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Gentlemen,

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

I am authorised 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

### INTER-AFFILIATION SCHEME

The inter-affiliation scheme propounded by some of the Associations, and discussed at the last meeting of the Central Council at Winchester, is not to be allowed to drop entirely, although the Council is not likely to hear much of it officially, for the present at any rate. The Worcestershire Association, who all along have been warm supporters of the idea, are now proposing to take the question up with a view to putting a scheme into operation as between themselves and other societies who support the principle. A notice in another column invites secretaries of those organisations in favour of inter-affiliation to communicate with the Secretary of the Worcestershire Association with the object of establishing the project.

The great fear among those who at present oppose the scheme is a financial one, and, in those cases where a substantial revenue is derived from compounding members, it must be admitted that the monetary consideration cannot be lightly overlooked. If, however, the Worcestershire Association's proposal develops, we shall have a working model which will enable the other organisations to judge of its value, and calculate from the experience of others whether the advantages are commensurate with the pecuniary sacrifice which may have to be made. It is, of course, obvious that the majority of those who become compounding members of a society are those who reside within reasonable reach of its sphere of activity, and in order that the experiment may be of real service, we hope that sufficient neighbouring associations may join in. We should not get a very practical demonstration, for instance, if the Worcestershire and the Llandaff Associations came in without the dividing county of Herefordshire, and, to some extent, Gloucestershire—each covered by a Diocesan Guild. The Warwickshire Guild has favoured the proposal, and if the reciprocal arrangement is carried out among the whole of those South-west Midland and South Wales counties, we should obtain a genuine idea of the practicability of the scheme, if the project was to take practical shape.

Nothing has yet transpired as to the details of the scheme which it is hoped to launch, but we hope it is one which will have simplicity in administration, and a capability of easy extension to recommend it. Anything which is involved in its machinery or cramped in its scope is foredoomed to failure. There is nothing in the way of the broad application of the principle of inter-affiliation among those who desire it, but there are certain minor difficulties which require careful consideration if the scheme is to be successful and is to lend itself to future development and when other societies feel inclined to come in on proof of its advantageous working. The result of the experiment will be watched with general interest throughout the country.

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Yours truly,  
CHAS. EDMUNDS,  
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## SIX BELL PEALS.

STONE-IN-OKNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, February 15, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

*GEORGE JOHNSON ... .. Treble	ALFRED DAW ... .. 4
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	†FREDERICK G. BURT ... 5
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. G. BURT.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal as conductor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Wilfred Wenham, one of the Stone ringers, who joined the East Kent Yeomanry, and died at Canterbury at the early age of 19 years. He was buried in that city on the above date. This method was rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 21, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob, and one each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

*JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	†JOHN HAMPTON ... .. 5
FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 3	†FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor in five methods. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Pte. W. Ireland, who was killed in action in France on February 1st. He was a member of the local band and a member of the above Association, and joined the Worcestershire Regt. at the outbreak of war. This peal preceded a memorial service in Crophorne Church.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, February 19, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. FRYIRS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

JOHN R. BARTON ... .. 1-2	FRANK DAVISON ... .. 4
JOHN R. FRYIRS ... .. 3	HARRY GIBSON ... .. 5-6

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnessed by Mrs. and Miss J. FRYIRS.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, February 19, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

JAMES HUNT ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5-6
ERNEST PYE ... .. 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 9-10

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

The peal at Erdington on February 13th was conducted by Bernard W. Witchel.

## ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers now serving in H.M. Forces  
Driver Joe Forby, of Isham, Northants, Army Service Corps.  
Pte Harry Eden, of Barthomley Parish Church, 9th Battalion  
North Staffordshire Regiment, now at Hastings.  
Pte A. L. Ives, of St. Mary's, Cavendish, Suffolk, Army Service  
Corps, now at Aldershot.  
Pte Frank Reynolds, of St. Michael's, Rushall, Staffs, Northum-  
berland Fusiliers, now at Newcastle-on-Tyne  
Spr. E. V. Beadle, of Isleworth, Royal Engineers, now at  
Chatham.  
Pte W. Apps, of Isleworth, Middlesex Regiment, now in France.  
Driver Joe Forby, of Isham, Army Service Corps.

**NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.**

The following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' Fund have been received:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ...				69	12	0
From towers of the East Derbyshire Association (per Mr. T. Allibone, hon. sec.):—						
Morton ... ..	0	4	0			
Pleasley ... ..	0	2	0			
Crich ... ..	0	3	0			
Mansfield Woodhouse ... ..	0	5	0			
Tibshelf ... ..	0	10	0			
Alfreton ... ..	0	10	0			
North Wingfield ... ..	0	3	0			
				1	17	0
Ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Woodford, Essex (per Mr. A. Tarbun) ... ..				1	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>£72</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>			

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Ashford district was held at High Haldon on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended, representing the following towers: Ashford, Appledore, Biddenden, Benenden, Hawkhurst, Headcorn, Iden, Rolvenden, Rye, Sellinge, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden, and of the local branch. During the afternoon 720 of Plain Bob Minor and 120's of Stedman Doubles were rung previous to the service, which was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. B. W. Gilpin), the association's form being used, and Mr. C. Munn, of Biddenden, presiding at the organ. A substantial "knife and fork" tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was served in the schoolroom, Mr. H. Hawkins, one of the local members, catering in good style. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. E. B. Woodgate and Mr. W. Oliver (churchwardens).

