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Yours faithfully, F. T. BLOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

A VOLUNTARY LEVY.

At their annual meeting, last Saturday, the Lancashire Association came to a decision which it is probable others may care to follow, and that was to ask the life members to pay a shilling a year to help cover the subscriptions lost by so many of the ordinary subscribing members being away on war service. Most, if not all, of the ringing associations are foregoing the contributions of those ringers who are with the fighting forces of the Crown, and the result is that many of them are hardly hit financially, for the lost subscriptions amount in the aggregate to many pounds. Consequently, in several cases, associations have only been able to make ends meet by the most rigid economy. In the past, when funds have been on the down-grade, it has usually been by a special effort to draw in new honorary members that ringing organisations have sought to replenish the coffers; but the present does not seem to be a time when new honorary members are easily obtainable or even when old ones can readily be induced to keep up their contributions. There are very few among the associations who have not had to report a falling off of honorary members' subscriptions during the war. This is not altogether surprising, for, taken as a whole, we should think that those who support ringing organisations as honorary members are not of the class who are making money out of the war.

The Lancashire Association now intend to go to a new source, and we imagine there are few of the life members who will decline to contribute the modest shilling a year for which they are to be asked. We do not know whether the appeal is to be extended to the non-resident life members, but we imagine these will be included, and those who have had the opportunity of enjoying the Association's hospitality will doubtless be glad to give a helping hand.

A method of making up the contributions of those who are away on active service, which we think has not yet been attempted by ringing societies, is that of a voluntary levy. In most cases the individual contribution of the ordinary member is very low—the annual subscription in many associations is only a shilling—and there is always an objection to raising the amount. It would be an easy matter, however, to calculate the sum by which a society is out of pocket on account of the absence of those on service, and this amount, if spread over the remaining members, would probably represent not more than a penny or twopence, or at the outside threepence per head. A scheme to raise this deficit by a voluntary levy would, we believe, be readily accepted, and it would keep the income of the associations up to their pre-war standard. At any rate, the idea might be worth trying in those associations where the loss of contributions is affecting the efficient working of the organisation.

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SIX BELL PEAL.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, September 10, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt.

WILFRED MARKS... .. Treble	REGINALD AMOR 4
SIDNEY PEPLER 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
CHARLES DOEL 3	ALBERT AMOR Tenor

Conducted by S. J. HECTOR.

The peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Aileen Kemp, daughter of the Churchwarden (who has always taken a keen interest in the bells) and Captain Dupont, R.A.M.C. All the ringers except the Conductor are in their "teens." The ringers of treble and 4th are not yet fourteen.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SOLIHULL GUILD.

*On Sunday, September 22, 1918, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,
At MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PTE. V. RIGG 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3-4
HARRY BRAGG 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Witnesses: C. BRAGG, D. MATKIN.

Arranged for Pte. V. Rigg, H.C.Y., this being his first peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, September 21, 1918, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At THE RECTORY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 1-2	MISS E. K. PARKER 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3-4	CECIL CHAPMAN 7-8

Arranged by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON.

Witnesses: MRS. ATKINS, MISS ATKINS, MISS BRUCE, MISS B. MCKRELL, MISS MAUDSON and the REV. E. J. ATKINS.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Yateley on Saturday, ringers attending from Hawley, Eversham, Weybridge and Sandhurst. The bells were set going at 5.30 p.m., and Miss B. Stilwell (daughter of the Guild President) took part in the various touches, whilst the party of Hawley ladies (who have been instructed by Mr. B. Hawkins) had their first ringing away from their own tower and acquitted themselves well. Comment was made on the absence of any ringers from Yorktown and Bagshot, both of which are neighbouring towers, and this points to the need of more local enthusiasm, without which Diocesan and County Associations are almost, if not entirely, powerless to make any headway.

OXHEY BAND'S PERFORMANCES.

