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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
JESSEB. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1913
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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. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

MODERN WORK

UNITED SERVICE RINGING.

The appeal which comes from Worsley this week strikes a note which will find a sympathetic echo in a good many towers. Worsley's case is the case, unfortunately, of many, many others. The war has claimed such a large number of ringers that the proportion of belfries, where it is possible to continue the full use of the bells for service purposes, is comparatively small. Bands in eight-bell towers have fallen to six and five in number and even less, and those in six-bell towers have diminished in like manner; in fact, there are numerous instances where the company has practically vanished. At Ickleton, Cambs, only four are left of a band of fourteen, and of the ten who went out, three, alas! have already made the supreme sacrifice. This is but an instance typical of many, but it illustrates the contribution which the whole Exercise is making in the hour of the country's need.

We have no doubt that the appeal made by the Worsley men for the assistance of their neighbours, to enable them sometimes to use their full ring, will not fall on deaf ears, for ringers are always ready to lend a helping hand, and a service after their own heart can be rendered by those who respond to the Worsley appeal. As we have stated, however, Worsley's case is not an isolated one. Scores, if not hundreds, of other companies are in similar straits, and we have often suggested in this column that steps should be taken to meet the position. Where two or three towers in a district are left with only a few ringers each it ought not to be a difficult matter to arrange for the men to amalgamate their forces, and ring at one church for one service and at another church for another service, and so on. In that way all the bells could be kept going at intervals instead of all of them remaining silent all the time.

A workable scheme could easily be drawn up among the ringers of the towers concerned, and the associations might well do some useful work in this direction, by ascertaining where depleted bands are leaving their bells little used, if at all, and bringing companies in the same neighbourhood into touch, with the definite motive of getting not only united practices, but united service ringing. Where bells have been silent for months, except, perhaps, for an incoherent jangle of two or three at a time for service, the parishioners, as well as the clergy, will be delighted to hear their church bells properly rung again, even if it be only occasionally, instead of every Sunday. Unless a tower happens to be in a very isolated position there ought, even with the present shortage of ringers, to be no serious obstacle in the way of bringing in neighbouring ringers, so that the bells may be rung for service at least once in a month, if not oftener.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 17, 1917, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH (ST. BARTHOLOMEW),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ... Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 6
JOHN CARTER 2	ALBERT E. PARSONS 7
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 8
GEORGE HUGHES 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
GEORGE SWANN 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. R. Small's 78th birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, November 12th, 1917, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ... Treble	DANIEL JONES 5
JAMES E. GROVES 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
WILLIAM KENT 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
JOHN JAGGER 4	HARRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was specially arranged and rung to celebrate Mr. William Rock Small's 78th birthday, which was on the above date.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, November 16, 1917, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W. 4.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 1-2	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 7-8
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3-4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9-10
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 5-6	JOHN N. OXBORROW ... 11-12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, November 18, 1917, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT 41, GLAMORGAN STREET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

HERBERT LANGDON ... 1-2	ALFRED B. PECK 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	HENRY R. NEWTON ... 7-8
HARRY R. PASMORE 9-10	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the Manchester branch held a meeting at St. Matthew's, Stretford. Members were present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Flixton, Eccles, Pendleton, Miles Platting, Prestwich, etc. Mr. James Shaw presided over the meeting.—Eccles was chosen as the next meeting place, on December 15th.—Just at the termination of the meeting, the chief inspector instructed a constable to inform the meeting that permission was granted to ring till 7 p.m., which was much appreciated. A 720 Bob Minor, therefore, was rung by: J. Shaw 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, Sergt. J. L. Willars, A.S.O. of Leicester, 3, J. H. Collier 4, H. Chapman (conductor) 5, R. Bent 6.—A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Amos Rowntree and local ringers for use of bells, etc.

NEW PEAL FOR WESTMORLAND.

BELLS CONSECRATED AT ORTON.

