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Yours faithfully, F. T. RECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

COMPOSERS—AND OTHERS.

How easy it is for the most competent composers to trip is once more exemplified this week by the letter from Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, who writes to say that one of his own compositions, rung a few weeks ago, is false, and at the same time points out that the figures given in our last issue by Mr. Inglesant are also false. Neither of these gentlemen are novices at peal making, yet they have stumbled. They are not alone in their failure among men who may be classed as experts in this phase of the art. Since composition began probably every composer of pretensions has, sometime or other, found himself in possession of, even if he has not rung or published, a false peal which he had cherished as a perfect production.

Those who are not aware of the many pitfalls that there are in composition are apt to judge a man harshly when he gives the world a peal which eventually turns out to lack complete truth, but they do not realise all the difficulties that confront a composer, and especially he who endeavours to give the Exercise something off the beaten track. The expert composer has a reputation at stake, and, in order to keep that reputation, he will do his utmost to ensure that peals to which his name is attached are true. The tiniest slip, or the least oversight, will upset a composition and reduce it from a meritorious construction to one of uselessness. Men of the kind to whom we are now referring do not waste their time on worthless things if they can, by painstaking effort, obtain something which will be a credit to their name.

There is, however, another class of "composer" with whom we have not the same amount of sympathy. These are they who know practically nothing of the subject, except, perhaps, the way to transpose from one course-end to another. "Proof" is to them either a sealed book or a thing beyond their comprehension, and they depend upon others to examine the truth of their productions, or allow the world at large to have their figures through the papers in order to find out whether they are true or false. These people, of course, are not "composers" in the strict sense of the term, but they are often the most anxious of all to get their peals rung. To strive to master this side of the theory of ringing is a highly commendable ambition, but we must say we think that no man ought to publish any figures until he is able to prove them by his own efforts. The man who can do this is to be forgiven when he makes mistakes; the man who cannot ought to have more self-respect than to try to foist upon the ringing public something which his own limited abilities do not enable him to say whether it is right or wrong. Everyone has got to begin, but those who make the attempt should learn to walk before they run, and the step to take before trying to compose peals is to learn how to prove them.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	HUBERT SCRIVENS 9
WILLIAM HALE 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
L.-CPL. WILLIAM IRELAND 3	FRANK COLE 7
ARTHUR TAYNELL 4	RUPERT SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

The peal was arranged for Lance-Cpl. W. Ireland, who was home on leave from France.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. RUSSAM, 114, WATFORD ROAD,
SPARKBROOK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

A. PADDON SMITH 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
THOMAS RUSSAM 3-4	GEORGE E. SWANN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MR. VICE-PRESIDENT W. KENT.

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5040 BOB MAJOR.

By C. V. EBBERSON, A.S.C., BLACKHEATH.

23456	W	M	H	23564	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	24536	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—
23465	S	—	—	54326	—	—	—
46325	S	—	—	32546	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	53246	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	34526	S	—	—
56245	—	—	—	52346	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	35246	—	—	—

Repeated, omitting
Singles at W, pro-
duces 23564.

Repeat these 12
courses, omitting
bob at M.

5184 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By G. H. CROSS, NORWICH.

23456	1	4	5	6	Continued	1	4	5	6
32654	—	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—	24536	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	32546	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—	25436	S	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—	54236	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	42536	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	35246	—	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	—	52346	—	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	43256	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—	32456	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

Reduced to 5072 by calling 1-4-5 instead of two courses A.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK. — On Boxing Day, at All Saints' Church, Sudbury, Suffolk, 350 of Grandsire Triples: G. Herbert 1, S. Howell 2, M. Silvester 3, W. Perry 4, G. Tatum 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6, A. Scott 7, W. Cross 8. Rung to oblige D. Elliott, who has gone to live in the district.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Burnham-on-Sea, and was very well attended, members being present from Weston-super-Mare, Winscombe, Weare, Mark, Worle, East Brent, Berrow, Bridgwater, and Huntspill. At the service a very instructive address was given by the Vicar (Preb. P. Hayes-Robinson). Tea was partaken of at the Royal Clarence Hotel, and was followed by the meeting at which Preb. P. Hayes-Robinson was again elected president; the other officers were also re-elected. — Uphill was selected for the next meeting.

