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Gentlemen,

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

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BROOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

### ARE THE BELLS READY?

Peace has come appreciably nearer within the last ten days. With Turkey and Austria following Bulgaria out of the war, the final collapse of our chief, and now sole enemy, can be not far distant. It may be a few weeks, it is possible even that it may be a few months, but it is not beyond hope that a few days may see the end of the fighting, for history-making events are following one another in breathless succession. The last month or so has been crowded with military successes in every field of operation, successes which would have justified the ringing of joy bells almost daily. But the nation is restraining its emotions, and the bells are silent until the moment when the people's outburst of joy must come. May we, however, urge ringers to be ready for the great day when peace shall once again reign in the world.

We seriously doubt whether there are anything like complete plans for the ringing of peace bells. Here and there associations or companies may have prepared their schemes, but we hope that the general and district secretaries, where they have not already done so, will at once take steps to organise ringing companies in their areas, so that when Germany, like her allies, is compelled to acknowledge herself beaten, the bells in as many towers as possible in this country may take their part in proclaiming the joyful news. When that day will actually arrive we cannot foretell, but it does not seem possible that it can be long postponed, and we want to see the ringers of this country organised to play their part when the news is flashed over the wires. Subsequently there is certain to be something in the nature of national thanksgiving, and it is in connection with this that we hope the Central Council will take steps to secure, as far as can be, united action in regard to ringing throughout the country.

With the coming of peace, not only will there be a great revival of ringing, but there will doubtless be a rapid resuscitation in the bell-founding trade. Peace memorials are certain to be discussed, and nothing can be more appropriate for this purpose than bells. We always associate bells with peace, and as they are themselves articulate, they can be an effective as well as a constant reminder of the great epoch which will mark the triumph of right over might. Already at Rochester the Cathedral ringers have approached the authorities with a view to celebrating peace by the addition of two more bells to the present eight, and doubtless ringers in other parts of the country will not fail to represent to those concerned the appropriateness of similar action. This and the restorations that will be necessary to existing bells, through the neglect which war has caused, ought to give an early and substantial stimulus to the bell-founding industry.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED BROOK ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM WILSON ... ..	5
JOHN P. FOULDS ... ..	2	TOM REDMAN ... ..	6
JAMES HOOLDSWORTH ... ..	3	HARRY ENTWISTLE ... ..	7
RENNIE HARTLEY ... ..	4	JOHN WATSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM MALLINSON.  
Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the deceased composer of the above peal; the ringers representing Blackburn, Burnley, Oswaldtwistle and the local band.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... ..	5
JOHN EATON ... ..	2	JOHN WOODBERRY ... ..	6
WILLIAM SHORT ... ..	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..	7
CHARLES CANN ... ..	4	CHARLES BEAMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung for the Dedication Festival.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held on Saturday, October 19th, at St. John's, Lewisham High Road, and the weather being favourable, over 50 ringers, including visitors, put in an appearance during the afternoon. The tower was open at 3 p.m., and the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise Major, by various bands till 6 p.m. Service was then attended, the Association form being used, and a very instructive address was delivered by the Rev. W. F. Jepson (Vicar).

The business meeting followed in the Vestry, the Vicar presiding. J. Turvey, of Will Hall, Eltham, was elected a member. Christ Church, Brith, was selected for the next meeting, and, failing there, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on the third Saturday in January, 1919.

The District Secretary then gave his annual report, which was adopted. Messrs. T. Groombridge, senr., and W. J. Jeffries were re-elected district secretary and representative, both thanking the members for re-election.

Mr F. W. Richardson next brought forward the question of raising and falling bells, either singly, in chords, or in peal, and after discussion, in which Mr. F. Wilford (Northants) took part, the representative was asked to bring the same before the Central Committee, and try to get the hon. secretary to bring the matter before the ringers in general.

