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Gentlemen,

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

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

## MODERN WORK

### A BELFRY OFFICE.

A correspondent sends us a suggested form of belfry office, which he thinks might well be generally adopted, with, of course, the sanction of the clergy, for use in belfries before the commencement of ringing for service. There are many forms already provided, principally by Associations, and the one which we publish to-day, consisting of two sentences from Psalm cl., has the merit of being brief and appropriate. Those two factors, we think, are essential if the use of a belfry office is to become anything like universal. At the present time it is the exception rather than the rule to find any office of this kind observed in the belfries; but, where no such form is used, it by no means follows that the ringers are any less reverent, or fail to realise the sacredness of their duties in calling people to public worship. They approach their task with a full sense of the part they have to play in the service of the church, but there is often a feeling that anything in the nature of offering prayers should be left to the clergy. This may be a wrong view to take, but the fact remains that there is a reluctance and a certain shyness to establish anything which they think resembles a service in the belfry.

The presence of the incumbent or one of the clerical staff at once removes this feeling, and ringers rather welcome the use of an office before commencing their ringing, when the conduct of it is undertaken by one of the clergy. Matters in this respect have advanced a great deal in the last two decades, and now that the clergy are so ready to welcome ringers as fellow-workers in the church, they would have little difficulty in introducing a brief form of belfry service, if they would themselves initiate it. Ringers as a whole are much more devout churchmen than they were a generation ago, and yet there are still some who are "touchy" on this point of a prayer in the ringing chamber. The suggestion of our correspondent that the form he proposes should not be used before peals or practice is a sensible one, for while all ringing should be entered upon in a spirit which appreciates the sanctity of the building, most ringers feel that prayers before practice, or before a peal which is to be rung purely for their own pleasure and satisfaction, are unnecessary. This, again, may not be a view that commends itself to everyone, but these are only the facts of the position. Ringers are curious beings, and, while they appreciate the recital of a belfry office by one of their clergy, they are prone to discourage such an act on the part of any of their lay members. From this some may be inclined to argue that ringers are not sincere in their professions, but such reasoning would be in error in the case of a large majority of the members of the craft. If the clergy could remove that feeling of reluctance above referred to, they would go a long step towards getting the recital of a belfry office established as a regular rule in many more towers than at present.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1917, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BRURTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

*SAMUEL PRICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... .. 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 3	JOHN B. COLLETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

\* First peal away from tenor, and first attempt.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 29, 1917, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRANCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN MURSDEN ... .. Treble	† JAMES HOPWOOD ... .. 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 2	FRED RIGBY ... .. 6
JOHN BROTH ... .. 3	P. C. PRYER CROOK ... .. 7
TOM LOFTHOUSE ... .. 4	* GEORGE HEWITT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. RIGBY.

This peal was a variation of Taylor's Six-Part by F. Rigby.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial to the late Archdeacon R. Cromton-Fletcher, for many years Rector at the above church and donor of Tarleton bells. The ringer of the 3rd bells from Standish, and of the 7th from Bolton.

\* First peal. † First with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. G. Hewitt was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, September 27, 1917, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER'S, 5005 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 size in D.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3-4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: GEORGE WALKER.

This composition has the 6th its extent behind the 9th in the titlums and the 8th in the handstroke, with the treble fixed in 2nd's place, and is the fewest number of changes ever obtained (and rung) containing these qualities.

A similar composition was rung the previous week, the conductor inadvertently calling a peal he had discarded some time ago as untrue.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 29, 1917, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER'S, 5087 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 size in C.

CHARLES DICKENS ... .. 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 5-6
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3-4	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES and

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. B. G. LEEDHAM.

NOTTINGHAM. — On Sunday morning, Sept. 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, 672 Grandsire Triples: — Jennison 1, R. Cobben 2, E. Hughes 3, C. Kirkby 4, W. J. Sevier 5, J. Barrett 6, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 7, — Bullymore 8.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Chepstow on Saturday last, and proved most successful and enjoyable. The various towers of both Archdeaconries were well represented, and the visitors included Mr. T. Richardson, of Sunderland, and five members of the Llanelly tower, Breconshire, who had cycled all the way on purpose to be present. The bells were available during the afternoon, and were kept going in the four standard methods. Tea was very kindly provided in the Church Room by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Hughes), to whom, at the close, the best thanks of the visitors were accorded for his hospitality, while thanks were also given to the ladies for so kindly attending to the wants of the members.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Progress was reported at Llanbradach, and new members were elected.

