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Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

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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

## RINGING AFTER DARK.

Now that we have reverted from "summer" time to old time, the hours for ringing, with the lengthening evenings, are much curtailed, and already under the Defence of the Realm regulations it is not permissible to ring up to the usual hour of evening service. We hope, however, that ringers will take steps to approach the "Competent Military Authority" in their respective districts with a view to obtaining a special relaxation of the regulations, as was done very generally last year. It will be remembered that in many areas the military, on being approached, sanctioned the ringing of bells up to 9 p.m. The permission was first given in London, and we ascertained officially from the Home Office that the proper step to be taken to secure the extension of the privilege was to make application to the Competent Military Authority in each area. In some commands the number of applications was so great that the military approached the bishops, requesting them to circulate the official information of the modification of the regulations to all churches in the areas concerned.

It was only on the East Coast—the point most exposed to hostile attack, and, of course, the first to be reached by raiding aircraft—that permission to ring to a later hour than that prescribed in the regulations was withheld. That was a measure of precaution at which no one could grumble, but since that time the conditions of the enemy raids seem to have changed, so that it is not without hope that applications may be made again in those districts which were refused permission early this year.

In the case of those who last winter obtained sanction to ring up to 9 p.m. there seems no reason to suppose that a similar relaxation of restrictions will not be obtained during the coming long evenings. Ringers should get their incumbents to move in the matter at once, so that service and practice ringing may be continued. It must be borne in mind that without obtaining the consent of the Competent Military Authority for the district—the police can give information as to who this is—it is an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act for bells to be rung between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise. Next Sunday the restrictions will apply from about 6.15 p.m., so that bells cannot be rung up to the usual service hour of 6.30 without risk of a prosecution. But with the precedent of last winter as a guide, there seems no reason why, for the greater part of the country, at any rate, the consent of the Competent Military Authority should not be forthcoming. We shall be glad to hear of districts in which application is made, whether successfully or otherwise.

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## EIGHT BELL PEAL.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

*On Saturday, September 22, 1917, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *ERNEST WEATHERBY... | ...*Treble* | WILLIAM SAUNDERS | ... 5 |
| RICHARD LANGFORD, SENR. | 2 | ALFRED E. FULLICK | ... 6 |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING ... | 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY | ... 7 |
| LEONARD HEWITT ... ... | 4 | *GEORGE HALL ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Weatherby and as a welcome home from Canada. The ringers of treble and 8th belong to Drayton, 2nd and 3rd to Crewe, 4th and 5th to Coalbrookdale, 6th and 7th to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Tuesday, September 18, 1917, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL,
32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM T. COCKERILL... | 1—2 | HARRY R. PASMORE ... | 5—6 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... | 3—4 | HERBERT LANDON... ... | 7—8 |

ALFRED B. PECK ... ... 9—10

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

## A PILGRIMAGE.

On Saturday last, at the invitation of a kind lady, four pilgrims journeyed north-west to have a ring and spend a pleasant hour. Meeting at Willesden Parish Church at 4 p.m. sharp (some were three-quarters of an hour late!) a "ripping" quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major was rung in 45 mins. A course of Cambridge Major followed, and the bells were then lowered. The band was as follows: 'Billy' 1, 'Blikine' 2, 'Professor' 3, 'Nibs' 4, 'Peter' 5, 'Farver' 6, 'Nutty' 7, the 'Worthy Steward' 8, conducted by 'Farver.' First in both methods on the bells.

The party then adjourned to the lady's residence for tea. After the pilgrims had contributed their portions of that scarce but necessary commodity, sugar, ample justice was done to the viands provided. The remainder of the evening was spent in the manner so well liked by all who are interested in the art—handbell ringing, gossip and smoke. All too soon an enjoyable evening came to a close, and after a course of Stedman Cinques and some coffee and sandwiches, the four pilgrims were conveyed to the station (railway) by two of the locals and sent home rejoicing. The party wish to express their hearty thanks to "Nibs" for her kindly invitation.

