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THE EDITOR'S THANKS.

Our readers will, we feel sure, accord us their indulgence if an article of a personal nature occupies this column for this week. On Saturday last the presentation of the testimonial to the Editor of the 'Ringing World' took place at the College Youths' dinner, and he is compelled to take the opportunity here afforded to thank all those whose kindness resulted in the gift of the handsome sum which has been handed to him. There are occasions when words fail to express one's emotions or one's gratitude, and for the Editor such an occasion is the present. After the trials, the difficulties and the losses of past years, such a gift would evoke in any man a feeling of the warmest thankfulness and gratitude, but greater than all else is the knowledge of the friendship, the kindness and the sympathy which lie behind the effort.

The fund which was raised is a record amount in any similar object connected with the Exercise, and in that fact alone there is reason, without any egotism, for pride, and the significance of the number who have joined in the gift cannot be lost upon one. It shows that through dark and trying days the sympathy of a circle of friends, wider than anything one could have dreamed of, was with the Editor, and that sympathy is not only a recompense for the ills of the past, but an encouragement and an inspiration for the future. It is not an idle boast that had the force of circumstances, as it might well have done, caused the closing down of the 'Ringing World' when it was the only ringers' journal remaining, the Exercise would have received a blow from which it would have recovered with the greatest difficulty. A paper such as this is the link which binds the ringers of the land together, and its severance at a time when nothing could have been done to replace it would have been a serious matter. It was this, even when personal ends would have been better served by allowing the journal to go under, that induced the Editor to endeavour to 'carry on.' The appreciation of this effort has shown itself to an unexpected degree, and has lightened the troubles of the past as well as brightened the prospects of the future.

The inception of the scheme was as kindly in its spirit as the response has been generous, and the Editor desires publicly to thank Mr. James George for his part in the scheme. He it was who planned it, he it was who carried it through to its highly successful issue. Energy, enthusiasm and time he gave without stint in what we know was to him a labour of love. Others there have been who have played a specially active part in helping Mr. George, and to them as well as to him, and to the hundreds of friends both known and unknown, the Editor returns his most grateful thanks.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	HENRY MANCE 8
HORACE BELCHER 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER 9
HAROLD P. BURTON 5	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARBON.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal on the bells since being re-hung in a new iron frame and fitting by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.C.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS Treble	HORACE BELCHER 5
EDWARD WALLAGE 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6
JAMES SCHOLES 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Composed by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN F. HOOPER Treble	FREDERICK BENNETT 5
*PERCY E. JONES 2	JOHN PRESTON 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung on the anniversary of Armistice Day. The ringer of the 5th was made a life member of the above Guild previous to starting.
* First peal in the method away from the treble. This was the conductor's 100th peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES CLARK Treble	*RICHARD RICHES 5
*ROBERT MARSHALL 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
THOMAS EASTERBY 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES 7
*GEORGE HARRIS 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the Armistice, also on the 25th birthday of Sydney E. Daynes, son of the conductor, who was prevented from taking part in the peal by business.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR MASON Treble	EDWARD SEAL 5
RICHARD JENNER 2	ERNEST LEIGH 6
* HERBERT LEIGH 3	JOHN W. STEDDY 7
JAMES HEASMAN 4	EDWARD LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. STEDDY.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Rung for anniversary of Armistice.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Mins.,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

* FREDERICK W. RADFORD ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
MRS. CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
JOHN T. SCOTT 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the first anniversary of Armistice Day, also as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. E. C. Kirwan, on being raised to the dignity of Canon.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... Treble	FRANK W. HOPGOOD 5
FREDERICK DENTRY 2	WILLIAM PAICE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
RICHARD RUNHAM 4	REV. CYRIL JENKYN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the enthronement of Right Rev. Herbert Burge as Bishop of Oxford.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES A. GRAY Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

EPPING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
THOMAS RODEN 3	DANIEL JONES 7
ANDREW JONES 4	* JEREMIAH BLOORE Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL JONES.