Orton Church, in Westmorland, has been provided with a new peal of eight bells, which have been consecrated by the Dean of Carlisle. The scheme of restoration and augmentation was originated by the Rev. H. F. Tilbury when Vicar of Orton. He was the means of raising about £600 by subscriptions and a bazaar in June, 1914, and £200 of this was spent on repairs to the roof and organ and general church improvements. This left £400 as the nucleus of the bell fund, and Mr. Harvey Goodwin, Orton Hall, promised £250 with which to provide two bells—which bear his monogram. The cost of the peal is expected to be about £700, so that there is a deficiency on paper of £50, but as was stated at the Consistory Court, this has been guaranteed. The work was entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, who have produced bells of great sweetness and purity of tone.

The following are the particulars of the new bells, with the inscriptions and weights:—

- 1.—Te Deum Laudamus, 3c. 1q. 27lb.
- 2.—Jubilate Deo, 3c. 2q. 20lb.
- 3.—Hosanna in Altissimis, 4c. 1q. 17lb.
- 4.—Gloria in Excelsis, 4c. 3q. 25lb.
- 5.—Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 6c. 0q. 27lb.
- 6.—H. G. 1917, 7c. 1q. 12lb.
- 7.—H. G. 1917, 10c. 0q. 13lb.
- 8.—Thos. Nelson, Vicar. } A. R.
Jno. Bowness, } 1711.
Jno. Winter. }

About 13 cwt.

Each bell has Messrs. Taylor's mark, with the date 1917. The old peal numbered six; two of these have been recast and fitted with the latest improvements; the old tenor bell forms the base of the new peal. Five new bells have been cast to make up the peal of eight. The scheme has also included a chiming apparatus. The bells have been hung in a new iron frame on steel girders. Three of the old bells—two dated 1673, and one 1740—have been preserved.

Some structural alterations were necessary in the tower to provide for the enlarged peal, these including the building of a wall to support the steel girders on which the frames stand. The three large old bells already mentioned stand in their original frames on the floor of the north aisle, at the rear of the seats, where plenty of room is available. These make interesting additions to the antiquarian possessions of the church, which include the oak pulpit from which Chancellor Burn preached during his long vicariate. It was then a three-decker, and from the south side of the chancel beam hangs the chain which supported the sounding board. In the vestry in addition to interesting painted and photographic portraits of six or seven past vicars is an interesting reminder of the old musical arrangements of the church—a venerable 'cello, with a portrait of the last player of it; this veteran is happily still alive and a regular attendant at the church.

DEAN OF CARLISLE ON BELLS.

For the inauguration service, the ringers of Kendal and Ambleside made good use of the bells, whose fine quality delighted the residents in the neighbourhood; while the music was also heard with effect on the uplands of Orton Sear and towards Tebay. The service was a shortened form of evening prayer, consisting of the 1st Psalm, Lesson (Hebrews x. from verse 19), Nunc Dimittis, the Anthem, "O give thanks unto the Lord" (Mrs. Alexander), and the hymns, "Songs of praise," "When morning gilds the sky," and "O Lord of Heaven." The clergy present were the Dean of Carlisle; the Rev. J. S. Woolf, Vicar of Orton; the Rev. H. F. Tilbury, Vicar of Ainstable; the Rev. J. P. Haslam, Vicar of Crosby Ravensworth and Rural Dean; and the Rev. W. H. Crompton, Vicar of Shap.

The Dean, who preached from Deut. vi. 6, said in the course of his sermon: The association of church bells with religion is no doubt merely external and accidental. Nobody so far as I know has ever held any superstitious belief about the value or efficacy of church bells; nor are they directly and immediately the sign or symbol of a religious idea, like a cross or a picture of Christ. In their simplest form they were the means of calling people together in days when there were no clocks or watches. In those days church bells served the purpose of clocks for whole towns or villages. A public meeting on any occasion would be announced to begin when the church bell tolled for prime, and end when the bell tolled for some other service. At a later stage of history bell ringing became a simple form of art, which was followed for its own sake, for the joy and the pleasure which it gave, just as music was followed and enjoyed for its own sake. It was used as a means of expressing the joy of a festival or at a marriage, or of sorrow at a funeral. The association of bell ringing with religion is in a manner quite accidental. If churches had never had any bells, if bells had been used only, say for summoning people to political meetings, it is possible the sound of chimes might have suggested to our minds nothing but politics. As it is the very sound of church bells suggests to our minds the idea of worship; nay, may we not say the thought of Him whom we worship, and of