The balance sheet and report showed the branch to be in a very satisfactory state, considering so many of its members are serving with the forces.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said he hoped members would do their utmost to make 1918 equally, if not more, successful than 1917, by attending the meetings and doing their best in the interests of the Church and the Association.

During the afternoon and evening some good touches were brought round in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Martock, on Saturday last, when there was a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Bridge-water, Yeovil, Tintinhull, Stoke, South Petherton, Langport, Huish Episcopi, Curry Rivel, Muchelney, and Martock. Service was held in the Parish Church, and conducted by the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock. The Rev. — Warrington, Vicar of Long Load, preached, and urged those present to bear in mind the words of the text, "Do all for the glory of God."

A business meeting followed the tea at the Church House, the President (Preb. Monck) presiding. — The Chairman thanked the preacher for his excellent address, the Vicar for his kindly welcome and the use of the bells, and the organist (Mr. Carey) for presiding at the organ. He congratulated the members on being able to carry on and on holding such a representative meeting in times like the present.

The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and thanked for their past services.

New members were elected from Tintinhull (two ladies), Langport, and Huish Episcopi.

Yeovil was selected as the next place of meeting, and the Secretary (Mr. F. Tarrant) read a report of the year's work.

Good use was made of the bells, touches of Grandsire Doubles, Minor and Triples being rung, as well as rounds for the benefit of beginners.

KILLED IN ACTION.

The death has occurred, on active service, of Cuthbert Randall, one of the band at Bisley Church, Glos. The deceased was held in high esteem by his brother ringers, and on Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, eight members of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes), in 50 mins., with the bells deeply muffled: G. Dowdeswell 1, W. Hale 2, Lance-Corpl. W. Ireland 3, F. Cole 4, H. Newman 5, A. Wright (conductor) 6, T. Anslow 7, C. Jordan 8.

JACK THOMAS RINGING AGAIN.

Air-Mechanic John Thomas, so well-known throughout the country from his connection with the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, is able to ring again after his severe accident in France, by which both of his arms were broken by an aeroplane propeller. When the Winchester Guild meeting was held at Aldershot a fortnight ago, Air-Mechanic Thomas, who has recently been transferred to the Cambridge Hospital in the garrison town, was able to attend, and was warmly welcomed by the members. He took part in some Stedman Doubles, ringing the treble with his right arm, while his left was still bound to his side by surgical bandages.

DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

At St. Mary's Church, Aberavon, on Feb. 14th, a date touch (1918 changes) was rung by: B. Stitch 1, A. Perry 2, W. Nulton 3, C. Frankcom 4, D. Frankcom 5, H. Perry 6, A. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8. Rung as a compliment to H. Perry, who has been ringing at this tower for over 45 years, and is well over 60 years of age. The wish is expressed that he may have a good many years of ringing yet. The composition is an easy musical touch in six parts: Dobs at 4 2 1 3 1 3 3 1 4 2 1 repeated four times, with single third part end; 6th part: 4 2 1 5 single. Contains 23 6-7's and 4-6's and 7-4's at back stroke.

ACTON.—Recently, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Edith Jones 1, W. Phillips 2, Staff-Sergt. Verrels 3, C. Edwards 4, E. Newell 5, J. Fruin 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, A. P. Smith 8.

THE RINGERS' QUEUE.

We all deplore the present war,
And hope it soon will end;
Though there's a doubt I'll see it out
If matters do not mend.

Oft it transpire, beside the fire,
I veer the sofa round,
To ponder o'er the days of yore,
Fall into dreams profound.

One night a queue came in review
Outside a church pathway;
And strange to add, no one looked sad,
But bright as flowers in May.

Could sugar, tea, or luxury,
Have drawn this phalanx here?
Filled with caprice, I dodged the police
In three-four-down the rear.

