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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.

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

RINGERS AND RINGING BOOKS.

In another column we respond to the request of a correspondent for information upon one of the technicalities of ringing, and we have answered the inquiry by quoting from one of the Standard text books on the art. It would have been easy to put the reply in different language, but we do not think that anyone could make it clearer by departing from the expressions used, and, therefore, nothing would have been gained. On this particular matter we go as it were to the fountain head of knowledge on the subject, and we think it would be a good practice if ringers would make it a more general rule to obtain and study the various text books that have been provided for their edification.

Some of the elementary treatises on the subject of ringing are, perhaps, fairly generally sought after, but even these might be made more use of than they are. But except for the purpose of learning the primary things connected with campanology the use of text books is by no means fully taken advantage of. Some people there are, of course, who will devour every publication on the subject that they can lay hands on, but many others, when once they have got started upon the road, are content to pick up their knowledge in any odd way. Text books exist which will take a ringer through the whole of the intricacies of ringing if he will but pursue the study in this way, and it is a loss to the art that many more ringers do not endeavour to improve their knowledge by dipping seriously into the works which have been published as the result of so much labour and patient research.

To quote an example, we doubt if one ringer in a hundred has ever set out to make a serious study of Snowdon's "Stedman," which, taken all in all, is one of the most valuable products to be found among ringing literature, yet the interests of the art of ringing could not be better served than by a general knowledge of what is contained in that book. Our point is this, that every ringer ought to seek to improve his knowledge, and the surest way to do this is to found it on the researches of others. The text books, which are at the disposal of ringers, especially in the Snowdon series, are the essence of more than two centuries of labour, and yet the proportion of ringers who really make a progressive study of them is really minute. It is strange, but it is nevertheless true. It is, however, within the power of ringers to change this state of things, and with the revival of ringing, which is waiting to come with peace, we hope there will spring up a greater desire for the knowledge that is to be gained by a study of the text books that relate to the art.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, February 23, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS OLIVE PARR Treble	MISS KATE PIGOTT 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2	JOHN BAESE 6
*MISS LILIAN HOLBROOK ... 3	ALBERT E. PARSONS 7
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 4	*WILFRED FARROW Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEAL.

CAPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1918, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

FRED RIGBY Treble	JAMES HOPWOOD 4
TOM LOFTHOUSE 2	JAMES GROUNDS 5
JOHN BOOTH 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

First peal on the bells and first peal of Minor by all the band. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor hail from Chorley, and the 3rd and 5th from Standish.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Darlington, of Lutterworth, Leicestershire, one of the donors of the church, and also to the late Mr. John Ollerton, one of the wardens of the church.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1918, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. HEAD, CHURCH ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	WALTER HEAD 4
STANLEY SMITH 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to oblige Mr. W. Head, who had a wish to ring a peal of Minor in his own parish, there being only five bells in the tower.

A FIVE-PART PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

BY A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

234567		Continued	
672453	2	238574	1
346572	1	742853	2
723654	2	367542	1
487523	1	673542	4
874523	4	256473	1
426735	3	* 672534	3
264735	4	346257	2
432657	3	723546	1
254378	3	237546	4
632754	1	S 642753	2
736425	5	* 376542	1
437562	5	253476	1
254637	1	S 462753	1
652743	5	374562	1
438275	2	623457	2
674352	3		

* These bobbs may be omitted.

THE LATE MR. R. H. HAYWARD.

ONE OF SUFFOLK'S WORTHIES.

Mr. Robert Henry Hayward, whose death we recorded last week, was senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Gooderham and Hayward, merchants, of Marlesford, Suffolk. Early in December he was thrown from his conveyance, and sustained a broken arm and severe facial injuries. He was, however, progressing towards recovery, and the sudden illness, which terminated two hours later in his death, on the night of Monday, February 11th, came as a great surprise and a severe blow to the locality, where he was so well known and esteemed.

The late Mr. Hayward was an ardent bell ringer, sparing neither pains nor expense in the pursuit of this fascinating art. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and an honorary member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, as well as being a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He not infrequently made special journeys to St. Paul's Cathedral to take part in ringing with his fellow members of the College Youths.

