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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1915.
Gentlemen,

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

I am 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. BUCK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

EVENING RINGING RESTRICTED.

The attitude of the Military Authorities towards ringing after dark does not seem to be so favourable this season as last when, except on the East and North-East coasts, permission to ring up to 9 p.m. was pretty generally given, after the London area had set the precedent. It just happens that the present is an unfortunate time for applications of this nature, for the unwelcome attentions of enemy aircraft on moonlight nights was so persistent that the authorities were bound to decline anything that might possibly be a guide to hostile machines. The risk of bells being heard by the occupants of an aeroplane when flying two or more miles high is, in view of the great noise of the engines, somewhat remote, for an aeroplane cannot shut off its engines and hover at pleasure, like a Zeppelin; but no one will quarrel with the decision of the Competent Military Authority in any area where it has been decided that ringing after dark cannot be permitted. We know the reason, and that is sufficient.

The opinions of the different authorities, however, seem to vary, and at some places ringing up to 9 p.m. may be continued, while at others, equally far from the eastern shore of this country, it is prohibited. In the Southern Command, which covers a big area, last winter's relaxation still holds good, and those who are favoured by being in that district are to be envied. In the case of Staffordshire there seems to be a partial relaxation of the regulations, for the reply to an application made to the Competent Military Authority for No. 27 Area, which we quote elsewhere, mentions that ringing is prohibited in that county "from one hour and a half after sunset until one hour and a half before sunrise." That is an extension of one hour at either end, which will, at all events, enable evening service ringing to be carried on for a few more Sundays in the winter than would otherwise be the case, and be a valuable addition to the time available for ringing when meetings are being held.

For the rest, ringers must just "carry on" as best they are able, doing what they can to keep their bands together till brighter days dawn, making the most of the present limited opportunities, and, above all, keeping up heart till final victory and peace will enable ringing once more to enter into its own. The curtailment of evening ringing is bound to affect adversely the activities of a large number of bands; but combined practices among neighbouring towers on Saturday afternoons, and, where bands are short, a union of forces at the different churches for service ringing on Sunday mornings or afternoons, will do a good deal to maintain interest and progress during the short days of winter.

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On Tuesday, October 16, 1917, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL,
32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL... 1—2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3—4	HERBERT LANDON... 7—8
ALFRED B. PECK ... 9—10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1917, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. PARSONS, 148, STATION ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5020 CHANGES;

Tenor, 14 size, in D.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. ALBERT E. PARSONS.

First peal of Stedman on handbells by the above Association. This composition is No. 6 on Mr. Carter's Broadsheet.

MILITARY MEDAL AND COMMISSION.

A member of the Winchester Guild and College Youths, Sergt. J. W. Russell, of Ewhurst, Surrey, serving in the 24th Division Signalling Company, R.E., has, we learn from a letter received by his friend, Mr. F. E. Dawe, been awarded the Military Medal, and has received a commission, with the exceptional privilege of remaining in his own company.

DEATH OF MR. W. A. GARRARD.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. A. Garrard, eldest son of Mr. W. E. Garrard, which sad event took place at 62, Elm Grove Road, Barnes, where deceased resided with his parents.

He had been in failing health for a long time, and his death was not unexpected by his friends, yet the end came somewhat suddenly, and he passed peacefully away on Sunday evening, October 14th.

The late Mr. Garrard was a first-rate ringer, and a promising career has been cut short by his death at the early age of 23 years.

Deceased, who passed away on the 14th inst., just as the Barnes bells were ringing for service, was laid to rest on Friday in Sheen Cemetery. In addition to the family mourners, Mr. A. V. Selby was present to represent the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, and other ringers who attended were Messrs. A. Cutmore, C. Charge, J. W. Driver, R. Holloway, and A. Hubbard, while deceased's colleagues at the Admiralty were represented by Mr. C. Ricketts. Among the numerous wreaths was one from St. Mary Abbot's Guild, one from the choir of St. Mary Abbot's Church, and one from the staff at the Admiralty.

SELBY RINGERS AT LEEDS.

