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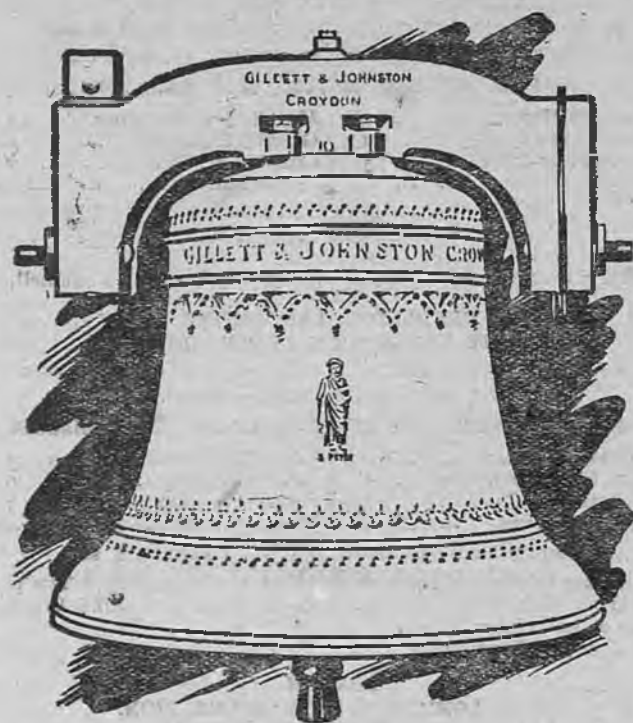
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MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The letters of Mr. William Willson and Mr. A. C. Wright, which are given elsewhere in this issue, are important statements for the members of the Midland Counties' Association. The former's tempered criticisms of our article last week are welcomed, inasmuch as they put forward the other side of the question to that which we advanced. Our only point was that if the services which are rendered are such as to entitle an officer to an honorarium, then our view was that it was up to the members to provide the remuneration, and not merely to get rid of him as an easy way of balancing an account, when the receipts have fallen off. But this, of course, is purely on the assumption that the principle is accepted of paying for a secretary's services.

What, however, we now wish to direct attention to is the important question of decentralisation that Mr. Willson puts forward as being the policy which, in regard to organisation, the Midland Counties' Association should more effectually adopt. Through our columns his views will reach a wider circle of his fellow-members than were present at the meeting, and as, doubtless, the scheme which he advocates will sooner or later be put in concrete form before the Association, his letter will give them the opportunity of pondering over the proposal. The Association is already divided into districts, but in Mr. Willson's opinion, apparently, the functions of these districts are not sufficiently democratic. There is no doubt that the time will come when all Associations, who have not yet done so, will find it necessary to decentralise in the fullest manner, not only because it is the tendency of the time, but because they will find that it is the policy which pays best. It increases local interest by bringing an association into closer touch with the individual, and every ringer feels that its affairs are his concern, and not merely the concern of a body of distant officials.

Mr. Wright's letter is important from another point of view. It puts his election as hon. secretary in a different light to that obtained from the report of the meeting. The impression may have been gained that Mr. Wright sought the office, whereas his letter shows that he only took it when no one else was forthcoming to fill the breach. The letter also denies that Mr. Wright spoke against an honorarium for the secretary. It is well that errors of this kind should be corrected, not merely because of the inaccuracy itself, but in order that the members of the Association with whom the new secretary will have to work in close relationship, may be under no false impressions at the outset of the new regime. At such a time, when it is necessary for all to pull together, there must be no misunderstandings, and no step should be left untaken to remove any feeling which might lead to friction.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

CROYDON, SURREY.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5201 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN, 4th York & Lancs Regt. <i>Treble</i>	†2/LT. WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD, 3rd Norfolk Regt. ... 6
LT. E. MAURICE ATKINS, R.E. 2	†LT. YORK BRAMBLE, R.A.F. 7
LT. A. E. REEVES, R.D.C. 3	MJ. REV. C. W. O. JENKYN, M.C., S.C.F. 8
2/LT. EDWARD P. DUFFIELD R.A.F. 4	LT. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, 3rd Grenadier Guards ... 9
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE, R.A.S.C., M.T. 5	†CAPT. REV. B. H. TYRWHITT- DRAKE, C.F. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS.