Mr. Hayward took part in a great variety of peals on all numbers of bells up to 12. He visited the metropolis on Queen Alexandra's birthday (December 1st, 1917), and rang some Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute with the College Youths, and on the following Sunday he rang at Marlesford Church. This was the last ringing that he took part in before the accident. His first peal was one of Bob Major, at Framlingham, on Saturday, January 17th, 1880. After that he rang the following: In 1888 one handbell peal; 1893, three peals; 1895, one peal; 1902, one peal; 1904, one peal; 1907, one peal; 1909, three peals; 1910, eleven peals; 1911, four peals; 1912, eleven peals; 1913, 22 peals; 1914, ten peals. He also rang peals in London, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Manchester Cathedral with the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, who one and all deeply deplore his death. Mr. Hayward was frequently able to take part in ringing at Ipswich, as he used to travel by an early train from Norwich, where he regularly attended the Corn Market to Ipswich to join in the ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower on Saturdays.

A number of ringers attended the funeral at Marlesford on Friday, February 15th, Mr. W. Motts, representing the Ipswich band. As a last mark of respect the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower were rung with half-muffled clappers on Saturday week (by kind permission of Canon Douglas Hamilton), touches of Grandsire Caters being brought round.

On Sunday, February 17th, the bells of St. Michael's Church, Framlingham, were half-muffled for both Matins and Evensong, as a token of esteem to the late Mr. Hayward, who was interred at Marlesford, Suffolk on Friday, 15th inst. The following took part: W. Ostler, William H. Eastaugh, Stanley J. Maulden, Alan Mann, Walter Moore, Victor E. Kerridge, David Reeve, Sidney Moore, Cecil Neeling, George E. Symonds (conductor). As mentioned above, Mr. Hayward rang his first peal at the above church, January 17th, 1880.

A LANCASHIRE RAMBLE.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE RINGERS' OUTING.

Another of the very successful "rambles," arranged by members of the St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Society, took place on Saturday week, when Leesfield was visited. Meeting at "Bolton-o'-Penny Meadow," at two o'clock, the party went by car to Hurst Cross, and then wended their way along the ridge of hills, from which they overlooked the country for miles around, with the famous "Hartshead Pike" (erected to commemorate the marriage of the late King Edward) standing out as a prominent landmark. Reaching Leesfield at 3.30, the visitors were met by Mr. Ted Shaw, who had made arrangements for their comfort, and also Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, of Heywood, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Renshaw. There was lively chatter and many stories told over the teacups, and afterwards Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, on behalf of St. Peter's company, spoke appreciatively of the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had endeavoured to add to the party's comfort and pleasure.—Mr. Shaw, in responding, said it was a pleasure to welcome old and new friends, including the St. Peter's lady ringers. The company having joined heartily in the song, "When the bells of peace are ringing," made their way to the church tower, where they scored a 504 Grandsire, with: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, J. Bayley 2, E. Shaw 3, J. H. Taylor 4, Miss Sarah Holt 5, Samuel Stott 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Lees 8, Miss Ethel Grimshaw, Miss Doris Ogden, Miss Williams and the veteran, Mr. J. Harrison, also rang in shorter touches.

It was originally proposed to go by way of Oldham on the return journey, in order to get a glimpse of the Tank which had been doing such wonders during the week, but tempted by the beautiful moonlight the party resolved to make the return by Lees Road, and never did time pass so quickly. Arriving at Hurst Cross, the rambles partook of light supper at a restaurant, which was very acceptable after such a pleasant and perfect day. On Sunday they were in their usual places at the ropes, when 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss Wolstencroft 1, Miss E. Grimshaw 2, Miss Doris Ogden 3, Mr. J. W. Holme 4, Miss S. Holt (conductor) 5, R. Wimpenny 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, John Harrison 8. This was the first touch ever conducted by a lady in Ashton-under-Lyne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Saviour's and St. George's, Southwark, when a large number of members were present, representing Harrow, West Ham, Mitcham, Wendover, Sunbury, Bromley, Chelsea, Putney, Croydon, Slough, Holborn, East Ham, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush, Marylebone, Hershams, Brockley, Tufnel Park, Hackney, Southfields, Islington, Edmonton, Willesden, Kensington, Holloway, Deptford, Camberwell, Bishopsgate and Leytonstone. Touches of Stedman Cinques were successfully accomplished on the Cathedral twelve, and as the time for ringing there was limited, a move was then made for St. George's, where this handy ring of eight were kept going until 6 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major were the methods indulged in. By reason of an unforeseen incident the room previously booked for the business meeting could not be obtained, but the difficulty was overcome by arrangements being made with nine hosts of the King's Head hard by.

The Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) occupied the chair, and the following were elected members: Mr. C. P. Pinhorn, Newport, I.O.W., and Mr. A. W. Darlington, of Fulham.

The balance sheet which showed an increase of £2 ls. on the year's working was presented and adopted.

The Secretary's report showed that seventeen new members had been elected, two peals rung, both at St. George's, Southwark, and conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender, one being Superlative Surprise Major, the first Surprise peal on the bells, the other Stedman Triples. Monthly meetings had been held during the year, and were invariably well attended, and good practice obtained.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Fardon, seconded by Mr. A. E. Young, the whole of the officers were again elected, viz.: Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master; Mr. T. Walker, hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Matthews, treasurer; Mr. E. A. Reeve, senior steward; Mr. H. Dyas, junior steward; Messrs. Taffender and R. A. Daniell, trustees.

It was also decided that Messrs. Young and Taffender retain the position of representatives on the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

It was also decided that the monthly meetings should continue to be held on the second Saturday in each month until further notice, particulars of which will appear in the "Ringing World" as usual.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the authorities of St. Saviour's and St. George's for their permission to ring; also to Messrs. Mash and Woodage, steeplekeepers, respectively, for having everything in readiness. This brought a very enjoyable and successful afternoon and evening to a close.

LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

A few members of the Llandaff Association made the first of a series of visits to the towers in their diocese on a recent Sunday evening, when they went to Runnary, near Cardiff. The Master (Mr. W. Bolton) made the acquaintance of a happy band of bell ringers, all ladies who, by-the-bye, were the first lady six-bell band in the diocese. A very hearty welcome was extended, and the visitors noticed the splendid progress these ladies had made in the short space of ten months since they began to handle a bell. The visit was brought to a close by six ladies bringing round successfully 120 of Grandsire Doubles.—On February 24th, a visit was paid to St. Mellons, where touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob were rung also for evening service. The members were: Wm. Bolton (St. John's, Cardiff), Sidney Dawe, Allen Rowley, Tom Woods and Wm. Biss, all of Llandaff Cathedral, and Joe Bailey and T. Wright, of Whitechurch.

It is hoped to pay these visits to as many towers as possible, especially to those whose numbers have been depleted through war reasons. Any tower requiring assistance will have all possible help given by writing the Master or Secretary of the Association.

RAISING OF HEAVY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter last week, as to the raising of the tenor at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 1885, by Mr. Joseph Jones, I should like to inform Mr. Hodgkin that this was not a single-handed feat. It is known by several of your readers that Mr. Jones was assisted by two men up on the bell frames, who, seeing he could not get the bell above frame-high, helped him by the wheel.—Yours truly,
A. B. PECK.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to know if any lad of 15 years of age or under has rung a pair of handbells to a peal in the Ely Diocesan Association; if so, when and where, and by whom was it rung?—Yours faithfully,
Lavenham.
A. SYMONDS.

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CALLING BELLS ROUND.

WHAT TO DO IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

"Anon" requests us to give the rules for calling bells round in Grandsire Triples. In complying with the request, we do not think we can do better than quote what is said in Snowdon's "Grandsire" on this subject, and we would advise "Anon" if he has not already got a copy of this publication to obtain one, for it will tell him all he needs to know about the method from A to Z. Here, then, are the rules laid down by one of the greatest authorities on the subject, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies:—

If neither the 6 nor 7 be in the hunt call one of them in (either by bob or single) at the first opportunity. If this be the 6, call her out the lead after the 7 makes third's place; if 7, call 6 before, and then let the bells run one lead further without a call. This process brings 6, 7 together, and produces a lead of the form 066070. The next step is to bring 5 home. Now there are only four positions that 5 can occupy, of which one is right:—

I.—If she be seen coming down after 7 she is in her proper place.
II.—If she be seen coming down before the treble call her before at once.

