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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

SURREY AND NORWICH.

Varying expressions of opinion have reached us with regard to our article on the extension of the sphere of activity of the Surrey Association to the South London district, and we feel that while our remarks have been accepted in the spirit in which they were intended by some, they have been misunderstood in other quarters. No one will deny that much good work has been done on the south side of the Thames by the old London societies, but we think it is equally undeniable that there is room for still further propaganda work in that area. We are glad to learn from a letter from the secretary of the Surrey Association that the matter is receiving the attention of that body, for we believe there is ample opportunity, without treading upon anybody's corns, to extend the usefulness of the Association northward in the county. If the question is approached in the right spirit, and we feel sure it would be, there is no reason why the London societies and the Surrey Association should not work hand in hand to advance the art of ringing. There are quite a number of towers which are outside the pale of any of the ringing organisations, and in the endeavour to bring these into one or other of the societies and to promote change-ringing within the belfries, there is ground for nothing but the friendliest rivalry.

Another recent comment of ours has brought several communications of approval, and that was the suggestion that the Norwich Association might well reconsider the decision not to hold any meetings in war time. As we pointed out in the previous article, there was every reason, when the war first came upon us, for abandoning ringing meetings, but now that the conflict is dragging into years and we know exactly where we are in regard to it, there seems no object in putting aside every kind of gathering unless it appertains to the war. There are obligations due from an association to its members, as well as from the members to their association, and an organisation which simply leaves its members to their own devices for years on end can scarcely be considered to be doing its best. The necessity for entirely suspended animation has scarcely, if ever, been warranted; but at this stage, we think, those members who are left in the belfries to carry on "till the boys come home" are entitled to some little help and encouragement from the association to which they owe allegiance. This, at any rate, is the feeling expressed in the private letters which have reached us from the Diocese of Norwich, and we hope that the Norwich Association Committee, which usually meets once a year, will on the next occasion consider whether it is not possible to reinstate, at least, the annual meeting of members. By so doing we believe they would be acting in accordance with the wishes of the majority of those now left behind.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held last Saturday at Heywood Parish Church, when 22 members were present from Heywood, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Todmorden, Ashton, Miles Platting, Huddersfield, and Pocklington. The bells were kept going from 3 o'clock till 7.30, in touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major.

In the evening the usual business meeting was transacted, under the chairmanship of the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Clarke, M.Sc.), and it was decided that the next meeting be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, April 13th.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Rector and wardens for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.—The Rector replied that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members and friends of the branch to his church. He was only too sorry, that owing to the present food restrictions, it had been impossible to provide them with refreshments, but he trusted on some future occasion, when times were more normal, they might be more fittingly entertained.

Mr. John Millet proposed, and Mr. John Harrison seconded, that the Rector be elected an honorary life member of the Association, and this was unanimously carried.

Mr. Richard Thompson (of Newhey) was made a performing member of the Association.

A very enjoyable and harmonious meeting was then brought to a conclusion, with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding.

The visitors desire to thank Mr. J. Harrison for his kindness in placing his house at their disposal for tea, and also for providing them with hot water.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Both 'welcome' and 'success' were written large on Saturday last, when twenty-two ringers met at Farnham Royal for a united practice. The Rev. A. Deacon cycled from Windsor with four of his pupils, the Misses Farr, Pottbury, Roe and Sword, and a Guild practice is certainly incomplete without the enthusiastic ladies, Mrs. F. Hairs, and the Misses Bateman, Cooper, Fuller, Gudgin, and Williams, who all rang their very best. Touches in the following methods were brought round: Oxford Bob, conducted by J. J. Parker; Grand-sire by A. Mason and E. Hooper; and Stedman Triples by W. Lawrence; Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob by W. Hewett, in which the following took part: J. Blackmore, A. Farr, Geo. H. Gutteridge, A. Leader and T. S. Smith.