C. H. H.

## A FIVE-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

234567

| | |
|---|---|
| 752634 | 1 |
| 657423 | 5 |
| 728634 | 3 |
| 637245 | 3 |
| 236574 | 5 |
| 532467 | 5 |
| 745632 | 1 |
| 327564 | 2 |
| 523476 | 5 |
| 425637 | 5 |
| 764325 | 1 |
| 367542 | 5 |
| 423756 | 2 |
| 364372 | 2 |
| 765247 | 5 |
| 263754 | 5 |
| 762435 | 5 |
| 467523 | 5 |
| 354267 | 1 |
| 253746 | 5 |

Repeat 4 times,
ending H B S 235476
H P S 5 234567

## TOUCHES OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By G. E. SYMONDS, FRAMLINGHAM.

Appended is the continuation of the sequence of touches of Stedman Triples from 100 changes upwards. The first series appeared on page 291.

Bobs at S = 3—4; H = 5—6; L = 7—8; Q = 12—13.

Touches from 123456 start with a slow six.

| No. of Changes. | | No. of Changes. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 150 | 123456<br>523614 S 13<br>Rounds by S, 8, 10, 11. | 163 | 123456<br>146253 Q<br>Rounds by 3, 7, 10, 11, Q, 14s. |
| 151 | 123456<br>264531 3, 6 L 12<br>Rounds by 3, 5, 10, 11, 12s. | 164 | 123456<br>213465 H<br>Rounds by 3, 6, 7, 12, 13. |
| 152 | 123456<br>643125 H L<br>Rounds by 3, L, 10, 11, 12. | 165 | 231456<br>345261 H Q<br>Rounds by 5, L, 10, 11, Q, 14s. |
| 153 | 231456<br>452136 S H L 10s Q<br>Rounds by 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11. | 166 | 231456<br>536421 S<br>Rounds by 3, 5. |
| 154 | 231456<br>536421 S<br>Rounds by 3, 6, 10, 11, 12. | 167 | 123456<br>246153 10s Q<br>Rounds by 5, L, 10, 11, Q. |
| 155 | 123456<br>415362 6 7 10s 13<br>Rounds by S, H, L, 10, 11. | 168 | 231456<br>321465 H<br>231456 H<br>or any pair of bobs in the same place in each course. |
| 156 | 231456<br>536421 S<br>Rounds by 4, 10, 11, 12. | 169 | 123456<br>543216 L<br>Rounds by 8, 12, 15s. |
| 157 | 123456<br>215364 H 13<br>Rounds by S, 10, 11, 12, 13s. | 170 | 123456<br>543216 L<br>126346 5 L 13<br>Rounds by 1. |
| 158 | 123456<br>124365 6 7 12<br>Rounds by S, 10, 11, 12, 13. | 171 | 231456<br>625431 H L Q<br>Rounds by 3, H, 7, 12, 15s. |
| 159 | 231456<br>625134 6 10s 13<br>Rounds by S, H, L, 10, 11, 12. | 172 | 123456<br>543216 L<br>235146 S H 8 Q<br>Rounds by 1. |
| 160 | 123456<br>426153 S 8<br>Rounds by 3, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13. | 173 | 231456<br>541326 L<br>Rounds by 3, 12, 15s. |
| 161 | 231456<br>512634 S 6 13<br>Rounds by S, H, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13s. | 174 | 123456<br>146253 Q<br>315246 H L Q<br>Rounds by 1. |
| 162 | 123456<br>463215 6 8<br>Rounds by S, H, 10, 11, 12, 13. | 175 | 123456<br>146253 Q<br>426136 H Q<br>Rounds by 1, 2s. |

*(To be continued.)*

## DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN READING RINGER

The death occurred on August 30th, at his residence, 56, Hatherley Road, Reading, of Mr. W. J. Williams, a well-known and much respected Reading ringer and choirman. Mr. Williams went to Reading in 1881, from London, where he formerly resided. His father was a ringer and steeplekeeper at the Parish Church, Richmond, during many years, so doubtless his love of, and skill with, bells was inherited. At the time he went to Reading Mr. Williams found the rejuvenation of St. Laurence's splendid peal in progress, and was welcomed as a member of the re-organised society there. His outstanding talents soon marked him out for conductor, and his name is prominent in the tower in connection with many good performances, recorded on permanent tablets, in that capacity. During recent years Mr. Williams assisted in the choir at St. Luke's Church, both as singer and hon. secretary, and he will be remembered with grateful affection by his fellow churchmen there.