The Vicar, who had to leave, then gave the members a hearty welcome to St. John's. He was sorry they could not entertain the members to tea as before, owing to the difficulty in catering.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and for presiding.—Mr. Jeffries then took the chair, and it was resolved that the allowance for tea by the Association be sent to the hon. secretary as a donation to 'The War Memorial Fund.'

Mr. J. Law put a room at the Whidborne Institute at the disposal of the members, and a pleasant hour was spent with the hand-bells.

## THE LATE MR. J. W. WATSON.

On Saturday week, at St. James' Church, Grimsby, 1050 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung by: J. W. Seamer (conductor) 1. P. Pigg 2. A. W. Long 3. W. H. Heyhoe 4. A. S. Hill 5. Sergt. R. Long (Staffordshire) 6. C. Taylor 7. E. Brown 8. Also a quarter-peal, with A. B. Shepherd in place of A. S. Hill. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. J. W. Watson, of Lincoln, one of the founders of the Association, in 1884, and at one time secretary, also for the last twenty-seven years hon. auditor, who died Tuesday, October 15th. On Sunday, October 27th, for Divine services, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. T. Howden 1. J. W. Seamer 2. P. Pigg 3. Sergt. R. Long (8th Stafford) 4. W. H. Heyhoe 5. A. S. Hill 6. C. Taylor (conductor) 7. J. Lamb 8. Also 168, with A. B. Shepherd and Pte. Goodrich (Coldstream Guards) taking part.

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**CAPTAIN R. E. STAVERT.****BUSHEY'S DOUBLE LOSS.**

The double loss, which the Bushey band has sustained by the deaths of Bertram Prewett and Robert E. Stavert, is a blow which few ringing companies have received. Of Bertram Prewett we wrote last week.

Captain Robert E. Stavert, although not so widely known as his colleague, was nevertheless a ringer of considerable accomplishments. He commenced his ringing at Bushey in 1903, and had been a prominent member ever since. He had rung about 150 peals altogether, ringing from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise and Stedman Cinques. He was a safe and capable ringer, and greatly respected by all the band.

The deceased joined up in the ranks in the early days of the war, and after being wounded came home and obtained a commission. He fell in action in France on August 25th.

He leaves a young widow and one child, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt, also for his widowed mother, this being the third son she has lost in the war, while a fourth was killed in a railway accident in 1909, at Willesden Junction. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung at Bushey on Saturday, October 28th, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect by a mixed band from Bushey and Watford. R.I.P.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.****A PEACE PEAL TO BE RUNG.**

The fourth annual meeting of St. George's Society, Clun, Salop, was held in the ringing room of St. George's Church, on October 31st, when the Rev. R. D. Machen (president) presided over a good attendance of members and probationers.

Mr. W. Mead (hon. secretary and head ringer) presented the report and balance sheet. He said, although they continued to make progress, if only slowly, they had for another year of the war managed to keep the bells going regularly for services. The winter practices had, however, again been stopped by D.O.R.A. Their funds once more showed a small increase, they having begun the year with a balance in hand of 31s., and ended with 33s. At the last annual meeting they decided to procure a set of handbells, and they had been very fortunate in getting a very musical set of 13, size 20 in E flat, by Mears, from a noted ringer, Mr. W. Newell, of Reading. These had been paid for by subscriptions, and they were now indebted to one of their members, Mr. Rd. Morris, for the neat stand on which the bells hung. It was made from part of an old oak bell wheel, which must be over 250 years old. The stand was quite an ornament to the room. During the year they had lost one of their probationers, the Rev. F. S. Dutton, who had taken up duties in the Oxford Diocese, and would now have greater opportunities of making progress. Of their members on active service they had to mourn the loss of Sergt. J. W. Lewis, M.M., to whose memory they rang a half-muffled quarter-peal. Two others, Second-Lieut. James Lunn and Pte. Eric Morris, had been taken prisoners of war, and were in Germany. Sergt. E. E. Griffith has been promoted to Second-Lieutenant, and has joined the Flying Corps. The members had again paid their Guild subscriptions, and sent them Christmas parcels. With regard to the Diocesan Guild he had nothing to report. No meeting had been held this year or any report published. They had paid the subscriptions regularly, and so far had received very little in return. He thought it was a great mistake for the Association to get out of touch with the members, which meant greater efforts to get the organisation going again after the war.

