been sidesman, chorister and Sunday School superintendent, and the children will greatly miss him. At one time he formed one of a party of stoney ringers, but did not succeed in the higher methods. The following carried out the solemn ringing: G. Playle 1, A. Chaplin 2, E. Butler 3, J. Baker 4, E. Hawkins 5, F. Freestone 6.

During the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by: Pte L. H. Moore 1, Corpl. Gale 2, E. Hawkins 3, J. Baker 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6; and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: Corpl. Gale 1, E. Butler 2, Pte Moore 3, J. Baker 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

NOTES ON BELL HANGING.

THE POSITION OF THE EYEHOLE.

By George T. Clayton.

When the rope can fall straight down from the wheel, the eye-hole, which, by-the-way, should always be well rounded off by suitably shaped pieces of wood between the shrouds, is placed at a point on the periphery of the wheel 45 deg., or thereabout, from a horizontal line drawn through the centre of the wheel, above the line when the bell is down. The object apparently is to cause the sally to be at the same height from the floor of the ringing room when the bell is up as when it is down, which presumably is thought to be an advantage. When bells are hung for swing chiming, no exception can be taken to this arrangement, but when they are hung for ringing, the arrangement is about as bad as possible, for when a bell is up, the eyehole is obviously at the same angle below the horizontal line on the opposite side, and to get a sufficient length of effective pull at hand stroke, i.e., with the rope at a tangent to the wheel, particularly when the bell is being rung low, the top of the pulley cannot be much below the level of the bottom of the wheel. Consequently the pressure on the pulley and the resulting friction is nearly at its maximum, and as compared with the back stroke, the hand stroke is at a great mechanical disadvantage. Moreover, the internal friction of the rope due to bending it far round the pulley while under tension has to be overcome. The rope must be bent more or less at hand stroke, the pull being indirect, but the friction could be reduced by increasing the size of the pulley, which also would reduce the pulley friction for the same reason that, other things being equal, the draught of a cart with large wheels is lighter than with small. But increasing the size would not lessen the pressure on the pulley, and this can only be done by placing it lower down. When bells are hung solely for ringing, a little study of a cardboard model on a drawing board will show that there is no objection to placing the eyehole at a point on the periphery of the wheel 30 deg. or more from and below the horizontal line when the bell is down, and that with the eyehole so placed, the pulley may be as far below the wheel as the floor of the clock room, lower than which there is nothing to fix to it, provided, of course, that the floor of the belfry can be slotted to permit of the rope passing freely from one side of the wheel to the other. In the clock room there is generally room for pulleys of any size, and 24-inch cycle wheels with ball bearings seem suitable for the purpose, being extremely light and amply strong enough for the heaviest bell. In this way the efficiency of the pull at hand stroke would be enormously increased; indeed, assuming the efficiency of the back-stroke pull to be 99 per cent., the efficiency of the pull at hand could hardly be lower than 97.

In addition to a higher efficiency, incidental advantages of considerable importance flow from the arrangement. The rope is shortened by the length of the arc subtended by an angle of 75 deg., or 4ft., with a 6ft. wheel, and the bight is shortened by about 20in., so that with most bells the rope clears the floor of the ringing room. It is necessary to remind a good many ringers and even some bell hangers that no mechanical advantage is gained by ringing a bell from a box. Nevertheless the box serves a most useful purpose. A box has the effect of a well in the floor of the ringing room equal in depth to the height of the box, into which the bight of the rope can fall. It is desirable that the rope should not touch the floor of the ringing room, and when it can be kept away therefrom by a box it is worth doing. A long length of rope sprawling on the floor is both unsightly and dangerous, as it might tie itself in a knot with serious consequences. A box also permits of more men catching hold of the rope to pull the bell up. But high boxes are dangerous, as many a heavy-bell man knows to his sorrow, and a box should never be so high that the ringer cannot step on the floor to recover his balance when the rope breaks. For this reason a ringer should never put his feet in straps, which are quite unnecessary, as a man should never be required to pull more than his own weight, and no man can do this for long.

