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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

Practically all the ringing associations have made an effort to collect the names of their members who have joined one or other of the branches of H.M. Forces, with a view to perpetuating in their respective records the list of those who are serving their King and country in the great struggle. Notwithstanding the best endeavours, however, few, if any, of the associations have been able to make a complete record, largely for the reason that what is anybody's business is nobody's business, and many of the towers neglect to notify the departure of their men simply because it is nobody's specific concern to do so. This, of course, is a matter for regret, because the real future value of the roll will be in its completeness. The Oxford Diocesan Guild is taking special steps to make its roll of honour as complete as possible, by circularising all the towers, and providing a properly drafted form to be filled up, and this seems to be the most efficacious way of carrying out the scheme. The columns of "The Ringing World" have sufficed as the source of information for some of the associations, but even the lists which have thus been published must of necessity lack the completeness so much to be desired. Each of the associations, if they would have a reliable record, ought to secure it by direct means from the various towers.

For the most part, however, the associations concern themselves only with those towers which are affiliated. In every county or diocesan area there are towers not connected with the central organisations which have supplied their quota to the fighting forces of the Crown. It would be a pity if steps were not taken to obtain similar lists from these belfries, and we would suggest to all those associations who have not already done so, that they might very well include in their records the ringers from every tower, affiliated or not, which comes within their sphere of action. In this way it would be possible later on to ascertain with some degree of accuracy how many men have gone from the belfries of the kingdom. There is no reason why the work of collecting the information should not soon be generally organised. Unless the age for military service is raised, most of those likely to be called up are already in the Forces, and the associations, like the Oxford Guild, might find the present a convenient time to put the matter in hand. In doing so the importance of making the information as full as possible ought not to be overlooked, and those who have been wounded or broken in the war, as well as those who have made the supreme sacrifice, should be specially noted. It is much to be hoped that complete records will be made available so that the future generations of ringers may know what the Exercise did in the greatest war of all time.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT STANTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Stanton on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Evesham, Hampton, Pershore, Bretforton, Hinton, Toddington, etc., as well as the local band. At the service held in church, the Vicar of Stanway (the Rev. E. Bateman) read the prayers, and the Rector of Stanton (the Rev. T. W. Reynolds) gave an excellent address, in the course of which he referred to the history of Stanton bells, which date back to 1660.

A splendid meat tea was afterwards served in the Village Club Room, kindly provided by Mr. S. P. Stott, of Stanton Court. Mr. Stott, the Rector of Stanton and the Vicar of Stanway sat down with the ringers, and the party also included the choir and organist.

At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. Stott presided. The ratification of the election of Miss E. K. Parker, of Enfield, as a life member, was carried unanimously, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal on Stanton bells, with Mr. J. Hemming as conductor. It was also resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bretforton.

The branch officers were re-elected as follows: Mr. H. Middleton, Ringing Master; Mr. J. Hemming, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. G. Dolphin on the Central Committee.

THE WAR ROLL.

The Secretary announced that several members of the band of Stanton had joined H.M. Forces, making a total of 29 members from the branch. Two had been killed, one wounded and missing, and two seriously wounded. The Secretary also reported he had received a cheque for £1 from Commander B. M. Eyres Monsell, R.N., M.P., as his subscription for 1916, and a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Monsell for his generous support to the cause of change ringing.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Ashley, hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Stanton for the use of the bells, and for his excellent and interesting address, to the choir and organist for their presence at the service, to Mr. Stott for presiding at the meeting and for providing such a splendid repast, and to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them. These votes of thanks were carried with acclamation, and brief speeches followed by the Rector, who replied for the ladies; the Rev. E. Bateman, a north country gentleman, who was also present, and the chairman.—This concluded the business meeting. Mr. Stott, to whose kindness the members were much indebted, is a splendid specimen of an English gentleman, his genial disposition and his thought for the welfare of others making him beloved by all who come in contact with him, and the ringers fully appreciated his generous hospitality.

An hour of harmony followed the meeting. Tunes and touches were rung on handbells, a good touch of Erin Triples being brought round by: Miss E. M. Johnson 1—2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, F. J. Johnson 5—6, J. Hemming 7—8; also touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters, R. G. Knowles (secretary of the Western Branch) taking part. After this the ringers dispersed for their various destinations, many expressing the hope that at some future date another meeting would be held at Stanton.

TRAFALGAR DAY CELEBRATED AT CROYLAND.

At Croyland Abbey, where, it is supposed, bells were first placed for ringing in England, touches of Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles were rung in celebration of Trafalgar Day. Those taking part were: Miss C. M. Orlebar (King's Cliffe), A. Holland (Croyland), G. Barker, W. Waldron, F. Dainty, H. Hoare, A. Simpson and J. J. Jutson (Peterborough).

The following interesting items are taken from Croyland Parish Records:—

1795.—4th bell recast by Ed. Arnold, Leicester ...	£22	18	4½
Carriage of 4th bell	3	6	10
Nov. 5th gave the ringers for ringing after the bell was up	0	5	0
1798.—18th Oct. paid ringers at Nelson's victory ...	0	5	0
Paid for powder	0	2	0
1815.—Paid ringers for 3 days' ringing at the celebration of peace	1	10	0

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Ilminster, when 30 members were present, representing seven towers. At the business proceedings, held in the vestry (by kind permission of the Vicar), the Rev. C. C. Parker presiding, the Master said he had sent the resolutions of sympathy passed at the last meeting.—One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Long Ashton in December.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Preb. Street for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, and to Mr. D. G. Taylor for making the arrangements for the meeting.—In the absence of Preb. Street, Mr. Taylor replied.

A move was then made to the tower, where touches in various methods were rung until 5 o'clock, when tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, after which service was held, at which Preb. Street welcomed the Association to Ilminster, and gave an address. The tower was then again visited, and touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples rung

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 39th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday last. The bells of the Cathedral, All Saints', St. John's, St. George's; All Saints', Gosforth; and St. Mary's, Gateshead, were open from noon to 4 p.m., and touches in a number of methods were brought round. Ringers were present from various districts, including North Shields, Gateshead, Darlington, Benfieldside, Sunderland, Cramlington, Tanfield, Whitley Bay, West Hartlepool, and, of course, Newcastle.

The usual service was held in the Cathedral, when the Lord Bishop of Newcastle gave an address. Taking as his text Psalm xix. 4, "Their sound has gone out to all lands," he said that he liked the spirit of our ancestors, who seemed to believe more in praise than we did. There must be ordered praise in the House of God. He liked the Psalms, hymns, and other forms of praise. The musical portions were a stimulant, and in that he held the bellringers played their share, whether they rang the muffled peal of sadness or the merry peal of joy. There was something elevating in the sound of the church bells rung as only skilled members like those he was addressing could do. The Bishop impressed upon those present the need of attending service after ringing, and quoted one or two passages from Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner':

> "And hark the little vesper bell
> Which biddeth me to prayer;"

and

> "O sweeter than the marriage feast
> 'Tis sweeter far to me
> To walk together to the kirk
> With a goodly company."

A collection was taken for "The Ringing World" Prince of Wales' War Fund.

A committee meeting was afterwards held at the Douglas Hotel, and subsequently the members, numbering 53, sat down to tea.

CLERGY AND THE BELFRY.

The annual meeting followed, the President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) being in the chair, and proposing the toast of "The King."

He afterwards proposed the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses." — The Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam, responded for the Diocese of Newcastle, and the Rev. A. W. Lister, of Tanfield, for the Diocese of Durham. The latter said he thought it was a pity that only one clergyman was present from each diocese. The ringers, he added, were urged often to attend the service better than they did, but he was afraid that sometimes the clergy left the belfry severely alone.