The Vicar, in proposing that the report and balance sheet be accepted, said they were again fortunate in making progress all round. He would ask the Rev. H. J. Scott to again act as chaplain.

Mr. G. W. Roberts proposed, and Miss H. Cooke seconded, that Mr. W. Mead be re-elected hon. secretary and head ringer for the fifth year, which was carried unanimously.—The Hon. Secretary, in reply, said he thought the honour should go round a little, but he quite appreciated the honour done him.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Rd. Morris for the time he had given in making the stand for the handbells.—It was again decided to pay the Guild subscriptions of the three members on active service, and to send them Christmas parcels.

The Hon. Secretary brought forward the question of a 'Peace Peal' which would be the first on the bells. He said he hoped they were now in sight of peace, and the time was near for making arrangements for the peal which should be rung as soon as possible after the declaration of peace. He proposed that a band of competent change ringers be invited to attempt the peal, and that they be entertained during their visit, the band to arrive as early as possible in the evening previous, and to ring a short touch, the peal to be attempted the next morning after a short special service in the church open to all.—This was seconded by the Vicar, and carried unanimously, the arrangements to be left in the hands of the hon. secretary.

It was decided that a donation should be given from the fund, to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's testimonial, and that practices be resumed on the handbells, as tower bell practice was prohibited. This closed a successful meeting.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

On Saturday last, a Western Division meeting was held at Shoreham, members attending from Brighton (St. Peter's), Steyning, Warham, Slinfold, Henfield, Angmering, and Heane, together with members of the local band, and several soldiers from the Eastern Command Depot, Shoreham. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening. At five o'clock, the members adjourned to the Town Hall, where about 20 sat down to a very substantial tea.

At the business meeting, which followed, a welcome was extended to the visitors by Mr. B. Challen, on behalf of the Vicar.—Mr. E. Merritt was voted to the chair, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting some time in March.

The testimonial to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was laid before the meeting, which expressed sympathy with him in his long illness, and resolved that the secretary should send the subscription list to each tower in the district.

Mr. Markwell proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. A. Tower) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. E. Merritt for presiding, and this was heartily accorded.

**OXFORD GUILD.**

Fourteen ringers enjoyed two hours' practice on the ring of ten at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday afternoon, October 26th. The longest touch was 468 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Feltham 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, F. S. Smith (Slough) 3, W. Henley 4, Miss G. Bateman 5, W. Lawrence 6, J. Pratt (conductor) 7, W. Honor 8, H. H. Chandler 9, F. Leader 10. This was the first touch in the method by the ringer of the third. Both Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Miss Nora Williams and C. Edwards (West Ealing) taking part. After the ringing four 'mere men' invited the ladies to tea, and those who were able to stay accepted: Miss F. Gudgin presided, and the tea was rendered the more enjoyable because the good hostess supplied the party with hot buttered toast, and one of the fair sex had brought a box of sugar, which proved to be 'fuller' than was expected.

**IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN.**

An impressive ceremony took place at Weybridge, on Saturday last (All Souls' Day), when a special commemorative service was held in memory of the Weybridge men who had given their lives for their country. The proceedings commenced at 6.45 p.m., when a selected party of the Winchester Guild accomplished a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Emery (Hersham) 1, C. Radford (Devizes) 2, A. Woodrow (Hersham) 3, F. J. Shepherd (conductor), Hersham, 4, D. A. Rowe (Weybridge) 5, W. Shepherd (Hersham) 6, I. Emery (Bromley) 7, W. C. Anstead (Weybridge) 8. Afterwards further ringing took place in Major and Triple Methods, ringers from Chertsey augmenting the party. The church was draped with Union Jacks, and a bugle band sounded the 'Last Post.'