that "peace upon earth and goodwill to men" of which we hear in church? Therefore, it would, I think, be the greatest possible mistake if anyone were to argue that in these days of clocks and watches church bells were no longer wanted, and might just as well be abolished. If religion is to hold its true place in the life of individuals and communities, we need constant reminders of it. The sound of church bells every Sunday reminds us that we are Christian people. No one who lives within range of their sound can avoid being reminded that there is a duty to be performed on that day by all Christians; the duty of worshipping God, of hearing His Word, of renewing resolutions to serve Him, of gaining strength and grace to make our lives those of service to Him and to our brethren.

A SYMBOL OF UNION.

No one whose heart has once been touched by what he has heard in church can listen to the bells even for a moment without calling to his mind something of the feeling he then experienced. To silence the sound of church bells in our land would almost be a step towards silencing religion itself. Therefore, I think it is a very good and real Christian thing that has been done by those who in this church have recast the ancient bells, and added to them to complete the peal. And may I in passing express the pleasure which I am sure you will all feel at the presence of your former Vicar, who has had so large a share in collecting the money for this good work. May I also express the hope that such energy and public spirit may be forthcoming in this place and elsewhere as will keep up bell ringing every Sunday, as well as upon great occasions, and that the ringing may always be worthy of the church and its bells. I said that the very sound of church bells in our midst is a perpetual reminder that we are a Christian people. May I not add that they are a reminder, too, that in spite of our unhappy divisions, as they are called, that familiar phrase, "our common Christianity," still means a great deal to us. It so happens that our Nonconformist brethren rarely have any church bells of their own; I am not quite sure why, but so it is, and thus it comes about that in every village and town on Sunday the duty of worship is proclaimed to the whole community by the same bells ringing from the same church towers. Most often they summon Churchmen and Nonconformists alike to worship at the same hour, though not in the same building, or exactly on the same lines, and thus they may serve as a symbol not of our disunion but of union. There are, happily, occasions on which the Church of England is still enabled without offence to anyone, and with general goodwill, to show that the National Church is still the Church of the whole nation. These bells will ring not merely to summon the inhabitants of this place to worship the same Lord on the same Lord's Day. They will ring also on occasions of great national and local rejoicing or common mourning; they will utter, as it were, the voice of the whole village. If any of those who don't usually worship with us are present on this occasion, I trust they will feel that this is one of the ways in which they may realise that they still have some share with us in the ownership of the parish church. Nonconformists in this parish have all the more right to feel that, inasmuch as they have, I believe, contributed to the recasting of this peal of bells. It is laid down in the law books that the church bells are the property of the churchwardens, who are the representatives of the whole parish. God grant that long before these bells want recasting, rehanging, or anything of that kind, we may have taken some steps towards closer union of hearts at all events; may be in some measure of closer ecclesiastical union or co-operation among the people who now worship for the most part in different forms and at different shrines. Church bells are a very old institution. They remind us powerfully of the past, especially of the Middle Ages. It is well they should do so; it is well that we should cling to the old signs and symbols which keep up our sense of the continuity of Christ's Church. But let us remember also the true idea of the continuity between the past and the present, and also between the present and the future—a future which must show as great changes as the past has seen; great changes in what will still remain one and the same Church, one and the same mystical body of Christ.

The Dean concluded by reading Tennyson's poem, "The Bells." The offertory was for the expenses of the day. The interesting service ended by the Dean pronouncing the Benediction. The choir, Sunday School teachers, and ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Waverley Temperance Hotel, where the children also had their treat. The cost of the treat was defrayed from the funds of the late Colonel Burn's Charity, which was left for an annual gathering of this character. After the service and early in the evening the bells were rung in various touches.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday afternoon, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: Pie. SS. Meadows, A.S.C., 1. H. Barrett 2. H. Cook 3. Robt. Holloway 4. W. Davis 5. F. Skevington 6. C. Hunt (conductor) 7. C. Brown (first-quarter) 8. For evening service, 434 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, for Corpl. Arthur Roker, Australian Royal Field Artillery, a member of the Acton band, who was killed in France a fortnight ago by a shell: J. W. Erniu 1. Miss Jones 2. W. Phillips 3. G. Edwards 4. A. Mason (Erith) 5. G. Vickery 6. Robert Holloway (conductor) 7. W. Lawrence 8.