'Twas morning hour, above the tower
The Union Jack flew high,
The bells rang out with clarion shout
As though the King passed by.

"Peace!" all exclaimed, "has been proclaimed,
Long life to old John Bull!
We're longing much a rope to clutch—
Years since we had a pull."

Lor' bless my soul, there stood Jack Moule,
Bill Doran, Harry Long,
Pitstow and Watts, the Brothers Motts,
Bill Judd was going strong.

The Pyes, 'tween which stood Little Tich,
Had new top hats to wear;
Winney and Alps stood on their scalps
When they saw Cockerell there.

Reuben Sanders and Harry Flanders
A well-timed dance upkept,
Went round the queue to all they knew,
Fell on their necks and wept.

We climbed, in pairs, the belfry stairs,
Rang methods tough and rare,
E'en Joe Wagstaff was seen to laugh
To see the ladies there.

The day wore through, and then the queue
Dispersed and quiet reigned;
When I awoke 'twas all a joke,
No peace had been proclaimed.

The friends I saw I've tried to draw,
Goodwill the verse devised;
Heaven bless them all, soon may it fall,
My dream be realised.

G. F. M.

SOUTH WALES LADIES RING DOUBLES.

The ringers of St. Martin's, Caerphilly, and All Saints', Llanbradach, paid a visit to Rumney (Mon.), on Saturday, Feb. 16th. On arrival they were met by the local band. The party in all numbered about 25, among whom were nine ladies who could all ring Grandsire Doubles. They took part in several six-scores themselves without the help of the men. Two touches of Minor were rung during the evening, and a well-struck six-score was rung to finish the proceedings, after a good three hours' practice.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Lawrence's Church, for service, two courses of Treble Bob Minor: Sergt. Wallace 1, R. Drage 2, J. Harrison 3, Lance-Corpl. H. Green 4, R. Sims 5, J. Bailey 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, with Miss Lily Geeson on the Treble; and 308 Grandsire Triples: Sergt. Wallace 1, R. Sims 2, Pte. N. Widdowson, R.E., 3, J. Harrison 4, R. Heckton 5, Lance-Corpl. H. Green 6, J. Bailey 7, Miss Lily Geeson 8.

BLACKBURN.—On February 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for evening service, at the Parish Church, as a farewell to Sergt. T. Wilson, of the Royal Naval Division, who has been home on leave from the Western front: E. Eastwood 1, W. Briggs 2, E. Duteson 3, J. Woods 4, Sergt. T. Wilson 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson (conductor) 7, G. Wilson (first quarter-peal) 8.

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"THE FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE."

AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.

To-morrow (February 23rd) is an interesting anniversary. Beneath the figures of a peal of "5152 Cambridge Surprise," given in "The Clavis," is the following:—

"In the foregoing peal there are as many changes given as possibly can be obtained with the tenors together, which is only 15 courses (it being a more precarious method than Oxford Treble Bob), the rest of the peal, the practitioner may see, is made by putting in two courses with three bobs with the seventh, viz., first called in fourth's place, then into the hunt and then out; which is continued in the first four courses and finishes at 65324. It was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, February 23rd, 1783, being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the campanological art as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever; indeed the same people (except one) did ring a peal in this same method and at the same place, on Sunday, January 30th 1780, they being then London Youths; 10 as this was rung with the tenors together it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal."

It may be added that there were two societies of College Youths at that time.

DEATH OF MR. R. H. HAYWARD.

A WELL-KNOWN SUFFOLK RINGER.

Members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and especially those in the Ipswich district, will learn with great regret of the death of Mr. Robert H. Hayward, which took place at his residence, at Maylesford, on Monday of last week, somewhat suddenly. It will be remembered that some few weeks ago Mr. Hayward met with a serious accident, being thrown from his cart while driving. This accident confined him to his bed for a time, but the last report we had of him was that he was again up and making satisfactory progress.

