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THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

The work of decentralisation among ringing associations who, until recently, had not adopted this method of administration is going on with very satisfactory results. The Hereford Diocesan Guild and the Devon Guild are two of the large organisations which have just undertaken reconstruction upon the principle of decentralisation, and in both cases there is ample evidence of increasing interest and growing membership resulting from the change. In Gloucestershire and Essex, where there has long been a division into districts, an extension of decentralisation has been effected. The county of Essex has been divided into five areas, instead of four, with some further adjustment of towers among the original districts. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has established a new branch with headquarters at Cheltenham, which has already had the happy effect of bringing this one-time famous centre of ringing into affiliation with the diocesan organisation.

All these are evidences of the determination of the Exercise to set to work without delay not only to re-establish ringing where it was before the war brought about a cessation of operations, but to place it in a position to expand more rapidly. There are but few associations now covering any large territorial area which are not worked upon the district system, and it is probable that the Norwich Association, which nominally is divided into districts, will be effectively organised on this plan. Then, too, what Devon has done, Cornwall, through the Truro Diocesan Guild, and others can do.

The advantages of organising an association, with wide-spread borders, into districts of easy workable proportions have frequently been put forth in this column, and hardly need to be repeated. The only way to awaken interest in an association is to bring the association into touch with ringers. Societies that wait for the ringers to get into touch with the organisation always have uphill work. One of the first things which an association that sets up the district system is able to do, is to show those who have remained unaffiliated, that ringing organisations have a real purpose in view. The district system enables more ringers to attend more meetings, thus creating interest and enthusiasm and greater aspiration to advance in the art. It reveals more of the social side of ringing, which in any event must make for the greater brotherhood of the Exercise. It has proved beyond demonstration of advantage both to the ringer and to the association, for the increased interest of the one is reflected in the increased success of the other. The day will come, we feel sure, when not only will all associations be worked upon the district system, but when many of the present districts will be broken up into other smaller and more compact areas.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES:

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

GEORGE SCARRATT Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 7
JOHN TUDOR 2	GEORGE JONES 8
ERNEST WEATHERBY 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 9
GEORGE L. HEWITT 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 10
FREDERICK W. TAYLOR 5	ALFRED E. FULLICK 11
RICHARD T. HOLDING 6	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES RICHARD LILLEY.

First peal on the twelve bells since they were recast, and first peal of Bob Maximus by all the band. First peal on twelve bells by all except the conductor Mr. C. R. Lilley's first peal as conductor on twelve. First peal of Maximus by the Guild. The above was rung as a Peace peal for Shrewsbury and in celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. The band were congratulated by the Vicar and Churchwardens upon an excellent peal. The ringers of 3 and 10 belong to Market Drayton, 4 and 9 to Coalbrookdale, 6 to Crewe, the rest to St. Chad's. E. V. Rodenhurst was present in the tower throughout the peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES:

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE Treble	T. HENRY HARDY 6
JOSEPH LORD 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN 7
WILLIAM SMITH 3	JAMES HARRIS 8
ERNEST LESLIE 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
JOHN OLDHAM 5	RALPH HUBBARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal has the 6th her extents behind the 9th in the tittums, and behind the 8th in the inverted home position. J. Lord bails from Derby, the ringers of 3, 4 and 5 belong to Loughborough, the remainder to St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
ENGLAND.

On Thursday, December 4, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES:

Tenor 24 cwt.

W. Bro. REV. CANON. G. F. COLERIDGE (Crowthorne), P.M. Heather Lodge No. 3131, P.P.G.C. Berks Treble	
Bro. W. H. HOLLIER (London), M.M. Vitruvian Lodge No. 87	2
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W. Bro. REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Caversham), Windrush Lodge No. 1703, P.P.G.C. Oxon.	4
W. Bro. H. ARGLYE (Nuneaton), Abbey Lodge No. 432, P.M. ...	5
Bro. A. A. HUGHES (London), Doric Lodge No. 933, M.M. ...	6
W. Bro. E. BISHOP (Swindon), Royal Sussex Lodge No. 355, P.Z.P.P.C., Supt. of Works, Wilts	7
W. Bro. J. H. SHEPHERD (Swindon), Royal Sussex Lodge No. 355, P.Z.P.P.C., Supt. of Works, Wilts	8
Bro. J. H. B. HESSE (Major) (Haslemere) M.M. Carma Lodge No. 2105	9
W. Bro. W. H. JUND (Southend), Trinity Lodge No. 1734, P.M., P.P.G.C. Std. B., Essex, P.Z. Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by Bro. G. R. FARDON, M.M.

