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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEEK,

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PASSING HONOURS ROUND.

At a recent meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association the question of 'passing round the honours' was discussed, and it was a little disappointing that the result of the discussion—if a result was arrived at—was not announced. It is a question which is of real interest and of not a little importance, but taking ringing associations generally, there are very few who make a point of electing by turn their principal members to the posts of honour. Usually we find that a man elected to a presidency or a mastership remains for life or until he cares to resign, and in very few of the organisations is it a recognised plan to change those officials annually. There are advantages and disadvantages in an annual change, but on the whole, we think, a constitution which enables an association to show its appreciation of long and valued service to a member by electing him to a position of honour has much to recommend it. The College Youths have made it a practice to appoint a new master, more or less annually—war-time conditions, of course, have made the present circumstances exceptional—and the Hertfordshire Association has for a long while been in the habit of having a new president each year.

One of the advantages is that there is encouragement given to every member to interest himself in the affairs of the organisation in order that he may eventually reach the honoured position as head of his association; and another, and perhaps more important, is that new blood is generally a great asset. Where it is a rule that a man should retire after a certain term, no one takes it amiss when he goes out of office, and the friendly rivalry that sometimes exists between the members in securing the election of the man most fitted for, or most deserving, the honour, often adds to the general interest in the affairs of an association. On the other hand, when the society has a really energetic, capable man at the head of affairs it is a pity to lose him for a man, no less interested perhaps, but less able. There are several names we could mention of men, occupying the foremost position in their respective associations, whose departure from office would be a really serious loss, not only to their society, but to the Exercise. Sometimes, too, it may be wise to retain an individual in office on account of his influence—possibly not a democratic policy, but nevertheless occasionally good tactics. Where, however, there are good grounds for not adopting the principle of an annual change in the presidency or mastership, there is no reason why associations should not make provision in their constitution for honouring their most valued members, by creating for them *ex-officio* places in the government of their organisations.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH).

On Saturday, August 24, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	RICHARD V. BUCKLAND ... 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERIDGE ... 2	† JAMES BLACKMORE ... 6
FRANK J. BOREHAM ... 3	WILLIAM T. HORNE ... 7
* ARTHUR G. MASON ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.
Conducted by W. T. HORNE.

A peal of welcome for Sergt. Buckland, R.N.A.S., who was home on 'marriage leave.' The team afterwards took tea at 'Windsor End' with the Bride and Bridegroom. Pte. William Welling was also expected to take part in this attempt. Local arrangements were kindly undertaken by Mr. Blackmore.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSYON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN JAGGER Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
JOHN BASS 2	JESSE SCREEN ... 6
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	BENJAMIN COUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to those fallen in the war. W. Short was proposed a member of the Dudley Guild before starting. It was Mr. J. Pigott's 150th peal.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT ALLRED Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT ... 5
HARRY ALLRED 2	JOHN POTTER ... 6
HENRY SMITH 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
THOMAS LINGARD 4	JOHN EDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples, and also as a welcome of the new Curate of this Parish, Mr. Bridge.

The ringers of 1 and 2 belong to Tyldesley, 3 to Leigh, 4 and 8 to Pendlebury, 5 and 7 to Bolton, and 6 to Walkden.

SIX BELL PEAL.

STANTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH).

On Saturday, August 24, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsires.

* ALBERT PARKER Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... 4
FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 2	GEORGE ASHLEY ... 5
HENRY J. PHIPPS ... 3	JOHN WIGGINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

Rung to celebrate the dedication of a Screen and Rood, erected in Stanton Church by Mr. P. S. Stott, of Stanton Court, to the memory of his son, 2nd Lieut. P. N. Stott.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

WILBY J. HAZELL ... 1-2 | E. MADRICE ATKINS ... 5-6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3-4 | WALTER PERKINS ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