Letters of apology were read from the Rev. H. S. Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead; Canon Archdale, Tanfield; Mr. Jackson, Pallister; and Mr. Richley, of Corbridge.

The Secretary (Mr. G. T. Potter) presented his annual report, extracts from which will appear in our next issue.

THE LATE LIEUT. FALCONER'S BEQUEST.

The President mentioned that the late Lieut. R. W. Falconer, of Gosforth, who was killed in action, had left by his will a sum of money to put in two trebles at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, making a peal of ten.

The President also mentioned that Mr. John Simm, of Newcastle, one of the original members of the association, and who was connected with St. Nicholas' Cathedral nearly all his life, passed away on October 27th. The late Mr. Simm was in his 83rd year, and had been a ringer since he was 15 years of age.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was present, and was welcomed by the President.

The retiring officers were re-elected, and, after votes of thanks to them and the election of new members, the meeting closed, arrangements for 1917 meetings having been made as follows: February, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Whit-Monday, Bishop Auckland; July, Stockton-on-Tees; and the 40th annual festival at Sunderland.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the West Herts District was held at Rickmansworth on Saturday last, when the fine peal of eight bells was placed at the disposal of the members by the Rev. A. W. Pain. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung by mixed bands from Oxhey, Bushey, Watford, Willesden, Stanmore, Rickmansworth and Kettering, and the members were very pleased to welcome Mr. C. T. Coles, honorary secretary of the Middlesex County Association. About 24 sat down to tea, the curate (the Rev. A. W. Pain) presiding, but, unfortunately, he was unable to stay for the meeting, at which Mr. W. Hodgetts, of Oxhey, took the chair. Watford was chosen for the next place of meeting. The Rev. C. Ayrust, Vicar of Watford, was elected an hon. member, and two ringing members were elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the curate for the use of the bells, and the members also wish to thank the local band and Mr. Jones for having everything in readiness, and thus helping to make the meeting a success. Handbells were rung after the meeting.

THE LATE MR. A. A. JOHNSTON.

CROYDON'S GREAT LOSS.

The inquiry into the death of the late Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston, of Rushbrooke Lodge, Croydon, head of the well-known firm of Gillett and Johnston, bell founders and clock and carillon builders, who, as recorded in our last issue, died suddenly while playing golf at Mitcham, was held at the Croydon General Hospital on Wednesday of last week, conducted by the Borough Coroner, Dr. T. Jackson.

After evidence of identification and that of Aldermen G. J. Allen and Thomas H. Porritt, who were playing golf with deceased, Dr. Bryce Collyer said he had attended deceased, and saw him professionally on the previous Wednesday. Witness added that driving off from a tee required the most exertion in the game of golf, and was quite sufficient to rupture an artery which had become brittle, and, that deceased did rupture an artery, was the only explanation of his sudden death.

The Coroner spoke in very feeling terms of the deceased. The late Mr. Johnston, he said, was always cheery, genial, kind-hearted and full of humour, and was as pleasant a companion as one could wish for. There was no malice in his nature, and he (the coroner) did not suppose he ever made an enemy in his life. All who knew him would deeply regret his death. One might have thought that such a man as he would have lived another ten or even twenty years. Referring to the deceased gentleman's public life, the Coroner said that he had served the West Ward on the Borough Council faithfully and well for nine years, and had cheered the heart of many an old person by providing Christmas dinners every Christmas Eve for over twenty years. In raising this Christmas dinner fund, Mr. Johnston had done something very expressive of his nature. He (the coroner) hoped that the fund would be continued by Lieut. Cyril Johnston, and that the great business, of which the deceased had been head, would be carried on as honourably and well as deceased had conducted it. The Coroner concluded by saying that the death had caused a sore place in the hearts of a good many people.

A relative thanked the Coroner on behalf of Mrs. Johnston, who was too indisposed to attend.

In returning a verdict to the effect that death was caused by the rupture of an artery, due to over-exertion, the jury expressed sympathy with the relatives.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Friday, the first part of the burial service being conducted at St. John's Parish Church, where, for many years, the deceased gentleman had been a pew-holder. Long before the hour fixed for the service the church was filled with a large congregation, which included the male and female employes from the works in Whitehorse Road, and many of the deceased's old colleagues on the Borough Council, and other friends, while among the ringers present were Councillor J. D. Drewett and Mr. Charles Reading, Master and assistant secretary respectively of the Surrey Association.

A feature of the service was the singing by the Parish Church choir, augmented by 35 choristers employed at the works, all but eight of the latter being females. The hymns selected were "Nearer my God to Thee" and "Abide with me," both favourites of Mr. Johnston. The Vicar of Croydon (Canon L. J. White-Thomson) and the Rev. A. J. Easter (Vicar of St. Matthew's) conducted the service.

The interment took place at Queen's Road Cemetery, where, prior to the arrival of the funeral cortege, some two hundred other employes took up positions around the grave. The coffin having been lowered, and the committal words pronounced by the Rev. A. J. Easter, all joined in singing "Peace, perfect Peace," and a deeply impressive scene was brought to a close.

The family mourners included Mrs. Johnston (widow), Miss Nora Johnston (daughter) and Lieutenant Cyril F. Johnston (son), who was on special leave from the front. The works staff was represented by Mr. R. F. A. Housman (manager), and Messrs. Cooksey, Jerome, Pape, Mellows, Saegar and Clutterbuck (foremen).

Before and after the service at the Parish Church the bells were rung half-muffled, the tenor being tolled at the approach of the procession to the church, and subsequently a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled on the peal at St. Peter's, South Croydon, which, it will be remembered, was recently recast by the deceased's firm, who at the same time gave the two trebles to make a ring of ten. The ringers taking part were: A. J. Perkins 1, William States 2, David Wright 3, Walter Wise (conductor) 4, Charles Dean 5, Sidney Roper 6, Fredk. Hermon 7, Walter Gammon 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: A. E. Norman (age 14, first quarter of Stedman) 1, E. Allaway 2, W. Walmsley (Macclesfield) 3, A. T. Scrivens (first quarter of Stedman) 4, J. B. Collett 5, A. P. Smith 6, J. George (composer and conductor) 7, S. Coley 8.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—Recently, several touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples have been rung, in which Air-Mechanic W. E. Jarman, R.F.C., has taken part. Having been ordered overseas, a farewell 504 Stedman Triples was rung, and all the band wished him a safe return: G. Essex 1, F. Pounds 2, W. Hibbert 3, A. D. Cullum 4, E. J. Menday 5, Air-Mechanic W. E. Jarman, R.F.C., 6 R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, H. Simmonds 8.

O.D.G. ACTIVITIES.

THE MONTHLY CHRONICLE.

If that to ring you doe come here
You must ring well with hand and eare
Keep stroake of time and go not out
Or else you forfeit out of doubt.
Ringers' Rules, Tong, 1694.

I am hoping to be allowed to give you my third chapter of the doings of our local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, for the miscellaneous columns of the "Ringing World" have shown that the harvest month of September has been a busy time for bells and ringers. Eight quarter-peals have been scored at various towers on Sundays for the festival services, and eight unsuccessful attempts were made, the bands and conductors for which were combed out of the neighbouring parishes. It is rather a surprise to count up the number of ex-ringers to be found in most parishes. We did so at Slough recently, and totalled up 41 men able to ring accurately in rounds. Every man counts in war time in the tower, and with a view of keeping the old church bells ringing I have tried to enlist the support of one or two retired men in several towns, among them an old member from Burford, Oxon, now residing at Colnbrook, who rang a Guild peal in 1884, and here is his interesting and happy reply: "I am indeed sorry to say that I cannot assist you in the ringing at present, for I have only recently left the West London Hospital, where I underwent a serious operation, and my doctor says I must be very careful for six months at least. As an enthusiastic change ringer you may guess that I am very sorry to give it up for a time.—Thos. E. Glanville."