**WHERE BELLS ARE PLENTIFUL.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—On a recent Sunday evening, before ascending the tower at Twyford to ring, I heard two other peals of bells ringing out, and the thought came to my mind what a large number of peals there were in this country district. Taking Twyford as a centre there are three other peals of eight in a radius of two miles, and if it extended to five miles there are one peal of ten bells, ten peals of eight, three peals of six, and one of five. I should like to know if any other parish is similarly placed.—Yours faithfully,

Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

FREDERICK DENTRY.

**DEATH OF ANOTHER ISLEWORTH RINGER.**

The Isleworth band have to record the death of another ringer, Pte. W. J. New, 2/5th Durham Light Infantry, who died at the Salonica Hospital on the 19th October, of pneumonia. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. New, for many years a ringer at the Parish Church of Leigh, Dorset, who died last year. Pte. New was a very keen ringer, and a good conductor, and had rung several peals of Minor, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob, and Treble Bob Major. He had conducted a peal of Stedman Triples, and was also an expert at handbell ringing, his last performance in this direction being to ring 3—4 and conduct a 10; six-score of Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently, just previously to being called up.

The deceased joined the colours in August, 1916, and was married shortly after. He was immediately sent to Salonica, where he has remained ever since. The sympathy of the ringers will go to the bereaved widow and to his aged mother.

On Sunday last, the bells of Isleworth were rung, muffled, for morning and evening service. In the morning an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but this came to grief after ringing about 40 minutes.



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## LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While I thank the Rev. C. D. P. Davies for the trouble he took to reply to my inquiries, I am sure he will forgive me if I say he has not quite convinced me by his argument. Is it really a fact, as he says, that Grandsire and Plain Bob are different methods? Let any reader write out a lead or two of Grandsire Triples, and strike out the bell in hunt; then examine what remains and see what he makes of it. I fancy he will find it as much like Plain Bob as Plain Bob itself. That is a practical test; if we want history to bear us out we can go back to Snowdon, who, after his patient researches, tells us that Grandsire has always been known as Grandsire, but that Plain Bob was, in the early days, known as Grandsire Bob. But whatever we may accept from history, the test which I have suggested seems to me to be the best that can be applied. At any rate, it proves, as conclusively as figures can show, that the 3rd's place in Grandsire is the equivalent of the 2nd's in Plain Bob.

Another point which makes me hesitate to accept Mr. Davies' theory is this: In Plain Bob it is the 2nd's place which prevents the repetition of the rows; and in Grandsire it is the 3rd's place, and not the 7th's, which is introduced for this purpose. The 7th's place can have nothing to do with extending the method from one lead to another, and, therefore, I fail to see how it can be called the connecting link.

I take it that Mr. Davies argues that the 7th's is the connecting link, because the 3rd's place in these two rows is substituted for the 7th's when a bob is made; but I fancy the inventor of Grandsire found himself forced into this additional third's place for his bob, not because he looked upon the row, in which the treble strikes its first blow in front, as the first row of the lead, but in order to change the bell in the hunt.

If you can spare me the space, I should like to use another method as an illustration of my contention that the bob row in Grandsire is not necessarily the first row of the lead. There are alternative places in which the bob may be made in Double Norwich Caters, viz., 3rd's and 7th's:—

Plain Lead.	3rd's Place Bob.	7th's Place Bob.
869473152	869473152	869473152
684971325	684971325	684971325
869417235	869417235	869417352
689142753	689142753	689143725
861924735	861924735	861934752
816297453	816297453	816397425
182594735	186924735	183594752
128987453	168297453	138967425
219876543	612876543	319876245

Now, if Mr. Davies is right with regard to Grandsire, it ought to follow that there are two different divisions between the leads in Double Norwich Caters—according to whether the bob is in 3rd's or 7th's—one in front of the treble's first blow at lead, and the other in front of the treble's blow in 5th's on the way down. But Double Norwich Caters, whether the bob is in 3rd's or 7th's, is the same method, therefore there cannot be two dividing lines. To be consistent, in the three sets of figures above there can be only one division, and that is between the leads of the treble and the bell in the hunt. And if this applies to Double Norwich Caters, how can any other argument be applied to Grandsire? Perhaps Mr. Davies will enlighten us.