With regard to the question of ringing during the dark evenings, reference to which appeared in last week's "Ringing World," a discussion took place as to what steps should be taken, and a resolution was passed that the hon. secretary confer with the Bishop of the Diocese, requesting him to place the matter before the competent military authority, and ask that ringing be allowed in the Diocese for the church services, and also for practice until 9 o'clock in the evening.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is the annual at All Saints', Newport, on December 26th.

The bells were rung until late in the evening, and the best thanks are due to the local leader for doing so much for the members.

**DEWSBURY RINGER'S DEATH.**

The sad news has been received at Dewsbury of the death of Pte. Ernest Ruddlesden, one of the local ringers. The information was conveyed to his widowed mother, of 7, Clarence Place, in a letter dated Sept. 8th from the matron of a French hospital, which read: "I regret to inform you that your son, Pte. Ernest Ruddlesden, who was admitted to hospital this morning from severe gunshot wounds of both legs, died at four o'clock this afternoon. I can assure you that everything that was possible was done to try to save him. He suffered, however, from shock, and never really rallied, nor did he suffer much pain, and he passed away in his sleep. He was laid to rest in a military cemetery, and a cross will be erected to mark the spot."

Pte. Ruddlesden, who was 23 years of age on August 19th, was a native of Dewsbury, and a day and Sunday School scholar at the Dewsbury Parish Church Schools. He was more interested in the Parish Church and Schools than anything else. His services were given to the Sunday school as a teacher; he was a bellringer for the church and a member of the Dewsbury branch of the Church of England Men's Society. During the vicariate of Canon R. C. M. Harvey he began to manifest an interest in ringing. For about six years he was a boy chorister at the Parish Church.

Having completed his home training, he crossed the Channel to France on March 28th. He has taken part in some fearful charges. Although of a very quiet disposition and of a most saintly character, he gave himself devotedly to the performance of his duties as a soldier. Beloved by a large circle of friends, he will be greatly missed, and his death is keenly regretted.

**SELBY ABBEY RINGER DIES OF WOUNDS.**

It is with regret we have to record the death of Pte. J. Morley, of the Northumberland Fusiliers. News came a short time ago that he was wounded in the leg, and on Saturday, Sept. 15th, it was reported that he succumbed to his injuries on August 26th. "Young Jack," as he was popularly known, was the youngest of three brother ringers, who are in the army. He was only 19 years of age, and his death is severely felt by his friends, who will join us in offering heartfelt sympathy with the parents in their hour of trial.

As a mark of esteem and respect for one who was loved by all, the bells of Selby Abbey were on Sunday week rung half-muffled, and the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Solloway), in his sermon at the evening service, made a most touching reference to the deceased.

**RINGING AFTER DARK.**

Action is being taken in various parts of the country to secure the permission of the Competent Military Authority to ring church bells after dark. Mr. E. J. Harding, hon. secretary of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild, having communicated with the military has received the following reply:—

Headquarters, Portsmouth Garrison, 20/9/17.

With reference to your letter of the 18th inst., in reply to an application made by the Bishop of the Diocese, the general officer commanding-in-chief, Salisbury, granted permission in February last for church bells to be rung up to 9 p.m. This permission has not been withdrawn as far as I know.

H. TIMMINGS, Captain,  
for Lieut.-Colonel, Assistant Provost Marshal, No. 9  
(Portsmouth) Area.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

**NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Bromsgrove on Saturday week. The bells were going soon after 3 p.m. It was very pleasing to note that among the visitors were old friends like Mr. J. W. Jones, from the Llandaff Association; Mr J. E. Groves, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. Jas. George, as well as representatives from Clent, Halesowen, Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Edgbaston, Worcester, Upton-on-Severn, Oldswinford, Snaethwick, Old Hill, Stourbridge, Selly Oak, Erdington, Wollaston, Wolverley, and the local company. The service was conducted and an address was given by the Rev. J. C. Karn, who paid a tribute to the ringers who had answered their country's call, and said how pleased he was at the part women were taking in the ringing. He exhorted all to carry on their noble work, and trusted it would not be long before the bells would ring out the glad tidings of peace.

The business meeting was held in the Schools, the Rev. J. C. Karn presiding. Stourbridge was selected for the next quarterly meeting, in January.—Mr. S. Grove was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. E. J. Dowler secretary and treasurer.

