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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and gives general satisfaction.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK.

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WHEN JOY BELLS RING.

If we in England had the same temperament as the people of Germany we should have been ringing joy bells for a month or more, almost daily. There are joy bells ringing in our hearts, but at present the steeples of our towns and villages are silent. When, however, the moment comes that we can fittingly call upon the bells to take their part in expressing the national rejoicing at the final overthrow of the enemy, the fervour of the outburst will be all the more effective after the present restraint. Exactly when that time may be no one can yet say. The day may be near, or it may be distant; the one thing that is certain is the certainty of its coming. It is for those ringers who are still left to man the ropes in the towers of this country, to make preparation for signalling the consummation of the victory which the Allies have determined shall be theirs.

We have had inquiries as to whether concerted action is to be taken in regard to peace ringing, and whether there will be any special occasion set apart for honouring the memory of those who have fallen in the war. Although no one can say when the time for rejoicing will come, it seems to us that these are questions which may well be considered by the ringing organisations. Some associations have already done something in regard to framing a scheme for peace ringing, but the whole plan would be much more telling if something in the nature of a universal procedure could be agreed upon, otherwise we shall have one parish ringing joy bells while the next parish is ringing a muffled peal for the dead. This incongruity could be avoided if only action were taken beforehand, and the proper authority through which any scheme of this kind should be promulgated is the Central Council.

Doubtless there will be, in connection with the cessation of hostilities, some official action taken by the Church for honouring the fallen heroes, and the Central Council is the right body to get into touch, when the moment arrives, with those who will have the direction of these matters. The Council is usually loath to interest itself in subjects outside its own meetings, but here will be an opportunity when it can prove to those who will act in the name of the Church that the Council represents the large body of ringers of England. We hope that they will not show any hesitancy in acting for the Exercise in this matter and will not delay until the time for securing concerted steps has passed. It may be said that at the moment all this is premature. To approach the Church Authorities at this juncture certainly would be, but the Exercise would be glad to know that when the moment does arrive the Council will be prepared to act.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	JESSE SCREEN 5
JOHN BASS 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	*ALBERT HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a thankoffering on the eve of the harvest festival, and also for the successes of the Allied armies in the great war.

* First peal of Stedman, and proposed a member of the above Society and Guild previous to starting for the peal.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1918, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At St. Peter's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WM. RHODES Treble	WM. ARTHUR HODSON ... 5
ALBERT NORTH 2	HERBERT ROWLEY 6
GEORGE HUNT 3	*WM. B. FRITH 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by W. B. FRITH.

* First peal as conductor.

The ringers of the treble and 5th belong to Birstall; 3rd and 6th to Horbury; 4th and 8th to Earlsheaton; and 7th to Huddersfield.

SIX BELL PEAL

LLANELLY, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elli,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT STEPHENS Tenor	SYDNEY T. RACKMAN 4
JOHN H. RACKMAN 2	ALEXANDER A. RACKMAN ... 5
IVOR DOMAN 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Treble

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first peal of Minor by all the band, except the conductor, and the first peal of Minor on the bells. It is worthy of note that the tenor has been in this tower since 1440.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 15, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
In St. Martin's Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

A. PADDON SMITH 1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7—8
JAMES E. GROVES 3—4	WILLIAM KENT 9—10
ALBERT WALKER 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: Mr. J. GEORGE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, October 16, 1918, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At Mr. JAMES GEORGE'S OFFICE, 31, CANNON STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

WILLIAM KENT 1—2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5—6
THOMAS MILLER 3—4	THOMAS KELLY 7—8

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

Referee: Mr. JAMES GEORGE.

This was T. Kelly's first peal of any kind, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him. The company desire to thank Mr. George for the use of his very comfortable room.

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

On Thursday, October 17, 1918, in Three Hours,

At THE CITY CAFE, BULL RING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

*JOSEPH PIGOTT 1—2	ALBERT WALKER 7—8
THOMAS RUSSAM 3—4	JAMES E. GROVES 9—10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MR. J. GEORGE.

* First peal of Cinques on handbells.

This composition has duplicate course ends.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, October 20, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor size 12 in E flat.