WEST HAM SOCIETY.**EXCURSION TO LOUGHTON.**

One of the most pleasing of excursions it has been my privilege to attend took place on Saturday, Aug. 17th, at Loughton, whither the West Ham Society journeyed for their annual half-day's outing. Its success depended, for the most part, on the unsparing efforts of Messrs Wm. Doran and James Rann, the former being West Ham's secretary, and the latter secretary of the Loughton branch of the Essex Association. 'Jimmy Rann,' as we familiarly style him, has no rival in the art of securing everything wanted for the comfort and pleasure of his ringing companions, possessing a charm of natural wit and dry humour, and, in his pleadings for the use of the tower and bells, seldom fails in his suit, and I have no doubt, had 'Jimmy' been appointed emissary to West Ham Rectory, he would have succeeded in getting the Rector to accept the honour of president, and taking the chair on this happy occasion. 'Jimmy's' brief might be in this style: 'Now, look ye 'ere, Rector, we've only Mr. Doran to fill your place if you don't come, and there's my pony and trap outside waiting, so we're not going to let you off like this. Jump up, sir, at once, and you'll enjoy the ride to Loughton, I'll guarantee, if we meet with no bad luck on the road.' And so it came to pass we had no clerical representative present, Mr. Doran not having the persuasive powers of Jimmy Rann. But our veteran, William Doran, filled the chair exceedingly well, and I think his wife, son and daughter present must have felt proud of him at the head of the table, as he explained his balance sheet, and the prospects of getting his peal of ten made unobtainable.

The tea was tastefully arranged in the Schoolroom by Mrs. Moule and several friends, and remembering the privations ruling just now, we were amazed to see so many 'tasties' on the tables. Among the company were the veterans, Messrs. Waghorn and Margotson, the 'Merry Andrew' Tom Scarlett, the facetious Harry Torble, the gifted Edgar Wightman, and other members of the Exercise.

Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman and Double Norwich, all being brought home. The ringing after tea was not quite so good, owing to some of the more ambitious of the party attempting Superlative, which no doubt accounted for the following conversation overheard in the main road: First voice: 'What's the cause of all this bell ringing to-day? Is there a wedding about, or new victory on the front?' Second voice: 'Neither. It's only a lot of cacophonous fellows, calling themselves the Essex Association of Change Ringers, and they can't ring so well as our local men.' It may be explained that the local band are stony-tongues, which method satisfies the uninitiated and ignorant; hence their hold of the tower since the inauguration of this charming peal of eight. 'The scientific ringers are only tolerated on very rare occasions; but

Where ignorance is bliss, let us not take amiss

The gibes on our art or our fame;

Let them try if they will to exhibit their skill,

And experience will put them to shame.

Notwithstanding such unfair criticism, we were all evidently pleased with ourselves when the time for departure came. The course of events had been most smooth and enjoyable, and no one regretted their trip.

Those sweet Loughton bells are still ringing in my ears with the old tale of joy and sadness. They recall the past and inspire the future. They remind us of those whom we shall no more find in their accustomed places, of the sorrow that is passing, and glad tidings of the end of strife among the nations. 'Yes,' saith the bells,

Men may come and men may go.

But we, the bells, ring on for ever.

G. F. M.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 2nd, for morning service, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the Rev. George Dawson Davies, for many years Rector of Kelsale Church, who died on May 27th. 720 Changes of Bob Major: W. Fleming 1, W. Drew 2, P. Mayes 3, J. Avis 4, H. Phillips 5, G. Hardy 6, F. Thompson 7, F. Watling, senr. (conductor), 8. Also 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major by the same band. For evening service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Fleming 1, Norman Bailey (Leiston) 2, J. Avis 3, W. Drew (conductor) 4, H. Phillips 5, F. Smith (Leiston) 6, G. Hardy 7, F. Watling 8.

LADIES' GUILD AT STOKE POGES.