This is the first peal ever rung by a band of Freemasons. It was rung as a Peace peal to celebrate the conclusion of the Great War.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5
HENRY W. GARTON 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 6
WILLIAM J. DAVISON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	*WILLIAM COCKING, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARK.

* First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	HENRY STALHAM 5
*JOHN FEIST 2	*JAMES HART 6
*GEORGE PIPER 3	ROBERT J. DAWES 7
HERBERT RANN 4	*ARTHUR BANKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
CHARLES PALMER 2	JOHN JAY 6
RICHARD HOLDER 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM WATTS 4	EDMUND PATCHING Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONG ASHTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.

*ARTHUR SEVIOUR Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 5
EDGAR GRISE 2	JOSEPH GOULD 6
*CHARLES WALTON 3	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 7
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	JOHN BURFORD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	FRANK BRASSINGTON 5
H. J. BALCOMBE 2	EDWARD H. JOHNSON 6
JOSEPH H. WHITE 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
*HUBERT SUMMERS 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PERVIN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the men of Stoke parish who lost their lives in the war, particularly Frank Andrews, a member of the local band, who was killed in action on November 22nd, 1917.

RYDE.—On Sept. 23rd, at All Saints' Church, 1400 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Stainer 1, Miss H. F. Mills (1st quarter) 2, G. H. Coombes 3, P. Long 4, E. Hatcher 5, B. J. Snow 6, A. R. Ward (conductor) 7, W. Kemp 8. Arranged for Miss H. Mills, on a visit from Aldershot.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALLEN R. MICKTON Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
WILLIAM R. DRAGE 2	NEVIL H. WIDDOWSON 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	PERCY PRICE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. HAYES Treble	CHARLES WINNER 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	WALTER SMITH 6
FREDERICK HAYES 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
GUY R. AMBROSE 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

For calling see C.C. Appendix, 1895, page 99.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (TRANSPOSED).

FRANK OAKSHOTT Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
CHARLES E. READ 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	EDWARD T. GROVE 7
WILLIAM G. GROVE 4	W. SHORTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8058 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM J. NIDES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT TOUT Treble	ISAAC CREED 5
HENRY NORMAN 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	WILLIAM WHITE 7
EDWARD LLOYD 4	*WILLIAM SEALEY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Fitch on his induction to the living of Bishop's Lydeard.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48½ mins.: Miss G. Bateman 1, T. S. Smith 2, E. T. Hooper 3, R. Rumball 4, G. T. Leader (tower warden) 5, P. E. Jones 6, Wm. Renlay (conductor) 7, W. G. Bedford 8. A wedding touch for the daughter of the steeplekeeper who was married at this church on that date. On Sunday, Oct. 5th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 47½ mins.: W. Henley, P. E. Jones, Leader, Fussell, G. T. Leader, Hancock (conductor), Hooper and Perryman.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
THOS. ROLLERSON	Treble	A. NEWMAN	5
THOS. COLLINGE	2	W. GRAHAM	6
*SMITH W. RILEY	3	†A. RIDEOUGH	7
GEO. H. HARGREAVES	4	*ED. TIMBERS	Tenor

Conducted by THOS. COLLINGE.

* First peal in any method. † First peal of Triples on inside bell
First peal by T. Collinge as conductor.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt.	
WILLIAM DAVISON	Treble
MISS EVELYN STEEL	2
EDMUND J. HOBBS	3
HERBERT L. HARLOW	4
HORACE H. SMITH	5
HERBERT SHARP	6
WILLIAM STAPLETON	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES.

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

First peal of Major as conductor.

DERITEND, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, November 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S No. 35.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
THOMAS H. REEVES	Treble	HARRY WITHERS	5
FRANK J. SMALLWOOD	2	JAMES GEORGE	6
JOHN WITHERS	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
JOHN E. EATON	4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 66th birthday of Mr. James George, and also as a welcome home to Mr. Frank J. Smallwood, recently demobilised.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.	
ALFRED H. PULLING	Treble	MAURICE SMITHER	5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	6
*CHARLES N. BURDOCK	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
JOHN T. SCOTT	4	†GEORGE W. STEERE	Tenor

The bobs were called by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire on a bob bell. † First peal on tower bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dobinson, wife of the local ringer.

