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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WOLFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MEMBER, GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1919.
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 given general satisfaction.

I am authorized by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE COMING MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The suggestion made in this column last week, that the memorial service for fallen ringers to be held in London about the end of February, should take on a national character, has been received with very general approval. Indeed, from the various individual opinions which have been expressed, the success of such a gathering would be assured if the associations consult the wishes of their members, and the organisers of the service are prepared to accept the wider scope — as we believe they readily will do.

A correspondent suggests that the service should be held at one of the famous twelve-bell towers of the metropolis, and Mr. Young writes that for the more ambitious proposal one would have liked to have gone to St. Paul's for the purpose. To hold the service in the great cathedral would, indeed, add a crowning glory to it, or to have it at a church with one of the other famous twelve-bell peals might be preferable from a ringing point of view. It must be remembered, however, that the first idea of the service originated with the Rector of St. Clement Danes, who has offered his church and his assistance, and to attempt to go elsewhere, except with his hearty concurrence, would be to show an ingratitude which would mar the event. Of this we may rest assured that the service will befit the occasion, and, when the details which it is hoped to arrange are known, it will be found that it will be a service the like of which has never before been associated with ringers and ringing. The question of St. Clement Danes' bells being in such a condition that little ringing on them will be possible, will not materially affect the completeness of the proceedings, for the tribute of the bells on this occasion will not be confined to one tower.

All the associations within reasonable reach of London will, it may be hoped, be officially represented, but failing this there is the alternative, already suggested in Lancashire, where the proposal for a national memorial service has been most sympathetically received, that in districts remote from London a simultaneous service at some convenient centre should be arranged. This seems to be a most admirable idea. It might be possible for services to be arranged in a number of centres, at which the rank and file of ringers could gather to honour the memory of the heroic dead, and even so, there might still be one delegate to the service in London. The associations have the matter in their hands, and we hope they will lose no time in signifying their support of the proposal, which furnishes an opportunity, unique in the history of ringing, for showing the brotherhood of the Exercise.

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**OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.**

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs, -

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-banging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of banging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDWARDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS**
(Estab. 1686).

*On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANCES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	HENRY W. FUSSELL 7
WILLIAM HALE 3	ALBERT BURCOMBE 8
HUBERT SCRIVENS 4	WILLIAM HASTINGS 9
FRANK COLE 5	JAMES SINGLETON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as an Armistice Peal for Painswick.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

*On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alphege,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM KENT Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JAMES GEORGE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	HARRY WITHERS 9
ALBERT E. NORMAN 5	ANOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

*On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANCES;

JOSEPH PIGOTT Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 6
JOHN BASS 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
GEORGE HUGHES 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 8
HARRY MASON 4	GEORGE PIGOTT 9
WILLIAM FISHER 5	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Rung in honour of the centenary of the opening of the bells on January 4th, 1819.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Saturday, January 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM KENT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	SAPPER A. DAVIES, R.E. 7
FREDERICK DICKENS 3	JAMES GEORGE 8
CHARLES DICKENS 4	A. PADDOX SMITH 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, - I wish to inform members of the above Association that I am now in a position to again carry out the duties of the office of Acting General Secretary, having recently been discharged from the Army. If any member of the Association has any suggestion or would like to make with a view to the improvement of the Association or the advancement of change ringing, I should be glad if he would communicate with me.

4, Hills View,
Great Shelford, Cambridge.

A. E. AUSTIN,
Acting General Secretary.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 23, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Old Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS IRIS EDWARDSTreble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	GEORGE PIGOTT 6
MISS KATE PIGOTT 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
†MISS RHODA M. HOWAT ... 4	SAMUEL GROVETenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGHTreble	†ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	ALBERT CRESTIDGE 6
*ALBERT E. NORMAN 3	*WILLIAM A. COOPER 7
HARRY HILL 4	JOSEPH FAULKNERTenor

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON.

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Richard Round, who for 46 years
has been a ringing member of the Nether-ton company. Messrs. H.
Hill and A. Prestidge were elected members of the above Society be-
fore starting.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Morning, Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Four
Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

†JAMES GOODSELLTreble	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	FREDK. FAIRBEARD 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3	†ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WALTER H. PERRY 4	*OWEN HODGESTenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † Elected member previous to starting. ‡ 25th peal
as conductor in ten different towers

Rung as a welcome to President Wilson, who landed at Dover during
the progress of the peal.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Afternoon, Thursday, December 26th, 1918, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JAMES WAGHORNTreble	CHARLES TRIBE 5
WALTER H. PERRY 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	*LUTHER HONESTenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung on the 152nd anniversary of the
first peal on the bells, and as a welcome to President Wilson, who
passed through London with H.M. the King during the progress of the
peal.

