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COMMEMORATION.

In a recent letter published in our columns Mr. Albert Walker referred to the great services Mr. Goldsmith had rendered to the Exercise, and he went on to ask the question, What memorial can we set up to his memory?

It is a question which, we do not doubt, has been in the minds of many ringers during the past few weeks, and to answer it Mr. Walker made two suggestions which are worthy of consideration.

The first thing to do, he said, is to secure for all time, by every means in our power, the continuity and success of 'The Ringing World,' which Goldsmith had founded and to which he devoted over thirty years' service. With that, we feel sure, all our readers will cordially agree. In recent years there have been few ringers, who when they passed away left names comparable to Mr. Goldsmith's, that have not had a memorial raised to them by the Exercise, sometimes involving the expenditure of hundreds of pounds. What the Exercise has done for them it surely will be anxious to do for him, especially as by so doing it will benefit itself. Support therefore should be given to the committee of the Central Council which has the matter in hand; financial support, if and when it is asked for, and moral support, which must take the form of backing them up in any scheme which they may bring forward either for temporary or for permanent operation. No memorial would have given greater satisfaction to Goldsmith himself than the preservation of 'The Ringing World.'

But Mr. Walker went on to make a second suggestion, and he proposes that an annual commemoration service and a pilgrimage to the grave in Pyrford churchyard should be held each year in June. It is an interesting suggestion, and how far it would be practicable we cannot say. Obviously it would have to wait until the end of the war before it could fully materialise. Though at first sight it may seem a novel one, the idea is universal and deep seated in human nature. For untold centuries people have been making pilgrimages to the last resting places of great men, and no small amount of history and legend centres round these pilgrimages. There are shrines and holy places scattered all over the world, and not only saints are so honoured. In peace time every year thousands go to Stratford-on-Avon to gaze on the plain slab of stone before the high altar in the church, beneath which lies the body of Shakespeare; and to no small proportion of those who visit Westminster, the Abbey is not so much a glorious church as the sepulchre of the mighty dead.

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Already we have in the Exercise something of the same idea. Yearly at Birmingham and in Yorkshire the memories of Henry Johnson and Jasper Snowdon are honoured. To the majority of ringers both men are but names, for those who knew either in the flesh are few and are getting fewer every year. But they are names that signify much in the story of the Exercise. In their day they did good work which has lasted, and change ringing would not have been what it is without them. It is well, then, that they should be had in remembrance, nor is John Goldsmith less worthy, and we hope it may be found possible to carry out in some form or other Mr. Walker's suggestion.

Let us now praise famous men and our fathers that begat us.

The Lord hath wrought great glory by them, through his power, from the beginning.

THE RINGERS' CONFERENCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The decision to end the Conference (as such) is to be deplored, but without a full knowledge of the circumstances which led you to make such a decision it would not only be futile, it would be foolish to challenge the wisdom of such an action. At the same time, it is to be hoped that ringers will take full advantage of the opportunity, still open, of discussing the many interesting subjects placed on the Conference agenda. One in particular I would like to see fully discussed, that proposed by Mr. Turner and seconded by Mr. Barnett.

The resolution which was under discussion at the time the Conference was closed through the lamented death of Mr. John Goldsmith is one which, I think, should have stimulated a great deal of interest. In actual fact, it gave to the advocates of a National Association a fine opportunity of pushing their ideas, but it says little for their enthusiasm that they have so far failed to take advantage of the Conference discussion, and we are still awaiting some real proposals to work upon or to attack.

If the Conference (as such) must end, the discussion can still go on, and I ask those who are inclined to support the proposal to form a National Association to make up their minds what they want, let us know what they want, and perhaps we shall get somewhere. In any case, Mr. Editor, as the proposer of the resolution I still hope to reply.

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

THOUGHTS ON FUTURE PROBLEMS.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE CLERGY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter published in a recent issue under the above heading certainly provokes a great deal of thought. The future of the Exercise will not be guaranteed by making it attractive to recruits in the ways mentioned; bellringing is and must remain a service to the Church, and will not flourish if allowed to lapse into a sport and pastime for those whose only aim is to ring for their own pleasure. The foundation of post-war ringing must be built upon local bands whose first aim is to ring their own bells well for their own Sunday services. The standard of ringing must not be lowered for the sake of procuring recruits, for young people who are really interested will put up with quite a lot of correction even if it is given in the customary noisy manner. To rush beginners into the belfry to ring without adequate instruction will do more harm than good.

The solution of the problems that lie before us will only be found if we create an interest in ringing among the clergy, many of whom know nothing of our art and whose bells are now silent, and whose ringers have been called away. It is common knowledge that most persons do not appreciate the difficulties that lie ahead; they say that the bells have been rung regularly in the past and they will be so rung again. And there are others who are not concerned about the bells being rung at all.

Some of our parishes are fortunate enough to have a young and energetic curate who has a large following among the younger people. It is very seldom that he is a ringer, and, apart from wanting to take the youngsters to the top of the tower to have a look round, goes no further to make them ringing-minded. It is to these younger clergymen that we should direct our appeals, and, sir, could not the columns of your contemporaries, the church newspapers, be sometimes used for this purpose? By this means future ringers will be found more easily and there will be a much greater chance of retaining them in the tower.

To ensure the continuation of our art we must seek greater co-operation between ringers and the clergy. The latter should recognise ringers to be church workers as much as they do sidesmen and choir-men, and, in return, ringers must be prepared to play their part by putting service before pleasure.

C. W. MUNDAY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 26, 1942, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT BRAYSTONES, SOUTHBOURNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in D.

* HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 1-2 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | † JOSCELIN M. TURNER ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Triples on handbells.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1942, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM TAYLOR... 1-2 | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5-5
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 3-4 | E. ROGER MARTIN ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1942, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE... 1-2 | PERCY L. HARRISON ... 5-6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER (No. 220 Broadsheet).

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially rung to mark the 75th birthday of Mr. Josiah Morris (father of E. and G. S. Morris). He is to be congratulated on the way he rang his bells throughout the peal.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 1, 1942, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in D.

* WILLIAM C. PORTER... 1-2 | WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 5-6
JOHN E. SPICE ... 3-4 | MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM L. B. LEESE.