This is the first peal ever rung on ten bells by officers only. Rung by British officers as a compliment to the Colonial Troops who marched through London that day.

* 50th peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. The composition was specially prepared for this peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 893 MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*LEONARD MANNERING ... <i>Treble</i>	MISS ETHEL GOODSHIP ... 5
Tom SAUNDERS 2	GEORGE HADAWAY 6
DAVID HODGKIN 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
ARTHUR WIGGINS 4	PHILIP HODGKIN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal.

This is the first peal in Kent in which a lady has rung a bob bell.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

RICHARD F. DEAL <i>Treble</i>	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 5
2/LT. B. S. THOMPSON ... 2	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 6
*FERGIVAL W. CAVE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
GEORGE TURNER 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

This was the first time this composition has been rung. The peal was arranged for Sec.-Lieut. Benjamin S. Thompson, Rifle Brigade, while on leave from France.

* First peal Superlative.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES SCHOLDS <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Bull, wife of Mr. Walter Bull, C.C. Deputy of the Ward of Bishopsgate.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
JOHN HALL ... 4	WILLIAM LAST ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

The ringers are from five parishes, and have all been recently demobilised from H.M. Forces.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD J. WYMAN ... Treble	LESLIE UROOM ... 5
DANIEL REDHEAD ... 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... 6
GEORGE LINES ... 3	JOHN R. MAIN ... 7
HARRY MEADOWS ... 4	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob Major by ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 7; and first peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 4th. First of Major as conductor and rung at the first attempt.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5
SAMUEL BAKER ... 2	OLIVER GEORGE NORMAN ... 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 7
WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 4	*ALBERT E. LAW ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. William Hopkins Fisher, a former churchwarden of this Church, also for the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and all those from this parish who have lost their lives in the Great War.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Stedman.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SOCIETY OF UNION YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LEWIS ... Treble	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 5
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	†EDWIN RIDLER ... 6
†ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... 3	†ARTHUR WALLACE ... 7
†HENRY WAY ... 4	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT.
Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

Rung as an opening peal to the Society of Union Youths.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.
Conducted by GEORGE WILSON.

* First in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. F. Bailey.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	GEORGE R. L'YE ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
ARTHUR W. DIN ... 3	*WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP.
THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL HARROP ... Treble	WILLIAM MARSDEN ... 5
JAMES L. BUCKLEY ... 2	ELI GARSIDE ... 6
THOMAS JACKSON ... 3	ROBERT DAVIES ... 7
HENRY COOPER ... 4	HERBERT W. BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, also first peal of Stedman ever rung in the district. It was a birthday compliment to Henry Cooper.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MALDON.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent, and 1440 of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... Treble	ALFRED SOUTH ... 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... 2	FRED CHALK ... 5
ALFRED J. PEAKE ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

†J. W. COGGRIVE ... Treble	E. D. TUNE ... 4
*J. A. SHERBURN ... 2	†WM. CHRISTIAN ... 5
†C. R. SMITH ... 3	W. A. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung as a welcome back from the army to J. W. Coggrave. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Howden, 4th from Hemmingsborough, and 6th from Birstall.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL EASTER GATHERING AT ST. ALBANS.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, founded on October 29th, 1884, was held on Easter Monday, the ancient and historic City of St. Albans being, as usual, the venue. There was ringing from noon to 5 p.m. at the various churches, and at that hour the ringers assembled for choral evensong at the Cathedral, and were addressed by the Rev. C. G. Ward, Vicar of North Mymps.

