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Yours faithfully, F. T. BUCK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

## MODERN WORK.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The articles on the Central Council by Mr. Trollope have been read with interest by all our readers, the majority of whom, we believe, are generally in agreement with what he has written. Mr. Trollope is in the position of being able to speak with long and intimate knowledge of the work of the Council, and few men have put in more solid labour in furthering the Council's projects than he has. He has, therefore, seen with a closer view than has been possible to most people, the advantages and failings of the central body, and the Exercise, we venture to think, is indebted to him for his trenchant criticism. His articles have been the most minute examination of the Council's affairs that has yet been written, and by his candid analysis of the position he has rendered a valuable service, not only to the Exercise, but to the Council.

Often in the past the criticisms of the Council have been destructive in character without offering any constructive proposition as an alternative, but Mr. Trollope's articles have demonstrated, at all events, that he is prepared to submit other methods of conducting the Council's affairs in place of those of which he advocates the removal. In detail his suggestions may not all meet with approval, but broadly, we believe, his ideas will find acceptance with the Exercise. Especially will ringers agree with the proposal that the Council should no longer seek to "legislate" when it has no power to enforce its decisions. At best the Council, from the very nature of things, can only be an advisory body, and no power which the Council can wield can make its decisions obligatory.

When next the Council meets—and there is hope that it may be able to meet next Whitsun in London—its own future will have to be seriously discussed, and in Mr. Trollope's articles there is the framework, at any rate, upon which might be modelled a central organisation to which ringers could give their adherence with more whole-heartedness than in the recent past. But let us say again that there is a responsibility upon the ringers themselves, as well as upon the Council. They should send to the Council the best men they can find, men in whom they have confidence, and, having sent them, they should be ready to support them by accepting the Council's view on matters of ringing concern as the considered opinion of some of the best brains of the Exercise, and not treat the advice or recommendations as something to be passed over without thought. This attitude it is which reduces the Council's work to futility. Let there be a strong Council composed of the best men representing all branches of the science and art of bell ringing, and let the Exercise be ready to accept the decisions of the Council. That is the only satisfactory solution.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 15, 1917, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5031 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

THOMAS ROSSAM ... .. Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 8
CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 4	WILLIAM KENT ... .. 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and  
Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung in honour of the "Old Contemptibles," representatives of which immortal little army assembled on this day to pay homage to the memory of their fallen comrades of the "First Seven Divisions," who, in the words of the Prime Minister, "gathered the Prussian spears into their breast, and thus saved Europe and civilization itself."

Also to commemorate the defeat of the Turkish Army in Palestine and the capture of the Holy City of Jerusalem by British Forces under the command of General Allenby.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 15, 1917, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

MRS. E. J. WILSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WHITE ... .. 6
F. G. MAY ... .. 2	THOMAS HARRIS ... .. 7
ALFRED PEARCE ... .. 3	FREDK. W. WADE ... .. 8
RICHARD CLARKE ... .. 4	ISAAC LONG ... .. 9
WILLIAM PROBERT ... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

First peal of Caterps by ringers of treble and 7th, and the first peal of Grandsire Caterps in which any lady has taken part in Gloucestershire for the Association.

This peal was rung as a joy peal to commemorate the success of the British Army in reaching Jerusalem.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

SAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1917, in One Hour and Fifty-two Minutes,  
IN THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

PTE. CHARLES POULSON ... 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to oblige Pte. C. Poulson, of the Royal Fusiliers, who was home on leave.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1917, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. FRITH ... .. 5
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 6
JOHN ROLLINSON ... .. 3	BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 7
ALBERT ARMITAGE ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and  
Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Jim Barraclough, the esteemed leader of the Huddersfield company. It was the first peal of Major on the new bells, and was the first peal by A. Armitage.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY).

On Saturday, December 15, 1917, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE LATE SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THORSTAN'S  
FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

*ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 6
EDWARD A. KREEVE ... .. 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 7
LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. 4	† HENRY DYAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First attempt for a peal.

† First peal.

