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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1913.

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.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

There has been something in the nature of a "rebellion" in Sussex. The Committee of the County Association decided to abandon the annual meeting this year, but the members insisted upon it being held, and those "in authority" have had to yield to "superior forces." Each of the three districts passed a resolution demanding the holding of the meeting, which accordingly took place on Monday and passed off quite amicably, notwithstanding anticipations in some quarters to the contrary. The one cause for regret was that the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer felt it necessary to resign. Unless there were underlying reasons which were not made known to the members, it seems strange that an action, for which the Committee as a whole were responsible, should have led to the resignation of two of the Association's principal officials. Both had rendered long and valuable service to the Association, and it is a pity that they should have given up offices which they have so capably discharged, because the Committee, of which they were members, had misjudged the opinion of the general body. The feeling of the members in regard to the loss of the two officials was, however, expressed in the vote of thanks that was accorded them and their election as life members.

The business before the Association was of more than usual interest, for, in addition to having to find new officers, there were amendments to rules affecting the constitution of the organisation, and the question of sending representatives to the Central Council was discussed. Some candid expressions of opinions on the utility of the Council were put forward, and while it was decided to limit the representation of the Association to one member (instead of the four to which it is entitled), it is a matter for satisfaction to those who believe that the Council can be made a useful body that the Association decided not to sever its connection entirely. The Sussex Association has supported the Council from its formation, and it would have been a pity if the continuity of this affiliation had been broken. But there is far more than the sentimental side of the matter to be considered. The Council has done good work; it still has a field of usefulness before it, and its life may yet be long if it adapts itself to present-day requirements. In view of the many expressions of opinion that have been voiced in various parts of the country, the Council is quite aware of the feeling that exists in regard to it, and the attitude of the Sussex Association, which is not isolated, shows that confidence in the Council is waning in some quarters. The opportunity for reconstruction will present itself next year, and the Associations should see that they send their best men to carry out the task.

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THE B.N.

A NOVEL SYSTEM FOR EIGHT BELLS.

BY THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES

12345678	12345678	
21436587	21436587	
12463578	12463578	
14236758	14236758	
41327658	41327658	
14372568	14372568	
41735268	Bob — 41735268	
47153628	47153628	
74516382	74135682	
47581328	47316528	
45716238	43761258	
54172638	34672158	
45127368	43627518	
54213768	34265718	
45231678	43256178	
452316	Bob at 432561	1
315246	325164	2
241536	251463	3
534126	514362	4
123456	143265	5

No! not Triples; there are two Major changes in it. And you would not call it Major, would you, now? No one, at least, will dispute the novelty. It is full of novelties. The work of the tenor is the first to catch the eye: every seventh blow in seventh's place is quite new. Then, too, the work of the seventh; a bell that never makes a place, not even at lead or behind; and that of the sixth, a sort of slow hunt, are both new. They take the places of the treble and second in Grandsire Triples.

But to those who are really interested in construction, the novel "bob" will afford the greatest pleasure.

I give the first part of an eight part peal. The bobs at half-way and end must be omitted.

5040

123456		Continued		Part ends.
432561	1	635124	1	123456
236415	2	261543	4	— 341625
246351	5	516432	1	— 163542
364512	1	354621	4	— 351264
546123	1	452316	2	omit 143265
251634	4	325164	1	— 321546
615342	1	315246	5	— 153624
463521	4	514362	2	— 361452
453612	5	341625	1	omit 123456

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Although no official district meeting of the Guild has been held in the Winchester district this year, several very good combined practices have been arranged by the North Stoneham band, in conjunction with the Rev. E. Bankes James, and his ringing pupils at Wykeham Hall, Lee-on-the-Solent, during their summer term. On Saturdays, May 12th and 26th, there were good tower bell practices at North Stoneham, with handbell practice at West End; Saturday, June 9th, at Twyford, an attempt for peal of Grandsire Triples was lost through a change course; June 16th, handbell practice at West End, and tower bells at North Stoneham; July 7th, an attempt for peal of Stedman Triples at The Abbey, Romsey, was lost after 2¼ hours; July 21st, handbell practice at West End, and tower bells at North Stoneham; Saturday, July 28th, practice at Curdridge, when the four standard methods were rung. Double Norwich has also been practised, and a 560 was rung at North Stoneham on May 26th.