Rung as a welcome home to T. Roden, who has returned from Mesopotamia, and as a birthday compliment to William Rock Small who attained the age of 80 on the 12th inst. * First peal. First peal as conductor.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

MISS EMMA TONGE Treble	GEORGE STAFF 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
WILLIAM H. SHUCKER 3	EDMUND SCHOFIELD 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Composed by F. BANKS (Six-part No. 1)

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Pendleton, 4th from Middleton, 5th and 7th from Milnrow, tenor from Pendlebury, the rest belong to the local band.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ALLEN Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND 5
Cecil C. MAYNE 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
JESSE ELDRIDGE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A Peace peal for the town and rung on the first anniversary of Armistice week.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
(OSWESTRY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

R. EDWARDS Treble	E. JONES 5
R. MARTIN 2	* G. WILLIAMS 6
* J. HUGHES 3	C. R. LILLEY 7
* R. EVANS 4	† G. BEATON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. The above was rung as a Peace peal for the town of Oswestry as the band was unable to meet at an earlier date. C. R. Lilley hails from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, the rest belong to Oswestry.

HULL.—On Sept. 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, a plain course each of Treble Ten and Treble Bob Major, 287 Grandsire Caters and 400 Stedman Triples, in which the following took part: C. Bradley, Middleton, A. E. West, L. Rodmell, H. Rodmell, W. Ayre, T. S. Morton, G. Miller, A. Howell, G. E. Williams.—On Sunday, Aug. 31st, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, 395 Grandsire Caters: W. Howell 1, J. Chamberlain 2, G. F. Williams 3, J. Clark 4, F. Dale 5, J. Highfield 6, A. Miles 7, G. Miller 8, T. S. Morton (conductor) 9, B. Cook 10.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION,
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR. 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung on the anniversary of Armistice Day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent,
Oxford, Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON 3	HERBERT SHARPE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARK.

Rung on anniversary of the Armistice.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRECON DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

10 different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD Treble	CHARLES POWELL 4
WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 3	*GEORGE P. WEALE Tenor

Conducted by L. S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. This was the quarterly peal for the district and was rung as a 'Peace peal' for the parish on the first anniversary of Armistice Day. The ringers were heartily congratulated by the Vicar at the close of the peal.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising seven different compositions.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES W. HAYNES Treble	† HAROLD FOLWELL 4
WILFRED SHARP 2	WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY 5
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on a bob bell.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HERMESHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES SPARKES Treble	*ROBERT MCCANN 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALFRED R. ELKINS 5
JOHN BEAVAN 3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

MIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Bob Minor, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
*MISS NORA COOPER 2	EDWARD WHITE 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 4
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 2	WILLIAM PAGE 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First 7 method peal on the bells. First 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and Canterbury by C. Woodberry, who was kind enough to fill a gap at the last minute.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

ALDWINCLE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

REGINALD C. LOVEDEY Treble	† DANIEL REDHEAD 3
*LEONARD J. WYMAN 2	RICHARD DUNKLEY 4

*JAMES M. NICKERSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the first peal ever known to have been rung in this parish, and the ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (Canon Hodgson).

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

NEW BELLS AS WAR MEMORIAL.

MR. W. W. WORTHINGTON'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The eight bells which have been placed in the Church at Ovenscote near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, will be dedicated on Saturday, Dec. 13th, by the Bishop of Peterborough. The service will be at 4.15, and tea at 1s. 6d. a head will be provided in the school at 5.30. All ringers will be welcome. Three of the bells were given by Mr. W. W. Worthington, and the fund for the remaining five and the whole work of hanging and installing the ring have been raised in the parish as a memorial to those who fell in the war, and as a thankoffering for peace.

The bells form a light ring, with tenor of about 10 cwt. They swing on ball bearings, and the work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

MR. W. R. SMALL'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

The Tipton veteran, Mr. William Rock Small, reached his 80th birthday recently, and the event was celebrated by the ringing of two peals, one at Wednesbury, and one at Tipton, in both of which Mr. Small took part. He has received the hearty congratulations of a wide circle of friends, and to-morrow is to receive an address from ringers all over the country at a meeting of the Dudley and District Guild. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

