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MESSES GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March 1919
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 gives general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BUCK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

MODERN WORK.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The arrangements for the Memorial Service for fallen ringers, to be held at St. Clement Danes on February 22nd, are nearing completion, and it is quite certain that this gathering will be worthy of the Exercise and of the occasion. The suggestion made in this column that the service should be national in character has been received with approval in all quarters, and many of the Associations will be officially represented. The service itself will be unique in the history of ringing, not only in its purpose, but in its scope, for never before has the Exercise had the opportunity of joining in a united service of any kind. That there should be occasion for such a service is above all lamentable, but, having arisen, it is right that the opportunity should not be lost of paying a tribute of honour to the memory of the men who have laid down their lives in their country's cause.

The details of the service will be duly announced, but so far as they have been completed the event promises to be one that will long live in the memory of those who may be privileged to take part in it. The music is to be a special feature. For preacher, the Rector of St. Clement Danes has secured the Bishop of Sheffield, who is no stranger to ringers. Both in Surrey and Sussex, as well as since going to Sheffield, Dr. Burroughes has shown his active interest in ringers and their organisation, and it was a happy thought that led to securing him as preacher. The other arrangements in London include muffled ringing at various churches, and though the occasion, from its association, will be a mournful one, it will be no less impressive.

Among the suggestions that have been put forward in connection with this national service is that of simultaneous services in other centres, to give ringers unable to reach London facilities to join in the act of homage. These services, and several are spoken of, will greatly add to the national character of the day's doings, and the proposal that there should be general muffled ringing on that day and on the Sunday following will doubtless commend itself to the ringers in a large number of towers. There have been heavy losses of ringers on the field, and there can be scarcely a belfry which has not either lost one of its own members or mourns the death of a ringer who, before the war, was familiar in its ringing chamber. In every such tower there must be a desire to honour the dead, and if the ringers are unable to reach London, or some other centre where a memorial service is to be held on February 22nd, they may be glad to carry out the suggestion of ringing a muffled peal or touches on their own bells while the services are taking place. By this means they would be sharing in the general act of commemoration which will make the last Saturday of this month a truly national day from the ringers' standpoint.

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LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
SERG. ALLAN F. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES SAMSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE WILSON.

Rung as a welcome home to Sergt. A. F. Bailey, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany since April, 1917.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH Treble	ALBERT JAGGER 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	WM ARTHUR HUDSON ... 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
ROBERT W. JENNISON 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by WM. ARTHUR HUDSON.

Rung in honour of the 71st birthday of J. Barraclough. The ringers of the 3rd, 6th and tenor hail from Birstall: treble from Huddersfield; 2nd from Shipley; 4th from Keighley; 6th from Northowram; 7th from Leeds Parish Church.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEWMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. WHITE Treble	E. E. BURGESS 5
S. WYATT 2	F. SADD 6
A. WYATT 3	J. MADDOCK 7
E. LLOYD 4	F. MILLARD Tenor

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 5
CHARLES HARDING 2	DENISON HAYWARD ... 6
GEORGE CLAYTON, R.A.F. ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
W. T. LEE, Ex-SERG. M.T. 4	P.O. FREDK. DAVEY, R.N. ... Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

The ringer of the treble is 78 years of age. The ringers of the 7th and tenor belong to Norwich.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 17, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
WALTER H. PERRY 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	THOMAS HOAD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal with a bob bell.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. W. H. Perry, who is leaving Salehurst for Alton, Hants.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

*Miss ETHEL GRIMSHAW ... Treble	JOHN HARRISON 5
S. M. BUTTERWORTH ... 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
*Miss Cissy THORP 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
*Miss ADA WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JAMES GARLICK Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal.

This peal was arranged for the 21st birthday of Miss Lizzie Schofield, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, and the 10th birthday of their daughter, Miss Ida Wolstencroft.

SHIFNAL.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED SHUKER Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	PERCY A. BAKER 6
JOHN BRADNEY 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
ALFRED FALLEN 4	THOMAS GWILLIAM Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the lads from the Ecclesiastical parish of Shifnal who gave their lives in the Great World War.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	A/M FRED. M. MITCHELL ... 5
FRED. HAYES 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	EDWARD FRIEND 7
SAPPER R. F. DEAL, R.E. ... 4	F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED. A. HOLDEN.

HIGHGATE, LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANE'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6
HAROLD BURTON 3	FRANK SMITH 7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4	CHARLES PRYOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUN ... Treble	JOHN POTTOR 5
THOMAS WORSLEY 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 7
BEN. A. KNIGHTS 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

This composition was rung for the first time in England. "The first peal of Stedman on the bells, and first time a peal has been rung with eight men on these bells. A. Knights' 50th peal of Stedman."