Among those who have taken part in the above can be mentioned: Pte. W. Keeble, A.V.C. (Kelveden), now in France; Bomb. S. Hector, R.G.A. (Trowbridge); Bandsman M. Bosley, S.L.I. (Taunton); Capt. Bennett (Stockport), now at Morn Hill Camp; Sergt. C. A. Gray, London Scottish (London), now at Hazeley Down Camp; Pte. A. Hague (Rotherham), R.A.M.C., Southampton; Pte. A. A. Jones (Aston, Birmingham), A.S.C. Remount, Swaythling; with R. P. Knight and Leonard Harris (Salisbury). The local towers represented have been North Stoneham, Curdridge, Swanmore, Twyford, Southampton, Bishopstoke, and Romsey. Fortunately, when meeting at North Stoneham, the weather has been favourable on each occasion for handbell ringing under the walnut tree at the residence of the hon. general secretary (Mr. G. Williams).

It is proposed to renew these practices again about the last week in September, when it is hoped that all who possibly can will make an effort to be present, and thus "carry on" whilst so many ringers are away fighting our battles for liberty, justice, and right.

NEWPORT. — Llandaff Association. — At St. Woolos Church, 630 Grandsire Triples, for practice: J. Goddard 1, J. W. Jones 2, H. Morgan 3, G. Booker (of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin) 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, W. Phillips 6, F. Atwell 7, F. Stanbury 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS.

A good deal of interest was taken in the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association, which was held at Brighton on Monday. According to the rules, the meeting ought to have been held in April or May, but a postal vote of the committee decided by a majority to abandon the gathering. As a result the general body of members, through the Divisional meetings, passed resolutions calling upon the secretary to convene the meeting on August Bank Holiday. The differences of opinion which arose caused the resignation of the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Watson) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. R. C. Ford). Some sixty members put in an appearance at Brighton, and were representative of the towers throughout the county. It was noticeable that a large number, if not the majority of those present, were of the "old brigade," and it was pleasant to meet again the faces of those who were the backbone of the Association twenty or five-and-twenty years ago. There were, in addition to the members visitors present from London, Bedford, Croydon, and other places, and the rendezvous, St. Peter's belfry, with its magnificent peal of ten bells, was crowded during the morning and afternoon with ringers eager for a touch, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Royal. Service was held in the church, a shortened form of evensong being used. The Vicar of Brighton (Canon Dormer Pierce) gave an address, in which he welcomed the members to his church, and said that an association of ringers should be a band of brothers and workers together with God. They were carrying on their work in days of great difficulty, but he was glad they were able to keep the bells ringing, for their sound was most refreshing to those who returned to this country from amid the sound of the guns. He alluded to the message which the bells conveyed, and said that so long as he was Vicar of Brighton he would be very glad to have the Association meet at his church.

The annual business meeting took place in the Parish Room, the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) presiding, supported by the Vicar, who was elected an hon. member. One new active member was also elected.

The Bishop of Chichester was re-elected President of the Association, and the Vice-Presidents were re-elected, the Vicar of Brighton being added to the list.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins was re-elected Master, and appointed to the vacant treasurership.

Mr. H. R. Butcher, of Rotherfield, was elected to fill the office of hon. secretary.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the following amendments to rules:—

Rule III.—"That the government be vested in a President, Master, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and the three Divisional Secretaries, together with three persons chosen from each Division. These shall constitute the Committee of Management, of which three shall form a quorum."

Rule VII.—"That a general meeting shall be held every year in April or May for the purpose of electing such officers as are not elected by the respective Divisions, for transacting the general business of the Association, and for united practice in change ringing."

"That the Divisions shall each elect annually, before the 31st March, an Honorary Secretary, and three members to serve on the General Committee of the Association, and shall also arrange for the District Meetings in their respective areas."

He pointed out that the effect of the motion was to enable the divisions to elect their own District Secretaries and representatives each year, instead of these elections taking place at the general meeting of the Association, the former annually and the latter triennially. He also pointed out the need for re-drafting the whole rules, which were really out of date.—Mr. G. Howse, who seconded, said it had been suggested to him by a clerical member that the title of the Association should be altered to include the words "Chichester Diocesan Guild."

The Vicar of Brighton put forward the valuable suggestion, that there should be a clerical correspondent to keep the clergy of the diocese in touch with the Association, and offered, if the members desired it, to act in that capacity himself.