A short business meeting followed, at which it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Tenterden in April.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness in giving permission to hold, for the first time, a meeting at High Haldon for the service, and for his kind and generous hospitality in providing the tea; also to the churchwardens for their presence amongst the ringers.—The Rector, in reply, extended a hearty welcome to the Association, and in remarking on the great improvement in ringers and ringing, drew a very vivid picture of the past and the present, and punctuated it with some very homely and wise counsel. He hoped the meeting would add to the membership of the Association from his own tower.

The tower was afterwards visited again, and 720 of Kent Treble Bob 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought home and the bells lowered in peal. Mr. O. Sippetts, a member of the Sussex Association from Crawley, received a hearty welcome, and took part in most of the ringing after tea. The 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by: G. Tribe 1, C. W. Player 2, W. H. Lambert 3, A. Daw 4, G. Billenness 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6. 720 Plain Bob Minor, by: G. Johnson 1, C. Tribe 2, C. W. Player 3, A. Daw 4, W. H. Lambert 5, P. Hodgkin (conductor) 6. 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by: W. H. Lambert 1, O. Sippetts 2, A. Daw 3, C. Tribe 4, G. Billenness 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6; and three 120's of Stedman Doubles, by: H. Baker 1, W. Tickner 2, W. Savage 3, O. Sippetts 4, G. Neve 5, A. Blackman 6. These were the first touches in the methods on the bells.

**THE LADIES' PEAL AT PORTISHEAD.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of the "Ringing World," to thank Mr. Whittington for his kind remarks regarding the ladies' peal rung at Portishead. The occasion which called forth this attempt was very lamentable, although most appropriate, and I must say that it gave me very great pleasure to listen to the striking of that peal. I quite agree that I was fortunate to secure such apt pupils. Great credit is due to them for the keen interest they have taken in the art, and there is no doubt that the secret of their success is the regularity of their attendance for Sunday ringing. It is very gratifying to find from the number of congratulations they have received, that they are heartily welcomed by the opposite sex into the Exercise. I venture to hope that this will stimulate other ladies to take up ringing, and so fill the gaps caused by our men leaving to serve their country in its hour of need, and so insure the bells being rung for our Sunday services.—Yours very truly,  
W. GILLINGHAM.

**TWO MELTON MOWBRAY RINGERS DEAD.**

ST. MARY'S BAND'S DEPLETED RANKS.

It is our mournful task to record the death of two members of the Melton Mowbray band. On the 1st inst. Mr. Albert V. Potter passed away after about two years' illness. The funeral took place at the Thorpe Road Cemetery on February 4th, but owing to the illness of no fewer than five of the present ringers, and the absence of three others, who are serving the country, muffled ringing had to be postponed.

The late Mr. Potter joined the St. Mary's ringers in 1899, and from the start took a great interest in change ringing. He rang his first peal (one of Doubles) in 1900, and was one of the band that accomplished the first peal of Grandsire Triples by an entirely local band on the Melton Mowbray bells on April 23rd, 1901. Mr. Potter rang eleven peals in all, including Doubles, Minor, Triples and Bob Major. He was a keen reliable ringer and good striker, and his place has been difficult to fill.

A few days later the Melton Mowbray band lost another member by the death of Mr. John Townsend, who died on Feb. 9th, at the early age of 24 years, of typhoid and pneumonia, after only three weeks' illness.

Deceased was one of the most capable young ringers belonging to the St. Mary's company, and was most regular and punctual, both for practice and service ringing. Of a cheerful disposition he was liked by all who met him. He had only taken part in one peal, to which he rang the tenor, but he was anxiously looking forward to much greater achievements.

The funeral took place on February 13th, the Vicar, Canon Blakeney, M.A., R.D., conducting the service, and delivering a touching address, in the course of which he alluded to the prosperous future which the deceased appeared to have before him.

Many floral tributes were sent, one from his fellow ringers being in the shape of a bell. Two ringers, Messrs. R. H. Bartram and J. Gilson, assisted as bearers.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the St. Mary's bells as a token of respect to the deceased and to the late Mr. Potter, by: W. Jaggard 1, J. R. Bartram 2, F. H. Gillett 3, Pte E. Bartram (Luton) 4, F. Shepherd 5, W. James 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, Jos. Gilson 8. It was the first quarter-peal by Messrs. Jaggard and Shepherd.

Both deceased ringers were much respected members of the Framland Society and Midland Counties Association, and, needless to say, their death has considerably weakened the Melton Mowbray band. A singular coincidence is the fact that in our last issue we published the announcement of the death of Mr. E. C. Hunt in America. In 1906-7 Mr. Hunt was a member of the Melton Mowbray band, and rang four peals with them—one of Treble Bob, two of Bob Major, and one of Grandsire Caters for the Midland Counties Association—before he left for America. It may be interesting to some to know that his last peal was 5040 Bob Major at Belgrave, near Leicester, on April 6th, 1907, conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Fowler.