BIRCH-AN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ASTLEY JOHNSONTreble	SAM COLLIER 5
WILLIAM HOLBROOK 2	ROBERT DAVIES 6
JAMES DARBYSHIRE 3	JAMES H. COLLIER 7
†ALFRED FROST 4	WRIGHT JOHNSONTenor

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

† First peal

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Day, Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and
Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*THOMAS WELLS... ..Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 5
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
†WALTER T. WILSON... .. 4	FRED WILFORDTenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWARD, Bart., and
conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Major. † First eight-bell peal, and first 'touch' in
the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLETreble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. 5
WALTER MARTIN... .. 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
JAMES CLARK, JUNR. 3	C.M.M. DOUGLAS H. ARGLE,
JAMES CLARK, SENR. 4	R.N.V.R. 7

SERG. E. MORRIS, R.A.S.C. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SERGT. ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the 6th
in 6th's place throughout, with 22 courses each, 6-4-8 and 6-7-8. The
conductor's 100th peal. Messrs. J. and E. Morris hail from Leicester.
The conductor desires to thank the Nuneaton ringers for kindly ar-
ranging for him to take part in the above.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At St. Michael's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER... ..Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 2	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 6
WILLIAM FLORY 3	CHARLES J. BUTTON 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDSTenor

Composed by the late Dr. F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

No. 34 C.C. Collection.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ARTHUR SYMONDSTreble	ARTHUR KEEBLE 5
HARRY SMITH 2	CHARLES W. F. CLARK 6
ARTHUR MAXIM 3	LOUIS LEES... .. 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4	THEODORE E. SLATER... ..Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

The 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor men hail from Foxearth, Essex; Monk's
Eleigh, Great Cornard, and Glemsford, Suffolk, respectively. The
ringer of the 2nd is in his 70th year.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEYTreble	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 5
W. ARTHUR HUDSON 2	FIRTE HOPWOOD 6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
JOHN PALFRAMAN 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELDTenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINWICK YOUTHS
(Established 1688).

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS HASTINGS Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS 3	FRANK COLE 7
WILLIAM HALE 4	GEORGE ORCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as an Armistice peal for the town of Stroud

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	FIRTH HOPWOOD 5
WILLIAM A. HUDSON 2	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 7
WILLIAM RHODES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composer unknown.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung to celebrate the Bi-centenary of the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung. It was not possible to ring Oxford, but the same composition was rung which was rung at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London, on December 27th, 1718.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON Treble	EDWARD RADDEN 5
JOHN J. JONES 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
THOMAS W. RADFORD 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
MAURICE SMITHER 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

W. R. Melville's first peal of Stedman.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JOHN WOODBERRY 6
PTZ. ERNEST J. BROOKS, R.E. 3	CHARLES BEAMAN 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

Rung to celebrate the cessation of hostilities.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON'S-IN-THE-EAST, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES,

Thursians' four part,

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5
CHARLES F. WINNEY 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
WILLIAM A. ALPS 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
THOMAS WALKER 4	ASAPH A. PETTETT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. WINNEY.

Rung on the 200th anniversary of the peal of Union Treble Bob by the Union Scholars at the above church, the Peal Book containing the original entry now being in the British Museum.

The thanks of the band are hereby tendered to Mr. W. A. and Mrs. Alps for their kind hospitality in entertaining the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
JAMES F. CLARK, JUN. 2	HARRY ARGYLE 6
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON 3	JAMES F. CLARK, SEN. 7
*ABRAM WILKERSON 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND Treble	WILLIAM DICKENSON 5
FREDERICK HILTON 2	WALTER H. WOOD 6
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	F/S. FRED A. HOLDEN 7
JOHN H. CLARK 4	A/M. SIDNEY J. RIDDELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

Rung to commemorate our glorious victory, also as a birthday compliment to Alfred Dickenson, youngest son of the ringer of the 5th. First peal by the ringers of the treble and 2nd for 16 and 17 years respectively.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

WILLIAM BATEMAN Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEO. H. CUTTERIDGE 2	WILLIAM LAWRENCE 6
GNR. WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 7
MISS GLADYS BATEMAN 4	JOHN BURT Tenor

Conducted by GNR. WILLIAM WELLING.

A British peal of welcome to Dr. Woodrow Wilson, President of the U.S.A., with birthday greeting from the Bell Ringers of Great Britain.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, JESMOND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	ALFRED GIBSON 5
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2	BERT HORTON 6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 3	FRED T. BROADBELL 7
REV. PROF. M. C. POTTER, D.Sc. 4	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

Rung muffled as a sacred tribute to the memory of three of the members of St. George's Guild of Ringers, who have made the supreme sacrifice in this Great War, namely, Lieut. Mundle, Lce-Opl. Eaton and Pte. A. Errington. Dr. Potter's first peal of Treble Bob and his first peal for this Association—he was ordained in Holy Orders on Sunday, December 22nd. First peal on an inside bell for Mr. Broadbell, and first peal of Treble Bob for the tenor man. Treble, 4th, 5th and 7th men are members of St. George's Guild, and the ringer of the 3rd is an honorary member of the Guild.