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

On Saturday, November 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
ALFRED KEEBLE	Treble
ERNEST S. BAILEY	2
EDGAR H. BAILEY	3
JAMES M. BAILEY	4
ALLEN F. BAILEY	5
JAMES G. RUMSEY	6
*CHARLES SAMPSON	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Bailey.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sunday, November 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
WM. WILSON	Treble	FREDR. V. HAGGIS	4
*FRED BIRKS	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
*WM. H. JONES	3	JOHN WARRLOW	Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells. * First peal. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the Armistice. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Chester, Canterbury, Beverley, London, Wells and Cambridge.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WALTER W. BONHAM	Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS	4
EDWIN YATES	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE	Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Yates and C. Valentine.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury, two of Grandsire and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED RACKHAM	Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS	4
*SIDNEY T. RACKHAM	2	JOHN BEVAN	5
*JOHN H. RACKHAM	3	ALFRED R. ELKINS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by treble ringer (age 13). * First peal of Minor in three methods.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 Six-scores with ten different callings.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
F. J. ROWE	Treble	†F. A. GILBY	4
†J. W. SEAREY	2	C. W. SMITH	5
*J. F. BROOKS	3	†G. T. UNDERWOOD	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. SMITH.

Mr. Gilby was elected a member of the above Guild before starting.
* First peal. † First peal on six bells. † First of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

LEWIS WISEMAN	1-2	OLIVE BROYD	5
SIDNEY HALE	3-4	HORACE COOPER	8

Composed by P. O. BIXBY. Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

First peal of Major 'in hand' by all.

HOLLIS' No. 2, NOT HOLT'S.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' inquiry as to the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Taunton, either the sender or the printer was in error. The composition was Hollis' Five-Part No. 2, and not Holt's.—Yours faithfully,
J. MADDOCK.

WELCOME TO RETURNED MEMBERS. A SELLY OAK GATHERING.

A very interesting and enjoyable evening was spent at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Selly Oak, on November 20th, in connection with the St. Mary's Guild. Mr. E. J. Dowler (Ringing Master of the Guild, and secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association), presided. The function was to accord a welcome home to the members of the Guild who had been serving with H.M. Forces with credit to themselves and honour to the Guild. Among those present were Messrs. Sam Grove, Harry Withers, J. Withers, W. Mumford, W. Ikin, W. Dowler, E. Boylin, H. Parkes, A. Dowler, B. Dowler, W. Cartwright, E. Mumford, C. Williams, E. Smith, F. Novett, J. Eaton, P. Laffin, C. Webb, G. Pigott, Albert Walker, James George (Birmingham), W. Ball, H. F. Street, E. T. Allaway. A very enjoyable supper was served by Host and Hostess Mr. and Mrs. Draper. Afterwards the company stood silently to the memory of Victor Cartwright, who made the supreme sacrifice.—The Chairman, in proposing our 'Returned Members,' said it was with much pleasure he extended a hearty welcome to their comrades who took part in the great war. They had all during the last five years experienced a very strenuous time, but none more so than the gallant lads who had been fighting for them. It is owing to the splendid courage that they and their comrades had shown, tenacity of purpose, British pluck, and, above all, Right versus Might, that they were once more able to sit round that festive board, and he was voicing the sentiments of all present when he said how delighted they were to welcome them back again. Out of a company of 15, nine members of the St. Mary's Guild answered the call, and one most promising young ringer made the supreme sacrifice—Victor Cartwright, who was killed in action a little over two years ago. The Chairman added that they were pleased to have with them on that occasion many of their ringing friends who had been serving with H.M. Forces and he hoped they would have the pleasure of their company for many years to come.

Messrs. H. F. Street and W. Ikin responded on behalf of the returned members.

The toast to the continued success of the Guild was ably proposed by Mr. E. Smith.

Selection on the handbells, which were very much appreciated, were given by Messrs. Grove, Withers, P. Laffin and A. Walker, and a splendid touch of Stedman Triples was rung by Messrs. H. Withers, P. Laffin, A. Walker and Jas. George (conductor), followed by a course of Double Norwich on the piano by Mr. H. Withers. Songs were rendered by Messrs. C. Wright, P. Wright, F. Grey, E. J. Dowler, and

Miss M. Dowler. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and the Host and Hostess brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

CLUN'S FLOURISHING SOCIETY.