In our issue of Sept. 13th, in giving an account of what was done before the war by the Oxhey Sunday Service band, we did not, we find, do them full justice. In addition to peals of Stedman Cinquies, they rang Double Norwich and Superlative in hand, and peals of Double Norwich, and Superlative, Bristol, London and New Cumberland Surprise on tower bells.

ABBOT'S LEIGH.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—At Abbot's Leigh Church, on July 4th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Thomas (first 720) 1, Pte. J. Thomas 2, A. T. Atherton 3, G. Bennett 4, A. Tennell 5, J. Caple (conductor) 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Tuesday, July 2nd, on hand-bells, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1918 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Bragg 1-2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3-4, C. Bragg 5-6. Longest length by all. This is believed to be the first date touch ever rung in Solihull.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

By the kind invitation of Mr. H. B. Wills, and the hearty co-operation of the Vicar and members of St. Peter's Society, the members and friends of the Middlesex Association, were privileged to visit St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday last. The fine peal of ten bells were used to great advantage, in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters Treble Ten, Bob Major, and a course of London. There was a splendid attendance, including Messrs. A. Dean (Leatherhead), A. J. Perkins and A. J. Trappitt (Beddington), F. A. Milne and E. Roffey (Barnet), W. A. Alps (City), W. Hewett (Camberwell), C. Dean, H. Wills, W. Stales and W. S. Wise (Croydon), E. F. Pike (Brockley), R. Sanders (Stepney), A. Hubbard (Acton), L. Attawater and J. Lee (Stratford), O. Twist (Walthamstow), C. Ilave (Edmonton), G. Daynes (Greenwich) J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe), Pte. P. Crook (Bolton), etc. A short break was made at 5.30, and all attended evensong, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Reeve), who, in a few words, welcomed the Association at his church. Ringing was then continued until 7.15, when all made their way to the Wilton Carriage Works, to find a large workshop transformed into a most comfortable tea room. A splendid tea was partaken of, kindly provided by the generous host (Mr. H. B. Wills).

A short business meeting followed, the chair was taken by Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president).—The meeting confirmed the hon. secretary's action in communicating with the family of the late Mr. J. Martin, of Harrow Weald, upon hearing of his death.

It was announced that the next meeting would be at Edmonton, on Saturday, October 12th, ringing from 3 to 6 p.m.

Pte. Peter Crook, of the Machine Gun Section, Grenadier Guards, stationed at Pirbright, and well known in the Lancashire Association, was elected a member.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wills for their kind hospitality, and to the members of his staff for the preparations they had made; to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the members of the St. Peter's Society for their help.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Oram), and carried with acclamation.

Business over, the handbells were brought into use for the remainder of the evening, and concluded a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION OF NORTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS.

The usual quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch took place on Saturday last at Clent. Despite the inclement weather, a fair number of ringers were present, including visitors from Newport, London, Sheffield and Burton. On a fine day it would be hard to find a more beautiful spot, and the Church of St. Leonard, nestling among the trees at the foot of the famous Clent Hills, contains a very handy ring of eight bells. The tenor, which was cast in 1743, weighs about 12½ cwt. The third is a 1718 bell, while the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh were cast in 1637—all by M. Bagley—and the treble and second were added by the famous Loughborough firm in 1902. The bells were kept going on Saturday in the standard methods until service-time, at 5 p.m.

In the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Newley took the service, and gave an address, and Miss Thatcher presided at the organ. The preacher, on behalf of the Vicar and himself, offered a hearty welcome to the Association, and in the course of his remarks, spoke feelingly of the important part which ringers took in the work of the church. He trusted it would not be long before they had the pleasure of ringing the bells for that peace which all were looking forward to. The address was very much appreciated by all those who were fortunate enough to be present.

The business meeting was held in the schools, the Rev. J. H. Newley presiding, and about 30 members being present. Brierley Hill was selected for the next meeting, in January, 1919.