Last Saturday week the historic and interesting Church of Stoke Poges was invaded by the ladies who were holding a friendly meeting of their Guild there. At 3 p.m. sharp the bells were going to Grandsire Doubles by a mixed band (as the ladies always welcome and look to the assistance of the gentlemen), and soon afterwards they were able themselves to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles. Following this, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were indulged in, and also some call changes and rounds for those not yet advanced enough for change ringing. By 5 p.m. there were upwards of 25 in the tower, but everyone missed the presence of the hon. secretary, Miss E. K. Parker (who was taking part in a peal, in honour of the wedding of one of the Guild members, which took place at Edmonton on that day). Canon Barnett visited the tower, and expressed a wish to see the bells rung, and a capital 120 was brought round as a service touch.

A short but very impressive service was then held, and Canon Barnett made some fitting remarks on ringers and their duties, noting how Gray, the famous poet, made mention of the bells.

Tea next demanded attention, and steps were turned to Stoke Place, the residence of Mrs. Howard Vyse, who had kindly offered the use of the Orangery, and all things necessary. Twenty-five sat down to a sumptuous repast, kindly given by Mrs. Howard Vyse and Canon and Mrs. Barnett. For the time being war was forgotten, as even sugar made its appearance on the table. During the tea, the Canon made a suggestion that the 'locals' should 'drink the health' of all the visitors, which was done.

Being a friendly meeting, there was no business to transact, but there was the pleasure of proposing six new members. Evidently the Bucks. ladies are coming on in great numbers, and perhaps at a not far distant date it will be possible to record a quarter-peal rung by a ladies' band in the county.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. F. I. Hairs, in the absence of the secretary, to Mrs. Howard Vyse, Canon and Mrs. Barnett, and all those who had so kindly helped to make the meeting such a success, including Mr. Bateman (the local foreman) for his kindness in having the bells in readiness, and making the necessary arrangements for the tea.

Afterwards an enjoyable visit was paid to the beautiful grounds of Stoke Place. The evening had passed so quickly and pleasantly that there was no time to return to the tower, so the handbells were brought into action, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by four ladies. All the visitors had come by cycle, and at 9 p.m. a move was made for home, everybody agreeing that though the meeting was smaller than was anticipated it had nevertheless been most enjoyable.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

A meeting of the members of the Winchester district was held at Twyford on Saturday last, members from Bagshot, Curdridge, Dibden, North Stoneham, Wickham, Southampton, and Swindon, started the bells about 3 p.m. At the last moment it was found possible to arrange for tea in the Parish Hall, and thanks are due to Mr. Day for providing a very excellent one.

In the absence of the Vicar, who regretted being unable to be present owing to being away from home that afternoon, Mr. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild) presided. The absence of one who has been a great supporter of these meetings and who has generally been present at them, was very much missed, viz., Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, one of the most enthusiastic ringers, who, we regret to say, is now lying seriously ill. Everyone was deeply grieved to hear this news, and a vote of sincere sympathy with him was passed, on the motion of his old friend, Mr. G. Williams.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. George, was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. — Morris) for the use of the bells, which were available again after tea, but owing to several members having some considerable distance to go on bicycles, they were not rung during the evening.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, August 17th, members of the St. Giles' Society, Reading, held their annual outing. Taking an early train to Goring, they were met by Mr. J. Bower, foreman of the Goring band, and ascending the ancient Norman steeple without delay, rang touches of Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Miss D. Batten, a young lady member, calling her first 120 in the latter method. Crossing the river to the adjacent tower of Stratley—also six bells—they repeated the performance, striking well, though the 'go' of the bells was by no means equal to that of the peal at Goring. Next they entrained for Wallingford, where there is a fine square stone and flint mediæval tower, and a noble peal of eight bells. The visitors enjoyed a substantial repast at the Green Tree, and then proceeded to the steeple, where they were met by the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Bowen), and were soon 'tapping off' touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob, the Rev. H. P. Bowen ringing the tenor for the Triples. The striking, especially of the Major, was good, the conductors being Messrs. A. W. Osborne and A. Wiggins. An acceptable 'cup of tea' with 'trimmings' and train home, finished a most enjoyable day.