Mr. Hayward was a very active and enthusiastic member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and was known to a wide circle of ringers outside his own county of Suffolk. He was a safe ringer on any number of bells up to twelve, and was frequently to be found at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where his presence was always welcome, and of which society he was a member. He had rung a considerable number of peals, of which about 70 stood to the credit of the Norwich Association, including Cinques and Maximus.

RAISING OF HEAVY BELLS.

SINGLE-HANDED PERFORMANCES

To the Editor.

Sir,—About two years ago there appeared in the "Ringing World" a report of the raising of Southwark tenor (50 cwt.), single-handed, and in looking over back numbers of the "Bell News," I find it recorded in the issue of October 10th, 1885, that the pulling up of St. Paul's tenor generally occupies four, five or six men, sometimes more in hot weather. On Tuesday, October 6th, 1885, however, this feat was accomplished by Mr. Joseph Jones, a private in the Royal Horse Guards (Blue), and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in the presence of several well-known ringers and friends. The time occupied was a little over three minutes. This tenor weighs 62 cwt., and that was the first time she has been pulled up by one man alone. I may also say the heaviest bells that I have raised are Canterbury Cathedral, Maidstone, Tenterden, St. Paul's, Bedford, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, tenors.—Yours etc.,
PHILIP HODGKIN.
Headcorn, Kent.

A GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, of 18, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes, have celebrated their golden wedding, having been married on Feb. 2nd, 1868. Although Mr. Dawe has not himself been a ringer his son, Mr. Robert J. Dawe, has been among the most prominent of Sussex ringers for many years, having been a member of St. Peter's, Brighton, company at the height of their successful period and having served the County Association as divisional hon. secretary, and as one of the representatives on the Central Council. The golden wedding was celebrated by a family gathering on Sunday week and ringing took place at Southover Church in the afternoon, in honour of the event, old ringing friends of the family from Brighton and other neighbouring towers, coming to take part and join in the congratulations. The event also coincided with the 64th birthday of Mr. C. Errey, the enthusiastic secretary of the local band, and he, too, received the congratulations of the assembled ringers.

IN FRANCE.

The many friends of Pte. J. A. Trollope, who is now in France, will be glad to hear that he is well. He sends greetings to ringing friends at home. His address is Pte. J. A. Trollope, 29863, 6th Foot York Regt., B.E.F., France.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A very successful meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday last, when about 30 members (including two lady ringers from Smethwick) assembled from numerous towers. Although the ringing was nothing exceptional, it was up to the average, and touches in various methods were successfully accomplished during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held in church—the Society's form being used—and in an address the Rev. Basil G. Nicholas (Vicar) explained the meaning of the Blessed Sacrament and its advantages, and pointed out to his hearers the necessity of becoming regular communicants.

Subsequently an adjournment was made to the Parish Room, where a delightful tea was provided—most noteworthy at this time when food queues are "all the go"! But the West Bromwich-ringers seem to possess the happy knack of overcoming such difficulties, and right well did they succeed on this occasion.

On the motion by Mr. W. R. Small, seconded by Mr. J. Bradney, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his interesting and unusual address, and to the ladies for catering and waiting at the tea tables.

After a couple of touches on the handbells a return was made to the belfry, the ringing including a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in which Miss Pigott took a part.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A united practice meeting was held at Harmondsworth on Saturday last, when 19 ringers attended from Camberwell, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Hillingdon, Slough, Stoke Poges, Swindon, Windsor, Willesden, Wembley and West Ealing, and included the following enthusiastic ladies: Mrs. F. Hairs, and the Misses G. Bateman, W. Cooper, E. Fuller, A. Gudgeon, and N. G. Williams.—The Vicar (the Rev. W. Bellet Sealy, M.A.) greeted the visitors with a right genial welcome, and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

During the afternoon there were quite a lot of "firsts"; the Rev. Deacon and Mr. Farr from Windsor rang their first 120 Doubles, and a similar record was set up by Mr. Tasker, of the local band.

The bells were lowered in peal—Mr. W. H. Fussell at the helm—the local men saying it was the first time they had heard the bells run down so perfectly in sequence.