As to the symmetry of Grandsire, if the contention is admitted that the dividing line is after the treble's whole pull at lead, then surely the method is symmetrical, for I cannot see how the bob has anything to do with the structure of the method itself. In his reply to me, Mr. Davies says that even if the leads were divided between the rows in which 3rd's place appears, Grandsire would still be unsymmetrical for the reason that 'a plain lead and a bob are equally the method. Has Mr. Davies forgotten that on page 152 of the 1888 edition of 'Grandsire' he wrote, in criticism of peals with a call at every lead, 'Where there are no plain leads, the method simply ceases to be Grandsire.' Perhaps Mr. Davies will tell us how he reconciles these two absolutely divergent statements.—Yours faithfully,

D. SMITH.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South East district was held on Saturday week, at the Cathedral, Chelmsford, members attending from Boreham, Broomfield, Writtle, Maldon, and the local company, with several visitors, including Q.-M.-Sergt. Cave, of Bristol. The methods rung during the afternoon included Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Cinques, Bob Royal, and Superlative Surprise Major.

The business meeting was held in the tower, presided over by the District Master, Mr. W. Lincoln.—A vote of sympathy to Mr. H. W. Kirton in his sad bereavement was passed, and the secretary was instructed to convey this to him, and also to wish him a safe and speedy return.

Mr. W. Lincoln was re-elected District Master, and Mr. F. W. Edwards hon. secretary.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Widdford.

**TREBLE BOB AND THE LAW OF SUCCESSION**

BY J. A. TROLLOPE.

In a recent article in 'The Ringing World,' I made the statement that a Treble Bob Method which breaks the law of regular succession will probably be a better method than one that keeps it. Mr. Davies, in words which are not over courteous, challenges me to give my reasons.

In the first place you must remember that there is no absolute standard by which you can judge the goodness of a method. There are many qualities which go to make a good method, and some of them are contradictory, so that different opinions may reasonably be held by different people about the same method. I arrived at the conclusion in question after writing out and examining many hundreds of methods, and that is by far the best way in which to test the truth of my statement. Obviously, of course, I cannot give this reason in an article. Mr. Davies must, if he wants to, go to the trouble of writing out and examining the methods for himself. But there are two or three qualities which are recognised by all as necessary for a good method, and I can show how the peculiar nature of Treble Bob generally affects them. They are, first, the keeping of the tenors well together; second, the keeping of the second away from the tenor in Major peals; and, third, the amount of interest the method gives in actual ringing.

The first two qualities really amount to the same thing. If you keep 7-8 always together behind you necessarily also keep 8-6 together behind in the Plain Course, and if you keep 8-6 together behind in the Plain Course you probably will be able to keep 8-2 apart in your peals. If, however, you have 8-4 behind in the Plain Course you will not be able to call a bob R without getting 8-2's.

The keeping of the tenor together depends entirely on how much you break the coursing order in the Plain Course. On eight bells there are only sixteen rows in the same coursing order, and only 112 rows in which the seven working bells are in the same coursing order. Therefore, since a course of Treble Bob Major consists of 224 rows, you must break the coursing order to some extent; that is, you must part the tenors to some extent.

If you kept the coursing order unbroken you would get the following—

- 12345678
- 21436587
- 12345678
- 21436587
- 24163857
- 42618375
- 24163857
- 42618375
- etc.