*ARTHUR J. NEALE 1—2	FRANK SMITH 5—6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3—4	†WALTER AYRE 7—8
†Miss ELSIE MATTHEWS 9—10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Witnesses: MRS. MATTHEWS and F. MATTHEWS, who heard the whole of the peal.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.'

† First peal 'in hand.'

† First peal on ten.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

MIDLAND BRANCH MEETING.

The half-yearly business meeting of the Midland Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Smethwick Old Church on Saturday week. The tower contains a light easy-going peal of eight bells, without any claims to great musical qualities. The early arrival of several gentlemen from Solihull provided an opportunity for a touch on handbells, there not being enough present to use the tower bells. However, by the time a good touch of Grandsire had been brought round other visitors had arrived. The church bells were then set going to various touches by mixed companies until the service hour. Canon G. Astbury officiated at the service, and gave a very appropriate address. Adjourning to the Parish Room, a goodly tea was found in readiness, to which between 50 and 60 members and friends sat down, this being anything but a 'silent' touch.

Before the business meeting, Miss Craddock moved, and Miss Salter seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Canon for the service in church and presiding at tea, to the organist and brother ringers for their support, and to the local company for so kindly providing tea.—The Canon, in response, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Guild.

That hearty Black Country veteran, Mr. Rock Small, on behalf of the sterner sex, expressed the pleasure it gave them to be allowed to attend the meeting, and expressed the hope that ladies would 'carry on' with the change ringing, as he knew of no better indoor exercise, both mental and physical.

The gentlemen were then invited to stay to the meeting, but preferred to go to the tower to utilise the bells, and others made use of the handbells in an adjoining room.

It was decided to hold the next business meeting at Packwood about the end of March, and a meeting during the interim for general practice at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham.

One new life member and three ringing members were elected.

The tower was again visited, and some good practice obtained up to about 8.30. Six ladies distinguished themselves by ringing a six-score, and also a touch of Grandsire, with the aid of two gentlemen. Other touches were rung by mixed companies, and it was agreed that another successful and pleasant meeting had been held.

ANOTHER LINSLADE RINGER KILLED.

It is with deep regret that the ringers of St. Barnabas Church, Linslade, Bucks, have received the news that Pte. W. Watson, R.A.M.C., had been killed in France. Pte. Watson joined the St. Barnabas band in 1912, and volunteered for the R.A.M.C. early in September, 1915. After a few months' training he was sent to France where he had seen nearly three years' service. On October 14th, the following ringers rang the bells, half-muffled, in various touches: A. Seabrook, H. F. Seabrook, F. Adams, W. Duck, W. Jeffs, J. Sear, A. Vickers, A. Vickers, junr., E. Vickers and F. Vickers. Pte. Watson is the fourth Linslade ringer to be killed.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A CLIFTON REVIVAL.

On Saturday last, members and friends of the Nottingham district of the Midland Counties Association paid a return visit to Clifton. Good numbers assembled to keep the appointment, and to again enjoy the opportunity and privilege granted by the thoughtful Vicar (the Rev. Hon. W. Chetwynd), a most loyal man to ringers, and ever ready to assist in their desire to make further progress.

The visitors included that untiring enthusiast, the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), Mr. W. E. White, Mr. Walter White, Mr. Thomas Squire, Miss White (Cotgrave), Miss Thompson (Nottingham), Mr. Frank Spencer (Raddcliffe), Mrs. Lee, Messrs. C. F. Vickery, T. H. Kirkley, W. C. Hunt, Mrs. Woolley, Mr. W. J. Sevier (Nottingham), Mr. H. Butler (Clifton), and others. Many travelled by road on cycles, others preferred the by-ways, and crossed the river at a spot near the church, by kind permission of Mr. Henry Haynes, of Clifton. Those who approached the pretty village by way of the riverside obtained a picturesque view. The western sun shining upon the copper beeches gave a warmth to the scene, in which the church lay snug in the woodlands slanting to the river's edge, and surrounded by a wealth of autumn tints. The weather was all that could be desired, and materially added to the pleasure of the outing. The programme developed into many 'star turns.' If no long touches are to be recorded it was no less interesting to engage in such a variety of methods, including Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, etc. While the bells were merrily pealing, the writer took the opportunity of wending his way down to the reaches of the Trent and squatting amongst some local anglers who were holding the lines of communication with the residents beneath the surface of the rippling waters. He put a question to one of them as to what effect bell music had upon the appetites of the tenants below and upon the nerves of anglers. This led to further conversation, and the angler said: 'It is some 40 years since I first rang at our village church. I can always remember my uncle, the sexton, teaching me to ring a bell; it seems but yesterday. If I had only permitted my enthusiasm to leave with me when I migrated I should have been a bell ringer to-day. When I hear bells I am always pleased to remain within their sound. I hear Clifton bells but rarely, although I am often in this neighbourhood. You have only six there, I believe? What a fine peal of eight they could be made into! With this the writer left the fisherman to watch, wait and dream, but not without a parting impression that the augmentation to eight bells is a consummation devoutly wished for, doubtless by the Clifton resident, certainly by the ringing fraternity, for it would be a valuable addition to the list of eight bell towers upon the books of the Midland Counties Association.