The Branch Master, Mr. S. Grove, writing from somewhere in France, said he thought the position of Master should go round, and he trusted the meeting would elect someone in his place.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his past services, and the wish was expressed that the genial Sam would soon be amongst them again. Mr. Harry Withers was elected Branch Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Pigott the representative on the Central Committee, while Mr. E. J. Dowler was re-elected secretary and treasurer. In supporting the election of the officers, the Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons) heartily congratulated them on the work they had done for the Association in very trying times, and he could personally testify to their whole-heartedness in their work, which, he hoped, might long continue.—Mr. E. J. Dowler, in reply, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to do anything he could to further the interest and success of the Association.

One life performing and one performing member were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. J. H. Newley for arranging the service, giving the address, and for presiding at the meeting.—The reverend gentleman, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to be with them that afternoon. It was the first time he had ever taken part in a ringers' meeting, but after his experience that day he hoped it would not be the last. Tea, under the ration scheme, was

then partaken of at the Vine Hotel, those members who had thoughtfully brought their own sugar with them being in great request by those who had failed to do so.

Ringling was afterwards kept up until 8.30, when a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was to have been held at Doncaster on Saturday week. In the words of the poet, 'The morning dawned in gloom and rain,' and the writer can vouch for it that it continued throughout the day and long into the night. A meagre muster of ringers turned up at the top of St. George's Gate, with the south side of the fine old Church of St. George full in view. It was rather late to be able to ring before evensong had been sung. And, having in mind the fact that ringing might disturb the genial old verger, Mr. Marsden, who was suffering from a paralytic stroke and lying dangerously ill in close proximity to the church (although at the same time they knew he would offer no objection to the ringing of the bells by the visitors), they decided to abandon the pleasure and made steady progress on the road and by tram to Arksey, a country village close by, with a fine old church and a grand little peal of six bells, with tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs. And as they 'footed' it along the road, through a drenching rain, they heard the strains of Oxford Treble Bob and Violet rung out and brought successfully round. They were met in the tower by the respected Vicar (the Rev. A. Rhys James, M.A.), who is a ringer, and who had taken part in the ringing. He extended a sincere and hearty welcome to all the visitors from various towers.

As time was fast flying, and a fairly good number of members were present, it was deemed advisable to hold the business meeting at once, the Rev. A. R. James being voted to the chair.

A friendly discussion took place as to the advisability of holding a December meeting, on account of the short days, the difficulty of travelling, and the liability of trespassing on the D.O.E.A., and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. F. Clarke, seconded by Mr. H. Stanton, that the next meeting be held on Saturday, March 8th, 1919, at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, meeting time three o'clock.

There was no election of new members, and those who have failed to pay their subscriptions for the year just closing would do well and act wisely to forward the same to the secretary (pro tem.) to ensure their names being kept on the register of members.

A letter was read from Mrs. Brightman thanking the officers and members for their letter of condolence and sympathy in her bereavement and sorrow by the death of her son Leonard, who was doing such excellent work for the association.

On the motion of Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. G. Falksworth, the best thanks were given to the local company for their invitation, and also for having made every provision for the comfort of the members. Coupled with the resolutions were thanks to the Rev. A. Rhys James for presiding, and congratulations upon having so fine a peal of six bells, which reflected great credit upon the founders.

The Vicar very heartily replied, and said, although he might not have an association meeting there again for some time, any hands of ringers would receive a hearty welcome, and, he hoped, under more favourable conditions as regards the war, which we, as Englishmen, were fighting to a finish for the cause of Christianity, Truth and Freedom, and for a universal peace for all mankind.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HIGHGATE.

By kind permission of the authorities of St. Ann's, Highgate, a well-attended meeting of the London County Association was held there on Saturday week. Ringing commenced shortly after 4 p.m., and was carried on until 8 p.m., many touches in various methods being successfully concluded, the conducting being shared between Messrs. Alps and Frank Smith.

At the business meeting following, Mr. W. G. Matthews was elected to the chair to hold office during the absence of the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), now serving in the Anti-Aircraft Corps, stationed at Godstone, Surrey.