The Vicar of Brighton put forward the valuable suggestion that were adopted.

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The auditors (Messrs. C. Harffey and E. Bray, of Eastbourne) were re-elected, as was also the Peals Secretary (Mr. A. W. Gravett).

The Master, the Hon. General Secretary, and Mr. G. H. Howse, were elected trustees.

The balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory state of financial affairs, was adopted. The balance on the general account had been increased from £53 12s. 8d. to £60 8s. 11d., and in addition there is a reserve fund of £50, and a balance of £31 10s. 4d. in the Benevolent Fund.

Mr. K. Hart proposed that in future the Association, which is entitled to four representatives, should send only one member to the Central Council. In the last nine years it had cost the Association about £43 to send delegates to the Central Council meeting, and the Association had got absolutely nothing for it. — Mr. Bassett (Hene) seconded.—Mr. C. Hounsell (Cuckfield) said he was instructed by his band to vote against sending any representatives at all.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith spoke in favour of remaining in affiliation with the Council, and pointed out that while much time at the meetings was taken up with subjects which were of little interest to ringers generally, the Council had nevertheless done good work in the interests of ringing as a whole. When the Council next met it would have to mend or end itself, and he hoped that in electing a representative the Association would send the best possible man.—The motion was carried nem. con.

Brighton was selected for the next annual meeting, and a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring hon. general secretary and hon. treasurer, whose good work for the Association for many years was emphasised by the Master.—At the suggestion of Mr. Howse they were elected life members.

A sub-committee, consisting of the Master, Hon. General Secretary, and Mr. W. Franks, was appointed to consider the re-drafting of the rules, and to present them for adoption at the next annual meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon Pierce for the use of the bells and for the service, to Mr. A. D. Stone for his efforts to secure the holding of the meeting, and to the Master and other officers for their services during the past year.

Subsequently further ringing took place at St. Peter's.

A COALBROOKDALE WEDDING.

CAPT. M. L. COPE AND MISS F. M. DARBY.

On Tuesday, July 17th, the wedding of Capt. Mordaunt Lackonby Cope, M.E., Rifle Brigade, and Miss Frances Muriel Darby took place at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary, Cadogan Gardens, London, the Copes being an old Catholic family, and by the wedding two honoured names have been united. Father Norbert Bert, O.S.B., officiated at the ceremony. The bride is the only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. W. Darby, of Adcote and Coalbrookdale, Salop. Their only son, Lieut. Maurice Alfred Alexander Darby, a Grenadier Guardsman, fell at Neuve Chapelle, in March, 1915, a few weeks before attaining his 21st birthday. He had been at the front from the beginning of the war. The bride's father is a member of the family whose name has for centuries been famous in connection with the Coalbrookdale Ironworks. Beautiful castings of every description, both decorative and scientific, have gone from these works all over the world. It is to the members of the Darby family that the inhabitants of Coalbrookdale and surrounding districts will for ever be grateful for the beautiful church, and also for the very fine literary and scientific institution, which has played a leading part in the instruction of science and art in the district since its erection. The church was built and endowed by Abraham Darby, J.P., D.L., the foundation stone being laid on 11th Dec., 1851, upon land given by Adelaide Anna Darby. The bells were presented by Alfred Darby (the bride's grandfather), and only brother of the founder; the organ by Mary, and one thousand pounds by Deborah, the sisters of Abraham and Alfred Darby. The bells, a very fine peal of eight (tenor 19cwt. 2qr. 8lb. in E), all bear the inscription, C. and G. Mears, founders, London, 1852, and their situation, in a perfect position, adds much to their beautiful tone. The clock, with its three dials, each measuring five feet eight inches in diameter, is a very fine piece of work. The following inscription records its gift: "This clock was purchased at a cost of £270, and presented to Holy Trinity Church by the workmen of Coalbrookdale, from subscriptions amongst themselves, assisted by other kind friends in the neighbourhood. Made by Joyce and Sons, Whitchurch, 1853, and erected July, 1854."