On Saturday week, the Selby Abbey ringers paid a visit to churches in Leeds district, the bells at the various towers having kindly been placed at their disposal by the respective vicars. Ringing was indulged in at St. Michael's, Headingley, which has a splendid peal of eight; and St. Chad's, Headingley, where the visitors were joined by the President of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), who took part in touches of Stedman and Grandsire. St. Mary's, Hunslet, and St. Matthew's, Holbeck, were also visited, and with the assistance of Mr. P. J. Johnson, Ringing Master of the Western district, Mr. H. Williams and Mr. J. Moorhouse, a most enjoyable day was spent.

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Association.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: Rev. T. Whitford 1, J. Harris 2, H. Day 3, T. Rodman 4, W. Heath 5, S. Dawe 6, W. Coombes (composer and conductor) 7, S. Baker 8. Also 476 in same method: H. Day 1, J. Harris 2, W. Coombes 3, J. Clutterbuck 4, T. Rodman 5, W. Heath 6, S. Dawe 7, S. Baker 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. T. Whitford, who was leaving the district for a curacy in Bournemouth, with the good wishes of all the St. John's ringers.

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TOUCHES OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By G. E. SYMONDS, FRAMLINGHAM.

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In the following further touches in the series composed by Mr. Symonds

Bobs at S = 3-4; H = 5-6; L = 7-8; Q = 12-13.

No. of Changes.	No. of Changes.
176 123456	192 231456
241536 S H Q	541326 L
534126 8 12	153246 3 7 12
Rounds by 1, 2.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4.
177 231456	193 123456
536421 S	543216 L
423136 S H 8 13	451236 4 H 7 Q
Rounds by 1, 2s.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5s.
178 231456	194 123456
541326 S Q	543216 L
534126 12	542136 3 L 12
Rounds by 1, 2.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
179 123456	195 231456
526413 S	536421 S
415326 S H 8 13	451236 3 5 8 12
Rounds by 1, 2s.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5s.
180 231456	196 123456
641235 H L	351426 S H L Q
524361 3 5 10s 12	543216 S H Q
Rounds by 2s.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
181 123456	197 231456
543216 L	342516 S H Q
523146 7	453126 S H Q
Rounds by 1, 2, 3s.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5s.
182 123456	198 123456
146253 Q	526413 S
413256 4 5	541326 3 5 L
Rounds by 1, 2, 3.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
183 231456	199 123456
541326 L	213465 H
523146 7 12	532416 3 H L Q
Rounds by 1, 2, 3s.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6s.
184 123456	200 123456
543216 L	543216 L
421356 S 5 Q	623541 H L
Rounds by 1, 2, 3.	Rounds by 2, 4, 5.
185 231456	201 231456
541326 L	541326 L
512346 4 H L Q	532416 3 L
Rounds by 1, 2, 3s.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6s.
186 123456	202 123456
256431 S H	146532 S H L
432156 5 8 Q	261543 3 H L Q
Rounds by 1, 2, 3.	Rounds by 1.
187 123456	203 123456
543216 L	543216 L
341256 3	521436 3 L
Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4s.	Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6s.
188 123456	204 231456
543216 L	146532 S H L
251346 H 8 13	412536 4 5
Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4.	Rounds by 2, 5.
189 231456	205 123456
321465 H	241536 S H Q
341256 6 7	461532 5
Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4s.	Rounds by 1, 7s.
190 231456	206 123456
246351 Q	241536 S H Q
251346 7 Q	351426 L
Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4.	Rounds by 2, 5, 7.
191 123456	
213465 H	
243156 6 7	
Rounds by 1, 2, 3, 4s.	

ADDRESS WANTED.

Mr. Herbert A. Holden, of 23, Lower Road, Erith, Kent, writes: "Will Pte. G. Luff, who rang the peals to the Peal of Grandsire Triples, at Gillingham, on October 6th; or, failing him seeing this, could anyone of the band who rang in the peal furnish his address to me, as I should like to get into communication with an old ringing friend?"

5248 BOB MAJOR.

By the Late CHARLES H. FOWLER (OF LEICESTER).