**WARGRAVE CHURCH RESTORATION.**

THE NEW BELLS.

At a cost of something well-nigh £9,000, Wargrave Church, destroyed by incendiarism, is to be rebuilt. In addition the peal of eight bells is to be replaced, the tender of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank having been accepted by the committee, who had the advice of the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. The peal is to have a tenor of 17 cwt., and the total weight is to be 74 cwt. The contract amounts to £750, and this, like the pulpit, is being regarded as a separate account. Miss Rhodes is acting as secretary, and gathering the subscriptions. Doubtless she will welcome any contributions which ringers from outside the parish may care to make. The special insurance money on the old bells is, of course, to be allocated to the account, and full allowance will be made for all old bell metal that can be found. "Unfortunately," says the Parish Magazine, "the heat was so great that much lead has been fused with the bell metal, which renders it useless, but wherever a piece of bell remains it is of considerable value. If any such pieces of bells were innocently taken away as mementoes at the time of the fire, it is particularly requested that they be returned without delay, in order that all which remains of the old bells may be incorporated in the new peal."

**LAST OF A FAMOUS BAND.**

The last surviving member of Mr. William Escourt's famous twelve bell band at Painswick has passed away in the person of Mr. Henry Morris, of Worcester, who died at the age of 82 years. Mr. Morris took part in the celebrated 8448 Stedman Cinques at Painswick on February 16th, 1858, the peal being rung in 5 hrs. 52 mins. Although Mr. Morris migrated to Worcester in the sixties, he paid frequent visits to the old home, and retained to the last his interest in the Painswick Youths and the famous church bells with which he was once associated. Of late years he did not take any active part in ringing, but was always pleased to meet ringers. On the occasion of the deceased's funeral, which took place at Worcester, the Painswick Youths rang muffled touches, and the bells at St. John's, Worcester, were also muffled.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### CONTEST AT THORNHILL.

On Saturday the Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and contest at Thornhill. The bells, a fine peal of six (tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.), which have recently been retuned and rebung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were in fine condition, and everyone was well satisfied with the "go" of them. Six companies had entered, and the draw having taken place, the first set was in the tower by 3.30 p.m. The day being fine, a large number of ringers and friends were present, and during the afternoon were served with a splendid "knife and fork" tea by the local company.

After the contest, which finished at 8 p.m., a meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the President (Mr. Cotterell) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar-in-charge (the Rev. D. Cowling), the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Haymen) being with H.M. Forces in France. Invitations were asked for the next contest, but none being forthcoming, it was decided to leave the secretary to make arrangements.—A hearty vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies for the way they had catered for the visitors was accorded.

The judge's report was given as follows:—

Earlsheaton No. 2 Company	rung out.
Kirkheaton	198 faults.
Halifax	351 faults.
Birstall	372 faults.
Earlsheaton No. 1 Company	127 faults.
Tong	283 faults.

Earlsheaton were declared the winners of the cup, thus making the sixth successive occasion upon which they have secured the trophy.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for his presence and the use of his bells.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to be amongst the ringers, and said he was one of the unfortunate ones who had been driven from Germany by this dreadful war. He had, however, had a living offered to him, which he had accepted, and he hoped there would be a peal of bells in the tower, because he loved to hear the music, and would certainly do his best to look after the welfare of both the ringers and the bells. He thought that ringers often do not realise the good work they did, and that they were the first to give the invitation to people to come and worship.

He then presented the cup to the conductor of the Earlsheaton company, and Mr. Goodall replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, which was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the president and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very successful meeting to a close.

## FORTY-SEVEN YEARS A RINGER.

### DEATH OF A SUSSEX VETERAN.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Pearce, of Shipley, Sussex, after a very short illness. After leaving his work on Saturday, the 6th inst., deceased complained of feeling unwell, and a medical man was called. Hemorrhage set in, but he rallied later, only, however, to have a subsequent relapse, and he passed away on the evening of the 10th inst.

Deceased, who was 63 years old, had been a ringer since the age of 16, thus having a record of no less than 47 years in the art he loved so well. As far as can be gathered he had only taken part in three peals, one of Grandsire Doubles at Hensfield, when that tower only possessed five bells and two of minor; one at West Grinstead and one at Shipley, the latter being the first peal on the bells after they had been augmented to six.

The mortal remains were laid to rest in West Grinstead Churchyard under the quaint old tower on Monday week, the deceased being carried to his last resting place by four of his brother "strings" from Shipley, the other members of the company being at the graveside to pay a last tribute to one who will be sadly missed. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Hughes, of Brighton, who, in an address, spoke of the deceased's excellent character as a bell ringer and church worker.

Immediately after the service a 720 was rung in his favourite method (Kent Treble Bob), with the bells fully muffled. Touches of Oxford Treble Bob, College Exercise, and London Scholars Pleasure were also rung, the ringers taking part being: W. Denman, senr., W. Denman, junr., H. Tourle, T. Adams, G. Lucas, J. F. Bowell and A. Cripps (conductor).