We have the Divine promise that seed time and harvest shall never fail, proof of which is amply shown in the agricultural returns for Great Britain, notwithstanding the stress of war and the dearth of labour revealed by the Recruiting Tribunals. The writer of "An Autumn Diary" in the "Daily Mail" fosters the English love of church bells, and I cannot do better than give you what he says—a true literary counterpoise to the pernicious effects of recent Press grumblers:—"There are corn and fruit and flowers in the church, and scents of field and garden drown the odours of ancient oak and mouldering stone. The harvest festival is never so natural a service as in the deep of the country, amid the homes of the men who raised and saved the crops and earned the right and the means to live by doing so. And somehow, they seem to know that it is peculiarly their festival, for you see faces in church to-day which are very rarely present at other times. And the words of the harvest hymns appeal to these folk as much as the luring swing of the tunes. The old countryside lessons have a meaning which they more than all others comprehend. Here, harvest home is never kept if it can be helped until the harvest is home. The bells ring out across the mellow autumn landscape, and the farmer who passes churchward by his broadly clustered stacks and the villagers who see them across the stubble fields from lane and by-path know that they symbolise a fruitful year and the fulfilment once more of the old covenant that seed-time and harvest should never fail."

LONDON SURPRISE MEN LOST IN SUPERLATIVE.

The ambitious programme has been strictly adhered to—a portion of it, to Sept. 9th, having been reported in Chapter II. Men have made a point of "turning up" to these fixtures, for one never knew who was likely to join us, nor what the latest news might be concerning our "brother strings" serving abroad, and others at home who will soon be joining them.

Wooburn, Wednesday, Sept. 13th.—Eighteen attended, and the first touch, Grandsire Triples, went off soon after the hour of meeting by Miss Winifred Cooper 1, H. Wingrove 2, J. West (local foreman) 3, H. Collins (Marlow) 4, J. Evans (Hughendon), conductor 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, W. Horne 7, E. R. Coles (Wycombe) 8. Miss Gudgin and Miss Fuller also took part in the ringing, as well as J. C. Truss, J. Blackmore, F. K. Biggs, Ralph Coles, F. Hayes (Wycombe), F. Malin (Wooburn) and W. H. Fussell. Touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich followed, but by some strange freak of memory a picked band could not ring a course of Superlative, although all were London Surprise men. Here I might just refer to the real value of Snowdon's diagrams on "Standard Methods." Had we possessed a copy everyone would have sailed off smoothly into any method named, instead of being tied into a knot, as it were, directly "go" was called. In the pre-war days, at Burnham, I have seen as many as ten copies of these diagrams at one practice, and they have done more than anything else to promote advanced method ringing throughout the country. Afterwards we rested at the Bell Inn—our sandwiches being accompanied by a course of Major Robert on the piano by J.C.T.—quite free of all restrictions, which trouble military areas. We dispersed at eight o'clock with a beautiful moonlit night for cycling home.

A HOMELY SOCIAL.

Slough, Saturday, Sept. 16th.—Wending my way to the tower I heard the bells sent off into Grandsire Triples by 5.14 p.m., so no time had been lost. Stedman Treble Bob and Double Norwich followed at intervals; 26 visitors taking a rope as opportunity offered, the steeplekeeper, Mr. G. T. Leader, having a busy evening attending to requests for a "pull" until the octave was nicely lowered in peal at seven o'clock. I believe one touch of "Fabian" collapsed because all the eight men were in "Slough" at the same time, or else the distinguished company present unnerved them. There were a number of introductions during the evening, such as Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) to Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh)—the former having been to Brighton to say farewell to their soldier son previous to his going "out," while the latter were enjoying a few days tandem cycling tour in Bucks—and Messrs. C. Giles and A. Webb, of Reading, to Miss A. Swabey and Miss G. Bateman, of Stoke Poges. The others present included Messrs. W. Fuller and his son (Wargrave), J. Barnes (Amersham), T. Goodchild (Maidenhead), H. Wingrove (Beaconsfield), A. Elburn (Amersham), G. Allder (Burnham), J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), J. Brant (Warfield), and a ringer whose identity has not been discovered, called the dark horse, and the local members, Messrs. P. Jones, T. S. Smith, H. J. Cropley, R. Flaxman, G. Bedford, E. Hooper, W. Henley, A. Leader, etc. It is pertinent to ask any conductor if his "touch" was a true one, when "Whittington" came up three times during its performance. Such a true touch was rung at this practice, and is often heard at Cranleigh, by putting two at the rope end and one on the clappers.

The long room at the Grapes Hotel was placed at our private disposal by Host Smith, and a social gathering with four ladies present was certainly a new feature for the local ringers, and gave the proceedings quite a homely domestic touch, somewhat after the style of the Sheffield lads, whose wives and lasses keep their men folk company at most of their important meetings in Yorkshire. Mr. Edwin Lucas, one of our hon. members, joined us, and the handbells were used in double-handed change ringing by Messrs. Giles, Webb, Whittington, Hooper, Henley and Fussell. The bread and cheese and lettuce were highly approved, and due birthday greetings tendered to those concerned—"Mrs. Whi: and Mr. Whf:" and if the non-treating laws spared their purse it also soured their grapes, for we were not allowed to crack a bottle of wine to celebrate the double event, and neither did we crack a bell over it. A reference to the railway time-table dispersed a happy meeting at 9 o'clock, although the hour was not—"time, gentlemen."

"There is no musick play'd or sung,
Is like good bells if well rung.
Put off your hat, coat and spurs,
And see you make no brawls or jares.
Shillingstone, 1767."

Farnham Royal, Saturday, Sept. 23rd.—Nineteen were present, including Misses Gudgin and Cooper, of Fulmer, and a new face—Mr. W. C. Parker, of Staines. A good all-round two hours' practice in four methods finished at 7 p.m., the towers represented being: Missenden, Amersham, Beaconsfield, High Wycombe, Old Windsor, Slough, and Burnham. Regret was expressed at the loss of H. Skuse, a local member, who it appears had been promoted to the rank of corporal before he was killed in action. The sights seen by English prisoners of war when interned at Ruhleben, and recently mentioned in "The Ringing World," has been lately confirmed by further information as to church bells being used for war munitions in Germany and Austria. It is reported that 15,200 church bells, aggregating 7,464 tons, have been melted down in Austria, and from Prague, the town of "the hundred churches," 152 bells representing 75 tons, have come. There is one famous monster bell—a very beautiful casting it is said, which the Germans are not likely to break up, called the Kaiser bell, at Cologne Cathedral (with its spire 511 feet high, the tallest in the world), and the ringing Exercise ought to petition the War Office to have it brought to England as a war trophy when "the day" comes. Surely the bell ringers of Great Britain are doing sufficient service for their wishes to merit favourable consideration. The growing confidence of the Allies seems to indicate that the Kaiser bell won't be rung for the victory of Kaiser Bill in this war, although it was rung at the fall of Warsaw, and the German Naval "victory" at the Battle of Jutland.

IMPORTANT DUTIES.

Old Windsor, Saturday, Sept. 30th.—Mr. Jos. Gutteridge, the foreman, met us with a welcome at 3 p.m., and left us "to it," being busy with church decorations for the morrow's festival. Fourteen ringers (and a dozen cycles) gathered round the tower, mostly the "stickers," the practice ceasing at 7. News of the death of Sergt. Albert Haines (Royal Fusiliers) was received with regret, he being an old peal ringing member of this tower. He was killed in action in August last.