In the course of his address, based upon 1 Cor. x. 31—'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God'—the speaker said their first thought was one of heartfelt thankfulness to Almighty God that they had come together under very different circumstances to those which prevailed at last year's meeting. They thanked God that He had delivered them from deadly peril, and in their rejoicings at that their first meeting under conditions of peace they did not forget those good men and true who had attended their meetings in the past, and whom they so greatly missed that day; those ringers of their county who had made the supreme sacrifice for God and country, and who now sleep in foreign soil, awaiting a glorious resurrection. There must be few towers in the county where ringers were not missing some dear friend and companion, and memory of those gatherings of the past when they were present would have a sobering effect on their rejoicings that day. They could look ahead with thankfulness because all difficulties and disabilities under which they had laboured during past years, of war were now over and done with. Bands of ringers had been broken up, and their towers had been silent after nightfall. The art of change ringing had made little or no advance during that time; it had been a struggle to keep the bells going even for Sunday morning service. The few ringers who were left had done their best, and others had come forward to help. Those old ringers who had remained at home had done really good service in instructing volunteers, and had laid excellent foundations, so that many fresh hands had acquired an interest in the art, and with patience and perseverance would take the place of those who had gone, but that much work lay before them. They knew full well. It required both time and patience to build up a band of ringers, especially in country villages when so many changes had taken place. He hoped that spirit of co-operation which existed so strongly among ringers would continue to prevail, and those towers where change ringing is firmly established would be ready to lend a helping hand in giving aid and instruction where it was needed, and in adding to the number of towers in which the art is practised. As friends, he asked them individually: 'Why are you a ringer?' They might reply because it was one of the most fascinating pastimes of the day, a pastime which has become a hobby, and that having become tolerable masters of the art they were anxious to become still more proficient, knowing that however high they climbed there were always fresh heights to surmount. Or they might say, because they were doing definite work for God in His church, a work which required patience and skill. The latter was, of course, the right reason. As ringers they were church workers, as were Sunday School teachers, members of choirs, and others who served God in His church. That fact was apt to be forgotten. In many churches ringing chambers were shut away from the church, and were often treated as though they were no part of the consecrated building. The clergy were not altogether blameless in this matter, as, especially if they did not happen to be ringers themselves, they were apt to put off that occasional visit to the ringing chamber which was the evidence of their appreciation of such services as definite work for God in the church. Change ringing was an art which called for many admirable attributes: patience, perseverance, and intelligence. Many of them had attained great proficiency in that most difficult art. Let them remember that their knowledge and skill should be used to the glory of God and in His service.

THE EVENING MEETING

About one hundred assembled at the tea and subsequent meeting held in the Abbey Institute. The Vicar of Watford (the Rev. C. F. Ayerst) presided, and among those at the top table were the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans (the Rev. G. W. Blenkins), Canon Papillon, and the Revs. C. G. Ward, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Thundridge), G. M. Edmunds and J. B. Booth (Vicar of St. Stephen's), and Messrs. N. Wix, J. Prewett (Bushey), McKie Sharpe (St. Albans), and Lawrence Head. Ringers were present from Bushey, Iwer, Fulmer, Harrow, Northampton, Aldenham, Cheshunt, North Mymps, Tring, Oxley, Watthamstow, Willesden, Harpenden, Ware, Little Munden, Southgate, Tottenham, Edmonton, Brockley, Stepney, Brixton, Sunbury, Islington, Hitchin, Thundridge and Luton, as well as from St. Albans towers.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from Sir Hildred Carlile, M.P., wishing the meeting every success; Mr. Hy. Lewis, who it was stated, attended every meeting since the formation of the society in the late Dean Lawrence's parlour; Lance-Corpl. Horace Goodenough, who wrote from France; Mr. C. F. Winney; and Canon Papillon, who was away from St. Albans.

The Chairman remarked it was a splendid thing to think that after all the difficulties they had gone through they had now got back so many of their ringers, whose fingers were no doubt aching to ring the peace tidings, which, please God, might be soon. He was glad to see so many old ringers with them, and he was also pleased to see one lady ringer present.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary) announced that the election of ringing members had resulted as follows: G. Seaman (Watford), A. W. Coles and C. Gale (London), H. F. Hull (Watthamstow), J. Doo C. Underwood and T. E. Lavisell (St. Albans Cathedral), W. Bruton (Birkhamstead), C. Collins, F. Currell and W. Brandon (N. Mymps) and the Rev. G. M. Edmunds (of the St. Peter's company).

Mr. E. R. Debenham (hon. treasurer) presented what he considered a very satisfactory balance sheet, showing as it did a balance on the right side of £9 10s., and a reserve fund of £17 2s., in addition to which the Association held £15 5s. 9d. of five per cent. War Stock. They had thus something for the proverbial rainy day. He also said how pleased he was to see so many demobilised soldiers present, adding they had been greatly missed, and it was a real pleasure and gratification to see so many back again taking part in that Easter change ringing.

