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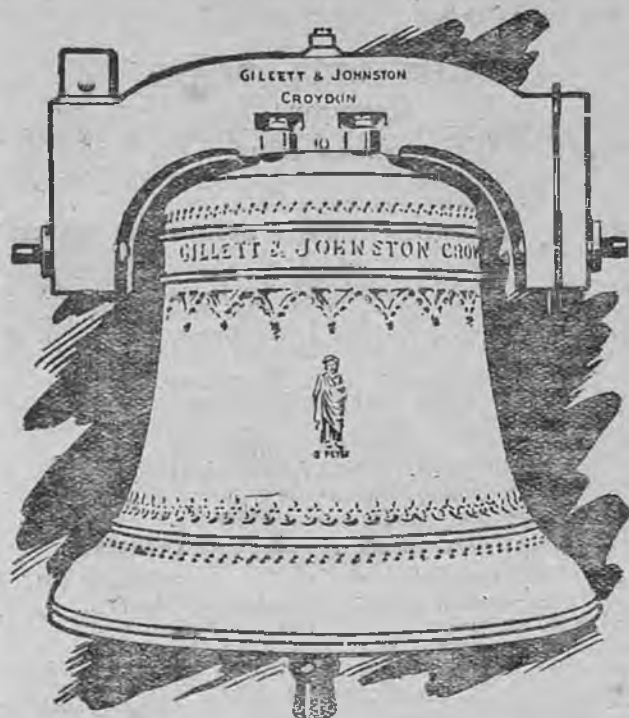
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THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

There are frequent indications that some of the Associations are setting about the rebuilding of their fortunes with a good deal of determination, and the signs are most gratifying. The meetings of the past few weeks have been unusually well attended, and a happy feature of the gatherings has been the return of demobilised men, who are showing that their interest in the Art has by no means diminished through their absence. These successful meetings show that here is one way in which Associations may encourage their members and swell their numbers. Meetings are a sign of vitality, and the more meetings that are held the greater life will the organisations develop. It is not, of course, possible to hold very frequently gatherings representative of a whole Association, but the division of societies, which cover large areas, into districts, provides a means by which the members may be much more often brought into close touch, and thus have their interest and enthusiasm made the keener.

Most of the big Associations are now worked on the district system, but some there are which still get along without this aid, or which are divided in name only. But unless they are organisations whose operations are conducted within a comparatively small area, with easy means of intercommunication, they lose much of their effectiveness by retaining only centralised control. One has only to look at the excellent results attained in such societies as the Kent Association, the Winchester Guild, or the Lancashire Association, to mention only three, to see what can be done by dividing large areas into districts and giving them control of their own affairs and a share in the general management of the organisation.

The advantages are obvious, and there are to be efforts to apply the principle more thoroughly in several instances where in the past the division has been largely in name only. We heard last week what is to be advocated in the Midland Counties Association, and in the Norwich Diocesan Association there is a hope of utilising the existing districts with more advantage. Some effort is to be made also, we believe, to induce the Hereford Diocesan Guild to move on the same lines, and there can be no doubt that advantage will arise from it. The best proof that the system of running large Associations by means of self-controlled districts is the best, is to be found in the fact that no Association which has once had effective administration by means of districts has ever gone back to the centralised system. Districts bring an Association into touch with the individual ringers, give them the feeling of being a real part of a live organisation, and make membership of the corporate body something to be desired instead of a matter of indifference.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, May 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANCES;

FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 6
ARTHUR SEVIOUR 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
ALFRED PEARCE 3	ARTHUR WALLACE 8
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
GILBERT WILTSHIRE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above was rung after meeting short for treble ten, and in honour of the anniversary of the King's accession.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR W. DAVIS 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	REUBEN SANDERS 8
*MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
HERBERT L. HARLOW 5	† WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EDMONTON,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JESSE TYLER Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
CHARLES V. HARE 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT 5
* RICHARD H. STEVENS 2	CHARLES W. BRETT 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 3	GEORGE J. JENKINS 7
* FREDERICK ELLIOTT 4	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

* First peal in the method.

KILDWICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

E. LAMBERT Treble	J. GARLICK 5
C. BROWN 2	H. HORNER 6
H. ROE 3	W. BILLOWS 7
G. ROBINSON 4	W. D. HILLARY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	HERBERT HAIGH 5
*JOHN AMBLER 2	JOHN W. CORDINGLEY 6
WILLIAM BARTON 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Francis Barker.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

HORACE BEDDINGFIELD ... Treble	PETER LAFLIN 5
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the Accession of H.M. King George V. This composition has 2nd extent in 2nd and 3rd, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 5—6 without the 2nd there.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF St. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SEVIER Treble	THOMAS H. KIRKBY 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	ALFRED BARRATT 6
FRED BLOOD 3	FRED S. PRICE 7
WILLIAM E. WHITE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON.