* First peal of Major 'in hand' away from the tenors. First attempt to conduct a peal of Major.

HAVERCROFT, WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 2, 1942, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT 36, BRIAR LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2 | PETER WOODWARD ... 5-6
HAROLD CHANT ... 3-4 | RAYMOND FORD ... 7-8

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 2, 1942, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

* GERALD BROMLEY ... 1-2 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method and of Triples. Mr. Bromley was proposed a member of the Guild before starting the peal.

AN OLD RULE.—For the better regulation of this our fraternity, we do hereby agree that we remain in the belfry during pleasure; and then for the further pleasure and benefit of conversation adjourn to any house the company shall choose, and tarry there till the hour of ten, and no longer.—From Pelwehe's 'History of Devon,' 1742.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

JOINT MEETING AT HAGLEY PARK.

The decision of the St. Martin's Guild to accept the invitation of the Worcester and Districts Association to hold a joint quarterly meeting with them at Hagley Park, Worcestershire, on Saturday, June 27th, proved an unqualified success, the weather being ideal for the occasion. Hagley Hall is the seat of Viscount Cobham, Lord Lieutenant for the City and County of Worcester, and is ideally situated in Hagley Park. The family name is Lyttelton, and it is said that on one occasion eleven members of the family challenged all England at cricket and the match was played on the cricket pitch in Hagley Park. There was a cricket match in progress on the occasion of our visit, and the only reminder of war conditions was the absence of the sound of the church bells. The church is situated in the park, and while some indulged in silent practice on the tower bells, some rang handbells and others wandered over the park or watched the cricket match. In all 88 members of the two societies attended, together with a number of ladies.

The tea arrangements were in the hands of Mr. B. C. Ashford, secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcester Association, and right well he did his job. This was served al fresco fashion by the local company of Boy Scouts, and their motto was prompt and smiling service.

The Guild's short business meeting followed, presided over by the Master, Councillor Paddon Smith, J.P., the secretary's table being a fallen elm tree with a girth of about 3ft. 6in. The first business was to refer to the death of John S. Goldsmith. In his tribute the Master remarked that in the passing of Mr. Goldsmith the Exercise in general had sustained a serious loss and the St. Martin's Guild a valued member and a sincere friend. He was always happy to visit Birmingham, for he had many friends in the Guild. His great services to the Exercise in carrying on 'The Ringing World' for so many years would never be appreciated at their full value. It had never been a financial success, yet week by week it had been published through his enthusiasm and self-sacrificing efforts. He asked all to stand for a moment in silence as a last mark of respect.

Mr. Smith stated that everyone knew it was essential that the Exercise should have a periodical. For the next few weeks the publication of 'The Ringing World' had been guaranteed by members of the Central Council, but in due course a scheme would be put before the Exercise to put it on a sound financial basis, which he hoped they would all support.

Mr. K. Salter, of Kidderminster, and Mr. D. Watson, of Stourbridge, were duly elected life members of the Guild.

When the place of next meeting was considered there was some competition, three places being proposed. It was decided to hold it at Erdington on Saturday, September 28th, instead of the first Saturday in October, which is the usual date.

Mr. Albert Walker, proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the entertaining association, said how pleasant it was to hold a meeting under such ideal conditions and surroundings. Their thanks were due to Mr. Ashford, who had so ably provided the food, and to the local company of Boy Scouts for their energy and enthusiasm in serving it, and to Mr. Fred Molineaux, of the Hagley tower, for having the bells ready. All had contributed in making the meeting so successful.

Mr. William Short referred to the old associations the St. Martin's Guild had with Hagley, stating that the Guild rang the first peal on the bells some 54 years ago.

Among the many visitors who were present were Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, an old and highly respected member of the Guild, Mr. W. J. Davidson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, now serving in the Royal Corps of Signals, and Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, of the Warwickshire Guild.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM E. WHITE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The passing of Mr. William E. White, of Cotgrave, is a severe blow to the Midland Counties Association. In its 60 years' existence it is safe to say that no individual ringer in this area did more for the management and welfare of the society.

Mr. White was not a brilliant ringer, had not many peals to his credit, but his interest in the art and especially so far as his association was concerned was unbounded. During his long connection he filled many offices. He joined the association in 1887, served eight years on Nottingham District Committee. For six years he was local secretary and seven years chairman of the district. He was auditor for six years and Central Council representative nine years. For no less than 21 years he was general hon. secretary, and hon. treasurer for the last 10 years. During all this long period he seldom if ever missed a meeting, truly a remarkable record. Right up to the last he never lost his interest in the association's welfare, and was one of the trustees of the association's invested funds.

During my own service as general hon. secretary I found in Mr. White a source of great help, and his advice on all matters was always willingly given. He will be greatly missed by all, and I am quite certain I am voicing the wishes of every member in conveying to his wife and daughter, his brother (Mr. Walter White) and other relatives our deepest sympathy and condolence in their great loss.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

JOHN HOLT.

(Continued from page 293.)

THE BROADSHEET OF PEALS.

John Holt parted from his old company with friendly feelings. After he had called a peal of Grandsire Caters for the College Youths at St. Dionis', Backchurch, on August 5th, 1752, he went back to the Union Scholars, and on September 25th he called a peal of Bob Triples for them at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields. On the last day of the year he called 6,390 changes of Grandsire Caters at St. Sepulchre's for the College Youths.

The band at St. Dionis' included the younger William Underwood, Samuel Killican, Thomas Bennett, John Trenell and John Ward. It was Ward's last peal. He had remained an active peal ringer longer than any other of the Cinques band of 1725 except only Annable, and Annable had but two more peals to ring.

John Cundell was as good as his word. Besides canvassing the London College Youths, he wrote to the leading bands in the country and to such prominent ringers as would be likely to assist. What apparently is a copy of his letter was printed in 'The Ipswich Journal' of September 1st, 1753. Why the advertisement should have appeared in that paper, and not in, say, 'The Norwich Gazette,' is not clear, but we remember that Samuel Jacomb, Theodore Ecclestone's father-in-law, and himself a College Youth, was an Ipswich man. There was then a good band of ringers at St. Mary-le-Tower, as there almost always has been, but no name of any note is associated with the town.

