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RINGING AND D.O.R.A.

With the shortening of the days and the return to normal Greenwich time, the hours during which ringing can be indulged in are now considerably curtailed under the Defence of the Realm Act. In previous war winters, however, there has been some relaxation of the regulations on the part of the Competent Military Authorities in those areas where the exposure to danger from raids by aircraft is not so acute as on the east and south-east coasts, and there is no reason to suppose that the same facilities will not be granted again during the coming months. Last year, when the question of permission was raised in some responsible quarters, the reply was that the relaxation of the previous year had never been suspended, and that the sanction then given still held good. It is probable that the same may be the case this year, but we strongly advise all ringers concerned to safeguard their position by communicating with the Competent Military Authority for their area before ringing during hours when lights are prohibited.

Experience in past years has shown that it is quite worth while to make application for permission to use the bells after dark, for, except in the most exposed areas, where bells are considered to be a danger by acting as a guide to enemy raiders, the Military have been ready to partially relax the regulations, and indeed, have, generally speaking, approached the matter in a sympathetic spirit. In some cases ringing has been permitted up to as late as 9 p.m., while in many districts it has been sanctioned up to an hour which enables the bells to be rung for evening service. This relaxation is a valuable concession to ringing, and enables ringers to continue to use the bells to the full for their primary purpose.

Everyone hopes that this may be the last winter when any restrictions upon the ringing of bells will be imposed. Never since the war began, have the signs of ultimate victory been so promising, and the triumph of the allied cause so near accomplishment as they are to-day. The end may not be yet, but in all fields in which the Allies are fighting success is attending our arms. But while we have never had greater reason to rejoice, this nation is taking its successes soberly, and there has been no outburst of joy-bells. Presently, however, the pent-up feelings must find expression, and then once more the bells will have their part to play. There is, then, every reason why in all the belfries of the land preparations should be made for acclaiming the day when the triumph of our arms shall have assured the peace that we are determined to have, and on that day the bells shall ring as they have never rung before.



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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES.

STANHOPE RIGGS Treble	DANIEL SENIOR 5
GEORGE HUNT 2	J. W. HUDSON 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	E. CROWTHER 7
JOSEPH GARNETT 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT DRANSFIELD.

Rung in honour of the winning of the Military Cross by Lieut. James Gludhill, one of the local ringers, and also of the Earlsheaton company's success in winning for the 14th time the Halifax Association's Cup.

The ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th belong to Birstall, 2nd to Horbury, 4th to Bradford and the rest to the local band.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SYDNEY GOODALL Treble	JOHN ROLLINSON 5
WALTER KNOTT 2	WILLIAM THOMAS 6
ALBERT ARMITAGE 3	WILLIAM E. FRITH 7
H. NUTTON 4	JAMES E. CARTER Tenor

Composed by OBADIAH LONG.
Conducted by SYDNEY GOODALL.

The ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 7th belong to Huddersfield, of the 4th and 8th to Almondsbury, and of the rest to Liversedge.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. B. SHAW Treble	S. HOLT 5
S. STOTT 2	J. JACQUES 6
J. HARRISON 3	H. BARLOW 7
T. K. DRIVER 4	D. RENSHAW Tenor

Composed by J. HOLLIES.
Conducted by S. STOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd to commemorate his 65th birthday; also in celebration of the tenor ringer's wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 26, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE VICARAGE LIBRARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAM'S FOUR-PART.

ROBERT RICHARDSON 1-2	REV. H. LAW JAMES 5-6
3RD WIR. C. GLENN, R.N. 3-4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A UNIQUE PERFORMANCE.

A touch of 188 Stedman Triples, unique in the annals of ringing, was performed at Gillingham, Kent, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. All branches of H.M. Forces (Navy, Army and Royal Air Force) were represented, and the touch was ably conducted by a lady. The ringers were: Miss E. Goodship, V.A.D., conductor, 1. Q.-M.-S. W. A. Cave, R.E., 2. Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.A.F., 3. Sergt. O. Winner, Royal West Kent Regt., 4. Spr. T. Bartholomew, R.E., 5. Lance-Corpl. J. Kirby, R.E., 6. Corpl. E. J. Ridler, R.E., 7. G.P.O. C. Bullen, R.N., 8. Other touches were rung, in which W. Haigh, W. Easter and H. Rolls took part.