The Hon. Secretary then presented his annual report, which was, as usual, full of interest, encouragement and practical advice.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Canon Papillon remarked he had ceased to be a ringer for some years, but his interest in ringers and the art continued. There was nothing like a clergyman's frequent presence in the belfry. He was afraid the bells would not ring in a thousand years of peace, but he hoped that the peace might last at least a generation. He also hoped that it might be the experience of all present to ring out the false and ring in the true. He had the greatest possible pleasure in proposing the re-election of the Rev. C. F. Ayerst as President of the Association for the ensuing year.

Mr. Edwards (Bushey) seconded, and said it was a great pleasure and help to have a ringing clergyman in the town. Mr. Ayerst often gave them a helping hand.—The motion was carried.

Returning thanks for his re-election, the Chairman said it was all very well until he 'let them down' in some sort of a peal (laughter). He was glad to learn that there had been four peals, two within sound of his house, one at Bushey, and the other at Oxley. He did not mind letting them into a little secret. They were going to overhaul their bells at Watford, and he hoped that all present would 'come to Watford and have a jolly good peal there' (applause). It was true that they kept fetching him out, and some day they might be able to make a ringer of him (applause).

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was elected representative on the Central Council, in place of the late Mr. Bertram Prewett.

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-appointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel hon. secretary, with warm thanks for past services.

In proposing the former, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake said that was the first time they had not heard any threats on the part of the hon. treasurer that he would spend their money on a well-earned holiday (laughter).

Proposing Mr. Cartmel, the Dean said they could not find a better hon. secretary in the world. He had never met a man who knew better how to keep his team in hand (applause).

Mr. Debenham and Mr. Cartmel both returned thanks, the former remarking it was not too late to have that holiday (laughter), and the latter saying how pleased he was to be re-appointed for the fourteenth time.

Mr. B. D. Livermore was re-elected hon. librarian, and wished members would make more use of the books.

Mr. J. Prewett was appointed hon. auditor, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake made very sympathetic references to his great loss in the death of his son.

The following Branch Hon. Secretaries were re-elected, on the motion of Mr. Cartmel: Messrs. F. R. Bacon (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), F. Smith and F. Edwards (Western), and W. Nash (St. Albans).—Mr. Cartmel and the Chairman both complimented these gentlemen on their zealous services in the past.

The Rev. C. G. Ward was cordially thanked for his address, on the proposition of the Dean, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, who said he had never heard a better ringers' sermon in his life.

The Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's were also thanked for the use of their church bells.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the business.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the South Western Division was held at Barking, on Saturday last. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and at the business meeting the Rev. H. S. Pelham, Vicar of Barking, was elected an hon. member, and Bipping was decided upon for the place of next meeting, to be held in August. As this will be the first visit to be paid by the members, the hope was expressed that as many as possible would endeavour to attend.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to arrange a by-meeting, and it was decided to fix one at North Weald and Bovington, some time in July.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Barking for the use of his bells, and to Mr. C. Feun for having everything in readiness. During the afternoon and evening between 40 and 50 members and friends put in an appearance, and touches in practically all standard methods from Groundsire to Superlative were brought round.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**RETIREMENT OF THE HON. SECRETARY.**

Bedford was again the venue of the County Association for the annual meeting on Easter Monday. There was a considerable attendance, and St. Peter's and St. Paul's bells were available throughout the day.

The business meeting was held in the Allhallows' Mission Room, and there was a good attendance of members from Dunstable, Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Sharnbrook, Hushorne Crawley, Clifton, Aspley Guise, and Bedford. The Rev. Canon Baker was chairman, supported by the Rev. A. Rust, hon. secretary and treasurer, who submitted the 35th annual report. Until quite recently a large number of ringers were still serving their country, but the summer meeting held at Dunstable on July 6th, was fairly well attended, and they wished to thank Canon Baker for his kind hospitality. The committee recorded with most genuine regret the great loss that the Association had sustained by the death of Mr. J. W. Barker, who for many years had been a very energetic worker for the good of the Association. After the years of war and difficulty the Association entered upon this year with great hope that they would recover their normal state and realise increased keenness and vigour. Few local meetings had been held during the year, but the following peals had been rung: Kent Treble Bob Major 1; Bob Major 1; Minor 2. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £33.