You have every two rows repeated, which, of course, will not do. To clear this falseness you must have other work. Now it is obvious that if you break the coursing order and regain it at once your tenors will not be parted so widely as they would be if you break it and regain it at some distance. Just compare Oxford and Kent. In the first you break the coursing order in the following way—

- 12345678
- 21436587
- 12345678
- 21436587

You do not regain the coursing order till the end of the lead. As a result you get the tenors widely parted for two leads, and inevitable 8-2's in your peal.

In Kent you have instead the following—

- 12345678
- 21436587
- 12435678
- 21436587

That is, you break and regain the coursing order at once, and do away with the parting of the tenors.

But this involves the breaking of the regular succession, for the simple reason that if you use back stroke places only you have not room enough to break and regain the coursing order at once.

This is a simple illustration, and you will find that in practically all Treble Bob Methods the same thing occurs. Take another and rather more complex example.

- 12345678
- 21436587
- 12345678
- 21436587
- 24135678
- 42316587
- 24135678
- 42315768
- 24351788
- 23457168

Here you have 4th's and 3rd's made by the third, and 4th's and 3rd's made by the fifth. These places are the ones which produce the lead end, and except for changing places with the treble, the working bells are retained in the same coursing order. But we still have some repetition of rows, and we must get rid of this falseness. To do this we must break and regain the coursing order, and, again, if we do the whole

operation at once we shall find that we must break the regular succession. The best way to do it is to substitute the following for the

dodging of the four hind bells—

- |      |     |      |
|------|-----|------|
| 5678 |     | 5678 |
| 6587 |     | 6587 |
| 6857 | for | 5878 |
| 8675 |     | 6587 |
| 6857 |     | 5878 |
| 6587 |     | 6587 |

The coursing order of these four bells is retained among themselves, and, therefore, any wide and prolonged parting of the tenors is prevented.

The third reason for my statement is that methods which break the regular succession will probably be more interesting to ring. This is not an absolute statement. There are many exceptions. But the general experience of advanced ringers will bear me out when I say that methods like London and Bristol, which have hand stroke places and backward as well as forward hunting, are in practice more interesting than those which have simpler work. If you adopt Mr. Davies' standard you rule out all these as illegitimate.

In the Field, Sept. 29th, 1918.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At the Parish Church of St. Woollos, Newport, Mon., on Monday, Oct. 21st, one of those little incidents occurred, which so aptly show the good feeling which exists among ringers generally for their fellow members. It was the occasion of the wedding of the eldest daughter (Helen) of that genial old ringer, Mr. John Butler, to Private W. C. Fry, A.S.C., home on leave from France. All the ringing members assembled, and after congratulations to the happy couple, a splendid quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. John Butler. The ringers stood as follows: John Goddard 1, F. Atwell 2, Tom Butler 3, W. Phillips 4, A. Brooks 5, John Butler 6, J. Pippin 7, F. Stansbury 8.

**ACCIDENT TO MR. JAMES GEORGE.**

Mr. James George, of Birmingham, met with an accident last week. While walking on Tuesday evening he fell on his face, and was picked up unconscious, with slight injury to his chin and left leg. His many friends throughout the country will be glad to hear that he is recovering satisfactorily.

**ROCHESTER'S PEACE MEMORIAL PROPOSALS**

Rochester Cathedral ringers have petitioned the Dean and Chapter to sanction the addition of two new bells to the existing peal of eight to perpetuate the declaration of peace when it takes place.

**RING YOUR BELLS.**

The following lines were written by Mr. W. H. Edwards on the occasion of a Chester Guild meeting at Birkenhead:—

Ring out your music, sweet old bells,  
Ring out aloud! Your message tells!  
Ring out your summons far and free  
That calls men forth to hear the Word,  
Yours is a service for the Lord,  
Yours is a sacred ministry.

Up there within the belfry's tower  
You call to prayer, you tell the hour,  
And bid the negligent to pray,  
Fling forth your message full and clear  
That all within your sound may hear  
And wake to know 'tis Sabbath Day.