## ABSENT FACES.

The Rector of Eckington (the Rev. W. R. Hewson, R.D.), as in previous years, entertained the choir and ringers to supper on a recent evening. Besides several choirmen, two promising ringers were on this occasion absent, viz.: Mr. Harold Ward, who, having been in the trenches, now lies in hospital at Manchester suffering from wounds caused by shrapnel, and also with rheumatic fever, and Mr. Frank Humphries, who is now with the Expeditionary Force.—The Rector feelingly remarked on the several vacant seats, as for years past all have turned up in force to enjoy the hospitality of the Rector and Mrs. Hewson.—Games were indulged in until a late hour, when the party separated, after a pleasant evening, but feeling, more or less, the absence of those who have gone to serve their King and country.

## A TRIP TO DOVER.

### HANDBELL RINGING AMONG THE TROOPS.

Three members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association paid a visit to Dover on St. Valentine's Day, and on arrival were met by their colleague, Lance-Sergt. J. R. Mackman, whom they accompanied to the sergeants' mess of the 10th Battalion East Surrey Regiment, where several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells by G. E. Harbour, J. Armiger Trollope, Sergt. Mackman and W. Lawrence. Afterwards, by invitation, some further ringing was done in one of the large dormitories, where a large audience gathered around, and expressed delight on hearing the bells. Sergt. Mackman explained briefly the method, and the number of changes rung; one facetious "Tommy" remarking that "he didn't know anything about 'change' ou bells, but he had often 'picked up the change' at the 'Eight Bells' at New Cross."

A walk that was full of interest followed, the visitors getting a sight of the harbour (upon the waters of which rode grim battle cruisers, torpedo boats and trawlers), the picturesque Connaught Park and the cliffs. For tea the party were the guests of Sergt.-Major Hill, whose jovial reception was much appreciated. After tea came one of the best items on the programme, a quarter-peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, on the grand ring at St. Mary's Church, conducted by J. A. Trollope, who had composed the touch at the tea table a few minutes previously. The quarter-peal was rung by: G. E. Harbour 1, C. R. Millway 2, Pte F. Smith (Royal Fusiliers) 3, W. H. Hollier 4, Lance-Corpl. T. Stroud (Royal Sussex Regiment) 5, W. Lawrence 6, J. A. Trollope 7, Lance-Sergt. J. R. Mackman 8. Then followed a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Lawrence, in which five of the local ringers took part. Representatives from the following towers rang in the quarter-peal, and the touch of Stedman: Acton, Dover, Fulham, Midhurst, Tunstall, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and West Ealing.

Special thanks are due to Sergt.-Major Hill, Lance-Sergt. Mackman, Messrs. C. R. Millway (St. Mary's, Dover), and W. H. Hollier, whose efforts made the visit so successful.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday week the Yorktown district held a quarterly meeting at Yateley, Hants. Although rain came down in torrents all day, and everything pointed to no one turning up, the meeting proved to be the most successful ever held at Yateley. Visitors from Reading and Caversham began to arrive about four o'clock, followed by members of the local band. The Bagshot ringers then arrived in style, by motor, together with members from Yorktown. Soon the bells in the old wooden tower were going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, several members expressing their satisfaction at having their first ring at Yateley. Tea was held in the Parish Room, and through the kindness of the daughter of the President of the Guild, Miss B. Stilwell (who was unfortunately unable to be present through illness) those present were enabled to partake of an excellent meat tea. The business meeting was to have been held directly after tea, but by the time the tables had been cleared, the hon. secretary not yet arrived. However, he walked in a few minutes after, having been from 1 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. getting to Yateley from London, some 30 odd miles. The best part of the afternoon was spent in reaching Camberley by rail, and then came various adventures on a baker's cart, but a cordial welcome awaited him when eventually he reached the meeting.

The Vicar of Yateley presided over the business meeting, at which four new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Miss Beatrice Stilwell was accorded. The tower was then again visited for an hour.

## SURPRISE RINGING AT SOUTHGATE.

Later on, when the conclusion of peace enables peal ringing to resume its normal course, we look forward to a peal of London Surprise Major being rung at Southgate by a band who have not only learnt their ringing in the tower, but who were all born within the sound of the bells. We do not say that this will be absolutely unique, but certainly there are very few towers where a peal of London has been rung by a local band who can claim this distinction. That the Southgate men have the opportunity before them is proved by the fact that on February 10th they rang 1344 in the method on the occasion of a wedding, and as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and to Mr. J. E. Miller. It was rung in 55 minutes by: G. Bester 1, G. W. Fletcher (age 18) 2, E. G. Tomlinson 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. E. Tegg 8. It was the first quarter of London by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1280 Superlative was rung, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Smith, of Stroud Green, and Miss Tarnett, of Southgate: A. R. Glascock 1, G. Bester (first quarter of Superlative away from the treble) 2, N. A. Tomlinson 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, F. G. Tegg 7, W. Pickworth 8. On the following day, for morning service, 800 London Surprise: G. Bester 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, J. Armstrong 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. G. Tegg 8. On February 4th a course of Cambridge Surprise was rung, being the first in the method by G. Bester and E. G. Tomlinson.