The advertisement is addressed 'To all Artists in Ringing.' 'Mr. John Holt, of London,' so it reads, 'having at length discovered a method of ringing 5,040 Grandsire Triples without changes over again, or ye use of any other means than plain leads, bobs, and only two singles, which hath hitherto been looked upon as impossible; he has also made improvements in Plain Bob and Union Triples, all of which he is willing to communicate to ye world; but as his circumstances are low, and he can expect no reward for his labour, nor assistance towards the expenses of publishing them but from his brethren in ye art, he proposes to have neatly printed two whole peals of Grandsire Triples, divided into halves, one containing three regular courses, the other 5, with two singles—one at ye half peal, the other at ye end, the bobs being so regularly disposed as to be easily called. One complete peal of Plain Bob Triples in 3 regular courses without any single or alteration, but only leads and bobs as usually rung. Also a complete peal of Union Triples, each half in 3 regular courses, ye singles made at ye middle and end of peals; and to deliver copys of these four peals by Xmas next, to any single person or any set of 8 bell ringers who shall subscribe not less than 5s. 3d., notify their subscriptions post paid to Mr. John Cundell in Salisbury Court, Fleet Street; who engages to deliver ye same with a list of subscribers, or return ye subscriptions if there should not be enough to diffray ye expense of printing.

'Those who have not an opportunity to subscribe in London, and are willing to encourage ye design to send their subscriptions to ye printer of this paper.'

Among those who helped to obtain subscriptions was Dr. Charles Mason, of Cambridge. He wrote to the Norwich ringers about it, and, in reply, received a letter

from John Webster, which was a polite, but decided, refusal. 'Reverd. Sir, I desire you'll excuse my not Subscribing to a Work which I have some Reason to fear will not answer to Expectation. I must Confess our Company seem intirely to slight it, though I must own it is not a Generous Way of treating Mr. Holt's performance; but I believe they are induc'd to this by that Ingenious Ringer, Mr. Annable's not Encouraging of it; his Influence on the College Youths, I presume, would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without further Subscription.'

It is a little strange that the Norwich men should have 'intirely slighted' Holt's peals, for only twelve months before, the Original had twice been rung in the city. It is likely, however, that the men who rang that peal were not the Norwich Scholars, but a band of young ringers who practised at the eight bell towers—St. Giles' and St. Miles'. There was always a great tendency among the leading Norwich men to consider that they were the equals of anyone, and had no need to go elsewhere for methods or peals.

Webster's letter is evidence of the great reputation Annable enjoyed in the country and of the influence and authority he exercised. He did not approve of Holt's broadsheet. Of course he did not, and in the circumstances it could hardly be expected. But the reason has been misunderstood. He was not a generous critic of other people's work; he spoke of Prior's new method, Eastern Bob, with derision, and he had for so long been considered the oracle on all things connected with composition, that he could not easily brook an equal, let alone a superior. But there is no evidence that he had anything to say against the peals themselves. What he did object to, was the encouragement of John Holt, since it was a part of the scheme to turn himself out of the Society of College Youths. Had he approved of Cundell's action he would have shown a generosity and a greatness of mind altogether beyond what one has a right to expect. •

Whether Annable approved or not, the publication of the broadsheet was a success. Cundell sold by subscription seventy-five copies, which at 5s. 3d. a copy, realised nearly twenty pounds before printing.

The names of the subscribers are interesting. Eight copies went to Cambridge—four to the company, two to Dr. Mason, one to Mr. Windle, a parson who had composed some peals, and one to Joseph West, an inn-keeper. The Oxford company took a copy, and so did the bands at Nottingham and Stroud. The St. Neots company had four copies. Samuel Anderson, of Stonham Aspal, Theodore Ecclestone's friend, took two copies, but Ecclestone's own name is absent from the list, for he died in that same year. Other country subscribers included Henry Cowley, of Twickenham, John Swaine, of Stanwell, Joseph Levens and John Short, of Croydon, and William Fortrey, of Galby, in Leicestershire. The latter was a country gentleman, a lover of ringing, and a giver of bells to the churches of his neighbourhood. He subscribed for four copies of the broadsheet.

The largest subscriber among the London ringers was Samuel Killican, who took seven copies. He appears to have been a fairly well-to-do man and a great admirer of John Holt.

The bell-founders, Robert Randall, of the Fleet Ditch, and Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, each took four copies. So did Cundell, William Oram, Thomas Lowe

and William Skelton. Oram was a past master of the Society of College Youths, Skelton was the ecclesiastical lawyer, who was the most important man in the Fulham company. John Hardham took two copies.

There were others besides Annable who did not subscribe. The price may have frightened some, for 5s. 3d. was a lot for a single sheet of printed paper; and there may have been some who, like Annable, did not 'encourage it,' Trenell, and Prior, and John Blake; Ward, and Spicer, and Jeacock; and the older members of the Society of College Youths like Robert Catlin and William Gardiner.

None of Holt's old friends of the Union Scholars subscribed (perhaps most of Killican's copies went to them), nor did the leaders of the Eastern Scholars, nor any member of the Society of Cumberland Youths, which was taking its place as one of the leading companies.

John Cundell's circular was sent out early in 1753; the broadsheet appeared before the end of the year, and by that time John Holt was dead. Exactly when he died and where he was buried I cannot say. So far, I have not traced his burial in any of the London parish registers. One thing is fairly certain. He was carried to the churchyard in the parish coffin that had served the same office for many others of his class, and he was buried in the common grave where his ashes mingled with many more like himself except for this thing, that while their names are utterly forgotten, his is still remembered and is likely to be so.

A broadsheet is a very perishable thing, much more so than a bound book, and I believe at present only one copy of Holt's exists. It was Dr. Mason's and is now among the Bowtell manuscripts in the library of Downing College, Cambridge. It is headed 'Mr. John Holt's

four peals of Tripple changes, of London, College Youth, lately deceased.' It gives the treble leads of the first parts of the six and ten-part peals of Grandsire, the six-part of Union and the three-part peal of Plain Bob. The Original is not given; probably it was thought too difficult to be of much value to ordinary ringers. There is a list of subscribers and a notice that these peals were to be had of Mr. Cundell, at ye Golden Eagle in Duke's Court, Bow Street, Covent Garden. That no doubt was Cundell's own address, for he was in charge of the box office at Covent Garden theatre, or it may have been a tavern near his house which he used as an accommodation address. The site is now covered by the Bow Street Police Court. The address in Salisbury Court, from which the first circular was sent out, was the Barclay Mow, the headquarters of the College Youths.