An interesting report was presented by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Mead) to the St. George's Society, Clun, at their annual meeting. Their balance sheet continued to show an increased balance in hand, and during the year they had welcomed home from the war two probationers who had since qualified as change ringers. The Armistice peal and the successful ringing week at Clun had raised greater interest in ringing among the parishioners. They had to mourn the death of the Rev. V. A. Creswell, one of the donors of the new treble bell, and one of their hon. members.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Vicar appointed the Rev. H. J. Scott chaplain. Mr. W. Mead was again elected hon. secretary and head ringer, and in accepting office asked for better attendance at practices and service ringing. Two probationers were elected full members and three fresh probationers were elected. Mr. Rd. Morris was elected district representative.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the memorial peal board funds had now reached the sum of £20 7s. towards its cost of £23. After a discussion it was thought the balance would be forthcoming, and it was decided to put the work in hand, and to let all subscribers know as soon as it was completed.

THE MAYOR'S PEAL.

To the Editor

Sir.—Congratulations to the Mayor of Crewe (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., J.P.), on ringing a 5,000 during his year of office. Twenty-two years ago, on the second Sunday in July, 1897, I had the pleasure of being introduced to him in the Rugby tower by Mr. James George, and ringing touches for morning and evening service, and it is very gratifying to know that such a busy gentleman, who holds so many official positions, still retains his interest in the noble art of ringing.

To the best of my belief he is the second Mayor to score a peal during his tenure of office. The first peal by a Mayor was rung by Capt. Thomas Bevy Deaman, Mayor of East Retford, one hour after his election to office, on November 9th, 1910. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by J. B. Joyes, at St. Swithun's Church, East Retford.—Yours faithfully,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William Pye has just recently set up another record, although the event passed without any mention at the time. He has now rung more peals than any man living or dead. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson rang 1250 peals, which was the greatest individual record up to now.

Congratulations to the band that scored the first Freemasons' peal at St. Clement Danes. No doubt the enthusiastic Vicar (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford), himself a Freemason, will see to it that a permanent record of this unique performance is provided in the tower and probably other ringers who are Freemasons will like to contribute to the tablet.

Two new troubles are to be added to the existing peal of eight at Trowbridge, Wilts. When completed, the ring will be the only peal of ten in the county. The bells are to be put in, together with a stained glass window in the church, in memory of those from the parish who have fallen. The ringers themselves are giving ten guineas towards the cost. When completed the peal should prove a great boon to those ringers in the county who are very keen to make headway. It is hoped the work, which has been entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, will be completed by Easter.

The successful performance by the 'Salop Guild', at Shrewsbury, in ringing a peal of Bob Maximus recalls the fact that, as far as can be ascertained, no peal of Maximus has been rung in the county since Dec. 27th 1815, when the Union Society rang a peal of Oxford Treble Twelve, Samuel Lawrence ringing the tenor. The last peal of Bob Maximus on the bells was in 1799. No fewer than eleven of the band that rang the peal on Nov. 22nd were residents in the county.

The order has been given to Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, to add two troubles to the present six at Linton, Kent, to complete the octave. The present tenor is 15 cwt., so that it is hoped to have a handy peal of eight early in the New Year.

It was suggested by a correspondent the other day that we should revert to the old practice of stating, in connection with peal performances, that 'So-and-so' 'call'd ye bobbies.' In a peal at Rammore Common, Surrey, we are informed that 'The bobs were called by Alfred H. Pulling.' It was certainly not because he could not 'conduct' a peal of Grandsire Triples, and we can only assume that the peal was rung without trips.

By a singular coincidence, Mr. Tom Groombridge called the first peal on the new bells at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on the same evening that his son conducted the first peal on the new eight at Dartford. Some years ago Mr. Groombridge helped to raise the new peal at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, at 5.30 one evening, and then cycled 18 miles to Edenbridge and helped to raise another new eight for the first time.

The quaint ceremony of electing a Mayor in a belfry was carried out last week in the tower of Brightlingsea Parish Church. The choice fell on Captain Screamore, who navigated the 'Shamrock' in the race for the America Cup. Six assistants to the Mayor, who is styled Deputy of the Cinque Ports, were also elected, each having to pay a fee of eleven pennies and to swear to be profitable to Brightlingsea.

FREEMASONS' PEAL.

HISTORIC FIRST PERFORMANCE.