In the case of very heavy bells with wheels eight or nine feet in diameter, there are weighty reasons for the eyehole being in line with the centre of the wheel and the acting face of the pulley when the bell is at rest. With the eyehole so placed, the ringer has exactly no power over the bell when it is down, of which more anon, and when it is up, the end of the rope is at the same height from the floor of the ringing room whether the bell is up at hand or back, both strokes being made from the rope end. Either stroke, therefore, may be made the hand stroke, and the length of the bight of the rope is reduced to the minimum. When it is convenient for the mousehole to be on a vertical line drawn through the centre of the wheel, two pulleys are required, and the efficiency of the hand stroke is the same as the back, the former having a higher efficiency and the latter a lower. Bells should always be kept up if only to equalize the stress upon the stocks and gudgeons in the only directions in which stress can come upon them, and the initial raising could easily be done by making a rope fast temporarily to another part of the wheel. Very heavy bells are mentioned in connection with this arrangement, because it is only with such bells that the rope problem presents any difficulties, but the arrangement has much to recommend it for bells of all weights. There being no sally to catch, the unskilful or nervous ringer need not fear a long drop from the ceiling (the word drop is used in contradistinction to draught which more properly refers to the height of the bells from the floor of the ringing room), and it is surely an advantage to any ringer to be able, either to keep both hands constantly on the rope, or to give either hand a rest. The arrangement, however, is out of the question for bells which must always be lowered after ringing, and reverting to the arrangement first referred to, the pulling up of the bells is facilitated, for although the first few pulls are made at a rapidly decreasing disadvantage, this is more than counterbalanced by getting an effective pull at hand much earlier than under the present order of things. Furthermore, the position of the sally indicates whether the bell is up or down, and when the ringing room is undesirably lofty, tubes can be fixed to the ceiling to guide the ropes without the hearing being affected by the sallies stopping up the tubes. In both arrangements the conditions are extremely suitable for wire ropes with hemp ends. With large pulleys, a flexible wire rope attached to the wheel by a bolt and thimble, and kept properly greased would last indefinitely, besides not being subject to variation in length from atmospheric changes and being free from excessive elasticity when the draught is long.

Without a working model it is difficult to study the mechanics of a bell, but with the help of a cardboard model, which anyone can make in an hour, the extraordinary effects produced by varying the positions of the eyehole and pulley in relation to the bell can be readily examined and compared.

PERFORMANCES OF PAST CENTURIES.

Exactly one hundred years ago to-morrow, the St. Martin's Youths, of Birmingham, rang a peal of 6000 Grandsire Royal, at Aston. It was not the first peal in the method, but very nearly so, as, according to available records, only one (5099 changes) had previously been rung at Painswick, on August 6th of the same year. It was only owing to misfortune that the St. Martin's Youths were not able to claim the first peal of Grandsire Royal, as they rang 5040 in the method at Aston on the occasion of the opening of the bells on October 17th, 1814, but the composition turned out to be false. The peal rung just a century ago is recorded in the peal book as follows: "October 23rd, 1815. Aston Parish Church, 6000 changes of Grandsire Royal, in 4 hrs. 6 mins.: Jas. Jarvis 1, Jns. Phipps 2, Jno. Edmonds 3, Thomas Worrall 4, Thomas Chapman 5, Ben Baylis 6, Hy. Cooper 7, Thomas Stubbs 8, Joshua Short 9, Wm. Newman 10. Composed and conducted by Henry Cooper." So far as we are aware this 6000 is still the longest length in the method.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Next Monday is an interesting anniversary, for on October 25th, 1713, the first recorded peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. At the time two rival Norwich bands—Mancroft and Coslany—were striving after the first peal in the method, and when the Coslany men succeeded on December 6th of the same year, they claimed their performance to be the first, thus casting doubt on the truth of the Mancroft peal. But as no figures of either exist to-day there is no means of proving definitely whether the first was true or not. The record in St. Peter Mancroft tower runs:

"On the 25th October, 1731, here was Rung that Misterious Peal called Stedman Tripples: the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other methods of tripples, as being every bell a like course, was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchoir, who first compleated a Peal of Perfect Stedman Tripples, with only two Doubles, and no alteration: the extent being 5040 changes, was compleately rung by us in 3 hours and 40 minutes, on which Occation Willm. Scott, in his remarks upon the ringing this Peal, did Elegantly sing, viz.:—

As for the sweet and Pleasant Treble she
By Melchoir well was rung that Bell, and called the bobs so free:
Blofield the 2nd: Palmer 3rd did ring;
Ather rung 4th, and was not Loath, but made her for to Sing,
Gardener the 5th did sway: Foster the 6th did play
The 7th round Cris. Booty bound and made her to obey,
The tenor fine and neat, brave Porter so compleat
Did ring her out and turned about that Cymbal loud and great."