ON THE FIELD OF HONOUR.

PROMISING YOUNG RINGER'S DEATH.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild loses a promising young ringer, and the Guildford Holy Trinity Society its junior member, by the death, in France, of Pte. R. W. Melville, as a result of gas poisoning. The deceased was the only son of Mr. W. R. Melville, the present steeple-keeper at Holy Trinity, and was just over 19 years of age. He joined H.M. Forces about Easter of this year.

Pte. Melville began his ringing career at Tring, Herts, when little more than a child, moving with his parents to Haslemere, and later to Guildford, where both he and his father joined the Holy Trinity Society. His first and only peal, one of Grandsire Triples, was rung at Chiddingfold on December 26th, 1917.

Members of both the Guildford Societies, with Mr. J. J. Jones, district secretary, representing the Winchester Diocesan Guild, met in strong force at Holy Trinity on Wednesday of last week to honour the boy's memory in the usual way. Various touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with half-muffled bells, in which everyone attending had an opportunity of taking part, and the ringing concluded with a beautiful 504 Stedman Triples in very slow time by the following: W. M. Jelley 1, J. J. Jones 2, S. Radford 3, T. W. Radford 4, H. Harris 5, M. Smither 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, J. T. Scott 8. Other ringers present included Mrs. Hazelden, Mr. F. Radford, and Mr. F. E. Duwe.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the St. Albans district was held at Harpenden on Saturday last, when there were present 25 members from various towers, including three ladies from the local band. The bells were set going to various methods during the afternoon and evening, the ladies taking part. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. K. M. Pitt), and a business meeting followed, the Rector being voted to the chair.

Mr. G. W. Carlmet (general hon. secretary) moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the Association, and providing them with such an excellent tea, to Mr. Ben Jarman, of the local band, for the trouble he had taken to make the meeting a success, and to Mrs. Jarman and the other ladies who assisted with the tea.—This motion was warmly carried.

EARLSHEATON'S REMARKABLE RECORD.

A peal, in honour of a dual event, was rung at Earlsheaton on Saturday week. On the 14th of September, at Brighouse, Yorks, the Earlsheaton company won the Halifax and District Association's contest for the fourteenth time—a remarkable record, which stamps them as one of the best ringing companies in the North. They gained the award of the judges (Messrs. T. Kendal, of Shipley, and J. Ambler, of Halifax), with only 139 faults; Almondsbury being second with 263 faults, and Birstall third with 280 faults. Well might Earlsheaton celebrate their victory with a peal, in which ringers from other towers joined them. The competition touch was 884 Kent Treble Bob Major.

The second event in honour of which the peal was rung was the gaining of the Military Cross by one of the band who is serving overseas—Lieut. James Gludhill.

TWO PEALS OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

BY JAMES GEORGE, BIRMINGHAM.

23456789		Repeat the 12 courses as from	
42356978	7 in and out at 3	A substituting	
34256	9 in 3	9 in 3 for 8 in 2	
23456	9 in 3	produces	
43652	8-9	32465978	
24356	9 in 3 S	B 23465879	
35426	8 in 3 S	42365	
62534	8 in 2	54263	
A 43265	8 in 2	35462	
24365	9 in 3	23564	
52463	9 in 3 S	52364	
35284	9 in 3 S	45263	
43562	9 in 3 S	34562	
54362	9 in 3	53462	
25463	9 in 3 S	45362	
32564	9 in 3 S	24563	
53264	9 in 3	32465	
25364	9 in 3	Repeat the 12 course as from	
42563	9 in 3 S	B. substituting 8 in 3 for	
34265	9 in 3 S	1. 3. 4, produces 32547698.	

This peal has the 6th extent behind the 9th in the titlums, and behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

The second peal is obtained by calling the first 19 courses the same as in the foregoing; then calling the 12 courses, beginning at B; next 12 courses as from A, with 1, 3, 4, substituted for 8 in 2, and afterwards 12 courses as from B.