Your humble spirit God must please,  
Ye cry aloud, yet no one sees  
Within your belfry witness there,  
May God who sees you make you strong  
To pull and make a loud ding dong,  
And bring folk to the house of prayer.

Thus witnesses for God you be  
Shut in where only He may see,  
You humbly ring and seek not fame,  
In God's own day will be revealed  
Much that from us is now concealed  
Of ministry done in His Name.

God bless the music of the bells  
As in the air the echo swells,  
And every ringer may He bless,  
Good ringers, pull and pull away,  
With every effort humbly pray  
Your zeal may tend to righteousness.

**HEADCORN, KENT.**—On August 23rd, at the Church of SS Peter and Paul, an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples failed, after one hour's ringing: C. Truber 1, F. Hodgkin 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Arthurs 4, E. R. Crowder 5, F. Fairhead 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, O. Hodges 8.

## AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

The Wycombe ringers, by request of some 'brother strings,' arranged a successful ringing meeting at the historic Church of Bray on a recent Saturday. It was thought that, with the decreasing light, these meetings would have to be postponed; but as so much appreciation is evinced by members of towers whose numbers are depleted, for the Empire's needs, a few more gatherings are being arranged. For Saturday's meeting the order was—by train to Maidenhead, and 'shanks' to Bray. The walk, in a typical October afternoon, with the sun glinting on the autumnal foliage, causing ever-changing hues, was enjoyed to the full. On reaching the Church, the party were welcomed by the Vicar of the parish, and the foreman of the local band (Mr. Sears), who had everything in good trim. The proceedings commenced with 120 of Grand sire Doubles, in which three of the lady ringers took part, followed by a similar number of Stedman Doubles. A well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob was the next item, followed by touches of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor. The 'go' of the bells was excellent, and credit is due to those responsible for their good condition. The conductors were Messrs. Jas. W. Wilkins, Ralph Coles, William Henley, George H. Gutteridge, and Geo. Twitcheh. A tour of the old Church, with its striking display of stained glass windows, and the massive tower, etc., proved highly interesting. After a well-struck touch of Oxford Bob the bells were lowered in peal. Here came a pleasant surprise—the ringers were invited to tea by Mrs. Woodhouse, of 'Aley.' Everything possible was done by the charming hostess for the comfort of the visitors, and the meal proved most enjoyable. The antics of a fine cockatoo, 82 years of age, were very droll, and caused some fun. The appreciation of the visitors was expressed by the Wycombe secretary, and responded to with a real good ringers' 'Ave,' and the proceedings terminated.

On Monday afternoon, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Hester Reynolds and Mr. John Eyre, at the Parish Church, Wycombe, a well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman Catars was successfully accomplished on the ten bells. The number of changes was 1,265, and Mr. J. W. Wilkins efficiently conducted. The ringers were as follows: Wm. Henley, treble; Jas. W. Wilkins, 2; Wm. T. Horne, 3; Francis K. Biggs, 4; George H. Gutteridge, 5; George Twitcheh, 6; Frank Boreham, 7; Edward Markham, 8; Reg.-Sgt.-Major G. White, 9; Ralph Coles, tenor. Messrs. Wm. Henley and G. H. Gutteridge hail from Stoke Poges and Fulmer, the others being local men.

## SILVER WEDDING.

On Oct. 7th, 1895, Francis Edward Dawe of London and Miss Elizabeth Wright, of Tenbury, Worcestershire, were married at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London, by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. At that time Mr. Dawe was in office as Master of the College Youths, and so far as living memory went, he was the first Master to be married during his term of office. After the ceremony the twelve bells of St. Bride's were rung and 'fred,' and in the evening at the same bellry a peal of 5019 Stedman Cinques was rung in honour of the event, conducted by James Pettitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawe have this just celebrated their silver wedding, and we are sure all ringers will join in wishing them continued health and happiness. Doubtless, but for the present restrictions on ringing and the difficulty of getting a band, a peal would have been rung to commemorate the auspicious event.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Monday, August 5th. 720 Bob Minor: R. Satterthwaite 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, W. Robinson (conductor) 3, J. Holme 4, T. Stuart 5, J. Burrows 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob, first in the method for Miss E. M. Stuart. Also 168 Grand sire Triples: R. Satterthwaite 1, J. Braithwaite 2, W. Atkinson 3, J. Holme 4, B. Walker (conductor) 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Stuart 7, W. Salmon 8. Also 462 Grand sire Triples: W. Collins 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, W. Robinson 3, J. Holme 4, W. Atkinson (conductor) 5, T. Stuart 6, J. Burrows 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.