Next Tuesday sees the anniversary of a peal of 7325 Grandsire Cinques rung on October 26th, 1837, in 5 hrs. 35 mins., by St. James' Youths, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

NEWARK BELLS REHUNG.

The rehanging of the bells at the Parish Church at Newark-on-Trent, Notts, has just been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the work having been carried out in conjunction with the restoration of the tower. The "go" of the bells is now all that can be desired, and on the occasion of the re-opening, which took place at evening service on the last day of September, a touch of 503 Grandsire Caters was rung, the local ringers having the assistance of Messrs. A. A. Hughes and J. Thomas (of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), and Corpl. J. E. Davis and Sapper R. H. Young, who are stationed at Newark with the Royal Engineers. The ringers were: J. Thomas 1, C. H. Chapman 2, F. W. Foster 3, A. A. Hughes 4, Corpl. J. E. Davis, R.E., 5, L. Bullock 6, Spr. R. H. Young, R.E., 7, R. V. Appleby 8, E. C. Thrale (conductor) 9, H. Thrale 10.

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Captain Thomas Murray, who before the war was on the teaching staff at Wallasey Grammar School, and a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Liscard, has won rapid promotion in the new Army. He joined the 11th Cheshires as a private on September 11th last year. Within a week he had passed through the various ranks to Quarter-Master-Sergeant, and on the seventh day after enlistment was again promoted, and became Second-Lieutenant. He has now attained Captain's rank.

Captain John H. B. Hesse—his many friends in ringing circles will congratulate him upon his recent promotion to this rank—has been serving for some time past in France, where he has been doing important work at the repairing base of the motor transport, which plays such a vital part in maintaining a modern Army in the field. Captain Hesse is a vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and a member of many other ringing societies.

ELECTIONS IN THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Joseph Ridyard's letter in to-day's issue, being the writer of that report, I should like to say that the discussion at the Lancashire meeting on the election of members in the belfry had absolutely no reference to any individual, or individuals, and it was certainly apparent to everyone present that the discussion had no bearing on what had taken place that day. But the debate arose on the validity of some of those elections, and it is a matter which concerns every Association more or less. I may add, in reference to Mr. Ridyard's statement, as to the responsibility of the proposer to his Association for the subscription that I must disagree, it not being an individual effort in scoring a peal, but a mutual one and all are concerned.

A member introducing a visitor for a peal does not necessarily propose him. This is invariably left to those who hold some honourable position in the company; to be more explicit, some recognised official followed by a seconder, other than the introducer.

I cannot say I have seen what Mr. Ridyard terms "the unwritten laws" carried out any more in Lancashire than it is in other communities. No one individual is more responsible than another, and it is only for those who take part in it to bring pressure to bear in the interests of their own Association.—Yours truly,

October 15th, 1915. "H."

AN INVITATION.

Soldier ringers stationed in the neighbourhood of Watford will receive a hearty welcome at the tower of St. James', Bushey, which can be reached from Watford by a penny 'bus ride. There is ringing every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., and practice on alternate Thursdays. Visitors will find plenty of scope, as the methods which can be rung range from Grandsire to Superlative and Bristol Surprise.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Laurence, Thanet, on Saturday last. The attendance was rather small, owing, no doubt, to the fact that a meeting of the Ashford District was being held at Folkestone on the same day. Nothing very great in the way of ringing could be attempted, but several members got a chance of trying touches of a kind not obtainable in their own tower. Canterbury, Chatham, Chislet, Deal, Hernhill, Littlebourne, Margate and Wickhambreux were represented, and Mr. J. H. Sheppard (Wolverhampton), who happened to be staying in Ramsgate, was also present.

The Association Form of Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Bevan), in the side chapel of the fine old church. The hymns, "O God, our Help, in ages past" and "Let saints on earth," were sung. The latter hymn was chosen, as the funeral of the late Mr. T. B. Reed, of Birchington, took place on the same day. In the early days of the Association T. B. Reed was a well-known ringer in East Kent, being a tolerably safe exponent of Grandsire, in which method he rang several peals; but he resigned his membership many years ago.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths are earnestly requested, writes Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary, to attend business meetings at headquarters, on October 26th and November 9th for the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

LONGEST LENGTH AT WATERTOWN, U.S.A.