HOLT'S PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will Mr. Joseph Maddock kindly give some further description of the composition of the peal which he conducted at Taunton on the 1st inst., as reported in your issue of to-day? I have always thought that I was fairly conversant with Holt's peals, but I must plead ignorance as to any peal of his styled his 'Five-Part, No. 2.'
Deane Rectory, Orerton, Hants. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

A RECORD GIFT.**PRESENTATION TO THE EDITOR OF THE 'RINGING WORLD.'**

At the anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Saturday, opportunity was taken to present to the Editor of the 'Ringing World' the balance of the sum subscribed to the testimonial by the ringers of the British Isles. As is well known, the scheme, for which Mr. James George, of Birmingham, was responsible, was set on foot as an expression of practical sympathy with Mr. Goldsmith in his long illness, and in recognition of his efforts to keep the Exercise provided with a Journal during the long and dark days of the war. A portion of the amount subscribed was presented to Mr. Goldsmith at the Henry Johnson Commemoration dinner at Birmingham last March, and the scheme having since been brought to a magnificently successful conclusion, the balance, as stated above, was handed to him on Saturday, the company present being representative of many of the leading societies of the country.

The presentation was made by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, who, in a felicitous speech, said he hardly knew how to express to Mr. Goldsmith the gratitude of the Exercise for the courageous manner in which he had kept the 'Ringing World' going throughout the war under the greatest possible difficulties (hear, hear). Even old-established papers had found a great deal of difficulty in carrying on. In the case of the 'Ringing World' there was the special difficulty that most of its readers were young men who were called away in the country's service, so that the circulation fell very considerably: there were also the troubles which were universally felt by newspapers in regard to paper, which was difficult to obtain, and the cost of labour, and to crown it all, in the midst of the worst time, Mr. Goldsmith was himself stricken down with illness. But he struggled on manfully, and the paper never failed to make its appearance week by week. The subscribers to the testimonial, proceeded Alderman Pritchett, had contributed from all over England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and even from America, which showed how widely spread the friends of Mr. Goldsmith were. Bacon it was who said that friendship doubled one's joys and halved one's sorrows, and he felt sure that this handsome testimonial would not only halve Mr. Goldsmith's sorrows, but practically do away with them, and that it would immensely increase his joys. He was bound to give credit where credit was due. The immediate inception of the idea came from Mr. George, who had done the hard work of it, and had literally

worked day and night in collecting the money. The precise number of contributors it was impossible to ascertain, because most of the money came from the different ringing associations, but certainly the numbers could be counted by hundreds, and probably even amounted to over a thousand. The total amount that had been received was £277 15s. 6d. (loud applause). That was the largest sum that had ever been collected in any one effort from the ringing Exercise, and Mr. George had, therefore, achieved a record (applause). He would like to mention this, that among the associations the Winchester Diocesan Guild headed the list with a sum of £18 6s. 3d. (applause). Part of the amount received had previously been given to Mr. Goldsmith, and he now had great pleasure in handing him a cheque for the balance, £110 (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith, who was very warmly received, said he found it very difficult indeed adequately to express his thanks to those whose kindness had resulted in that extremely handsome testimonial. He appreciated and valued the gift more than he could say, but even more did he prize the wonderful spirit of goodwill and sympathy which it bestowed. The 'Ringing World' had passed through dark days, and there were times when it seemed that the paper would have to go under. But those days were past, and he turned with hope to the future, stimulated by the appreciation which had been revealed by that testimonial. It would, as Alderman Pritchett had said, reduce his sorrows to a minimum, and it would certainly double his joys. The future, said Mr. Goldsmith, rested largely with the ringers themselves. The present was not without its difficulties, and any reckless adventure might yet wreck the ship. It was still necessary, therefore, to advance with caution, but if the ringers themselves gave that increased support to the paper which he hoped they would, they would reap the advantage in the better journal which they would receive. Mr. Goldsmith thanked Mr. George for his great kindness in connection with the testimonial, for the spirit which prompted its inception, and for the labour and enthusiasm which he had put into the scheme. In once more thanking those who had subscribed to the fund he wished to associate his wife's name with his own, and, he added, the Exercise owed more to her than they knew for all she did for the 'Ringing World' during his illness (applause).