The first portion of the funeral service was held at St. Luke's, and concluded at the cemetery. St. Laurence's bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, first by the new band of ringers, taught and conducted by Mr. W. Newell, and afterwards by a band of old friends, who, as a tribute of respect, rang the whole-pull and stand, and a short touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of Caversham.

## RINGER AT SALONICA FIRE.

SAPPER COLES DESCRIBES THE SCENE.

Sapper C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary of Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, who is now with the Royal Engineers at Salonica, writes, sending good wishes to his ringing friends. In his letter he gives an interesting account of the recent devastating fire, which destroyed such a large part of Salonica. He says:

"I am glad to be able to say I have had very good health out here, considering the climate. The heat has been simply awful ever since the end of May, but it is just beginning to cool down. Not muck, especially in the day time, but enough to bring relief. In midsummer, for about three months, it was really too hot for me to explain. At nights the sweat simply rolled out, and your clothes soon got soaked through. Lucky is the man who gets through without any ills, but these are not many. The worst cases go to hospital, but apart from these, it is quite common for men to be off for two or three days. However, I have only had a couple of days down since I have been here, so I have been very lucky.

"I had a good view of the big fire. Our dump is about two miles away from town, and we noticed the smoke of the fire on that Saturday afternoon. The brand-new fire engine, a motor from our dump soon went off. Towards evening we could see the fire spreading. There was a big wind blowing across the town, and this carried the flames along. When it got dark we could see that a large portion of the town was alight, and it was a really awful sight, it seemed like miles of fire. We perched ourselves on top of a big stack of hay, watching the flames. Occasionally a building went down, causing a big burst of flame. We could see the minarets outlined against the sky, and it seemed as if some must collapse, but although many were right in the fire area, yet they only lost their metal tops. Very strange indeed!

"We were up soon after three next morning (Sunday) and the fire was then burning fiercer than ever, and it looked as if the whole town, except that part behind the wind, would be destroyed. During the morning I got permission to go in, and got quite close to the fire. The Allies were all busy, but there were very few up-to-date appliances, with the result that the fire in many places was allowed to burn. However, by blowing up some buildings, and concentrating on others to prevent the fire spreading, it was eventually localised, although the wind changing that Sunday night made us think it was all up with the other part of the town. Luckily we were wrong.

"I saw many refugees. Crowds of people had got their bedding in the streets, and there they stopped for some days afterwards, until the Allies made provision for them. I have been in town a couple of times recently to look at the ruins. All the business part of the place is destroyed, including the Rue Egnatia and the Rue Venezelos. The latter is the chief thoroughfare leading up from the sea-front, and it contained many fine hotels, where all the big 'nobs' used to stay. They are now all done for. Nearly the whole of the sea front is also gone. I think about a dozen buildings escaped on a frontage of a mile or so. In Rue Venezelos were all the best shops, big drapers, jewellers, etc., and in the side turnings was quite a big bazaar. All these places were destroyed, and it is next door to impossible to buy any of the souvenirs for which Salonica was, a short time ago, famous. Now you can see the once fine owners of the jewellers' shops sifting the rubbish. It is really too sad to dwell on. In the residential part despoiled people are still searching among the ruins of their homes.

"On the whole, however, they take it all very quietly, seeming to look upon it as part of life to be turned out of home at a moment's notice. Most likely some of them have been refugees before, in this part of the world where war seems part of the daily task. We soldiers here have lost our Y.M.C.A. building, and as nearly all the cafes have been destroyed there is not much in Salonica to see, worse luck! and nowhere at all to go in the evenings."