23456	W	B	M	H
53264	S	—	—	—
25364	—	—	—	—
62354	—	—	—	—
56324	—	—	—	—
32564	—	—	—	—
63524	—	—	—	—
52634	—	—	—	—
35624	—	—	—	—
23654	—	—	—	—
65234	—	—	—	—
36425	—	2	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—
42536	—	—	—	—
34526	—	—	—	—
52346	—	—	—	—
45326	—	—	—	—
24356	—	—	—	—
35246	—	—	—	—
43256	—	—	—	—
25436	—	—	—	—
22456	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

4-5-6 only in 6th's place. For 5024 omit bracketed calls in one part.

Rung at Stoney Stanton, muffled, on December 11th, 1915, on the anniversary of the death of its composer. Conducted by Ernest Morris.

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By SERGT. E. MORRIS, A.S.C. (OF LEICESTER).

23456	1	4	5	6
35426	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—
26534	S	—	—	—
63524	—	—	—	—
25364	—	—	—	—
56324	—	—	—	—
62354	—	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—	—
36254	—	—	—	—
52634	—	—	—	—
23654	—	—	—	—

Repeated.

4-5-6 only in 6th's place. 4th and 6th each 20 times. A variation of the late Charles H. Fowler's 5024 Bob Major.

DEATH OF STAFF-SERGT. BUNSTONE. LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.

A well known member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association passed away on Sunday, Oct. 14th, in the person of Staff-Sergt. Richard Bunstone, R.A.M.C., stationed at Blackpool. Death followed an operation, after only four days' illness.

The deceased was a prominent member of the St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, Ringers, and he leaves a widow and eight children to mourn their loss. Two of his sons are serving abroad. Staff-Sergt. Bunstone was of a genial disposition, and beloved by all who knew him. He was laid to rest in Bridgend Cemetery on Wednesday week, and was given a military funeral. Touching reference was made by the Rev. D. Phillips, Vicar, at the evening service on Sunday last, prior to which service, as a last mark of respect, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by: A. J. Stanley 1, J. Evans 2, John Evans 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry 5, A. J. Pitman 6, John Cox (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Tuesday, Sept. 11th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Etheridge 1, R. Melville 2, J. J. Jones 3, Miss Goodship 4, W. Melville 5, S. Radford 6, T. W. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heather 8. Arranged for Miss Goodship, who hails from Reading, and also rung on Mr. Jones' 60th birthday.

RINGSTEAD.—Northants Association.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, Kent Treble Bob: A. Bellamy 1, E. Mayes 2, L. Groom 3, J. Roberts 4, F. Chapman 5, F. Wilford (conductor) 6. Specially arranged for F. Wilford, who was on a visit to his birthplace, on his 47th birthday, and also on the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Paul's Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: John Dennon 1, J. Worthington 2, R. Allred (conductor) 3, B. Allred 4, S. Oakes 5, M. Berry 6, J. Walsby 7, James Dennon 8. Arranged for the ringers, 3rd and 4th, who hail from Tyldesley, the rest are of the local band.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Page (conductor) 1, F. Wines 2, F. Lasbury 3, T. Page 4, F. Chamberlain 5, G. Wines 6, J. Cross 7, W. Page 8. Arranged for F. Chamberlain, who was on a visit from Cardiff.

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NO NIGHT RINGING IN THE WESTERN COMMAND.

The Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. C. Bowen Cooke, having communicated with the Competent Military Authority of the Western Command, with regard to ringing after sunset, has received the following reply from Headquarters at Chester:—

With reference to your letter of 6th October, 1917, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, directs me to say that he regrets that he is unable to grant this concession asked for as regards bell ringing up to 9 p.m. in the winter months. He has come to this decision after careful consideration, and after consultation with the police.

STAFFORDSHIRE RINGING.

Mr. Ben Gough, of Tipton, Staffs, having communicated with the Competent Military Authority for No. 27 Area, has received a reply as follows:—"With reference to letter dated 17th inst., re ringing of church bells for evening service, I am directed to inform you that the ringing of bells is prohibited in the County of Staffordshire from one hour and a half after sunset until one hour and a half before sunrise."

Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, has been informed by the Competent Military Authority for No. 13 Area that permission to ring after dark cannot be granted.