It was nearly seven o'clock when the ringing ceased, and 'one of the Bells' in his quiet and matter-of-fact sort of a way, said, 'Come and have some tea with me.' Thus it was that the aforesaid enthusiastic ladies and four 'mere men' accepted his kind invitation, and they were received with a hearty welcome and hospitably entertained at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henley, to a tea that will take a bit of forgetting. A pleasant time was afterwards spent with the handbells, and touches in several methods were rung, a good 'first' being Grand-sire Caters. As time and tide—and trains—wait for no man, one of the ringers—who for 31 years has been a member of the Guild—thanked the good host and hostess. 'Good-night' was said, and all departed well pleased with the time spent.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

JOINT DISTRICT MEETING.

The joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts was held at Knebworth on Saturday, when a goodly number attended from Hatfield, Hitchin, Tottenham, and Little Munden. The bells of St. Mary's Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and ringing in various methods was accomplished from 3.30 till 7.30, with the exception of the interval for tea.

The business meeting was held afterwards, Mr. J. Dennis, the enthusiastic veteran, now in his 80th year, being unanimously elected to the chair.

Mr. Dennis is undoubtedly the oldest ringer in the Association, and many and varied stories he can relate in connection with his career in the parish of Knebworth. In spite of his years he is still hale and hearty, and takes as keen an interest as ever in his 'children'—the bells in the tower—and nothing gives him greater joy than hearing them ring.

THE DANIEL PRENTICE FUND.

A contribution of 8s. to this fund has been received from the Stowmarket Company, per Mr. E. E. Draper. Further donations will be gratefully acknowledged, and should be sent to Mr. W. Motts, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 10th, for evening service, 784 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Stuart 6, W. H. Dennison 7, J. Barrows (conductor) 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DIVISION.

On Saturday last, the annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield. By the kind permission of the Archdeacon, the bells of the Cathedral were at the disposal of the visitors from 3 o'clock to 6.30 p.m., and ringers were in great force from the following places: Doncaster, Bolsterstone, Wortley, Hoylandswaine, Thirsk, Barnsley, Rotherham, Worksop, Ilkeston, Treeton. Touches were rung in various methods, including Stedman Cinques, Treble Ten, Grandsire Caters and Superlative Surprise Major. During the ringing, many visitors, chiefly ladies, wended their way up the tower with curious thoughts and feelings, thinking and wondering what the bells were ringing for. While the ringing was in progress the Venerable Archdeacon (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones, M.A.) paid a visit to the ringing chamber, and welcomed the members of the Association to the Cathedral Church of the City. In a short speech, he urged ringers never to forget that they were giving their services to the Church of God, and rendering not only unto Him true and laudable service, but also a duty to the nation as citizens. He added that it would be a very happy time for us all when the bells would ring out for peace on the continent of Europe.

The Lord Mayor of the City of Sheffield (Alderman Cattell), who is a churchwarden at the Cathedral, also came into the ringing chamber, and after signing the visitors' book, and inspecting the peal book of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, extended a sincere and hearty welcome to all the members. He said he hoped the ringing would help forward the work of the "Cruiser Week," which was in full swing, with very gratifying results, and added that it would be joyful news when the bells proclaimed that the German tyrant and Potsdam bully was vanquished, and had been brought to his knees, pleading for peace and mercy for himself and his people.

The business meetings were afterwards held in the Ladies' Room at the Wostenholme Hall, when the officers for the ensuing terms were elected. Mr. G. Hawksworth, Ringing Master, presiding over the proceedings.

Mr. Frank Willey was unanimously elected to the post of vice-president and the committee were also returned to office for various terms. Mr. J. T. Rew and Mr. D. Brearley were elected to serve on the general committee.

It was suggested from the chair that Mr. F. Willey, the vice-president, be asked to carry on the work of the secretary for the ensuing year, or until such times as the honorary secretary is able to again take over the books, the secretary (pro tem.), Mr. L. Brightman, being dangerously ill.