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Rung to celebrate the return to civilian life of the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BARKER ... Treble	JOHN T. BUTLER 5
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
EDWARD C. GOSEY 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
JOHN P. TARTON 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

WALTER POPPLEWELL ... Treble	SAMUEL WHEATLEY 5
CHAS. PRATT 2	WILFRED LEE 6
SYDNEY KEIGHLEY 3	WILLIE CORDINGLEY 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER POPPLEWELL.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wheatley.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	JOSEPH FAULKNER, SEN. ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
HARRY HUBBLE 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	*JOSEPH FAULKNER, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

The peal was rung as a 'welcome home' to Sergt.-Major Richard Cooksey, R.A.M.C., sexton at the above church; also to commemorate the coming of age of Miss Edith Mary Gough, eldest daughter of Mr. B. Gough, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie May Greenfield, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Greenfield.

The ringers of the third and tenor were proposed members of the Stafford Society previous to starting, the ringer of the tenor also being proposed a member of the Dudley Guild.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor.

WHISTON, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

MISS W. M. HAGUE Treble	ROBERT HARRISON 5
ARTHUR HAGUE 2	ALFRED T. BAKER 6
COLIN RYDER 3	FRED WATKINSON 7
*COLIN HARRISON 4	WILLIAM WARBURTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

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

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK MONTFORD Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
LEONARD HEWITT 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
HARRY OVERTON 4	*WILLIAM EDGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. Tenor, 4th and 3rd from Crewe; 7th and 2nd from Coalbrookdale, Salop; 5th from Stanton, near Shrewsbury, the rest are local men.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE MAXIN Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*ARTHUR MASON 6
GEORGE RADLEY 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	GEORGE CHESTER 5
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE 6
ARCHIE C. STOKES 3	SYDNEY PROCTOR 7
JOHN WALDEN 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	HENRY J. PHIPPS 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	GEORGE ASHLEY 5
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 3	CORPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Ashley on the occasion of their silver wedding.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. COLES Treble	RICHARD NICHOLLS 3
*JAMES W. SEARCY 2	*GEORGE T. UNLERWOOD ... 4

CHARLES W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. J. T. Lawson. Mr. Coles was re-elected a member before starting for the peal.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 7, 1919, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. HEMMING, 29, CHURCH BANK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor size 10 in A.

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON ... 1—2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5—6
CPL. JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3—4	JAMES HEMMING 7—8

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Hemming on the nineteenth anniversary of their wedding day.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

A Non-conducted peal.

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1—2	GERALD MOORHOUSE 5—6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3—4	MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 7—8

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Witness: MR. A. WINDSOR.

This is the first non-conducted handbell peal in the method and was rung at the first attempt. Malcolm and Gerald Moorhouse are 14 and 15 years of age respectively.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BARNET.

The annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Barnet on Saturday, April 26th, when the towers of Barnet and Hadley were filled with members, whose ringing abilities ranged from rounds to Surprise Methods. A pleasing feature was the number of ladies present from the Stamford Hill tower, who, under the tuition of Mr. Ringrose, are making great strides. Another lady present was Miss Williams, of Hillingdon, while of the male sex present were Mr. Arthur I. King, I.S.O. (President), Mr. P. A. Milne, J.P., and Major J. H. B. Hessa (Vice-Presidents), Mr. W. Pye (Master), Messrs. J. Armstrong, G. B. Lucas, W. A. Alps, A. W. Coles, C. S. Bird, T. Beadle, C. Tricker, G. Pye, W. A. Pye, H. J. Ranzetta, R. Sanders, O. Twist, A. Mason, R. Rolley, J. Stumpster, J. Wicks, G. Fletcher, J. E. Miller, W. Wobb, C. Charge, W. Hewett, H. Kilby, G. M. Kilby, etc. The ringing on the whole was very good, and consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Bristol.

The service was held at Barnet Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Manning), and consisted of shortened evensong, with the hymns, 'Jesus Christ is risen, to-day,' 'The Lord is risen indeed, and 'Unchanging God who livest.'