Messrs. F. Lawrence (captain) and H. Tasker made all welcome, the latter proved himself to be an excellent guide in leading the way to the cosy hostelry near by, where twelve of the ringers partook of a "war-time" tea, well served by the good hostess (Mrs. Fowler), who at the close of the meal kindly provided excellent cigarettes for those of the party who indulge in the fragrant weed.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING OF STROUD BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Stroud on Saturday week. A capital attendance of 24 members made good use of the bells during the afternoon in various touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples, and Caters. At the kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Proctor they went to the Brickrow School, where a rationed tea was provided.

The business meeting followed at which Canon Proctor presided, and the Branch Secretary (Mr. W. Hale) read a report of the year's work. Ten ringing meetings had been held, and had been well attended. Three new members had been elected. There were 80 performing members, of whom 24 were serving their King and country, and two had given their lives. There were five honorary members, and although most of the towns were depleted of ringers many visits had been arranged to ring on any special occasions, and the bells had been kept going. The clergy and churchwardens of the different towers, and the press for publishing the accounts of the meetings, were thanked for their kindness.

The balance sheet was passed as most satisfactory, showing a balance for the treasurer of the association of £3 12s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected, and the Rev. W. J. Clay, of Bisley was elected President.

Service was held in the Parish Church at 6 p.m., when the Association's form of service and hymns were used. A very appropriate address on the value of unity and associations was given by Canon Proctor.

Mr. James Fussell, one of the ringers, ably presided at the organ. The bells were then again rung till 9 p.m. in various touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Canon and Mrs. Proctor and the Stroud Society for their kindness in making the meeting so pleasant and successful.

KIDDERMINSTER RINGER KILLED IN ACTION

Official news has just been received that William Smith, of Kidderminster, is believed to have been killed in action on the Western Front on or about April 24th, 1917. Since this date his relatives and friends have had no letters from him, and it was feared that something serious had happened. He joined up under the Derby Scheme, in March, 1916, being then 29 years of age.

He was one of the many ringers from Wolverley, who had joined the Kidderminster band, and at the time was only able to ring Grandsire and Plain Bob, but he soon developed into a good ringer and striker, and was able to ring any bell from the treble to tenor in Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London, and Bristol. He had rung but very few peals.

Of a genial disposition William Smith was always "merry and bright," which made him quite a favourite with his fellow ringers, and he gained the respect of his mates in his platoon to such an extent that he earned the sobriquet of "father." He expressed a wish to the writer for some London for his "last touch," and a 448 was rung two days before he went away, in which he rang the tenor. The pity of it is, it was his "last," the opportunity never presenting itself for "Will" to ring again.

As a mark of esteem and respect, the bells were half-muffled for evening service on Sunday, February 10th, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: K. Salter 1, G. Davis 2, N. Davis 3, May 4, T. J. Salter (conductor) 5, W. Short 6, J. Woodberry 7, J. Bennett 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The February meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Pendleton, when, considering the wet weather prevailing, a good muster of members attended, and kept the bells going from 3 p.m. till 7. Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung. When D.O.R.A. arrived the members adjourned to the gallery for the business meeting, which was presided over by the vice-president, who welcomed over 30 ringers from 15 different towers, including the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills) and Mr. Bibby (Frodsham), besides one or two unattached members.

The next meeting was arranged for Radcliffe, with strict instructions to "bring your own refreshments," on March 9th.

The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and ringers for doing what they could to make the meeting a success.

ROCHDALE BRANCH MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Leesfield Parish Church, Oldham, on Saturday last, when about 25 members were present, this being an excellent attendance in view of the fact that so many ringers are away serving their country. Balderstone, Glodwick, Leesfield, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Heywood and Ashton were represented. The bells were kept going from three o'clock until seven p.m. in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

Additional interest was given to the meeting by the visit of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft's party of six lady ringers from St. Peter's Church, Ashton, and he is to be heartily congratulated on the success that has attended his painstaking efforts in training these ladies.

After the ringing the business meeting was held, and it was decided that the next meeting be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on March 16th (Saturday).