CUMBERLAND THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, the 25th, is to take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities. Representative clergy will be present, and it is expected a large gathering of ringers will attend.

A CORRECTION.

In the peal of Stedman Caters, at Hillingdon, on December 21st, and published in our issue of January 3rd, the ringer of the 6th was William Lawrence, not William Tavenor as stated.

CORSTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5080 CHANCES;

JARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.

CHARLES DENSLEY Treble	FREDERICK C. RICH... .. 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS... .. 6
GILBERT H. HARDING 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
CHARLES GOODENOUGH 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

This is the first peal ever rung on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. All the band are resident in Bath.

ST ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 3040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE W. CARTMELL ... Treble	*FREDERICK JEFFS 5
*J. MALYAN 2	W. H. L. BECKINGHAM 6
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE ... 3	E. WHITEHEAD 7
W. NASH 4	*CHARLES UNDERWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITEHEAD.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the fallen heroes in the Great War. * First peal of Stedman Triples.

HENTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. E. BAKER... .. Treble	W. J. ALLISS 5
G. GANDER 2	H. MARKWELL 6
G. PAYNE 3	L. PAYNE 7
C. TYLER 4	W. MARKWELL Tenor

Conducted by L. PAYNE.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE... .. Treble	JOHN DALE 5
*HARRY CATERWELL... .. 2	ALFRED PYE... .. 6
*ARTHUR MASON 3	WESLEY WATSON... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CREVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

Arranged for H. Catterwell, who was on a visit to Romford.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

JOSEPH LAW Treble	EDWIN J. FANNETT 5
ERNEST B. CROWDER 2	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 6
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 3	*ALBERT E. GODDARD... .. 7
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 4	†ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † Re-elected a member before starting.

Rung for the Watch-night service, and on the 44th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, five courses of Stedman Caters: E. Canina 1, Pte. W. Hayward (Bridgorth) 2, Sapper E. J. Brooks (Kiddermister) 3, G. R. Newton 4, Larkin 5, J. Martin 6, E. Breeze 7, J. Turner 8, W. Davies (conductor) 9, J. Blon 10.

SIX BELL PEAL.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On New Year's Day, January 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, San Diego, Chester, London, Wells, Lancashire, Stamford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TUKTON 5
T. A. HOWES SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

The above peal was attempted on Friday, December 27th, and came to grief after ringing over 5,000 changes.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY SHIMMELL Treble	†ARCHIE BURGE 3
FRED HOPPER 2	†JAMES HAYNES 4
WILFRED J. SHARP Tenor	

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. H. Shimmell was proposed a member before starting. Rung to celebrate the Armistice, also as a birthday compliment to A. Burge.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. W. Pye, 8, Sanson Rd., Leytonstone,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

GEORGE R. PYE 1—2	Pte. WILLIAM KEEBLE 5—6
WILLIAM PYE... .. 3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7—8

Composed by JAMES PAGET.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: E. J. BUTLER.

W. Shepherd's first peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' Arranged for Pte. W. Keeble, who was home on leave from France.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At 10, Mitford Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE... .. 1—2	GERALD MOORHOUSE 5—6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 3—4	OLIVE L. LUMLEY... .. 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JOHN Wm. MOORHOUSE.

Witness: Mrs. J. W. MOORHOUSE.

First peal on handbells by Miss Lumley.

VETERAN KENTISH RINGER'S DEATH.

There passed away recently, at the age of 78 years, John Marsh, an old Kentish ringer, who was laid to rest in the quiet typical Kentish Churchyard at Newington, near Shorncliffe Camp, and on the Sunday evening following a half-muffled touch to his memory was rung on the Parish Church bells by the local band.

Failing health had kept him from neighbouring towers for some years, but in the sixties and seventies of the last century John Marsh was well known as a keen and good change ringer, and many a lad has been taught the rudiments of the art by him. Records of his performances are few, but one in Hythe tower gives his first peal, the record stating that: 'On January 25th, 1865, was rung in this tower, in 3 hrs. 3 mins., a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples by the following men: J. Fisher, J. Harrison, J. Chapple, R. Dale, John Friend (conductor), J. Goldsmith, J. Marsh, J. Amos.

The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd were both over 74 years of age. R. Dole was aged 16 years. J. Goldsmith was the father of the Editor of the 'Ringing World.' J. Marsh was the last of the band.

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THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your powerful article in last week's issue will, I am sure, be much appreciated. I am sending a copy of it to the Rector of St. Clement's, who will, I am convinced, receive it sympathetically.

The necessary direction of affairs will, I expect, be taken over by a London Committee, which will probably meet during this week. So far as the project has been ventilated, I have already received encouraging adhesions. I feel sure, therefore, that the proposal will be well taken up, so far as London and its environs are concerned.