Rung to celebrate the occupation of Jerusalem by the Allied troops.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Horsham on Saturday last, a good number of ringers being present from the following towers: St. Peter's, Brighton; Shoreham, Heene, Balcombe, Warnham, Pulborough, Steyning, Henfield, Shipley, Cranleigh, Guildford, and the local band, also Mr. J. Shepherd, of Swindon. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Nineteen sat down to tea, and at the business meeting, Mr. P. Doick was voted to the chair.—One new member was elected, viz., Mr. James Shepherd, and it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Arundel some time in March.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Horsham for granting the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Leo Paice for having the bells in readiness, and making the necessary arrangements.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 8 p.m.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Curry Rivel on Saturday last, when 34 members were present, representing Bridgwater, Curry Rivel, Huish Episcopi, Ilminster, Langport, Midsley, St. James' and St. Mary's, Taunton, and Trull.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. P. H. Unwin (the Vicar) officiated.

Refreshments were served in the old schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held. Owing to the bad train service, the Master was unable to be present, and the Rev. Unwin was voted to the chair.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held on the second Saturday after Easter, probably at Wrington.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for arranging the service, the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, and this was carried with acclamation.

During the afternoon and evening, Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells.

## MUFFLED RINGING AT READING.

At St. Giles' Church, Reading, recently, 336 Stedman Triples: A. W. Osborne (conductor) 1, G. Boddington 2, Nelson Cox 3, C. Pullen 4, Miss F. Goodship 5, H. Egley 6, A. Wiggins 7, G. Cook 8. Also 220 Stedman Triples: H. Simmons, Corpl. C. Sconce and A. Phillips taking part. Also, on Sunday, Nov. 11th, for evensong, 504 Stedman Triples: A. W. Osborne (conductor) 1, G. Boddington 2, N. Cox 3, Miss E. Goodship 4, Corpl. C. Sconce 5, H. Egley 6, A. Wiggins 7, A. Phillips 8. After service, 336 in the same method, G. Cook and H. Simmons taking part.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect both to Mr. P. Griffin, one of St. Giles' ringers, who was killed in action, and to the late Mr. J. J. Lawrence, who was vergor of St. Giles' for 35 years. The whole pull and stand 70 times, to correspond with Mr. Lawrence's age, terminated the ringing.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 44 mins. This was rung on the occasion of the annual conference of the Catholic Young Men's Society: A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 1, J. Porter 2, C. Mackenzie 3, O. G. Norman 4, W. B. Webb 5, F. Miller 6, T. Kelly (first quarter, and first attempt) 7, T. Fearick 8.

**ACTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. H. Hunnisett 1, C. Abbott 2, A. Phillips 3, C. Edwards 4, E. Vicary 5, Pta. V. Holloway, R.F.C. 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SUGGESTION FOR HELPING DEPLETED TOWERS.

On Saturday last, a most successful meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Eccles, when members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Barlow Moor, Flixton, Manchester, Pendlebury, Pendleton, Prestwich, Stretford, Worsley. Several members of the Bolton branch were also present.

In the absence of the Vicar of Eccles (through illness) the Rev. Vaughan (curate) took the chair at the meeting, and was supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. J. F. Moore and R. Bowker. He said he regretted the inability of the Vicar to be present, through illness, and expressed an earnest desire for his speedy recovery. This was endorsed by all present.

Reference was made to past associations of Eccles, and the Chairman trusted still greater things were in store in the coming time of peace.

The following were elected members of the Association: Messrs. W. Amor, J. Fishwick, and F. Coley.

The Cathedral was chosen as the next meeting-place, failing which it is to be at St. Thomas's, Pendleton.

Mr. Foster, of Prestwich, asked which towers in the neighbourhood had any surplus ringers, and this brought a reply from Mr. J. Ridyard (vice-president), who a short time ago appealed for assistance to keep the bells of Worsley going. He mentioned a few towers from which he thought a little assistance might be given from time to time.—Mr. Foster was of opinion that Prestwich had a great claim to any help that might be given as no less than fourteen members had been called up from that tower.

The meeting was of one mind, that where any tower had surplus ringers they might occasionally visit some of the less fortunate bell-fries, and in this manner keep alive the embers of a cherished art, and the bells of our beloved church ringing till peace shall once more reign.

Churchwarden Bowker expressed his pleasure at being present at the meeting, which was the first ringers' gathering he had attended and took it as an honour, after 14 years as a churchwarden and workers to come among them.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, not forgetting the man behind the scenes who finds his way among the bells to see that all goes smoothly, and without whom a successful meeting would be a rarity. In the case of Eccles, these thanks are due to Mr. Malcolm Oldfield.

An adjournment was made to the Bull, where refreshments were provided for the visitors, through the kindness of Mr. Amos Trippier. The handbells were requisitioned, and a pleasant time was spent.