A little while your grave will be o'er-trodden.
Soon the frail cross have fallen with the breeze;
No loving hands are there to tend and cherish
That grave in foreign soil beyond the seas,—
Perchance the bells which here we often flourish,
May echo through the sky—from us, to thee.

My readers may have noticed that quarter-peals were put on for the Sunday services following our Saturday practice in most cases. This is one way in which we ringers can repay the clergy and churchwardens for the frequent use of their tower and bells. Ringing for

the Sunday services, especially at festival times, is one of the most important voluntary duties that we can undertake as church workers, and is entirely distinct from the more important and serious duty we owe to ourselves, that of attending a service at least once a week. In the prolific days of peal ringing there existed a certain "ebb and flo" in the records which still exist in all lesser ringing touches—three out of four attempts for "quarters" failing in one week-end, whilst three out of four were brought home in the next, this order being exactly reversed during the following fortnight.

(To be continued).

RINGER'S STORY OF A "PUSH."

PTE AUSTIN WOUNDED BY GERMAN BOMB.

We have received the following interesting letter which describes Pte C. Austin's experiences in one of the recent attacks in the Somme battle area. Pte Austin, who is with the 1st Coldstream Guards, and was wounded in the knee in the attack, is the son of Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

"For a long time past," he writes, "our division had been holding a place on the left of the British front. The first advance on the Somme started while we were still there, and before long it was whispered that we were going to move down to where the attack was progressing. Some of the lads began to look forward to a "Blighty one," while others were glad to get away from the place where we were. At last we started on our long journey from one end of our front to the other. Sometimes we had a train ride, at other times we marched. The weather at this time was very hot, and the roads were thick with dust, so we had a rough time while on the march.

"On reaching the place we were bound for, we had a few days' rest and then moved up to the trenches at a place where no advance had been made. During our stay in these trenches I managed to get too near to one of Fritz's minenwerfers, with the result that I got lifted a few yards along the trench, and partly buried. After being relieved from these trenches we had a few days out, and then another spell in, after which we moved farther along the line to where the advance had taken place. Here we were in billets for some time, during which we were training. At last we began to move up, and spent the day before the attack close by our old front line. During the day our officers explained to us what we had to do, and told us how the attack was to be made. They also told us that our new engines of war were to take part in the attack. These are called "H.M. Landships," and are really moving forts, enclosed in armour plate. They can walk over a trench, and if a tree or a house gets in the way they push it down and walk over it.

NIGHT MARCH TO THE TRENCHES.

"At last night came, and we began to move up. Soon we were marching over ground won from the Germans. It was torn up by shells, and the villages behind the lines were just a heap of bricks and old timber. In Montauban a bit of the church still stood, with a bell standing on its mouth outside. We marched on through woods, or what remained of them, for only broken stumps were left, and as we proceeded the ground began to look like a ploughed field, with a large number of holes in it. At last we arrived at the trenches where three battalions of Coldstream Guards got into the front line trench next to one another, and the reserve dug in just behind them. The ground here was just one mass of shell holes. It was now about three o'clock, so we sat down and tried to get a sleep, as we knew we were to go over at 6.20. From the time we arrived in the trenches until about ten minutes before the attack, there was hardly a shell fired. At six o'clock we were all awake. We had a look to see that our bombs were all right, and bayonets fixed properly. A short time after we heard our guns fire, and some large shells passed overhead, making a noise like an express train dashing through a tunnel. Fritz soon began to reply, and some of these fell a bit too close to be pleasant.

"After a few minutes had passed the signal was given, and the lads were over the top, walking towards the German lines. The ground in this part was so full of shell holes that it was only possible to move across it at a walking pace. As soon as we were on top, the Germans opened with their machine guns and rifle fire, but this did not stop us. We went on until we were nearly on top of the German trench. Here we got into our own barrage fire, so most of us lay down or fell back a few yards.

HUNDREDS OF BOMBS.

"All this time the Germans were throwing hundreds of bombs at us, but they did very little damage. When our barrage fire had advanced, we made a dash for the German trench, which we got after killing most of the Germans in them. At this time I was wounded in the knee with a piece of bomb. While I was in a shell hole putting a bandage on my knee, I had a look to see how the lads were getting on. I could see they had captured the second trench, and were on their way to the third, which they captured a few minutes afterwards. Some distance behind this trench was the village of ———. Our chaps were soon close to it, and would have taken it, but the divisions on our right were held up, and so there was nothing else to do but to dig in for the night. During the next two days the Germans counter-attacked, but were beaten back. A few days afterwards our division again attacked and captured the village, and carried on some distance past it, where they dug in."

JOHN GARTHON.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

III.

When I said in my last article that the early compositions were steps in the natural evolution of change ringing that had to be taken if the science was to grow, and that if one man had not composed any one of them another would, I did not mean that it would in that case be exactly the same peal. I did not mean, for instance, that if Annable had not composed his Three Part*, the first man to compose a 5040 of Bob Major would have necessarily written out exactly those same course-ends and those same bobs. What I did mean was that the peal would have been in all its essentials the same thing. It might have been the same as John Holt's Three-Part†; it could not have been the same as Hubbard's Five-Part‡. If you would understand the real nature of the science of change ringing (and unless you do you are not able to understand what the true function of a composer is, or competent to express an opinion as to the originality of a peal), you must understand that a composition is at the bottom merely the statement of an abstract mathematical truth. The abstract truth is one, and does not vary; but it is capable of many "expressions" which do vary, and sometimes very considerably from each other.

Now since the composition is abstract it must be capable of being stated in general terms, which are quite independent of any one set of figures. But directly you want to illustrate the composition, directly you put it to any practical use, you must have a concrete set of figures. But you must remember that these figures are not themselves the composition, they are only one expression out of many, it may be thousands, it may be millions.

Let us take an illustration. The simplest possible composition is three courses joined by three bobs in which three bells are moved. It is a general abstract truth that if you take a course of any method, and in it anywhere make a bob by altering the coursing order of three bells, when you have completed the Q set you have a touch of three complete courses. This is true of any and every method. The composition is the same, but the expressions vary immensely. The same composition gives you three courses of Bob Major by calling three bobs at Home, and three courses of Stedman Triples by calling the seventh in quick.

And what is true of this, the simplest of all compositions, is equally true of every composition. Each can be stated in general terms, and then, given the necessary conditions, can be expressed in many different ways in many different methods.

Does this all sound complicated? No doubt it does. The thing itself is very simple and elementary, but like all simple and elementary things by no means easy to explain. Unless it is understood the science of ringing cannot be understood, and perhaps the one thing which makes Fabian Stedman so far superior to all the ancient writers, and the greater majority of the modern writers as a real exponent of the science is that he did fully realise this truth, and it forms the basis of all his explanations.

* C.C. Collection, Section II. No. 70.
† C.C. Collection, Section II, No. 71.
‡ C.C. Collection, Section II, No. 48.

DEATH OF A BRIGHTON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 45 years, of Mr. Frederick Morris Bacon, for several years secretary of the St. Nicholas' Church Company, Brighton. For 28 years he had been connected with the church as bell ringer and chorister, and he had served on the committee of the Sussex County Association. He had rung several peals, but he was never an enthusiast in this direction. He was, however, most regular in the more important work of Sunday service ringing, and while health permitted, faithfully fulfilled his duties both in the belfry and the choir. His illness, borne with characteristic patience, had extended over a considerable time, and debarred him latterly from assisting in the work of the church.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week. The first portion of the service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, and was fully choral, the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Hordern) officiating. Many of the Brighton ringers were present, and as the cortege left the church a muffled touch of Stedman Caters was rung by his old friends of the St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's towers. The interment took place at the Brighton and Preston Cemetery, and many beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from the Sussex County Association.