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LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—When Mr. Trollope had written about a hundred of his articles in 'Bell News,' I started to analyse them carefully, with a view to a complete understanding of his argument, but after a laborious study of the first forty (!) I failed to extract anything but words—endless words; and, not being able to afford such waste of time, I gave up the quest in utter despair. I, therefore, claim that in order to understand Mr. Trollope I have done all that could reasonably be expected of anyone. Will he kindly quote the words in which I curtly declined his offer of explanations? With his present letter before them I confidently leave your readers to judge between Mr. Trollope and myself.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

DEATH OF A LONDON RINGER.

FRED. J. HARDY KILLED IN ACTION.

News has just come to hand, through the Geneva Red Cross, that Mr. Frederick J. Hardy has been killed in action.

His name appeared in the German lists published in Berlin, his discharge being sent in by the officer in charge of the tombs. His grave is in the Vaulx Vranquart region. The deceased saw service in the East as well as in France.

Mr. Hardy was a most highly esteemed member of the College Youths and of the London County and other Associations. An excellent ringer, his loss is deeply deplored by all who knew him. He was one of the most promising of the younger generation of London ringers, and, when he joined the army in the early days of the war, had already rung a large number of peals, including Surprise methods.

PRISONER OF WAR.

A week or two ago we were able to announce that Rifleman J. Armstrong, of Southgate, Master of the N. and L. District of the Middlesex Association, was a prisoner of war in Germany. We have now received a postcard from him, dated July 24th, in which he says:—

'I was taken prisoner on March 24th, and with the exception of the first ten days, have been in hospital all the time, so you can guess I'm getting a bit fed up. Kidney trouble is my complaint, but I am glad to say I am getting on pretty well. My address is: R 28859 Rifleman J. Armstrong, 11th K.R.R.C., Lazarus, Prisoners of War Camp, Darnstadt, Germany. I shall be very glad to hear from anybody who cares to write to me, as correspondence of any kind is very welcome. Kind remembrances to all. I hope to ring another John peal yet.'

LETTERS FROM AMERICA.

WAR'S EFFECT ON BOSTON GUILD.

Two letters from Boston, U.S.A., have recently reached the Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association, Dr. A. H. Nicholls, who is personally known to many London ringers, writes:—

'Although this horrid war has attracted to the ranks some of our ringers we still have remaining a sufficient number to ring a peal for the victory which we feel assured will be attained in the coming year, our people united and determined.

'It is encouraging that the ladies are manning the ropes in such numbers. Mrs. Shurtleff, who invariably meets with our band, would delight to be with them, and she is not restricted to a light bell. Indeed it is a great deprivation that the war deprives us of the pleasure of keeping in closer touch with our English confreres, but you can be assured that our interest in the art will not abate. Meanwhile we hold in affectionate remembrance the bellfry friends whose acquaintance we were privileged to make when in England.'

Mr. Richard Newton, formerly of Manchester, says: 'There are only three of the original Englishmen left who came here by invitation, the others have all joined up. I myself am too old, but am doing my bit out here in helping to raise money for St. George's Relief Fund. Our Empire Day festival last year for this fund realised 300 dollars; this year 2,000. Six of our ringers belong to Cabot Lodge of the Society of the Sons and Daughters of St. George, who were responsible for all arrangements for this festival.'

Mr. Newton goes on to say that he himself and the members of his lodge did nearly all the work, and his contribution in sales of tickets was 272. He wishes to be remembered to all old friends.

UPHILL BELLS.

The bells of Uphill, Somerset, having been rehung, the first 720 of Bob Minor rung upon them since the work was completed, was recently accomplished by a band of Weston-super-Mare and Bristol ringers: W. Tanner 1, J. Thomas (Bristol) 2, W. Munday 3, J. Blackmore 4, E. Parker 5, W. Nicholson (Bristol), conductor, 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 9th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, S.E., for evening service, 1259 of Grandsire Caters: H. F. Flowers 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. G. Symonds 3, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 4, A. J. Neale 5, A. W. Darlington 6, M. Fennell 7, A. H. Peck 8, L. Rodmel 9, R. Sanders 10.