DEATH OF VETERAN BELL HANGER.

Death has removed a well-known figure in ringing circles in the West of England, in the person of Mr. W. Aggett, of Chagford, Devon, who passed away on October 12th, at the advanced age of 83 years. For the past half a century he had been actively engaged in church bell hanging, chiefly in Devon and Cornwall. He not only supervised the work, but took an active part, in which he of late years received the able assistance of his sons, Messrs. William and James Aggett, who are now carrying on the business.

About 17 years since Mr. W. Aggett, junr., invented and patented an adjustable bearing, and over two thousand of these bearings are already in use. Perhaps the deceased's last work, the recasting and rehanging of the peal of eight in his native parish, ranks among his finest. Deceased rang the tenor in fine form at the reopening in February, 1915, and he actually took part in ringing as recently as July last, in company with his grandson, who was on his final leave before going overseas. Mr. Aggett leaves three sons and one daughter.

The funeral took place in Chagford Churchyard, a large number of parishioners attending. The priest-in-charge (the Rev. G. L. Dickenson) officiated. The service was choral. The Dead March from "Saul" was played by the organist (Mr. R. P. Collings, A.R.C.O.). The bells were rung muffled after the service.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

As may well be expected in these strenuous times, the attendance of members at meetings is somewhat limited. Such was the case at Brierley Hill on Saturday week, on the occasion of the meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. However, this did not seem to lower the spirits of those who did attend, for they were received by the Rector and local ringers with a warm welcome. The bells were made full use of up to the time of the service, and although "crank" methods were not indulged in, some aspirants in the elementary stage were pleased to get a practice which was not forthcoming in their own towers. At the service, the Society's form was used, and the Rector (the Rev. H. W. Jones) delivered an inspiring address, which was greatly appreciated.

Tea was served at the Plough Inn, when 26 sat down. One unfortunate incident happened, viz., the reports—advertised to be ready for distribution—had been held up by the railway company, and were thus unobtainable. As far as possible they will be delivered to the various towers, and to others they will be sent by post upon receipt of the cost of postage.

CHURCHWARDEN FOR 40 YEARS.

In the death of Mr. John Simm Smith, the ringers at St. Peter's South Croydon, have lost a friend and their honorary secretary for many years. Mr. Smith, who was 86 years of age, for nearly half of which he had been churchwarden at St. Peter's, died in his sleep on the 9th instant, and was buried at St. Peter's Churchyard.

A memorial service was held at the church on the morning of Sunday last, and the bells were rung muffled to a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples, the composition of the Rev. F. W. Carpenter, the ringers standing as follows: George Burt 1, Harry Wills 2, Fredk. Larby 3, David Wright 4, Reginald Brough 5, Chas. Dean (conductor) 6, Chas. Kitching 7, Walter Gammon 8.

BIRMINGHAM. — On the occasion of harvest festival, at Aston Parish Church, before morning service, 210 Grandshire Triples, and 504 after service. For the evening services, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Caters in 54 mins.: G. Mitchenson 1, J. Carter 2, W. H. Jones 3, W. Meers 4, M. J. Morris 5, J. Hopkins 6, C. Williams 7, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 8, J. Wells 9, C. Allen 10.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT ERDINGTON.

The last quarterly meeting of the year of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Erdington on Saturday week last, and was well attended, and most enjoyable.

Erdington (in Domesday, Hardintone, and sometimes colloquially "Afonton") lies between Sutton Coldfield and Birmingham, and is about four miles north-east of the latter, within whose boundaries it was incorporated under the Greater Birmingham scheme of 1910. In Henry II.'s reign the place was in possession of the Erdington family who had a chapel attached to their fortified residence, but they agreed to attend and regard Aslon as the mother church. In Edward II.'s reign Henry de Erdington added a south aisle to the latter church, which is known to this day as the Erdington chapel.