Mr. C. C. Mayne, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, was elected a member of the Association, and it was decided that, owing to the arrangements for a visit to St. Peter's, Croydon, being incomplete, the proposed visit should stand over until November. The October meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., on the second Saturday in the month, notice of which appears in another column.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their permission to ring, and to Mr. J. E. Baker (steepkeeper) for the excellent arrangements made by him, both at the church and at the meeting.

HODDESDON.—Herts Association.—For evening service, on Sunday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: G. Radley 1. W. Mumford 2. F. Joly 3. S. Proctor 4. G. Maxim 5. A. C. Darnell 6. S. Knights 7. W. Cavill (conductor) 8.

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LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Had I myself attempted to compose a letter in Mr. Trollope's name, designed to illustrate my own prognostications, I could not have attained anything like the success achieved by him in his letter on pp. 300 and 301, which your readers have only to compare with mine printed immediately after it. It more than fulfils the expectations there expressed.

Passing over the obvious irrelevance of the whole of his first column, which is a lengthy account of how the report was composed, which is emphatically not the question, the question being that of its contents after composition—passing over this, and passing over also the amazing admissions of his second column, viz., (a) the absence of any clear, settled or agreed principles on the part of the committee in formulating their report, and its consequent mere and sheer opportunism, and (b) the history of his own wonderful and protracted lucubrations and discoveries whereby in these latter days and years after the publication of the report the mystery was revealed to him, and apparently to him alone—passing over all this I desire to fix attention on one sentence, than which more is surely not required. Speaking of the report, he says: 'No agreement was possible upon proofs; and also we did not know enough at that time to give an explanation which would have done any real good.' So we have it in writing and in public from one of the committee that they actually dared to issue a report on the proof of the statements of which they could not themselves agree, and of which they were incapable of giving any reasonable explanation! Such is the truth of the position now revealed to the contemplation of the Exercise!

In your leading article you advert to the fact that Mr. Trollope is writing from the front where he is without his books and memoirs. I once more challenge him to give his 'reasons.' He says they are 'few,' and he says they are 'simple.' To bring it to as simple an issue as possible, I challenge him to tell us plainly why a lead of Grandsire is right, while a lead of Union is wrong. If he can do this anywhere at all he can do it without any books, memoirs, or papers. But can he do it? I more than doubt it. He can, and doubtless will, write reams of camouflage, but camouflage is not argument.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, RUCKS.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), by James George, Birmingham, in 50 mins.: W. Inwood 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, W. Mead 3, H. Sear (conductor) 4, E. Lathall 5, W. Smith 6, E. C. Lambert 7, J. Gregory 8. First quarter-peal by J. Gregory. The ringers of 3 and 4 hail from Bletchley. This was rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival of St. Peter.

NEWCASTLE.—Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, June 30th, at the Cathedral, for a service, at which Dr. Gore, Bishop of Oxford, was preaching, a touch of 595 Stedman Caters: C. L. Routledge 1, A. Dalton 2, Pte. Chaplin 3, W. Sinclair 4, J. Foreman 5, B. Horton 6, A. F. Hillier 7, W. Story 8, E. E. Ferry (conductor) 9, R. Richards 10. A birthday touch for Mr. Ferry, who was congratulated by the rest of the company on his ever-youthful appearance.

ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.—St. Mary Abbot's Guild of Change Ringers.—On Thursday, July 4th, members of the Guild met at 1 p.m., and rang as a compliment to our American Allies five courses of Stedman Caters.

MERSTHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Morley 1, Miss Orlebar 2, E. Atkins (conductor) 3, G. Morley 4, A. Wood 5, W. Francis 6. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is shortly leaving for Tunbridge Wells.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 7th, in 1 hr. 12 mins., a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes). Tenor 191 cwt.: W. Leeson 1, W. Meeks 2, Air-Mechanic S. Bragg 3, H. Shepherd 4, J. Withers 5, J. Eaton 6, H. Withers (conductor) 7, H. Foster 8. Rung for evening service. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Pickering 1, G. Wood 2, N. Walker 3, R. Belton 4, C. Briggs 5, H. Webb 6, H. Briggs 7, Jones 8. Composed by John Carter. Conducted by H. Briggs. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to A. Taylor who died of wounds, and was buried in this country.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, for service, on Sunday, July 7th, 720 Kent: * Kathleen Jutson, Herbert Waldren, William Waldren, J. J. Jutson, F. Rollinson, G. Barker. * First 720.—Also on July 14th, 360 Oxford as above. Conducted by F. Rollinson.—On July 18th, at St. John's, 210 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Jutson, Kathleen Jutson, H. Hurre, J. Wright, F. Davis, W. Jarvis, S. Vaughan, c. Taylor.—On July 21st, at St. Mary's, 360 Kent, with E. Tilley in place of J. J. Jutson.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ROCHDALE.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday at Rochdale. Permission was granted for the use of the bells at Rochdale Parish Church, and St. Albans, Balderstone, Milnrow and New Hey Churches, for which the best thanks of the Association are due. The Vicar of Rochdale (the Ven. Archdeacon Clarke) was the preacher at a special service held at 4 p.m., but the lure of the bells at other churches accounted for the rather poor muster. Owing to war conditions, the social tea in the schools had to be foregone, which broke up the party somewhat, and this caused the business meeting to be half an hour late. The President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) took charge of the proceedings, supported by the Archdeacon, the two secretaries, the treasurer, and about 90 members.

The committee's report mentioned that branch meetings had been held with fair regularity, Sunday ringing had been carried on with difficulty in many towers, while with others it had been dropped altogether owing to the majority of the band being away. There was rather a longer peal list than last year, 17 peals having been rung, against seven in the preceding twelve months. They were 'carrying on' much better than might have been thought possible. The number of members now stood at 1,260, of which 1,006 were local ringers. Forty had been added to the list during the year, and they had lost six through death, four of whom had died serving their King and country. The treasurer's balance sheet showed that the Association had just managed to pay its way, owing to the reduction in the size of the reports. They had to record the loss of their vice-president in his term of office, and his death was followed two months later by that of his brother. The Worsley tower in particular, and the Association in general, owed much to the keen interest and hard work of the three brothers Ridyard, the last of whom had now passed away.

A few questions were asked and answered on the balance sheet, and the Archdeacon then welcomed the Association to Rochdale. He said he was sorry he could not sup with them, as his wife was ill. He had been to see if the sound of the bells had disturbed her, as the doctor had ordered her perfect quiet, but he was pleased to say that the bells had soothed her to sleep, and that she had had a longer sleep than for some time past.

The meeting expressed a hope that Mrs. Clarke might be soon restored to health again. The Archdeacon is very popular among the ringers. Although not a ringer himself, he, in carrying out his official duties, inquires after the state of the bells and bellfries in his archdeaconry; and, whether owing to his care or not, it is impossible to say, most of the bells are in fair going order in his district.

The officers were re-elected, there being no opposition, but for the unexpired period of the vice-president's term of office six nominations were sent in, and after two votes had been taken, Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley, was elected by a bare majority.

Three places were put up for next year's annual meeting, and, on being put to the vote, Liverpool was chosen, getting a majority over the votes given to the other two put together.

A resolution from the committee, and also one on the same subject from Preston Branch was submitted, and after a good discussion it was resolved that life members should be asked to pay 1s. per year to help to cover the subscriptions lost by so many of the paying members being away on Government service.

The three representatives who attended the Central Council meeting gave an account of the proceedings, and spoke of some of the Council's advantages and failings. As two of the representatives had attended for the first time, their reports were really more interesting, as first impressions are generally the truest. They were thanked for their notes, and thanks were also accorded the officers for their past services, and to the Archdeacon, the organist, and others, for doing their best under the circumstances to make the meeting a success.

LIVERPOOL GUILD BRANCH.