The total amount contributed to the testimonial fund was £277 15s. 6d. The hon. secretary's and other expenses amounted to £12 15s. 6d.: and the sum of £265 has, in all, been handed to Mr. Goldsmith. Individual donations amounted to £66 12s. 6d., and £211 4s. was contributed by Associations.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT REVIVED CELEBRATION.

After a lapse of six years, caused by the war, the Ancient Society of College Youths revived their annual dinner on Saturday last, when they celebrated their 282nd anniversary. In the afternoon there was ringing on the twelve bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the ten at St. Magnus, and visitors from many parts of the country took part in the ringing.

The dinner was served at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, and the size of the company was only limited by the accommodation at their disposal. About 130 sat down to dinner, and the representative nature of the gathering was evidence of the pleasure with which the revival has been received in the ranks of the Youths throughout the country. The chair was taken by Mr. Albert A. Hughes, the Master, who was supported by Miss Macalpine Leay, Canon Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), the Rev. A. H. R. Robinson (St. Martin-in-the-Fields), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Canon G. E. Coleridge (Crowthorne), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. B. Bennett (St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), etc. Mr. T. Faulkner (Past Master) was in the vice-chair, and among the company were the officers of the society, and London members, including 'Youths' like Edwin Horrex, Walter Prime, Chelli, Winnay, Bob Newton, William Gaurard, John Oxborough, W. D. Smith, and others, who were pillars of the society a quarter of a century ago. Among those who came from the provinces to take part in the proceedings were Messrs. J. George, J. Carter and A. E. Walker (Birmingham), R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary of the Oxford Guild), and members of the Caversham band, W. E. White (Midland Counties), W. A. Cave and R. J. Wilkins (Bristol), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), Walter Poking and W. Houghton (Irbthlingborough), A. Crawley and Riding (Crawe), C. F. Johnston (of the Croydon Foundry), C. Dean (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), and members of St. Peter's Croydon band, W. H. Judd (Southend), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), J. Evans (Hughenden), J. C. Truss (Marlow), J. Wyatt (Ashtend), G. F. Hoad (Reigate), G. N. Price, H. Hodgkiss (Oxhey), F. A. Smith (Bushey), T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), W. Shepherd (Hersham), and others.

After the company had assembled in their places, the following list of members killed in the war was read by the Hon. Secretary, and Canon Coleridge offered a suitable prayer, which was followed by a minute's silent remembrance: Capt. Sudell, Lieut. W. D. James, Cpl. P. T. Martin, Chris. Hughes, Sydney Wright, Jas. H. Payne, William Truss, Frederick J. Hardy, Bertram Prewett and Sedley J. Collins.

After an excellent repast, the loyal toast was enthusiastically honoured.

THE CHURCH.

The Master, in submitting the toast of 'The Church,' said the Church was of the first importance in our lives, individually and nationally. The Church was our oldest institution, an institution going back far beyond the days of Parliament, and it was a real fundamental of our lives. Without the Church the world would be chaos, there would be no law and order, no mutual respect, and if we failed to give that support in deeds and words that the Church required then we should lose our place amongst the nations of the world. We were proud of being British, proud of our traditions and all that our name stood for, but what deep down was really responsible for our just pride was the Church, which had always fostered the spirit of true Englishmen. Any nation which attempted to drop the Church was absolutely committing suicide. The Church to-day, continued the Chairman, had even greater difficulties than it had before the war and they were serious enough then. Now that they had settled down to a peace of a kind they had more trouble amongst themselves than they wanted, and amidst all the turmoil and the distractions the Church needed all the support they could give it, not only in words but also in deeds (hear, hear). They, as church bell ringers, were a body of Church workers, and they realised that the bells were put in the tower in the first place for the service of the Church, and they remembered also that they were Churchmen first and ringers afterwards. It was very gratifying to see so many clergy taking a keen and practical interest in change ringing, and he looked forward to the day when every incumbent would be able to take a rope in his own tower (hear, hear). A grievance sometimes cropped up that ringers were not always present at Divine service. In many cases he was certain that if the clergy would take a keener interest in the belfry they would get a readier support themselves. The war had been a great leveller of men, and they, as ringers, did not want to be patronised, but all ringers would like to feel that in their parson they had got a 'pal' (applause).