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Brith, on Saturday week. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and this being the first meeting at this church, members began to put in an appearance early, and in good numbers, the bells being kept going to various methods. Service was at 6 p.m., and over 40 were present, including Capt. Allen (churchwarden).—The Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) read the prayers and lesson, and the address was given by the Rev. S. W. Groom (curate), who based his remarks on the conversion of St. Paul, and perseverance, making special allusion to ringing.—The Vicar had secured the organist, and some choir boys, which brightened the service.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, to which over 40 sat down, the Vicar and Mrs. Boulden, Capt. Allen, and other ladies kindly waiting on the company.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Twenty new members, including the Rev. S. W. Groom, were elected, and four lapsed members were re-elected.—Lewisham was selected for the next meeting, in April.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and so kindly providing the tea; to the Rev. J. W. Groom for his address; to Capt. Allen and the ladies; the organist and choir boys, was carried by applause.—The Vicar, replying, said it had given them great pleasure to welcome the Association to Christ Church. It was the first time, and he hoped it would not be the last. He would also convey their thanks to the others concerned.

The tower was again visited, some of the visitors going on to St. John the Baptist's, which had been placed at their disposal.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Appledore on Saturday week, about 30 members attending, representing the following towers: Ashford, Great Chart, Mersham, Aldington, Rolvenden, Stone-in-Oxney, Burnash, and Tenterden, and the members of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and some well-struck rounds by the lady members. A special service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scott, President of the Guild). The general business meeting followed tea at the Red Lion Hotel.—The Secretary presented his annual report, which was considered very satisfactory.—The Rev. A. O. Scott was re-elected president; Mr. C. W. Everett, of Ashford, was elected Master; and the secretary, Mr. H. Balcomb, was re-elected.—Six new members were enrolled, and Selliage fixed for the place of the next monthly meeting, on Saturday, February 8th.—A vote of thanks was accorded the president for permission to ring, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—The remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse and handbell ringing. The Guild thus had a hearty send-off for 1919, in which the secretary intends to create a record in membership.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting was held at Erdington on Saturday, January 18th, members being present from Berkswell, Birmingham, Boldmere, Coventry, Knowle and Solihull. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the day. After tea the business meeting was held, with Mr. James George (Ringing Master) in the chair.

It was resolved to obtain a list of all members who have been serving in H.M. Forces, and that all towers be asked to send lists to the secretary as early as possible.

Five new members were elected, and Rugby was selected for the place of the next quarterly meeting, to be held in April.

By the kindness of Mr. Bernard Wittchell, the Abbey Church was visited, and touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round.

The Parish Church was again visited, and further ringing took place until 8.30, bringing a successful meeting to a close.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday week, the attendance being the largest seen at St. James' for a number of years. Members were present from Chert Church, Bacup; St. Saviour's, Bacup; Rawtenstall, Newchurch, and Ramsbottom, in addition to a number of young ringers who have just commenced to learn. Various touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Rawtenstall was decided upon for the next meeting on February 15th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells; also to ringers for having all in order, brought the meeting to a close.

CORRECTIONS.

The weight of the tenor at St. Sepulchre's, London, was erroneously given in our issue of January 24th as 13 cwt. It should, of course, have been 31 cwt.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Parnet, published in the last issue, was Pte William Keeble, and not Hubble, as stated.

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am very glad to see that the restoration of these bells has been taken in hand at last. Their condition has been a scandal for many years past, and has more than once been called attention to in the public Press.

I may say that the treble, third, and fifth bells were formerly hung in the old detached campanile, pulled down in 1738, when the present western towers of the Abbey were completed.

With regard to the tenor (in my notes on Westminster Abbey bells which appeared in your columns about five years ago) I called attention to the fact that she was originally cast for St. Michael's, Cornhill.

In Stow's Survey of London, i.e. the description of that church, we read: 'The fair new steeple or tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which being finished, and a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth was added and given by John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430.' Now I find that this bell was recast by Lawrence Wright in 1587; and again by Robert Met in the following year. Being still unsatisfactory Met again recast her in 1593-4; and, lastly, she was recast by R. Phelps in 1738, the same year as the other Abbey bells were hung in the newly completed tower. The inscription on this bell gives her history thus: 'Remember John Whitwell, Isabel his wife, and William Rus, who first gave this bell 1430, now cast in July 1599, and in April 1738, and Richard Phelps, T. Lester fecit.'