A meeting of the Liverpool Guild Branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday week at Woolton. The service was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, who gave a deeply impressive address to the ringers.

At the meeting after the service, the Rev. E. C. Collier, one of the secretaries, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, which was seconded by Mr. Walter Hughes, lay secretary of the Guild, and unanimously carried. The towers represented were from Woolton, Oxton, Walton, Garston, S. Nicholas, Liverpool; and the methods rung were Double Norwich, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. In spite of the heavy rain a large number of ringers turned up, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 14th, at All Hallows', Barking, Great Tower Street, City, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Scholes, T. H. Taffender (conductor), G. R. Fardon, E. F. Pike, E. Hall, Pte. Ebberson, R. Sanders, Pte. T. Joyce. First quarter-peal in method by Pte. Ebberson, A.S.C., who has been wounded, now returning to France; also as a welcome home on leave to Pte. T. Joyce, Farrier, R.F.A., who has been away at Salonica and Egypt for 3½ years.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

MEETING AT ERDINGTON.

On Saturday week, the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held their monthly practice meeting at Erdington Parish Church, and although the weather outlook was gloomy and uninviting, a good number put in an appearance. The bells, a light musical ring of eight, were set going shortly before four o'clock to various short touches until service time. At 4.30 a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. — Swindell), who extended to the Guild a very hearty welcome. During his discourse, he expressed pleasure at the zeal with which the ladies had taken up bell ringing, particularly since the outbreak of war, adding that in his opinion, no war was more important than that which was associated with religion. He also commented on the fact that times and bellfries were very different now to the period when John Bunyan decided not to continue his ringing career.

After service, a move was made to the Church House, where an excellent tea was in readiness, over 50 members and friends sitting down.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Rector for his services in the church, to Mr. Preston for providing tea and making all necessary arrangements, and to the ladies who had waited upon the visitors.

The tower was then again visited, and some good practice obtained. touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples being brought round by mixed companies, whilst some of the sterner sex amused themselves with Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Major, etc., on handbells. The bells were kept going until about eight o'clock, when the visitors began to disperse for home, the meeting having been a huge success.

A RINGING WEEK-END.

When a jovial party of four journeyed down from town on Friday night to Isham, Northants, amidst 'sounding glass and tinkling cymbals,' all minds were centred on the great event of the morrow, which was the inauguration of a new centre of activity of the Ladies' Guild. Saturday morning was spent visiting various towers in the neighbourhood, viz., Burton Latimer, Cranford, Great Addington and Finedon. Ringing at Isham started punctually at three o'clock, and in the course of an hour the belfry was literally packed with ringers. Ringing went ahead merrily till the service at 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Atkins). This was followed by tea in the school, provided by Mr. E. M. Atkins, at which 56 sat down, of whom 21 were lady ringers.

A short meeting was afterwards held, presided over by Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, at which 15 new members were elected. After votes of thanks had been passed to all concerned in providing this singularly pleasant afternoon, ringing was continued on handbells, and in the tower till 7 p.m.

During the day the methods ranged from rounds to London Surprise, and a notable item was a touch of Bob Minor by six ladies.

The following towers were represented: Barton Seagrave, Bedford, Burton Latimer, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks, Cranford, Edmonton, Finedon, Geddingdon, Irthlingborough, Isham, Kettering, Northampton (St. Giles), Oringbury, Pytchley, Raunds, and Whitwell, Isle of Wight.

After a merry dinner party, a peal was rung on handbells for the Northants Association, particulars of which appear in the peal columns of this issue.

Sunday being the local harvest festival, a 720 of Bob Minor was successfully accomplished for the eight o'clock celebration, by the following: Miss B. McKrell 1. Miss Cecil Hepburn 2. W. T. Wilson 3. Miss E. K. Parker 4. J. B. Williamson 5. E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 by the ringer of the treble, and the first on an inside bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

Another 720 of Bob Minor was rung for 10.30 service by: P. Everest 1. Miss L. Geary 2. Miss E. K. Parker 3. Lance-Corpl. A. Fourt 4. A. Blaxley 5. J. B. Williamson (conductor) 6.