The Rector gave an interesting address, in the course of which he extended to the ringers a sincere and cordial welcome, and thanked them for their coming, for this reason, that they of the C. of E. inherited from the munificence of the past the inestimable gift of their parish churches. The sad thing was that excluding Sundays, when they were thankful to find that their people still came in considerable numbers, their churches stood in their cities, towns and villages, unused. No purpose was found for them; no prayer was offered in them, and no praise was sung; so he was thankful that this church should be put to any purpose, consistent with the consecration to Divine service. Therefore, he not only welcomed the Association, but thanked them for coming to Barnet. For nearly five years, he continued, their functions had been practically suspended, and they had been inhibited from their office by many of the exigencies of the war. Many of their members had made the great sacrifice for God and the King. He desired to express the hope that, as at that Easter-tide they thought of the many who had rung with them on past Easter mornings, their sorrows for the loss of their friends might be brightened by the rays of the Resurrection Gospel, and by the prospect of a happy reunion. He asked them to remember that as the tower was, structurally, only a part of the church, bell ringing was only part of the service. But while in some places—what proportion, perhaps, they knew—on such occasions as that they rightly claimed that the ringing was part of the service, on Sunday they did their bit, and then said 'I'm off.' Was that quite playing the game?

After service an adjournment was made to the Church House where tea was served, which was followed by the business meeting, with the President in the chair.

The report and balance sheet were presented, and adopted. Extracts from the report will be given in our next issue.

Ten new members were elected.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. H. C. Chandler, who has retired from the position of hon. secretary of the S. and W. District. The question of a County War Memorial was raised, but the suggestion of the Central Committee, that no special scheme be put forward, was adopted. Mention was made that an inset be put in next year's report.

The President reminded the meeting that the Association had now passed its 21st birthday, and was going strong.

The meeting concluded by recording its thanks to the Rectors of Barnet, Hadley and Southgate for the use of the bells, and the local bands for their help in arranging the meeting.

The tower was then visited until 3.30 p.m. Thus passed another successful meeting.

DISTRICT MEETING AT TWICKENHAM.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday last, when nearly 50 members attended from Acton, Brookley, Camberwell, Harrow, Oatlands Park, Hendon, Surbiton, Kingston, Fulmer, Hillingdon, Harlington, Isleworth, Slough, Southgate, Willesden, Heston, West Ealing, etc.

Among the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Superlative and Bob Major, while some rounds were rung by a band consisting of all ladies.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, five new members were elected, and it was decided to hold an evening meeting at Acton in June, and the next Saturday meeting at Harlington or Heston.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. Prosser) and to the local ringers. Ringing was then continued until 8 p.m., when a pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

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THE LADIES' GUILD. MIDLAND DISTRICT.

A well-attended meeting of the Midland District was held at St. Nicholas' Church, King's Norton, on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells, a light musical ring of eight, were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, shortly before four o'clock, five ladies taking part in a touch conducted by Miss E. A. Parker, who had travelled from London specially to attend the meeting. After further touches a short service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Hugh Price) was held. After service, a short interval before tea was spent in viewing the interior of the church, a very interesting old edifice dating back to the early part of the 16th century. Alderman J. S. Pritchett acted as guide.

A substantial tea was provided in the Schoolroom, some 40 members and friends being present.

At the meeting which followed, it was decided to hold quarterly meetings instead of half-yearly business and practice meetings, and Solihull was selected for the next meeting.—Miss S. Pigott and Miss E. K. Parker both appealed to the members for better support for the 'Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Rector for the service in the church, to Ald. J. S. Pritchett for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting and providing tea, to the organist, and the ladies who had waited upon the visitors. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob brought round by mixed bands. At 8.30 the bells were lowered in peal, and a very successful meeting brought to a close.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATIONS.

On Saturday week, six members of the Worcestershire Association met at Toddington for a peal in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Ashley. Mr. Ashley is well known among ringers of the Southern Branch as one always willing to do anything in his power for ringers and ringing, although his own opportunities in that direction have been somewhat limited. Not his least useful work has been the training of a young band, including several ladies, at the Parish Church to fill the gaps caused by the rush of men to the colours.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the band were rather late in meeting for the peal and chances of success looked none too rosy, when after half-an-hour's splendid ringing, something 'went wrong with the works,' and 'stand' was called. However, another start was made, and a good peal rung, as recorded elsewhere.

Afterwards, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, the band adjourned to their house for a very welcome tea, and a social evening was spent with the handbells, etc., which, however, was marred by the enforced early departure of one of the band. The visitors were to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Ashley for their hospitality on this and previous occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wheatley, of Colverley, Yorks, have also just celebrated their silver wedding, and a peal was rung in their honour last Saturday at the Parish Church. Afterwards they entertained the ringers to tea and the thanks of the company were expressed to them for their kind hospitality, as well as good wishes for their continued good health and happiness.