Mrs. Darby, the bride's mother, was the former Miss Frederica Louisa Julianna Arthur, only daughter of Sir Frederick Arthur, second baronet, and the Lady Elizabeth, daughter of the 10th Earl of Kinnoul. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Sir Anthony Cope, Bart., of Bramshill, Hants, the mansion being supposed to have been the scene of the harrowing episode of the "Mistletoe Bough," and said to have been built for Prince Henry, eldest son of James I. Capt. Cope is 39 years of age, and the bride is some years his junior. The honeymoon was spent at Adcote, Shrewsbury, Captain Cope being due to start for Egypt on July 27th, to take up an appointment there.

In honour of the wedding, the Coalbrookdale ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Leonard Hewitt 1, Thomas Abbott 2, James L. York 3, Philip Shaw (first with a hob bell) 4, Richard Jones 5, Walter Lago 6, William Saunders (conductor) 7, Jack Aston 8.

5664 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. MARTIN, LIVERPOOL.

23456	M	B	W	H
24536			1	2
32465		—		2
25463	1			2
53462	1			2
65324		—		2
23564			2	2

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th, their extent each way in 5—6, at a course end. The combination is sustained throughout the whole peal, 2—3 never being together in those positions. This is believed to be the first peal composed and published containing these qualities on the plan.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

CANON WILLINK ENTERTAINS MEMBERS AT BIRMINGHAM.

The summer meeting was held at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Saturday week, and the attraction of "the twelve" brought together a goodly number of members from different towers in the Diocese—and outside of it. This was the first time for a long while that there had been an opportunity for ringing at St. Martin's on any week-day, the usual practice on Tuesday evenings having been postponed since the outbreak of war, and it was eagerly seized by many who had not had a pull on twelve bells for many months. Others came and enjoyed their first on the maximum number, but whether the listeners outside—especially the involuntary ones—enjoyed it to the same degree is open to doubt. However, for about an hour and a half the bells were turning to Stedman Caters and Cinques, by mixed companies, with mixed results.

At 4.15 the business meeting was held in the belfry, under the chairmanship of the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett).—Five new members were elected, and other formal business disposed of.—Among the new members were Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Olton Hill, Master of the Worcestershire Association (transferred from life membership), and the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Immediately after the meeting, cars were boarded en route for the Rectory, the Rector and Mrs. Willink having very kindly invited members and their wives to tea, and to spend the evening on the Rectory lawn. A party of about 50 took tea on the terrace, the Rector, Mrs. and Miss Willink being of the party.

A more delightful garden it is almost impossible to imagine, and when one stands on the lovely lawn surrounded by majestically proportioned tree, it requires quite an effort of will power to make oneself realise that the Bull Ring is only a mile and a half away. But so it is. On this side of Birmingham the "town," with its multitude of shops and fringe of mean streets (the latter always to be found in large towns between the centre and the suburbs), ends very abruptly, and, as it seems in the twinkling of an eye, one is whirled from the dust and racket into the peaceful quiet of easeful Edgbaston. Here then, the evening was spent, the Rector, after a few words of welcome explaining that he had arranged games and tournaments of bowls, quoits, and bull-board for those who would like to join in. Prizes were offered to all the winners. Others were invited to roam in the pleasure grounds at the rear of the garden, where they found beautiful walks around a pool, the placid waters of which were calmly contemplated by a disciple of Isaac Walton. Others again hauled forth the handbells, and soon their melodious ripple could be heard above the buzz of conversation, the clack of the bowls, and the smack of the bull-board. Of the games, bowls, as was only natural, aroused most interest, and as the contest proceeded, and one side and then another was eliminated, the excitement was great.

Finally, the winners proved to be Messrs. G. Walker and A. Paddon Smith, the runners-up being Messrs. J. E. Groves and the Rev. C. H. Barker.—The Rector presented each of the winners with a nice framed photograph of himself, which will be highly valued. The winners at quoits and bull-board were Mr. A. Scrivens and Mrs. A. Walker, and they received a book each, which, in addition to providing good reading, will serve as a memento of a very pleasant evening.

A vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Willink, proposed by Mr. G. Walker, and seconded by the secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), brought to a close one of the most pleasurable meetings the Guild has enjoyed for a long time.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington in October.

A. P. S.

THE "CLOCKING" OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am rather sorry to see Mr. Woolley's letter, reasonable though it is; for I fear it may suggest that in the average belfry there are two almost equal sides to the question: Ought bells, or ought they not, to be "clocked" in chiming for service? I agree that, in the hands of an expert chimer, the danger of this practice is reduced to a minimum; but how many sextons are expert chimers? Mr. Woolley knows, he tells us, "what the village sexton is capable of." He knows, therefore, that, if the sexton's duty is to chime for services, he will do it in the way that gives him least trouble. If that way is by clocking the bells, clocked they will be, whatever anyone else may say; and the sexton will be sure that he knows better than the parson or churchwarden.