When Holt died he was only twenty-seven years old and his ringing career had lasted but eight years. In that time, however, he had made a name which is scarcely second to any in the annals of change ringing. What he could have done, had he lived as long as Annable, or John Reeves, or Shipway, or Henry Johnson, it is interesting but futile to speculate; and still more so to speculate what he could have done had he the advantages of training and education in addition to his natural ability.

Holt's peals of Bob Major and Triples have long since been superseded; his Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, for some reason not very clear, has never been popular; even the Ten-part, which for a century and a half was the one indispensable composition, is now almost entirely supplanted by J. J. Parker's Twelve-part; but the Original still maintains its supremacy, and Holt's name is never likely to drop out of the list of composers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Hearty congratulations and 'many happy returns' to Mr. Alfred Lawrence, of 4, Little London, Swindon, Wilts, who is 87 next Sunday, July 12th. Until the ban was imposed Mr. Lawrence had never missed ringing for morning and evening service (except through illness) for over 50 years. It is sincerely hoped he may now be spared to be found in his usual place in the belfry when Peace is declared. Mr. Lawrence has rung many peals in all the standard methods, but we do not know the number.

We are happy to say that the three churches destroyed in the air raid on Norwich do not include any of those which bore such a prominent part in the early history of change ringing. The glorious ring of twelve bells is, so far, safe, but the Whitechapel twelve at Great Yarmouth have been completely destroyed.

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Miller, who reached his 84th birthday last Monday. He is at present in Western Road Hospital, but not, we are happy to say, seriously ill.

Mr. James George is also in Western Road Hospital owing to an attack of bronchitis, but his many friends will be glad to know that he has improved during the last few days.

Mr. T. H. Bullock writes that the handbell peal at Dagenham on June 21st was Plain Bob Minor, not Treble Bob as reported, and that the ringer of 3-4 was J. Bullock, not J. A. Bullock.

The first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, one of 6,000 changes, was rung by the Norwich Scholars at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 6th, 1832.

Holt's Original was rung for the first time by the Union Scholars at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 7th, 1751.

On the same date in 1932 the first peal of Beddington Surprise Major was rung at Beddington by the Surrey Association, and in 1934 the first peal of Whitminster Surprise Major was rung at Bolsover by the Yorkshire Association.

John Pennington, the Devon bellfounder, died on July 9th, 1824. On the same date in 1800, William Sottanastall, of Sowerby, composer and author of a book on change ringing, was born.

Twenty-five years ago to-day a band of College Youths rang Carter's Odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples, silent.

The first peal of Erin Caters was rung at North Shields on July 12th, 1909. Mr. W. H. Barber conducted.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am most interested in the letters of Mr. T. H. Reeves and 'Novice' re the varying of Holt's Original, and am also surprised that more correspondence has not come forward on this subject. As one who has for some years been interested in this composition, I should like at this stage to add my views and to support the view of Mr. Reeves that the peal should be recorded as a variation. In doing so I have no desire to criticise Mr. Turner for calling the peal in this form, and I am sure he has his own good reason for doing so.

In calling the peal in the varied form the lead end 753624 is produced by a single at the 88th call, whereas in the original composition this lead end is produced by a bob at the 148th call. I also see two other lead ends which are brought up in like manner. To take an example, we have Parker's famous Twelve-Part. In its original form with the 6th as observation all the part ends come up at a plain lead end, but call it from the 7th and the part ends are brought up with a call, and only half of them are the same as in the original composition; furthermore, calling it in this latter manner, it was, in the past, recorded as 'Groves' Variation'; therefore, why not 'Turner's Variation of Holt's Original,' or whoever thought of it first? 'Novice' says that Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples has been much varied, and for the better. No doubt he is right, but do we not see 'Brooks' Variation' or 'Heywood's Transposition'?

In good-natured banter, I venture to suggest that the peal was published as 'Holt's Original' to test the reaction of those people who, like myself, may hold Holt's Original as something really sacred. To quote another famous Birmingham ringer, I like 'cake,' but I prefer it plain, and I would much rather 'a cut off the joint and two veg.' without the pudding.

DONALD G. CLIFT.

21, Wathen Road, Bristol 6.

[The so-called 'Groves' Variation' was not a variation of Parker's Twelve-Part peal, but the original form in which the peal was composed.—Editor, 'The Ringing World'.]

TAMPERING WITH THE CLASSICS.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from 'Novice' in your issue of June 26th, I would point out that the people who tamper with the classics usually advertise the fact, whereas in the case in question the 'innovation,' this introduction of a novelty, for that is all it is, was not advertised where it should have been—in the peal report.

THOMAS H. REEVES.

136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.—Grandsire is the best and most ingenious Peal that ever was composed to be rang on five bells.—'Tintinnalogia,' A.D. 1668.

THE LATE MR. J. S. GOLDSMITH.

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POST WAR ACTIVITY.

When it first appeared in 1911 'The Ringing World' was welcomed by many with enthusiasm and by others with cordial goodwill, tempered by the fear that ringers would not support two weekly journals. The two might kill each other, and the Exercise be left without a paper at all.

This feeling was largely at the bottom of the curious and unfortunate incident which happened that year at the meeting of the Central Council at Leicester. The full story was told in our columns on July 25th, 1941, and we need do no more now than just refer to it. There is not the slightest reason to suppose that Sir Arthur Heywood's action, regrettable though it was, arose from any feeling against the new paper or its owner. He suffered from a misunderstanding, and he afterwards did his best to put himself right again. The chief result of the incident was to give 'The Ringing World' a good advertisement, and to create among ringers a strong feeling that they would not be dictated to by anyone, however eminent, as to which journal they should support. This feeling was greatly strengthened as Goldsmith went among ringers and became more widely known personally. After a very short time there was no doubt which of the two papers would survive, and though the owners of 'The Bell News' still kept the paper going (they printed it themselves), it was largely in the hope that they could sell the copyright.