This peal has the 6th extent alternatively behind the 9th and 8th in the titlums and handstroke home positions.

The course ends in both peals are the same, with the exception of the necessary transpositions of 7, 8, 9.

WYCOMBE RINGERS' EXCURSIONS.

Some successful and useful ringing meetings have again been carried out by the members of the High Wycombe band. On August 31st a visit was paid to the little church of Chalfont St. Peter, which has a ring of six bells. A large number of campanologists responded to the invitation, and there was some good ringing, in which several ladies and members of H.M. Forces took part. The methods rung included Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. A stroll round the village, pleasant reminiscences, and the meeting of old friends were much enjoyed.

For Sept. 14th, the towers of Denham Church and St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, were available. Heavy rainstorms and gales throughout the morning made the Wycombe secretary anxious as to whether he would meet his first 'frost,' but his fears were allayed, for on reaching the old-world village of Denham, a merry band was soon made up, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was the first item. Several more touches were gone through, and after a look at the famous yew tree, with its parted trunk (through which the party walked), and a visit to the grave of the victims of the Denham murder, an adjournment was made for tea. The meal over, a move was made for St. Andrew's, a tower which also possesses eight bells. Here, there was a large muster, and a well-struck touch of Stedman was first rung, followed by Oxford Bob and other methods, every touch being brought home. In one 'flourish' five lady ringers and a gunner in the R.F.A. took part. The lowering of the bells in peal brought the visit to a conclusion.

On the following day, for evensong, at Wycombe Church, there was a large attendance of visitors, and a quarter-peal of Cinqnes on the twelve bells was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief. However, some good ringing was accomplished.

The Chalfont ringers were so gratified with the visit to their tower that, like Oliver Twist, they wanted more; so arrangements were made to meet at Beaconsfield on Saturday, Sept. 21st. A profitable time was spent, various methods being performed.

On Saturday last, Wycombe tower was available, and a good number took advantage of a brilliant September afternoon to make the journey, ringers being present from Fulmer, Farnham Royal, Hillingdon, Iwer Heath, Great Missenden, West Wycombe, etc. Some capital touches were rung, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob being amongst the number, and a very interesting meeting was thus spent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Ringing commenced shortly after two o'clock, and, although the visitors were not numerous, enthusiasm was not lacking, and the bells were kept going until about 7.30, with the exception of the time occupied by the tea and meeting.

Members were present from the following places: Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Loughborough, Nottingham and Uxeter. A very good tea had been arranged by the local members at Radford's Cafe, and, justice having been done to the good things provided, a short business meeting was held. Mr. John W. Taylor taking the chair, supported by the Rev. H. E. Sawyer, Vicar of Ashby, and others.

Four new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells. In replying to the latter, the Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Association to Ashby, and remarked that it was ten years since their last visit. He hoped such a long time would not elapse before the next.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers for the excellent arrangements made concluded the meeting.

5040 BOB MAJOR.

The following peal has been arranged from the original nine course block by the Rev. E. Banks James:—

23456	W	M	H
42356	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—
25348	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
46235	S	—	—
23465	—	—	—

Four times repeated with bob for single, and adding a single at M in the third course of the 4th part.

The above is a method of reducing the ordinary six part peal into a five part, the second single shunting the ringing from the 4th to the 5th part, thereby cutting out a part.

Rung 'in hand' at Isham on Saturday, Sept. 21st, 1918, conducted by E. M. Atkins.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 7th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Shufflebotham, E. Hynds, E. Beckwith, E. Claydon, H. Ridgewell, H. F. Cooper. Also 360 Double Court, with F. Bradley 3, E. Beckwith 5, E. Radley tenor, the rest as before, conducted by A. Shufflebotham and E. Radley.—The Rector (the Rev. J. T. Hodgson) wish to thank the visiting ringers, and offers a hearty welcome to all who come to Stisted.

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DEATH OF MR. HENRY WHITE.

A LOSS TO THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

With much regret we have to record the death of Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke, who passed away at the end of last week, after a long illness, patiently borne.