In supporting the re-election of Mr. J. Piggott as representative on the Central Committee, Mr. Parsons said how pleased they all were to see him amongst them once again. He believed he was correct in saying that Mr. Piggott was the first member of the Association who had returned from active service. He was glad he was able to do a little ringing, notwithstanding the injury he had undergone. He (Mr. Parsons) sincerely trusted that many more of those who had gone out to fight would be amongst them at an early date.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. C. Karn brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

**5005 STEDMAN CATERS.**

By JAS. E. GROVES.

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### BELFRY PRAYERS.

A correspondent writes: I shall be glad if you will allow me the use of your columns for the purpose of suggesting what seems to be a suitable office. The suggestion is for the clergy, who properly have the ordering of the prayers of the Church. The office should not be used for practising or peal ringing.

#### OFFICE FOR USE IN THE RINGING LOFT.

When every man is standing to his bell, the junior ringer, or the ringer of the treble as the chief ringer may direct, shall say:

Praise the Lord upon the loud cymbals.

And the other ringers shall answer:

Praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals.

The ringing shall then proceed in the customary manner.

This office to be used on all occasions when the bells are rung by appointment of the Ordinary.

### NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year of this Association was held at East Markham on Sept. 15th. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and tea was provided at the Queen's Hotel. The business meeting followed, at which it was decided that the next meeting should be held on Boxing Day at Ordsall.

Amongst those present were visitors and ringers from Lincoln, Lancham, Norton Cuckney, Tuxford, Ordsall, Worksop, and Pto. W. G. Lancaster, of Swindon, Wilts, now located at Carbruton Camp.

Some good ringing took place on the bells of St. John the Baptist's Church, the most noteworthy performance being 720 of Plain Bob, by: A. Piercy 1, G. Hardwick 2, H. H. Cartwright 3, D. Blegg (conductor) 4, J. S. Betts 5, C. Crawford 6; and 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by: S. C. Walker 1, E. Clark 2, T. Bartholemew 3, C. Crawford 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, W. G. Lancaster 6.

While the ringing was in progress a number of the visitors made a raid on the mushroom fields, and on the orchards, where apples, pears and plums hung in abundance, and, with permission, carried away baskets filled with ripe fruit.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO BE ASKED FOR RINGING CONCESSIONS.

The September meeting of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Otley on Saturday week, and despite the wet and disagreeable weather, about 40 members attended from Leeds Parish Church, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's); Burley, Bramley, Guiseley, Birstall, Earlsheaton, Shipley, Halifax Parish Church, Queensbury, Holbeck (St. Matthew's), and the local company. The bells, a ring of eight, with a tenor of 16 cwt., which are sadly in need of rehanging, were kept going in short touches until dusk, long touches being out of the question, owing to the bad going of the tenor. It is surprising, that despite the state of the peal, the local company includes four lady ringers. Owing to the increased cost of provisions, etc., tea was not provided, members having to make their own arrangements.

A committee meeting was held in the Church Institute, and was followed by the general business meeting. The Rev. C. C. Marshall, M.A. (President of the Association), occupied the chair, in the absence of Mr. Bolland, who was away on holiday.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was decided to abandon the December district meeting in view of holding the annual meeting of the whole of the Association in this district in January.

Messrs. H. Hutley and T. King, of Shipley, and Mr. D. Knipe, of Guiseley, were elected members of the Association.

Correspondence was read from Northowram as to obtaining permission to ring the bells for Sunday evening service during the winter. This was discussed, and the President kindly assented to get into communication with the "Competent Military Authority" of the district to see if any concessions could be obtained. The result of the negotiations will be announced in "The Ringing World."

The name of Mr. J. L. Phillips, of Otley, a lapsed member, was reinstated on the usual terms.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and Church Institute was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cotterill, who both referred, with regret, to the bad state of the bells. These views were supported by the Chairman, and it was resolved to send a strong recommendation to the Vicar and churchwardens, suggesting the restoration of the ring, and Mr. Clough, of the local company, kindly undertook to convey the resolution.

Mr. F. W. Dixon proposed, and Mr. Broadley seconded, a vote of thanks to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, and this was acknowledged by Mr. Clough. — A course of Grandshire Caters on the handbells terminated the meeting.