The report was adopted, and the Rev. Canon Baker was re-elected president. The vice-presidents elected were Mr. C. Herbert, Mr. E. Ransom, and Miss E. Steele. To the great regret of the Association the Rev. A. Rust resigned the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer. After considerable discussion, Mr. Edward P. Duffield, of Sharnbrook, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and he kindly accepted office.

The Chairman proposed that the Association place on record a hearty vote of thanks and deep appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. A. Rust as hon. secretary and treasurer for fifteen years. He said they much regretted that he was unable to carry on the duties of the office.

Miss Steele seconded, and the resolution was carried with marked emphasis.

The Rev. A. Rust said he had tried to do his best for the welfare of the Association. For the first two or three years a difficult matter caused him great anxiety, but it was settled. In the war years they were still more anxious, and now he thought a new secretary should take up the duties. Through some misunderstanding, the peal book had not been written up lately, but he thought there was a complete list of the peals in the reports, and he hoped conductors would send in the peals to the secretary, as that had not always been done.

Mr. F. Tanqueray was re-elected hon. auditor, with a vote of thanks for his past services.

On the proposition of Mr. Duffield, it was decided to select Biggleswade as the centre for the summer meeting.

It was agreed that ringers living outside Bedfordshire might become members of the Association on payment of a subscription of 3s., which would include the fee of 6d. for the certificates.

Mr. Harlow raised the question of whether this meeting should fix the time and place of the Easter meeting next year.

The Chairman pointed out that Bedford was central and accessible to all parts of the county. The rules required the committee to fix the place of meeting, and notice would be necessary for an alteration of rule.—Mr. Harlow gave notice of motion.

Mr. Rust stated that there had been an invitation from the Herts Association to the Bedfordshire Association to join them at their annual meeting at St. Albans, but, much as they appreciated the kindness of their Hertfordshire friends, the costly railway fares made it impossible to accept the invitation.

Discussion took place respecting the appointment of a ringing master, and the Chairman said that was supposed to be the business of the tower. For the summer meeting it would be left to the foreman of the Biggleswade tower.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Paul's and the Rector of St. Peter's for the use of the bells of those churches, and to the former for the use of the Mission Room.

New members elected were Miss Cooper, of Elstow; Mr. Charles Matthews, Woburn; Mr. H. F. Seabrook, Mr. A. Seabrook, Mrs. E. Brownworth, Mr. G. Butcher, Mr. A. Butcher, Mr. G. Barlett, and as non-resident life members, Messrs. W. C. Duffield, W. L. Duffield and F. R. Copeman, all of Norfolk.

In the course of the day at St. Peter's Church, touches were rung of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Minor, Double Court Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

At St. Paul's belfry there were rung touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Ten Bob Royal, Double Norwich Stedman, and Grandsire Triples. In the afternoon some of the members went to Cheddington and rang Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ASHFORD DISTRICT MEETING AT FOLKESTONE.**

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Folkestone on Easter Monday, and from all points of view was an undoubted success. Well struck touches in all four standard methods, interspersed with rounds for the recruits, were rung throughout the afternoon, and the members attended evensong in the church, Canon Tindall, Vicar, officiated, and the organist and a few choir boys to lead the singing, and prayers from the Association's form of service were said.

An excellent meat tea was served at the Woodward Hall, near the church, to which 45 sat down, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed, 16 new members were elected, including nine from Tenterden and four from Mersham, the latter including Miss Rose Thomas.

A cordial invitation was received from the Vicar of Brabourne to hold a meeting at Brabourne when the strawberries were ripe. Needless to say this was heartily accepted.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Tindall and the lady members of the Folkestone tower for preparing such an excellent tea, and for so kindly and efficiently waiting on the members; also to Mr. S. Binfield, the captain of the Folkestone tower, who had done so much towards making the meeting such a success.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting, for officiating at the service, for presiding at the tea and meeting, and for generously offering to pay the extra cost of the tea over and above the association's allowance.—The Vicar, in reply, gave the members a hearty welcome to Folkestone, and said they had contributed in no small degree towards the pleasures of the visitors on that day, for the ringing had sounded lovely on the Leas.