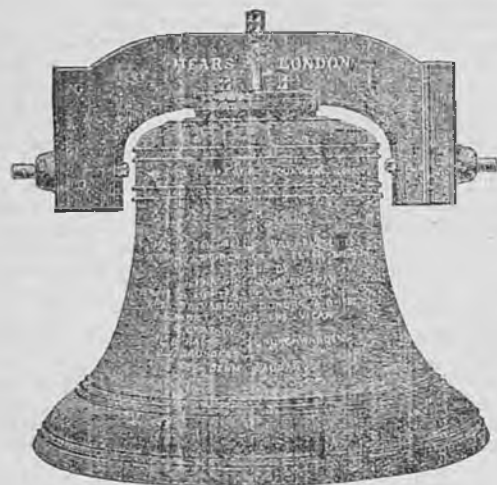
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RINGING AFTER DARK.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS ORDERS.

At length, something like a general pronouncement on the ringing of Church bells after dark has been given by the Military Authorities. The Order published below relates to the whole country, but it will be noticed that it is still left to the General Officers Commanding-in-Chief in the various Commands to further restrict the arrangements.

The Order issued by Major-General F. S. Shaw, of the General Headquarters, Home Forces, is as follows:—

"The following instructions will be observed by Competent Military Authorities in dealing with applications under Regulation 12B, Defence of the Realm Regulations, for permission to ring bells or strike clocks during the hours between which lights have to be extinguished or obscured.

"1. No permission will be granted in the following areas: The Counties of Northumberland and Durham, the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, the Counties of Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent, the Metropolitan and City of London Police Districts, and the administrative county of East Sussex.

"2. Elsewhere permission will not be given for the ringing of bells or striking of clocks after 9 p.m."

Within the limits laid down by these instructions the question of the restrictions imposed is left to the discretion of General Officers Commanding-in-Chief Commands. Information as to the particular restrictions in force in any area can be obtained of the police.

In the Furness District, the Military Authorities have given permission for ringing up till 7 p.m.

A curious position with regard to ringing has occurred at Old Hill. This tower is in a corner of Staffordshire, which is surrounded on three sides by Worcestershire. This little bit of Staffs is only four miles in area, and ringing here must cease at 5.30, while the towers on the three sides may continue their ringing till 9 p.m.

The order of the General Officer Commanding Home Forces prohibits ringing in the Metropolitan Police Area after the official time for drawing blinds (which at present is 5.30 p.m.). Last winter ringing was permitted until 9 p.m. The Metropolitan police have also intimated that in the event of an air raid warning during daylight, ringing and chiming will have to be stopped until the "all clear" notice is given.

AN APPEAL TO LANCASHIRE RINGERS.

Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of West Lodge, Worsley, writes:—

"Will any of our Lancashire ringers come to help us at Worsley so that we can have the full peal rung sometimes? We have lost through death, since the war started, two of our ringers; one has been unwell for the last fourteen months, and nine of our boys have been called up on military service. We will gladly pay the train or tram expenses of anyone who will be kind enough to come over. There are towers not many miles away with surplus ringers, and if any of them can see their way to give us a little help we shall be very pleased."

THE LATE DR. PAULI.

Dr. Henry Christian Pauli, of Middleham, Yorks, whose death we recorded last week, was the son of the Rev. Christian Pauli, and was born at Redmire Vicarage, Yorks, in 1864. After taking his degree of L.R.C.P., he was assistant for several years to Dr. John Cockcroft, of Middleham, Yorks. He afterwards proceeded to Luton, where he joined his uncle in an extensive practice, for eleven years. He returned to Middleham in 1901, and joined Dr. Cockcroft as partner, and later commenced to practise for himself. For ten years he was churchwarden of the Parish Church at Middleham.