Should your more ambitious proposal bear fruit, London appears the most fitting centre, and one would like to have had St. Paul's! Whatever the outcome, however, I hope personally that we may see delegates from the provinces attending our service, whether it be local or general. That London would welcome them I am sure.—Yours faithfully,
E. ALEX. YOUNG.

'A member of the London County Association,' writes that, while fully agreeing that ringers are much indebted to the Rev. Pennington Bickford for his kindness in offering his church for the purpose, he would like to see a memorial service, such as that proposed, held at some big twelve-bell tower. 'Bells,' he says, 'which are "not strictly in ringing order" are not suitable to be rung in honour of London's splendid ringers who have given their lives in this war, and they must be bells, too, on which a half-muffled peal can be rung on the occasion, as well as the whole pull and stand. A half-muffled peal might very fittingly be rung by a mixed band of the London societies. I have no grudge against St. Clement Dagen. I recognise it as a most important church where bells have welcomed Kings and Queens and many distinguished personages into the City of London from time immemorial from its vantage point by Temple Bar. At the same time I do feel that it needs Bow Bells, or the bells of some similar big twelve-bell tower, to ring on such an important occasion as the honouring of the glorious dead of the ringers of London, and half the significance will be lost if the memorial service is not held where the complete peal is rung. What would be finer, or more impressive, than the "whole pull and stand" rung before the service, and perhaps a short half-muffled "touch" as well, and the "whole pull and stand" rung again after the service, followed by a complete half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques?'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON BRANCH AND THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The January meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday last. Six towers were represented. Ringing came to an early close owing to a rope breaking.

At the business meeting afterwards, Mr. Peter Crook was appointed hon. secretary for the branch. He was heartily welcomed back, after being away with H.M. Forces.

The proposal of Mr. E. Alex. Young was discussed, along with the editorial suggestion made in the last issue of the 'Ringing World,' and it was decided that owing to the high cost of travelling, etc., and the funds of the association not being at too high a level, steps may be taken by the general secretary to hold a special memorial service at a suitable place, such as Manchester Cathedral, on the day appointed by the London arrangements. All were, however, in sympathy with Mr. Young's proposal.

All Soul's (Bolton) was chosen for the February meeting, to be held on the 8th proximo.

On Saturday week, the Manchester branch held their annual meeting at the Cathedral. Owing to the severe snowstorm, and consequent dislocation of train and tram services, there was a somewhat poor attendance. Members were present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Flixton, Hyde, Miles Platting, Pendleton, and Manchester. The bells were set going to Stedman Caters, when ten courses were brought round, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. Double Norwich Major and Grandsire Caters were also rung. In the latter, Miss Lizzie Schofield, of Glodwick, rang her first course.

At the meeting sympathetic references were made to the death of the late Joseph Ridyard, of Worsley, and sympathy was also expressed with Mr. B. Horrex, of London; Mr. John. Eachus, of Manchester; and to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, 'The Ringing World.'

Manchester Town Hall was chosen as the next meeting-place, on Feb. 1st, the December meeting at that place having been postponed owing to the death of one of the city aldermen, it being a recognised custom to keep the bells silent on such occasions.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to the respected tower keeper (Mr. W. C. Bridgford), and local ringers for having things in readiness.

LLANBRADACH.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (5, 6, 8 behind), in 50 mins.: H. Cassel 1, F. Stevens 2, Mabel E. Griffin 3, S. Voyzey 4, Lizzie Nottet 5, J. Phillips 6, J. Gwilym 7, A. Thomas 8.

A LOYAL ADDRESS FROM RINGERS TO THE KING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—It has been suggested to me that the ringers of England should present to the King, on the conclusion of peace a loyal address. It is generally accepted that bells are closely connected with the history of our country, and we know also that if they had remained silent even on Armistice Day, strong comments would have arisen from many quarters. Yet the majority of people know nothing or very little about the science, the labours, or even the self-sacrifice often entailed by ringers in order that the bells should be rung on great national occasions of rejoicing. I submit, therefore, that an address from such a loyal body of churchworkers would be a means of asserting our claim to be a power for good in the country, and if this unique opportunity is allowed to go by it will be many years before another would be afforded. The memorial would call forth from our King an acknowledgment, and would probably appear in print in the Court Circular.

The proper authority to carry out this suggestion would be the Central Council, as represented by the president and committee, and the subject could be brought forward as a motion at the next annual meeting of the Council.

I shall be glad if ringers will express their opinions through your columns, and if a favourable view is taken of my suggestion, I feel sure that our new president of the Central Council will readily take the matter up.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec. Hertford County Association,
Duffield, St. Albans, Jan. 13th, 1919.