THE FIRST "NAME" PEAL.

To-day is the anniversary of an interesting peal, rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1796. It was a peal of 5129 Grandsire Caters by the Royal Cumberland Youths, and it is recorded in the tower as "the first peal ever rung on any bells by any society, the members being all of one name." The band was: William Whitehead treble, William Richardson 2, William West 3, William Stephens 4, William Gibson 5, William Shipway 6, William Brown 7, William Court 8, William Tyler 9, William Castle and William Rigby tenor. "The peal was called by William Shipway."

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STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY GEORGE BAKER.

The article in last week's issue of "The Ringing World" by Mr. J. J. Parker is very interesting, and shows a vast amount of research, but it will be well for me to say at once that we (Mr. Parker and I) are working on absolutely different lines.

Previous to the discovery—less than three years ago—of reciprocal proof everyone thought (myself included) that Stedman's principle consisted of two separate sixes—quick and slow.

By the use of reciprocal proof we now know that there are two round blocks of Stedman Triples starting from the fundamental—consisting of twelve changes—that are as perfect in construction as Bob Major or Double Norwich, and what is more, coursing-order can be found in the division-end (6432715) when you know how to look for it, equally with any other properly constructed method.

Peal composition in Stedman is quite a different matter, and at present I am not troubling about the latter in the least. What I am concerned with is the understanding of Stedman as a method or principle complete in itself, not something that has to be divided up into sixes for the composition of peals.

It was known to the authors of "Stedman" that there are 49 even false course-ends against every plain course, the fact being mentioned on page 180 of that work, but the actual proof of the method has never to my knowledge been given. The following facts may be of interest.

The proof of the old round block of Stedman discovers 41 false rows against the first twelve changes; to obtain the entire proof of the plain course the remaining six divisions must be transposed by the false rows against the first division, and the final result is: 91 even rows and 98 odd rows false against the plain course, that is to say there are 189 false rows to every round block of 84 changes.

If in composition we decide the 7th is to be a fixed bell, we can reduce the 189 false rows to 99 false course-ends, 49 of which are even and 50 odd.

It may be that 40 true even courses are the extent of the method with the 7th a fixed bell, but I am not yet satisfied that this is so, because with 5-6-7 fixed the extent is eight courses, four even and four odd, with 6-7 fixed the extent can only be obtained by using five or ten odd courses, and if analogy can be relied on the same conditions will apply with the 7th only as a fixed bell.

If Mr. J. J. Parker would care to correspond with me on the subject I shall be pleased, and for that reason I give my address: 2, North Street Quadrant, Brighton.

KING'S CLIFFE TENOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is hard to believe that the majority of ringers should be so indifferent to the appeals, which have from time to time appeared in "The Ringing World," respecting the "King's Cliffe Tenor Fund." Such appeals have been splendid efforts on behalf of so deserving a cause. I am not capable of augmenting any of these appeals, they having been so completely and plainly stated already. What I wish to point out to my brother ringers, wherever they may enjoy the privilege of ringing, is just this, how light the task will be if we all "do our bit" towards it.

It may not be generally known, that according to latest available returns, there are over 50,000 ringers in this country. Now, if we all do our share, it is quite a simple sum to work out, as to how much each of us would have to pay, if we only went the right way about it. If only 36,480 subscribed one farthing the necessary £38 would be forthcoming without further appeals, or again, if less than one-fifth of us (9,120) subscribed one penny each the amount would soon be raised.

I suppose it is hardly possible that "The Ringing World" reaches more than one quarter of the ringers (I hope it reaches the majority). Should this be the case, many have probably no other medium whereby to get information of this worthy case. But surely "The Ringing World" reaches 3,040 (less than one-twelfth), who by giving 3d. each could raise enough to supply the necessary £38 wanted.

I am prompted to write this, because many may be under the impression, that unless they can afford to give, say, a shilling or more, their help is not worth having. I am quite aware that as church people in general, many of us are under this same impression very often. But such an impression, in my opinion, is quite wrong, and our true impression upon the point should be that every branch of church work needing financial help should receive such help from the bulk or rather the whole, not from the liberal few, who realise the needs and give to every call. Hoping that these few lines will have some good effect in rousing many to their obligations.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY CRABB.

Pentre Rhondda.

The following further amounts have been received towards the bell fund: Dr. Pink, Lyddington, 10s.; Miss Orr, Podington, 6s.; H. C., 2s.; Pte Cecil V. Ebberson, 1s. 6d.; Mr. A. Rose, Weymouth, 2s. 6d.; Mr. L. W. Wiffen, 2s. 6d. Total, £12 17s. 6d. Further contributions should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, Peterborough.

HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.

MISSING NORTHANTS RINGER REPORTED KILLED.

LCE.-CORPL. FAULKNER, of Easton Neston.

We regret to record that Lance-Corpl. Charles Faulkner, of Easton Neston, Northants, who enlisted in the 7th Batt. Northants Regt. on September 7th, 1914, went out with the battalion to France in August, 1915, and was reported missing after the fighting at Loos on September 25th, 1915, is now officially reported killed. Several ringers were in the battalion, and at the various places at which they were stationed while still in England they were able to join in ringing. The last gathering of this kind before they went to France was at Horsell, Woking, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung as a farewell. Four soldiers took part, and Lance-Corpl. Faulkner was as enthusiastic as any. He had rung seven peals before joining up, and was a member of the Towcester and District Association and the Central Northants Association. Before the war he was a regular attendant at the service ringing at Easton Neston, where much regret is felt at his loss.

WOKINGHAM RINGER KILLED.

PTE. A. V. LOADER, of Wokingham.

The All Saints' company, Wokingham, have lost a promising young member in Pte. Albert Victor Loader, of the Civil Service Rifles, who was killed in action on Oct. 7th. He joined the All Saints' band about three years ago, and rapidly made himself proficient in Grandsire Triples, while, by the time he attained the age to enlist, in June last, he was able to ring Stedman Triples. He was a regular and painstaking ringer, ever ready to assist in ringing for any special service, keenly alert and anxious to do his very best in every department of life. He was in the office of the town clerk of Wokingham, and in business, as in other walks, was a youth of the most manly type. He leaves a widowed mother and a younger brother and sister to mourn their loss. Pte. Loader was cut down in the flower of his youth, falling in his first action. Sad to relate there are many such, for whose loss Old England is the poorer to-day, but the memory of whose noble sacrifice will ever live.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Pte. C. H. Woodbury, of Kidderminster, Coldstream Guards.
Pte. A. James, sen., of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, Royal West Kent Regt.

From All Saints', Wokingham, Berks:—
Pte. William J. Paice, 1/4th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, now serving in France.
Sergt. Norman C. Lawrence, 1/4th Batt. Royal Berks, severely wounded. Now in hospital at Bradford.
Corpl. William J. Brooks, 4th Royal Berks, now serving in France.
Pte. Albert Victor Loader, 1/15th London Regt., Civil Service Rifles. Killed in action October 7th, 1916.

From Frodsham Parish Church:—
Pte. Frank Gleave, Cheshire Regt.
Pte. Bert Rider, R.A.M.C.

OXFORD GUILD ROLL OF HONOUR.