III.—If she be seen coming down after the bell in the hunt, call 6 and 7 before.

IV.—If she be in the hunt, call 7 before with a double. The following figures will render the foregoing rules quite clear:—

I	II	III	IV
006075	006570	056070	506070
Here she is right	050708 1	560070 4 075600 3	657000 3 006075 1

After any of the above the bells may be in the plain course. If not, the next call must be a 567, that is the lead after 6 makes third's place. This call may be a bob or single, according to circumstances. If 3 leaves the hunt, 4 must be brought in. If 2 leaves the hunt, 3 must be brought in. One of the following, namely, 234567, 342567, 423567 will thus be produced. The first is round. From the second by calling 7 in and out, and from the last by calling another 567 rounds are produced in four leads.

Before commencing to call the bells round, according to the foregoing rules, it will be always well for the conductor to ascertain whether 7, 6, 4, are coursing one another in that order. If so, the bells may then be conveniently called round at hand, for in this case 7, 6, 4, will fall together behind thus, 000476. From this position the row 325476 must be produced by treating 3, 2, 5 in a manner similar to that in which 2, 3, 4, are treated above, one exception being however, carefully borne in mind, namely, that bells cannot be brought home at a single.

We might add to this that "Anon" will find that only practice will make these rules easy of application. A keen eyesight is needed, but the conductor who is possessed of this, and can readily read a coursing order, can often see a short cut to rounds without going through the whole of the operations outlined above. For instance, a lead end which produces 1506007, will enable 567 to be brought together in proper order by simply calling the 7 before.

OXFORD GUILD MEMBERS KILLED.

The following are among the ringers whose deaths have been recently notified. They are all members of the Oxford Guild, and have fallen in action:—

Edmund Saunders, (foreman of the tower) and Victor Dark, of Bray.

J. Burley (son of the foreman of the tower), of Wraysbury.

W. Cooper (son of an old member) and K. Hawkins, of Fulmer.

C. West (son of the foreman of the tower), of Woodburn, Sergts. W. Bailey and L. Rolfe, of Beaconsfield.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.

The annual meeting of the Bishop Ryder's Church Society was held in the belfry on Thursday week, the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Badger, M.A.) presiding. The following officers were re-elected: President, Rev. G. E. Badger, M.A.; Ringing Master, Mr. James George; hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Carrod.—The Vicar spoke in the highest terms of the patience and time the Ringing Master had given in the training of a band of lady ringers, and the Ringing Master congratulated the ladies on the progress they had made. They had, most of them, he said, accomplished Stedman Doubles on handbells, and he hoped shortly to get on with Triples. There were among the beginners six ladies and one lad.

THE "DANIEL PRENTICE" FUND.

The following have kindly subscribed to the above appeal: Ancient Society of College Youths, per Mr. William T. Cockerill, honorary secretary, £1 10s.; St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, per Mr. William Motts, £1 1s.; Eye Society, per Mr. Ernest F. Poppy, 11s.; Mr. William J. Nevard, Great Bentley, 5s.; Mr. John Flint, Bolsover, 2s. 6d. Further contributions should be sent to Mr. William Motts, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

IRISH TOWERS AND RINGERS.

BY C. MURRAY.

BRAY AND ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.

This seaside resort, situated about twelve miles south of Dublin, possesses with the Parish Church a pleasing ring of bells by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough. They were dedicated on the 10th February, 1881. The tenor weighs 28 cwt., and is slightly over four feet in diameter. Its note is D.

The following are the inscriptions:—

1. Te Deum Laudamus.
(We praise Thee, O God.)
2. Benedicite omnia Opera Domini Domino.
(O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.)
3. Jubilate Deo omnis Terra.
(O be joyful in God, all ye lands.)
4. Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel.
(Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.)
5. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
(Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.)
6. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia."
7. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus.
(Holy, Holy, Holy.)
8. Gloria in Excelsis, Deo.
(Glory to God on high.)

The cost of the bells was over £1,000. Among other generous donations a contribution of £50 was given by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

Touches of Grandsire Caters were rung on the day of the dedication of the bells by the Waterford Cathedral change ringers, who were at that time the only change ringers in Ireland. The late Mr. R. S. Blee was the conductor. Other ringers were Messrs. R. R. and J. B. Cherry, and the late Dr. Mackesy.