WELCOME HOME.**NEWPORT RINGER'S RETURN FROM GERMANY.**

Pte. Victor Morgan, one of the All Saints' band, Newport, Mon., has just reached home, after being a prisoner of war in Germany. As a welcome, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was quickly arranged, and was rung on December 30th. Although having suffered severely and been nearly starved by the Huns, Pte. Morgan was able to stand in, as was also his brother, Sergt. Arthur Morgan, who had obtained special leave from a convalescent hospital in the North of England, where he was recuperating, after having been invalided from France. The ringers turned up in force, and readily gave way for two visiting ringers to stand in. The quarter-peal was rung in 49 minutes, by: Sergt. Arthur Morgan 1. T. Ford 2. Pte. E. Parker (Carhampton) 3. S. Palmer (Swindon) 4. C. Greedy 5. Pte. Victor Morgan 6. J. W. Jones (conductor) 7. W. Ridout 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but this failed. It was followed by 336 Boh Major: T. Ford 1. H. Morgan 2. E. Parker 3. A. Morgan 4. C. Greedy 5. V. Morgan 6. S. Palmer 7. J. W. Jones (conductor) 8.

It was regretted that another brother, Sergt. Frank Morgan, was unable to take part in the ringing, he having to return to his duties earlier in the day.

Pte. H. Broughton, a member of the Caerphilly band, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for two years and five months, has reached home again, and on December 23rd, at St. Martin's Church the bells were rung in his honour. Ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 behind) were brought round by: W. Williams 1. W. Pike 2. G. Cooke 3. Pte. H. Broughton 4. P. Jones 5. S. Addicott 6. D. Stephens 7. T. Love 8.

On a recent Sunday that was set apart for memorial service for those fallen in the war, the bells of All Saints' Church, Newport, were rung muffled for each service, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung, one of the All Saints' company, Mr. V. Morgan, who has just arrived home, after being a prisoner in Germany, taking part. Of the eight members of the All Saints' band that joined the army, two have made the supreme sacrifice.

SHOREHAM RINGERS' MEETING.

At the annual business meeting of the St. Mary's ringers, Shoreham, Sussex, it was stated that the subscriptions to the bell ringers' fund so far totalled £15 19s., and that before they finished the previous record would probably be surpassed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all who had contributed to the fund, and it was stated that there had been much praise accorded the band for their ringing.—The 'possible' attendances during the year was believed to be 107, and Mr. T. Burtenshaw, senr., and Mr. E. Marsh each put in 103, while Mr. Bert Challen had 100 to his credit. The other attendances were: Mr. R. Nokes, 97; Mr. H. Statham, 85; Mr. W. Brown, 78; Mr. C. West, 53; Mr. T. Burtenshaw, junr., 4.

The officers were re-elected on bloc, and testimony paid to the value of their services; while the harmony which prevailed in the band was alluded to by the Chairman (Mr. Ellman Brown).—Mr. Challen, the leader, returned thanks on their behalf, and alluded to the assistance they had received from the soldiers when it was needed. On one occasion, he said, they took charge of the ringing themselves. Referring to their honorary members, he congratulated Mr. Baker, who was wounded in the war, on being among them again. Mr. Challen said they must add to their numbers, and suggested that if they could not get more men they might have ladies.—The Chairman said the Association had under consideration the ringing of a peace day commemoration peal in as many towers throughout the county as possible, having in view the number of ringers available.

PRESENTATION AT ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE

On Boxing Day, a very interesting gathering of ringers took place at the Ilkeston Church Institute.

The main object, after an attempt for a peal of Stedman had failed, was to present Mr. Joseph H. Iliffe with an illuminated address to commemorate his 30 years' unbroken service at the Parish Church.

After a substantial tea had been partaken of, Mr. Samuel Burgoyne presented the address on behalf of his fellow ringers, and in a few well-chosen words spoke of the genial good qualities of Mr. Iliffe as a change ringer and companion.

Mr. J. H. Iliffe, who was taken wholly by surprise, asked what he had done amiss to deserve that beautiful gift. He thanked those present for their kind expressions on the address which he should always cherish as a token of the good-fellowship that existed in the tower. He also thanked Mr. Burgoyne for the kind words he had said, and expressed a wish that they would for many years to come meet together and ring at that fine old Parish Church.

Mr. Alf. T. Baker made the suggestion, to which all agreed, that the meeting should be an annual one, and that that should be the first of a series of gatherings to be called the 'Iliffe Commemoration Gathering.' Mr. Iliffe, continued Mr. Baker, had asked what he had done amiss to deserve the gift he had received. 'That's easily explained,' said the speaker. 'You have worn out a peal of five, also a peal of eight, and are on with the second eight, but I am afraid this eight will wear you out—they are good ones from Loughborough. Then again, you helped to make the old tower rock on its very foundation, so that it had to be taken down as a result. There must have been something amiss for a man to ring for thirty years at one church on three peals of bells and in two towers.'