He had travelled thousands of miles in his car over the North Riding area, taking particulars of all bells in that district, whilst his collection of ringing books, etc., was very extensive.

He had rung a number of peals in Minor, Triple and Major Methods in towers of the district. He was very hospitable to all visiting ringers, whilst the old and poor of his district have lost in him a true and practical friend.

When Messrs. Taylor installed the new peal of eight at Middleham, in 1911, Dr. Pauli was very energetic in teaching a band. His wife was also an enthusiastic ringer, and had rung several 720's on the treble.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ITS FAILINGS AND THE REMEDIES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

IV.

The most important person in the Council is the President. He has it largely in his hands whether a meeting is to be a success or a failure. This must be so in any case; it was three-fold so in the past owing to the personality of the late chairman. Sir Arthur Heywood was not only the founder of the Council, but he controlled and guided it so largely that what it is to-day is, both for good and bad, his work. Therefore, if we are to take stock of its present position we must make a critical survey of his work. Such a criticism must be a fair one, and a thorough one. It must take note of everything, and not slur over more or less unpleasant features because the main figure is unfortunately no longer with us. And why not? *De mortuis nil nisi bonum* is no doubt an excellent motto in many cases; but when the whole story can be told, when both light and shade can be sketched into the picture, and the man's character can stand the test, then it is far better that the whole truth should be told. And especially in the present case, where our object is not to criticise a man, but to see the faults and defects of a public body so that they may be avoided in the future.

The late President was too big a man among ringers, and his work was too real and lasting for us to fear to criticise what he did.

Sir Arthur Heywood was in wealth and social position far superior to any other ringer; he had great intellectual powers; he was an acknowledged authority on theoretic ringing; and his practical record (which included peals of London Surprise when such were rare) was a fine one. All these things naturally marked him as the inevitable President of the Council, and the leading man of the Exercise.

I well remember a remark which he made at the complimentary dinner he gave some years since at the Westminster Palace Hotel to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. He said that notwithstanding anything that might take place at election time, every true Englishman was at heart a Tory. The statement may be true or false, but it is strongly illuminative of the speaker's mind. His ideal of society was a due order of rank, where King and noble, clergy and squire, and ordinary people had their proper place, their rights and their duties. Equality of right or equality of duty was a farce to him.

Fortune had made him a country gentleman, and he never forgot it. He was as much the squire and magistrate in the Council's chair as at home in his own parish. He took the position as his own right and his own duty. I feel sure that in acting as chairman of the central body of church bell ringers he felt he was doing part of his duty as a leading churchman to his church. In theory and formally he held his position by the votes of the Council. Actually he held it because he was its founder, and because he was what he was. And he knew it.

There was as much reality about his formal election as there was when the Roman Senate elected an Emperor, or a Cathedral Chapter elects a bishop. It is not easy to imagine the Council electing another in his place so long as he was willing to occupy it; or for anyone to propose such a thing. But if it had been done (and the Council's rules, of course, permitted it), both he and everyone else would have taken it as a direct personal affront to him.

These things made him virtually autocratic, and with practically unlimited power. On the whole he used that power directly for the good of the Exercise. But, and this is the point we have to face to-day: you cannot have a representative body and an autocracy together. Sir Arthur Heywood's position and influence was the direct negation of popular representation, and to this very largely is due the fact that the Council does not and never has represented the Exercise. He had long since ceased to be an active ringer, and, being what he was, he could at no time be in perfect sympathy with ordinary ringers. They felt naturally enough that there was no reason why they should entrust their interests to a man who, however eminent he might be, was not one of themselves. This however, was hidden from Sir Arthur's eyes. He and a select circle of his friends whom he trusted, and who were really almost as much out of touch with ringers as himself, managed the Council to their own satisfaction, and if murmurs of discontent did at times reach their ears, they were I doubt not, put down to dissatisfied fellows of no account. And so things went on quite smoothly, while the Exercise stood aloof and got more and more indifferent to the whole thing.