Mr. Woolley refers to a letter of mine in your columns a few years ago. I have quite forgotten it, and cannot recall what I said. But I still hold with the condemnation passed upon "clocking" in the report of a committee to the Central Council, published in 1892, and repeated verbatim by Sir Arthur Heywood in his book on "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging (1914)." That committee—Sir Arthur Heywood, Messrs. W. Snowdon, Rees, Phillott, F. E. Dawe, W. Baron, and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer—knew what they were talking about; and a fairly wide experience of bells and bell ringers has convinced me that they were right.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON

(Late Master of the Essex Association)

HEROES FROM THE BELFRY.

THE LATE LCE.-CPL. J. T. BOTTRILL. THE LATE GUNNER FOX. REG.-SGT.-MAJ. TUCKER.

Of the above photographs, the first is that of the late Lance-Corpl. J. T. Bottrill, whose death was recorded last week, and concerning whose ringing career, his old friend and tutor, Mr. W. Willson, wrote so feelingly.

The second photograph is that of the late Gunner Fox, who had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Penwortham, about two years when war broke out. He began his ringing in 1912, when the bi-centenary of the bells at Penwortham was celebrated. He was a very steady ringer, and took great interest in it from the commencement, and had got well into Treble Bob before he went away. He joined the West Lancashire R.F.A. Territorials as soon as the war broke out. When in training at Westerham, Kent, he visited most of the belfries in the district, from which he gained a lot of experience and pleasure. He had never rung in a 5,000, but it was only the war which prevented him reaching his ambition.

The third photograph is that of Regimental-Sergt.-Major Tucker, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who has been awarded the meritorious service medal for his good services, and especially for the manner in which, single-handed, he got ammunition through under very heavy shell fire at the Battle of Messines.

He joined the Essex Regiment in September, 1914, but after a month transferred to his present regiment. His promotion was rapid, and not only has he made a splendid soldier, but he is well liked by his men, as the gifts which he has received from them testifies. In civil life R.-S.-M. Tucker was a miner. He began his ringing career at St Martin's Church, Caerphilly, when the bells were put up in 1911, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, being his tutor. R.-S.-M. Tucker is a member of the Llandaff Association, and a member of the St. Martin's Church choir.

RE-OPENING OF DARTFORD BELLS.

RESTORATION AFTER SEVEN YEARS' SILENCE.

As already briefly recorded, Dartford bells have been restored, by the recasting of the whole peal, which have been rehung in new fittings. The restoration was carried out at the expense of Mr. A. J. Penney, one of the churchwardens, in memory of his parents, and a large congregation witnessed the dedication ceremony which was performed by the Bishop of Rochester. After the dedicatory prayers, a course of Stedman Triples was rung by E. Barnett, junr., 1, J. H. Cheesman 2, T. Groombridge, senr., 3, T. Groombridge, junr., 4, E. Barnett, senr., 5, I. Emery 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, H. Simmons 8.

The Bishop then gave an address, choosing as the subject Numbers x. 10: "Also in the days of your gladness and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with trumpets over all burnt offerings and over sacrifices of your peace offerings, that they may be to me for a memorial before your God." The bells, he said, after a silence of seven years, once more rang out their message to the town and neighbourhood. At the time the church tower was being repaired it was thought expedient by the architect that a certain interval should elapse before the bells were again rung, in order that the work should become solid. Acting on this suggestion, the bells were silenced seven years ago, and the last public occasion of national importance in which the bells took part was the occasion of the joy over the Coronation of our present King. Now once more the bells had flung forth into the country around their praise and thanks. This had been made possible by an act of filial piety on the part of one who was well known amongst them—a member of the church and a churchwarden—in loving memory of his parents, who had been connected with the town since 1858. It was the gift of a son in loving memory of his father and mother, and also the gift of a churchwarden to the church he loved. It was a gift in memory of those who had fought the good fight and gone to reap their reward. How better could the memory of those who could no longer speak be kept than through the bells? Also, the bells had a solemn association when proclaiming the passing into eternal rest of souls who could no more be seen.