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the tower and bells, also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

Mr. S. Taylor (of Balderstone) was elected performing member of the Association.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I much regret to say that the peal rung at Aston on December 15th last, the figures of which appeared in your issue of December 23th is false; and I tender my humble apology to the band that rang it. It is all the more regrettable because it was specially rung to celebrate the capture of Jerusalem by the British forces.

In my humble endeavour to produce something in Stedman Caters and Cinques more interesting than the old-fashioned "mild and bitter," I have in this instance "slipped wheel" more perhaps through carelessness than anything else.

I have corrected the composition, which I hope at an early date to persuade the same band to ring.—Yours, JAS. E. GROVES.

P.S.—The peal of Stedman Caters in this week's issue by Mr. W. H. Inglesant, is, I am sorry to say, "jewelled" (false).—J. E. G.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells: F. J. Shepherd 1—2, F. Shepherd 3—4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5—6, Corpi Loveridge 7—8. Arranged for ringer of 7—8, who was home on leave.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.—On January 20th, for morning service, at St. Mark's Church, 560 Bob Major: J. Knight 1, I. Schofield 2, E. Geary 3, F. Crossland 4, J. Lees 5, Pte. J. T. Clegg 6, J. W. Taylor 7, A. Clegg (conductor) 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Geary 1, E. B. Shaw 2, J. Lees 3, F. Crossland 4, A. Clegg (conductor) 5, I. Schofield 6, J. W. Taylor 7, Pte. J. T. Clegg 8. The ringer of the tenor was home on leave from Italy.

OATLANDS, SURREY.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Shepherd 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, F. J. Shepherd 3, C. Marshall 4, A. Woodrow 5, J. Emery 6, F. Blondell 7, R. J. Polley 8.

PLYMOUTH.—At Charles' Church, for evensong, on January 27th as a compliment to Bombardier E. W. Marsh, who was home on leave from the Italian front, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 50 mins.: A. H. Kentsfield 1, Lance-Corpl. D. Williams (first attempt at Caters) 2, H. Myers 3, W. Hooper 4, W. Richards 5, W. Rumble 6, Pte. A. H. Wynch 7, Pte. W. Malins 8, Bomdr. E. W. Marsh (conductor) 9, G. Kerswill 10.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for evening service, at St. George's Church, 360 Bob Minor: T. Atherton 1, G. Bennett 2, Pte. T. Moore, junr. 3, U. Greenslade 4, A. Tenell 5, J. Caple (conductor) 6. Arranged for T. Moore, home on leave.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Greenace 1, W. Drew 2, F. Watling (conductor) 3, N. Bailey 4, H. Phillips 5, G. Hard 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor: W. Fleming 1, R. Greenace 2, Norman Bailey 3, G. Greenace 4, C. Button 5, F. Walling (conductor) 6. C. Button hails from Framlingham, the rest from Kelsale, Leiston and Saxmundham.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—The Llundaff Association. — On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, 1918, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Page 1, F. Wines 2, F. Lasbury 3, G. Cross 4, W. Page 5, T. Page 6, J. Cross (conductor) 7, W. Roberts (first quarter) 8. — On Monday, Feb. 11th, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Page (conductor) 1, F. Wines 2, F. Lasbury 3, B. Davies 4, T. Hamlin 5, G. Wines 6, W. Page 7, J. Cross 8. And 672 of Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Davies 1, F. Lasbury 2, F. Wines 3, H. Page (conductor) 4, J. Cross 5, G. Wines 6, W. Page 7, T. Page 8. First touch of Cambridge Major by all, and first on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 10, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): A. Thornton 1, E. Dewey 2, G. Paice 3, P. Tyler 4, A. D. Mills 5, J. Rice (conductor) 6, G. Illman 7, W. Vincent 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, prior to evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Everest 1, E. M. Atkins 2, W. C. Lewis 3, A. E. Fourt 4, W. T. Wilson 5, G. A. Blaxby (conductor) 6.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 10th, for evensong, 503 Grandsire Caters: J. Rye 1, W. Mole 2, J. Standley 3, J. Ambrose 4, Joe Broadley 5, T. Mole 6, E. Brassington 7, Joe E. Sykes 8, E. H. Adams 9, G. Lapworth 10.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Rowsell 1, T. Atherton 2, G. Bennett 3, T. Moore, senr. 4, A. Tenett 5, J. Caple (conductor) 6. A. Tenett belongs to Cumberland Youths. First 720 Bob Minor, by A. Rowsell.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday Feb. 10th, 1918, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: O. H. Porter 1, W. Hübner 2, H. Hatto 3, J. Hands 4, W. Wenman 5, G. Fuller 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, A. Sheppard 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of William Cook, for many years a ringer at this church.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, February 10th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Pemberton 1, J. Preston 2, G. F. Swann 3, H. Spencer 4, W. Stringer 5, T. Bicknell 6, W. J. Meers (conductor) 7, Pte. H. S. Ricketts 8. Arranged for Pte. H. S. Ricketts, of All Saints' Helmsley, Yorks, who is at present at Convalescent Camp, Sutton Coldfield.