'The Ringing World' had scarcely got itself established on a sound basis when the first World War broke out. It was the first time for a hundred years that England had been engaged in a continental war, and the country was slow to realise what it meant. Everywhere shops were displaying the slogan 'Business as usual,' and the very attempt to carry on as if nothing unusual was happening, in the end made the changes in ordinary life the more severe. The steep rise in prices and the shortage of material and labour hit concerns like 'The Ringing World' very severely. It passed through a critical period, but it survived. John Goldsmith had a very anxious time, and was only able to carry on by doing other work. He had a typing office, gave lessons in typing and shorthand, and later on held a position in the Woking Food Office. After the war he was for a time employed by the Inland Revenue Commissioners.

The war did not stop ringing entirely, though towards the end there were restrictions, and necessarily many bands were broken up or depleted. When peace came the work of rehabilitation was quickly taken in hand, but the process was at first a slow one. In it 'The Ringing World' played a major part.

During the years between the two wars Mr. Goldsmith definitely established his position as one of the best known and most influential leaders of the Exercise. He made a point of attending as many of the more important meetings as possible, and there were few activities among ringers in which he did not take a part. In 1931, the reputed tercentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, he promoted a memorial which took the form of the restoration of the bells at St. Benet's, Cambridge, at the cost of over five hundred pounds collected through 'The Ringing World.'

In the previous August he was one of a party who made a pilgrimage to the War Memorial at the Menin Gate of Ypres in Belgium, and during the visit he took part at Ostend in the first handbell peal of Stedman Caters rung on the Continent.

In 1934 came the tour to Australia, the full story of which Mr. Goldsmith has told in his book, 'A Great Adventure,' of which the first edition of more than a thousand copies was quickly sold out and another printed. The party numbered a dozen, including three ladies—Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Miss Enid Richardson and Mrs. Sharples. A large and representative company assembled at Liverpool Street Station to see the party off and many accompanied them to the docks and waited until the ship left.

The tour was a complete success, and thirteen peals were rung, six of them on handbells on the sea. Mr. Goldsmith rang in five of the latter, all conducted by Mr. Rupert Richardson. Mrs. Richardson rang in three. Of the seven tower bell peals, Mr. Goldsmith missed the two at Holy Trinity, Hobart, Tasmania, for he had a rather bad attack of influenza and had barely recovered when he was called upon to conduct the first twelve-bell peal outside the British Isles, one of Grand-sire Cinques, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. It was rung by six of the tourists and six of the local band, and was successful at the third attempt. Goldsmith always reckoned that as one of his outstanding performances. On the same bells the party had previously rung the first peal of Royal outside the British Isles.

Mr. Goldsmith was passionately fond of the sea, and the voyage was one of the chief attractions that induced him to join the party; but at the time he was greatly in need of a thorough rest and change for his health's sake. Various things, including his wife's long illness, had put a strain on him that brought him nearly to the breaking point.

He had previously made several sea trips, none, of course, so long as this one, but as far as Marseilles and Madeira, and his last was in 1933, when he went to Egypt. He was away when the Munich crisis came to a head. The steamer he was on was due to visit Messina; but, instead, a wireless message ordered her home at full speed with all lights out.

When the present war broke out he was put in charge of the Woking Food Office. It was a full time job, which meant that he had to do most of the editing of 'The Ringing World' by deputy, though he still continued to write the leading articles and 'make up' the paper. We made a mistake last week when we said his last leader was that for December 26th. He wrote the two on the Conference which appeared on February 6th and 13th. Both were written in bed.

In February last year he was suddenly taken ill and had to go into hospital for a serious operation. The operation was completely successful, though recovery was rather slow, and when he came out of hospital all his friends hoped that he had many years of active life and usefulness before him. In the following November he was selected to propose the principal toast at the College Youths' luncheon, and he made a splendid speech. But he complained of not feeling well, and when he got home, he had to take to his bed for some days. He afterwards resumed his work at the Food Office, but he

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THE LATE MR. J. S. GOLDSMITH.

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was never again quite the same, and the last stage definitely began in the closing days of the year.

When he resigned from the Food Office a large number of inhabitants of Woking subscribed to present him with some savings certificates and an album with the names of the subscribers. What the ringers of England thought of him is shown by the response to the appeal that was made. More than five hundred pounds were raised in a very few weeks.

When he was in hospital before his major operation he had a strong feeling he would not come through it, and he wrote a letter to the friend who had been helping him with 'The Ringing World' to be delivered if anything happened. It actually was delivered after his death, and since it contains a message to all his ringing friends, and shows the man's generosity and kindness of heart, we give it as a fitting conclusion of this account of him.

'My dear Jim,—In case anything unexpected happens to me I am leaving this note to tell you how deeply grateful I am to you for all you have done for the "R.W." at all times, but particularly since the war and especially during my illness. I know you will say you do not need thanks, but without you at this moment there would not have been a "R.W.," so that not only my thanks but the thanks of all ringers are your due. I can now tell you that the paper has never really been a financial success, and I am afraid there will be a fairly heavy call on what little I have left to square it up. If you can do anything . . . it may save the paper for the future of ringing.'

'If you have the chance give my greetings and farewell to all my ringing friends with whom I have spent many happy hours. I hope they will all have the opportunity of returning soon to the belfries and that ringing will once more come back into its own.'

'Once more, old man, a thousand thanks for all your kindness and for your long friendship.—Sincerely yours, Jack.'

APPRECIATIONS.

FROM MR. J. F. SMALLWOOD.

I, also, would like to add my tribute to the memory of John S. Goldsmith.

Those of us who were privileged to know him were all the richer for that experience. His forthrightness, sincerity and quiet dignity won the respect of all with whom he came into contact. The quality which seemed to me to stand out most was, however, his patient and loving care of his wife for many years when she was a helpless invalid—I have heard many expressions of admiration for his wonderful patience, cheerfulness and understanding.

Therefore, I thank Mr. Albert Walker for his suggestion of an annual pilgrimage to the grave, and support the idea strongly. We shall do well to keep green the memory of one who served us so well.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

2, Oakford Avenue, Weston-super-Mare.