ENTHUSIASM OF KENT RINGERS.

The ringing of the bells constituted a fine art, and in Kent it was taken up with enthusiasm. Members of the Kent Bell Ringers' Association, drawn from neighbouring towns, were present that day to assist the Dartford bell ringers, and to them they extended a hearty welcome. They also extended a special welcome to the chairman and members of the Dartford Urban Council, who were in church not only to do honour to one of their members, Mr. Penney, but also to enter into the occasion in the right and proper spirit. The parish church had a peculiar association with the affairs of the town itself. Dartford was particularly fortunate because of the unity which had prevailed from time immemorial. It was the Council which caused the erection of the church clock in the tower to tell the time to those who went to work in that hive of industry. The Council attended the church to worship on every occasion of national importance, and this showed the interest of the municipality in its church. On these occasions they were called together by the bells, which served a special purpose. When he was Bishop of Adelaide, for ten years they had not even a peal of bells in the cathedral to summon the people to worship, but the difficulty was overcome by ringing the bells in the town hall.

At the conclusion of the service, a number of ringers assembled in the tower, the visitors including Messrs. A. A. Hughes (representing the Whitechapel Foundry, who carried out the work so successfully), T. H. Taffender, and J. B. Williamson. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung.

THE BELLS.

The recast bells have a tenor of 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb., in E flat.

The inscriptions which were on the old bells have been reproduced on the recast ones with certain additions. The old inscriptions were as follows:—

Tenor: Charles Manning, Thomas Walston, Churchwardens; made by Philip Wightman, London, 1702.

2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th: P.W. 1702.

Treble: Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1882.

4th: Pack and Chapman of London fecit, 1773; William Pope Churchwarden.

From the treble to the 6th, on the recast bells, have been simply added, in the waist of the bells, the words Recast, 1917.

On the 7th bell has been added: Recast, 1917; Leonard Savill, Vicar; Alfred John Penney, Henry Robert Dines, Churchwardens.

The addition on the tenor is as follows:—Mears and Stainbank remade us in the year 1917 as the gift of Alfred John Penney, Churchwarden, in loving memory of his parents, Alfred Thomas and Mary Penney.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For evening service, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to W. Norton, A. Hunt, G. Startin, who have given their lives for their country: H. Webb (Croft) 1, W. White (Barwell) 2, G. Wood (Sharnford) 3, C. Briggs 4, F. Cotton (Hinckley) 5, G. Thompson (Hinckley) 6, H. Briggs (conductor) 7, W. Jones 8. The ringers of the 4th, 7th and 8th are local men.

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. John's Church, on June 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 55 mins.: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, E. Coles 3, S. Dawe 4, Fred Chamberlain 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, Wm. Bolton (conductor) 7, S. Barker 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a fifth son to the Marquis of Bute, at Cardiff Castle, on June 5th.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS — On Sunday, June 10th, 336 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, H. Scar 3, W. Sear 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, F. Stonton (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8. 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Holderness 1, H. Sear 2, W. Mead 3, F. Hedges 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Masters 6, W. Scar 7, F. Stonton 8. First touch by H. Holderness, to whom credit is due, he having learnt to pull a bell b[illegible] short time ago.

WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, on June 10th, for the Sunday School anniversary, 504 Grandsire Triples: The Vicar 1, J. Ridyard 2, S. Harrison 3, Mr. Tickle 4, W. Jones 5, P. Derbyshire 6, F. Grundy 7, S. Hilton 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Barlow 1, T. Worsley 2, J. Lowe 3, W. Jones 4, F. Grundy 5, P. Derbyshire 6, J. Ridyard (conductor) 7, J. Edge 8.

BEDFORD.—On June 10th, for morning service, at St. Peter De Merton's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Bates 1, C. W. Clarke 2, H. M. Day (Market Deeping) 3, A. Robinson 4, W. Stapleton (conductor) 5, H. L. Harlow 6. For evening service, 720 Double Court: J. Bates 1, Miss D. D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, Miss E. Steel 4, A. Robinson 5, H. M. Day 6. For evening service, on June 17th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: Miss D. D. Steel 1, C. W. Clarke 2, H. M. Day 3, Miss E. Steel 4, A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

BROXBOURNE.—Hertfordshire Association.—On June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original: C. Gouldsmith 1, W. Mumford 2, H. G. Rowe 3, O. Twist 4, S. Knight 5, G. Radley (conductor) 6, W. Cavill 7, F. Halfhide 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Mumford.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, on June 11th, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 53 mins.: Gunner F. Wigmore, R.F.A. (first quarter of Stedman) 1, Gunner B. Bidnell, R.F.A., 2, G. Twitchen 3, Driver A. J. Mawby, R.F.A., 4, E. Markham 5, R. Coles 6, F. Hayes (conductor) 7, W. J. Horne 8.