## A WELCOME HOME.

On Saturday last eight members of the Salop Guild paid a visit to Market Drayton to attempt a peal of Stedman, as a welcome home from Canada, and a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Weatherby, who had been away some years. Four cycling members met at Hodnet, on the road, where hang a peal of six, in an octagonal tower. A run of five miles further brought them to Drayton, where the two men from Crewe and the locals were found ready. The peal, as recorded in another column, was successfully accomplished in 2 hrs. 45 mins. After the bells had been lowered a move was made to the Lion Hotel, where Mr. Weatherby had kindly provided an excellent tea, after which the handbells were brought into use, and Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung. Mr. Saunders then introduced a touch of Grandsire, conducted by him in his usual form: C. R. Lilley 1—2, W. Saunders 4—5, R. T. Holding 6—3; which had a very pleasing effect.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Weatherby for his kindness in providing tea, and also to the hostess.

HAWKSHEAD.—Lancashire Association.—On August 29th, in 1hr. and 4 mins., at St. Michael's Church, a date touch of Bob Minor (1917 changes): C. E. Webb (conductor) 1, W. D. Heelis 2, F. W. Coward 3, T. Bradley 4, T. Townson 5, J. Ellwood 6.

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## BERKSHIRE TOWERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. J. Pannett's inquiries as to the bells in certain Berkshire towers, the following are the particulars he asks for:

Faringdon, 8; tenor: 45 5-8 dia., 15 cwt.

Stanford-in-the-Vale, 6; tenor: 47½ dia., 16½ cwt.

Offington, 5; tenor: 44¾ dia., 14¾ cwt.

The weights are computed, and would be about correct if the canons were off the tenors. Perhaps another ¾-cwt. each might thus be allowed. Faringdon tenor is by Wells, 1779; Stanford tenor by Bagley, 1738; Offington tenor by Rudhall, 1762. These tenors are very prominent because very "thin."—Yours faithfully,

10, Gloucester Street, Swindon. J. H. SHEPHERD.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Uckfield on Saturday last, nineteen members being present. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and at 4 p.m. tea was kindly provided in the Parish Room by the Rector (the Rev. E. Sanderson, M.A.).

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.—The Rev. H. H. Williams (Rector of Little Horsted) was elected an hon. member; and the following Divisional officers were appointed: Messrs. A. D. Stone, hon. sec.; R. J. Dawe, E. C. Morritt and F. Protherough, committee. Mr. W. Palmer (St. Nicholas', Brighton) was appointed on the Committee of Advice, in place of Mr. F. W. Rice.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in providing tea, presiding at the meeting, and allowing the use of the bells, to which the Rector suitably replied.

The tower was again visited until dark, various methods from Grandsire to Surprise being rung. The following towers were represented: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' (Brighton), Burgess Hill, Balcombe, Seaford, Southover (Lewes), Rotherfield, Christ Church (Eastbourne), Shoreham, and the local band. In addition, Mr. G. Williams (hon. secretary of Winchester Guild) and Gnr. R. Clifford, R.G.A. (Beeston, Notts), were also present.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—A touch of 108 Stedman Triples, with the start given by Mr. Symonds last week, is impossible, and I think the following shows this fairly clearly:—

| | 1234567 | | | 1234567 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *2 1 5* | (1) | | *2 1 5* |
| | *2 15* | (2) | B | *2 15* |
| B | *25 1* | (3) | B | *2 5* |
| B | *5 2 1* | (4) | | *25* |
| | *25 1* | (5) | | *5 2* |
| B | *2 15* | (6) | | *5 2* |
| | *12 5* | (7) | | *25* |
| | *1 52* | (8) | | *2 5* |
| B | *512* | (9) | B | *25* |
| | *51 2* | (10) | B | *2 5* |
| B | *25* | (11) | | *5* |
| | *25* | (12) | | *5* |
| | *5 2* | (13) | | *5* |
| | *5 1 2* | (14) | | *5 1* |
| | *51 2* | (15) | | *51* |
| | *51 2* | (16) | | *51 2* |
| | *125* | (17) | | *125* |
| | *1234567* | (18) | | *1234567* |