By Mr. White's death the Exercise in general, and the Winchester Diocesan Guild in particular, loses a most enthusiastic member, who through a long period of years expended much time and energy in advancing the art. Mr. White was a skilled ringer, and his long peal list ranges through the whole gamut of methods from Grandsire to London Surprise. He was also an able conductor and instructor, and many a man owes his start on the campanological ladder to Mr. White's tuition and help.

The deceased has held various offices under the Winchester Guild, and at the time of his death was an auditor, and one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council.

The funeral took place at Basingstoke on Tuesday, and the warmest sympathy of the Exercise will go out to the members of the bereaved family, two of whom were the first lady tower bell ringers in the country, Miss Alice White being the first president of the Ladies' Guild.

The funeral service took place at St. Michael's Church, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Winchester Guild) reading the lesson. The family mourners wore the widow, three daughters and a son-in-law. Mr. White's own son having had to return to the front a few days before his father's death. Among the many ringers present were the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Deane), hon. secretary of the Central Council; Rev. F. G. Hume (Oakley), hon. sec. of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Guild; Messrs. W. Newell and C. Giles (Reading), J. J. Jones (Guildford), J. W. Elkins and W. Andrews (Winchester), etc. The funeral was also attended by a large body of Odd Fellows, with which Mr. White had been for many years actively identified. The bells of St. Michael's Church were rung half-muffled before and after the service to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

We hope to give a fuller sketch of Mr. White's ringing career next week.

A LETTER FROM BOSTON.

From Boston, U.S.A. Mr. Richard Newton, late of Manchester, writes to let all his ringing friends know that he is still 'on top,' and trying to do his 'bit,' although over 3,000 miles away. He adds his best wishes to the 'Ringing World,' the Editor, and all friends in the old country. Referring to the Empire Day Festival, which was attended by over 3,000 people, and by which 1,850 dollars were raised for the Prince of Wales' Fund for Widows of British Sailors and Soldiers, the Massachusetts Comfort Kits for soldiers, and the Sons of St. George Hospital Bed Association funds, Mr. Newton says he again topped the ticket sellers by disposing of 270 at 50 cents (2s.) each, which, he points out, meant some talking. All these tickets were sold in the bank where he is employed. Every year Mr. Newton has taken a very active share in organising the festival, and there has usually been some handbell ringing, but this year that was not possible, as only three of the ringers are left. No tower bell ringing has been done for over twelve months. In the festival programme 83 children took part, and Mr. Newton bought 84 English pennies, had a hole drilled in each, and a piece of red, white and blue ribbon tied to it. Each child and the instructor was presented with one of these pennies, which greatly pleased them. Mr. Newton adds, 'All America is in the war to the finish, and everyone here is working at top notch, with the full determination to clean up Kaiser Bill and Co.'

RINGING AT EIGHTY-THREE.

At Barnwood, Gloucester, on Friday, Sept. 20th, Mr. H. Mitchell, who is 83 years of age, rang the tenor to a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in which the following took part: Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, J. Austin (conductor) 3, C. Dyson 4, J. Gillett 5, T. Newman 6, E. Davis 7, H. Mitchell 8. This quarter was arranged in order that Mr. A. Waite and Mr. Mitchell might take part in the longest length rung by Mrs. Wilkins, but Mr. Waite being unwell was unable to ring. Mr. Waite and Mr. Mitchell took part in Mr. Wilkins' first 720, rung at the same church in 1885.

At St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, for Sunday service, Sept. 22nd 504 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Wilkins 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, F. E. Hart 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, E. Davis 5, J. Gillett 6, T. Williams 7, T. Whiting 8.

At Painswick, on the occasion of the Painswick Feast, 500 Stedman Caters: Mrs. Wilkins 1, J. Austin (conductor) 2, C. H. Gordon 3, F. K. Howell 4, J. Gillett 5, H. T. Howell 6, A. Wright 7, E. Davis 8, Ex-Sergt. Williams 9, — Orchard 10.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET. — On Wednesday, July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., Miss Alice Crasso 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss N. Gillingham (conductor) 4, W. Watts 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Watts 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of the treble. This ringing was arranged for Mr. Alfred Watts, who left the band seven years ago to go to Canada, and has now returned attired in khaki.