DEATH OF A VETERAN RINGER.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The death of Mr. Joseph Barrow, of Long Eaton, on August 18th severs another link with the ringers of a generation ago. It might with confidence be said that he was one of the pioneers of change ringing in Derbyshire.

The deceased, who was 71 years of age, came to Long Eaton from Leicester over fifty years ago, commencing work with the Midland Railway Company at the age of 17 years. He was an engine driver of many years' standing, and continued at work up to about two months ago, having nearly completed 55 years service with the company.

He took a very active part in the augmentation of the bells at Long Eaton, when the number was increased from three to six, and subsequently, when the octave was completed, he was elected Master of the bellry, which office he worthily filled for the period of 16 years, during which time he rang and conducted eight peals.

He was one of the founders of the Midland Counties Association, when that society was formed 38 years ago, and in the early days of the Association was one of its most enthusiastic workers. He was also a life member of the Yorkshire and the Central Northants Associations.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, August 21st, when the deceased was carried to the grave by four local ringers, viz., Messrs. J. Ward, G. Bradley, J. Bailey and R. Drage. The National Union of Railwaymen, of which Mr. Barrow was a member, was represented by Messrs. J. Bray and J. Stevens. The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled on the following Sunday, as a tribute of respect to his memory. R.I.P.

WYCOMBE RINGERS' EXCURSIONS.

In continuation of the series of ringing meetings, arranged by the Wycombe Society, to sustain interest in Church bell ringing, and to enable those towers whose numbers have been depleted owing to war exigencies, to obtain practice, interesting and useful gatherings have resulted. On August 10th, Woburn was the venue selected; while on August 17th, West Wycombe was visited. On the same day, in honour of the wedding, at the Wycombe Parish Church, of Sergt. Richard Buckland, of the Royal Air Force (a member of the Beaconsfield belfry), who was home on leave from France, Wycombe bells were rung in the early afternoon, and in the evening a couple of courses of Stedman Cinques were brought round.

On Saturday week the local ringers and friends visited some neighbouring churches. Reaching All Saints' Church, Little Kimble, soon after one o'clock, a look round this very ancient building proved interesting and enjoyable, the ancient font and frescoes being admired. St. Paul's, Ellesborough, was the rendezvous for the next visit, a church of the Norman and Perpendicular style of architecture. The altar-tomb, a fine monument to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Dodds, the beautifully carved reading desk and pulpit, the chaste stained glass windows, etc., all came in for encomiums of admiration. The party were somewhat disappointed in not being able to ring the pretty little peal of six bells here, owing to a damaged wheel and lack of a full length bellrope; but the bells were 'chimed' for a few minutes by the visitors, who were pleased with their fine tone. The following quaint inscription hangs in the ringing chamber:—

If any man to ring comes here,
He must ring well, with hand and ear;
And if a bell he overthrows,
Four pence he pays before he goes.
Or if he ring with spur or hat,
Four pence, be sure, he pays for that.
And if you either swear or curse,
One shilling, sir; pull out your purse;
Pay to the Sexton what you forfeit.
Or else, kind sir, your coat pays for it.