The toast was cordially honoured, and Canon Haldane was very heartily received on rising to respond. He said that although he had not taken an active part in bell ringing, it was not because he didn't

want to, it was because, with many of the clergy, he never had the chance, and he never had the sense to run about and push for a tower to get into. With reference to the suggestion made by the Master that all incumbents should be able to take a rope in their own towers, he suggested that the ringing societies should get at the Bishops, who were much more easily got at than many might think, and he was sure they would be quite ready to advise the younger clergy to take up bell ringing. With that in view, he suggested they should go to his Bishop, who was so splendidly young and full of 'go,' and ask him to start right away to tell the younger clergy that they had got to ring bells. If there was any difficulty about it, he was perfectly willing to place the tower of Southwark Cathedral at their disposal for teaching the younger clergy (laughter and applause). One of their members asked: 'What would the neighbours say?' Well, of course, they would say wonderful things at first (laughter), but he wanted to tell them what the neighbours said when the College Youths came. They said: 'Why don't we always have it like that?' (applause). Speaking quite seriously, he was always glad when they came, for it gave them real pleasure. Their ringing was a revelation, it showed that ringing was not a mere performance, it was a real art. It had all the expression they expected to see in an art, it had all the desire that there must be in true art; one felt that there was all the splendid mastery and technique. He was not just flatterer, for they really did ring awfully well. There were other people who rang in their tower (a significant pause by the speaker led to an outburst of laughter). The fact that they laughed, continued the Canon, made it unnecessary for him to explain further, and they need not be in the least bit shy of teaching the younger clergy, for they were like the younger laymen, they would make some hideous noises to start with (laughter).

Proceeding, Canon Haldane said those of the clergy who knew anything about bell ringers appreciated very much indeed what they did. It was the calling of the faithful to come and worship, calling them with all the beauty of music. He did not quite know what it was in them that was stirred up when they heard the bells, but it was rather like the feeling they had when they heard a good hand. The clergy looked upon the ringers as allies, for they did a work amongst one another which they of the clergy all appreciated as of the highest value. They disciplined one another, and taught one another patience and perseverance. Sometimes the person who rang worst did most in that way when he was teaching the others to keep their temper (laughter and applause). He sometimes consulted his steepkeeper who was a member of their society, and a great friend of his, who had been in the line for over so many years, and whose father and grandfather before him had been steepkeepers, and who had got a nice little boy coming along, who he (the Canon) hoped would one day become the steepkeeper in his turn. He (the speaker) sometimes asked his steepkeeper questions, and once, when the ringers rang for three hours, he asked him: 'What did they say to the poor fellow that broke down?' The steepkeeper shook his head, he wouldn't say it (loud laughter). Continuing, the speaker said one of the best things about the Society was their name. It was splendid to go on calling themselves 'Youths' now that they were going on for 300 years old. There was something in the title that expressed the freshness, the courage and the hope which was claimed for the youthful. So far as he was concerned, he was afraid he was too old to take up ringing now, and he feared that if he was to try he should bang his head against the ceiling which, he understood, was what happened to those who did not know how to handle a rope (laughter). However, to make up for that, he was glad to say that one of his staff had taken up bell ringing most furiously, and should they be passing the Cathedral and hear anything strange they would know what it was (laughter). But one of the things he was going to do when he got home was to tell that assistant curate that he had got to join the College Youths, if they would have him (hear, hear). He would push him into it, and once he had joined he would be glad of it every day, and he (Canon Haldane) would get the pleasure of being asked to come again and see them (applause).

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY.