**BROXBOURNE, HERTS.**—Hertfordshire Association.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 9th, at St. Augustine's Church, 1260 Grandshire Triples: F. Downman 1, W. Mumford 2, G. Maxim 3, H. Warner 4, F. Jelf 5, S. Proctor (conductor) 6, G. Radley 7, C. Goldsmith 8.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## A MEETING AT DUFFIELD.

On Saturday last a quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Duffield, when the members turned up in force almost equal to an annual gathering. There were ringers present from a wide area, including Derby, Burton-on-Trent, Nottingham, East Bridgford, Cotgrave, Loughborough, Broadsall, Ilkeston, etc. This visit to Duffield could not fail to recall to many the memory of one who was a valued and highly respected personality in the Exercise—the late Sir Arthur Heywood. Owing to the early exit of the autumn sun, the afternoon was devoted exclusively to ringing, standard methods upon the ten bells being practised. The first touch was Stedman Caters, with Mr. Albert Ward at the helm, after which Duffield was tried, and touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples (conducted by Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. W. C. Hunt respectively) were rung. A course of Stedman Caters was also rung, with the Rev. A. D. Hill (of East Bridgford) taking part, the reverend gentleman shaping with great promise. It was a great pleasure to see the president (Mr. John W. Taylor) greeting the visitors with all his accustomed geniality and sharing in the ringing. When darkness put an end to the use of the bells, the party tried conclusions with war rations, and found them of very superior quality.

The President was in a happy vein in his address, remarking how pleased he was to see so many members present on that occasion. He made a touching allusion to the late president, whose memory was recalled by their meeting at the church with which he had been so long and so actively identified. He paid a tribute to the work Sir Arthur had done in furthering the cause of ringing, and added that personally he (the speaker) had not given much attention to subjects of composition and methods. What he was more keenly interested in was the practical part of ringing in the tower. By this he did not mean that anything false could be countenanced, but that the musical effect was the great point to be considered. Continuing, he referred to ringing conditions in the South and in the North, and suggested that each district of that Association should get its secretary to approach the military authorities of the Northern Command for permission to ring at least for the two Sunday services, even if they did not extend the privilege to ringing up to 9 p.m., as was done last winter in the South. It would, however, be a great advantage if they could ring to the latter hour, as they wanted to keep up the practices as far as possible, in order to bring on the young element, whose progress was handicapped on account of the opportunities for practice being rare. The President referred to the presence of several lady ringers, and spoke of the self-sacrifice which the ladies had shown in taking up many branches of work which the war had opened to them. He added that it was an honour to have among them that day the Rev. E. R. Brown, of Duffield, whom he had had the pleasure of proposing as a member of their Association. They were always glad to have the clergy adorn the Association with their names, for it gave an impetus to the objects they all had at heart, and provided a foundation for mutual understanding between the ringing chamber and the pulpit.

The Rev. E. R. Brown extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and said he felt honoured to hold the incumbency of a parish that was the home of such a talented and amiable man as the late Sir Arthur Heywood. The Vicar said he was astonished to find that ringing matters could be traced back three hundred years. He realised that ringing required technical qualifications, and he appreciated the difficulties they had to contend with to-day, especially those of his own band at Duffield, and he hoped they would be surmounted in the near future.

Mr. Griffin proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his presence at that gathering, and he also thanked Mr. Flower and Mr. Dawson for the arrangements made for the meeting, which was in every way successful.

The gathering prompts the writer to mention two or three thoughts which occur to him. These and similar meetings should be called whenever possible, for they provide inspiration and foster the art, beside being a tonic for brain and body, and encouraging good fellowship while keeping the flag flying. In addition they help to preserve the privileges of those who have gone out to defend the great cause of Freedom and Right on the field of honour. It is admitted that lady ringers are essential to keeping the bells going, and are a real acquisition, but sooner or later other and more important duties may claim their services, and, therefore, it behoves us to turn our attention to the youth of the country. By raising curiosity in the minds of the boys who are prone to visit the steps of the belfry, much good might be done, for curiosity begets interest. By securing batches of two or three and teaching them the art of change ringing, they might be secured for the Exercise before other hobbies and pursuits become a magnetic influence.

## DEATH OF MR. A. R. ALDHAM.

Midland ringing circles have lost a valued member by the death of Mr. A. R. Aldham, of Barwell, who passed away on Friday last. He will be much missed in the district, where he did a great deal of useful work in instructing young ringers.