Present-day Erdington is by way of being quite a busy town on its own account, as well as being a popular residential suburb, having two railway stations and electric car and motor-bus connections with the centre of the city. It boasts two peals of eight, with 15 cwt. tenors in F, one at the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, put in by Taylors in 1904, and the other at the Roman Catholic Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund. The meeting was held at the former, by kind invitation of the local band, who also generously provided tea for the assembled company, which sat down in the Church House 54 strong. However, notwithstanding the numerical strength of the said company, all frontal and flank attacks failed after a stern and protracted struggle, and it was admitted that it was impossible to get through the "obstacles" placed on the tables, so lavishly had the Erdington men provided. What Lord Rhondella would have thought—and what he would have said—had he seen those tables the writer cannot surmise. But he didn't. It was even suggested that we should go again the next day, if possible with reinforcements, and drive the attack home, but the suggestion was not adopted for some reason or other.

The business meeting followed the tea, and during the "clearing" process a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on the handbells. One feature of the gathering was the large number of ladies present, most of them ringers, and another was the presence of the Vicar of Erdington, the Rev. F. S. Swindell, who took the chair, and the "Guild's Own Rector," Canon Willink—Apologies were read from Alderman J. S. Prilchett, Mr. Vice-President Faux, and the Rev. C. H. Barker.

WOMEN'S PART.

In seconding a proposition made by Mr. George, that Mrs. Ethel Reading, Miss Gertrude Ffello, and Miss May Gaffey, all of Bishop Ryder's tower, be elected ringing members, Canon Willink made the speech of the evening. He said that to him had been entrusted the honour of seconding that proposition, and he did it with the greatest possible pleasure. Certainly two of the outstanding features of the war were the heroism of our boys, and the wonderful revelation of the capabilities of the women and girls of to-day. They (the women) had come to the front in a marvellous way—had come into their own in an extraordinary manner. They were to be found in all walks of life, often doing work which owing to its arduous nature had always been regarded as essentially men's work. Women of our day and generation had proved their right to enter into every sphere of life, and they had a sphere of influence all their own. Look at the munition world! Women, by their hundreds of thousands, were working day and night to provide their husbands, brothers and sweethearts with the means to bring this terrible war to a successful conclusion. And he was told that owing to their delicate sense of touch, they were able to perform certain operations not only as well as men, but actually better. Look at them on the land and in the hospitals! And yet we felt that in it all they have not lost anything of their womanliness; lost nothing, but gained immeasurably. In the love of bells that binds us all together, they saw the same thing, women were doing their part.

Canon Willink added that he had the greatest respect for the Vicar of Bishop Ryder's, and for the Ringing Master, and he was sure they were taking the right step in getting the assistance of girls in the ringing of their bells. He was equally sure that their old Guild was right in coming into line with the times—wise in its day and generation—and they welcomed the ladies with both hands (loud cheers).

Needless to say, the proposition was carried without dissent, and much amusement was caused when the Canon asked the chairman to call on each lady to stand up in turn before the company, so that they might know which was which.

Mr. W. Rhodes, of Castle Bromwich, was also elected a full ringing member.

THANKS.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. S. Swindell for the use of his bells and the Church House, Mr. Vice-President Godden said how proud the Vicar must be of his ringers, and especially of the ladies who had waited at table, all of whom he understood were ringers. —Mr. Russam seconded, and remarked that he had the pleasure of forming and teaching the first band when the bells were put in, and he little thought at that time that in a few years the band would be entertaining the Guild as they had done that day.—Canon Willink, in supporting, said the tea they had had was the best he had known since the war began, or at any rate since rations and restrictions

were talked about. It was now up to his own ringers (St. Martin's company) to go one better when the opportunity arose.—Mr. John Preston replied on behalf of the local ringers of both sexes, and the Vicar of Erdington, in giving thanks for the vote, said that the visit of the Guild, and the kind things that had been said about them, had undoubtedly added to their feeling of self-importance.

Afterwards touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters were rung on the handbells, while others returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until about 9 o'clock, to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

Thus ended another very happy day in the annals of this ancient Guild.

By-the-by, when shall we hear a ladies' peal rung by members of the Erdington and Bishop Ryder's joint companies? A. P. S.

KILLED IN ACTION.