The bells are rung for morning and evening service on Sundays, and on other special occasions. Practices are usually held on Thursday evenings, but they have been suspended during the war. The bells are fitted with Ellacombe's chiming apparatus; they were formerly fitted with Seage's silent practice apparatus.

Call changes are generally used, though the writer remembers being in the tower when Plain Bob was rung by a local band.

The first peal of Superlative rung out of Great Britain was rung on the bells during a St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham) tour in Ireland, and the following other peals have been rung by visitors: Bob Triples 2, Stedman Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 1, Cambridge Major 1.

HISTORY OF ARKLOW'S BELLS.

The little town of Arklow is situated about 56 miles south of Dublin. Formerly fishing was the principal industry, but in recent years Messrs. Kynoch's have given employment in their cordite factory to a large number of people. The contemplated closing of this factory has brought the town into public notice recently.

In 1889, as the old Parish Church had fallen into disrepair, a new church was dedicated. This church had been built by the generosity of the late Earl of Carysfort, K.P. The peal of bells was given by him.

The tower, unlike those of many parish churches, was built with the object of holding bells, and the steeple contains numerous openings, which allow the sound to escape upwards, thus avoiding the noise so often complained of by those who live in the neighbourhood of a church provided with a ring of bells.

The church is situated in a lofty spot, surrounded by open country, and the bells can be heard at great distances.

The first peal on the bells was rung on Sunday, August 13th, 1889. It was a peal of Double Norwich Major, conducted by John W. Taylor, and rung by the band of Loughborough Parish Church. It was the first peal in the method rung in Ireland.

Great enthusiasm for change ringing existed while Mr. J. W. Washbrook was in charge of the bells. Peals were plentiful. In one of these, a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, in memory of President McKinley, Mr. Washbrook, who conducted, rang the 3rd and 4th. The report of this peal was not accepted by the editor of "Bell News," and in consequence, another peal was rung, when Mr. Washbrook repeated his previous performance. This time, however three experienced ringers, Messrs. S. Lindoff, W. H. Barber and J. W. Townley, took part in the peal, and testified to the accuracy of the report and the quality of the ringing. The previous peal was then admitted by the editor of "Bell News."

For some time after Mr. Washbrook's departure, there was a falling off in ringing, but now much useful work is being done under the guidance of Mr. A. Hudley.

The bells are of about the same weight as those of Bray, the tenor weighing 22 cwt. Its note is E.

Peals of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Superlative, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Oxford Bob Triples and Bristol Surprise have been rung upon them. Each bell is dedicated to the memory of one of the sons or daughters of the third Earl of Carysfort. The inscription on the tenor is:—

Francis Proby. b. August 3rd, 1819; d. May 15th, 1863.

HENRY JOHNSON.

One hundred and nine years ago yesterday, i.e., on February 28th, 1809, was born Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, one of the greatest yet most humble of men, that ever adorned the Exercise of ringing.



This year, despite the war, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham will again meet to do honour to his memory, and the gathering on March 16th promises to be a great success.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

When you see that a meeting is arranged at Isleworth you may be quite sure it will be a success. The rule was unbroken on Saturday last, when the annual meeting of the S. and W. District of the Middlesex Association was held. The company included the following ladies, some of whom had come from long distances on their cycles: Mrs. F. Hairs, and the Misses Bateman, Cooper, Fuller, Gudgin, Jones and Williams; and Messrs. C. Dean (Croydon), G. Fardon (Shepherd's Bush), G. Gutteridge (Fulmer), T. S. Smith (Slough); and G. Woodiss (Twickenham).—Ringers were also present from Acton, Bushey, Brockley, Camberwell, Hammersmith, Harrow, Heston, Outlands, Stoke Poges, Sunbury, Walton-on-Thames, Walthamstow, Willesden, Wenhley, and West Ealing.