HORLEY, SURREY.—For evening service, on Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. Voice 1, P. Tyler 2, G. Paice 3, T. Streeter 4, A. Songhurst 5, J. Rice (conductor) 6, G. Illman 7, W. Vincent 8. This quarter, and that at Crawley on the same day were rung to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Pte. H. E. Dewey, R.A.M.C., of Redhill Surrey, who was a promising young ringer.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on the 26th, 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, should be paid before the 28th inst.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Relton) at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Ringing from 3 to 6, followed by short service. Refreshments (by invitation of the Vicar). Business meeting and handbells at the "London Apprentice." Members please note that all 1917 subscriptions should be paid by the date of the meeting.—H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's Church, Newent, Glos., on Saturday, 23rd February, 1918. Service in the Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at the Parish Room by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Cornor (if obtainable). Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. till 9.—Joseph Williams, Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent, Glos.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock until sunset.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Ringing practice will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, Feb. 23rd; Sible Hedingham, Saturday, March 9th. Bells from 3.30 until 6 o'clock.—H. F. Cooper, Master; B. Redgwell, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at the Parish Church, Ashton. Bells available from 3 o'clock afternoon. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.—C. Bower, Hon. Sec., 25, Chadwick Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at the Parish Church, Clifton, Bristol, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea will be arranged if possible, but only for those who notify me before Feb. 26th.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 29, Leigh Road South, Clifton, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. The business meeting for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year will be held in the White Horse Hotel at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terr., Burley Road, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A combined practice meeting will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. till dark.—W. Sear, Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (12) available from 3 to 6.30 p.m. Important business to follow, which will be held in the Wostenholme Hall. A good attendance is desired.—Frank Willey (Vice-President), 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 16th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon Willink, Rector of Birmingham. The bells of the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5. Dinner tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 3/- each. Owing to the food difficulties it is advisable for all visitors intending to be present to apply for tickets *not later than Tuesday, March 12th*. Remittance should be enclosed with application.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Delegates to the Central Council. Nominations for four representatives should reach me by February 28th, see Rule 13.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec., Cotgrave, Notts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The meeting of the above proposed for Boughton in February will not take place, as it appears to be inadvisable to hold it.—The Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. Dist. Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Sec. of the Central Council, has removed to Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. Hunt has removed from London to Waterloo Cottage, Wellington Road, Taunton.—Mr. E. M. Atkins has removed to 46, Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, W.2, and will be glad to help at any tower near in Sunday service ringing.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 17th, for morning service, 720 B5b Minor: T. Watson 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, T. Stuart 5, T. R. Jackson (conductor) 6, J. Burrows 7 (cover).

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Branch 1, R. Whittington 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, P. H. Doick 4, J. Branch 5, A. Greenfield 6, J. Cook (conductor) 7, G. Woodman 8. Incidentally it was the birthday anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Whittington's only son, who we are pleased to hear has taken up change ringing very enthusiastically.

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