One new member was elected, and Wath was proposed as the next meeting-place, in June.

A vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for the use of the bells, also for his address, his hearty welcome to the members, and for the wise words of counsel and advice, was passed.—A vote of thanks to the churchwardens and to the Cathedral company for their assistance in helping to make the meeting a success, was also carried, as well as a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.—Mr. Hawksworth suitably replied, and thus ended another gathering which will remain a pleasant memory.

THE JOHNSON DINNER.

GREAT SUCCESS OF THE BIRMINGHAM GATHERING.

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, held at Birmingham, on Saturday, was the greatest of all the long line of successes which have attended this gathering. Over 150 sat down to the dinner, and this number was largely augmented later for the musical programme and speeches—indeed many could not find a seat, and had to stand right through, but they were well content, for the evening was thoroughly enjoyable. The speeches were good, the Chairman (Canon Willink) and the Presiding Ringing Master of the Guild (Ald. J. S. Pritchett) being in great form. The music was most delightful, for the vocal part of the programme was largely filled by eight men of St. Martin's choir.

A further report will appear in our next issue.

THE YOUNGEST RINGER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Would any reader of the "Ringing World" kindly inform me of the age of the youngest ringer. Our Vicar's youngest son whose age was six years last November, is able to stand on a box and ring with the other bells in rounds. He is at present too small to catch the sally, otherwise he can keep in time. He rang for his sister's wedding recently. He rings a bell (if it is possible to get Mr. Aldridge to help him) every day, besides pulling one at 12 o'clock, and at both services on Sundays he comes to ring the "last bell," as he calls it, after ringing is finished, and can keep either of the first five going. This reflects great credit upon Messrs. Webb and Bennett for the way in which they rehung the bells some time ago.—Yours truly,
J. DOWER

Gosport, Oxon.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

A general meeting of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild was held in the belfry on the evening of March 4th, the Vicar and President of the Guild (the Rev. E. Marling Roberts, M.A.) in the chair.

After the usual business, including the election of officers, etc., Mr. W. E. Garrard gave a short report, in the course of which he reminded members of the loss sustained by the death of the late president—Prebendary Pennefather. He read a list of 15 members who had joined the forces, and touched upon the loss, by death, of six since the last general meeting, three years ago, three of these having died on active service.

Mr. A. B. Bennett, in thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for attending, expressed the pleasure felt by the members present in meeting their new President. — The President, in replying, said he hoped the time would soon come when the services of the Guild could once more be fully utilised. As he began to more fully appreciate the work done by his predecessor at St. Mary Abbot's the more he marvelled how it was all accomplished. None the less he hoped as time went on to come up into the belfry very frequently, a hope which met with the cordial approval of the meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A small, but enjoyable meeting of the North and East District was held at Wood Green on Saturday last. The bells, a nice peal of six, with the tenor about 12 cwt., were used at intervals throughout the afternoon, to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor, etc. The president took the chair at the business meeting, at which six new members were elected.—Votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of the late Messrs. R. H. Hayward and P. R. Hislop, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the Vicar (the Rev. C. Midwinter) for the use of the bells.

DEATH OF A DONCASTER RINGER.