Mr. Sam Thomas and Mr. John Holman, both of Sheffield Cathedral, were present, and congratulated the ringers and Ilkeston upon possessing such a grand peal of bells. Mr. Thomas said he was sorry they had not scored the peal that day, but if one got every peal one set out for, there would be no interest left in trying for peals.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a very congenial manner, the handbells being brought into use.

CAMPANILE.

CENTENARY PEAL AT DUDLEY.

The one hundredth anniversary of the opening of St. Thomas' bells, Dudley, was celebrated on January 4th by a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, the composition, it is believed, being the same as that rung on the opening day, exactly a century before. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, senr. of the Dudley band.

It is interesting to note that ten towers were represented in the peal, viz., J. Pigott, Smethwick; J. Bass, Wollaston; G. Hughes, Wednesbury; H. Mason, Old Hill; W. Fisher, Coseley; W. Short, Clent; G. F. Swann, Erdington; A. Greenfield, Netherton; G. Pigott, Edgbaston; H. Knight, Wolverhampton. It was the first peal of Oxford Royal by all the band except J. Bass and W. Short. A. Greenfield was elected a member of St. Martin's Guild before starting for the peal.

After the ringing, the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Harry Mason, at Cranage's Cafe, and the band wish to convey to him their sincere thanks for his hospitality.

GREETINGS FROM OVERSEAS.

The following letter, dated October 21st and posted overseas, reached us on the 12th inst.:—

Sir:—The under-mentioned are the ringers in this company, and would like, through the medium of your paper, to send their greetings for Christmas and best wishes for the New Year, to their ringing friends in Great Britain, hoping at not too distant a date to join them again to carry on the good work. Thanking you in anticipation, yours

R. L. PATTERSON, 72nd Field Co., R.E., Dunster Fortes.

R. L. PATTERSON, Durham and Newcastle Association.

J. T. TUNE, Yorkshire Association.

C. WILKINSON, Kent County Association.

A. T. BURLEY, Kent County Association.

A. FRENCH, Middlesex Association.

T. FOWELL, Archdeaconry of Stafford.

J. W. OWEN, Shrewsbury Diocesan (late member).

RINGER'S JUBILEE AT NORTH SHIELDS.

A gathering of ringers and parishioners took place in the belfry at Christ Church, North Shields (Tynemouth Parish Church), the occasion being a presentation to Mr. Joel Hearn to mark his 50 years' connection with ringing. The proceedings began with ringing on eight bells, and concluded with touches on the ten. The Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Holmes) presided, and the gift took the form of a handsome silver teapot, suitably inscribed, and containing a number of Treasury notes. Mr. Fleming (churchwarden), in handing over the gifts, referred to Mr. Hearn's steadfast devotion to duty, and to the assistance which he had given to young ringers, not only in his own parish, but in other parts of the two counties of Northumberland and Durham.—Mr. Hearn briefly responded, and a vote of thanks (proposed by Mr. A. E. Kidd) brought the formal ceremony to a close.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A BUSY TIME.

One is sure to meet, in one's journey through life, with trouble and pleasure, but the ringers who assembled at St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, on New Year's Eve fully experienced pleasure throughout the whole evening. The bells were raised about 7.30, and were rung in various methods for an hour, with George B. Harbour assisting. Then the 'captain' ordered us to proceed to the district station at Ealing to book en route to Chiswick Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Isaacs) met the ringers, and greeting them with kindly words, said how pleased he was to have the bells rung. A good start was made, with a touch of Stedman Triples, by: Robt. Holloway 1, W. Lawrence (conductor) 2, E. Vickery 3, C. Edwards 4, J. W. Frin 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier 7, E. Gray 8. At the close of the ringing our 'captain' invited everyone to his residence at Acton, and upon arrival there he might well have quoted the lines from an old trio, for it was a real fact:—

A little house well filled,
A little wife well willed,
Give me.

Our genial host seems to have studied legerdemain, for, at his worn whole plates of sandwiches quickly disappeared, while steaming cups of coffee and cocoa—definitely prepared by Mrs. Holloway—were handed around by Mrs. Briggs and Miss Holloway. Mr. 'Bob' accompanied Mrs. Briggs in some pretty songs: 'In an old-fashioned town' and the 'Irish Folk Song' in Major and Minor keys, and there was not one single bar of music unappreciated. Thus, rested and refreshed, up the steps of Acton tower climbed the company, and ringing was done with bells half-muffled before the midnight service, which many of the ringers attended, and at which two were able to render assistance as sidesmen; whilst others removed the mufflers from the clappers.