The following towers in the district sent representatives: Ashford, Brabourne, Mersham, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Woodchurch, and the local band. The visitors included Messrs. Millway and Turner from Dover; Fairbeard from Adisham; also Messrs. Elliott and Welling, who were in khaki, stationed at Dover, and Mr. J. W. Sharp, of Northampton, who was in hospital blue, and who appeared to have greatly benefited by his Stedman and Treble Bob treatment.

Hythe tower was placed at the disposal of the members in the morning, and some of the members availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing there.

THE BELLS AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Now that the rehanging of the bells of St. Clement Danes is in contemplation, perhaps a short history of them may be of interest to the readers of the 'Ringing World.' About 10 years after the rebuilding of the present church, a peal of eight was hung in the tower, the history of which was thus told on a brass plate in the church porch: 'The eight bells in this steeple were cast by Will and Phil Wightman, their Majesties Founders, Anno Dni, 1694, in the Tyme of Wm. Davis and Edwd. Clarke, Churchwardens, and finished when Edwd. Clarke and Hugh Mills were Churchwardens. Weight 4t. 15c. 2q. B.C. The gift of Edwd. Clarke.'

In 1843 the old third (now fifth) was recast by C. Oliver, who added two trebles, to make a peal of ten, in 1844. The inscriptions at the present time are as follows.

Treble and Second.—'C. Oliver, founder, London. William Cull, William Wilkinson, churchwardens, 1844.'

Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth.—'1693.'

Fifth.—'C. Oliver, founder, London, 1843. Henry Thomas Woods, William Cull, churchwardens.'

Tenor (in large capitals).—'William Davis, Edward Clarke, churchwardens, 1693. Made by William and Philip Wightman (between each word is a trefoil, a Maltese cross, and a fleur de lis).'

The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt.; note, E flat.

The small sanctus bell was cast by Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel foundry in 1588, and is inscribed in 'black-letter' alphabet:—

Robertus x mot t me 8 fecit x 1588.'

At the end of the inscription is the medallion used by Mot, a wreath encircling three bells, a crown and ibs, with the initials R.M.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Bloxwich on Saturday week. The bells were set in motion soon after three o'clock, and a short service held in church at 5.15, when a practical address was delivered by the Rev. J. C. Hamilton, M.A. (Vicar), who gave his hearers a warm welcome. At the tea which followed upwards of 30 sat down. It was pleasing to see several 'demobbed' soldiers, who in turn were glad to be back with their old friends and acquaintances. Some of these were surprised at the difficulty they experienced in regaining rope-sight after their absence for several years. But time and practice work wonders, and it may reasonably be expected to see their names figuring in the next columns in the near future.

The next meeting (the annual) is arranged to take place on June 28th, at Lichfield.

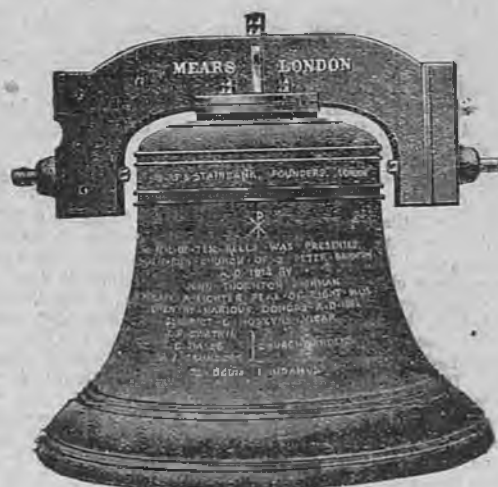
Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his services, etc., and to the ladies who made preparations for tea and assisted at the tables, brought the meeting to a close.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

MISHAP ENDS RINGING AT QUARTERLY MEETING.

The breaking of one of the gudgeons of the tenor bell, midway through a course of Superlative, brought the ringing at the quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Rugby to an untimely close on Saturday week. A short touch of Grandsire Triples had been rung to open the proceedings at 3.45 p.m., and about three leads of Superlative had afterwards been got through when a terrible noise was heard overhead, and the tenor ceased to move. An inspection revealed that, the gudgeon having snapped, the bell had fallen sideways into the pit. The bell is 25 cwt.