The following members of the Boston Guild of Ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Trinles at the Perkins' Institute, Watertown, Mass, on Sunday, October 3rd: A. Matthews 1, H. Petts 2, J. F. Laker 3, W. Bashford 4, J. Goodhead 5, E. E. Randall 6, P. J. Allfrey (conductor) 7, R. Newton 8. This is the longest length ever rung on these bells, and the first quarter by A. Matthews.

RINGERS' MEETING IN NORTH DEVON.

WHERE ADJOINING ASSOCIATIONS MAY PROFIT.

With a view to drawing together the ringers of the neighbourhood, and furthering the cause of change ringing, the idea was conceived of holding a meeting at Bampton. Accordingly, invitations were issued to nearly all the towers within a radius of ten miles. The gathering took place last Saturday, and was attended by 69 ringers from Bampton, Bickleigh, Brushford, Chipstable, Dulverton, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham, Milverton, Minehead, Morebath, Oakford, Tiverton and Washfield. The Rector of Bickleigh (the Rev. W. G. Carew) and the new Vicar of Holcombe Rogus (the Rev. E. J. Barton), both of whom are change ringers, were present, as also Mr. G. Stacey, hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30 p.m.

The tower contains six bells, which were cast by J. Bilbie, of Cullompton, in 1800. Unfortunately, the "go" of some of the bells is very indifferent, and an inspection shows that nothing less than rehanging will remedy the defects. Notwithstanding, numerous six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and three courses of Plain Bob Minor were rung, as well as several call changes.

A service was held in church at 4.30, when an address was given by the Rev. E. V. Cox. The "form of service" and two of the hymns were taken from "A Manual for Ringers" (S.P.C.K.).

Subsequently a meat tea was served in the Infants' School, and seemed to have been prepared to the full satisfaction of all present, thanks to the untiring efforts of Miss G. Holmes and her band of helpers. Mention must also be made of the readiness and generosity of many of the parishioners in giving any assistance that was required to make the meeting a success.

After tea, a short business meeting took place, at which votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar of Bampton for the service and the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. V. Cox for arranging the meeting and giving the address, and to the ladies and other friends who had worked in connection with the tea.

It was decided, provisionally, to hold another gathering in January, at Dulverton.

Specimen copies of "The Ringing World," which the Editor had kindly sent, were sought after with avidity, the paper being quite unknown to many who were present. The bells were kept going up till nine o'clock, when a gathering which augurs well for the future was brought to a close. Of course it will be quite apparent to all concerned that meetings in North Devon and in the immediate neighbourhood over the county boundary cannot be arranged and conducted "unofficially" for an indefinite period, and it is hoped that both the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and particularly the Devon Guild, will make a note of this desire for progress on the extreme border lines of their respective territory.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Aston on Saturday last, about twenty members being present from various towers, as well as Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, the genial secretary of the Llandaff Association. Touches were rung in the afternoon, and a short service held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Sutton), the Guild's special form of service being used. Canon Sutton gave the members a capital address on the subject of bells and their uses, and the duties of bell ringers as church workers.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry after the service, when Mr. W. Edwards unveiled a peal board to commemorate the "William" peal of Grandsire Caters rung in the tower on Saturday, November 30th, 1912.

The inscription on the peal board is as follows: "Midland Counties Association. In this tower was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters (5057 changes), on Saturday, November 30th, 1912, in 3 hrs. 19 mins.: William G. Anker 1, William J. Meers 2, William H. Godden 3, William Palmer 4, William H. Jones 5, William J. Webb 6, William Saunders 7, William G. Ellis 8, William Davies 9, William H. Hunt 10. Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by W. G. Ellis. Rev. Canon Sutton, M.A., Vicar. W. J. Edwards and W. E. M. James, Churchwardens. James Jones, tower keeper.