The band of St. George's Church, Doncaster, have lost an esteemed member by the death of Mr. G. Clow. The funeral took place on the 7th inst., and afterwards a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., by: A. Ashe 1, G. Clarke 2, J. Holmes 3, F. Asho 4, F. Newsome 5, F. Clarke 6, G. Halksworth 7, C. Clarke 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch).—On Sunday, March 3rd, at St. Saviour's, Oxtion, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Martin 1, W. Battle 2, H. Brocklebank 3, J. Owens 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Evans 6, S. Barnes 7, H. Ludkin 8. Conducted by H. Ludkin. This is the longest touch in the method on the bells by the local band.—On Sunday, March 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service: W. Battle 1, H. Brocklebank 2, J. Owen 3, H. Martin 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin 7, S. Moston 8. Conducted by W. Hughes. For evening service, 464 Plain Bob Major: W. Battle 1, H. Brocklebank 2, J. Owens 3, W. Hughes 4, H. Martin (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, S. Moston 7, H. Ludkin 8.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on March 3rd, for evening service, a date touch (1918 changes) of Grandsire Triples: J. Wane 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, *Dr. Wales 3, C. Langstroth 4, J. McKell 5, *G. Wane 6, A. R. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8. Composed by G. R. Newton, Liverpool. * Longest length in any method.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, at the Cathedral, 503 of Grandsire Caters; and at St. Helen's Church, 350 of Triples: G. Hinton 1, J. H. Hill 2, W. Powell 3, W. Lewis 4, J. Bratell 5, J. Morris 6, L. Longney (conductor) 7, C. W. Jones 8, E. Watkins 9, W. Edgington 10.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Dyas (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Diserens 3, A. H. Davis 4, H. T. Gowlett 5, H. N. Davis 6, W. A. Alps 7, C. Stephenson 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 10th, 1918, for Matins, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes), at St. Mary's Church, in 70 mins., by: J. Goodsell 1, C. Waghorn 2, W. H. Perry 3, J. Blake 4, T. Booth 5, Pte. G. Billeness (Bedford Regt.) 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, F. Chapman 8. Composed by G. R. Newton, of Liverpool.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For evening service, 720 Double Oxford: S. Game 1, B. Patmore 2, A. Lawrence 3, F. Williams 4, N. Patmore 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On Feb. 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Game 1, N. Patmore 2, F. Williams 3, C. Gale (late Yorks and Lancs Regt.) 4, A. Lawrence 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Goldfinch 1, F. Jones (conductor) 2, S. R. Jezard 3, W. Thompson 4, Gunner G. Chaplin, R.F.A. 5, E. Slingsby 6.

EARLY LONDON BELL-FOUNDERS.

MORE ABOUT THE CITY 'POTTERS.'

Among the London 'potters' of the fourteenth century, mentioned in our article last week, was William Revel, whose name is still to be found on a few bells.

Revel also came somehow into possession of Richard Wymbish's and Schep's letters, and we have in this alphabet, at Hassingham, Norfolk, a bell inscribed:—

W E L E L M V S : R E V E L : M E : F E C I T.

A third alphabet, much smaller, appears on the single bell at Longfield, Kent, inscribed:—

W E L E L M V S : R E V E L : M E : F E C I T

and on the only remaining bell at Rowdham, Norfolk, with a similar inscription to that on the Hassingham bell.

According to a MS. of about 1758, by a Kentish antiquary, Bryan Faussett, of Heppington, there was then at Stanford, Kent, a bell inscribed: "William Revel me fecit." This has since disappeared or been recast.

Stephen Norton "of Kent," flourished about this time. Mr. A. D. Tyssen has found him in the "Pedes Finium," under date 1364. It is doubtful whether he was a London founder, and no trace of him individually appears in Guildhall records. There are entries of men of the same surname, but of other trades, living about this time in the Parish of St. Botolph, Aldgate. He was buried at Maidstone, in the Church of All Hallows there, as is known from the will of John Maplesden (dated 1528). The name is certainly a Kentish one, and the will has been found of no less than three Stephen Nortons at Canterbury between 1500 and 1530. If he were not a London founder (as there is reason to think he was, from the finished character of his lettering), some, at all events, of his stamps came into the hands of a London founder in the following century. At Knave, in Kent, is a bell inscribed:—

S T E P H A N V S N O R T O N D E K E N T M E
F E C I T.

And at Chiselborough, Somerset, the third bell bears the inscription:—

C A R M I N E L E T A T U R P A V L V S C A M P A N A
V O C A T U R

and in addition, on the waist:—

S T E P H E N O R T O N O F K E T M E M A D E I
G O D E N T E T.