PRESENTATION AT READING.

On Saturday week, at Tilehurst, Reading, an interesting presentation was made to Mr. A. Osborne, foreman of the tower of St. Giles' Reading, and late honorary secretary to the Reading branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Chairman, Mr. A. Pole Routh, before presenting the gift, which took the form of a striking clock suitably engraved, remarked on Mr. Osborne's good and loyal work for the past 17 years, and hoped the clock would serve him as faithfully as he had served the Guild. He further stated that owing to his good memory he looked upon him as a clever man.—Mr. Osborne, in acknowledging the gift, said that it was more than he deserved, as he had done the work purely for the love of the thing.

A large number attended, representing various outlying towers, including Mapledurham, Bucklebury, Tilehurst, Caversham, besides St. Mary's, St. Giles' and St. Lawrence's, Reading.

Tea, partaken of at the Parish Room, was most kindly arranged by Mrs. Lane; and after the meal, Mr. Wright, a trustee of the Guild thanked Mrs. Lane and her helpers for the excellent tea provided.—The Rev. F. W. Lane replied, remarking that they were all very pleased to see the members of the Guild.

Touches in several methods were rung on the bells of St. Michael's Church, both in the afternoon and evening, and during the interval handbells were brought into use, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the afternoon, a preliminary, it is hoped, to many similar gatherings.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice of members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Staunton-on-Arrow, on Saturday week, members attending from Kingsland, Pembridge and the local band. Several 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Eardisland if the bells are available; or, failing that, at Pembridge on May 24th at 6.30.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLIDAY MEETING AT DISS.

A quarterly meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Diss on Easter Monday, about sixty representatives from the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk being present at the general meeting. The bells of St. Mary's, Diss, and St. Peter's, Palgrave, were available throughout the day, and were kept merrily ringing from morning to evening by the members, about 100 of whom put in an appearance.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) read a letter from the President (Mr. J. Saneroff Holmes) regretting his inability to preside at the quarterly meeting on account of being away from home.—Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president) took the chair, and others present included Messrs. G. E. Symonds, E. E. Diaper, W. L. Duffield, Denison Mayward, T. Fitzjohn, W. Ireland, F. Day, G. P. Burton, F. Knights, Rev. H. Drake, etc.

The Chairman, in proposing that a resolution of sympathy be passed to Mrs. E. F. Poppy and family, of Eye, on the serious illness of Mr. Poppy, a most keen and devoted supporter of the Association, announced that he (Mr. Borrett) had seen Mr. Poppy, who was progressing favourably, and wished to be remembered to all the members present at the meeting.

The Chairman announced that Mr. W. Grimes, hon. secretary of the Debenham District, had written resigning the district secretaryship, having held that office for over twenty years. The committee regretted Mr. Grimes could not hold office any longer, but were fortunate in finding a successor in his son, Mr. E. E. Grimes. He also announced that Mr. C. P. Fisher, of Ufford, had been appointed the secretary of the Woodbridge district, in the place of the late Dr. F. E. W. Meadows.

Twenty-one new members of the Association were elected.

The Hon. Secretary made an earnest appeal to the members to give better support to 'The Ringing World.' He said the circulation was far below what it should be. They had in Mr. J. S. Goldsmith not only a good Editor, but a first-class ringer, and, as ringers, they should give him their best support and show their loyalty by taking a copy of the paper week by week. He believed the Exercise desired a ringing paper of its own, and if that were so ringers must be prepared to do their part and double the circulation in their own Association. As secretary, he could not get on without it, and he thought even those ringers who did not hold office would endorse the sentiment that now there was a revival in ringing there should also be a revival of their support for their only ringing journal.

SHEFFIELD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT RAMMOOR.

Compared with some previous meetings held at headquarters, the attendance of members at the annual gathering of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society at Rammoor on Saturday week, was not so numerous, some thirty attending, representing twelve towers, viz.: All Saints' (Sheffield), Barnsley, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, North Wingfield, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral and Worksop. After the afternoon's ringing, tea, thoughtfully provided by the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls and the Rammoor company, and served in the Parish Room, was a very welcome change.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by Mr. F. M. Tindall, Vicar's warden, who welcomed the society to Rammoor in the name of the Vicar, who was away from home enjoying a brief holiday.

The balance sheet showed the society to be in a flourishing condition financially, the income exceeding the expenditure on the yearly account by £1 7s., which, added to the capital account, gives a total of £18 3s. 8d., compared with last year's total of £16 8s. 10½d. This was considered satisfactory, and was approved by the meeting.