An historic and interesting peal was rung at St. Clement Danes, on Thursday afternoon, 4th December, when, in celebration of peace, the first Masonic peal was rung. Not only was the band composed entirely of Freemasons, but each one was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the oldest ringing society in the world. The method was Grandsire Caters, and was completed in 3 hrs. 32 mins. It was composed and conducted by Mr. G. R. Fardon, M.M. Warrant Officer's Lodge No. 2346, a name familiar to all London ringers.

A peal by Freemasons was attempted some years ago, but unfortunately failed after two hours' ringing. The wish was then expressed that the next attempt should be made at St. Clement Danes, but owing to the weakness in the wooden frame, this was impossible at that time. The bells have since been put into perfect ringing order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

It is very fitting and most appropriate that this peal should have been arranged to take place in St. Clement Danes, since in October, 1917, a special memorial service for Freemasons who had fallen in the war was held there, when a large number of prominent and distinguished Freemasons attended, and the Rector (who has shown so much interest in ringing) is himself a Freemason.

PRESENTATION.

Tring Parish Church ringers presented one of their members, Mr. F. Waterton, who was leaving the district, with a leather note case, as a memento of his association with them. The presentation was made by Mr. F. Reeve (the leader), who said how sorry they were to lose Mr. Waterton, and that they would miss him very much at Sunday ringing. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Waterton, and afterwards 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss F. Harding 1, F. Reeve (conductor) 2, F. Waterton 3, F. Reeve, Junr., 4, J. Bull 5, T. W. Wright 6, H. Heloy 7, A. Redman 8.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. R. SMALL.

MIDLAND VETERAN HONOURED.

Ringers of the West Midlands have done honour to the Tipton veteran, Mr. William Rock Small, who recently attained the age of 80 years, and celebrated the event by taking part in two birthday peals. The occasion was, however, one which his many friends felt ought not to be allowed to pass without some further mark of the esteem in which Mr. Small is held, and at a gathering of the Dudley and District Guild at Old Hill on Saturday week he was presented with a congratulatory address. Ringing took place at Holy Trinity Church during the afternoon, and the visitors also attended service. Canon Brewer, Vicar, preached an appropriate sermon from the words: "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In the name of the Lord shall they rejoice all the day; and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted."

After the service ringers and friends were entertained to tea at Trinity Hall by Mr. Harry Mason, Master of the Guild, the company numbering 110.

Subsequently the quarterly meeting of the Guild was held, Canon Brewer presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. N. Bache, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.Sc., Messrs. W. Rock Small, H. Martin (Birkenhead), Jas. George, W. Geddon, Benjamin Gough, Councillor A. H. Bassano, J.P., J. Carter, J. E. Shaw, etc. The gathering, which was of a representative character, included ringers of both sexes, the following towers being represented: Blakenhall, Bilston, Cosely, S. Peter's (Wolverhampton), Old Hill, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Wednesbury, Nalesowen, Sedgley, Handsworth, Gt. Stourbridge, Oldswinford, Smethwick, Solihull, Oldbury, Netherton, Bradley, Birmingham, Tipton, Willenhall, and other parishes.

THE ADDRESS.

After the transaction of the usual business, Alderman Pritchett said he had never had a greater honour than that of making a presentation on their behalf to their old friend, Mr. William Rock Small. He was glad to see such a large and representative body of ringers present in spite of the inclemency of the weather. Their one aim was to show Mr. Small honour (applause). He was one of nature's gentlemen with whom they were proud to associate. He had known him for many years, and his esteem for him became intensified (hear, hear). He had been, and was at the present time, a great ringer. He had rung in all the towers in that district, and his name would find a place on tablets in many towers, and he hoped he would live many years yet (hear, hear). He had attained his 80th year, an age which few men comparatively reached. His name was mentioned in London the week previous, and his reputation was known all over England. He had great pleasure in presenting to him a beautifully-illuminated address, which read:—

This congratulatory address is presented to Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs., member of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, by comrades in the undermentioned Ringing Societies with which he has been actively connected for very many years, and also by comrades in the ringing exercise throughout the world on the occasion of his completing the 80th year of his life, November 12th, 1919, to mark the esteem and admiration in which he has long been held by ringers all over the world, for his splendid qualities as a man, and his conspicuous ability as a master of the art of change ringing. We congratulate him most sincerely upon his attaining the venerable age of fourscore years, and hope that it may be long before the Great Conductor of the Universe by bringing his career to a stand, shall deprive us of a beloved friend, and one of its brightest ornaments. (Signed)

S. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, J. S. Pritchett, James E. Groves, and John Carter; Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, William Fisher; Worcester and Districts Association, A. E. Parsons; Dudley and District Guild, Harry Mason; Warwickshire Guild, James George; (Sec.), Benjamin Gough.