Ringing ceased at six o'clock, when 45 members attended the special service, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Relton), who extended a cordial welcome, and afterwards entertained the visitors to tea in a large room at the "London Apprentice." An unexpected and pleasant surprise was the company of a well-known conductor, none other than Rifleman Bertram Prewett, 5th City of London Regiment: keen as ever, and looking hardy and well. Great interest was shown in the examination of his field service oil-can, in which a bullet was embedded thereby no doubt saving his life.

After the tea the District Master (Mr. T. Beadle) presided.—It was proposed by Mr. A. Hubbard that all the officers be re-elected en bloc. He said that as everyone had done so well during the recent strenuous times that it was undesirable to make any change.

Mr. H. C. Chandler, in reading the report, said that 14 new members had joined last year (all ladies).—The Vicar was elected as hon. member, and as ringers the Misses Freda and Phyllis Moss, and Messrs. A. Peddle (St. Margaret's, Uxbridge), P. Norton (Willesden) (Hammersmith) were elected.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in one of his neat speeches, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the great hospitality shown to the members and friends of the Association.

A very smart touch of 223 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells (out of the Willesden brown bag), by: G. M. Kilby 1—2, Mrs. F. Hairs 3—4, Rifleman B. Prewett 5—6, W. Hewett 7—8, and G. H. Horton (conductor) 9—10.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Monday, Feb. 25th, on the occasion of the service of Confirmation, held by the Bishop of Buckingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Holderness (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, F. Stanton 4, E. C. Lambert 5, F. Hedges 6, F. Whitehead 7, V. Sear 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KIDDERMINSTER.—Worcester Association.—On Wednesday, Dec. 26th, at St. Mary's and All Saints', Kidderminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 49 mins.: A. Wright 1, G. Davis 2, T. J. Salter 3, R. Moy 4, J. Broad (conductor) 5, J. Woodberry 6, H. Martin 7, J. Bennett 8.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At the residence of Mr. O. Simm, 8, Paradise Cottages, on Feb. 17th, on handbells, 360 Doubles (120 Stedman and 240 Grandsire): O. Simm 1—2, Cpl. A. Hessian (attached Royal Warwickshire Regt.), conductor, 3—4, A. Eudean 5—6. First inside by 1—2, and first touch by 5—6. Also 120 Bob Minor: A. Eudean 1—2, Cpl. A. Hessian (conductor) 3—4, O. Simm 5—6. First touch of Minor on handbells by ringers of 1—2 and 5—6.

HORBURY.—Yorkshire Association. — At SS. Peter and Leonard Church, on Sunday, Feb. 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1248 changes): J. Woffenden 1, E. Brooke 2, G. F. Pickles 3, G. Hunt 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8.

ACTON.—On Feb. 17th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Smith 1, C. Edwards 2, A. W. Davis 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, W. H. Hollier 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. J. Gray 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, W. H. Hollier 2, C. Edwards 3, Miss E. Jones 4, Robt. Holloway 5, W. Vickers 6, A. W. Davis 7, J. W. Fruin 8. Both quarter-peals were rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Hollier.—Recently, on a Sunday afternoon, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. W. Fruin 1, A. W. Davis 2, Robt. Holloway 3, C. Edwards 4, G. Hes 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, W. Lawrence 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—Chesler Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch)—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, 168 of Stedman Triples: W. Battle 1, H. Brocklebank 2, H. Ludkin (conductor) 3, J. Owens 4, W. Hughes 5, S. E. Barnes 6, H. Martin 7, J. Evans 8. This is the first on the bells in the method by the local band.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Martin 1, W. Battle 2, H. Brocklebank 3, W. Hughes 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin 7, F. Barnes 8.

SHIPLEY.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Hutley 1, G. A. Nettleton 2, H. Haigh 3, Pte. E. A. Murgatroyd 4, J. Ross 5, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 6. For evening service, a date touch of 1918 changes, Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: Pte. E. A. Murgatroyd, R.G.A., 1, H. Haigh 2, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 3, J. Garnett 4, W. Joyce 5, J. Barker 6, G. A. Nettleton 8. Composed by B. Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne. Arranged for Pte. E. A. Murgatroyd, R.G.A., who was on leave from the front.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, Feb. 24th, for evening service, 880 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss F. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Ruddleston 5, T. Stuart 6, W. H. Dennison 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1056 Bob Major by: G. Beverley 1, A. W. Baldwin 2, Driver C. V. Ebberson, A.S.C., 3, G. Wybrow 4, J. Godfrey 5, C. S. Tutill 6, W. E. Bacon 7, R. W. Cooke (conductor) 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, February 24th, 384 Superlative Surprise Major: L. Price 1, Bandsman A. Coppock, D.L.I. (conductor) 2, W. J. Bowden 3, W. Clifford, senr., 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, F. S. Price 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: L. Price 1, Bandsman A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. J. Bowden (Edmonton) 3, A. B. Moss (Leicester) 4, J. C. Dicken 5, E. J. Boot 6, F. S. Price 7, W. Clifford, junr., 8. First quarter-peal by A. B. Moss.