'LEAD ENDS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall be glad if you can find space for the following notes on the above subject.

The Plain Bob lead ends are set up by the Central Council as the standard of excellence, and it is necessary to see clearly what they are. To this end, the reader is invited to prick the plain course of Bob Minor, though Minimus will do just as well, going off with rounds as Stedman made it to go on, and ending with 124365. This merely means that the lead ends become the lead heads, but no change in the terminology is suggested, as it makes no difference in practice. The course having been pricked it will be seen on inspection that every lead is a hunting cycle, and the heads, or ends as they are always called, are the cycle heads. This is proved by every bell, the tenor as well as the treble, striking twelve blows in each lead. Six in hunting up, and six in hunting down, two blows being struck by every bell in each place. The method has another peculiarity, about which nothing need be said, as it does not concern the present issue. Although it has always and very properly had its own distinctive name, Grand sire is Plain Bob on odd numbers, and the leads of the plain course of Grandsire are hunting cycles. But, Mr. Davies' assertion to the contrary notwithstanding, the go off must be from rounds, as it always has and always will be.

Now, seeing that the Plain Bob lead ends differ so greatly from other lead ends, it is reasonable to suppose that they are more valuable. The supposition is correct, and to see how the various lead ends compare with one another, I have taken the trouble to get out all the Triple methods with two hunts. There are 63, and an analysis is appended.

Lead Ends.	Methods.	Symmetrical Methods.
(1) 253746 etc.	21	11
(2) 253674 etc.	8	3
(3) 256473 etc.	5	3
(4) 256734 etc.	8	None
(5) 257436 etc.	14	4
(6) 257643 etc.	7	3

Set (1) is, of course, the cyclical set. It will be seen that it affords many more methods as well as many more symmetrical methods than any other set, and it may be pointed out that the much-lauded Union belongs to a set (4) which affords no symmetrical methods at all. The preference, therefore, that ringers in all generations have instinctively shown for methods with Plain Bob lead ends is justified, and Mr. Davies' assertion that all lead ends are of equal value is disproved.

The Central Council very properly insists upon symmetry. Several of your contributors have contended for symmetry with great ability, and much more convincingly than the Plain Bob lead ends have ever been contended for; for which, as Mr. Davies very justly complains, no sufficient reason has ever been adduced, though words without end have been used in the attempt. But, speaking of symmetry, nothing in the nature of proof has at any time been forthcoming, or, indeed, can be. It is a principle in design that things must not only be right, but that they must look right, and nothing lopsided can be pleasing to the eye. Mr. Davies calls Union a beautiful method; I call it an ugly method. Mr. Davies is willingly ignorant of the weighty arguments that have been urged in the advocacy of symmetry.

These are the controversial restrictions recommended by the Legitimate Methods Committee, and adopted by the Central Council. Mr. Davies, who in agreement with the responsible authorities recognises that something must be done to limit the number of methods, would abolish both restrictions and substitute another in their stead. He would insist upon the regular succession of odd and even rows, which, and what is very surprising as coming from him, rules out Duffield. There is much to be said both for and against. I am satisfied that the committee carefully considered the matter, and that they acted wisely in not recommending the restriction. Only one reason need be given: the recommendation would have been thrown out. There are not many campanological lawyers in the Central Council, but there are many men of sound common sense, and they would not be parties to telling the Treble Bob men that while they may ring Oxford, they may not ring Kent.

The following, having no direct connection with the issue, properly come as footnotes.

Surfleet belongs to a set (5) which affords four symmetrical methods, and had Mr. Davies taken one of these and named it Surfleet, apart from the necessity of wholesome rules for hunting the number of methods, it being sound in construction, no objection to it would have lain; though only one treble-dominated Triples method is really required, and that only by bands unable to ring Stedman.

In Mr. Davies' peal of Surfleet the Holt single is used. The Holt single degrades Triples to Singles, and in using it Mr. Davies is condemned out of his own mouth, especially as it does not turn the course of the bells. Mr. Davies, though he justly condemns what the Holt single does, always seems to have had a fondness for it.