The address was a real work of art. There were eight churches shown upon it—S. Martin's, Tipton; S. Peter's, Wolverhampton; S. Martin's, Birmingham; Lichfield Cathedral; Parish Church, Wednesbury; Christ Church, West Bromwich; Worcester Cathedral, and the Parish Church of Dudley.

FIVE HUNDRED SUBSCRIBERS.

Alderman Pritchett did not think he was incorrect in saying that Mr. Rock Small's name adorned the walls of the ringing chambers in each of these churches (applause). On behalf of the Societies present, and many hundreds of ringers throughout the country who wished him well, he had the honour of presenting him with the address, together with a cheque, and a beautifully gold-lettered book containing the names of upwards of 500 subscribers.

Councillor A. H. Bassano, in paying a tribute, remarked that Mr. Small, who was one of the most friendly ringers, was conspicuous for rendering assistance to learners and begrudged no time and trouble to bring them forward. He had rung many peals with him, and if a ringer faltered he was the first to set him going. He congratulated the veteran upon the attainment of his 80th birthday, and with the activity of an almost renewed youth, he continued to ring, and hoped he would still do so (applause).

Mr. A. E. Parsons (Master of the Worcestershire Association) said he could recall many hours spent with Mr. Small. It had been his privilege to ring in the last three birthday peals for him. He was a man who always called a spade a spade, and when one was wrong he tried to put him right with brotherly feeling. He had great pleasure in supporting what had been said, and extended to him his heartiest congratulations (hear, hear, and applause).

Mr. J. Smith, the towerkeeper of S. Martin's, Tipton, as an old friend, wished him every success, health, and every blessing that God could bestow upon him (applause).

Mr. Harry Mason (Master of the Dudley Guild) considered it an honour to endorse all that had been said on behalf of the Guild, and there were many present who were Mr. Small's old associates. They would have to go a long way before they found a truer Black Country typical churchman and ringer, and they were indebted to him for re-modelling and uplifting the standard of bell ringing (applause).

Mr. Small, who had a hearty reception, said he was taken by surprise. His friends had been working behind his back, and he did not know anything about their clandestine arrangements until that day. He thanked them for their kind and complimentary utterances. He did not know whether he had been worthy of them, but what he had done for bell ringing and the Church, as far as his power lay, had been genuine (applause). He had tried all his life to be straight, and, of course, he had not pleased everybody and never intended to try, because if he found a man doing wrong he had sufficient confidence to try and put him right. He had been a bellringer for 60 years, and his ringing career, in his opinion, had been a blessing to him. The exercise was beneficial to men or women's health. He thanked all who had subscribed, and for presenting him with something that could be looked upon by him in the future (applause).

Mr. J. George (Warwickshire Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Harry Mason for his hospitality in providing them with tea.—Mr. J. E. Groves (Ringing Master, S. Martin's Guild, for the diocese of Birmingham) seconded the motion, which was carried.—A similar compliment was paid to the Vicar for the use of the hall, and to the ladies and the organist.

THE LADIES GUILD.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland District of the above Guild was held at St. Luke's Church, Blakenhall, on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Coalbrookdale, Handsworth, Smethwick, and the local company. The bells, a light easy-going ring of eight, were available, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. — Viggers), who extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. The service was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, as, in addition to an interesting and eloquent address by the Rector, the presence of the choir and organist were very much appreciated. After service, an excellent tea, provided by the local company, was served in the Mission Hall, between 30 and 40 members and friends sitting down, presided over by the Rector. Before the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the service and for presiding at tea, to Mr. D. Jones for making such excellent arrangements, to the local company for entertaining the Guild to tea, and to brother ringers for the help and support they extend to the Guild from time to time.—In responding, the Rector expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and looked forward to the time when he would renew the welcome. The gentlemen then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, while the ladies proceeded with their business meeting.—Five new ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Handsworth during March. Congratulations were extended to two of the local ladies, who recently rang their first peal.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday week, at St. Michael's, Bristol. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. G. Arrowsmith. The Rev. T. R. H. Elliott kindly presided at the organ. Tea was provided in the Church Institute (where Mr. and Mrs. Reed had spared no pains to arrange everything comfortably). The Rector and Mrs. Arrowsmith, the Rev. T. R. H. Elliott, the Rev. C. C. Stimson, the churchwardens, and the Rev. M. E. Thorold, of St. Philip's, were present, together with about 40 ringers from various towers. Immediately after tea a touch of Grand sire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Burford, G. Condie, F. Leaker, T. Ridler, and R. J. Wilkins, and was much enjoyed by all present.