## THE LATE MR. J. W. WHITING.

The funeral of the late Mr. John W. Whiting, of Fareham, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place on Monday week. Mr. Whiting, who was 65 years of age, was, as we have already said, for many years a prominent member of the Winchester Guild, being secretary of the Portsmouth district, a member of the Guild Committee, and a representative on the Central Council. Formerly he was captain of the Fareham Parish Church ringers, and rendered material assistance, with Mr. Charles Privett, in the movement which culminated in the provision of two new bells to complete the octave. He was a member of the Sussex Association, the Royal Cumberland Youths, London; the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and of the Kent County Association. The deceased had rung over 200 peals in a number of methods in different towers throughout England, and had conducted many. Before increasing infirmity put a stop to his activities, he was always ready to give effective instruction to beginners, and taught numerous bands in the district.

The deceased, who was a native of Wickham, had resided in Fareham since 1871. He had been an Oddfellow for nearly 45 years, and at different times had held almost all the offices in the Loyal "Victoria and Albert" Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U. (Fareham), being elected Noble Grand in 1883, and appointed a trustee in 1909. He was a very active and most popular member of the Lodge. The deceased was also a member of the Fareham Working Men's Club, being one of the first members of that institution.

At a meeting of the Loyal "Victoria and Albert" Lodge of Oddfellows, M.U., Fareham, held on Tuesday evening last week, reference was made to the death of Bro. J. W. Whiting, who had been for so long a prominent and much esteemed member of the Lodge. Sincere regret was expressed at his death, and a vote of condolence with the widow and bereaved family was adopted.

The funeral took place at the Holy Trinity Church, Fareham, on Monday week, when the Vicar (Rev. C. L. Arnold, M.A.) conducted the burial service. The principal mourners included Mrs. Whiting (widow), Mr. Frederick Whiting (son), Misses Dora and Winnie Whiting (daughters), Mrs. F. Whiting (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Whiting (brother and sister-in-law), and Mr. J. Ward (son-in-law). There were also present Mrs. Strong, Mr. J. Boulter, sen., and daughter (Southsea), Miss Kiln, Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. R. Mitchell (Portsmouth), Mr. Henry White (secretary, Basingstoke District, Winchester Diocesan Guild), Mr. Baker (representing Petersfield Band of Ringers), Mr. G. Chappell (representing the secretary, Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Wickham Band of Ringers), Mr. and Mrs. David Beer and Miss Carden (of the Titchfield Band of Ringers), Mr. A. J. Mulvaney, Mr. W. A. Deall (secretary of the Loyal "Victoria and Albert" Lodge of Oddfellows, Fareham), Messrs. C. J. Jeffery, R. Bone, and G. Richards.

Among the wreaths laid on the grave of the deceased was one bearing the inscription: "In kindest remembrance of an old friend from the members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild," and one from the ringers of Portsea, "as a small token of respect and deep regret at the loss of a good friend."

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.**—On Sunday, August 5th, for Matins, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Munks 1, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 2, P. Bettison 3, Pte. G. Bennett 4, J. Radford 5, C. Rogers 6. For evensong, 720 College Exercise: C. Rogers 1, J. E. Wheeldon 2, T. Bettison (conductor) 3, Pte. G. Bennett 4, J. Radford 5, Alfred Munks 6.—On Sunday, August 12th, for Matins, 360 College Pleasure: W. Hardwick 1, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 2, Arthur Munks 3, Pte. C. Rogers 4, Pte. G. Bennett 5, Alfred Munks 6. J. E. Wheeldon hails from Norton, Staffs.

**GREENWICH.**—At St. Alfege's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks'), in 50 mins.: A. S. Deer 1, J. J. Lamb 2, I. G. Shade (conductor) 3, E. E. Richards 4, W. Shimmans 5, H. Hoskins 6, W. Derry 7, T. Jakeman 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, and on the occasion of the Rev. Dr. W. M. Rellon taking up his duties, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Spencer, R.N.V.R. (home on leave from Milford Haven), 1, C. Edwards 2, T. Beadle 3, J. Chave 4, E. F. Coles 5, W. Lidbatter 6, A. Beckensale 7, H. Brooks 8.