After tea, the visitors returned to the tower to complete their programme, and appended are the names of the conductors and performers: Messrs. W. E. White, Walter White, W. E. Hunt, and T. H. Kirkley; Mrs. Lee, Miss Thompson, Miss White, Rev. C. J. Sturton, Mr. Frank Spencer, Mr. Squires, Mr. C. F. Vickers, Mr. H. Butler, etc.

The thanks of the company are tendered to the Rev. Hon. W. Chetwynd for placing the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and to Mr. H. Butler for having everything in readiness.

ON LEAVE.

Service with the Grand Fleet is just as bad for ringing as being over 'the other side,' but when Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Phaeton, was on a short stay in Lincolnshire, the following ringing was arranged:—

On Saturday, October 5th, at the Vicarage, Surfleet, 'in hand' 406 Grandsire Caters, 209 Grandsire Triples, a course of Stedman Caters, Rev. H. L. James, Messrs. R. Richardson, W. Wood, F. A. Holden, J. Bennett, taking part.

On Sunday, October 6th, at Pinchbeck, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Taylor 1, G. Ladd 2, T. Taylor 3, W. Wood 4, F. A. Holden 5, J. Bennett (conductor) 6.

At Donington, 720 Kent: H. Woods 1, R. Richardson 2, J. T. Staple 3, F. A. Holden (conductor) 4, W. Wood 5, J. Bennett 6.

On Monday, Oct. 7th, at Great Hale, 720 Bob Minor: C. Ward 1, W. Dickinson 2, J. A. Clarke 3, F. A. Holden 4, W. Wood 5, J. Bennett (conductor) 6.

At Heckington, 396 Stedman Triples: C. Ward 1, J. Bennett 2, J. Holmes 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. P. Nash 5, F. A. Holden (conductor) 6, W. Wood 7, J. H. Clarke 8.

A DATE TOUCH OF MANY METHODS.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Deane, Yorks, on Sunday week, for evening service, a date touch of 1918 chances of Treble Bob Minor was rung in 1 hr. 7 mins., made up of the following ten methods: 118 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 each of Violet, Duke of York, and New London Pleasure, 240 each of College Exercise, London Scholars Pleasure, Roy-stone Delight, College Pleasure, City Delight, and Arnold's Victory, 720 College Treble Bob, 120 each of Tulip, Primrose, Gladstone Delight and Queen Bess, the ringers being Wm. Bramham 1, Wm. Woodcock, junr., 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, R. J. Ricketts 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6.

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MR. J. W. TAYLOR'S HEAVY LOSS.

A THIRD SON KILLED IN ACTION.