The Rector then thanked the ringers for coming to St. Michael's, and said how much pleasure it gave him to meet them.—The Rev. M. E. Thorold proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for arranging the service, and for his much-appreciated address.

A short business meeting was then held by the ladies, with Miss Gillingham in the chair. Four ladies—one from Exeter, and three from Dorchester—were duly elected as new members of the Guild. It was decided that the next meeting should take place on the first or second Saturday in March, if possible at Midsomer Norton, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close by about an hour's ringing at St. Philip's Church.

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.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at Trevelhin, Pontypool, the other day, when members attended from Newport, Caerleon, Bedwellty, Llanbradach, Blaenavon, Llanfrechfa, etc. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and tea, very kindly provided by the churchwarden, was partaken of in the Church Room.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar.—The Hon. Secretary reported that Mr. Henry Pye, of Pontre, had kindly undertaken to teach change ringing at Pontypridd, and with Mr. Bolton teaching at St. Athan two more towers were brought into half-pull ringing. Ten new members were elected from St. Athan, two from Blaenavon, and one from Trevelhin.

An appeal by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), in connection with the Gloucester and Bristol Association's proposal for memorial bells to those fallen in the war, resulted in 23s. being collected.

The item on the agenda 'proposed augmentations and restorations,' was referred to by the Hon. Secretary, who suggested to the Vicar and Churchwarden of Trevelhin that the time had arrived for overhauling the bells.—The Vicar said that a representative of the firm that put the bells in (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) had recently visited there, and suggested rehanging in a new iron frame, the cost of which, the Vicar said, at present could not be entertained.—The Churchwarden supported the Vicar's remarks, and added that if it was only a question of overhauling he thought they could have that done.

A vote of thanks to the church authorities for their kindness and hospitality closed the meeting.

The next meeting is the annual gathering to be held at All Saints', Newport, on December 26th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**RINGERS TO JOIN A TOWER BEFORE ELECTION.**

A successful quarterly meeting of the Dunster Deanery was held at Dulverton.—The Vicar (the Rev. W. Drew), who preached at the service, suggested that more young men should be encouraged to join the association, and be trained as ringers, so as to fill the gaps and keep the bells fully manned for ringing for the church services.

The business meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice (chairman of the branch).

Three new members, and the Rev. W. Drew as hon. member, were elected.

A discussion arose as to whether six names handed in should be elected as unattached members, but the meeting decided that, as the object of the association was to encourage ringing for Divine service, it would be better for them to join some tower band before being elected members of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wootton Courtenay, if possible.

Mr. Cox remarked that he was not running the 'Ringing World,' but as that was the only paper dealing exclusively with ringing he should like to see it better supported. He wished that every member would take a copy weekly, and that notices of the branch meetings be inserted at least once, and that a report of that meeting be sent.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address and use of the bells, and to Mr. Gifford for his services at the organ, concluded the meeting.

The members then went again to the belfry, and several good touches were brought round, including Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Mary's, Islington, and there was a very good attendance of ringers, although several northern members were conspicuous by their absence. Some excellent touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung. A short service was held, the Vicar's interesting address being much appreciated. He emphasised once more the purpose for which the bells were placed in the tower, and what important messages, both joyous and solemn, the ringers sent forth to the people within hearing, and hoped that they (the ringers) would not fail to attend Divine worship to which they had summoned others. Following the service, about 20 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea, to which full justice was done.

At the business meeting held in the Parish Hall, two new members were elected, viz.: Mr. S. C. Froke and Mr. Cecil H. Deadman.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the room for the tea and business meeting, also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Bullock, for making the necessary arrangements.—Touches on the handbells brought to conclusion another very pleasant meeting.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest thanksgiving service, on Sunday, September 28th, 720 Bob Minor: *C. Heather 1. G. Chandler 2. *J. W. Deacon 3. *Miss K. Avenell 4. S. Petter 5. H. Blackman (conductor) 6. For evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, 720 Bob Minor: *Miss M. Whibley 1. *C. Slyfield 2. Miss K. Avenell 3. G. Chandler (conductor) 4. S. Petter 5. H. Blackman 6. *First 720 Minor.