The members then adjourned to the Park Restaurant for tea, which had been very kindly provided for by Mr. W. James. Afterwards a short business meeting was held, at which the next quarterly meeting was fixed to take place at Stoke, Coventry, in January.—Mr. James George (Ringing Master) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Sutton for the use of the bells and for his address, and to the organist for his services. He also made a feeling reference to the death, in France, of the late Lieut. W. D. James, who was a member of the Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. W. James for providing the tea.—Mr. J. W. Jones said that when the war was over and a happier condition of things prevailed, he should be pleased to welcome any of the Warwickshire Guild members to Newport, and arrange ringing at the various towers for their enjoyment.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Bob Royal.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DENTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, at St. Anne's Church, for morning service, 720 London Scholar's Pleasure: D. Wilde (first in method) 1, H. Bardsley (first in method off treble) 2, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, W. Wright 6.—On October 3rd, for morning service, 720 of Wragby Delight: A. E. Marshall 3, J. Heckingbottom 6, others as before. For evening service, 720 Kingston Delight: E. Walters (conductor) 5, W. Wright 6, others as before. For afternoon service, on October 10th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 College Exercise: E. Walters (conductor) 5; and for evening service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob: W. Wright 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6, others as before.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 26th, in honour of the wedding of Sergt. W. C. R. Nimmo (home on leave from France), of the 13th Kensington Princess Louise's Own Regiment, and Miss E. L. Joseph, of Barnes, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. Skinner 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, P. H. Smith 5, J. Wilmott 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Hunt 8.—On October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins., as a compliment to Corpl. J. Joseph (who is in France with the 13th Kensingtons, "Princess Louise's Own") and Mrs. J. Joseph on the 12th anniversary of their wedding day: *J. Wilmott 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, F. Skevington 4, H. Cook 5, *M. Jacobs 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, *G. Hunt 8. * First quarter in the method.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 26th, for morning service, for the harvest festival, 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Law 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, A. Prior (Leyton) 4, A. Jordan 5, H. W. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8. For afternoon service, 336 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts 1, G. Gray 2, T. J. Watts 3, R. Law 4, A. Prior (Leyton) 5, H. W. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

TOTTENHAM.—Middlesex Association.—At St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Sunday morning, Sept. 26th, for the harvest festival: 720 Bob Minor: T. Sharman 1, T. Ringrose 2, S. Dunwell 3, C. T. Coles 4, J. Hunt (conductor) 5, G. B. Lucas 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Stubbs 1, J. Hunt 2, F. Fensom 3, A. Howell 4, J. Langdon (conductor) 5, C. H. Ross 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—At St. Peter's Collegiate Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 54 mins.: T. Smith 1, W. G. Hall 2, H. Farlow 3, T. O'Connor 4, E. F. Mitchell 5, H. Jones 6, H. M. Hawkswood 7, B. Clark 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, A. J. Smith 10. Rung prior to the harvest thanksgiving service.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, for the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, W. Smith 3, H. Kettle 4, E. Johnson 5, J. White (conductor) 6. Also touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Bertram 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, Thomas Sparrow (Stowmarket) 4, John Spencer (conductor) 5, F. W. Naunton 6. For afternoon service, 480 Oxford Treble Bob and 216 Bob Minor: T. Sparrow 1, A. J. Naunton 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor and first touch of Oxford Treble Bob by T. Sparrow.—On October 3rd, for morning service, 360 College Single and 360 Oxford Bob. For afternoon service, 360 Kent, 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Oxford Bob, the following taking part: G. Bertram, A. J. Naunton, W. H. P. Mellin, A. J. L. Naunton, J. Spencer, E. Chatten, Pte. T. King, N.R., F. W. Naunton (conductor).

BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch), on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Cook (first in the method) 1, H. Martin 2, H. Ludkin 3, G. McConnel (first 720) 4, W. Wilcox (conductor) 5, S. Wood 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, with J. Mann 5, the rest of the band as before. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 46 mins., in honour of the birthdays of the ringers of the 4th and 6th: C. Terry 1, J. Town 2, G. Wickens 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, W. Dennis 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

LEIGH-ON-SEA.—At St. Clement's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 26th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Wiffen 1, G. R. Pye 2, A. Chaplin 3, E. Butler 4, H. Dawkins 5, E. Pye (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Chaplin 1, E. Butler 2, G. R. Pye 3, H. Dawkins 4, A. Wiffen 5, E. Pye (conductor) 6.