The deepest sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to Mr. John W. Taylor, the esteemed head of the Loughborough Bell Foundry and President of the Midland Counties Association, in the loss of yet another son in the fighting in France, news having been received that Lieut. Gerard Bardsley Taylor was killed in action on September 24th. Deceased was the second son of Mr. J. W. Taylor and the late Mrs. Annie Mary Taylor, and was educated at the Shaftesbury Grammar School and University College, Nottingham. He went to Canada in 1905, but soon after the outbreak of war he enlisted in the 21st (Alberta) Battalion, and went to France in September, 1915, and was made a sergeant. In June, 1917, he obtained a commission in the Leicestershire Regiment, and was again sent to France. He only returned to France after a leave on September 13th of this year, and was attached to the 2nd Durham Light Infantry. Two of his brothers have given their lives for their country, John William having been killed on September 15th, 1916, and Arnold Bradley on July 12th, 1916. Mr. Taylor's surviving son Pryce is also in France, and his daughter has done valuable work in nursing the wounded.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday week, a meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, members attending from Ashton, Pendleton, Worsley, Hyde, Walkden, Miles Platting, Eccles, and Helmshore. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar of Pendlebury (the Rev. H. J. Phillips, M.A.), who gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, recognising in them, like the choir, officers of the church. He referred to the recent appointment of the President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) to the honorary canonry of Manchester Cathedral, and trusted he would be long spared amongst the ringing community, who rejoiced at the honour conferred upon him. He added that he hoped, ere they met again, a new era of peace will have dawned on the world.

W. Dawson, of Prestwich, and J. Hindley were elected members of the Association.—Miles Platting was chosen as the next meeting-place, the meeting to be held on November 9th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding and granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things ready.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

It was a bright and cheery afternoon on Saturday last, when 25 members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association met, by the kind permission of the Rev. H. M. Eyton Jones, to ring upon the light peal of eight at St. Paul's Church, Bath Road, Hounslow. A variety of touches was brought round, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob. The ladies who rang were: Mrs. R. Whittington, Miss Gladys Bateman, Miss F. Gudgin, Miss Edith Jones, and Miss Nora Williams. The District Master (Mr. T. Beadle) and the hon. secretary (Messrs. H. C. Chandler and W. H. Oram) were present, and ringers came from Camberwell, Farnham Royal, Fulham, Fulmer, Harrow, Harlington, Heston, Hillingdon, Kingston, Isleworth, Shepherd's Bush, Slough, Stoke Poges, and West Ealing. Ringing ceased at six o'clock, when many of the party adjourned to partake of tea together, and a pleasant time was spent.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The members of the North and East District held a very successful meeting at Edmonton on Saturday week. About 40 members and friends attended, amongst whom were Messrs. F. Wilford, of Northampton; C. Dean, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, T. Beadle, F. A. Milne, W. Hewett, W. A. Alps, A. Mason, J. R. Sharman, A. Turner, T. Searlett, G. B. Lucas, O. Twist, etc. Some very good touches were rung in methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Superlative, Bristol and Double Norwich. At the conclusion of the ringing, a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill), who addressed some encouraging words to those present.

Tea was partaken of at the Church Institute, and the warmest thanks are due to Miss E. K. Parker, Mr. J. Parker, and the members of the local band for the splendid meal provided.

The business meeting followed, with the President (Mr. A. T. King) in the chair, who moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the kind welcome at Edmonton that day, to which the Vicar suitably replied.

Miss B. McKrell was elected a member of the Association.

The names of four members who had been killed in the recent fighting were read out, and a vote of condolence passed with the relatives, viz.: Messrs. J. A. Boute, of Hornsey; G. Buggs, of Romford; E. Roper, of Tottenham; and W. J. Cooper, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

For the place of the meeting St. Giles-in-the-Field was suggested, and the business concluded with a vote of thanks to Miss E. K. Parker and Mr. J. Parker for the excellent arrangements they had made. Handbell ringing filled the remainder of the evening.

LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—It is as I feared. There comes an avalanche of correspondence. I have no fear of its quality, but I must own that I dread its quantity. My chief hope is that you will never be able to allow it more than a page at a time.

With Mr. E. Bankes James I am sorry that I cannot argue. Referring to page 5 of 'Lead Ends,' he will find it stated that though all rules in change ringing are in a sense arbitrary, there being no inherent necessity for them in the nature of things, yet to us some have become, from universal acceptance, fundamental. One of these is that no bell shall lie more than two consecutive blows in any one place. This Mr. James throws to the winds; and with it, so far as I can see, goes all law, order, system, and every other limiting principle. Therefore, argument between us is impossible, as we disagree on fundamentals. I can only say that if this course is pursued we are on our way back to Churchyard Bob.

With respect to Mr. Clayton's letter, I should, in passing, like to place on record the fact that I strongly dissent from his estimate of Duffield. But this question is not necessary to the present discussion, and I pass on.