FROM THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

I write on behalf of the Irish Association of Change Ringers to express our sincere regret on the death of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. Goldsmith has rendered invaluable service, both by personal contact and through the medium of his paper, which resulted in the formation of many friendships and in great progress for the Exercise. It is hoped that, due to his death, 'The Ringing World' will not be permitted to lapse.

Will you please convey to his relatives the deepest sympathy of the members of the Irish Association of Change Ringers (of which he was many years a non-resident member) on the great loss both they and ringing circles have sustained.

FRED E. DUKES.

23, Skreen Road, Dublin.

CLOCK CHIMES.

A BOOK IN PREPARATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We were interested in a letter in 'The Ringing World' of June 26th from Mr. F. M. Taylor, in which he suggests that someone might compile an account of the various clock chimes to be heard in various parts of the country.

Our work in visiting many churches to repair old clocks and tune-playing machines has permitted us to collect a great deal of information, as yet by no means complete, concerning old clock chimes, their origin and so on. New clocks are also occasionally installed which have chimes of original composition, but these, of course, are not as yet of historic value, although they would have to be included in a complete list.

It is our intention, at some time after the war, to prepare a complete book which will give all the information on this subject which we have then been able to collect, but for the time being, mainly through pressure of other business, the matter will have to wait, although we are still making notes of anything likely to be of interest.

If Mr. Taylor should have any particular enquiry to make concerning any chime we shall be pleased to look through our records and help him as far as possible. For his immediate information we enclose a copy of our booklet, 'Time and Chime,' which gives the music of several chimes, including that as used at Guildford, but which appears in our booklet as the 'Chard' chimes, this being the church where the chime was first installed by this firm.

In connection with this same subject, may we say that we shall be more than pleased to receive any scraps of information giving news of old or unusual quarter chimes, tunes, etc., from any readers of 'The Ringing World,' as this would be of great assistance to us in completing our proposed task.

The choice of tunes on the older tune-playing machines is often of great interest. As an example of this we would mention that the tune known as 'Silken Garter' formerly used on the machine at Derby Cathedral—made circa 1715—is, as far as we know, otherwise extinct! The Rev. W. Pitchford, in preparing his broadcasts on clock chimes a few years ago, arranged this tune for a small orchestra and it was really quite pleasing. The tune 'Malbrook' (Marlborough) is occasionally found on machines which were apparently installed at a time when the memory of the famous Duke was still popular.

This is a large subject and we could give many more such interesting notes, but we hesitate to take up space at a time when paper is scarce.

Strangely enough—and we hesitate to say it—the members of this firm are some of the very few readers of this excellent little paper who are not actually ringers!

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SURFLEET AND BROMLEY.

Dear Sir,—Here are the chimes of Surfleet Parish Church as arranged by the late Rev. H. Law James, on 10 bells: 135246; 456213, 531246; 573213; 10 (tenor) hour.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Kent, has these, on eight bells: 6457; 6576; 4657; 5674; 8 hour.

I am giving these chimes from memory, but believe they are correct.

W. H. HEWETT.

119, Coleman Road, S.E.5.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS FROM CHURCH TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Dyer's query on gramophone records being played from church towers, Littlehampton Parish Church has this apparatus, but it has not been allowed since the ban was enforced. It is very strange that such a thing is allowed anywhere.

E. LEE.

Lansdowne Road, Wick, Littlehampton.

MR. G. V. MURPHY REPORTED MISSING.

News has been received that Geoffrey V. Murphy, of Crayford tower, has been reported missing in the Middle East since June 1st, where he was a driver mechanic in the R.A.

He started to ring about ten years ago, and rang his first peal at the age of 14. He was a safe ringer and an excellent striker and had rung in all about 120 peals, from Minor to Cinques on tower bells, and from Doubles to Maximus (except Cinques) in hand. It can safely be said that he was one of the 'coming men.' He was a member of the Kent, Middlesex and London County Associations and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A BIRMINGHAM BELLFOUNDER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask if the firm of W. Blows, Bell Founders, Birmingham, is still in existence? The second bell of a peal at Cheriton Bishop, cast by Penningtons in 1770, was recast by the firm in 1887.

FREDK. C. SMALE.

MR. EDWIN SHEPHERD.**EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.**

To-morrow Mr. Edwin Shepherd, who is so well known as a ringer in the West of England, will reach his eightieth birthday, and his many friends will congratulate him on the event.

Mr. Shepherd was the youngest of four ringing brothers and was born in the parish of St. Sidwell, Exeter, on July 11th, 1862. He took up ringing at an early age and joined the Devonshire Guild on June 6th, 1879. In 1880 he rang his first peal and was elected a member of the College Youths on September 21st in the same year.

As a young man he found change ringing uphill work in Devon, and great opposition was encountered, chiefly because most bands were content with rounds and call changes. Difficulties and handicaps were many and disappointments often caused enthusiastic ringers to become discouraged and to give up the task of extending change ringing in the county. He and his late brother, Ferris, found themselves faced with much hard work if half-pull ringing was to flourish and the Devon Guild go forward towards success. A few could ring Grandsire in Exeter, and, armed with the spirit of perseverance, the struggle against many odds continued to be waged, often with little or no reward. At last came the turning point and others became keen on method ringing and wanted to take part in its advantages. Instruction had to be given in town and village, advice was needed regarding new bells, tuning, augmentation, rehangings and other matters, and Mr. Shepherd proved capable of undertaking and carrying out all such requests and requirements, thus considerably helping his Guild in the advancement of the art.

When the fine eight at St. Sidwell's was increased to ten Mr. Shepherd followed up all previous efforts and in due course a high standard was set up and maintained. Peals were a luxury in those days, but Mr. Shepherd helped with a steady flow of useful peals which encouraged the keen and growing number of ringers in the county. In 1902 the Cathedral bells, a very fine heavy ten, were rehung and he conducted the first peal of Caters on them by Devonshire men.

During his 63 years' membership Mr. Shepherd has given unstinted service to the Devon Guild and has served them as Central Council representative. For many years he was chairman of the Exeter District and at the present time he is a vice-president of the Guild. His peals in various methods number 120, and of these 116 were rung for the Devon Guild. He has conducted 48, and, considering the difficulties encountered over many years, this record is indeed very creditable.