The figures in italics in the above diagrams show the positions in which 1, 2 and 5 must be at the beginning and end of the touch. Investigation shows that 5 is slow at (4) or after, 1 at (6) or after, 2 at (8) or after, are impossible. In the light of this, the two diagrams show the only possible ways of dealing with 5. In the first diagram, 2 can be fitted in, but treble is sent in slow at (10). In the second, 2 is sent in slow at (10). The touch is, therefore, demonstrated impossible.—Yours truly,

H. W. FRIGHT.

## BACUP RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Bacup, of Mr. George Coates, who passed away at the early age of 23 years. The deceased was a bell ringer and Sunday School teacher. He was employed on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, and the Associated Society of Engineers and Firemen was numerously represented at the funeral, which took place at Bacup on the 17th inst. The ringers of St. Saviour's and Christ Church were represented by Messrs. W. Ashworth and W. Ormerod, and St. Saviour's Sunday School by the Superintendent (Mr. A. Netherwood). There were a number of wreaths, and after the funeral the bells of St. Saviour's Church were rung deeply muffled. On Sunday last, for morning service, with the bells again muffled, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: W. Ormerod 1, G. Brown 2, J. S. Lomas (conductor) 3, L. Holt 4, D. Briggs 5, W. Ashworth 6.

## DEATH OF MR. J. W. WHITING.

### WINCHESTER GUILD'S LOSS.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John W. Whiting, of Fareham, who passed away after a long illness, on Thursday in last week. By his demise, Hampshire ringing circles loses one of its best known and most respected figures, and the Winchester Guild an enthusiastic member and loyal worker. For many years Mr. Whiting ably discharged the duties of hon. secretary for the Portsmouth District, served on the Central Committee of the Guild, and represented the Guild on the Central Council. Although in later years his malady debarred him from taking more than an occasional part in the practice of ringing, he maintained a never-failing interest in the Exercise and the Guild to the end, his only regret being that he was unable to show the zeal which formerly characterised his participation in the art.

"There was something peculiarly warm in Jack Whiting's nature," writes an old friend. "When I first met him, now many years ago, I was struck by his affability, and throughout our long acquaintance I never once saw his temper ruffled. From behind that shaggy black beard of his, his face would beam with delight when greeting an old acquaintance, and he was always ready with a joke or a bit of chaff when occasion offered. He was a most unselfish ringer. Ready to stand in or out of a peal to oblige, always prepared to do the 'steeplekeeping' when bells wanted tending or ropes mending, he was a genial companion, a staunch friend, and a ringer of no mean ability. At Fareham he had charge of a ring of bells which were not the best in the world, but 'they were better than nothing,' as he used to say, and he looked after them, all the while he was able, with almost parental care. He could tell many a good ringing tale, and in the old days of the Hampshire ringing tours, of which pleasant memories still survive, he was a very active spirit. Jack Whiting was one of those men who never made an enemy, but he could claim as friend every ringer who had the pleasure of his acquaintanceship. Now he has gone, after a long and patiently borne illness, and many of us will feel that there is a gap in the circle of our friendship which even Time, the great healer, will have much difficulty in filling."

## RINGER'S WEDDING AT WILLENHALL.

On Sunday last, the marriage took place at the Church of St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs, of Mr. Laurence J. Williams and Miss Bertha Cope. The bridegroom was at one time a member of the local band, but a short time before the outbreak of war his family moved to Lancashire. When war was declared he joined the 4th East Lancashire Regiment, and served with them at the Dardanelles, where he was severely wounded, subsequently getting his discharge. Mr. Fred J. Ward, who acted as best man, is one of the local ringers, and has seen service with the 35th Division R.A.M.C., being present at the Battle of the Somme, where he contracted trench fever, and has recently been discharged from hospital.

After ringing the bridal party into church, the ringers attended the service, and at the conclusion the bells were fired, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung by E. Hortin, A. E. Reed, W. E. Wathen, I. Evans, C. Wallater, J. Harper, R. Davies, G. Phillips, H. Ward.