Alderman Pritchett proposed the toast of 'Prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths.' He referred to the fact that he joined the College Youths 45 years ago, but that it was not until he had been a member for 25 years that he was present at one of their annual dinners. He well remembered the kindly reception they gave him on that occasion; he remembered that Miss Leny was there, and he was very glad indeed to have the pleasure of meeting her once again (applause). Col. Mackinnon was also with them, and one who had passed away from them, Archdeacon Sinclair. There were also many whom he had greeted that night, and he was happy indeed to see them still with them. Their society was an ancient and honourable one. Honourable it must be, because by natural tendency it made those honourable who devoted themselves assiduously to the art of change ringing (applause). Ancient it could not be denied. It was not quite so ancient, perhaps, as some of the London Companies, but he was quite sure it was a great deal more respectable (laughter). Its

antiquity was no idle boast; it could bring ample evidence. Tabian Stedman's book published, he believed in 1841, was dedicated to the Society of College Youths—not ancient then, for it was founded in 1637. It also had evidence of its continuity of existence and importance in the two beautiful silver tankards displayed on the table. The first one commemorated a contest in 1783 with the Oxford Society, in which the College Youths won one of those cups as a prize. He believed Canon Coleridge, who represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild, disputed the right of the College Youths to the possession of that tankard, for he had heard him say that the Umpire was squared (laughter). He (the speaker) thought they should try and arrange a return match and see how they would come out with the Oxford Guild now. The tankard which they proudly held was considerably more than a hundred years old, and on the 100th anniversary of their winning it they were presented with the other tankard. They in Birmingham, the St. Martin's Guild, once possessed a silver cup, and the fact that they did possess it was duly recorded in their peal book at the time, but what had become of it was not quite known. He had heard it said on one occasion after a festive gathering it was left with the innkeeper as security for the score (laughter), and had never yet been redeemed (laughter). He thought Mr. John Carter knew something about it, as he believed he had a good deal to do with the running up of the score (loud laughter). Continuing, the Alderman said the College Youths had had an honourable succession of officers in the society who had carefully preserved their valuable property, for valuable it undoubtedly was, and he trusted it would always be preserved as evidence of the proud achievements of the College Youths in the past (applause). They were now, he said, settled down into the old stride in the way of change ringing. He had heard with regret of the losses they had sustained in the war, but he felt a feeling of relief that the list was not longer, although long enough it was, indeed. It was pleasant that most of them were gathered there again prepared to resume ringing under peace conditions. The columns of 'The Ringing World' were becoming more extensive every week with the peals that were rung, and in that progress the College Youths were undoubtedly taking a leading part. They in the provinces very much looked up to the College Youths, and in Birmingham most of their members were members also of that society. One member whose name he would like to mention was a member of their society, and that was his old friend William Rock Small, whose 80th birthday they commemorated during the week by a peal of 5,000 Stedman Caters at Wednesbury, in which Mr. Small took part (applause). He was sure he could take to him from that meeting the hearty congratulations of his brother ringers of the Ancient Society of College Youths (applause). In conclusion, Alderman Pritchett wished the Society long and continued prosperity. Their prosperity in recent years, he said, had been linked with the name and exertions of their secretary, Mr. Cockerill (applause). He was indeed a stalwart ringer in every sense of the word. Look at him and deny it if they could! (laughter and applause). His achievements in peal ringing and from several points of view constituted a record. They all respected and admired and esteemed Mr. Cockerill, and it was with the utmost pleasure that he coupled his name with the toast.

'Prosperity to the Society' and 'Health to Mr. Cockerill' were heartily drunk, musical honours being accorded the hon. secretary.

A course of Stedman Caters was then rung on handbells, by: W. Wise (Croydon) 1-2, J. Carter (Birmingham) 3-4, A. Walker (Birmingham) 5-6, H. Langdon (London) 7-8, W. A. Croy (Bristol) 9-10.

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GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

CROYDON, SURREY.

FROM WAR TO PEACE.

THE CHANGE OVER AT THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

A year ago, the Croydon Bell Foundry was going full speed ahead on the output of munitions of war, a very hive of industry, typical of the energy which this country had put into its labours to enable the Army to triumph in the field. The Armistice had been signed but a fortnight, and the brake had not yet been put upon the wheels of production of warlike materials. To revisit the foundry a few days ago was a new revelation of the enterprise which characterises the firm of Gillett and Johnston, who, when the emergency demanded it, were quick to come to the nation's aid, and who have been equally resourceful in turning back to the industries of peace time. But it is not the factory that we knew before the war. It has grown and expanded beyond all knowledge, and, while it has returned to the same classes of manufacture for which it was formerly so well known, it has resumed its work upon a broader basis, with an infinitely wider scope, and behind it all the experience of generations, coupled with the enthusiasm of youth, in the direction of its energies.