SURFLEET, LINCS.—On Sunday, February 24th 518 Grandsire Triples: *Herbert Flowers 1, *Sydney Flowers 2, Rev. H. Law James 3, Rupert Richardson 4, William Richardson 5, George Ludd 6, Joseph W. Flowers 7, Ernest Flowers 8. * First touch of Triples in the tower.

SELBY.—On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, at Selby Abbey, 1050 Grandsire Triples, part of the date touch, which was published in this paper the previous week: J. W. Hall 1, James Jackson 2, Ernest Storr 3, Arthur Hall 4, Frederick Coyer 5, William Hinton 6, Henry Fairlam (conductor) 7, George Rippon 8. Time would not permit for any more being rung, and the bells came round with a bob in place of a single.

OLD WINDSOR.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 24th at St. Peter's Church, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, by: Mrs. F. Hairs, Misses E. A. Fuller, G. E. Bateman, F. Gudin, and Messrs. Leader, Hooper, Smith, Henley, W. Parker (Staines), J. Gutteridge, Blake, Gosling, and G. H. Gutteridge.

FULMER, BUCKS.—For evening service, on Feb. 24th, 360 Bob Minor, by: Miss F. A. Cooper 1, E. Harding 2, Mrs. F. Hairs 3, Miss G. Bateman 4, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 5, W. Henley 6.

NOTICES.

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

THE LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at the Parish Church, Clifton, Bristol, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 29, Leigh Road South, Clifton, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. until dusk. The business meeting for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year will be held in the White Horse Hotel at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terr., Burley Road, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A combined practice meeting will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. till dark—W. Sear, Secretary, 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined practices will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at St. Peter's, Staines, bells ready 3.30, and on Saturday, March 9th, at St. John's, Hillingdon, ringing from 3.30. All ringing friends welcome.—G. H. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 4 to 6. Tea and meeting in Church Institute if arrangements can be made.—F. A. Smith, F. Edwards, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hythe, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. D. Dale, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells will be available from 2 o'clock till 6; service at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends, whether in khaki or civi's, will be cordially welcomed. Members' subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, March 2nd, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 7. A good attendance is earnestly requested as this is the first meeting since the annual. Subscriptions are now due; reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., on March 7th and 21st for handbell practice, and on the 12th and 26th for general business, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (12) available from 3 to 6.30 p.m. Important business to follow, which will be held in the Wostenholme Hall. A good attendance is desired.—Frank Willey (Vice-President), 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society—Established 1824).—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, 9th March. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. sharp till dusk. No. 6 Bus passes quite close to the Church. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3.30, meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Hon. Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 16th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon Willink, Rector of Birmingham. The bells of the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5. Dinner tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 3/- each. Owing to the food difficulties it is advisable for all visitors intending to be present to apply for tickets *not later than Tuesday, March 12th*. Remittance should be enclosed with application.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Holbeck, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 7 p.m. Business meeting in the schools at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood Parish Church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock till dusk; meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Beaconsfield on Easter Monday. Ringing, 2.30. Service at 5, preacher, the Bishop of Bucks. Tea, on rations, at 6 p.m., only for those who notify the Secretary. Business to follow, the Rev. Canon Drummond in the chair. Subscriptions for 1918 became due on 1st January last. High Wycombe tower open 11 to 1 o'clock for 12-bell practice.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The meeting of the above proposed for Boughton in February will not take place, as it appears to be inadvisable to hold it.—The Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. Dist. Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Sec. of the Central Council, has removed to Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

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