At the conclusion of the service, a first-rate touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by: C. Brown 1, R. E. Beedington 2, J. E. Rotes 3, Miss Edith Jones 4, Geo. Hes 5, R. Holloway 6, E. Vickery 7, A. E. Smith 8. Our enthusiastic lady braved the elements of the late hour—and the early one—and stayed until the last 'touch,' which was rung at the pace that Acton bells should be rung—at least so the writer thinks. When at the close of 1915 the united hands of Acton and St. Stephen's met at West Ealing, it was intended to arrange a similar trip annually, but for two years the war has prevented it. All being well, a house in some 'gardens' will be the rendezvous at the end of this year.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

On Saturday, December 21st, a very pretty wedding took place at Tunstall, Kent, when Mr. G. H. Spice, third son of Mr. W. Spice was married to Miss C. N. Jarrett, organist at Tunstall Church. Both the bride and bridegroom are members of the Tunstall band of ringers. The happy pair were the recipients of a number of very useful presents, and needless to say, the bells rang out a merry peal as the newly-married couple left the church. The ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Spice, and several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1-2, G. H. Spice 3-4, W. Spice 5-6, Corpl. E. H. Spice 7-8.

On the following day, a 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the event by the following: Mrs. G. H. Spice 1, Pte. Grove 2, G. H. Spice 3, G. Webb 4, W. Spice (conductor) 5, Pte. Wooley 6. Also 120, conducted by Corpl. E. H. Spice, the best man, Miss M. Harris ringing the tenor.

The wedding took place at Staveley Parish Church, on December 25th, between Sergt. A. E. Parsons, of the Sherwood Foresters, and Miss N. Thompson, the bridegroom being one of the local ringers. The bride was given away by her uncle, P. V. L. G. Palmer, R.A.F., who is also a member of the local band. The following, who are all local ringers, rang 672 Bob Major in honour of the event: H. Stowe 1, F. E. Parsons 2, J. R. Brooks 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, W. Daffin 5, H. Daffin 6, S. Smedley 7, W. T. Palmer (conductor) 8. The ringers extended their good wishes to Sergt. and Mrs. Thompson for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

AN OLD CUSTOM AT SALEHURST.

The passing of the old year and the advent of the new was celebrated in time-honoured fashion at Salehurst, Sussex. Ringing took place both before and after the midnight hour, which was struck on the tenor, and prayers were offered by the Rector (the Rev. C. E. Ward).

On New Year's Day, the ringers maintained the old custom of in-keeping in a day's ringing. Touches of Grandsire were rung and the bells fired, and the ringing was brought to a close by a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., by: J. Goodall 1, F. Morgan 2, C. Tribe 3, W. Perry 4, T. Booth 5, W. Head 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, L. French 8. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks to Messrs C. Tribe, of Tenlarden, and W. Franks, of Battle, two old ringing friends, for kindly attending on this and many other occasions to assist the local band, whose number has been greatly reduced owing to the war. Mr. A. E. Ed-

wards, the conductor of the local band, was unable to be present owing to business engagement in Wales.

After the ringing an excellent tea was partaken of at the Old Eight Bells Inn, and the rest of the evening spent in harmony.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREENWICH.—On Sept. 15th, for evening service, at St. Alfege Church, 3010 of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: J. G. Shade (conductor) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, E. E. S. Richards 3, T. H. Hawkins 4, Pte. W. Farey, A.S.C. (Northampton), 5, H. Heskins 6, F. W. Thornton 7, D. Hodgson 8.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, September 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 minutes: A. J. Morton 1, F. J. Cullum, sen., 2, J. Lowrey 3, G. Thompson (Tunbridge Wells) 4, R. A. Cullum 5, H. Holdon 6, Elect. Art. F. J. Cullum, R.N. (conductor) 7, A. Bird (first quarter-peal) 8.

BLVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, Sept. 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Maddock (conductor) 1, W. D. White 2, F. Millard 3, W. Cording 4, E. Lloyd 5, J. Burge 6, E. E. Burgess 7, W. Chapman 8. All except W. Chapman belong to Taunton.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evening, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), adapted from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part peal: Mrs. Hazelden 1, J. J. Jones 2, W. E. Jelley 3, W. R. Melville 4, J. T. Scott 5, W. Fowler 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, M. Smith 8. Mr. Scott's first quarter-peal with a working bell.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for evening service, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Rann 1, E. C. Merritt 2, H. R. Butcher 3, G. Ades 4, R. Stredwick 5, J. Hart (first quarter-peal in the method, and first attempt) 6, H. Statham (conductor) 7, W. Burrell 8.

CARDIFF.—Llandell Association.—On Sept. 22nd at St. John's Church, in 52 mins., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): Hy. Day 1, J. Harris 2, E. Coles 3, J. E. Sykes 4, S. Dave 5, W. Biss 6, W. Bolton 7, A. Rowley (conductor) 8, W. Coombs 9, S. R. Barker 10.