When we described the work which the foundry had done during the war, in an article which appeared in these columns about twelve months ago, we referred to the fact that Mr. Cyril Johnston, the head of the establishment, was already gathering round him a staff whose skill and experience would place the firm in an exceptional position to carry out the transformation that he had planned, and with little loss of time the factory returned to the production of bells and clocks on a scale never previously known at Croydon.

Our readers have read from time to time of the bell work that is now being done at this foundry, where there would apparently be no difficulty in turning out a peal of bells complete every few days. Last Wednesday week, a large party of Hertfordshire ringers and friends from other parts of the country had the privilege of seeing for themselves what was being done. They went ostensibly to see Watford's new peal of eight, which were erected for test purposes in the foundry. They admired the shapely forms and clean finish of the bells, and the beauty of their even tones produced on the Simpson principle. They saw the perfection of their hanging upon ball bearings, and inspected with interest a new kind of 'slider,' which is not a slider at all, but a hard wood ball running in a curved iron trough, with stops at the ends, into which the stay comes at each turn of the bell. This ring of eight, with a tenor of 24 cwt., will be one of the glories of Hertfordshire when they hang in the tower of Watford Parish Church, thanks to the enthusiasm of the popular Vicar, himself a ringer, the Rev. C. F. Ayerst. He was among those who visited the foundry, and those who were also there included the Rev. G. Edwards, of St. Albans; Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Herts County Association, and ringers from St. Albans, Baldock, Aldenham, Watford, North Mimms, Hertford, Rickmansworth, Luton, Barkway, etc. There were also ringers from London, Kent and Surrey, and the party found the afternoon pass very rapidly in an inspection of the works, the casting of four bells out of a chime of eight for Strabane, Co. Tyrone, being not the least interesting of the experiences, and an entirely novel one for many of the visitors.

No less interesting was the tour through the shops in which the clocks are manufactured. There were large turret clocks, under construction, but the direction in which the horological industry has expanded most at Croydon is in the making of grandfather clocks. In this the firm are developing a great home and export trade, and one had only to see the care with which every part is produced and to view the finished article, to realise that here was an industry that was an asset, not merely to the factory, but to the nation. It will re-establish the prestige of this country in the production of an article which in years gone by was an essentially English type. Two hundred years ago an old English craftsman, Daniel Quare, working without thought of time and intent only upon perfection, made a masterpiece. So far as outward appearance is concerned the clocks made at Croydon are in facsimile. The choice of wood, the excellence of the cabinet work, the cut of the hands, the engraving of the dial, the perfect proportion of the figures, the exquisite chasing and gilding of the 'Cupid' corner-pieces reproduce the style introduced so long ago, but coupled with it is a mechanism which is the perfected production of a modern factory, equipped with modern machines and laid out and organised to produce, in large quantities, types of the highest class of English house clocks. Clocks of other styles are to follow, but for the moment 'grandfathers' are the great feature of the small clock department. In all the stages of their construction, as explained by Mr. Johnston, and his able lieutenant, Mr. Housman, the visitors were keenly interested, and after tea, in the spacious new canteen, the Vicar of Watford thanked Mr. Johnston, in the name of the company, for the most instructive time they had spent and the hospitality shown to them.