In the afternoon, an expedition was made to Pytchley, where the five bells were kept going for an hour in spite of a broken stay on the 2nd. Ringing for evening service concluded the proceedings, with the exception of a 720 of Minor 'in hand' on the return journey to town on Monday morning, by three of the 'jovial four'—R.K. McK., J.B.W., E.M.A., E.K.P.

LITTLE MUNDEN RINGER KILLED.

We greatly regret to record the death of Sergt. A. Radie, of the 8th Beds Regiment, one of the Little Munden band, at the age of 23. He joined up in September, 1914, and with the exception of leave and time spent in hospital—being thrice wounded—had been at the front continuously from the first. He was transferred from France to Italy, then back to France, and after four years of service was killed in action towards the end of August. He was of a very fine disposition, and will be greatly missed by the band at Little Munden, where he was also at one time a member of the choir. The bells were rung, muffled, at both services on Sunday last as a tribute to his memory.

NOTICES.

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

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Combined practice meetings have been arranged as follows:—Walton-on-Thames, Sept. 28th, 5.30 p.m.; Yorktown, October 19th, 4 p.m. The quarterly meeting will be held at Horsell (Woking) on October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea (no sugar) will be served in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., but any eatables required must be brought. All ringers will be welcomed at these meetings.—F. J. Sheppard, District Sec. (*pro tem.*), 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m.; tea (1/6 each) 5 p.m., at Radford's Cafe, Bath Street, followed by general meeting in the Parish Room, North Street.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—A by-meeting will be held at the Church of All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, commencing at 4 p.m.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. till dusk; meeting at headquarters afterwards.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Hon. District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short service in Church, with an address, at 5.15; tea (if possible) 1/-, in the Parish Room at 6. Reports will be ready for distribution. Motor 'bus leaves Wolverhampton High Level Station at 2 and 3 o'clock.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 4 to 8; meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Sec., 507, Wigan Road, Bolton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.; business meeting in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.—W. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Sept. 28th. By kind permission, the bells at St. Giles' and at All Saints' Churches will be available for ringing from 1 to 7 p.m.—W. Hinton, District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Doddington on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (5) available at 3 o'clock; tea at 5 o'clock; meeting to follow.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m.; meeting to follow in the Vestry. Tea at Barrett Bros., High Street, at 6.30 p.m. The bells at St. John's (8) and St. Benedictus (6) available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgiss, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Next meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Eight bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6; 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Philip's) Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Through the generosity of Dr. Malins, tea will be provided for those only who advise me not later than October 2nd of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock till dusk; business meeting at 6. Tea in school, 9d. each. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637).—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Saturday, October 5th, at 3.30 p.m. Meetings will also be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on October 3rd, 17th and 31st, and for general business on the 8th and 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 4; service at 5. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, October 1st.—W. Salter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday, October 12th. Ringing from 3 to 6 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members and friends intending to be present are asked to advise me not later than October 8th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Ringing from 4 p.m. till dusk; business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3.30 till dusk; meeting to follow.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The address of Mr. A. L. Coleman, the new Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, has proclaimed this as being a true peal.

EALING.—An unofficial meeting was held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on France's Flag Day, on July 12th, when twelve ringers were present (including three ladies, the Misses Williams, Fuller and Roe) from Windsor, Fulmer, Fulham, Acton, Hillingdon, and Shepherd's Bush. Grandsire, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major was rung and every touch was brought home.—On Sunday, July 14th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, several touches were rung, including a 350 of Grandsire Triples, by: Miss E. Jones 1, C. Edwards 2, J. Hunnisett 3, E. Harris 4, W. Lawrence 5, E. Vickery 6, A. Harding 7, A. E. Smith 8. C. Brown (Acton) also took part. The best thanks is due to J. Walsom for making the arrangements, as the bells had not been rung since Christmas, owing to the difficulty in making up a band.

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