DEATH OF A READING RINGER IN FRANCE.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Alfred T. Reeves, of Queen's Road, Caversham, who has been killed in France at the age of 27 years. He fell on September 24th. He was one who was loved and respected by all who knew him. A good steady ringer, he could always be depended upon, and had rung ten peals, viz.: Five of Stedman, two of Grandsire, one of Plain Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Superlative. He also rang Cambridge, London, and Bristol Surprise, and he will be very much missed in St. Mary's belfry. Reading, where he was a member.

As a mark of esteem and respect, the ringers of Reading met at St. Mary's on October 17th, and rang, with the bells muffled, 220, 252 and 168 of Stedman Triples, and 224 of Double Norwich. The ringers taking part were: W. P. Routh, J. Swain, C. Giles, F. Hoppood, A. Watmore, A. Osborne, A. Wiggins, C. Pullen, A. Alladay, Miss E. Goodship, N. Cox, H. Simmonds, H. Neighbour, and H. Tucker.

THIRD LINSLADE RINGER TO FALL.

The ringers of St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, have heard with deep sorrow that another of their number has lost his life in France, Lance-Corporal W. Dickenson, of the 1st Battalion, Oxford and Bucks L.I., having been killed on October 2nd. Lance-Corpl. Dickenson joined the St. Barnabas' band of ringers in the early part of 1910, and at the outbreak of war was one of the first to volunteer.

On Sunday, October 14th, the bells were rung half-muffled for morning service, when a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples was rung by: A. Vickers 1, W. Seabrook 2, W. Botsford 3, W. Jeffs 4, A. Vickers 5, G. Bonfield 6, F. Vickers 7, H. F. Seabrook 8. The ringers of 2, 3, 6 and 8 are members of All Saints' band, Leighton Buzzard, and kindly came to help the Linslade men pay their last respect to a fallen comrade. Other touches were rung, in which R. Horton, F. Adams and W. Dnek took part.

The deceased was a member of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and is the third member from this tower to be killed in France.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

On Sunday week, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Erith, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise, in honour of the 50th birthday of T. Groombridge, senr., hon. secretary of the Lewisham Branch, Kent County Association, was made, but failed, after forty-five minutes' ringing. Afterwards 1120 in the same method was rung by: C. P. Pike 1, W. Hewett 2, G. R. Rye 3, J. G. Shade 4, T. Groombridge, junr., 5, J. Emery 6, T. Groombridge, senr., 7, W. Pye (conductor) 8.

Recently, at St. Mary's Church, Slough, the 75th birthday of Mr. Edwin Lucas (an hon. member of the local branch) was observed by the society with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringers were subsequently entertained to a modest supper at the Reindeer Inn, and a pleasant chat about the neighbourhood of Blandford, Dorset, where Mr. Lucas spent his boyhood as choir-boy and bell ringer. Those who were present to celebrate the birthday were Messrs. Purdue, A. Leader, Bedford, Smith, G. Leader, Fussell, Henley, Hooper and Perryman.

LADY RINGER'S RAPID PROGRESS.

Ladies are often apt pupils, but we doubt if any have made more rapid progress than Miss Willoughby, of Sharnbrook, who, although her introduction to the art took place about three months ago, already shows excellent promise on both tower and handbells. She can ring a pair "in hand" to Grandsire Caters and an inside pair to Bob Major. On Saturday last she took part in the ringing at the parish church on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. G. G. Elton, M.A.), when the following touches were rung, viz.: 360 Canterbury Pleasure: G. Stew 1, W. A. Norman 2, A. J. Barcock 3, C. W. Clarke 4, H. W. Gayton 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6. 720 Bob Minor: C. Allen 1, W. A. Norman 2, A. J. Barcock 3, H. W. Gayton (conductor) 4, C. W. Clarke 5, E. P. Duffield 6; and 120 Bob Minor: A. Robinson 1, Miss G. Willoughby 2, W. A. Norman 3, A. J. Barcock 4, H. W. Gayton 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