## UNSUCCESSFUL PEAL ATTEMPTS.

At St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, on Saturday week, an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal was made, but the bells were brought round half-way owing to the indisposition of one of the band. The peal was arranged for Mr. S. A. Boar, who has recently been initiated as a resident member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, of which his brother, Mr. A. S. Boar, now serving in France, is a member. It was Mr. Boar's first attempt for a peal, and great credit is due to him for the manner in which he rang. The band was: S. A. Boar 1, J. Motts (conductor) 2, E. Pemberton 3, W. Hewett 4, W. Motts 5, W. Burgess 6, R. H. Brundle 7, W. L. Catchpole 8.

On the same day an attempt for the same composition at Cranleigh Parish Church, Surrey, came to grief, the ringing having lasted 2 hrs. 25 mins. The cause was a missed bob at the 7th part end. The failure was much regretted by all the band, as the peal had been arranged to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, both of whom took part in the event, and who had a similar disappointment in an attempt for a peal earlier in the year in honour of their 25th wedding day. The band was: P. H. Doick (Pulborough) 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, F. Blondell (Woking) 3, F. E. Dawe (Bramley) 4, C. Hazelden (Guildford) 5, F. Shepherd (Horsham) 6, W. Charman 7, R. Whittington 8. This was the longest length rung by Mrs. Whittington with a "bob" bell. Afterwards the party were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, and handbell ringing was enjoyed. The thanks of the band are due to the Rev. Philip Cunningham, Rector and Rural Dean, for his permission to attempt the peal.

WOKING, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: Sergt. Edwards 1, W. J. Lee 2, F. Blondell 3, J. Street 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, T. Strudwick (conductor) 6.

## CLUN CELEBRATES BELLS' ANNIVERSARY.

For close on three and a half centuries there has been a ring of bells at St. George's Parish Church, Clun, Shropshire, and in war, as in peace, they have continued to fulfil their purpose.

"SING WEE MERILY. PEACE BEE TO CLVN, 1668,"

was the inscription on one of the ancient bells, and reproduced on one of the new octaves, placed in the church in 1914. Sunday, September 16th, was the third anniversary of the re-dedication of the restored tower, clock and bells, and was commemorated at the evening services, when special hymns were sung, including "Unchanging God, Who livest." An eloquent sermon was preached by the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Macheu) from Ps. vi. 6, "Who will show us any good?" He dwelt on the excellent things that had been accomplished by the church, in spite of the bad times, through war, and how the various agencies of good work had been kept going, and how difficulties had been surmounted. When the great war broke out they were left with a large debt on the work, but with splendid effort and self-denial on the part of some it had all been cleared off. Some said, now they had the new bells, they would not be able to have them rung, but had they been silent? When their young ringers left to take their part in fighting for King and country, God put it into the hearts of others to take their place, and they knew with what result.

Some well-struck Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells, and ringing concluded with some good "rounds" on the eight, in which some of the probationers took part.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Tichmarsh, on Saturday week, a good number of members and friends being present, and touches of Kent, Grandsire, Bob Triples and Bob Major rung. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. M. Luckock), the collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounting to 9s. 6d. Tea was provided at the Dog and Partridge Inn. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. F. H. Lang (vice-president), the Rev. R. Coperman (vice-president of the Kettering district), the general secretary, and Mrs. F. Wilford.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ringstead, in February, 1918. —One ringing member was elected, and the usual votes of thanks were passed.—The Rector, in reply, said it gave him much pleasure to welcome them to Tichmarsh. The tower was then again visited, which concluded a successful meeting.

## DEATH OF A SALEHURST RINGER.

The death took place during the early hours of the 13th inst., of Mr. W. T. Cramp, of Salehurst, Sussex, at the comparatively early age of 35, a very highly respected inhabitant and member of the local branch of the Sussex County Association. Deceased, a son of Mr. W. Cramp, of Northbridge Street, Robertsbridge, has been a sufferer for years from consumption, but he bore his illness with great patience and fortitude. He had been employed as a bricklayer for a long time by Mr. L. French (also a local ringer), but owing to his illness had practically been unable to work during the past 4½ years. He commenced to ring about 15 years ago, and although he never completed a 5040, he had rung several quarter-peals of Grandsire. He was an enthusiastic ringer, a good and careful striker, a very regular attendant (except when prevented by his illness), always agreeable and courteous, and his assistance in the care of the bells, especially as a splicer of the bell ropes, will be greatly missed. Although suffering as he was, he was always ready to take a spare rope when the band met short, and the Salehurst ringers have lost a comrade whom it will be hard to replace. He leaves a widow and five small children to mourn their loss, and to them the very deepest sympathy goes out, as, owing to the length of deceased's illness, they have been left practically unprovided for.