Once a sudden and totally unlooked-for storm caused a momentary sensation. Looking back at the fuss made over the proposal to treat the "Ringing World" on an equality with the "Bell News," the whole thing seems to me now as a rather ridiculous storm in a teacup, though it was sufficiently irritating at the time to those of us who were so unfortunate as to be mixed up in it. For a short time it seemed that a storm was going to arise in the Exercise which would either radically alter the Council, or sweep it away altogether. But it passed, chiefly because no one was willing to push things to extremes.

The general temper of the members was well illustrated by a remark one made to me just before the next meeting. "For goodness' sake, Trollope," he said, "don't let us have any scene." Unnecessary advice; for I am not of the stuff that revolutionaries are made of. But the whole thing shows in clear light Sir Arthur's autocratic attitude toward the Council, his complete authority there, and the gulf which exists between opinion in the Council and out of it.

At one time Sir Arthur Heywood took a leading part in research in theoretic ringing, then as his changed position in life took up his time he ceased his work. Now it often happens that a man who is foremost in progress becomes, when he himself ceases to progress, the most suspicious and contemptuous of further progress in others. And Sir Arthur was no exception.

Many years ago he wrote in the "Bell News" that every problem in theoretic ringing save one (since found to be insoluble) had been worked out, and quite recently he quoted and re-endorsed his former statement. That meant that he had done himself the last thing worth doing, and all later research was worthy only of contempt. Consequently his attitude in the chair toward such things as the Method Committee's Report and all their views and conclusions was to

"Damp with faint praise, smother with civil leer,
And without sneering teach the rest to sneer."

And some of them were not at all slow in learning the lesson. Now I can well understand the views of a man who held that all this talk about method construction and such like is impractical, and a mere waste of time. I do not agree, but I understand the man's position. But Sir Arthur had himself done much work and published many chapters on the construction of peals of Stedman Triples. He did it no doubt for the same reason that we have taken all this trouble with Method Construction—because the problem fascinated him. There is as much or as little use in one solution as in the other; they are in exactly like case. It was especially irritating, therefore, for him to treat us with scarcely veiled contempt for doing what he himself had done, and was proud of.

There is, of course, another and a much more pleasing side to this picture. When all is summed up, Sir Arthur's services to the Council far outweigh his defects. But I do not dwell on that, because I am at present concerned with the failures of the Council. There are many mistakes to be avoided in future. I do not think the next President, whoever he may be, is at all likely to fail in this way because he will not occupy exactly the same position as the last. But this I do know. If he attempts to carry on the Council's work as it has been carried on, he will speedily bring it either to contempt or to disaster.

(To be continued.)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

One of the most successful meetings ever held by the North and East District, took place on Saturday last at Barnet. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30, and continued until 5.30, half an hour short of the time advertised, through the latest restrictions. Quite 50 members and friends attended, and many methods were rung on the beautiful peal of eight.

A service, consisting of shortened evensong and war intercession, was held at 6 p.m., the lesson being read by the President, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O. The Rector gave a short address under three headings, viz.: 1, Words of Welcome; 2, Two Stories; 3, The Moral, which he left the members to work out for themselves.

Many of the party then adjourned to the Church House, where they were the guests of their genial President.

Tea over, a short business meeting was held.—One new member was elected.—The hon. secretary's letter to Mrs. H. Barlingham, of Barnet, on the death of her husband, was confirmed.

For the place of the next meeting Southgate was suggested, and this will be the annual district meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. W. Manning) for the welcome that day, the use of the bells, and the service.

The Hon. Secretary, in asking the members to show their appreciation to Mr. King for so kindly providing tea, said how pleased they all were to be able to visit Barnet, and to have the presence of their President with them that day.

Mr. King, in reply, said how glad he was to see so many old friends present, and gave some peeps into the past, some links of friendship, and a hope for the successful co-ordination of all ringing societies in the future.

The rest of the evening was spent with touches on the handbell and tunes, at which the Rector and Mrs. Manning were present. Mr. Churchwarden W. P. Ford kindly provided the "smoke that cheers," and so ended a most enjoyable gathering.