W. W. W.

## ST. MARY ABBOT'S, KENSINGTON.

## BELLS' LONG SILENCE BROKEN.

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 9th, St. Mary Abbot's bells were rung open for the first time for nearly two and a half years. The occasion was the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. E. Marling-Roberts, M.A.) by the Lord Bishop of London. The actual ringing was necessarily of short duration, for the same reason as the long silence, viz., the proximity of three military hospitals, but short touches were rung both before and after the service. The only other occasion on which the bells have been heard at all during the period before mentioned was at the funeral of the late Vicar, when they were, of course, muffled.

Numerous visitors were present, and took part in the ringing on Sunday week. It was a source of satisfaction to the members present, and will be to those now scattered about the world, that a band composed entirely of members of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild could be got together to ring Stedman Caters after such a long time.

The Guild, in common with all others, has been badly hit by the war, but the unavoidable suspension of ringing has not entirely prevented the members who are left getting some practice together. This pleasure is due to the courtesy of other towers and societies, and the members of the Guild would like to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the privilege, with especial mention of All Saints', Fulham.

News was received recently of the death of another member of the band, J. H. Payne, North Staffordshire Regiment. He was stationed for some time in Dublin, and while there rang at the Cathedral, but had been in France for about a year. Ringing friends will be sorry to hear that he died in France from wounds received in the recent fighting.

The Guild has had its share of honours, two members E. G. Stibbons and J. Hargott having been awarded the Military Medal. The many friends of the former will be sorry to hear that he is still in hospital in this country, suffering from wounds.

What time will elapse before the bells are rung again it is difficult to say, but it is unlikely that when the occasion arises the band will be lacking.

## THE PEAL AT ASTON.

The figures of Mr. J. E. Groves' interesting composition, rung, as recorded in another column, at Aston last Saturday, will be published next week.



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### "THE YULE BELLS."

"TO MY FRIEND, A. C., IN FRANCE."  
The Yule bells ring, and in my soul  
Your image burns.  
For you, dear friend, my constant whole  
With rapture yearns.

The Yule bells ring, ah! come to me  
And lull the pain  
Which parting leaves; my anchor be,  
Chief of the twain.

The Yule bells ring, shall war or death  
Our love divide?  
No! not since heart, and soul, and breath  
With Angels bide!

The Yule bells ring, and in their song  
Methinks I hear  
A melody filling the long,  
Long wait with cheer.

For with the Yule bells joy awakes  
Happy and new.  
Christ comes again, and once more takes  
My heart to you.

The Yule bells ring, and you will know  
All I would say.  
"God keep you in His Mercy," lo,  
'Tis thus I pray.

H. J. W., 1917.

The above poem, dedicated to Bandsman Albert Coppock, 10th Durham Light Infantry, a well-known Midland ringer, reached him in France on December 14th. It was written by one of his best chums, and came to him as a cheering message for Christmas. The author, Mr. Harold J. Winfield, of Kimberley, Notts, has struck a note that will echo in many a heart.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have just received in "this prison called France," to misquote Hamlet, copies of the "Ringing World" for November and very glad I was to see them. I was interested in Mr. Trollope's articles on the Central Council. The decision is vital to the interests of the Exercise. Ringing all over the country is at sixes and sevens and unless some centralised effort is made after the war to re-establish it on a firm foundation, there is grave danger that the grand old English art of change ringing may follow the other old institutions into the limbo of the past. Every ringer and many who are not ringers, must feel that a great blank would be left in the life of the Church and the countryside if this happened, apart from the pity of losing an art and science supremely interesting for its own sake.

There is no need at all for this to happen if a definite arrangement is made whereby all ringers can pull together for the common good. It is useless to rely on the individual efforts of broken and depleted bands to re-build an organisation extending over the whole of the United Kingdom. There is bound to arise the objection that more than half the local companies would be unwilling—in fact, would probably refuse—to delegate any authority to a central body. But with the very existence of ringing at stake, it is "up to" the Central Council, through the associations, to put it to the ringers and incumbents at all towers where there are ringable peals, that they must either come into line or face the chance of there being no such thing as ringing, as we know it, in a few years' time.