After a climb to the top of the tower, from which a magnificent panorama of Bucks scenery was obtained, a move was made to St. Nicholas, at Great Kimble, a church in the Early English style, and famous among other things, for its associations with the great patriot, John Hampden; and a tour of the sacred edifice proved full of interest. A 'tap round' on the six bells was first enjoyed, and after several other short touches the party adjourned to the 'Bear and Cross' for a war-time tea. Returning to the church, further ringing was indulged in. The ringers were much touched at the gratitude of an elderly lady, who met the visitors as they were leaving, and after thanking them, observed: 'You have charmed us all up to-day.' The final tower to be visited was that of St. Dunstan's, Monks Risborough, a fine building, with square embattled tower, deriving its name from the Monks of St. Dunstan, of Canterbury, who held possession of the same. Archbishop Potter was a former Rector of this parish. There is a brass, bearing the date 1431, in memory of Rev. Robert Blundell, a former curate. This church possesses a ring of six bells. Several touches were performed, and after lowering the bells a quiet stroll to the station brought the 'homing course' in sight; and 'stand' was called at Wycombe after an interesting and useful outing. G. T.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Northampton District was held at Northampton on Saturday last, between 30 and 40 being present from St. Peter's, St. Edmund's, St. Giles', and All Saints', Northampton; Moulton, Cogenhoe, Weston Favell, Flore, Weedon, Isham, Finedon, and Earls Barton. The only peal of ten in the county—St. Giles'—was available from 3 to 4 p.m., and Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Cagers and Grandsire Triples were the methods rung. After 4 p.m., St. Peter's (8) were kept busy in various methods, including Double Norwich and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Martin), and afterwards tea was served in St. Peter's Rooms. The Rector, having to attend another meeting, apologised for having to leave so early, and expressed his regret at not being able to provide food for them, but hoped they would come again when the war was over, and he would not ask them then to bring their own food.—Mr. F. Wilford proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and providing the tea.—This was seconded by the District Secretary.—Mr. J. George, Birmingham, also supported the motion, saying how pleased he was to see the unity existing between the clergy and ringers. He also expressed his pleasure at seeing some lady ringers present, and hoped they would make good ringers. He had been teaching some ladies at Bishop Ryder's Church, and they were making good progress.—The Rector suitably replied.

The Vice-President, Mr. F. Hopper, presided over the meeting, supported by Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary), Mr. W. Wilson, secretary, Kettering District; Mr. J. George and Mr. C. Herbert, Woburn.

Cogenhoe was chosen for a special meeting on October 12th, and Weston Favell for the next quarterly meeting. New ringing members were elected, and the election of Mr. F. W. Thornton, Greenwich, as a life member, was confirmed.—Five shillings was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund.

The Vice-President, on behalf of the members, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors who had favoured the meeting with their presence, coupling with it Gunner A. J. Mawby, R.F.A., a Northampton ringer, on leave from France.—The General Secretary, speaking in support, said what a lot of good it did to have members of different Associations at those meetings helping each other along.—Mr. J. George, in reply, thanked the members for their welcome, and hoped he would be able to attend the meeting at Cogenhoe.—Mr. C. Herbert expressed his pleasure at being present, and remarked that ringers seemed much more enthusiastic in Northampton than in his Association.—Gunner Mawby also thanked his brother ringers for their welcome, and hoped he would soon be with them permanently.—The meeting also expressed their pleasure at the recovery of the Editor of the 'Ringing World,' and hoped he would soon be restored to perfect health again.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

A well-attended meeting was held at Waldron on Saturday week, the following towers being represented: St. Peter's, Brighton; Shoreham, Little Horsted, Uckfield, Mayfield, All Saints' and Christ Church, Eastbourne, etc. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Messrs. H. R. Bulcher (general hon. secretary), A. Piper, G. Penfold, W. Franks and A. D. Stone.

The members were welcomed by the Rector (Rev. Canon Humble-Crofts), the Misses Humble-Crofts and Mr. E. Jennings, the leader of the local band. Good practice was obtained during the afternoon and evening in the four standard methods, the Misses Humble-Crofts taking part in touches of Grandsire Triples.

Through the kindness of the Rector, the company partook of a bountiful tea at the Star Hotel, to which full justice was done.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, providing such a splendid repast, and arranging the service.—A similar vote was also accorded to Mr. Jennings for his kind assistance in fixing up the meeting.

AIRMEN RAID TRING.