I have tried in vain to find out why this bell was transferred to Westminster Abbey. Can anyone throw any light on the subject? Now would be the time to have the mystery cleared up.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

Clerical Library,
Salisbury.

In our article on the restoration of the Abbey bells last week, it was stated that when they are completed they will be the heaviest eight in London. This was not correct. Christ Church, Spitalfields, has the heaviest eight, the tenor there being 33 cwt.

PRESENTATION AT YORK MINSTER.

SERGT. E. MORRIS' SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

At York Minster recently, a presentation was made by the ringers to Sgt. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, attached to the office staff of the R.A.S.C., who was leaving for Cheltenham. During a stay of some two years in York, Sergt. Morris has assisted the Minster ringers. The gift consisted of two pictures of Old York: Stonegate, and Bootham, with the Bar, and parts of the Minster in the background in both cases.

Mr. T. Haigh made the presentation, and read the inscription on one of the pictures signed by the ringers, viz.:—York Minster Society of Change Ringers. To Sergt. E. Morris, R.A.S.C. The members of the above Society in asking your acceptance of these two framed pictures of Old York as a mark of our esteem also take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your valuable services, rendered during your sojourn among us. Whether as 'conductor' the man at the 'tenor,' or otherwise, you have always set an example of enthusiasm worthy of emulation by all ringers, young and old. This, coupled with a genial and happy disposition, have won for you the respect and admiration of each individual comprising the above society. It is a matter of regret that you are leaving York, but our compensation lies in the hope that you will soon be back to home life, united once again to wife and family. But you may rest assured that wherever you go the best of good wishes of the Minster ringers will go with you. 'Time rolls on,' the 'changes' come unceasingly.

Sergt. Morris, in reply, stated that rather than he being entitled to any recognition, it was the other way about. He was indebted to the Minster company for their many kindnesses in helping to make his stay in York as pleasant as possible.

Sergt. Morris conducted the first part of the service ringing, which consisted of 593 Grandsire Caters, followed by a short touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. T. Haigh.

HONOUR FOR SUNDERLAND RINGER.

The following D.C.M. award is announced:—

Sergt. R. Walker, 1st Bait, Northumberland Fusiliers. At Harringworth, on September 18th, 1918, Sergt. Walker was in charge of a Lewis gun section covering a block in an advanced sap. The enemy broke through, and his section was surrounded. He immediately collected what men he could, and after bombing the enemy out of the trench behind him, turned his attention to those in front and cleared them out also. The situation was critical, and his prompt action turned the enemy's temporary success into a failure with heavy casualties.

Sergt. R. Walker is a regular service ringer at the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr, Sunderland.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of Kettering District took place at Rothwell on Saturday last. In spite of very wintry weather, a most enjoyable meeting was held, upwards of 30 ringers being present, including Mr. Sam Burdett, and most of his 16 pupils from Desborough, and representatives from Kettering, Isham, Cransley and Rothwell. Owing to several funerals ringing could not be commenced till 3.30, but then full use was made of the ropes till 4.30, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a most impressive address. At 5.10 the party adjourned to the Church Institute, where a sumptuous tea had been prepared.

At the meeting, which followed in the upper room of the Institute the chair was taken by the Vice-President (the Rev. E. G. Atkins), supported by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. M. Morley), and the district secretary, Mr. W. T. Wilson. The meeting was glad to welcome Miss H. Willson (Leicester), Mr. Duffield (Sharnbrook), and Sergt. Seares, who is doing duty at a prisoners' camp near by. Two life and the following ordinary ringing members were elected, viz.:—Six from Desborough, two from Burton Latimer, and one from Rothwell.—Burton Latimer was chosen for the next place of meeting.

Afterwards some of the visitors went to see the famous 'bones,' and ringing was continued till a late hour.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.**

The annual district meeting of the North and East District was held on Saturday last at Southgate. There was a capital attendance, including two ladies: Miss N. G. Williams, of Hillingdon, who had braved the elements, and Miss Webb, of Finchley. The ringing was of good quality, and included Grandire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, London, and Superlative Surprise Major. A very bright service was held in the church, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow). The singing was led by the choir, thanksgiving was said, and the names of members fallen in the war read out, and remembered.

Tea was served at the Cherry Tree, and the business meeting followed, with Mr. F. A. Milne in the chair.

Twenty new members were elected, and votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of the late Messrs. Bertram Prewett and R. E. Stewart.