SELBY.—At the Abbey Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Morley 1, G. Fenton 2, E. Storr 3, T. Morgan 4, A. Hall 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8. The above is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung and conducted by local ringers.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Sunday evening, Sept. 26th, for a memorial service, with the bells fully muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Gibson 1, F. Hounsell 2, C. Stevenson 3, G. Woods 4, G. Apps 5, Pte H. Tomsett (conductor) 6, G. Tomsett 7, T. Mitchell 8

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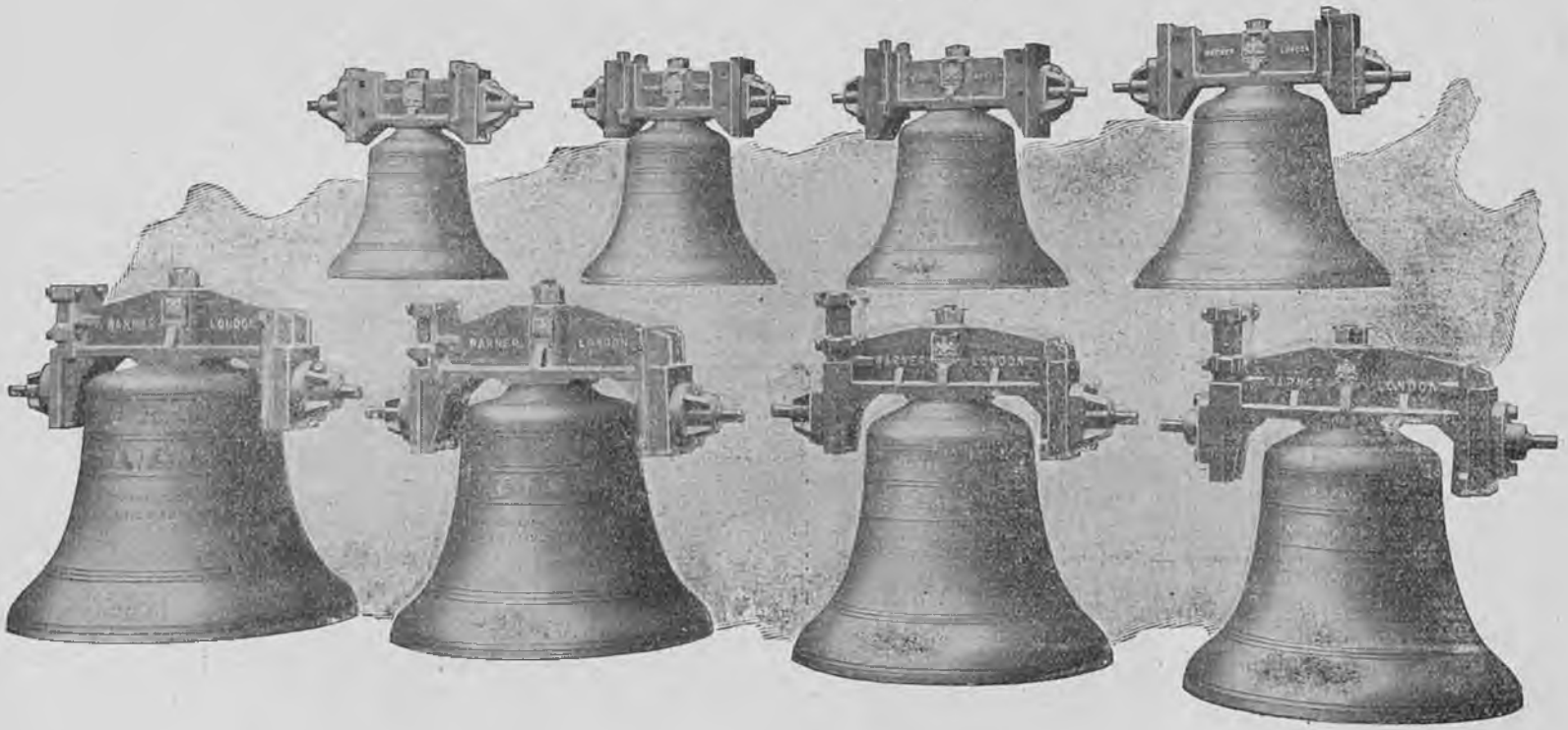