Having got the necessary authority, it should be easy to start the Exercise anew on a firm footing. But the great thing to realise is that although the Exercise is undoubtedly the purest of democracies, it is vital to its very existence that every band should be prepared to sacrifice some of its freedom of action to the common good, and recognise the authority of its elected representatives acting as a body. And it is not a bit too soon for the Central Council and the Associations to begin circularising towers to this effect.—Yours truly,

H. W. FRIGHT,  
Second-Lieut., 5th N. Lances.

### KILLED IN ACTION.

The Sharnford, Leicestershire, band, has lost one of its members by the death of G. Mason, who has laid down his life for his country on the battlefield of Europe. On Sunday, December 2nd, as a token of respect to the deceased soldier, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor (1260 changes) was rung in 47 mins., on Sharnford bells, by: H. Webb (Croft) 1, George Wood (Sharnford) 2, H. Wright (Sapcote) 3, C. Briggs (Stoney Stanton) 4, E. Chamberlain (Sharnford) 5, F. Cotton, conductor (Hinckley) 6.

St. Giles' band, Reading, have lost one of their number, in Pte. F. Griffin, who has been killed in action.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to Christmas falling on Tuesday in next week, all communications intended for insertion must reach "The Ringing World" office not later than first post on Monday.

## A YORKSHIRE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

## HONOURING A HALIFAX VETERAN.

On Saturday, December 1st, ten strings were gathered at the meeting house in Halifax, when in popped Mr. Jim Barraclough, the "grand old man" of the Huddersfield company, and said, "Nae, lads, peal at Huddersfield next Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp, an' a bit of a do after, now all be there."

"Right," said all ten as one man. "What's it for?"

"Why, for my 70th," said the convener of the meet, and we all went.

The G.O.M. and seven of his old ringing friends pulled off at 2 p.m. to the tick, and at 2.3 p.m., "Young Joe" said "Go, Kent," and the bells rolled off course after course in Yorkshire's favourite method in Yorkshire's best style on Taylor's finest ring, and one of Mr. Sam Woods' most musical compositions. At 5.19 p.m. came "that's all, and lower the bells," and then all went down and found some thirty ringers outside waiting to congratulate the G.O.M. and wish him many more birthdays and peals like that one. The good old Yorkshire dialect was heard in reminiscences of when Jim B. and Joe B. rang their first peal together, just thirty years ago this month at Halifax, and what a peal it was! and many more such, until we were reminded that Mine Host awaited us, and that the pies were steaming hot.

So at the Crown Hotel, Huddersfield's headquarters, twenty ringers sat down to a fine hot supper, and talk was "off" till the last course and came up (it was middle and before, and the pies were so good that some wished there had been two bobs middle).

After the tables were cleared, Mr. Joe Broadley was voted to the chair, and in a few well-chosen words, on behalf of Mr. Barraclough, bade welcome to some five-and-thirty ringers and friends from Almond-bury, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Halifax, Shipley, Ashton-under-Lyne, Meltham, etc., who had gathered in great force and good fettle to do honour to Huddersfield's well-respected leader. The harmony commenced with a pianoforte selection by Mr. Law Walker who was followed by Mr. Allen Carter with a couple of good comic songs. Then came a fine course of Grandsire Royal, in hand, by: J. Cotterell 1-2, B. Thorp 3-4, Garforth Taylor 5-6, H. Dransfield 7-8, J. Garforth 9-10; and next, a song, "Thorn," by Mr. J. E. Carter, the Almond-bury tenor singer and ringer. A song by Mr. H. Bedford was followed by a course of Stedman Triples, by: B. Thorp 1-2, J. Cotterell 3-4, Joe Sykes 5-6, H. Dransfield 7-8. A duet, "Excelsior," by Mr. J. E. Carter and Mr. H. Bedford; a song by Mr. George Collins, and "The Village Blacksmith," by Mr. H. Bedford, came in turn, and then the chairman called upon Mr. W. Brogden, of the Huddersfield company, to present Mr. Barraclough with a fine walking stick and a pouch with a bit of "baccy" in it, subscribed for by the Huddersfield band, to cheer him on life's way, which, up to now, he has trodden so well and honourably. After Mr. Barraclough had suitably replied, it was a treat to hear five-and-thirty sets of good Yorkshire lungs, all reared on Yorkshire hillsides, give of their best and lustiest in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," again and yet again. Then the company were treated to a Yorkshire dialect song by Mr. George Collins, and the Holmfirth Anthem by Mr. J. E. Carter. Two superb courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major followed, by: Messrs. J. Barraclough 1-2, Garforth Taylor 3-4, J. E. Jenkinson 5-6, J. Garforth 7-8, four old ringing friends of very many years' standing. More songs and ringing brought "Time Gents, please," and regrets that we could stay no longer and do honour to whom honour is due. So "good-byes" were said, with praise of and thanks to "Mine Host" of the Crown Hotel for the way he had catered for the party in these difficult times. He had saved the "nut brown" special for the "do," and, be it whispered, another 70th is due very soon in the New Year. May those two veterans and old friends live long to enjoy their comradeship is the wish of all who know them.