BRIERLEY HILL.—On June 14th, at St. Michael's Church, a touch of Grandsire Triples, and 720 of Bob Minor, with 6—8 covering: Wm. Potter, F. Hodgkiss, E. Lloyd, J. Bass, A. W. Dodd, R. Moors, W. A. Pugh, C. W. Cooper. The conducting was shared by Messrs. W. Potter and J. Bass. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Whatmore, wife of Mr. Alfred Whatmore, of Brierley Hill, who is the oldest member of the Brierley Hill ringers.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, June 17th, on the five bells in this tower, 120 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. Brown, R. Warwick, W. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, junr., 2nd Air-Mechanic Passmore, and R. T. Hibbert. The two first named are the only ringers at this church left of eight, the others being in khaki in various parts of the world.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On June 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Waghorn, senr., 1, F. G. Newman 2, T. Faulkner 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Neal 5, J. Moule 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.—On June 24th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: F. G. Newman 1, J. Wayhorn 2, A. Worboys 3, A. Neal 4, R. Fenn 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6.—On July 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. Harwood 1, W. Beard 2, J. Waghorn 3, A. Worboys 4, R. Fenn 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6.—On July 8th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: W. Beard 1, E. Andrews 2, A. Worboys 3, F. G. Newman 4, R. Fenn 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: J. Huddleston 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. R. Jackson 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5, W. S. Forshaw 6, J. Burrows 8 (cover). At the Parish Church, on June 19th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Huddleston 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5, T. Suart 6, J. Burrows 8 (cover).—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Huddleston 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, T. R. Jackson 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6. For evening service, 560 Bob Major: T. Watson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. R. Jackson 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the first Sunday in the month at 6 p.m.; and at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on August 23rd; and for general business on the 14th and 28th, all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, August 18th, at 4.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society. Established 1824).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Mortlake, on Saturday, August 11th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, August 11th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, Canon Cornwall. Those intending to be present please notify not later than August 6th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Secretary, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, Sec., Middleton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Wenden on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m.—William Watts, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on September 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Ringers' service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. (for those who notify me by August 28th), to be followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Shepherd, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Surrey.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Bisley, when 20 members attended from nine different towers. A service was held in the Parish Church, appropriate prayers and hymns from the Association's form of service being used, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Clay) giving an excellent address from the text, "Workers together with God," which was much appreciated. All were kindly invited to tea by the Vicar, and the Vicarage gardens were thrown open to the visitors, who much enjoyed walking round and listening to the music of the beautiful Bisley bells.

A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. Leonard Stanley was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, and Chalford, Horsley and Woodchester for the friendly visits to ring on Sunday afternoons.—A hearty vote of thanks was acknowledged by the Vicar.—A vote of condolence was passed by the members standing in silence, to Mrs. Walter Faulk and family in the death of the Association's brother ringer from Stroud.

During the afternoon and evening some good touches were rung of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Ashford. Several touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round during the afternoon, but in Stedman there was "nothing doing."

The business meeting was held in the tower, and New Romney was selected as the place for the next meeting.—A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Gatehouse (of Headcorn), in the sudden loss of her husband (the Rev. Gatehouse), by whose death all ringers have lost a kind and sympathetic friend.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. E. K. Sopwith (Vicar of Ashford) for permission to hold the meeting at Ashford was also passed.

Several ringing members of H.M. Forces attended the meeting, and received a cordial welcome, including Corpl. Gordon Mackman (8th Reserve Battalion Canadians, now stationed at West Sandling), Pte. H. E. Watson (A.S.C., of Shouldham, Norfolk, now stationed at Ashford), and Sergt. Cavorsham (R.F.C., stationed at Lympne). The following towers were represented: Great Chart, Headcorn, Mersham, Marden, Stone-in-Oxney, Rolvenden, Tenterden, Woodchurch, Rye, and Ashford.

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