The Honorary Secretary's report gave some very gratifying figures. The number of towers directly affiliated is 20; new members elected during the year numbered 16, while the losses through death were four. The average attendance at the seven meetings was slightly over forty, a very good average indeed. The fixtures for the coming year are to be monthly, as before the war, commencing on June 7th, with Norton, which tower has not been visited by the society since 1913. The Sunday service competition is to be revived. Nest cards, with the prayer for use in belfries printed on them, are to be distributed to those towers who will adopt this desirable practice, and it is hoped each tower in union will join in acceding to a request so reasonable. The report closed with the hon. secretary's thanks for the splendid support given to the various appeals for subscriptions, and urged each member to become a regular subscriber to the 'Ringing World.'

Six new performing members, including a lady, and one honorary member, were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the local company for making the arrangements, to the Vicar and chairman concluded the business, after which came a capital touch of Grandsire Catex on the handbells, followed by more ringing at the tower until 8.30, when a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples concluded a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, are shortly to be augmented to ten, the new trebles being the gift of Mr. H. R. Cobbin, the steeplekeeper, as a thankoffering for recovery from a recent serious operation.

We hear it is likely that two more bells will be added to the ring at Winchester Cathedral in the near future to make a peal of twelve. The Winchester Diocese does not at present possess a ring of this number. The tenor at the Cathedral is 30 cwt.

The 150th anniversary of the opening of the peal of eight bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on May 10th, 1769, has just been celebrated.

Mr. Challis F. Wimsay, who has been seriously ill for two or three weeks is, we are glad to say, now about again.

There will be many bells rung in the Winchester Guild on May 28th, when Mr. John J. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Guildford District, and one of the oldest members of the Guild, is married at Dulwich.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMEMORATION OF FALLEN RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Acting on the suggestion of the President, who is anxious that the Central Council should make commemoration of ringers fallen in the war, and thinks that this could best be accomplished by preparing a list of their names to be read out at the meeting of Gloucester, I write to say that I shall be glad to receive lists of names as soon as possible. It will be readily understood that as the meeting draws nearer the regular work of preparing for it grows daily heavier. I, therefore, hope that in sending me the lists these two conditions may be observed:—

(1) That the lists be compiled by the hon. secs., or other responsible official, of Diocesan, County, or at least District, Guilds or Associations, whether affiliated or not affiliated to the Council, and not by correspondents of local companies. By this means I hope that repetition of names and other forms of confusion may be avoided. It is obvious that were they to reach me direct from local companies the time and labour involved in sorting them would probably be more than I could afford.

(2) That the names in the lists may be given in alphabetical order and that the lists themselves may, if possible, be typed.

To these a third request may be added, namely, that all lists should be sent not later than the end of the present month. I trust that I may be excused for not acknowledging the receipt of communications, and also for not holding myself responsible for any inaccuracies or omissions in the lists, which will read exactly as they reach me.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary of the Council.

Deane Rectory.

Overton, Hants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUGGESTED PEAL OF TWELVE FOR THE CATHEDRAL.

For the past four years, for obvious reasons, the annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has been of a purely general character. This year a well-attended gathering was held in Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. All the bells in the city rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening, touches in a variety of methods being rung. A good many ringers attended evensong in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, when the Guild Collect was used after the Collect for the day to mark the occasion.

About 140 ringers sat down to an excellent tea in the Co-operative Hall, and the Dean of Lincoln presided at the meeting which followed. The Dean gave a hearty welcome to those who had returned from the war, speaking specially of the great debt of gratitude the country owed to them. He then made touching reference to those members who had laid down their lives in the war, and spoke of the real sympathy felt with those to whom the conflict has brought sorrow and loss.

The officers were elected as follows: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; hon. secretary, the Rev. Reginald Bond; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Finley.

The Master, supported by Mr. Procter, brought forward a proposal which emanated from the last meeting of the Southern Branch: 'That the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral be approached with a view to augmenting the ring of bells in the Cathedral from eight to twelve as a memorial to those ringers in the Diocese who had fallen in the war.'—This was carried unanimously.

The Master briefly addressed the members of the Guild, laying special emphasis on the need of training young ringers.

A vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding concluded the meeting.

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THE OFFICERS.**CROYDON PEAL COMPOSITION FALSE.**

There will be general disappointment at the news that the composition rung by the officers' band at Croydon on May 3rd is false, but it will be nothing to the disappointment which the ringers themselves will feel.

Mr. W. T. Elson, of Parsons Green, writes that the repetition occurs in the 3rd and 7th courses.

Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, writes: 'The curate-in-charge at St. Peter's, Croydon, was a wise man in stopping the officers' peal, and it was unfortunate that they made the second attempt, seeing that the composition is not true.'

It is hoped that another attempt for a peal of Caters will shortly be made, although circumstances render it improbable that exactly the same band can take part.

We hope next week to give a photograph of the ten officers.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

At Hursley, the resting-place of the Rev. John Keble, and where, 60 years ago, when he was Vicar, the bells were regularly rung at five o'clock in the morning on all the great church festivals, ringers are always sure of a welcome, and on Saturday last the members of the Winchester District, who were holding a quarterly meeting there, were very heartily received by the present Vicar (the Rev. C. R. - husband). The visitors were kindly invited to make use of the Vicarage garden, and on such a beautiful May afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed a ramble in the grounds, where John Keble, Dr. Moberley and Charlotte M. Yonge had walked and talked together. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Treble and Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were brought round on them. One 720 of Bob Minor was rung by J. Pannell, R. G. Hunt, Rev. W. E. Colchester, W. G. Rowe, W. T. Tucker (conductor), and R. W. Whittington.

Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, the Vicar presiding. After expressing his gratification at meeting the members of the Guild again at Hursley, the Vicar spoke of the importance of the office of a church bell ringer, and said how grateful he felt to his own band for the way in which they had kept the bells going during the war.

Mr. N. C. Hayter-Hames, Chagford, Devon, was unanimously elected a member of the Guild. Mr. Hayter-Hames was until recently a student at Winchester College, and during the war came regularly to assist in the Sunday service ringing at the Cathedral, when free from his college duties, thus making it possible for touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters to be rung, which otherwise, owing to members being absent on military duties, could not have been done.

Mr. W. H. George proposed the Rev. C. R. Husband as an hon. member of the Guild, and he was duly elected.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester was elected a life member of the Guild. Several young members of the local band were admitted as probationers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Hall.

Very sincere thanks were expressed to Mr. Jones (captain) and his band; also to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hunt, and the young ladies who assisted them, for the excellent tea which they provided, and for all the arrangements made for the comfort of their visitors.

Members were present from Dibden, Southampton (St. Michael's), Croydon, N. Stoneham, Eastleigh, Hursley and Winchester Cathedral.

A successful gathering of the Basinstoke District took place at Overton on Saturday afternoon, April 26th, when representatives were present from Basinstoke, Deane, Oakley, Overton, Steventon and Whitechurch. After ringing during the afternoon, the members attended service at 4.30. This was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Carpenter Turner). Tea was afterwards served in the Parish hall, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector kindly took the chair. Happily there was but little business to be transacted, which being done and ending with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the members speedily returned to the tower, where several six-scores of Grandsire were accomplished in excellent style, some Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor being also rung. This continued till shortly after 8 p.m. Altogether the meeting was a happy and successful one, and was favoured by beautiful weather.

NORTHFLEET BELLS.

For sixteen years the bells of St. Botolph's Parish Church at Northfleet, Kent, were silent, as the tower had been condemned as unsafe. A few months ago, however, the structure was inspected by some local gentlemen, and the necessary restoration to strengthen the tower was carried out. For morning service, on Sunday, May 4th, the local ringers rang their first 720 of Bob Minor, after having made several attempts. It was the first 720 by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and

4th, and was rung by F. Draper 1, J. Carrott 2, H. Barnes 3, G. Lingham 4, R. Smith 5, W. Ware (conductor) 6.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**PEACE PEALS PROPOSED.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Caerphilly on Saturday last, and was well attended by members of both Archdeaconries. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon. Tea, kindly provided, was served in the School-room, 80 sitting down. Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, who was the first Master of the Association when it was formed 26 years ago, was unanimously invited to the chair for the business meeting, in the absence of the Rector, who was detained at a funeral.—The Hon. Secretary explained the reason for diverting the meeting from Penarth to Caerphilly. The next Monmouth Archdeaconry meeting is to be held at Caerleon, and the next Llandaff Archdeaconry meeting at St. Athan's where, at present, the bells are being recast and rehung.

A discussion on peace ringing took place, the unanimous feeling being that peals wherever possible should be rung, and a record hung in each tower.

The proposal of a war memorial to fallen ringers, members of Llandaff Association, was deferred until a future meeting.

Some of the younger men, who had returned from the war, expressed themselves grateful to the older members for the way the bells had been kept going during their absence, and on the proposition of Mr. Claud Davies, of Caerleon, seconded by Mr. Arthur Morgan, of Newport (both of whom had done duty in France), it was decided that a record of the fact should be made in the minute book.