Mr. Barraclough was born on December 5th, 1847, and started ringing at the age of 16. He rang his first peal at Birstall in 1871, which was the centenary peal for the old tenor. He has rung just 60 peals for the Yorkshire Associations and 36 others for independent societies. He joined the Huddersfield company in 1882—thirty-five years ago—and among other peals he took part in were the last peal on the old bells, and the first on the new bells, both peals of Royal, and by ringing in his birthday peal on December 8th has now rung in the first of Major on the new bells. He has taken a prominent part in "inging contests in the district, and has shared in many first, second, and third prize awards.

J. E. S.

## DEATH OF MR. HENRY PORCH, BRISTOL.

## AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just read the newspaper announcement of the death of Harry Porch, and I feel that I cannot let the occasion pass without writing a few lines in appreciation of the services he had rendered to the cause of change ringing in Bristol.

When first I took up the art we did not often meet, as Harry was strictly non-Association, while I was the direct opposite, and this state of affairs lasted for several years. He got together an excellent band, who used to ring at All Saints', on Thursdays, while I was making progress by practising at St. Stephen's on Tuesdays. I well remember the first peals of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major by local bands, which he conducted at All Saints', and excellent peals they were, my only regret being that they could not be counted as Association peals. This band rang several peals of Stedman Triples before going on to Double Norwich, being very successful in view of the fact that upwards of 40 attempts by various bands had all ended in failure. The first peal of Double Norwich did not take long, and then came the struggle for the first peal of Superlative, Jim Hinton, at St. Stephen's, on Wednesdays; and Harry Porch, at All Saints', on Thursdays, had many good attempts; the honour eventually going to St. Stephen's.

I venture to record that this friendly competition did more for the advancement of Bristol ringers in the art than any other circumstance, for the reason that soon after this Harry joined the Association, and Jim Hinton made arrangements for combined practices at St. Mary Redcliffe, with the object of ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques; and, with his proverbial unselfishness, asked Harry to do the conducting. Although not in the original band, I was always present on practice nights (in case of the band being one short), and on one occasion sat in the tower to assist with the tenor if needed. Harry was a very safe conductor, and eventually an excellent peal was rung, to be followed by peals of Bob Maximus and Grandsire Cinques, all conducted by him, and in which it was my privilege and pleasure to take part.

The annual reports of the Gloucester and Bristol Association will tell better than I can of the great strides made in the way of peal ringing in Bristol following this period. I regret it was not possible for me to pay my respects to him by attending the funeral, but hope on some future occasion to take part in a muffled peal to his memory on the bells of St. James', where he had been conductor for more years than I can remember. May he rest in peace.—Yours faithfully,

Christchurch, Hants.

W. A. CAVE.

## ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN RINGER.

A very nasty accident befel Mr. Robert H. Hayward, of Marlesford, Suffolk, on December 5th. It appears that driving home in the evening from Wickham Market (locally called Ashe) Station, he had reached a place where five roads converge on one point, when, for some reason, the cab Mr. Hayward was driving went too near the side of one angle of the crossing, the wheel of the trap ran up the bank, and Mr. Hayward was thrown out on to the road very heavily, breaking his left arm in two places near the elbow, and sustaining a severe cut over the left eye.

The writer has received a letter, stating: "He is feeling a little better, although his arm is painful still, but the doctor said that he might be able to ring again in about a year's time."

Mr. Hayward is particularly well known in the Norwich Association. He went to London on Queen Alexandra's birthday, and rang Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute, with the College Youths. The next morning he rang at Marlesford Church. Mr. Hayward's enthusiasm knows no bounds, for the letter continues: "Only a few weeks ago we were driving in Parham, and when we heard the bells ringing in Framlingham, we went on and drove round the town to listen to them."

In the Marlesford Parish Magazine for this month is the following: "Mr. R. H. Hayward, of this parish, who has had life-long experience of bell ringing, and is well known in this part of the county for his ability in that respect, is at present engaged in training a youthful band of bell ringers for the beautiful bells of Marlesford Parish Church, to take the place of the senior members who have gone to the front."