At Holy Cross, Canterbury, was formerly a bell by this founder, according to Mr. Bryan Faussett.

William Cosyn, potter and witness to the wills both of John Romeneye and William Raughton, next claims attention, as a possible bell-founder. He was a member of a family of good standing in the city. A William Cosyn (Sheriff in 1306) was one of the prominent citizens specially summoned in 1312 to consider certain royal letters. Edmund Cosyn was M.P. for the city in 1325-7. Many entries are found on the Hustings rolls of the last named William (and of his descendants), some relating to 'Cosyne's Lane' and 'Cosyn's quarf,' although the South Eastern Railway swallowed up the houses on the eastern side of it for their station at Cannon Street; the wharf was doubtless at the river end of it. He died probably in 1345, his will being enrolled in that year. He is described as "of Sutton," and was the owner of land in Surrey (notably at Mickleham), as well as in the City of London. He left several sons, one of them named William, who was a "potter," but there are no bells traceable to him.

About this time the term "potter" begins to die out from the Hustings Rolls, the trade apparently splitting up into "founders" and "braziers," the former, it would seem, consisting mainly of those whose work it was to cast, the latter, of those whose work was mainly with the hammer. The Founders Company received their ordinances (thereby gaining official recognition from the city) in 1365, John de Lincoln being the first master of the Guild, and Robert in the Lane, son or nephew of the Henry before mentioned, the second. The Braziers' Company's ordinances only date from 1416, although they were certainly in existence fifty years earlier, as they appear in a list of Guilds contributing towards the expenses of Edward III's French wars in 1363.

Robert Ryder, or Rydere, next claims attention. The first mention of him occurs in 1351, and he died probably in 1386, his will being dated in January of that year. His name is frequently found in the interval, he being sometimes styled "potter" and sometimes "brazier." Neither by cross, nor lettering is there traceable any connection with any other bell-founder. The bells by him are the 1st at Ford, Sussex, inscribed:—

R O B E R T V S R I D R E M E F E C I T,

and the 1st at Harley, Kent, with the almost similar inscription:—

R O B E R T V S R I D E R M E F E C I T.

It is possible to determine pretty nearly the site of his foundry. His will proves that he was of the parish of St. Andrew, Cornhill—the church now known as St. Andrew Undershaft. In 1405 a deed of conveyance was executed, from Robert Burford, citizen and bell-founder, to John atte Lee, citizen and candle-maker, of a house in this parish, abutting on the west of the house of Agnes atte Hale on the east and south of the house of the late Robert Rydere, and

on the north on the king's highway (of Aldgate Street). John atte Lee's will dated 1413, contains further references to this and adjoining property. Now the only part of the south side of Aldgate Street (the present Leadenhall Street), which lies in the parish of St. Andrew, extends eastwards from Lime Street for about two-thirds of the distance towards Billiter Street, and undoubtedly, by this means, it is possible to fix the site of Ryder's foundry.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

UNIQUE PERFORMANCE RECORDED.

A highly successful and happy gathering took place at Cranleigh on Saturday last, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal board recording a peal rung to honour the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington. The occasion being favoured by brilliant spring weather, was attended by a numerous company, representing practically the whole of West Surrey, including Messrs. W. and F. Shepherd (Hersham), A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold), P. Doick (Pulborough, Sussex), Messrs. J. J. Jones (district secretary), Maurice Smither, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelden (Guildford), Messrs. W. Charman, Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Charman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, and Mr. T. Streeter, of the local company, and last but by no means least, Sergt. R. Carrier, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, now stationed at Witley Camp.

The proceedings, opened shortly after three, with a brilliant 504 Stedman Triples, by: F. Shepherd 1, Sergt. R. Carrier 2, R. Whittington 3, J. J. Jones 4, A. J. Bartlett 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, C. Hazelden 8. While this was in progress there arrived Sir George Bonham, Bart., and Mr. A. Parsons, churchwardens; Mr. S. Rowland, a former churchwarden, who was responsible for the arrangements for hanging the two new bells some years ago; the Rector of Cranleigh (the Rev. P. Cunningham), with his little daughter.