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PORTSEA. — At the Parish Church, on August 8th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris (conductor) 1, C. Groves 2, E. Reynolds 3, J. Harding 4, J. Symonds 5, Pte Hoptrough 6, Pte Burrow 7, G. Holloway 8. —On August 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: Pte Hoptrough 1, F. Blondell (Woking) 2, L. Page 3, J. Harding (conductor) 4, M. Ellesmore 5, H. White (Basingstoke) 6, Pte Burrow 7, S. Thomas 8.—On Sunday, August 29th, 545 Grandsire Triples: J. Harris 1, C. Groves 2, M. Ellesmore 3, Pte Burrow (conductor) 4, G. Paice (Basingstoke) 5, H. White 6, C. Creasy 7, J. Harding 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, 504 Stedman Triples: Pte Hoptrough 1, M. Ellesmore 2, L. Page (Titchfield) 3, J. Harding (conductor) 4, C. Groves 5, J. Symonds 6, Lieut. Goodship, Royal Berks Regiment (Reading) 7, Pte Burrow 8.—On Sept. 19th: J. Harris 1, A. Collins 2, E. Reynolds 3, J. Harding 4, Pte Hoptrough 5, Miss E. Hole (Portishead), first 500 in the method, 6, W. Wheeler 7, Pte Burrow 8.—On Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, 518 Grandsire Triples: L. Page 1, M. Ellesmore 2, Lieut. Goodship 3, J. Harris (conductor) 4, A. E. Reeves (Bristol) 5, Pte Hoptrough 6, Miss Hole 7, Pte Burrough 8.—On Sept. 26th, 420 Stedman Triples: A. S. Beer, conductor (Greenwich) 1, Pte Hoptrough 2, J. Harris 3, Pte Burrow 4, J. Symonds 5, A. Collins 6, J. Harding 7, S. Thomas 8.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—The following touches were rung on handbells at 55, Rhondda Street: August 11th, 360 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hoare 1—2, S. Perry 3—4, J. Hoare (conductor) 5—6. August 21st, 84 Stedman Triples: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare 3—4, J. Hoare 5—6, F. B. Stedman (conductor) 7—8. Sept. 17th, 600 Grandsire Doubles, being five 120's each called differently: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare (conductor) 3—4, H. Perry 5—6. August 23rd, 1440 Plain Bob Minor; Sept. 7th, 2880 Plain Bob Minor: Sept. 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor; September 11th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor by S. Perry 1—2, J. Hoare 3—4, A. Hoare (conductor) 5—6.—At St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, on October 9th, 168 Grandsire Triples: S. Perry 1—2, A. Hoare conductor) 3—4, J. Hoare 5—6, F. B. Stedman 7—8.

KINLET, SALOP.—On Saturday, Sept. 11th, at the Parish Church, six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, 720 of Bob Mirror; and 360 of Kent Treble Bob: T. J. Salter (conductor) 1, N. Davis 2, J. Smith 3, W. Smith 4, C. H. Woodberry 5, W. H. Smith 6 The above are members of St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, who paid a visit to the above place at the invitation of the Vicar, the bells having recently been overhauled. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Eagle and Serpent, for which, through "The Ringing World," the ringers wish to thank the anonymous donor.

SHIPLEY.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Parish Church, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late president of the Yorkshire Association, William Snowdon, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was attempted on Saturday, Sept. 25th, but came to grief after ringing 2¼ hours: E. Wickham 1, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 2, E. H. Simpson 3, B. Smith 4, E. Murgatroyd 5, J. Joyce 6, F. Barker 7, G. Nettleton 8. —On Sunday morning, Sept. 26th, for harvest thanksgiving, 1188 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Simpson 1, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 2, T. A. King 3, W. Joyce 4, E. Murgatroyd 5, J. Joyce 6, J. Ross 7, G. Nettleton 8. For evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Joyce 1, T. B. Kendall 2, E. Simpson 3, W. Joyce 4, E. Murgatroyd 5, G. Nottleton 6, T. A. King (conductor) 7, H. Hutley 8. Longest length.

A VISIT RETURNED.