Three airmen, stationed at Halton Camp, had the pleasure of joining some of the local ringers at Tring in a touch of 742 Grandsire Triples rung for Sunday evening service on August 25th, the band standing as follows: F. Reeve, junr. (longest touch) 1, F. Reeve 2, Instructor F. W. Perrens, R.A.F., 3, T. Wright 4, Second Air-Mechanic R. N. Runham, R.A.F., 5, Corpl. W. H. Pasmore, R.A.F. (conductor) 6, H. Heley 7, E. Noyce (longest touch) 8. Another airman was prevented from joining in the above owing to the wet weather.

If there are any other ringers stationed in or near Halton Camp, will they please communicate with Corpl. W. H. Pasmore, Hut 10 A Lines, Halton Camp West, or make their way to Tring, where the bells are rung for services each Sunday at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.?

ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNER.

The Master of the London County Association (Mr. T. H. Taffender) is now serving with the anti-aircraft guns, and is stationed at Godstone, Surrey.

NOTICES.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined practice will be held at the Parish Church, Windsor, on Saturday, Sept. 7th, from 6.30 till 8 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—T. S. Smith.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Stanmore can be reached by train from Harrow, L. & N. W. Ry., by tram to Cannons Park and by bus from Cricklewood. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Vicar, who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Almondsbury, Glos., on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown Branch.—Combined Practice Meetings have been arranged as under: Sept. 7th, Otlands Park (Near Walton Station), 6 p.m.; Sept. 14, Ottershaw, 5.30 p.m.; Sept. 21, Yateley, 5.30 p.m.; Sept. 28th, Walton-on-Thames (St. Mary's), 6 p.m. Members and other Ringers are cordially invited.—F. J. Shepherd, Dist. Sec. *pro tem.*, 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sellindge, near Hythe, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Iron Acton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—W. Stafford, Hon. Branch Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available all the afternoon and evening; meeting at 4.30. Tea will be provided. Evensong at 7.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; meeting to follow.—F. Stubbs, District Sec., Bridge Street, Raunds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock; service at 5.30; meeting at 6.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 14th, at Doncaster, St. George's. Bells (8) will be at the disposal of the visitors from 3.30 till 5 o'clock, and from 5.30 till dusk. The fine light peal of 6 at Arksey (tenor 9 c.t.) are also at the service of the visitors. The business meeting will be held at 5.30 p.m.—Frank Willey, 110, Petre Street, Sheffield, Sec. *pro tem.*

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Idle on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Brighouse on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45. No refreshments provided.—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Lufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next and last meeting of this summer series will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Twelve bells available from 3 o'clock.—Sam. Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church on Sept. 14th. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday, 14th September, from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637.)—Meetings will be held at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C., on the 19th for handbell practice, and on the 10th and 24th for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Clent on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock; service in the Church at 5; business meeting in the Schools after the service. Election of officers takes place at this meeting. Tea, at 1/2 per head, can be provided for all those who will let me know on or before Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec., 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Isham, near Kettering, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock; short service at 5, followed by tea. Will all who intend being present kindly communicate with Mr. Walter Wilson, The Pines, Isham?—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore, Hon. Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The address of Mr. A. L. Coleman, the new Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CUBITT TOWN.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Sunday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. T. Clark 1. A. Beer 2. T. H. Hawkins (conductor) 3. F. W. Thornton 4. I. G. Shade 5. H. Hoskins 6. T. Jakeman 7. Pte. C. E. Ebberson (A.S.O.), Fakenham, 8. For morning service, on August 11th, 1008 Grandsire Triples: C. T. Clark 1. T. H. Hawkins 2. I. G. Shade (conductor) 3. H. Hoskins 4. Pte. C. E. Ebberson (A.S.O.) 5. Q.-M.-S. H. W. Clark, R.E. 6. T. Jakeman 7. D. Hodgson 8.—On Wednesday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. T. Clark 1. G. H. Daynes 2. I. G. Shade (conductor) 3. J. Lamb 4. T. H. Hawkins 5. H. Hoskins 6. T. Jakeman 7. D. Hodgson 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Q.-M.-S. Harold W. Clark (son of the ringer of the treble) to Miss Ethel Kate Peckham, youngest daughter of Mr. J. A. Peckham, of Cubitt Town, the ringers wishing the happy couple every success and happiness.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, June 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: M. Jacobs 1. W. Stevens 2. H. Barrett 3. H. Cook 4. Pte. R. Mackrill. B.R. 5. C. Hunt 6. F. Skevington (conductor) 7. H. Dyas 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 9th, at Malvern Villas, New Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), on handbells: H. Bragg 1-2. E. Shepherd (conductor) 3-4. C. Bragg 5-6. First quarter-peal by C. Bragg, who is 13 years of age.