GULVAL, PENZANCE.—On November 6th, 720 Grandsire Minor: Miss Eileen Symons 1, A. Triggs 2, T. Wood 3, F. C. Jelbert 4, T. Symons (conductor) 5, P. Hitchins 6, W. Wood 7 (covering). First 720 by all excepting the conductor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The Central Committee met at Maidstone on Saturday week. It was decided to hold a general meeting on Easter Monday, at Tonbridge.

The report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the question of a suitable 'War Memorial' was adopted. They recommended that the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury should be asked to allow two trebles to be added to the ring of ten, and a tablet to be placed in the Cathedral; that a tablet should also be placed in the principal church in each district, and subscriptions be solicited for these purposes from all members of the Association. It was also decided to provide a card for each tower in union, on which the names of the local "service members" should be inscribed.

A VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

It is not given to every man to ring two peals to celebrate his own 75th birthday, yet this is what that well known Midland stalwart, Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, did. His birthday occurred on Monday, November 12th, and the event was honoured with due festivity, including a peal of Stedman Triples at his own parish church, Mr. William Kent, of Birmingham, a particularly old ringing friend of Mr. Small, specially joined the peal company, and was proposed a member of the Dudley Guild before the ringing began. Needless to say, at the conclusion of the peal, Mr. Small received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of the band.

On Saturday, the event was further celebrated by a peal at Wednesbury (Mr. William Rock Small's native town). It was rung also on the eve of Confirmation at this church by the Lord Bishop; and as a farewell peal to Moses B. Smith, Military Medalist, a much-respected member of the local band, and who was returning to France after being home on a few days' furlough.

It was the first time this composition has been accomplished on tower bells, the figures of the peal having been published in the "Ringing World" on October 5th last. The performance was further noteworthy for being Mr. Fisher's 200th peal, and Mr. Swann's 100th peal of Stedman.

A full account of the birthday festivities will appear next month.

ICKLETON LOSES THREE RINGERS.

News has come to hand from No. 21216 Pte. P. Webb, A.S.C., of Station Staff Supply Co., Salonika Force, who was district secretary of the Ely Diocesan Guild, that three Ickleton ringers have fallen in France.

Lance-Corpl. Arthur Carder, 1st Cambs Regiment, was 27 years of age. He joined up at the outbreak of war, went to France early in 1915, was wounded in March, 1916, and again in May, 1916, when he was invalided to England. He returned to France in December, 1916, was wounded once more on July 31st, and died August 9th.

Pte. Herbert Carder belonged to the Lewis Gun Section of the 1st Cambs Regiment. He was 28 years of age, and joined up at the outbreak of war, going to France early in 1915. He was killed on July 31st, 1917.

Sergt. Walter Carder, brother of Lance-Corpl. Carder, served in the Suffolk Regt. He was about 30 years of age, and, like his brother, joined up at the beginning of the war. He was killed about the same time as his brother, and leaves a widow and two children, with whom much sympathy is felt.

Pte. Webb tells us that Herbert and Arthur Carder were two good ringers. They were always regular in attendance, at practice, and Sunday ringing, and could ring seven methods on six bells, each having taken part in a few peals. Walter Carder was always very keen, but, as his work kept him away from practice, he was not quite so far advanced in his ringing.

Before the war there was a company of fourteen ringers at Ickleton, but all except four, who were too old, joined up. However, with the assistance of two from a neighbouring tower, muffled ringing took place for the memorial service that was held for the fallen ringers.