IVINGHOE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, afternoon service, 120 Grandsire Doubles: H. F. Seabrook 1, F. Vickers 2, F. Reeve 3, T. W. Wright 4, Corpl. W. H. Pasmore 5, L. Deeley 6; and 360 Grandsire Doubles: F. Vickers 1, F. Reeve 2, W. Seabrook 3, T. W. Wright 4, Corpl. W. H. Pasmore 5, L. Deeley 6; also another 120, with H. F. Seabrook treble, H. F. Seabrook and W. Seabrook belong to All Saints', Leighton, Beds; F. Vickers to Linslade, Bucks; F. Reeve and T. W. Wright to Tring, Herts; Corpl. W. H. Pasmore is at Hatton Camp; L. Deeley belongs to the local band. Rung by kind permission of the Rev. T. Harvey, at the invitation of H. F. Seabrook and W. Seabrook, who were visiting their native parish.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—At St. Michael's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. T. Leader (Slough) 1, A. Mason (Wembley) 2, W. Henley, conductor (Farnham Royal), 3, T. Smith (Slough) 4, J. Brant (Warfield) 5, J. Rance (Warfield) 6, Pte. E. T. Hooper (home on leave from Sherness) 7, L. Bristow (Warfield), first quarter-peal, 8.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Frank Cotterell (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Overton 2, Pte. J. T. Tyler 3, A. T. Baker 4, J. W. Howard 5, H. M. Overton 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

DALETON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, for morning service, 544 Bob Major: Miss E. M. Suart 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. R. Jackson 6, T. Suart 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. For evening service, 880 Bob Major: T. Watson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Suart 6, W. H. Dennison 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, BATH.—At the Parish Church, before evening-song, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: F. W. E. Milbourne (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Chivers 2, P. Speed 3, F. Speed (conductor) 4, J. Hamblton 5, I. B. Holmyard 6, W. Keavill 7, T. Griffen 8. Rung as a farewell touch to P. Speed, who was shortly joining the colours.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Stabbins 1, C. Parker 2, W. Tanner 3, J. Blakemore 4, E. Parker 5, W. Mundy (conductor) 6, W. Pitman 7, W. Crandon 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, and the conductor's silver wedding.

WRITTLE.—Essex Association.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 29th, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Head 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, Pte. H. Head 5, W. G. Sorrell 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8.

YORK.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 29th, for harvest festival, at the Minster, 557 Grandsire Caters: F. Haigh 1, P. Firth 2, F. Earnshaw 3, A. Horner 4, Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), 5, J. Thompson 6, A. C. Fearnsley 7, T. Hedgson 8, A. Haigh 9, E. Rickitt and W. Fountain 10. For evening service, at St. Mary Senior, Bishopthorpe, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): P. Firth 1, W. Fountain 2, A. Horner 3, Sergt. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), 4, E. Rickitt 5, A. C. Fearnsley 6.

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NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Practices will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 23rd, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—An extra meeting will be held at Newport, Jan. 18. Bells available from 3 to 9. Business meeting 5.30 in the Parish Room.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919, at Liscard. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Harry Brocklebank, 319, Cloughton Road, Birkenhead, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 18th, 1919. By kind permission, the bells at the Abbey will be available all day. Business meeting at 4 p.m.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea 5.30 p.m.—T. Law, Dis. Sec., S. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock, committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5 (1s. 6d. each), followed by general meeting, all in the Church Institute.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wotton Branch will be held at Dursley on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Estab. 1875.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield,

on Saturday, January 25th, 1919. For full particulars see circular to all towers.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome. Members intending to be present are requested to send a card to the Master, at 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18, by Jan. 21st, to facilitate arrangements for tea.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m., preacher, the Ven. the Hon. Archdeacon Lambart, M.A.; tea in St. Alkmund's Parish Room at 6 p.m.; business meeting 6.45. Please reply to Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before 21st inst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (Christ Church) on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. Will those intending to be present let me know by Monday, Jan. 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clutton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and business at 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members of the Association or not, will be heartily welcomed. The Hon. Sec. hopes that all who intend to be present will let him know not later than 21st inst.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 25th. Service 5.30, tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Intending visitors please write G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Terrace, Burnham-on-Sea.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock, Divine Service at 4, tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Those who require tea must let me know not later than January 22nd.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A special meeting of the Branch will be held at Barksdon on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells of St. Nicholas Church (6) will be open for ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Service in the Church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in the Village Hall. Ringers requiring tea please notify me before Tuesday, January 21st.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30 Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

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CHORLEY, LANCs.—On Sept. 15th. at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Marsden 1. T. Lucas 2. R. Clayton 3. T. Lofthouse 4. J. Hopwood 5. F. Rigby (conductor) 6. J. H. Gartside 7. Pte. Walter Blackledge 8. Rung as a welcome to Pte. Blackledge, who was home on leave, after nearly three years' active service.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 17th. a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in one hour and 29 minutes: S. W. Riley (longest length) 1. Geo. E. Rollerson 2. Pte. T. Collinge 3. H. H. Shaw 4. Geo. H. Hargreaves 5. Thos. Rollerson 6. Jas. Rollerson (conductor) 7. A. Newman 8. Arranged for Pte. T. Collinge R.A.F., who was home on leave.

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