Will Mr. Clayton kindly answer the following questions? Why are the hunting-cycle lead ends 'natural' to any leads except their own? When the hunting cycle is broken (i.e., when we are dealing with some methods other than Plain Bob), what advantage is gained by a return to the hunting-cycle lead end? On page 17 of 'Lead Ends' I prove that no advantage is gained; and if I can, as Mr. Clayton complains, hold up his imaginary proof of the contrary to ridicule, it follows that his proof is no proof at all.

In his next sentence, Mr. Clayton fairly takes away my breath. His change of front is marvellous and bewildering, and strongly suggests that his whole letter is written at random. Without any reserve he grants my whole contention! He says that the committee was not justified in calling certain methods illegitimate 'because they do not have the regulation lead ends.' Why did I bring forward the question in 1912 and again in 1915? Why did I spend all the time and money that I did spend in writing and publishing 'Lead Ends'? Why am I now spending valuable time in exposing Mr. Clayton's fallacies? What but this one point has been my contention for years? So far as at least concerns Mr. Clayton, my victory is complete and decisive. Though to him I really need reply no more, I must, in order that others be not misled, go on showing up the fallacies as they arise. My reply to Mr. Smith's letter, when I come to it, will be also the virtual reply to Mr. Clayton's remarks on Grandsire. Here I will only challenge Mr. Clayton to prove by any quotations from my writings that I 'say one thing and do another.' Possibly he is referring to my note at the foot of page 7 of 'Lead Ends,' which he quotes a few lines further down against my use of Holt's single. Just as if anyone with a grain of sense could not see that in that note I am speaking of a feature in the structure of a method, i.e., a feature recurring in every lead, block, or set, whereas any single of any sort in any method is not only a feature of that method, but is a positive violation of the method. His confession of the want of symmetry in Grandsire is truly beautiful, and has saved me all trouble on that score. Evidently he has never realised that a bob and a plain lead stand exactly on a par, and that if either of them is unsymmetrical the method is unsymmetrical. I should be sorry for any friend of mine that could write such a paragraph as Mr. Clayton's paragraph commencing in the 6th line of page 33. I fail to see what connection Mr. Clayton's Major method has with the question at issue. It is a bad method.

And now for Mr. Smith's letter. In one respect it is a great relief after that of Mr. Clayton. It is the letter of a genuine seeker for truth. The sad part of it is that I know that somewhere—I forget where and when—I have shown it all before. However, Sir, if you can kindly spare the space, here we go once more. In the first place I admit that in some ways Grandsire may be theoretically regarded as the odd-bell analogue of Plain Bob, but I by no means admit that it was consciously derived from Plain Bob, nor do I for a moment admit that, because certain features are found in Plain Bob, therefore, the same, or even similar, features ought to be found in Grandsire. The fact is that they are different methods, which is only another way of saying that they have, and must have, different features. Each stands by itself. And now for it.

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Now the following facts are incontestably true concerning these five sets of figures.

1. They are all exactly similar to each other.
2. They each form an unalterable block. Touch one single figure anywhere in any of them, and instantly it is Grandsire no longer. When once the row 1234765 has occurred the other 13 rows must follow; and similarly of the other four blocks.
3. The 3rd's place made when the treble leaves the lead is within the block, which is like a trick with the 3rd's place hard baked inside it, and it is as much and as hard baked inside it as if it occurred at any other row further down in the interior of the block.
4. Block C can be entered only from the end of block A, or from the end of block B, from one or the other, but not from both, nor from any other.
5. Similarly, block C can be followed only by block D or by block E. It must be followed by one or by the other, not by both.

We can now answer Mr. Smith's three questions.