Stedman is a perfectly symmetrical method, and saving for the ridiculously unnecessary go off and the unshaken notions of one of your contributors, necessarily so; for unlike all other methods whatever, Plain Bob on even numbers alone excepted, the hunting cycle

is never broken. But for this purpose the sub-division must be considered as the unit, and the axis of symmetry is in the middle.—Yours truly,
GEORGE T. CLAYTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As an occasional contributor and permanent subscriber to your valuable journal, I feel I should be doing some service in commenting upon the discussion now taking place on the pros and cons of 'lead ends.' I don't propose entering into the various phases of 'lead ends,' or to engage in the controversy, but I should be speaking for at least nine-tenths of the ringing Exercise when I say such criticism is not healthy, and is scarcely worth the enormous space to court the average ringers' interest. Some of the things which are said are somewhat striking below the belt. The tone adopted scarcely reaches that high standard which one is accustomed to meet with when up against men who have devoted valuable time and money to the advantages ringers now enjoy. Readers have to judge both authors and composers, and are capable of enjoying a heated argument when it is confined to the point in question, but having to read items next door to personalities under a cloak is scarcely comprehensible when having to judge both sides of a question.

Ringers have had a great innings in the past when compared with the present time, and it is to be hoped we shall soon emerge into normal times and better things.

Might I suggest for the future, in order to reach a fundamental basis for the average ringer to understand, that such technical discussions should have personalities eliminated. This will appeal to ringers. I am sure, when we consider the appointments to deal with technical matters are confined to about three or four members of the Exercise at most. Such procedure would broaden interest and court good, intelligent argument for or against.

In spite of any defects in human nature, for no one is infallible, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies holds much by way of ringers' gratitude for the ability and industry he has expended on problems for ringers' benefit.
H.

A DORSET EXCURSION.

On Saturday last, the Wyke Regis band paid their annual visit to the pretty village of Upwey, which is situated in a beautiful valley in the Dorset Downs, at the foot of Rigwey Hill, where the River Wey rises, being formed by one of the largest springs in England, known world-wide as the 'Wishing Well.' The church stands close by, and is an ancient and picturesque edifice, containing ancient oak, and a carved pulpit of the time of Charles I. The tower at the west end contains a light peal of six bells in G. The soldier ringers in the district (who are always welcome) turned up in good force, but some who had to remain on duty were disappointed. Having arrived in good time, the party were met by their old friend, Mr. T. Page, and the bells were raised in peal, and set going to 120 Grandsire Doubles to give the local schoolmaster (Mr. G. Smith) his first 120 on the tenor. This was followed by 720 Bob Minor by the following: T. Page 1, Pte. S. V. Crabbe, Dorset Regt. (Ilminster) 2, Lance-Corpl. B. Williams, Dorset Regt. (Bournemouth) 3, C. H. Jennings 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, A. J. Rose 6. Tea (not rationed) followed at the Strawberry Gardens. As of old, thoughts went out to 'brother strings' who had visited Upwey in the past, and were now serving on all the fronts of the great war, two never to return (Fred J. Hardy, of the Colchester Youths, who was with the party last year, and 'Joe' Painter, of Dorchester), and whose loss is deeply deplored. Sincere sympathy was also expressed with Miss Alice White (who has also been one of the party in the past) in the death of her father, one of the most enthusiastic of ringers in the South. Touches of Treble Bob and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, T. Wellman, A.I.F. (Sedney), and Mr. F. Smith, Dorset Regt. (London), taking part in the latter method.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The September meeting of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Idle on the 14th of the month, and despite the wet and disagreeable weather about 30 members attended. The following towers were represented: Bolton, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Guiseley, Huddersley, Holbeck, Kildwick, Lightcliffe, Northowram, Silsden, Shipley, Tong, and the local company. The bells, a fine new peal of eight, with tenor 15½ cwt., were well utilised in touches of Kent, Oxford and Grandsire. The visitors sat down to tea in the Schools at 5 p.m., and the usual business meeting followed. Mr. G. Bolland presiding.

The place for the December meeting was discussed, and Huddersley St. Chad's was the tower chosen.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and local ringers was pronounced by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lawson, and acknowledged by one of the local ringers.