The funeral took place at Salehurst on the 15th inst., amidst every sign of regret, the deceased being laid to rest just under the tower containing the bells he loved so well. The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward) officiated, and the ringers acted as bearers. In addition to the relatives and friends present, the local band were represented by Messrs. Booth, Edwards, French, Goodsell, Perry and T. Hoad; the Battle ringers by Messrs. Franks, Aldridge, Carter and Dennis; and the Brightling ringers by Mr. Geo. Pont. After the funeral the usual whole pull and stand was rung, also touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, with the bells half-muffled.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester Branch met at Barlow Moor, representatives being present from the towers of Ashton-under-Lyne, Didsbury, Flixton, Pendleton, Prestwich, Hyde and Penistone. Touches in the standard methods were rung. Mr. Bert Davies presided over the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers.—St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, was chosen as the next meeting-place, on October 20th.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things ready.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE. — On August 12th, for morning service, at St. John's Baptist Church, 120 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Beale 1, W. Thorpe 2, E. J. Boot (Beeston, Notts) 3, J. Upton 4, F. S. Price (Beeston, Notts) 5. First changes on the bells for Sunday services for over eighteen months. There are only three of the original ringers left, the others being with the colours. The ringers of 3 and 5 luckily arrived just as the others were chiming, and took the opportunity of having a ring, reaching home afterwards in time to take their usual place for evening service.

ABERAVON.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Stitch 1, A. Perry 2, W. Nurton 3, D. Frankcom 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, F. B. Stedman 6, A. J. Pitman 7, J. Wethersby 8. Arranged for R. Thompson, who hails from Chepstow.

STOKE POGIS, BUCKS.—On August 14th, for Miss Parry's wedding, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Henley 1, J. J. Parker 2, Miss G. E. Bateman (conductor) 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, W. J. Bateman 5, W. Blackmore 6. Also 480 in the same method (in which Miss Fuller rang the treble) and two six-scores of Stedman Doubles.

STANDISH, LANCS.—On August 18th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 38 mins.: J. Gray 1, T. Lofthouse 2, J. Grounds 3, J. H. Garside, jun., 4, J. Hopwood 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, P. Crook 7, J. Booth 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, August 19th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): A. Coates 1, T. Clark 2, A. F. West 3, W. D. Lister 4, Sergt. Gregory, R.G.A., 5, E. J. Redfern 6, W. H. Porter (conductor) 7, J. Craven 8. Arranged for Sergt. Gregory, R.G.A., of Wantage, Berks, who is now stationed at Catterick.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Peter Do Merton on Sunday, August 19th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Robinson 1, B. Saddington 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, W. Stapleton (conductor) 5, E. P. Duffield 6.—On August 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Bates 1, G. Basford 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, Miss E. Steel 4, P. Inskip 5, A. Robinson 6; also 720 London Surprise: A. Robinson 1, Miss D. Steel 2, C. W. Clarke 3, Miss E. Steel 4, G. Basford 5 W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1312 changes), in 51 mins.: J. Rookwood 1, F. Hunt 2, B. Wilson 3, L. A. Goodenough 4, T. Blackbourne 5, T. Kendall 6, Pte. H. Walker (5th Beds Regiment) 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th; also as a welcome to ringer of the 7th, who was home on leave.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: Alf. E. Bennington 1, E. B. Crowder 2, E. J. Pannett 3, A. G. Mason 4, Pte. E. Mounter, A.S.C. (Curry Rivel, Somerset), 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, Arch. Bennington 8.