The Rector, in introducing the object of the meeting, spoke of the growth which had taken place at Cranleigh in the practice of change ringing since the bells were increased from six to eight some years ago, growth which had resulted in the accomplishment of several peals in the past. The peal recorded on the board, which he had invited Sir George Bonham to unveil, and of which he (the Rector) had had a private view, was perhaps of unique interest, because it was the first peal ever rung for a silver wedding with both the husband and wife taking part in the ringing. It was also indirectly a record of long and faithful service on their part to the church. The Rector then asked Sir George Bonham to unveil the board.

Sir George Bonham, after an interesting speech, unveiled the board and the inscription was read by the Rector as follows:—

Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On December 1st, 1917, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), Grove's variation of Parker's 12 part, was rung in this tower in 3 hrs. and 5 mins., by the ringers named below. The peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, and is the first peal ever rung for that object with husband and wife taking part. This board was made and presented to the tower by Mr. William Whittington as a compliment to his brother and sister; the writing was subscribed for by the ringers of the peal: Percv Doick (Pulborough) 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, Charles Hazelden (Guildford) 3, Robert Whittington 4, Alwyn Charman 5, Arthur J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) 6, William Charman (conductor) 7, Thomas Worsfold 8, Philip Cunningham, Rector; Sir George F. Bonham Bart., Arthur Parsons, Churchwardens.

The board is a magnificent specimen of ecclesiastical craftsmanship, made from solid oak, and beautifully carved. It was generally admired by the whole company.

A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung by the band as they stood in the peal, except the tenor which in the unavoidable absence of Mr. T. Worsfold, was rung by Mr. W. Shepherd. This was followed by other touches, after which the company adjourned to the home of Mr. W. Charman for tea. While the guests were seating themselves, Mr. Jones caused some consternation by announcing the arrival of the Food Controller. Judging from the appearance of the table it was evident that the new arrival would not be welcome. Tea was ably served by Mrs. Charman and her daughters, and afterwards ringing upon Mr. Whittington's splendid handbells and ringing 'chat' were the order of the evening. The train contingent having to leave early, Mr. R. Whittington voiced the thanks which those present felt were due to Mr. and Mrs. W. Charman for the efforts which they had made to enable the visitors to partake of tea together, and to the Rector for joining them.—The Rector, in reply, said that he felt that he himself should thank the company for allowing him to spend a pleasant evening with them. He could not adequately express his enjoyment of the beautiful exhibition which the ringers had given upon those lovely handbells. He further spoke of the time and trouble which ringers must take in order to become skilled in the art, and of the true brotherliness which its practice produced. He could not but feel that such skill could possibly be lost when we left this life. It would, of course, be passed on to others here, but he thought that even after this life, some use would be found in the life beyond for the skill developed here. The glorious things which men learn to do here would not be wasted, but would continue to be a joy in the life of the world to come.