The handbells were afterwards brought into use, touches of Grandsire, Oxford and Kent being successfully brought round. The tower was again visited, further ringing bringing to a close a good meeting, in which several of the younger members had a good grounding in different methods.

NOTICES.

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

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Combined practice meeting Yorktown, October 19th, 4 p.m. The quarterly meeting will be held at Horsell (Woking) on October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m. Cups of tea (no sugar) will be served in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., but any eatables required must be brought. All ringers will be welcomed at these meetings.—F. J. Sheppard, District Sec. (*pro tem.*), 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Etab. 1755.)—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 4 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock till dusk; business meeting at 6. Tea in school, 9d. each. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Etab. 1637.)—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Saturday, October 5th, at 3.30 p.m. Meetings will also be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on October 17th and 31st, and for general business on the 8th and 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 4; service at 5. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Salter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The half-yearly business meeting of the above will be held at the Old Church, Smethwick, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock; service in the church at 4.30; tea at 5.15 (for those who notify me not later than Thursday, October 10th), followed by the business meeting. It is hoped all members will make a special effort to be present. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing from 3 to 6 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members and friends intending to be present are asked to advise me not later than October 8th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Etab. 1824.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Ringing from 4 p.m. till dusk; business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3.30 till dusk; meeting to follow.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock; service at 4.30; tea (2/- each) can be arranged for those who notify me not later than October 14th; business meeting after tea.—J. H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. John's (Lewisham High Road) on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m.; service and address by the Rev. W. F. Jepson (Vicar) at 6 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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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BRAINTREE'S ANCIENT CHURCH.

At Braintree, on Sunday last, the 719th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish Church, dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, was celebrated by special ringing. For the early celebration of Holy Communion 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung, by: W. Sadler 1, C. H. Howard 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, E. F. Slade 6, G. Lindridge (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. For Matins, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Rudkin 6, W. H. Hammond 7, E. F. Slade 8. For evensong, 882 Grandsire Triples: W. Sadler 1, G. Lindridge 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, E. Hales 6, C. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STREATHAM.—On Saturday, 13th July, members of the towers of Emmanuel and St. Leonard's, Streatham, visited Reigate, by the invitation of Mr. Lorkings, until recently a member of Emmanuel, when, with the aid of home members, several touches in both eight and ten bells were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, etc. Whatever skill was wanting on the visitors' part was made up by the enthusiasm of the whole party. The visiting ancient juveniles had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Lorkings ring a tenor perfectly to a touch of 430 Grandsire Triples, a notable performance for an ancient of Mr. Lorkings' years. After ringing, Mr. Lorkings entertained the visitors and home members to tea at Somersfield Cottage, where, with the aid of the ladies of Mr. Lorkings' household, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, on July 13th, Mr. J. Maddock arranged a practice to oblige Second-Lieut. B. M. Targett (Middlesex Regt.), who hails from King's Lynn, 1168 changes of Bob Major was rung by the following: W. White, S. Wyatt, Second-Lieut. B. M. Targett, B. Lloyd, A. Wyatt, J. Maddock, F. Millard, J. Hunt (conductor). A touch of Grandsire, conducted by J. Maddock, in which E. E. Burgess and another took part. Also two courses of Bob Major. A Tour ringing the treble. At the conclusion, Lieut. Targett thanked Mr. J. Maddock, and also those who helped to make the practice possible.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 14th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: B. Putmore 1, H. Wallace 2, E. Williams 3, Pte. A. Phillips, R.W.F., 4, N. Patmore 5, G. H. Lucas (Walthamstow), conductor, 6.—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service, 360 Oxford Bob: W. H. Lawrence 1—2, S. Game 3, B. Patmore 4, H. Wallace 5, F. Williams (conductor) 6. Also two 120's Grandsire Doubles, with R. Jones and S. Carter treble.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 1—2, S. Game 3, F. Williams 4, Pte. A. Phillips, R. Fusiliers, 5, R. Jones 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 14th, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Lieut. C. W. Selby Lowndes, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Holderness 1, H. Sear 2, A. G. Crane 3, A. Crane 4, W. Sear (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, F. Stanton 7, V. Sear 8. The whole pull and stand following.—On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Holderness 1, A. G. Crane 2, W. Mead 3, A. Crane 4, W. Sear (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, F. Whitehead 7, V. Sear 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, F. Stanton 3, A. Crane 4, F. Hedges 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.—On July 14th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the anniversary services, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Johnson 1, J. Shaw 2, G. Astbury 3, Jas. Potter 4, S. Collier 5, Lieut.-Col. S. Stott 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, W. Johnson 8.