Special efforts are being made by the Oxford Guild to compile as complete a Roll of Honour as possible, and to that end every belfry is being circularised with the request that full particulars of all ringers serving with the colours should be made, the return being asked for not later than January 29th next. The Guild General Secretary (Lieut. A. E. Reeves, R.D.C.) adds, in the circular: "At the annual business meeting, held at Oxford last July, it was proposed and carried unanimously that each Branch be recommended to do its best to make up the annual subscriptions of all men serving in any of the Regular Forces in 1916. This generous proposal has already been voluntarily carried out last year (1915) by the remaining ringers in some parishes and the clergy in others, by contributions from the Christmas funds of some companies; whilst in several cases serving members have continued to subscribe. In the annual report for 1914 a similar appeal was made to Guild members for the names of all 'Army and Navy Ringers,' which, I regret to say, has not been fully responded to, and my reference to their subscriptions was partly misinterpreted. At the outbreak of war our Guild membership was nearly 2,000 strong. It is hoped that three-fourths of that total will be generous enough to contribute the annual fees of the remainder (500) for the current year, the estimated number of our Roll Call to December 31st, 1916."

CLUN RINGER DECORATED.

Among the recent recipients of the military medal for bravery in the field was Corpl. W. J. Lewis, 7th Batt. K.S.L.I., of Clun, who has been awarded the medal for good work done on the Somme on August 18th last. He has already been through six engagements unhurt.

Corpl. Lewis, who is aged 20, volunteered his services soon after the outbreak of war, and is one of the five ringers from Clun who are serving King and country, and although he cannot claim to be a proficient change ringer, it was only for want of opportunity, he having received instruction, and being one of the newly-formed band to take up change ringing on the new peal of eight, which were dedicated a few weeks after the declaration of war. He had also been a member of the Parish Church choir for a number of years.

RINGERS' HYMN.

Copies of the new hymn, specially written for ringers by the Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) can now be obtained from "The Ringing World" Office, price 2s. 6d. per 100.

CITY CHURCHES.

ANOTHER TO BE DEMOLISHED.

By J. R. Jerram.

It is stated that the Church of St. Alphege, London Wall, is to be demolished, and the parish united to that of St. Mary Aldermanbury. The tower, however, is to be left standing. From an old record it appears that it once possessed a peal of five bells. In 1638 a subscription was started "for repairing the steeple, making a turret for the saint's-bell, recasting the four bells, and adding a tenour."

In 1649 the whole of the upper part of the steeple was rebuilt. The church escaped the fire of 1666, but afterwards became so dilapidated that it had to be taken down in 1774, when the present edifice was erected. Previous to this, in 1747, the steeple was reported to be in such a bad state that the bells could not be rung, and four of them were then sold.

When the building of the present church was commenced, it was ordered that two bells be hung in the tower, "one tenor of 12 cwt. and the saint's bell 3 cwt."

When the church was finished in 1777 a somewhat heavier bell than was at first intended was put up as a service-bell together with a small call-bell. These are the bells which still remain in the tower. The *Service-bell* is inscribed as follows:—WM. SAVILL LONDON FECIT. 1777. × JNO LOWIDGE & JNO HORTON CH : WARDENS. This bell is 44 ins. diameter. The *Call-bell* has no inscription, and measures 24 ins. in diameter.

Wm. Savill is a founder of whom little is known. Mr. Stahlschmidt, in his *Church Bells of Kent*, remarks that his foundry was situated in the Minories; that he was apprenticed with Joseph Mayor and Wm. Weare; that he took up his freedom in the Founders' Company in 1765, and was Master in 1799; also that he cast some bells for St. David's Cathedral, and a single bell for Belvedere, in Kent.

The bell-chamber contains a frame with pits for five bells, the present service-bell occupying one of them; but the other four are not wide enough to have ever contained four other bells of size large enough to have formed a peal of five with this one as a tenor. The pits are arranged all in a row. The small bell hangs in a cage erected on the top of this frame.

What will become of these bells when the church is demolished I cannot say. Perhaps the Rev. A. Erskine would be glad of one of them for his church in Pondoland.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday morning, Sept. 17th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Haigh 1, F. A. Holden, Sergt. R.M. (conductor) 2, O. Sullivan 3, F. Belsey 4, E. Newman (Lce.-Corpl. Middlesex Regiment) 5, A. Osborne 6, W. Walker 7, J. Rayner 8. First pull by the conductor for 21 months. He was home for a few days from an Adriatic base. The touch was rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Coggeshall, and was leaving to help his comrades push the "germs" over the Rhine with his bayonet. At St. Margaret's Church afterwards, 405 Grandsire Triples, with the evergreen Jimmy Tullet taking part.—At Gillingham, for evening service, on Sept. 17th, a quarter-peal had been arranged, but owing to a belfry full of ringers, short touches were rung in the standard methods, F. Ockwell, C. Belsey, J. Champion, Rainham, J. Trinder and E. Verrier (Sappers, R.E.), C. Winser taking part, in addition to others mentioned.

WOLLASTON. On Oct. 8th, for the harvest festival services, at St. James' Church, 720 Bob Minor, for morning service: Thos. Heathcock 1, Chas. W. Cooper 2, Geo. Popnell 3, Wm. Short (conductor) 4, J. Bass 5, A. W. Dodd 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Richards 1, Geo. Popnell 2, J. Bass 3, Chas. W. Cooper 4, Wm. Short (conductor) 5, A. W. Dodd 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pitts 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, J. Collett 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8.—On August 27th, for service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, J. Collett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8.—On September 10th, for service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, T. Banning 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., for the morning service, being the first on the new bells: W. Henley 1, T. S. Smith 2, G. T. Leader 3, W. H. Fussell 4, George Beeby 5, P. Jones 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Sunday, August 27th, for evening service, 576 Bob Major: E. Mundy 1, G. Williams 2, C. Fray 3, A. Marks 4, W. Rowe, senr., 5, A. A. Jones (A.S.C.) 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, 576 Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, C. Fray 2, F. Stevens (Hammersmith) 3, L. Harris (Salisbury) 4, W. Rowe 5, G. Williams 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8.—On Saturday, Oct. 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Dumper 1, W. Edwards 2, G. Williams 3, A. Marks 4, W. Rowe 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Weller, of Chandlersford, Hants.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, W. T. Tucker 2, A. Marks 3, W. Edwards 4, W. Rowe 5, C. Fray 6, W. H. George 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 3rd, at St. George's Church, 840 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, J. Hamerslag 4, J. T. Allred 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, H. Allred 7, J. Watts 8.—On Sept. 17th, for morning service, 720 Bob Major: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, W. Hindley 4, Harry Allred 5, J. T. Allred 6, Herbert Allred 7, R. Allred (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for the harvest thanksgiving, for morning service, 882 Grandsire Triples: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, F. Bank (conductor) 3, B. Allred 4, Harry Allred 5, Herbert Allred 6, R. Allred 7, J. Watts 8. For the evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7—8 covering: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, F. Banks 3, B. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, J. Watts 7, J. Hampson 8.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—At St. Chad's Church, on Sept. 3rd, 396 Grandsire Cinques: L. Hewitt 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, G. Byolin 3, J. Tudor 4, W Stockdale 5, T. M. Belton 6, G. Scarrett 7, G. Jones 8, W. Saunders 9, W. Sage 10, A. E. Fullick 11, H. Jones 12.—On Sept. 10th, 315 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Scarrett 3, G. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, Pte T. M. Belton 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, Pte F. W. Taylor 8, A. E. Fullick 9, H. Jones 10.—On Sept. 17th, 574 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Jones 3, Pte T. M. Belton 4, W. Stockdale 5, Pte F. W. Taylor 4, A. E. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Rung to welcome home on furlough F. W. Taylor.—On Sept. 16th, 720 Kent Minor on the middle six: J. Tudor 1, W. H. Hughes (first 720) 2, G. Byolin 3, W. Stockdale 4, A. Fullick 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6.—On Sept. 14th, at St Alkmund's, 168 Stedman Triples, rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal.—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, at St. Chad's, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, C. R. Lilley 3, Pte T. M. Belton 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. E. Fullick 7, W. Short, Clent (conductor) 8. Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.).