Two quarter peals of Grandsire Triples were attempted on Sunday last at Hawkhurst, Kent, on the occasion of the harvest festival. Mr. W. H. Lambert, of Benenden, had kindly consented to take a rope in the morning, but something went wrong with his bicycle, and he arrived a few minutes after the ringing had commenced. The quarter unfortunately came to grief within a few changes of the end. Prior to evening service, better luck was in store for the party, a quarter being tapped off very nicely in 46 minutes, by: T. Ashenden 1, J. H. Durrant 2, J. B. Bennett 3, J. Blake 4, G. J. Youngs 5, A. H. Wellard 6, G. Billenness 7, G. J. Kemp 8. Messrs. Youngs and Bennett come from Rye, Sussex. A few Sundays ago the Hawkhurst men went to Rye, and the above is a return visit, although if any more of the Rye men wish to come they will receive a similar welcome to that accorded the two already mentioned. It is, however, rather difficult to arrange ringing at Hawkhurst, as the Vicar has given orders for no ringing to be done at dark.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. George's Church, on Saturday last, when 20 members were present, the towers represented being Newchurch, Walkden, Tyldesley, Deane, Parish Church and St. Bartholomew's, with some of the St. George's ringers. A short service was held in the church, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar and President, officiating.

At the meeting which followed, the Rev. H. J. Elsee presided. One new member was elected, and it was proposed that the next meeting be held at All Souls'. Some very good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were afterwards rung, and, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all ready.

On account of the death of two members of St. George's Church, Capt. Taylor and Pte Monks, the bells were deeply muffled.

NOTICES.

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

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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rayne, October 23rd. Bells 2.30. Short service, with address, 4.15. Meat tea, 6d. each, at the Sunday School, 5 o'clock, followed by meeting for election of district officers and other business.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755. — Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) available from 4 to 5.30, and from 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, 12, Union Street, Middleton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A short meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells raised at 4 o'clock prompt. All ringing friends welcomed.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, October 23rd. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The autumn meeting of the Central District will be held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Carshalton, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8—tenor 12½ cwt.) available at 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5.30; tea at 6 in the Church Room, The Square (members 3d., visitors 9d.), followed by a short business meeting. Croydon and Sutton trams, nearest stop Seymour Road. Please notify intention to be present on or before Friday, the 22nd, to Ch. Reading, Assistant Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E., on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Room. It is particularly requested that the names of those who will require tea should reach me not later than Tuesday, the 26th. A charge of threepence per member will be made.—T. Groombridge, sen., Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A practice meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 1915. Bells (8) available from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Slinfold on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available at 1.30. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 o'clock. All members intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, October 27th. —A. W. Groves, Hon. Divisional Secretary, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIVISION ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, October 30th. Committee meeting and tea, with meeting to follow, at 3 and 5 p.m. respectively. Service at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church 4 p.m. Those attending please notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, by Wednesday, October 27th.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingboro', on Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Shoreditch, Saturday, November 6th. Tower open 2.30. Ringing up to 6.30. Tea to those who notify me by November 3rd. — H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 13th, 1915. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A committee has been formed in Holbeck to raise funds for a self-propelling chair for Mr. Francis Woodhead, formerly a ringer at Leeds Parish Church, who has been ill for the last nine months, and has lost the use of his legs. We have been asked by this committee to open a list amongst the ringers, and as we have received subscriptions from several places, we should be much obliged if you will acknowledge them in your paper.

Amounts received to date: Leeds Parish Church company, 1st donation, £1 16s.; 2nd donation, £1 2s.; Holbeck, St. Matthew's company, 10s.; Headingley, St. Michael's company, 10s.; Wakefield Cathedral company, 8s.; Hunslet company, 3s.; Rev. C. C. Marshall, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Joshua Woodhead, 2s. 6d.; Mr. P. J. Johnson, 2s.; Mr. A. C. Fearnley, 1s. 6d.; Mr. G. Robinson, 1s.; three friends, 3s.; Guiseley company, 10s.; Headingley, St. Chad's, 3s. 6d.; Selby Abbey, 5s.; total, £6.

We shall be pleased if you would enter a note, that any further subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged in "The Ringing World."—Yours truly,

H. TOMLINSON (Leeds Parish Church),
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BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. J. E. Gasson (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, P. J. Hall 2, Pte A. C. V. Gasson 3, A. J. Marchant 4, A. E. Gasson 5, C. Holman (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: E. Holman 1, *C. J. E. Gasson 2, H. Streeter 3, Pte A. C. V. Gasson 4, J. Gasson 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.—On October 7th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: E. Holman 1, C. J. E. Gasson 2, F. Streeter 3, C. Holman 4, *T. Parsons 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.—On October 14th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: E. Holman 1, C. J. E. Gasson 2, F. Streeter 3, C. Holman 4, T. Parsons 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. This 720 was Henry Burstow's composition in six parts with 34 bobs and 26 singles. * First 720 with a bob bell.

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