Pte. Webb, who has been two years at Salonika, hopes to get leave this winter. He has been in hospital for two months, but is now well again.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 11th, for Matins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: J. E. W. Weldon 1, W. P. Peane (conductor) 2, F. T. Dawson 3, E. E. Johnson 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Ryles 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 4th, memorial services were held for the fallen soldiers and sailors of the Allied Forces throughout the Empire. During the afternoon, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins.: F. Hunt 1, G. Newson 2, B. Wilson 3, L. A. Goodenough 4, T. Blackburne 5, J. Rockwood 6, A. King (conductor) 7, T. Kendall 8. Also rung as a token of respect for the late Sergt. J. C. Shaw, King's African Rifles, recently killed in action, son of Mr. Joseph Shaw, one of the local ringers.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 30th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. J. Stanley 1, John Evans 2, J. E. Vaux 3, R. Evens 4, C. H. Perry 5, J. Petman (composer and conductor) 6, J. Cox 7, B. Toly 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—Lancashire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 7th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: W. H. Dennison 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Watson 6, T. Suart 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. For evening service, 784 Bob Major: T. Watson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, J. Huddleston 3, Miss E. M. Suart 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Suart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Major for the two ladies. Rung for the harvest festival.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Saturday, October 20th, after a wedding service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Hazelden (first quarter-peal on church bells) 1, M. Smither 2, W. E. Jelley 3, W. R. Melville 4, R. W. Melville 5, S. Radford 6, G. Hazelden (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.—On Wednesday, Oct. 31st, for evensong (Eve of All Saints), 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Scott (first quarter-peal) 1, W. E. Jelley 2, M. Smither 3, T. W. Radford 4, W. R. Melville 5, S. G. Steer 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, S. Radford 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, after Matins, as a compliment to the Mayor and Corporation, on the occasion of their attendance at church in state, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Scott 1, W. Prussler 2, M. Smither 3, T. W. Radford 4, S. Radford 5, W. R. Melville 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, B. Chorley 8.

NORTHWRAM, YORKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for evensong, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by A. J. Perkins): J. Cotterell 1, B. Thorp 2, Jonas Ambler 3, W. Rushworth 4, C. Carrington 5, A. Jagger 6, F. Salmon 7, Jos. E. Sykes (conductor) 8. Rung on Trafalgar Day.

OXFORD GUILD.

At St. Andrew's Church, Hillingdon, on Nov. 5th, an attempt for a half-muffled peal, a tribute to the late Vicar of St. John's, had to be abandoned after ringing 3360 changes, in two hours (owing to a misunderstanding about the time of evening service): Miss G. E. Bateman 1, W. Lawrence 2, T. S. Smith 3, C. Edwards 4, R. E. Holloway 5, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 6, E. T. Hooper 7, T. Smith (St. Andrew's) 8.

Two most successful practices have been held, one on November 3rd, at Stoke Poges, the following towers being represented: Farnham Royal, Hillingdon, Fulmer, Slough, and Stoke Poges. The methods rung were Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles. Miss Williams (Hillingdon) successfully rang her first 720 of Minor. On November 10th, the meeting was at Hillingdon, the towers represented being Slough, Stoke Poges, St. Mary's, Walthamstow; Fulmer, Southgate, St. Stephen's, West Ealing; and Hillingdon; and the methods rung, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples. The lady ringers present made good progress.

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LATE NOTICE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rev. Halliday Thompson, LL.D., at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at the Bell Hotel, Ealing Broadway, at 6 (1/- per head), followed by handbell ringing. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Lawrence, 24, Wimborne Gardens Ealing, by Nov. 28th latest.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

NOTICES.

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

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Bristol Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Almondsbury on Nov. 24th. Bells (8) open at 3.30. Particulars of tea, "if any," per card.—G. Wiltshire, Hon. Secretary, 4, Hudd's Hill, St. George's, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells at St. Michael's and at All Saints' from 3 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and meeting at St. John's Schools at 6.—F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A united practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at St. Mary's, Denham, ringing 2.45 till dusk. Afterwards it is hoped the bells of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, will be available from 6.15 until 8 p.m. Ringing friends will be welcome. London ringers especially invited.—G. H. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mersham, near Ashford, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock until sunset.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Burley on Saturday, Dec. 1st, 1917. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The business meeting will afterwards be held in the Parochial Hall at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at S. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, Dec. 1st.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6 o'clock. Reports are now ready. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service, 4 p.m.; meeting to follow. No tea will be provided. No ringing after dark.—W. Sear, Sec., 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 6, meeting 6.30. Members intending being present please send word.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, 1917. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringing till 7 p.m. Report now ready.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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