1. The connecting link in Grandsire Triples is, for a plain lead, the 7th's place, and, for a bob, the 3rd's place between any two blocks, i.e., between the treble's blow in 2nd's on her way down and her first blow at lead, and is emphatically not the 3rd's place made as the treble leaves the lead. The reason for this is the same as the reason why two and three make five, viz., that it is a fact.
 2. The reply to this is virtually contained in the reply to the last question, viz., that the 3rd's place is not the connecting link. In this Grandsire differs from Plain Bob, in which the 2nd's (or 4th's) is the connecting link.
 3. As already shown, the leads are not divided between the rows in which 3rd's place appears, but even if they were so divided, Grandsire would still be unsymmetrical for the reason, if for no other, that, since a plain lead and a bob are equally the method, it is necessary for the symmetricists to secure the pretty picture which they must have to prop themselves up against—it is necessary for them to draw their lines of division in two places—at one place for a plain lead, and a blow earlier for a bob! which is about as 'symmetrical' as a man hopping first on one leg and then on the other!
- The truth is that the question of symmetry is all pure fancy. At the most it is merely a question of 'looking pretty' on paper, and is nonsense when applied to actual ringing. In spite of this I have no doubt that the symmetricists will continue to draw their imaginary divisions. For my part I prefer not to waste my time in trying to get through a brick with a needle and darning cotton.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

RAISING AND LOWERING.

To the Editor.

Sir.—With reference to Mr. Wm. Lawrence's letter in last week's issue, 2, 5, 7 and 1, 4, 6, 8, as given forth from the organ, are totally different to the clashing that would result from trying to raise or lower bells in chords, more especially a heavy peal.

This subject was discussed at the Kent County meeting at St. John's, Lewisham High Road, S.E., on Saturday last, with the result that it is to be brought to the notice of the Central Committee. As our general secretary for the county is a great musician, I hope, and believe, he will urge our ringers, especially those in charge of bellfries, to carry out my suggestion, and discountinue that which was described at the aforesaid meeting as 'a disgrace' to ringers.—Yours very truly,
16, Harefield Road, Brockley, S.E.4 F. W. RICHARDSON.

RINGING ENTHUSIASM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with interest of Pte. Seviour's enthusiasm, and I should like to give you some instances of the enthusiasm of my father, the late Samuel Slater. I can recollect him on a Saturday having a wash and brush up, and starting off about 3 p.m. to walk from our house to the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds, 14 miles, and sometimes they rang and sometimes they didn't. When they did ring they only rang a long touch of Grandsire Triples, and if they rang three courses of Grandsire Caters they thought they had done wonders. Then he would go to the meeting-house and stop until closing time, making arrangements about meeting again, and then he would walk home, getting back about 4 a.m. on the Sunday morning. This he did several times, and I have heard him say he liked walking in the middle of the night. Also when St. Peter's bells, Thetford, were opened he walked from Pakenham Red Castle Farm to Thetford and back in one day, besides attending the opening and dining at the Bell Inn. On another occasion he walked to Saffron Walden from Glemsford, 22 miles, and rang a peal and then walked home again the next day. I and an elder brother of mine have walked home from Sudbury with him scores of times, and we have walked to Bury St. Edmunds on more than one occasion. An elder brother of mine also walked to Hadleigh and back, 36 miles, with him in pursuit of his hobby, ringing. I am glad to see that all enthusiasm is not dying out, but a little more of it is needed among some who are called ringers. I am relating these instances of enthusiasm to show what has been done. I dare say others could tell you of similar instances.—Yours faithfully,
Hunt's Hill, Glemsford. THEODORE E. SLATER.

SUB-DIVISION OF ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Regarding Lieut. Fright's suggestions of sub-division of Associations, may I be allowed to state that these ideas are not quite new? Acting on the advice of Mr. George Martin, of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, numbering about 28 towers, was some three years before the outbreak of war, sub-divided into four districts under four heads, and things worked admirably, much good work being done in each of the districts. Of course of late, here as elsewhere, depleted numbers and the stress of the times, has made all progress in change ringing more and more difficult, but we who are left strive to do our best to keep going, hoping that soon better times are coming.

Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.—Bolton Branch.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday afternoon, August 4th, for Intercession service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: D. Smith 1, H. Smith 2, R. Allred (cond.), Tyldesley, 3, H. Allred (Tyldesley) 4, W. Hayes 5, J. Smith 6, W. Smith 7, S. Hayes, junr., 8.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Leonard, on Sunday, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes) in 43 mins. Also on Tuesday, August 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins.: J. W. Howard, Armour-Staff-Sergt. G. H. Case, A. T. Baker, J. Elcock, E. Foxall, J. Overton, H. W. Overton, W. Overton (conductor). Arranged for Messrs. J. Elcock, E. Foxall and Armour-Staff-Sergt. G. H. Case.