**SHREWSBURY.**—Salop Archidiaconal Guild and St. Chad's Society.—Recently, at St. Chad's, 503 Grandsire Caters: R. F. Turner (longest length) 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Boylin 3, W. Brooks 4, G. Scarratt 5, Pte. J. T. Drow (longest length) 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8, A. Fullick 9, J. Evans 10. On the occasion of a visit of Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, 360 Bob Royal: G. Scarratt 1, J. Tudor 2, G. Boylin 3, W. Brooks 4, J. W. Jones 5, Pte. J. T. Drow (first touch of Royal) 6, W. Stockdale 7, G. Jones 8, A. Fullick 9, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 10.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Boylin 1, W. Brooks 2, G. Scarratt 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Jones 6, A. E. Fullick 7, J. Evans 8.

**WAR TIME OUTINGS.****LANCASHIRE RINGERS VISIT YORKSHIRE.**

On Saturday week the Burnley St. Peter's Church Company held their first annual outing at Elland. At St. Mary's Church, which contains a fine peal of bells (tenor 15½ cwt.), several touches of Grand-sire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, the following taking part: Tom Lord (captain), David Campbell, N. Townend, J. W. Heys, D. Heys, and R. Howarth, all of Burnley, the local ringers also standing in. A substantial tea was partaken of at the Bridge End Dining Rooms.

An adjournment was then made to the Mexboro' Arms, where the evening was spent in a convivial manner.—At the close a vote of thanks to the Rector of Elland and the local ringers for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. N. Townend, seconded by Mr. A. Crossley (who humorously remarked that he hoped their next visit would be void of "clocking"). Special mention was made that thanks were due to Mr. J. R. Eastwood and Mr. G. H. Simon for their endeavours to make the visit a success.

**STOKE-IN-COVENTRY OUTING.**

The Stoke company recently paid a visit to Northampton for their annual outing, but very much regretted the absence of Mr. J. White, who, two days before, was ordered away by his doctor. The party were met at Rugby by Mr. James George, who was invited to accompany the band. At Northampton they were welcomed by Mr. F. Wilford, and ringing took place at St. Peter's and St. Sepulchre's Churches, touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major being rung. Then they visited St. Giles', where Treble Ten and Stedman and Grand-sire Caterers were rung, conducted by Mr. J. George. After tea a visit was paid to St. Edmond's, where further touches of Stedman and Superlative were brought round. Subsequently a very pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers.

**A HARVEST FESTIVAL OUTING.**

On Sunday, Sept. 16th, the Fakenham company of the Norwich Diocesan Association had a pleasant outing in the Burnham district. The day's proceedings began by ringing the fine peal of eight bells at Fakenham for morning service, after which the ringers made a pleasant round by waggonette. The first stop was at the large Church of South Creake, where, immediately after service, a touch was rung on the heavy peal of five bells, which had been silent practically since the war, owing to scarcity of men. These bells took some handling, and, being somewhat out of order, good striking was difficult to obtain, but the ringing was welcomed by the near parishioners, as it formed an excellent addition to their festival of harvest. After staying an hour, the bells were lowered, and the ringers journeyed to North Creake, where the peal of six bells was raised and rung in changes, though here again the ring are in want of attention. These bells have not been rung since last year, and it was curious that the parishioners of this village also were celebrating the harvest festival. The country folk turned out to inquire who was ringing the bells, and when it became known that the Fakenham ringers were again visiting the church, memories were awakened of the first peal on the bells some four years since by the same society.

Holkham Church was the next objective, and was reached by a drive of more than four miles through the park in which is situated the seat of the Earl of Leicester. The beauties of the park and the splendour of the terraced gardens were much enjoyed by the party.

At the church, however, there was a disappointment, for the bells at Holkham had recently met with a disaster, the tenor, weighing nearly a ton, having broken at the crown and fallen into the belfry. It damaged the frame and another bell in an adjoining pit. The party, therefore, proceeded to Wells-next-the-Sea, and awaited the coming of the local company for a touch. To complete the coincidence of the day it was found that here, too, it was the harvest festival, and the visitors took part in ringing for evening service. After half an hour spent on the quay, a start was made for home, which was reached about 9 p.m., the round journey having been 25 miles. Touches of Bob Major, Oxford, Kent, and Grand-sire were rung, and the company wish to thank the incumbents of the respective churches for granting them permission to ring, and affording them a busy and enjoyable day, which they all aptly termed a harvest festival outing.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

On Thursday of last week, the marriage took place at St. John the Baptist's Church, Kingsthorpe, of Miss Elsie Dunkley, a Sunday School teacher, and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dunkley, of Limewood, Kingsthorpe, to Mr. William Goff. The bride's father has been the esteemed leader of the Kingsthorpe ringers for the past 16 years, and the band provided a pleasant surprise by getting a company together to ring for the ceremony, 600 Grand-sire Doubles being rung by: W. Mayes 1, C. Ringrose 2, W. Atterbury 3, H. Clarke 4, G. Parker (conductor) 5, J. Shaw 6; and 360 by G. Parker 1, C. Ringrose 2, W. Mayes 3, H. Clark (conductor) 4, W. Atterbury 5, J. Shaw 6.