FULHAM. — At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes): R. Harvey 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. W. Davis 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. Cutmore 5, E. F. Cole 6, J. W. Driver 7, H. Miles 8, C. Charge 9, M. E. Smith 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. M. E. Smith, who attained his 63rd year.—On Sunday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 49 mins.: L. Attwater (conductor) 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. E. Garrard 3, Robert Holloway (Acton), first quarter of Stedman Caters, 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. W. Davis 6, A. Darlington 7, W. H. Hollier 8, C. Charge 9, Pte. G. F. Edwards, A.S.C., 10.

ERDINGTON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund (R.C.), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: B. W. Witchell 1, T. Ward 2, W. Stringer 3, J. Seabourn 4, J. B. Collett 5, Bro. Pancras Pickard, O.S.B., 6, J. George (composer and conductor) 7, Bro. Wulman, O.S.B., 8. Rung half-muffled, on the anniversary of Rev. Father Silvester, Schleed.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, F. Hedges 3, C. A. Valentine 4, H. Sear 5, T. Tompkins 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Whitehead 8. First quarter in the method by T. Tompkins. It was arranged for him and C. A. Valentine, Stony Stratford, and also rung as a birthday compliment to F. Whitehead.

KNIGHTON, LEICESTER. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 26th, 360 Grandsire Doubles; for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles; for evening service each 120 being called differently: H. Holwell 1, J. Wilson 2, S. Bockwood 3, A. Jenkins 4, Sapper W. H. Clarke, R.E. (conductor), 5. Rung as a welcome to conductor, who was home on leave.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday morning, August 26th, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss E. A. Fuller 1, T. S. Smith 2, G. T. Leader 3, Gnr. E. Hancox, R.G.A. (conductor), 4, T. Smith (St. Andrew's) 5, W. Henley 6, E. Hooper 7 P. Kedge 8. Miss Fuller's first quarter-peal. Meeting with ten ringers, R. Carter and G. Gutteridge stood out. Gnr. Hancox was home on week-end leave from Aldershot.

## NOTICES.

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

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and six bell contest will be held at Tong on Saturday, September 29th, 1917. Ballot for order of ringing will take place in the school at 3 p.m.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 at G. Austin and Co.'s, King Street. The tea will be 1/3 each, and will only be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Flower, Eaton Bank, Duffield.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, September 29th.—A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 4 to 7 p.m.—J. Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Wellingborough Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—W. Perkins, Dist. Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—The next practice meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, Sept. 29th. The bells (6) will be available from 5 p.m. till dusk. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Hazelden, St. Michael's, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 29th, at 5 o'clock. Bells available during the afternoon and evening, and tea will be kindly provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 6.15 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

OXFORD GUILD.—A combined practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday next, Sept. 29th. Bells, 6.15 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Ringing friends' help will be much appreciated.—G. H. Gutteridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., at 8 p.m., for handbell practice, on Oct. 4th and 18th, and for general business on the 9th and 23rd; also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday the 7th, at 10 a.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Farnworth, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 1917. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 1917. The business meeting will be held in the Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea and meeting, 6. Members intending being present please send word.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Established 1755. — Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 3. By the kind invitation of the Erdington Parish Church Society, tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 o'clock free, for all those who advise Mr. J. Preston, 13, Holifast Road, Erdington, *not later than Oct. 10th*, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rector (Rev. H. W. Jones). Tea (1s.) in the Schoolroom at 6. Reports will be ready for distribution. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 4.30 to 8. Tea at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

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### SERGT.-MAJOR CAVE'S RETURN.

By the time these lines appear in print C.-Q.-M.-S. Cave, R.E., of Bristol, hopes to be in England. Writing from France, he says: "I have arrived at the Base on my way to England. I shall probably be stationed at Christchurch Hants, and am looking forward in pleasant anticipation to some ringing in the neighbourhood."

MOUNT SORRELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Gunner John Theodore Mitchinson Lewis, elder son of the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Lewis) and Mrs. Lewis, who was killed in action on August 1st: W. W. Jones 1, T. Collins (conductor) 2, H. Perkins 3, J. Kirchin 4, W. Hyde-Inglesant 5, A. Burrows 6, J. Wainwright 7, A. Burrows 8. It was rung with 4, 6, 8 covering. Messrs. Inglesant and Burrows, the ringer of the 6th, belong to Quorn, near Loughborough.


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