MONKS ELEIGH.—On Sunday afternoon, August 4th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: F. G. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Diserens 2, A. Keeble 3, A. Symonds 4, S. H. Symonds 5, M. Pensom 6. Treble, 2nd and tenor men hail from London.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church of St. George, on August 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Watts 1, J. Allred 2, H. Allred 3, T. Lingard (conductor), Pendlebury, 4, W. Hindley 5, J. Broadley (Bradford) 6, R. Allred 7, J. Edge (Pendlebury) 8.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, August 4th, at St. Mary's, Barnes, for evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, Sapper R. F. Deal, R.E., 4, O. H. Hunt 5, W. E. Garrard 6, F. Skerington 7, W. H. Wood 8.—On August 18th, at the residence of Mr. T. Walker, 50, Cannon Street, 1260 of Stedman Triples, on handbells: F. G. Symonds (first quarter-peal in the method in hand) 1—2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3—4, W. A. Alps 5—6, T. Walker 7—8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday morning, August 4th, for Divine service, at St. Thomas's, 312 Stedman Triples: Gunner Twyman, R.G.A., 1, W. Chambers (Newport) 2, C. Groves 3, F. Burnett 4, H. Beesley (Oxford) 5, J. Harris 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, A. T. King, 8. 378 Grandsire Triples: F. Dowman, R.G.A., 1, W. Chambers 2, F. Burnett 3, C. Groves 4, Gunner Twyman, R.G.A., 5, J. Harris (conductor) 6, E. J. Harding 7, A. T. King 8.—On Sunday evening, August 4th, at Portsea Parish Church, 252 Stedman Triples: A. S. Beer (Greenwich) 1, C. Groves 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Harris 4, J. Cullum (Erith) 5, C. Creasy 6, F. Brinklow (conductor), Oxhey, Herts, 7, E. J. Harding 8.

NOTICES.

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

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this Branch will be held at Ashwick (near Shepton Mallet) on Saturday, October 26th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—A by-meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at the Church of All Saints, Fulham, S.W. Ringing from 3 p.m. till dusk.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Hon. District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells from 4 to 7; meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Sec., 507, Wigan Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual festival will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, October 26th. The following peals of bells will be available from 12 noon till 4 p.m.: Cathedral (12), tenor 37½ cwt.; All Saints (8), tenor 19 cwt.; and St. John's (8), tenor 12½ cwt. Service at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral Lady Chapel, with address by Canon G. E. Nursom, Vicar of Newcastle. Committee meeting in Cathedral Vestry 4.45 p.m. Tea at the Douglas Hotel, Grainger Street West, at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting.—G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, R.S.O., Northumberland.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock; business meeting in the tower after ringing. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to attend, as this will be the final meeting at the tower until the spring.—F. W. Edwards, Writtle.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available all the afternoon and evening. Tea free, at 5.30; business meeting to follow.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

OXFORD GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing from 3.15 until dusk. Ringing friends' help respectfully solicited.—G. H. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, October 26th. Service at 5.30; tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec.

PARISH CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE.—Special Service and Organ Recital on October 27th, at 3.30. Tower open for ringing 1.30 to 3.30 and after the service. Collection for new bell. Visitors are asked to attend service.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637.)—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on October 31st at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available till sunset. Those intending to be present should inform F. Pitston, District Master, Bridge Street, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock till dusk; meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested, business important. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., Middleton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open for ringing 2 p.m. till 5; tea and meeting to follow. Those who intend to be present please notify by October 29th.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.15 p.m.; service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome, but those intending to be present at tea are asked to notify me in good time.—F. J. Shepherd, Assist. Hon. Sec., 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 3.30 till 7 p.m.; meeting to follow; reports ready. Subscriptions due from all members.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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DEATH.

TAYLOR.—Killed in action on Sept. 24th, Gerard Bardsley Taylor, 2nd Lieut. Leicestershire Regiment (attached 2nd Durham Light Infantry), formerly Sergeant of the 31st (Alberta) Canadian Battalion; aged 32 years; second son of John W. Taylor, and the late Annie Mary Taylor, of the Bellfoundry, Loughborough.

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