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## SOLDIER RINGERS WHO HAVE DIED.



PRIVATE F. KEEN,  
Grenadier Guards, of the Tamworth Company, who died  
of wounds received in action.



TROOPER WILFRED WENHAM,  
East Kent Mounted Rifles, of the Stone-in-Oxney Company,  
who died in hospital at Canterbury.

### BOSTON RINGERS ACTIVE.

The Perkins' Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Mass., was visited by ringers from Boston, on Sunday, the 17th January. Very little ringing took place, only the following being present: Messrs. Allfrey, Raudall, Bashford, Goodhead and Mackman. This was the first time the tower has been visited since the louvres have been boarded up to a considerable height, in order to lessen the noise of the bells in the locality of the tower.

On January 24th the ringers met at the Church of the Advent, Boston, and some good Grandsire Triples rung. A 500 was attempted the same evening, but came to grief about two leads from home. The ringers were: Messrs. Allfrey 1, Randall (conductor) 2, Laker 3, Gibbons 4, Mackman 5, Bashford 6, Goodhead 7, Newton 8. Everyone commented upon how much better the bells went on this occasion, after receiving some attention by the bell hangers, than when they were tried on December 24th.

Hingham was visited on the 31st January, and 120 Grandsire Doubles rung by: Messrs. Goodhead 1, Allfrey 2, Mackman 3, Randall (conductor) 4, Laker 5, Newton 6. A 360 of Minor was also rung by: Messrs. Goodhead 1, Allfrey 2, Randall 3, Gibbons 4, Mackman 5, Newton (conductor) 6, Laker 8.

The ringing was arranged to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William Bashford, a member of the Boston Guild, to Miss Mulvenny, which took place on the previous Thursday.

### WANTED A PAMPHLET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader of last week is good. It is rare indeed that the teaching of young ringers was so general as at present. Gaps are everywhere. When you have spotted the fellows you would like to rope in as learners, how then?

It needs some little pamphlet or something of that sort that you can hand to a young fellow to think over. Of course anything said by a known ringer is taken at a discount. Something of this sort appeared a year or two ago, but then we don't all see "The Guardian." Would it be possible to reproduce these papers in pamphlet form? The general opinion of those you approach on this subject appears to be that "It is such hard work," "It is such empty-headed work." The best thing I ever came across on this subject was a paper by Col. C. A. W. Troyte, read to the Church Congress at Exeter in the early '80's. If I had it now I feel that I could make good use of it.—Yours truly,  
WILLING TO TEACH.

### TWO SOLDIER-RINGERS LOST FROM ONE TOWER.

We regret to announce the death of Trooper Wilfred Wenham, of the St. Mary's band, at Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, who died in hospital at Canterbury on the 11th inst., of cerebro-spinal meningitis, much to the regret of his friends and brother ringers.

The funeral took place on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Canterbury Cemetery, whither he was borne on a gun-carriage, followed by his immediate relatives and a company of Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (deceased's regiment), who accorded him the last impressive rites attached to a military funeral.

At the Parish Church, at Stone-in-Oxney, in the evening, his brother ringers of the Kent Association met, and; with the help of Mr. Tribe, of Tenterden, and Mr. George Johnson, of Appledore (who kindly came over for the peal at short notice), rang a half-muffled peal as a last token of respect to deceased's memory. This is the second ringer from this tower to be taken since the war began. Pte Harry Pellett has been missing since the retreat from Mons, and no tidings have been received of him. Both were getting on well with ringings, and could hunt the treble to Minor. Last Christmas morning, Wilfred Wenham being home on leave, helped to ring for the early service, and stayed to Communion. Little did his comrades then suspect that this would be the last pull they would have together.

His death seems all the more sad owing to the fact that his father (also a ringer) died only two years ago in the prime of life, leaving a widow and three other sons, of whom Cyril, the eldest, is a good ringer in Treble Bob and Plain methods at Stone-in-Oxney Church. He and his friends have the deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 24th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: B. W. Wittchell 1, T. Ward 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Seaborn 4, G. Parsons 5, Bro. Pancras (O.S.B.) 6, J. George (composer and conductor) 7, Bro. Wolston (O.S.B.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, the former having been for 40 years Master of Ceremonies.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, W. Stratford 2, J. Porter 3, J. B. Scrivens 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett (conductor) 7, S. Price 8. Rung as a mark of farewell to E. Large, Tramway Battalion (6th Royal Warwickshires) on his leaving for service.

### PEAL BOARD UNVEILED IN THE CITY.

On Saturday last the ceremony of unveiling a peal board was performed in the tower of St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, E.C., by Mr. A. E. Pridmore (senior churchwarden), accompanied by his two brothers. The board, a handsome piece of workmanship, was erected by the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. Hudson Shaw, M.A.) and churchwardens, to perpetuate a peal of 5040 Stedman Triples (Thurstans' four-part) rung on the eve of St. Thomas' Day, 1913, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., by the under-mentioned members of the London County Association, the ringer of the treble being then only 16 years of age: Frederick V. Martin treble, Thomas Walker 2, Christopher H. Hughes 3, Arthur Jones 4, Thomas H. Taffender 5, Richard N. Runham 6, Arthur D. Barker 7, Thomas Groombridge, junr., tenor, Thomas H. Taffender conductor.