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—At St. Peter's Church, on September 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mitchell 1, Pte E. Goldstone 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss D. Sage (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, Miss N. Gillingham 5, T. E. Francis (Clevedon) 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. L. Gale 8. Pte E. Goldstone was home on leave before proceeding to France.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sunday, Sept. 17th, 672 Grandsire Triples: W. Bailey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, J. S. Lee (Maresford) 6, J. M. Rumsey 7, G. Wilson (conductor) 8—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, 624 Double Norwich Major: W. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, J. M. Bailey 3, J. Rumsey 4, E. H. Bailey 5, C. Sampson 6, G. Wilson (conductor) 7, E. S. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for harvest thanksgiving service, 1008 Double Norwich Major, standing as above, conducted by E. S. Bailey.—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, 672 Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. Keeble 1, Pte G. Piper (5th Norfolk Regiment) 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, G. Wilson (conductor) 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. M. Rumsey 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on September 21st, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Watson 5, H. Haigh, Worksop (conductor) 6, T. Suart (cover) 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Suart 5, T. Watson 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday evening, Sept. 24th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): H. Dawson 1, A. Whight 2, F. W. Edwards 3, P. Timson 4, A. Head 5, G. Green 6, H. Allen 7, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 8, A. E. Acfield 9, J. Poulton 10.

THEALE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Stevens 1, J. Abery (conductor) 2, J. Bower 3, T. Bitmead 4, Pte G. Abery (Royal Berks Regt.) 5, J. H. Shepherd 6.

MILTON, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, 360 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) 1, J. Abery, Theale (conductor) 2, J. Bower (Goring) 3, Pte G. Abery 4, M. Kent 5. —. Henwood 6. The two last-named belong to the local band.

BROXBOURNE.—Herts Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. Downham 1, G. Andrews 2, W. Mumford 3, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 4, W. Cavill 5, S. Knight 6, H. Simmons 7, C. Gouldsmith 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

CHESHUNT.—Herts Association.—On Sept. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Pte D Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, G. Maxim 6, H. Simmon 7, R. Smith 8. — On Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Andrews 1, W. Mumford 2, O. Twist 3, H. Warner 4, H. G. Rowe 5, G. Maxim 6, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8. These quarter-peals were rung for the harvest festival.

DENTON, Near MANCHESTER.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on Saturday, Sept. 30th, 720 of Armley Treble Bob: D. Wilde 1, W. Wright 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor) 3, J. Pollitt 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom 6. Also 720 of Denton Treble Bob: D. Wilde 1, Rev. A. T. Beeston (conductor) 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt 4, J. Heckingbottom 5, W. Wright 6.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, on Sunday, Oct. 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Battle 1, J. Owens 2, H. Brocklebank 3, S. Barnes 4, H. Martin (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, S. Moston 7, C. Owens 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Owens 1, J. Owens 2, H. Brocklebank 3, R. Birchall 4, H. Samuels 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin (cond.) 7, H. Martin 8. Rung on the occasion of the church parade of the 2nd (Birkenhead) Battalion Cheshire Volunteer Regiment.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Midland Counties Association.—At the Parish Church, for the dedication festival, on Oct. 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Webb 1, J. Ison (first quarter-peal) 2, G. Wood 3, H. Briggs (conductor) 4, C. Brown 5, J. Garratt 6.

THENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 1st, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 742 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. Both touches were rung by: J. Busby 1, H. Harvey 2, R. Devenish 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8.

EXETER.—At St. Sidwell's Church, for harvest festival, on Oct. 1st, 543 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, T. Bartlett 2, W. Drake 3, C. Carter 4, F. Murphy 5, E. Sargent 6, C. Routley 7, G. Bells 8, J. Moss 9, A. Monkley 10. Also 381 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, T. Bartlett 2, A. Monkley 3, C. Carter 4, W. Drake 5, E. Sargent 6, C. Routley 7, F. Murphy 8, J. Moss 9, W. Acreman 10.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, F. J. Reeve (Tring, Herts) 2, A. Warboys 3, W. Beard 4, A. J. Neal 5, E. Andrews 6, A. C. Hardy 7, R. Fenn 8.—On Oct. 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Fenn 1, W. Beard 2, A. Warboys 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, A. J. Neal 5, A. Mason (Erith) 6, A. C. Hardy 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church harvest festival service on Sunday evening, Oct 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. J. Stanley 1, J. Evans 2, R. Evans 3, C. H. Perry 4, H. Jenkins 5, Sergt. R. Bunstone 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Rose 1, F. Francis 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, W. Tidy 4, J. Luff 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6. Arranged for Air-Mechanic J. Luff, who is stationed at Felixstowe, and was home on a few days' leave.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 8th, for the harvest festival services, for matins, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: W. R. Thrift 1, H. W. Kirton 2, H. Edwards 3, F. W. Edwards 4, A. Church 5, J. Roote 6, W. Allen 7, J. Wood 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: A. Edwards 1, H. Edwards 2, F. W. Edwards 3, W. R. Thrift 4, A. Church 5, J. Roote 6, W. Allen 7, H. W. Kirton 8. Both conducted by H. W. Kirton.

CLUN RINGERS' SOCIETY.

A PROMISING SHROPSHIRE CENTRE.

The second annual meeting of the St. George's Society, Clun, Salop, was held in the ringing room of the Parish Church on Thursday week, when there was a fair attendance of members and probationers, the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Machen) presiding.—Mr. W. Mead (honorary secretary), in presenting the report and balance sheet, said last year's meeting was their first annual one at which they formed their present society, which had every appearance of being a successful one. They started with a balance in hand of 11s. 6d., which was increased to 22s. 6d., so they had made some little progress financially. With regard to change ringing it had been rather an uneventful year, principally owing to five of their promising members being on active service, but they had managed to keep the bells rung for services, and for this they had partly to thank the junior and lady probationers, who had taken the place of some who had lost interest in the work. During the year some of them had rung their first quarter-peal, it being their sad duty to ring these with half-muffled bells in memory of some who took great interest in their church and bells. With regard to their members on active service, most of them had received well earned promotion, one (Corpl. W. J. Lewis) had been awarded the Military Medical for bravery in the field. They had paid the Guild subscriptions of these members, and their names would appear in the Guild report. Up to the present all so far had come through unharmed. Last Christmas they sent each of them a little parcel, which was much appreciated. He (Mr. Mead) had represented the society at the Guild committee meetings, and also at the annual meeting, and, as they already knew, it was decided not to employ the instructor again this year, but when they got normal times again, his services would be at their disposal. Having no instructor to pay had been the means of increasing the Guild funds, so that the balance in hand was now larger than it had been for many years, and they could look forward to many more years of usefulness from it.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.—The officers were all re-elected, and Mrs. Mead, Miss D. Hamar, Miss H. Cooke and Messrs. F. Wolley and G. Blayney were elected probationers.—The President spoke a few words of welcome to them. It was, he said, the first time in the history of Clun that they had had lady bell ringers, and he was sorry that, owing to restrictions, they would not be able to have the use of the bells for evening services during the winter.

It was decided to again send Christmas parcels to the absent members, and to pay their Guild subscriptions.

The President said he was glad to tell them the debt on the tower and bells was now reduced to £50. It stood at £160 at the beginning of the year.

AN HEREDITARY CRAFT.

THE EVOLUTION OF A BELL FOUNDING FIRM.