In the evening there was ringing on the fine peal of ten at St. Peter's Church, in which many of the visitors took part.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Bellringers' service at 5. Further particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, November 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 in the Church Institute, 1/3 each. All members wishing tea please notify Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Church House, Mansfield. Mansfield Woodhouse (6, tenor 19½) will also be available.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3 to 9. A short service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, followed by tea and business meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A Special Meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, 29th Nov. Tower open 3 p.m. Business meeting at King of Denmark, in the evening.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Old Hill (Staffs), on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available from 2.30, service in church at 4 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. Canon Brewer, M.A. (Vicar), who will also give an address. Business meeting after tea.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BELL OPENING.—Official opening of St. Paul's Church, Denholme, the bells of which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 29th. All ringers invited. Bells ready at 2 o'clock.—G. Denny, Longhouse Lane, Denholme, near Bradford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 2nd and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th; *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Mr. C. E. Bennett, of Beaconsfield, kindly invites the members to tea at the Old Rectory, Beaconsfield, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 6 o'clock. Bells available from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Evensong and remembrance of fallen comrades, with special address, at 5.30. Please notify the Branch Secretary of your intention to be present.—The proposed Burnham meeting for Major practice on the above date will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 6 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at which a welcome will be extended to demobilised members. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, price 9d. to members and 1/6 to visitors.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Blakenhall, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided free in the Mission Hall at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting. Will all intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 3rd? Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Room (adjoining church). Members requiring same must apply to Mr. J. R. Kemp, 75, Joseph Street, Hunslet, before first post, Dec. 2nd. Business meeting immediately after tea.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells of St. Michael's (on the hill) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea in the Institute at 5 o'clock. The bells of St. Philip's (Old Market) may be used from 6 to 7.30. All ringers will be very welcome. Will those who can come to tea kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd?—Edith Smith, Sec., 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Fenny Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; Bletchley bells (8) from 5.30 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Dec. 6th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Lambert). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will take place at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 4 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m., free to members who notify by Dec. 2nd.—A. Talbot, Staunton-on-Arrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Maidstone District will take place at East Farleigh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea at 5.45, provided by the Vicar; business meeting after. The Secretary will be glad if those intending to be present would let him know not later than Dec. 2nd.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- each) will be provided in the Gatty Memorial Hall to those who notify Mr. T. Kitson, 39, High Street, Ecclesfield, not later than Dec. 9th. Ecclesfield is easy of access, trains by Midland and G.C. railways, and motor bus from Firth Park tram terminus every two minutes.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.; meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.—J. Watson, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Old Parish Church, Aldershot, on Dec. 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m.; Guild service at 4.30. Tea will be arranged *only* for those who notify before Tuesday, Dec. 9th. The help of gentlemen to coach learners will be greatly appreciated.—Mrs. L. Hazelden, St. Michaels, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea at 'Nag's Head,' 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the Tuesday prior to the meeting?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield, near Bracknell, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. Clifford Toogood) and remembrance of fallen comrades. Tea at the Brownlow Hall at 6 o'clock, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presiding. Members, friends and neighbours will please advise the Hon. Secs. of their intention to be present as soon as possible.—Joseph White, The Forge, Hurst, and W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

THE CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY LIBRARY, SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.—Catalogues are now ready, and may be obtained from the Librarian, price 6d. post free.—Sam Thomas, Librarian, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

***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. Beames, West Ewell, Epsom.

DEATH.

MELVILLE.—On Nov. 22nd, 1919, at 17, Bedford Road, Guildford, Grace Louisa (Peggie), beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville (late of Tring), in her 14th year.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

A splendid set of 25 handbells in perfect condition, together with leather bag; will take £22 10s. the lot.—Chas. Mason, 29, Elworth Street, Sandbach, Cheshire.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**THE DECENTRALISATION SCHEME.**

As has been shown by recent reports in the "Ringing World," the Guild of Devonshire ringers has embarked on the policy of decentralisation. The scheme that has been adopted consists of dividing the county into six districts, each branch thus formed being governed by a committee with its own chairman and secretary. A proportion of the subscriptions of members is retained for local uses, the remainder being devoted to the general purposes of the Guild. It is hoped that by these means local interest in the Guild's activities will be fostered, and means found for the gradual spreading of a knowledge of change ringing over this very large and in some respects, unwieldy county.

The scheme has been embraced with enthusiasm by the members of the Guild, and successful meetings have been held recently at Peter Tavy, Ottery St. Mary, and Newton Abbot, by means of which the circle of local branches has been completed in accordance with the present scheme. As the number of bands adopting change ringing increases it is proposed that these branches should be divided up into smaller groups.

For the immediate future the local branches and their secretaries will be as follows:—

Exeter Branch: Mr. F. J. Davey, 52, Queen Street, Exeter.
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It is hoped that change ringers about to visit the county will previously communicate with one of them, or with the general secretary of the Guild, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Melbeton Vicarage, Plymouth, when every possible opportunity will be given them to take part in change ringing, and to use their services in the spread of the art.

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