Before the meeting closed, the Rector put in an appearance, and welcomed everyone. He was grateful, he said, to the ringers, especially his own band, for the way the bells were regularly rung for the Sunday service.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting proved one of the best quarterly gatherings that had ever been held.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of this Branch took place at Shepton Mallet, on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells at Douling, a fine peal of six, were raised soon after two p.m., and several six-scores were rung on them, by various bands, who then made their way to Shepton Mallet Church, where they found eager enthusiasts, impatiently awaiting their arrival. No time was then lost in getting this lovely peal of eight on the swing, and before the hour fixed for special evensong a good deal of triple ringing had been done. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Jones, Rector of Shepton Mallet, assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, the Rector giving a very earnest and inspiring address. Mr. A. W. Marchant (churchwarden) presided at the organ.

After the service, the members assembled for tea at the Parish Room. The Branch President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill) took the chair for the usual business proceedings. Several new admissions to membership were made, and voting on the selection of a place for the quarterly meeting in July resulted in an easy win for Chewton Mendip.

The retiring President was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, as was also the retiring hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard). Both these officials thanked the members for the honour again conferred upon them, and expressed their willingness to accept office once more and gladly to do what they could to promote the best interests of the Branch.

Votes of thanks were most heartily passed to all those who had very kindly assisted in the day's arrangements, special mention being made of the Rev. R. L. Jones for the use of the bells and for evensong, Mr. Marchant (organist), Mr. Wm. Richards, and the ladies, who so ably managed the catering for the tea, the President, and the Hon. Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary made a specially urgent request to all the members present to become subscribers to the 'Ringing World,' and it is confidently hoped that the local circulation of that faithful and valuable 'organ of the Exercise' will be very materially increased.

The Hon. Secretary said he was particularly gratified to note the presence of ringing friends from outside the Deanery. These were always most welcome visitors, and he assured Messrs. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), W. Farley (Wells), H. J. Trim (Glastonbury), and E. King (Bath), that their presence at that day's meeting was much appreciated by all the members. The attendance was probably a record one, for no less than sixty-two sat down to the tea.

The business over, the members once again repaired to the tower, where the bells were kept going merrily till quite a late hour, and doubtless the meeting will long be remembered as one of the most thoroughly enjoyable and successful ones since the inception of the Branch in 1902.

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CROYDON, SURREY.

SIXTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS.**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION'S RECORDED ELECTION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Milverton on Saturday, May 3rd, when about 30 members were present. The Rev. E. F. Felton officiated at the service and presided at the business meeting, which was held in the Parish Room.

Sixty-six new performing members, of whom twenty-one were ladies, and two hon. members were elected.

The next meeting, being the annual meeting, will be held at Bath.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, arranging and officiating at the service, and for presiding at the meeting, was carried unanimously. In reply, the reverend gentleman welcomed the member to Milverton, and hoped he should have the pleasure of meeting them there again.

Tea was then partaken of. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles and Bob Major were rung on the bells, among the visitors being Mr. J. Shepherd, of Swindon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District, was held at the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham, on Saturday week, when members availed themselves of the opportunity to ring on the grand peal on tower possesses. At 5.30 p.m., about 60 members assembled in church for the service, the Association Form being used, and a short but interesting address given by the Rev. R. P. Roseveare (Vicar).

Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was served in the Institute and thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Roseveare and other ladies waiting on the company. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Alex Young, hon. secretary of St. Clement's memorial service, with regard to the deficit on the accounts, and the District Secretary suggested 'passing round the hat.' The result was that a guinea was handed to Mr. Young who was present, and who thanked the members.

Sixteen new members were elected, including the Rev. Roseveare (an hon. member).

Shoreham was selected for the summer meeting, in July. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, for providing tea, and for presiding; also to the ladies and organist, and the local band for making the arrangements. The Vicar, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to welcome them to Lewisham, and he would convey their thanks to those named. Some of the ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, and others to the Vicarage garden for a game of bowls.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read in the 'Ringing World' a letter from Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in which he says ringers should modify going for peals in large towns, where there are sure to be a few 'grousers' living near the tower. He also says he would like to see a good many 'first touches' in the Miscellaneous Performances column, with which I quite agree. As I have said to my ringing friends a good many times, I think it is much more creditable for a country band in an out-of-the-way place that has rung 'stony' for a good many years to take to change ringing and get through a 720 of Plain Bob or Grandsire Minor on a rough-going six (where several of the band have to walk two or three miles across fields to do it), than it is for a good Treble Bob band to master Double Norwich (or some other higher method) on bells which 'go' well, and where the band live fairly near to the tower, or where they can jump on a tram to get to it, instead of walking across ploughed land where it is a job to get the men properly interested in change ringing. Now that many of us who have been lucky enough to get through this war are demobilised, the best thing is, settle down to 'spade work,' and try to fill up the gaps caused by the war. This will do the art more good than we should by going for peals in higher methods, in large towns where people grumble, however well the bells are struck.—Yours, etc.,

A COUNTRY RINGER.