FARNHAM ROYAL, RUCKS.—On Sunday, June 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by: W. H. Fussell, J. J. Parker (conductor), Miss Nora A. Williams (first quarter-peal), W. Smith, J. Elderfield, W. Henley, J. Bovington.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 305 Grandsire Caters: H. G. Naish 1. J. Howes 2. A. W. Davis 3. W. E. Judd 4. A. V. Selby 5. A. Diserens 6. W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7. C. Slade 8. Major J. H. B. Hesse 9. J. N. Frossell 10; also 610 Stedman Caters: F. Davis 1. J. Howes (conductor) 2. W. E. Judd 3. A. W. Davis 4. J. N. Frossell 5. A. Diserens 6. Major J. H. B. Hesse 7. A. V. Selby 8. W. E. Garrard 9. C. Slade 10.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on June 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 51 mins.: J. Shaw 1. A. J. Smith 2. J. Rookwood 3. B. Wilson 4. Harry Wood 5. T. Kendall 6. A. King (conductor) 7. F. Hunt 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and ringer of the 5th. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2nd and 5th.

ACTON.—On Sunday, June 16th, at St. Mary's Church, Acton, for afternoon ringing, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Davis 1. W. Lawrence 2. Robt. Holloway 3. G. Iles 4. G. Vickery 5. A. Harding 6. F. Skevington (conductor) 7. C. Hunt 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday evening, June 16th, at St. Chad's Church, 352 Bob Major, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major and 84 Stedman Triples: G. Scarratt 1. G. Byolin 2. W. Brooks 3. G. Jones 4. W. Stockdale 5. A. Fullick 6. Pto. G. Burrows 7. C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. 305 Grandsire Caters: G. Byolin 1. W. Brooks 2. G. Scarratt 3. L. Weatherby 4. W. Stockdale 5. G. Jones 6. C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7. G. Burrows 8. A. Fullick 9. H. Jones 10. Rung after an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Thursday, June 20th, prior to Confirmation service at the Parish Church, Stedman Triples was rung, by: C. Tricker 1. W. Lawrence 2. C. Edwards (Heston) 3. H. W. Lidbetter 4. T. Beadle 5. E. Gladman 6. S. Carter (conductor) 7. H. C. Chandler 8. Owing to one of the band being unavoidably detained, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung previously, W. Lawrence conducting.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): T. H. Taffender 1. A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 2. J. Trappitt 3. C. Dean 4. R. Pyke 5. A. J. Plowman 6. C. W. Grimwood 7. M. Fensom 8. L. Rodwell 9. N. Brissett 10. In-course throughout; 5th and 6th behind the 9th in the first half; with the 6th in 5th's in the hand-stroke, home position in the second half.

DAITON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on June 23rd, for morning service, 608 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1. Miss Lindsay 2. Miss Gilchrist 3. T. Watson 4. J. Huddleston 5. T. Stuart 6. W. H. Dennison 7. J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

SLOUGH.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: Mrs. E. Hairs 1. T. S. Smith 2. Miss Gladys Bateman 3. W. H. Fussell 4. G. T. Leader 5. J. J. Parker 6. W. Hoxley (conductor) 7. F. Purdus 8.

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