Ringers will unite in wishing him a speedy recovery. G. E. S.  
Latest reports state that Mr. Hayward is improving, and has gained strength in the last few days.

LEIGH.—Lancashire Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 11th, for afternoon service, 672 Grandsire Triples: D. Smith 1, H. Smith 2, M. Allred 3, J. Smith 4, W. Hayes 5, W. Smith 6, R. Allred (conductor) 7, S. Hayes, senr., 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Smith 1, H. Allred (Tyldesley) 2, R. Allred (conductor), Tyldesley, 3, Pte. H. Hayes 4, W. Hayes 5, J. Smith 6, W. Smith 7, S. Hayes, senr., 8. Arranged for Pte. H. Hayes, who was home on leave from France. The band gave him a hearty send-off, and wished him a safe and speedy return.

## THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM.

### BELLS CELEBRATE THE VICTORY.

Two ringers at least were among the troops who were present at the capture of Jerusalem. One was Corpl. Alan Macdonald, R.E., formerly of Bournemouth, and the other, Pte. J. S. Alliss, one of the Henfield, Sussex, band.

By special request of the Vicar, the war-time ringers of St. Michael's Church, Aldershot, met on Wednesday evening, December 12th, to ring for the thanksgiving service held for the capture of Jerusalem, the following touches being brought round: Three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the first by: Miss Bowditch 1. Pte. Kirton, A.O.C. 2. Mrs. Newman 3, Sapper Newman, R.M., 4. Miss Mills 5, J. Mann 6; the second by: Miss Sliff 1. Pte. Kirton 2, Miss Warren 3, J. Mann 4, Spr. Newman 5, Miss Mills 6; and the third by: Miss Masters 1. Pte. Kirton 2, Miss Sliff 3, Sapper Newman 4, J. Mann 5, Miss Mills 6. Two Plain Courses were also rung, Miss Masters and Miss Bowditch taking part, each ringing the third in turn. The conducting was done by Pte. Kirton, A.O.C.

At the Parish Church, Leatherhead, on Dec. 11th, on receiving the news of the capture of Jerusalem, four of the local band, with the assistance of four (the ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 6) from Ashted, rang a 1260 of Grandsire Triples and 336 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Hull 1, W. Cook 2, J. Wyatt 3, H. Corbell 4, W. Marks 5, J. Hoyle 6, A. Dean (conductor) 7, A. Dixon 8.

At Biggleswade, Bucks, on Dec. 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, to celebrate the event, 1344 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. by: E. Hussey 1, W. Wagstaff 2, C. Pratt 3, E. Stratton 4, W. J. Mayes 5, Dvr. W. Essery 6, Corpl. H. Taylor, R.E. (conductor), 7, A. Franklin 8.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex, on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, in celebration of the capture of Jerusalem, 1008 changes of Stedman Triples, in 36 mins., by: H. Markwell 1, G. Gander 2, S. Burt 3, W. Markwell 4, C. Tyler 5, G. Payne (conductor) 6, W. J. Alliss 7, A. Hodges 8.

At the Parish Church, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, after meeting short for a peal of Caters to celebrate the capture of Jerusalem touches were rung in the following methods: Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Forward Major, and Court Bob Triples, by George Hughes (conductor), Wm. Rock Small, Wm. Fisher, Wm. A. Cooper, Alf. Rowley, Tom Cattell, Chris. Wallater, E. Marlow, and Ben Gough. Rung on the eve of Mr. Wm. Fisher's birthday.

At the Parish Church, Coscely, Staffs, on Tuesday, December 11th, in honour of the capture of Jerusalem, 377 Grandsire Triples (Wm. Fisher, conductor), and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by Jas. George, and conducted by Ben Gough. The following took part in the ringing: W. A. Jeavons Arthur Baker, Sam Baker, Wm. Bayliss Sam Pearce, Wm. Fisher, A. E. Law, Arthur Grainger, Ben Gough, W. Grinsell and Len Barnett.

At Wyke Regis Weymouth, on Sunday afternoon, December 16th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor, with treble leading and tenor covering: F. Anderson 1, A. Muntz 2, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 3, C. H. Jennings 4, Sapper F. W. Booth R.E. (Emberton, Bucks), 5, Pte. H. G. Smart, Dorset Regiment (Andover) 6, A. J. Rose 7, K. Anderson 8.