LADIES' FIRST 720.

At Barton-on-Humber nine ladies volunteered to learn change ringing to fill the gaps caused by the absence of members on active service. On Sunday, April 27th, two of them rang their first 720 of Bob Minor, which was arranged as a welcome home to P. Hoodless, who has just been demobilised. The 720 was rung in 25 minutes by Miss Margaret Cole 1, P. Hoodless 2, Miss Nelly Cooper 3, A. W. Hoodless (conductor) 4, S. H. Ayres 5, W. Ayres (York Minster) 6.

MARLOW.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1344 Bob Major in 50 mins.: L. W. Copsey 1, W. Walker 2, D. W. Coster 3, F. O. Nicholls, senr., 4, C. Green 5, J. Eldridge 6, A. Walker 7, J. Truss (conductor) 8. Ringers of 1, 2, 6 and 7, for whom this was arranged half from Maidenhead, the rest are local ringers.

NOTICES.

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HERTFORD-COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, on Saturday, May 24th (Empire Day). Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Fuller announcement in next issue as to tea arrangements, etc. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. District Sec.

PARISH CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE.—Empire Day, May 24th. Dedication of new Belfry Clock and Memorial Tablet at 4 p.m. Ringing at intervals from 3 till 9 p.m. Organ Recital, vocal solos, etc., Parish Church, 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. Proceeds to fund for recasting 6th bell.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Brookwood Station, L.S.W.R., about one mile.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Old Church, Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea 1/- per head at St. Mary's Restaurant. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by kind permission of the Rector, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Members whose names appear in the unattached list, following the South and West District Towers, in the 1917 Report, pages 19 and 20, are asked to send me a card, with their address, in order that the new report may be sent to them. The subscriptions for 1919 are also now due.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should either be sent to the District Sec. or paid at the meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Kingscliffe, on Saturday, May 17th, in the afternoon and evening. All ringers intending to be present kindly let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, May 17th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Childwall, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 4; service 5; meeting 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival will be held at Wimborne Minster (10 bells), on Saturday, 17th May. Service at 12.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Headmaster of Wimborne School. Luncheon in Church House at 1.30 p.m., price 2/9 (drinks extra). Those intending to be present should notify the Secretary by the 13th, as accommodation is limited. Annual meeting will follow luncheon. Other bells available Poole (8), St. Giles', Camford, Sturminster Marshall (6).—F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers, to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. D. Barker, Northern District Master, 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.1.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Brinklow, on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this society will be held at East Retford on Empire Day, May 24th. By kind permission of the Vicar of East Retford and the Rectors of West Retford and Ordsall respectively, the peal of 10 bells and two peals of six will be at the disposal of ringers from 1.30 to 8.30. Tea at Howard's restaurant at 5 at a reasonable price, half cost to members and full cost to others, will be provided for those who inform G. W. Metcalf, Beardsall Row, Retford, not later than May 20th. Members of kindred Associations will be welcomed.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Hon. Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Monday, May 26th, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 29th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.30.—F. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3 o'clock; Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 27th; business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A monthly meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Fortieth annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday next. 3 p.m., service in the Cathedral with an address by Rev. D. B. Bardey, Vicar of Braintree; 3.45 p.m., annual meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 5 p.m., tea at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, 1s. 3d. each to members, 2s. 6d. non-members. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: The Cathedral (12 bells), Gallywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). To ensure accommodation at the tea notice must be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than June 5th.—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), now demobilised, wishes all Branch Secretaries or others who desire his presence at meetings, etc., to communicate with him at 'Broadlands,' Grosvenor Road, Caversham.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom.

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.

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LONDON.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Camberwell, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Flower, junr., 1, H. Franks 2, G. V. Gasson 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. W. Cornford 6, J. Bullock 7, M. Fensom 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, G. Harman 15. Longest length on ten bells by ringers of 2, 3 and 6.

SLOUGH.—On Easter evening, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: T. S. Smith 1, Gladys Bateman 2, W. Hewett 3, F. I. Hairs 4, W. H. Fussell 5, W. Hanley 6, Corpl. C. Woodberry (conductor) 7, Alfred Perryman 8. The steeplekeeper kindly 'stood out' for a visitor.

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