ABERAVON, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on July 14th (France's Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: *C. Jones 1, A. Pitman 2, *W. Herring 3, C. Frankcom 4, †E. Stitch 5, H. Perry 6, D. Frankcom 7, *F. Stone 8. * First quarter-peal and first attempt. † First on inside bell.

BRISTOL.—Church of England Men's Society.—On Monday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Bristol, in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Howell, elder daughter of T. H. Howell, Esq. (who until recently was senior churchwarden of St. Nicholas' Church), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) was rung by the following: F. G. May 1, Mrs. E. J. Wilson 2, W. Lansdown 3, F. W. Wade 4, Det.-Inspector Wallace 5, A. Pearce 6, T. Harris 7, J. Richmond 8, I. Long 9, U. Braven 10. Conducted by F. G. May. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by ringer of the 5th, and first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters with a working well by Mrs. Wilson.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.—On Tuesday, July 16th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Holderness 1, A. G. Crane 2, W. Bonham 3, A. Crane 4, G. Clarke 5, H. Sear (conductor) 6.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 21st, 1918, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: O. Bowkett 1, T. Lane 2, W. Rouse 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, W. Ranford 5, G. Checketts 6, G. Jacobs 7, J. Batchelor 8. First quarter-peal by G. Jacobs.

TAUNTON.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At the Church of St. James, for Divine service, on Sunday, July 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) composed by Mr. C. Charge: J. Maddock 1, T. Doble 2, W. White 3, E. Lloyd 4, A. Wyatt 5, F. Millard 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, E. E. Burgess 8. Rung in 45 minutes.

SLOUGH.—Oxford Guild.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, July 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. Hairs 2, Miss Gladys Bateman 3, W. G. Bedford 4, G. T. Leader 5, W. H. Fussell 6, W. Henley 7, W. Bateman 8. Mrs. F. Hairs' first quarter on tower bells in the method.

TYLDESLEY.—Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 672 Bob Major: H. Watts 1, James Allred 2, J. Watts 3, B. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, J. T. Allred 6, H. Allred 7, R. Allred (conductor) 8. Also for evening service, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins.: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, B. Allred 3, J. T. Allred 4, W. Hindley 5, R. Allred (conductor) 6, H. Allred 7, J. Watts 8.

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Association.—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Bolton 1, J. Harris 2, J. Clutterbuck 3, S. Dawe (conductor) 4, W. Coombes 5, F. Chamberlain 6, A. Rowley 7, S. Barker 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the second surviving son of the conductor, Pte. Victor H. Dawe, M.T. A.S.C.

YORK.—On Sunday evening, July 21st, at St. Mary Senior, Bishop-hill, 720 Bob Minor, by: Sergt. E. Morris 1, P. Firth 2, W. Fountain 3, H. Ineson 4, E. Rickitt 5, A. C. Feamley 6. Conducted by Sergt. Ernest Morris, A.S.C. (Leicester).

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Peter's, 1248 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins., by the following: H. Crabbe 1, H. Page (conductor) 2, B. Davies 3, G. Wines 4, T. Hamlin 5, J. Cross 6, T. Page 7, W. Page 8. First time for his composition to be rung. Composed by Mr. Joe Sykes.

ABERAVON, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: *F. Stone 1, A. Perry 2, C. Frankcom 3, E. Stitch 4, W. Nulton 5, H. Perry 6, A. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8. * First quarter-peal on treble and first attempt. Rung as a celebration of recent victories in France, this quarter-peal being one part of the peal published in this paper August 10th, 1917, in four parts.

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