OLD WINDSOR.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Baleman, R.N.A.S., 1. W. H. Fussell 2. G. T. Leader 3. T. S. Smith 4. E. T. Hooper 5. W. Henley 6. Jos. Gutteridge 7. J. Burt 8. A farewell touch for the treble man home on leave, and next for Italy; also a birthday compliment to the branch secretary.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob: Bn. Patmore 1. Bd. Patmore 2. S. Game 3. E. Siggers 4. Ple. F. W. Elliott K.R.R., 5. W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6. Also 120 Oxford Treble Bob: W. H. Lawrence 1—2, S. Game 3. E. Siggers 4. Ple. F. W. Elliott 5. Bd. Patmore 6.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for the Harvest Festival, 832 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Taylor 1. T. E. Slater 2. W. P. Gridley 3. F. Inch 4. A. Maxim 5. G. Maxim 6. A. Taylor 7. S. Evans (conductor) 8. Geo. Maxim belongs to the Cheshunt (Herts) band, and was staying at his native village for a few days. This was W. P. Gridley's first touch after a long illness.

WILLESDEN.—Middlesex Association.—On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1264 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Hewitt 1. C. H. Horton 2. E. F. Pike 3. Mrs. F. I. Hairs 4. G. Kilby 5. F. Bennett (conductor) 6. A. E. Mason 7. R. Sanders 8. First quarter of Major on the bells.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at St. Lawrence's Church, 720 Bob Minor: K. Anderson 1. L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 2. C. H. Jennings 3. Sapper F. W. Booth, R.E. (Kimberton, Bucks), 4. J. E. Baker (Yeovil) 5. A. Rose 6. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6 belong to the Wyke Regis band. Ring on the eve of the harvest festival. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Harvey 1. H. Cook 2. A. Cutmore 3. W. H. Hollier 4. A. W. Davis 5. H. G. Miles 6. J. W. Driver (conductor) 7. M. E. Smith 8. In the evening, 1320 Kent Treble Bob Royal (composed by A. J. Perkins): A. Cutmore 1. H. Langdon (conductor) 2. W. H. Hollier 3. A. W. Darlington 4. P. L. Miles 5. L. Atlwater 6. A. W. Davis 7. H. G. Miles 8. W. E. Garrard 9. J. W. Driver 10.

YORK.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for morning service, at the Minster, 539 Grandsire Caters, by: T. Haigh 1. P. Firth 2. E. Rickitt 3. W. Thornton 4. Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C., Leicester (conductor), 5. J. Thompson 6. F. Earnshaw 7. A. Hodgson 8. A. Haigh 9. A. Horner and W. Ayre 10.

GURSTON.—On Wednesday, Sept. 26th, for service with the bells, half-muffled, 518 of Grandsire Triples: R. Kelly 1. Ple. F. E. Macey (A.S.C.) 2. L. Jennions 3. Sergt. C. E. Waite (A.S.C.) 4. J. W. Rawlinson 5. J. Allen 6. W. Hughes (conductor) 7. S. Millership 8.

SLOUGH ST. MARY'S.—On Saturday, Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Miss G. Bateman 1. W. H. Fussell 2. A. E. Leader 3. T. S. Smith 4. G. T. Leader 5. W. Henley 6. E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7. F. Purdue 8. Rung for the marriage of Mr. George Blake (of Stoke Poges), which took place the same day at St. Mary's.

WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 29th, the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (composed by J. George), was rung with the bells muffled, in memory of all those who have laid down their lives in the war: Rev. C. B. Hulton 1. H. Chapman 2. Joseph Lowe 3. Wm. Jones 4. Fred Grundy 5. Percy Derbyshire 6. Joe Ridyard (conductor) 7. Amos Trippier 8.

YORK.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for morning service, at York Minster, 526 Stedman Caters: T. Haigh 1. W. Thornton 2. Sergt. E. Morris 3. J. Thompson 4. W. Ayre 5. G. Horner 6. A. C. Pearneley (conductor) 7. H. Ineson 8. A. Haigh 9. A. Horner and T. Hodgson 10.

SELBY.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for harvest festival, for evening service, at the Abbey Church, 719 Grandsire Caters: E. Storr 1. H. Fairlam 2. J. Jackson 3. W. Hinton 4. Sergt. E. Morris (Leicester) 5. W. Ayre (York) 6. F. Cryer 7. H. Ineson (York) 8. E. Rickitt (York) 9. T. Strudwick 10. Also 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C.