Mr. Shepherd was a builder and has been a lifelong parishioner of St. Sidwell's. In addition to his work for ringing, his church work is also interesting. He was a sidesman from 1890 to 1904, churchwarden from 1904 to 1911, from 1919 to 1922 and from 1935 to 1942. He is also chairman of the Fcofees.

He is proud of his city and his parish, and feels deeply that Exeter suffered severely in air raids a few weeks ago. St. Sidwell's tower was cut in half by a bomb, and the remaining portion, in spite of efforts by the Vicar and Mr. Shepherd, has now been blasted down.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE JENKINS.

Mr. George Jenkins, who had been one of the ringers at Canterbury Cathedral for more than 40 years, met his death during a recent air raid on the city. At the funeral service in the Cathedral the Dean officiated, and, in addition to family mourners, there were many representatives of local Co-operative Societies and the Southern Railway, by which he was employed. The Cathedral ringers were fully represented.

Mr. Charles Turner, of Dover, writes to us as follows: 'I have rung with him on many occasions, but there is one outstanding event that shows how keen he was. On November 10th, 1920, the body of the "Unknown Warrior" was landed at Dover. It was intended to arrange a local peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but owing to the uncertainty of the arrival of H.M. Destroyer "Verdon," certain reshuffles took place and we ended up with two vacant ropes. At short notice Messrs. F. Fairbeard and G. Jenkins, who were both employed by the Southern Railway, came down and allowed us to start, although a local was ruled out. Unfortunately, after two hours' good ringing, the attempt failed owing to a shift course. The band was: H. J. Saunders 1, R. H. Stevens 2, C. R. Millway 3, F. W. Elliott 4, C. R. Walker 5, F. Fairbeard 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Jenkins 8.

I feel indebted to such ringers as George Jenkins and appreciate his ready spirit to support the church bells.'

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 27th, in favourable weather. The clappers had been removed and good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening. A welcome visitor was the Rev. M. Melville, of Lichfield, whose presence in the Archdeaconry is likely to prove beneficial to the society, particularly in fostering handbell ringing.

The Vicar, Preb. Hartill, conducted the service and delivered a helpful address. The Rev. C. Holroyd Barker presided at the organ.

At the general meeting Mr. C. Wallater occupied the chair, supported by the Revs. M. Melville and A. F. Sargent, the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer) and the hon. lay secretary, Mr. H. Knight. The lay secretary presented the committee's report and the hon. treasurer the statement of accounts. Both were accepted and it was decided that they should not be printed this year.

In their report the committee stated that meetings had been held at Wolverhampton, Codsall and Walsall, and all were fairly well attended. The dedication of a memorial tablet to the late Thomas J. Elton took place in St. Matthew's Church belfry on Sunday, November 23rd. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells previous to evensong by four members. Two more members have reached their golden jubilee of membership, viz., Messrs. T. Benton, of Cannock (1891), and J. W. Walker, of Christ Church, West Bromwich (1892). So now there are five members who have been substantial supporters of the society for half a century. The statement of accounts shows a balance on the right side of £35 19s. 4d., an increase of £2 10s. on the year. The committee regret to record the loss, through death of the following members: William Griffin, of Walsall, John S. Goldsmith, of Woking, Thomas R. Hensher, of Finedon, Northants, and Gabriel Lindoff, of Dublin.

The officers were all re-elected, except that the Rev. A. F. Sargent takes the place of Mr. B. Horton as Central Council representative.

On a motion by Mr. F. Colclough, it was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy should be sent to the relatives of the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The next meeting was provisionally arranged to take place at Cannock on September 12th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and conducting the service, to the local ringers for getting the bells ready and making arrangements for tea, was received with applause.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Compared with the excellent attendance of the summer meeting, when 60 members and friends turned up, last Saturday's meeting was small but very enjoyable for all that.

One new member was elected, Mr. Stanley T. A. Russell, of Rotherfield, Sussex, now serving as a driver in the R.A.S.C. News was received from Mr. E. Barnett that Mr. Geoffrey V. Murphy had been reported missing in Libya. Mr. Trollope gave news of East Anglian churches, some good and some bad.

Business was soon over and handbell ringing and reminiscences followed.

Supporting the Master were the secretary, treasurer, Messrs. H. G. Miles, J. A. Trollope, G. N. Price, C. W. Roberts, J. H. Shepherd, H. Hoskins, C. C. Mayne, E. Jennings, R. F. Deal, S. Fussell and Pte. Tom Fox.

The visitors were Mr. C. T. Coles, general secretary of the Middlesex Association, and Mr. C. A. Burgess, of Burnham, Bucks.

The next meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, on July 18th at 3 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND, LANCs.**A NEW SILENT APPARATUS.**

At Christ Church, Friezland, near Oldham, an electric silent apparatus has been installed by Mr. Harry Nutt, the tower secretary, and the party who went there on June 28th to test it were loud in their praises. The bells can be raised in peal and the striking is all that can be desired. If every belfry were equipped in like manner the ban on ringing would not be nearly so disappointing.

The following band rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: John Smith 1, Harry Nutt 2, Cyril R. Parker 3, John Clayton 4, Walter W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 5 ex-P.C. John Carter 6.

Any band who would like to visit the tower on any Saturday or Sunday afternoon (the first Sunday in each month excepted) would be welcomed, and should write to Mr. H. Nutt, Royal George, Friezland, near Oldham, Lancs.

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WEDDING OF MISS G. A. CROOK.**POLICE RING HANDBELLS IN CHURCH.**

On Wednesday, June 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, the marriage took place of Pte. F. J. Paine, of London, now serving in the R.A.O.C., to Miss G. Annie Crook, of Bolton.

The bride has an unusual connection with the police and ringers. Her grandfather was a retired police inspector, her father a retired police sergeant, now serving with the First Police Reserve, her brother a serving constable, and she herself was an auxiliary policewoman before joining the Civil Nursing Reserve and taking up duties at a military hospital. Her father, brother and herself are all members of the band of ringers at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton.

Five members of the National Guild of Police Ringers attended the service. They stood in the inner porch, and instead of the organist playing the wedding march for the bride's entry, they rang a course of Grandairs Caters as she passed up the church. After the ceremony the bridal party waited and watched them ring another course, and then they formed a guard of honour.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Norton, officiated and the service was choral. The bride was given away by her father and her brother was best man.