The meeting agreed to officially support the memorial service, to be held at St. Clement Danes, on February 22nd, and Messrs. W. Lawrence and W. H. Oram were selected to serve on the committee. The balance sheet was presented, and accepted, subject to audit, and a brief resume of the year's work given.

The whole of the officers and committee were re-elected, and the arrangements for the next meeting left with the hon. secretary.

Expression of thanks was given to the Vicar, Mr. J. Miller, the organist, choir, and the local ringers for their kind help in making the arrangements for such a successful meeting. The tower was then again visited, and thus a memorable meeting closed.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT BARKSTON.**

On Saturday week a very successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Barkston, when members attended from Grantham, Orston, Long Bennington, Caythorpe, Hough-on-the-Hill, and the local band. The bells were used to the full, and some good touches were brought round in various methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

At the service in St. Nicholas' Church, the Vicar of Barkston (the Rev. E. M. Clements) welcomed the ringers to Barkston, and delivered a very inspiring address. He reminded the ringers that they should teach others the art of change ringing, and so help to fill up the places of their brother ringers who have died during the war.

During the service, Mrs. Russell, on behalf of the Barkston ringers, asked the Vicar and churchwardens to accept a magnificent carved oak peal board recording two peals rung in 1912 and 1913 by the local men.

The Vicar suitably replied, and said he hoped that his ringers would strive to keep the ringing at the high standard they had attained.

By kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Clements, the ringers and choir boys, numbering 30, sat down to a splendid tea in the Village Hall.

At the business meeting, the Rev. F. S. Curtis occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston). All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and Edenham was chosen as the place of the July meeting.

Mr. R. Richardson (Surfleet) made an appeal to ringers to give more support to their only paper 'The Ringing World,' and remarked that during the war, owing to the high cost of material and labour, the paper was not a profitable concern. He also said that if the 'Ringing World' fell through owing to lack of support, ringers would lose much interest in ringing generally.

His remarks received the hearty approval of the meeting, and the sum of £2 was voted to the fund to be presented to the Editor.

Upon the proposition of the Rev. C. J. Sturton, the meeting ac-

corded a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Clements for their kind hospitality, to Mrs. Woods and her assistants for waiting upon the ringers at tea, to the choir boys for their assistance at the service, and to the Rev. F. S. Curtis for presiding at the meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on Saturday week at Clutton, by the kind permission of the Rev. Mr. Mansfield, Rector of Clutton. Soon after three p.m. the bells, a beautiful peal of six, were going merrily in Doubles (Stedman and Grandire). At 4 p.m., the members assembled in the church for Divine service, the Association's special form of evensong being used. In the very regrettable absence of the Rector, who was away on army chaplain duties, the Branch President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip) conducted the service, and gave a most helpful and inspiring address from the pulpit.

At the conclusion of the service, the ringers repaired to the old Church Schoolroom for tea. Here they met with a very warm welcome at the hands of Mr. Blacker (churchwarden), Mrs. Blacker, and Mrs. Gibbons (wife of the Rector's churchwarden), Mr. Gibbons being unavoidably absent. These good people, with Mrs. Mansfield, had made all the local arrangements for the tea, and evidently had not spared themselves any pains or trouble in their efforts to this end.

After tea, the usual business meeting took place, the President being in the chair, and brisk business was done in the way of electing new members, no less than twenty-eight being admitted to the Association. This, surely, is a most encouraging 'sign of the times,' and is very pleasant proof that the local branch is very much alive, and augurs well for the future of change ringing in this deanery. As a matter of fact, the meeting was a record one altogether, for no less than 48 members were present, and this in spite of the unfavourable turn which the weather had taken. The towers represented were Clutton, Camerton, Timsbury, Paulton, High Littleton, Radstock, Leigh-on-Mendip, Publow, and Midsomer Norton. The presence of the lady ringers was by no means the least pleasant feature of the proceedings, and they acquitted themselves with great credit when taking their stand at the ropes, the Paulton ladies especially distinguishing themselves in this respect.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to all who had in any manner contributed towards the success and enjoyment of the gathering, those specially mentioned being the Rev. Mr. Mansfield, Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Blacker, Mr. Pullen (choirmaster), Mrs. Pullen (organist), the choir, the lady helpers, and the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill.—Mr. Blacker, in replying, expressed the real pleasure it had been to him and all the other helpers to do what they had done, and hoped that Clutton would soon again be favoured with another visit from the ringers.—Mr. Honeywill said how greatly delighted he was to see such a very large and enthusiastic muster of members, and felt sure that now the war was over there would be a very manifest re-uscitation witnessed throughout the whole deanery, and he also thanked the members heartily for their cordial words in reference to himself.