**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 (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., at 8 p.m., for handbell practice, on Oct. 18th, and for general business on the 9th and 23rd; also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday the 7th, at 10 a.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Farnworth, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 1917. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 1917. The business meeting will be held in the Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea and meeting, 6. Members intending being present please send word.—W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 3. By the kind invitation of the Erdington Parish Church Society, tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 o'clock free, for all those who advise Mr. J. Preston, 13, Holifast Road, Erdington, *not later than Oct. 10th*, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church at 5.15, with an address by the Rector (Rev. H. W. Jones). Tea (1s.) in the Schoolroom at 6. Reports will be ready for distribution. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 4.30 to 8. Tea at 6. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea provided by Vicar and Churchwardens at 6. Half railway fares will be paid to those attending this meeting. The secretary would be glad to know of members intending to be present not later than Monday, October 8th.—Stephen Hayzelden, Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Open ringing afternoon at Frodsham, October 13th. Bells 8; ringing from 2.30 until 6.30. William Bibby, Head Ringer. All ringers welcome.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Secretary, 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at dusk.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

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#### **SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

A ringing meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths, arranged for St. Peter's Church, Croydon, on Saturday last, met with bad luck in so far as it synchronised with the full moon, and consequently deterred many members from making the journey in view of the anticipated difficulties of getting home at night. That those gentlemen who adopted this attitude had just cause for their fears proved only too true. One member at least had a somewhat exciting journey home by bus, despite the fact that he left early to "avoid the crush." Another arrived home to find that damage had been done opposite his domicile, whilst nearly all those who had made the journey from the London districts found their various neighbourhoods had suffered more or less. However, all's well that ends well, and it is satisfactory to say that there are no casualties to report. Another circumstance which may have had an effect on the attendance was the death a few days previously of the Vicar of Edmonton, as a result of which the hon. secretary pro tem, and his men were detained at that church paying their last tribute of respect to a vicar who has been one of the best to ringers.

Despite these drawbacks, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Treble Ten were rung, the latter being stopped by the police when the raid warning came along. Just on twenty ringers sat down to tea, among them being a couple of heroes on leave from the front—Lieut. C. Johnson, Grenadier Guards, and Sergt. Garfath, R.F.C. The former gentleman was warmly thanked for his kindness in entertaining the assembled party to tea, and the hope was expressed that he and his khaki comrade would safely return from their next ventures overseas. There being no business to transact, handbells were brought into use, but unfortunately the "take cover" warning caused rather a hasty break-up of the party, which, however, will be well understood by those present. Mr. David Wright made the necessary arrangements, and to him is due the thanks of all for the success of a small ringers' reunion attended by circumstances so much out of the ordinary that the youngest "string" present will undoubtedly retail it in the distant future as an outstanding feature of his campanological experiences.

**BRAINTREE.**—Essex Association.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 1st, 1248 Treble Bob Major: N. E. Hammond 1, G. Lindridge 2, W. H. Hammond 3, C. H. Howard 4, W. H. Dyson 5, Gunner G. F. Williams, R.G.A. (conductor), 6, H. Coote 7, E. F. Slade 8. Rung on the occasion of H. Coote's silver wedding, his brother ringers offering their congratulations.—For C.E. Men's Service, on Sunday, July 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard 2, W. H. Hammond 3, H. E. Hammond 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on August 4th, for a special memorial service for those who have lost their lives in the war, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Hazelden (first 504 on church bells) 1, W. E. Jelley 2, M. Smither 3, B. Chorley 4, R. R. Melville 5, W. R. Melville 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Scott (first 504) 1, Miss E. M. Goodship (Reading) 2, J. J. Jones 3, M. Smither 4, R. W. Melville 5, W. R. Melville 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, B. Chorley 8.

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