At the reception in the local dance hall the bride, her father and brother rang a course of Grandairs Doubles and, assisted by Mr. Cutsforth, a course of Triples.

The bride and bridegroom left for North Wales for their honeymoon.

The handbell ringing in church was by P.C. G. Pye 1-2, P.C. W. Robinson 3-4, P.C. J. Carter 5-6, P.C. W. Pye 7-8, ex-Supt. F. R. Williams 9-10. All are members or former members of the Manchester City Police.

JOINT MEETING AT WATH-ON-DEARNE.**YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES COMBINE.**

A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, the Barnsley and District Society and the Sheffield District Society was held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, June 20th.

The towers represented were Arksey, Doncaster, Eastwood, Eckington, Felkirk, Rawmarsh, Rotherham Parish Church, Sandal, Sheffield (Cathedral and St. Marie's) and Sprotborough. A very welcome visitor was Mr. C. W. Woolley, of the famous Bushey band.

The Church House was placed at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening for handbell practice, and tea was served at 5 p.m. at Warburton's Cafe.

The business meetings of all three societies were held in the Church House, the Vicar, the Rev. E. V. Evans, presiding. One item of great interest to all was discussed, the future of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. S. F. Palmer stressed its value, for without it ringers would be isolated and the whole Exercise would feel lost. He appealed to all to buy a copy every week and so help to keep it in being, and he expressed the hope that the Central Council would be able to find a plan by which the paper would be able to carry on successfully.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Sandal on Saturday, July 11th.

The next meetings of the Sheffield District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association are to be held jointly at Rawmarsh on August 8th.

Best thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the Church House and for presiding, and to Mr. Nash for making all arrangements, including tea. Further handbell ringing followed in a variety of methods ranging from Triples to a course of Bob Maximus.

CHURCH BELLS IN SCOTLAND.

The following appears in the Farington Diary under date 'Edinburgh, September 20th, 1801.' Joseph Farington wrote:—

'I was much surprised this morning at hearing a peal of bells ringing at St. Andrew's Church in George Street as though I had previously been some weeks in Edinburgh and in many other parts of Scotland, I never heard a peal of bells in any part of the country.'

'On enquiry I was told there is no other peal of bells in Scotland and these bells were hung since the year 1788 when I was much in this town. It is a proof how prejudices are by degrees weakened. I have always understood that bells, except what were necessary to give notice of the time of service by simply tolling, were esteemed a remnant of popery.'

According to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's list, the bells at St. Andrew's are a ring of eight with a tenor of 15 cwt., cast at White-chapel in 1788.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, July 11th. Handbells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All are welcome.—J. H. Crampion, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, E.11.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, July 11th. An attractive ramble will start from the schools at 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 6d.) in Schools at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, July 11th. Committee meeting in the Parish Room at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Childs. Tea at Carlton Cafe at 5, followed by business meeting in the Parish Room.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of the Leicester and Hinckley Districts at Earl Shilton on Saturday, July 11th. Silent ringing 3.30 at Church. Tea at 5, but only for those who send their names to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton. Handbells in school after tea.—H. W. Perkins, W. A. Ward, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ulverston, on Saturday, July 11th. Six bells, with clappers removed, available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Will those attending please let me know not later than July 8th?—N. M. Newby, 19, Union Place, Ulverston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual business meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Rectory Room, Pembroke Street, St. Aldate's. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each for all members who apply for ticket, accompanied by remittance, by Saturday, July 11th. This is essential, owing to difficulties in catering. A collection will be taken at tea for Guild Restoration Fund. Service in St. Aldate's Church at 5 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—There will be a meeting at St. Peter's Church, Woolton, on Saturday, July 11th, instead of Christ Church, Bootle, as intended. Tower will be open from 2.30. The tower bells will be tied and handbells will be available. Service at 5, followed by a cup of tea and meeting. A good attendance is hoped for. — George R. Newton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel Road, E.1, at 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, July 18th. Meeting at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Those who require tea must send in names not later than July 15th to Mr. E. F. Mawby, 4, Linton Avenue, Thornley Park, Denton, Manchester.—W. H. Shuker, 36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester 14.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting of this division will be held at Shalford on Saturday, July 18th. Handbells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Please bring own eatables for tea, cups of tea will be provided. Good bus service from Braintree and Deanery Corner, Bocking. Please make every effort to attend.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, July 18th. Handbells available in the afternoon. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15, followed by tea. Please send names for tea by July 13th to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. All are welcome. — A. C. Hazelden, Dis. Sec., 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 18th. Handbells available at Duke of York Hotel, Agbrigg Road, 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All requiring teas must notify Mr. H. Spencer, 425, Barnsley Road, Milnthorpe, near Wakefield, not later than July 15th. All are welcome. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. — Meeting at St. Peter's, Nottingham, Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. Nearby district members welcomed. Postcard for tea by July 16th to Ida B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held on July 18th at the headquarters of No. 1 Branch, British Legion, 7, Ford Street, Coventry, one minute from Pool Meadow Bus Station. Room available from 3.30-7.30. Cups of tea will be provided, but please bring own food. Business meeting will follow tea.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at N. Mimms on July 18th. Tower open for handbell ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Corner Cafe at 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting and further handbell ringing to suit all tastes. Please notify for tea.—R. Darvill, Dis. Sec., 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District) and **HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. Tower and handbells. Tea at 5. Please notify Mr. L. Bywaters, 12, Newtown, Henlow, Beds, not later than Wednesday, July 15th. Meet old friends.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held in the garden of 36, Dean Park Road, by kind invitation of Rev. C. A. Phillipson, Saturday, July 18th, from 2.30 p.m. All ringers heartily invited to attend. Do not stay away, even if wet. Details will be arranged later.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, July 25th. Six bells (silent) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, July 25th. Handbells and silent tower bells from 3 p.m. Tea for those who inform Mr. A. Laker, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe, Sussex, by Wednesday, July 22nd. A good train service, so no excuses, please. — C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The hon. secretary, Mr. E. G. Talbot, has now joined H.M. Forces and any communications should be sent to Mr. C. H. Parks, 44, Torridge Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

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