Mr. Pridmore, who, by the way, is a staunch friend of the ringers, thanked the band for ringing the peal, and expressed his great pleasure at being present. He assured the company that they could rely upon his support in every way where ringing was concerned, and the bells which had hung silent for so long must change their ways and be heard more frequently in the future.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung by the band with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the father of Mr. Pridmore, who, we regret to relate, died rather suddenly a few days previously.

The vacancy caused by the unavoidable absence of Mr. Groombridge, junr., was kindly filled in the ringing by Mr. W. A. Alps, Mr. M. P. R. Hibbert and Mr. W. J. Nelder (a local member).

The thanks of the band were tendered by Mr. T. Walker to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in erecting the board, also to Mr. Pridmore and his brothers for attending, especially under the sad circumstances.

### NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

February storms did not deter a few enthusiastic ringers of the North Notts Association attending the quarterly meeting held at Harthill on Saturday week. The elements were wrothed in the extreme, but one promising youth of 14 summers braved the storm, and cycled from Warsop, and had the pleasure of ringing his first touch of Treble Bob on six bells. The attendance, however, was only half of what was expected, ringers being present from Beighton, Killamarsh, Anston, Harthill, Warsop and Worksop, and some good ringing was accomplished in Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The Rector (the Rev. B. Darley) welcomed the ringers at the Beehive Hotel, where he had provided a substantial meat tea, to which seventeen sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Three new members from Warsop were elected, and other important business transacted, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to the Rector for providing the ringers with tea, for the use of the bells, and also for presiding. The reverend gentleman suitably responded, and expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of welcoming the ringers to Harthill, his only regret being that the weather was so unfavourable, and that more had not turned up. As the Association only came to Harthill once in about three years, he expressed the hope that the next visit would be in the summer months, when the flowers were in bloom, and when he could entertain them in the garden.

The ringers were very fortunate in having the use of a taxi to take them to and from Kiveton Park Station, and although the gathering was a small one, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Hallow on Saturday week, and, despite the very unfavourable weather, quite a good number attended. Service was held in church, the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Korshaw, giving an excellent address. Tea was provided by Mrs. Whealey Lea, in the Workmen's Club Room, a hearty vote of thanks being given her, and also to all who assisted in helping and making arrangements.

At the meeting, at which the Vicar presided, six new members were elected, and it was arranged that the quarterly peal be attempted at Hallow, Mr. A. Winterton to be conductor; and the next meeting at Martley on June 19th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and local secretary (Mr. A. Winterton) were passed with applause.

The bells were well used before service and after the meeting, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major being rung, some of the members ringing their first touch on eight bells. A pleasant and satisfactory evening was spent, though the weather might easily have been better.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On Feb. 9th, 720 Bob Minor: W. E. White 1, J. W. Cooke (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, W. White (conductor) 3, D. Burton 4, W. Clarke 5, T. Squires 6.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On February 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: F. Bird 1, F. E. Davis 2, P. Bird 3, E. Pardon 4, H. Gillett 5, G. Pugh 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8. Also 356 of Grandsire Triples,

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On January 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's), in 49 mins.: H. C. Saywell 1, A. Roberts 2, C. R. Millway 3, W. H. Hollier (Fulham) 4, R. Stevens 5, J. R. Mackman (Acton) 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. J. Bates (Newcastle) 8.

**LAMBERHURST, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, on January 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Marshall 1, G. Fuller 2, H. Price 3, W. Marshall 4, A. Henley 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Delamain, of the Brook, who was interred on the above date.—On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Marshall 1, W. Marshall 2, J. Hammond 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, G. Fuller 5, J. Waghorn 6.

**ACTON.**—Middlesex Association and Acton (St. Mary's) Guild.—For morning service, at St. Mary's Church, on January 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Holloway 1, W. Phillips 2, R. H. Boddington 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, V. Holloway 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.

**EVESHAM.**—Worcestershire Association.—On January 10th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Byrd 1, J. D. Johnson 2, T. Middleton 3, H. Street 4, J. Hemming 5, G. Steere (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to T. Middleton, who was on a short leave before going to the front, and to G. Steere, who has joined the A.S.C.

**ISHAM, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Valentine 1, A. E. Fount 2, F. Talbott 3, W. T. Wilson 4, W. C. Lewis 5, G. A. Blaxley (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: W. T. Wilson 1, T. Garley 2, A. E. Fount 3, G. A. Blaxley 4, D. Mallet 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On January 10th, for evening service, at St. John's Church, 1064 Grandsire Triples: V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright 3, W. Freizer 4, T. Vaughan 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8.

**PORTSEA.**—Winchester Guild.—On January 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. C. Hoptrough (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Symonds 2, Pioneer J. Wheeler, R.E., 3, F. J. Holloway 4, F. Burrows (first as conductor) 5, W. Wheeler 6, J. Harris 7, C. Creasy 8. Arranged for Pioneer J. Wheeler, R.E., a member of the Portsea band, who was paying a visit to Portsmouth.

**SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—Worcestershire Association.—On January 10th, for evening service, Johnson's 1008 Grandsire Triples: V. Cartwright 1, Jas. Dowler 2, W. Dowler 3, W. Mumford 4, H. Withers (conductor) 5, J. Eaton 6, W. Ikins 7, H. Parken 8.

**ACTON.**—For the service for intercession, on Wednesday, January 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Smith 1, A. Holloway 2, W. Phillips 3, H. Boddington 4, V. Holloway 5, J. H. Fruin 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, A. Gray 8.

**BRAINTREE.**—Essex Association.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 17th, 720 Bob Minor: Pte. T. Evans (No. 1880, 8th Batt. Notts and Derby), first 720 on a working bell, 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Lindridge 3, W. H. Dwyon 4, E. J. Slade 5, Pte. W. Thornley (No. 1440, 5th Batt. Notts and Derby) 6.

**POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.**—At the St. James' Church, for evening service, on January 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), in 46 mins.: F. W. Townsend 1, Harold Baverstock 2, Pte. Harry Washbrook 3, Pte. E. Jones 4, A. F. M. Stewart 5, C. W. Goodenough (conductor) 6, Pte. E. Taylor 7, Frederick Beaumont 8. Arranged for Ptes. E. Jones and E. Taylor, of the 7th Battalion King's Own Shropshire Light Infantry, billeted at Bournemouth, and also for Pte. Harry Washbrook, of the 12th Manchesters.

**PUTNEY.**—For men's service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday afternoon, January 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: Miss Elsie Bennett 1, F. Hairs 2, L. Attwater 3, Arthur Jones 4, J. Kent 5, J. Herbert 6, A. W. Darlington (conductor) 7, T. Bolton 8.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—On January 17th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Pte. Percy Thomas 1, C. W. Cooper 2, Geo. H. Pagett (conductor) 3, A. W. Dodd 4, W. Hand 5, W. A. Pugh 6, H. Thomas 8. Arranged for Pte. Thomas, a member of the band who was on a few days' leave from the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Regiment, stationed at Falmouth.

**SUTTON COLDFIELD.**—On January 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: W. Parr 1, C. Waithman 2, T. Matthews 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Alsop 5, T. Bloode (conductor) 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8. Rung muffled as a last token of sympathy with the relatives of the late Lieutenant R. Farrar, son of the Rev. H. W. Farrar Vicar of All Saints', Woolwich, and nephew of the esteemed Rector of Sutton Coldfield (Rev. Canon C. M. Barnard, M.A.), also to the memory of the Rev. Canon J. Whitely, M.A., late Vicar of Maney, Sutton Coldfield, who died suddenly on January 20th at Maney Vicarage.

**EVESHAM.**—At the Bell Tower, for evening service, on Sunday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Merton 1, F. Cook 2, R. Young 3, H. Jordan 4, Pte. F. Moss (conductor) 5, H. J. Phipps 6, J. Addis 7, F. Jinks 8. Arranged for Pte. F. Moss, who was on a week-end visit,



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**INTER - AFFILIATION.—WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Will the secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish, with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual Meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, February 27th, 1915. Bells at All Saints' available all day. Subscriptions may be paid at this meeting.—Thos. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, February 27th. Service, with short address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Paynter, at 5 o'clock. Tea 9d. each, and business meeting to follow at the Plough Inn. Bells available from 4 o'clock.—F. W. Edwards, Honorary District Secretary, Clifton Villa, Writtle, near Chelmsford.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal" Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date. Other members and friends tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on March 2nd, 16th and 30th; for handbell practice on the 11th and 25th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The March meeting of this Society will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. The members of the committee are requested to meet in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, *pro tem*, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday, March 6th. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton.—J. Johnson, Rev. J. Reay, Hon. Secs.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock, service in St. Thomas' Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. All contributions should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Southern District will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, March 13th. The bells of the Cathedral will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Montgomery Hall. Business: Election of officers. A good meeting is expected. All ringers welcomed.—A. Hague, District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Thos. H. Reeves has removed to 57, Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

**BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, on December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: O. Bennion (first away from tenor) 1, J. Brassington 2, J. Matthews 3, R. Sherratt 4, J. Bradshaw 5, S. Boffey 6, A. Ailman (conductor) 7, A. Astbury (first quarter-peal) 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Monday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. J. Bradley (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, E. T. Wigg 3, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 4, E. F. Pike 5, A. W. Grimes 6, H. C. Alford 7, A. Riley 8. Rung in honour of Prince Albert's 19th birthday.

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 20th, for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples: William Boden 1, Joseph Hanley 2, Pte Jack Garbett (26705 R.A.M.C.) 3, Arthur Garbett 4, James York 5, William Jones 6, William Saunders (conductor) 7, John Aston 8. Pte Garbett was on leave for a few days from Netley Hospital.

**LEWISHAM.**—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Fosdike 1, J. Law 2, F. Bacon 3, H. E. White 4, A. G. Bennington 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. Macklin 8.—On Christmas Day two quarter-peals of Grandsire by the same ringers, conducted by E. B. Crowder and W. J. Jeffries respectively.

**BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.** — On Sunday, Dec. 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Addis 1, E. Beddoes 2, W. Roberts 3, C. Minton (conductor) 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, S. Pearce 6.

**OLDHAM.**—Lancs. Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, December 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): H. Wright 1, S. Elson 2, M. Newton 3, S. Stott (conductor) 4, C. H. Marsland 5, A. Waite 6, S. M. Butterworth 7, J. Garlick 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.** — On Sunday evening Dec. 21st, at the Parish Church, 556 Bob Major: Pte Jones, K.O.L. (first touch on eight bells) 1, W. Elkins 2, C. Edwards (conductor) 3, Corpl. E. Barker, R.E. (Saltburn) 4, F. A. Barnett 5, R. Elkins 6, G. Upshall 7, T. Upshall 8. — On Sunday, Dec. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Edwards (conductor) 1, S. Davis, K.O.L., 2, G. Upshall 3, Corpl. E. Barker, R.E., 4, F. A. Barnett 5, W. Elkins 6, T. Upshall 7, A. King 8.

**BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—Winchester Guild.—On Christmas morning, three Plain Courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. For service, on Sunday, 27th December, 546 Grandsire Triples.—On Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, the members taking part were: F. Pain, G. Wilkins, E. Squibb, A. Pain, E. Simmonds, I. W. Pain, C. Price, J. B. Williamson, F. Chaffey, and H. Jennings (conductor).

**MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Arrowsmith, sear., 2, W. Berry (conductor) 3, T. K. Driver 4, W. Hardman 5, T. A. Ogden 6, S. Holt 7, T. Wellins 8.—On Sunday evening, January 10th, at the Parish Church, 1008 Bob Major, in 35 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, Pte F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Jacques 5, T. A. Ogden 6, D. Renshaw 7, S. Holt 8.—On January 11th, a date touch of Bob Major, in 1 hr. 5 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, Pte F. Berry 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogden 6, J. Arrowsmith, sear., 7, D. Renshaw 8.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Christmas Day, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Morgan 1, J. W. Jones 2, J. Bullen 3, Victor Morgan 4, F. Whitfield (first quarter-peal) 5, F. Morgan (conductor) 6, C. Greedy 7, A. E. Morgan 8. This was also rung as a farewell to Mr. Arthur Morgan, who has joined the 1st Monmouthshire Territorials (Reserve), and was leaving Newport for Aberystwyth.

**THORNHAM MAGNA.**—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On December 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, W. Rose 3, G. Kemp 4, J. Rose 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

**GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.** — On Sat. Dec. 27th, in 27 mins., 720 Grandsire Doubles, each 120 called differently: P. Allbrighton 1, W. Tigwell 2, F. Southam 3, H. Thompson 4, E. Tigwell (conductor) 5, J. Bailey 6. First 720 by all the band except the conductor, and the first 720 ever rung on the bells by a local band.

**WICKHAM SKEITH.**—Norwich Association. — On December 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Martin 1, J. Rice 2, T. Davy 3, G. Kemp 4, R. Last 4, W. Rose (conductor) 6. The two touches above were rung to oblige James Rose, of Ipswich, who was on a visit to his native parish (Wickham Skeith).

**MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.**—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—On Holy Innocent's Day, on Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: G. Packer 1, E. Jefferies 2, H. Newman 3, F. Ponting (conductor) 4, H. Barratt 5, V. Hathaway 6.

**LLANDAFF.**—At the Cathedral, on December 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: T. Cox 1, J. Harris 2, W. B. Biss 3, S. Dawe 4, T. Wood 5, F. Chamberlain 6, Alfred Rowley, from Tipton (conductor) 7, T. Middleton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Clutterbuck, the respected leader of the Cathedral band.

**ALDERSHOT.**—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On December 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled for midnight service: W. Denyer 1, G. Fisher 2, Alf. Croucher 3, Alb. Croucher 4, W. Fisher 5, Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor) 6.

**BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Hussey 1, A. Pratt 2, W. J. Mayes 3, E. Stratton 4, Sergt.-Major L. C. Franklin 5, R. Olney 6, C. A. Pratt (conductor) 7, A. Franklin 8. This was composed by Mr. F. Blood, a former captain of this company.

**HESTON.**—Middlesex County Association. — On Sunday, January 3rd, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Spencer 1, H. C. Chandler 2, T. Beadle 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, F. C. Coles 5, J. H. Preston 6, A. Harding 7, A. Beckensale 8.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On January 3rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, W. Lidbetter 2, C. Dell 3, P. Beadle 4, W. Biggs 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Beadle 8. For men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Spencer 1, H. C. Chandler 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Bird (conductor) 4, F. E. Cole 5, Pte J. Preston 6, A. Harding 7, A. Beckensale 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (6-8 covering): E. Webb 1, G. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, Pte J. Preston 4, G. Spencer 5, H. Beadle 6, A. Beckensale 7, H. Brooks 8. J. Preston hails from St. Peter's, Staines, and belongs to the 8th Battalion Middlesex National Reserves.

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