**LINCS.**—On August 6th, at Fleet, two 360's of Plain Bob and one 567 of Oxford Bob: 1 F. Porter, 2 Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, H. V. Fletcher 4, H. C. Watts 5, G. Truss 6, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 7.—On August 7th, at Gedney, Lincs, one 720 of Oxford Bob. The ringers, standing as above, and two 360's of Plain Bob, with W. Hannah ringing the 3rd, and J. Eltridge the 2nd. The above ringing was arranged by Mr. Hallifax for the Rev. C. J. Sturton, who was paying a short visit to his old parish.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—Framland Society.—On Saturday, August 10th, at St. Mary's, Bottesford, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, S. Proctor 2, A. Parker 3, E. Nidd 4, F. Turner 5, M. Bend 6, J. W. Kirton (conductor) 7, W. Thorpe 8. Also 1260 Grand sire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Snorkes, R.A.F., 1, S. Proctor 2, F. Turner 3, W. Thorpe 4, J. W. Kirton 5, M. Bend 6, A. Mackeers (conductor) 7, F. Spencer 8. The visitors wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

**ACTON.**—On August 25th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. W. Fein (Acton) 1, A. Jones (Fulham) 2, A. Disceens (Sunbury) 3, C. Dean (Croydon) 4, A. W. Darlington (Putney) 5, G. R. Fardon (Shepherd's Bush) 6, F. Skevington (Hammersmith), conductor, 7, A. Harding (Ealing) 8.

## NOTICES.

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

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Newbury to-morrow (Nov. 9th). Evensong 4.30; tea and business meeting at 5.—E. M. Thorp, Branch Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.15 p.m.; service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome, but those intending to be present at tea are asked to notify me in good time.—F. J. Shepherd, Assist. Hon. Sec., 1, West Carr's Lane, Hershham, Walton-on-Thames.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 3.30 till 7 p.m.; meeting to follow; reports ready. Subscriptions due from all members.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Estab. 1637).—Meetings at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, Nov. 12th (handbell practice), Nov. 19th (election of officers and presentation of balance sheet), Nov. 26th (handbell practice), all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 16th. The bells of St. Mary's Church will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's School at 5.30; the business meeting will be held immediately after. Members intending to be present at the tea should let me know not later than Nov. 14th.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells ready at 3; service at 5.30; meeting at 6.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bengeworth, Evesham, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m., at which all members attending the meeting are requested to be present. Tea will be provided, and will those who intend being present please let me know by the Tuesday previous (one delivery only)? The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8 and 10) available from 3 p.m. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. P. Cunningham, Rector of Cranleigh. Tea at 6.15 will be provided free for members who advise me by Nov. 12th.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.



**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at High Halden, Kent, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock until sunset.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow.—W. Stafford, Hon. Sec, 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A practice meeting will be held at Desborough (Northants) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Those intending to be present are requested to communicate with Mr. Fred Kilburn, 14, Victoria Street, Desborough, Market Harborough, who will inform them whether tea can be provided. It is hoped that arrangements can also be made for ringing at Rothwell from 2-3.30, and Rushton from 6-7.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Vincent) at St. Andrews', Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available from 3 till 4, and from 4.30 till dusk. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringing to cease at 7; meeting after ringing hours. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Members are requested to bring their own rations owing to the Food Control.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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