### MR. W. FISHER'S 200 PEALS.

Mr. Wm. Fisher, of Coscely, rang his 200th peal in connection with Mr. W. Rock Small's birthday celebration:—

Bob Minor, 1; seven Minor Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 31, conducted 9; Grandsire Caters, 12; Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 4, conducted 3; Stedman Triples, 47, conducted 14; Stedman Caters, 18, conducted 4; Stedman Cinques, 9; Bob Major, 22, conducted 6; Bob Royal, 2; Bob Maximus, 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2, conducted 1; Double Norwich Major, 18, conducted 2; Double Norwich Caters, 1; Double Oxford Major, 2; Double Oxford Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 2; total, 200, conducted 43.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HILLINGDON, ST. JOHN'S.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, for evensong, 1317 Stedman Caters, in 57 mins.: Wm. Hewett, Chamberwell (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. I. Hairs (Willesden) 2, G. H. Gutteridge (Iver) 3, E. T. Hooper (Slough) 4, J. J. Pratt 5, Wm. Henley (Epsom Royal) 6, A. Mason (Erith) 7, Wm. Lawrence (Ealing) 8, H. H. Chandler 9, Wm. Honor 10. The ringers of 5, 9, 10, are local men. First quarter of Stedman Caters by the ringers of 2, 4, and 7.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, H. Gillett 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, J. Collett 5, F. Pitts 6, W. Stratford (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Pitts 1, T. Banning 2, H. Packer 3, H. J. Hill (first quarter-peal) 4, H. Gillett 5, J. Collett 6, W. Stratford (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

## NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—A meeting will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on Dec. 27th, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended twenty meetings in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 1917. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual District Meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, 1917. Bells available from 1 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will be held at the Chequers Hotel at 4.45 p.m. Members 6d. each; non-members 1/- each. All those that require tea please let me know by Friday, Dec. 21st. No ringing after dark.—Wm. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Boxing Day, 26th December. Owing to the death of the Vicar of All Saints it will be held at St. Woolos in lieu of All Saints as previously arranged. Bells of both churches available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow in Waters Lane Mission Room.—Hon. Secs., Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Ordsall (Retford) on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells (6) available from 10 a.m. to sunset. A cordial invitation is given to members of kindred associations to attend the meeting.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available to all ringers on Boxing Day, December 26th, from 2 to 5.30 sharp. "Punctuality begets confidence."—A. J. Perkins, 3, Mellons Road, South Beddington, Wallington.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, December 29th. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30.—Walter T. Wilson, District Sec., Isham, near Kettering.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1918. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall adjoining the Vicarage at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1775).—The annual meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 1918, at 7.30 p.m. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.



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#### GREETINGS.

To all our readers, and particularly to our friends overseas, we extend hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Ringers desires to send greetings to his ringing friends at this season. Doubtless some are sad and many are anxious, but all may find comfort in the remembrance of the heroism and endurance of their loved ones, who have fought and fallen in the service of their King and country.

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#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Victorious New Year is the sincere wish to all ringing friends both far and near of Spr. F. W. Naunton, 896th Garrison Guard Coy., A.P.O., S/7, B.E.F., France.

Heartiest good wishes for Christmas and a victorious New Year to all ringing friends at home and overseas is the sincere wish of Rifleman B. Prewett, L.R.B., France.

Heartiest Good Wishes for Christmas and a Victorious New Year to all "Brother Strings," from Air Mechanic Frank I. Hairs, No. 5 Wing, No: 7 Squadron, R.N.A.S., c/o G.P.O., London.

Bandsman Albert Coppock, of the 10th D.L.I., sends from France, greetings for a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

A Bright and Happy Christmas and Victorious Peace in the New Year to all ringing friends from Sapper C. T. Coles, R.E., Salonica.

Sincere good wishes to all Ringing Friends.—Alan R. Macdonald, Corporal R.E., 46th Advance Base Park, E.E.F. Egypt.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 18th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major: Miss M. Sharpe 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. First touch of Major for Miss Sharpe. For evening service, 560 Bob Major, T. R. Jackson 1, the rest as before, conducted by J. Burrows.

**OSWESTRY, SALOP.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, November 18th, for evening service, in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Major and Mrs. A. Wynn Corrie, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, Ed. Jones 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, G. Beaton 7, R. Evans 8.

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