MIDSOMER NORTON, BATH.—On Sept. 30th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, after evening service, in 49 mins.: I. B. Holmyard 1. F. Chivers 2. R. Jones 3. F. Speed (conductor) 4. J. Hambleton 5. C. H. Shearn 6. W. Keevill 7. T. Griffen 8.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—At St. George's Parish Church, on Sept. 30th, for morning service at the harvest festival, 840 Grandsire Triples, in 29 mins.: H. Watts 1. J. Alfred 2. R. Alfred (conductor) 3. B. Alfred 4. J. T. Alfred 5. Harry Alfred 6. Herbert Alfred 7. J. Hampson 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Watts 1. J. Alfred 2. B. Alfred 3. J. T. Alfred 4. J. Welsby 5. R. Alfred (conductor) 6. Harry Alfred 7. Herbert Alfred 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Walkden. The rest are of the local band.

NOTICES.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—It has been considered advisable, owing to present war conditions, to postpone for the present the meeting arranged for St. Peter-in-Thanel, on Saturday, Oct. 27th.—The Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Secretary, Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Divine Service at 3.20 p.m. Tea (followed by the business meeting) in the Church Reading Hall, at 4.30 p.m. Vehicles (kindly arranged for by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill) will meet 1.41 train (Mells Road) from Bristol, the 2.23 train (Mells Road) from Frome, and will also be available to catch the return trains.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, October 27th, the bells of St. Michael's, Bishop Wearmouth (8; tenor 11½ cwt.), Holy Trinity (8; 14 cwt.), and St. Ignatius (8; 13 cwt.) being at the disposal of members and friends after 1 p.m. Committee meeting at the North of England Café, Fawcett Street, at 4 p.m. Evensong and address, at 5 p.m., at St. Michael's, Bishop Wearmouth. Tea at the above café at 6 p.m., 1/3 to members, 2/6 to non-members, followed by the annual general meeting. Those intending to be present must advise the Hon. Secretary before Wednesday, Oct. 24th. Members are requested, on arrival, to take the Tatham Street car to St. Ignatius' Church, where bands will be made up for the other peals.—G. T. Potter, 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay, S.O.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting at Felsted, Oct. 27th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at the Old Schoolroom, 1/- each to all giving notice not later than Oct. 24th.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Malvern Link, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Service in Church at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Bells will be available, before and after service and meeting.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Congresbury, Saturday, October 27th. Service 5 o'clock, tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—Those requiring tea please write.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice, on November 1st, 15th, and 29th, and for general business on the 6th and 20th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Oatlands Park (near Walton Station, L. & S.W.R.), on Saturday, November 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Short service, 5 p.m., to be followed by tea. All ringers welcome, but those intending to partake of tea must notify me on or before Oct. 29th. Business meeting at conclusion of tea for election of officers, etc.—F. J. Shepherd, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Service, 5 o'clock, with address, followed by tea and meeting. Bells available 2.30. Tea 1/- per head to all who notify me before Oct. 31st.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's, Headingley. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting, immediately following lowering of the bells, in the Scouts' Room, under the church.—W. Gage, Hon. Secretary *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready at 3; meeting at 6.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Sec., 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the District will be held (by kind permission of Canon J. E. Dawson, Rector) at Chislehurst, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells at 3.30 p.m.; service and address by Rector at 4.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow in Boys' Club. Owing to the difficulty of catering, only those sending their names to me by Tuesday, Oct. 30th, can be supplied with tea.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Rd., Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bredon, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Service will be held in the church at 5 p.m., at which all members attending the meeting are requested to be present. Tea will be provided by the Rector (the Rev. H. Holbeck) for those who send me their names. Bredons Norton (6) and Bredon (5) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lieut. A. E. Reeves having resigned the secretaryship of above, owing to military duties, all correspondence should now be sent to R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham, Oxon.

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DEATH.

AGGETT.—At Chagford, Devon, on October 12, 1917, William Aggett, Church Bell Hanger, aged 83 years.

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