A. C. H.

NOTICES.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—To avoid clashing with the Middlesex County meeting at Feltham, the combined practice at Slough will be postponed until after Easter.—G. H. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting of this district will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, March 23rd, 1918. Half rail fares up to 2/- allowed. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid on or before this meeting.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Dist. Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Cups of tea and bread will be provided. Members and visitors should bring other rations they require.—F. J. Shepherd, Dist. Sec., 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 3.30. All ringing friends welcome. 1918 subscriptions now due.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Selby on March 23rd, 1918. Bells (10) all day. As the secretaryship of this district is about to change hands it is hoped a good number of the members will turn up. Tea at 5 o'clock, tickets (if applied for) 1/- each.—Thos. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estb. 1637).—A meeting will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., on March 26th, for general business, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Alteration of date.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 2 o'clock until sunset.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Emscote (Warwick) on Easter Monday. Bells available, Leamington (8) 11 a.m. till 12.30, Emscote (8) all day. St. Mary's, Warwick (10), 6 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting at Emscote at 2.30; service at All Saints', Emscote, 3 o'clock, followed by business meeting in Emscote Schools. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—J. H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells ready at 2, service at 5, meeting at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier, Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Witham on Easter Monday, April 1st. Service, with address by the Rev. Canon Galpin, at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the Church Room at 5 p.m. at 9d. each. Members must notify me not later than March 28th of their intention to be present for tea.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., The Street, Rayne.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Beaconsfield on Easter Monday. Ringing, 2.30. Service at 5, preacher, the Bishop of Bucks. Tea, on rations, at 6 p.m., only for those who notify the Secretary. Business to follow, the Rev. Canon Drummond in the chair. Subscriptions for 1918 became due on 1st January last. High Wycombe tower open 11 to 1 o'clock for 12-bell practice.—W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 1st, 1918. The four towers will be open throughout the day. Early ringing can be had at the six-bell towers by writing to me a few days previously. Service at Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey. Tea in the Abbey Institute 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. *To facilitate tea arrangements kindly notify to me if attending.*—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 1st, 1918. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Tea will be provided at the Angel Hotel, Sidbury, at 5.15 p.m., for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 27th, 1918 (sugar cannot be provided). Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), Hallow (8), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), St. John-in-Bedwardine (6); these bells will be available for short touches until 9 p.m. Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal book on view.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 1st. The bells at St. Modwen's and St. Paul's will be available for ringing from 11 a.m. Tea (1/6 each) in St. Margaret's Schools (time to be announced later). Will those who intend to be present for tea notify Mr. J. H. Benstead, 69, Scalpcliffe Road, Burton-on-Trent, by the previous Thursday morning? Committee meeting at 3.45 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Earlsheaton on Monday, April 1st 1918. The ballot for order of ringing will take place in the school at 11 a.m. Ringing to commence at 11.30 prompt. Tea will be provided for ringers at 1/- each who send in their names by Monday, March 25th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General meeting at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee meeting in vestry 11.30 a.m. Service (with address by the Vicar, Rev. Stuart H. Clark) at 12 noon. Business meeting in Parish Room 2 p.m. Nomination of candidates to represent the Association on the Central Council (to be signed by two members) should be sent to the Secretary before March 25th.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Easter Monday. Eight bells available all the afternoon. —Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church House, Bedford, at 2.15 on Easter Monday. Committee meeting at 2 o'clock. The bells at St. Paul's will be available from 9 a.m., and the St. Peter's bells from 12.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held on Monday in Easter week, April 1st, at the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Reigate, by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Davies. The ten-bell tower will be available from 2 o'clock until dark. Service at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 5.45 in the Parish Hall, Lesburne Road, to elect a hon. treasurer in the place of the late Rev. A. J. W. Young. Tea will be served in the Parish Hall, Lesburne Road, at 5.45 (members 6d., visitors 1/-), to those who give me notice before Saturday.—Ch. Reading, Asst. Hon. Sec., Union Bank Chambers, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Farnham on Saturday, April 6th, 1918. The bells (8) will be available from 6.30 p.m. till 8.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—A. C. Hazelden, St. Michael's, Joseph Road, Guildford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting and dedication and unveiling of the Spittle Memorial will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service and dedication in church at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Gray Maitland (President). Business meeting afterwards. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting, and it is to be hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with address by Rev. R. N. Lawson, at 5.15. Tea (if possible) 1/-, in Parish Room at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than April 2nd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 21st annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 6th, 1918. The service will be held at 6 p.m., conducted by the Rev. H. Carrick (Vicar of St. John's). Tea will be arranged if the necessary commodities can be procured, but only for those who *notify by card* their intention to be present to Mr. W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow, *not later than March 30th*. At the business meeting the President will take the chair. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. John's, Hillingdon, from 3 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, 4 to 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Hon. Secs.

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