The recent letter which appeared in the "Birmingham Daily Post," and which was reproduced in these columns a short time ago, with regard to the business of the Woodlands Bell Foundry, Smethwick, of which Messrs. Chas. Carr, Ltd., are the proprietors, recalls the fact that the family of Carr has long been connected with the art of casting in metal, which has been with them something in the nature of an hereditary craft, passing from father to son in succession through a great number of generations. As would be supposed from the name, the family is of Scottish origin. To go back as far as the year 1460, craftsmen of this name had by their skill in the art of mixing metals and alloys won for themselves repute, and were already established abroad in the practice of their calling. Coming nearer to present time, we find their successors still engaged in the same pursuit, but now carrying it on at Warrington at works which were the property of Mr. Patten. About the year 1700 the family removed from Warrington to Cheadle, in North Staffordshire, where, later on, the brasswork for the celebrated Catholic Church in the town was executed by one of the older members, at that time in the employment of Mr. Wilson Patten, who subsequently became Lord Wimmarleigh. As the larger portion of the work turned out of the Cheadle Works was for the Birmingham trade, this, together with the decline of the mining industry there, led to the latter city becoming more and more a brassfounding centre, and the North Staffordshire works were eventually closed. This new development brought about another change in the situation of the family, for while a portion of it was engaged in carrying on their trade in Birmingham, Mr. Charles Carr removed from Cheadle, where he was born in 1833, and took on the management of a large brass and iron foundry at Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent. Here it was that in 1852 he personally carried out a series of experiments in the production of alloys containing phosphorus, with the result that the foundry in question became noted for the high quality of the bronze turned out from it. In 1863, during the extensive depression in trade in the Potteries district, Mr. Carr, who was anxious to join his relations in Birmingham, found an opportunity of doing so, and coming to Smethwick, established himself in business as a bell and general brass founder, taking into his employ his father and two brothers, who were already settled there. Five of his children are now connected with the business.

NOTICES.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.—A memorial to the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, consisting of peal tablet and book-case, will be unveiled in the belfry of the Cathedral on Saturday, November 4th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when all ringers who can attend will be welcome. The Ven. Archdeacon Gresford Jones will preside. Tea will be provided for visitors who give notice of their intention of being present. —Sam Thomas, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common. The eight bell tower (tenor 18½ cwt.), will be available from 3 o'clock until service at 5 o'clock. Tea (members 3d., visitors 9d.) in the Mission Room, Greyhound Lane, close to the church. Short business meeting after tea. Please notify intention to be present to Charles Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by November 1st to W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on November 7th (nominations for the various offices), and on the 21st for the election of officers for the coming year; also on the 16th and 30th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.— North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden (8 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2.30 until 5, followed by a short service. Tea (6d. to members, others 9d.) and business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, which will also be available for handbell ringing, etc., afterwards. Nearest station, Neasden (Met.), or No. 8 bus from City. All requiring tea please advise me by November 8th. Members and friends cordially invited. I shall be glad to have all outstanding subscriptions as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Room on Saturday, November 11th. Service, 5.30. Tea, 6 p.m. There will be ringing in the afternoon.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.—Also practice at Bucklebury (8 bells) first and third Saturday afternoon in the month, 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Welcome awaiting change ringers.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.— Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available, 3 to 5.30 p.m. Service, 5.30; tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify by Nov. 7th to C. J. Walton, 4, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above Society at Holbeck is postponed until Saturday, November 11th, 1916. Bells available from 3 to dusk. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Rd., Pudsey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting of the above association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. A meeting for business and social intercourse will be held on the same evening at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Ringers cordially invited. — T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Nov. 11th. 2.30 — Bells (10) available; 5.30—Service conducted by the Vicar; 6 o'c.—Tea at the Institute. Tickets, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., North Street, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1916, at Winchester. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock (or earlier if desired), but the military authorities prohibit the bells being rung after sunset. Service in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5 o'clock, and the business meeting immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec., 20, Culver Rd., Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch —A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1916. Bells ready 2.30. Ringing to cease at dusk. Meeting as arranged.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, of "Auburn," Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, acknowledge the kindly letters of sympathy which have reached them on the announcement of the death of their eldest son while on active service. They would have wished to send separate letters of appreciation in reply, but finding it to be a task, they hope that all friends will excuse them.

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.

RINGING PRACTICES, ETC.

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE. — Weekly practices have been arranged at the Parish Church for the winter months, on Saturday afternoons, commencing at 3.30 on October 7th, 1916. All ringing friends will be welcome. —F. Watkinson, Secretary, 18, Park Street, Alfreton.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PUTNEY.—The tower will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays until further notice. Ringers welcome.

HORLEY, SURREY.—The Tower of St Bartholomew's Church will be open for combined practice on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the winter from 2 30 to 4.30 p.m. Ringers welcome.—A. Songhurst, Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District —It has been arranged that combined practice will be held at the following towers during November, viz.:—Bromley (SS. Peter & Paul), Saturday, Nov. 4th; St. John's, Deptford, Saturday, Nov. 11th; St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Saturday, Nov. 18th, and Beckenham, Saturday, Nov. 25th, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and following months in the same order till further notice. Visitors will be welcomed.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION AT BIRCH.

The Manchester branch held a very successful meeting at Birch on Saturday last, when members and friends attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Didsbury, Eccles, Flixton, Manchester, Pendleton, Prestwich, Reddish, Worsley and Oldham. Ringing in various methods was indulged in during the afternoon, and a pleasant incident took place when Mr. W. H. Idle, on behalf of the local company, presented Mr. W. E. Ryder with a gold pendant, executed by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking, for his past services as tower-keeper, he having had to resign owing to ill-health. Mr. Harry Chapman spoke on behalf of the Manchester Branch of Mr. Ryder's readiness at all times to make them welcome at Birch.

The Rector of St. James', Birch, presided over the meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers.—Mr. H. Stone (of Prestwich) and Mr. Herbert Collier (of Flixton) were elected members of the Association, and Eccles was chosen as the place for the next meeting on November 18th.

The account of Mr. J. Potter's Helping Hand Fund was passed. This has reached the total of £4 3s. 9d. Mr. E. A. Wreaks, of Paisley, formerly general secretary of the Association, sent a donation of 5s, along with his best wishes for Mr. Potter's speedy recovery to health.

On the motion of Mr. S. Greenhalgh, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the branch secretary (Mr. Wolstencroft) for his kindness in making the effort so successful.—Mr. Potter desires to thank all friends who have so kindly assisted him by their sympathy and monetary assistance.

On the motion of Mr. Ridyard, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things ready.

OXFORD SINGLES.

A REPLY TO "PUZZLED."

Sir,—Being the one who sent the touch of "Singles," consisting of Plain Bob, Grandsire and "Oxford," I feel called upon to reply to the inquiry of "Puzzled" in your last week's issue.

For about 20 weeks I was stationed at Langwith, Derbyshire, and whilst there had the pleasure of visiting my friends at Warsop, three miles away, and taking part in the ringing of their four bells. Now, as we all know there are only 24 changes to be obtained on four, and these ringers, being anxious to get on, and get the most out of their bells, used to ring these 24's in as many ways as possible. The "Oxford" Singles, which really are (to me) more like "Double Court," are arranged as follows:—

1234	contd.	contd.
2143	4132	3124
2413	4312	3214
4231	3421	2341
2431	4321	3241
4213	3412	2314
4123	3142	2134
1432	1324	1243
1423	1342	1234

Whilst in camp I "arranged" a good many of such 24's for the use of my Warsop friends, calling them Stedman, Place, Irregular, etc., and if "Puzzled," or any of your readers who have the misfortune to only possess four bells, will write to me, I shall be only too pleased to forward many such 24's.

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