This concluded the meeting, after which the members eagerly sought the tower once more, where several six-scores of Stedman and Grandire Doubles were rung.

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Long Ashton on Saturday week, and despite the unfavourable weather, was very well attended, 38 members attending from Clapton, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Portishead, Wraxall, Tickenham, Bristol and Newport. Throughout the afternoon the fine peal of bells were sounding out their melodious music, and the ringers attended Divine service, at which the special form of the Association was used. Tea was provided at the Church House, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Philip Young, Vicar of Long Ashton.

Eleven new members were elected, six of them being ladies.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. Thos. Wratt; vice-chairmen, Mr. W. Gillingham and Mr. G. G. Court; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Yeo.

Wraxall was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, with Tickenham as an intermediate place for practice only. Various matters were discussed by the members present, including the proposed memorial services to be held for fallen comrades.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

The tower was again visited, and various methods rung until nearly nine o'clock, thus bringing to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor; E. Lanham 1, G. Fleming 2, J. Bennett 3, W. Ball 4, A. Hatcher 5, W. Burgess (conductor) 6. Various other touches were rung also. This is the first time these bells have been rung since March of this year, owing to the band being on active service. The above was rung to oblige Sergt. J. Bennett, Royal Marines, H.M.S. 'Phaeton,' home on a few days' leave from the North Sea.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Feb. 6th and 20th, *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 11th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual district meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Belfry, Derby, on Saturday, February 8th, 1919, at 3 o'clock. — J. Lord, Local Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, February 8th. The 8-bell tower of the Parish Church, St. John the Baptist, will be available from 3.30 till 5 and from 7 till 9. St. Peter's, South Croydon (10-bell) from 3 until 4.45, and again after the meeting. Special Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Tea, at the invitation of Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston, at The Foundry, White Horse Road, at 5.45. Business meeting to follow tea. — Ch. Reading, Asst. Hon. Sec., 6, Whitford Lane, Mitcham, Surrey.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 5 p.m. Strong muster wanted. — H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short Service at 4.30; tea and meeting to follow. — F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Bridge Street, Raunds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Feb. 8th. The Cathedral belfry will be open at 2 o'clock; Evensong at 4; tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15. — Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James's Society.—Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, E.C.4. St. Andrew's, Holborn, will also be open, ringing at both towers from 4 to 6.30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey. It is hoped that members will make special endeavours to attend. All ringers will be welcome. — T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas (City) on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. — W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Secretary, 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service will be held in Bramley Church at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow. — J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; Service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All members intending to be present must inform me not later than Monday, Feb. 10th, and oblige S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea and meeting at 7.30. Members intending to be present please send word to Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short Notice of Meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sellinge to-morrow (Saturday). Bells available from 3 o'clock. — H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A special Service will be held in the Church at 5 o'clock. If possible, tea will be provided for those attending if they will kindly notify me of their intention to be present not later than Tuesday, Feb. 11th. — C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Meeson Hall 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify the undersigned by Monday, February 10th? — E. Butler, 3 Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, February 15th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Rekon), at Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1919. Bells available from 3 o'clock; short service at 5.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at the London Apprentice at 6. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend, as important business will come before the meeting. — H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Secretary, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided. — A. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—United practice will be held at Burnham on Saturday, February 15th, and at Bray on Saturday, March 1st, both at 4 p.m. Visitors will be wel-

come. Messrs. Kirk, Truss and Evans have kindly consented to represent this Branch at the Ringers' Memorial Service in London on 22nd inst. The Annual Branch Meeting is proposed to be held at Windsor on Easter Monday; full particulars will follow.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FALLEN RINGERS

This service will be held (D.V.) at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22nd next. The Service will be at 4 p.m., and the address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The original limitation to the London District is abandoned, and the Rector's invitation is a general one to ringers. Provincial associations who desire to be associated in any way, either by the presence of members or of delegates only, or by holding a synchronised service, might kindly communicate with the Hon. Sec., E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Memorial Service for all ringers of the Association who have given their lives in the war will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church on Saturday, February 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Preacher: the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol. Roll of Honour will be read. Names (with regiment, etc.) should be sent in from all towers which have not previously made their returns, to the Master, Rev. M. E. Thorold, St. Philip's Vicarage, 24, King Square, Bristol. Ringing from 2.30 and again from 6 till 9. Tea at 5 o'clock, 9d. per head. All ringers and their friends invited to attend. Please notify me before February 17th. — Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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