NOTICES.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting at 4; short service at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each). Burlescombe Station 2 miles.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at the Priory, Christchurch, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5; tea and meeting 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to the Sec.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

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. 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, Aidershot, on Dec. 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m.; Guild service at 4.30. The help 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.—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th; 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.—Notice of motion for the meeting on Dec. 30th has been given concerning Rules i and iv.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Notice of practices: St. Anne's, Highgate, Dec. 16th and alternate Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Willesden, every Thursday, 8 p.m. St. Mary's, Islington, every Friday, 7.30 p.m.—F. G. Symonds, District Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available at 3.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W.W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Ringing to commence at 3.30; short service at 5, with tea to follow at 5.30, at 1/- per head to all those who advise me by the 17th of their intention to be present. Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4.30. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery Avenue, Taunton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the committee of the branch will be held in the vestry of All Saints' Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 4 o'clock, when the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Mahony) hopes to be present. Business: Approve the accounts for year 1919. Fix place and date of Annual Meeting, 1920. Consider the division of the branch. Any other diocesan or branch business. A representative of every Tower should be in attendance. Burnham belfry will be open for touches at 6 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.; business meeting from 6 to 6.30.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uckfield, on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th). Tower open 2 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock (by kind invitation). Half railway fare. Those who intend to be present to tea should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Saturday, Dec. 20th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th. Service at 3.30. Bells available before and after the service. St. Woolos' bells will also be available during the day until 3 o'clock and again after the meeting. Business meeting to follow the service.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and J. W. Jones, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, December 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. S. Cox, Burghley Offices.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1920. Further particulars later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Wanted by ex-Officer, Secretarial Organising work, or any position of trust. Change ringer and late Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.—A. E. Reeves, 16, Mansfield Road, Reading.

As MOTOR CAR DRIVER, and fill up time in garden, motor tractor driver and repairer, or in cycle repairing shop; ringer on 6 and 8 bells.—Elector Wm. Crickmer, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Suffolk.

BUSINESS WANTED.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACTIVITY OF BOLTON BRANCH.

Bolton branch meetings are becoming the centre of great activity in ringing. Judging from the crowded, although spacious ringing chamber of St. George's Church on Saturday last. The weather was bad but members from Bolton Parish Church, All Souls', Deane, Walkden, Tyldesley and Leigh, along with some of the local band and visitors from Birmingham, Pendlebury and Eccles, were present. There was a marked increase in the attendance of the younger aspirants of the art.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major were brought round with good striking. The president (Canon Elsee) was in the chair at the business meeting, when it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at the Bolton Parish Church in January, where efforts will be made to augment that ring of eight to ten.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**BELL RESTORATIONS IN ROCHESTER DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, November 29th, and was largely attended, nearly every tower in union in the district being represented. Ringing in various methods was indulged in, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. A. B. Parry-Evans, Vicar of Sittingbourne, and an hon. member of the Association. Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. Haigh, who remarked on the fine attendance of the members, more especially as the meeting was held almost at the extreme end of the district. He also mentioned that a considerable amount of bell restoration was going on in the district. Hailing bells were being rehung and augmented to six, and possibly to eight; Northfleet were to be rehung and two new trebles added. The five at Frindsbury were to be added to, and the parties concerned were hoping for eight, while the Chatham eight were to be rehung. He also hoped in the near future that the district would have a ten-bell tower by the addition of two trebles at Rochester Cathedral.

Five new members were elected, and the district representative gave a resume of the business at the annual committee meeting.

A by-meeting was fixed to be held at Cobham on the first Saturday in January, and the half-yearly meeting at Swancombe on the first Saturday in March.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and ringing was carried on until nine o'clock.

CELEBRATIONS AT READING.

On Mayor's Day, at Reading, the bells of the three Parish Churches were rung to welcome the new Mayor (Dr. Abram), and on the following day a band of ringers (old friends of Mr. W. Newell) attempted a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters at St. Lawrence's tower as a birthday compliment to the captain (Mr. W. Newell), who attained the age of 81 on November 8th. A slight mistake in the coming home course, however, put an end to the attempt. The conductor was Mr. T. Hibbert, of Caversham. The ringing also commemorated the first anniversary of Armistice Day. The band who rang for the Mayor were quite a young team taught by Mr. Newell (although only ringing 'stone'), and they struck their bells like clockwork.

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