The meeting was attended by about 20 members and friends from Coventry, Croft, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stony Stanton and Northampton.

Service was held at 5 o'clock, the Rector (the Rev. C. M. Bladen) giving an appropriate address. The Guild's form of service was used.

Tea was afterwards served at the Campbell Coffee Tavern, and at the business meeting which followed, Mr. Argyle, of Nuneaton, presided. It was much regretted that the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, was unable to attend owing to being seriously ill with influenza. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings during the summer, Brinklow being selected for the May meeting, and Berkswell for June.

The annual meeting is to be held at Birmingham in July.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for giving the address, and to the organist for presiding at the organ.

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

On Monday last was rung at Wakefield by the ringers of that place, a new Composition peal of Triples Boh Triples, called Wakefield Delight, consisting of 5,040 in eight courses complete. The same set of ringers, without changing a man or setting a bell, began another peal of Oxford Single Triples in 12 courses of 5,040 changes, and called Wakefield's Surprise. Both these peals, consisting of 10,080 changes, were performed, including the raising and settling the bells, in seven hours one minute, and were rung with good Exactness and Nice Distinction—an instance Never Before Done in this Kingdom, and what adds to the singularity of the Performance is there were Two Fathers, Five Sons, Three Brothers, Four Consins, One Uncle, One Nephew, yet not more than eight Persons and only two names.—Mar 12th, 1788.

Can anyone solve this family puzzle?

The following is from John Martin's Peal Book, Leicester:— 'May 3rd, 1773. 5,040 Grandsire Triples was first rung true at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in three hours and twenty minutes, by ye following peoples: Wm. Ryder, trible; Thos. Scott, second; Thos. Miles, third; John Martin, fourth; Thos. Mitchell, fifth; John Joseph Kirk, sixth; Wm. Bull, seventh (and called); Joseph Smith and Mark Graham, tenor.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The postponed meeting of members of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday at Todmorden Unitarian Church, when members were present from Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Todmorden Parish and Unitarians. When all these enthusiastic ringers arrived, however, it was found that the caretaker had gone away, and had not left the key of the steeple. Nothing daunted, this difficulty was soon surmounted by these adventurous spirits descending the coke shoot, from which there was an entrance to the lower. After thoroughly enjoying this exciting if not too cleanly adventure, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with great effect.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Whitworth on May 31st, when it is hoped that more members will be present, as the Whitworth ringers have very kindly undertaken the arrangements for this year's annual party in the autumn, and at the next meeting this important social function will have to be discussed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the church officers and local ringers for the use of the bells brought a pleasant meeting to a conclusion.

The members of the Rochdale Branch were delighted to have with them Mr. W. Crabtree, who has been demobilised, and who presided over the business meeting with his usual ability and courtesy.

BIRMINGHAM CHURCHWARDEN KNIGHTED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR EDWARD MALINS, M.D.

It was with peculiar satisfaction that Birmingham people noticed that among those whom the King honoured in the New Years List was Dr. Edward Malins, who received a knighthood. Birmingham ringers are particularly pleased that their old and good friend has achieved such distinction, and the St. Martin's Guild, of which the doctor is an honorary member, feels very proud of him.

Sir Edward has been a churchwarden at St. Philip's for many years, and is keenly interested in bells and bell ringing. As an after-dinner speaker he is in the front rank, as many will testify who have heard Dr. Malins give the toast of 'Church and State' at the Henry John Commemoration Dinner.

OFFICERS' PEAL AT CROYDON.

HISTORIC PERFORMANCE.

This week's peal columns contain the announcement of the first— and very probably the only—peal of Caters rung entirely by officers. The accomplishment of the first officers' peal at Putney on March 15th last suggested the possibility of ringing a peal of Caters with the help of two other officer ringers, if they could be found. Curiously enough the two were obtained in the person of Major Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn M.C., S.O.F., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who only returned from France four days previously; and Lieut. A. E. Reeves, R.D.C., late secretary of the same Guild. Grandsire was the method selected, in view of the lack of ringing practice on the part of some of the band, and because two had never rung a ten-bell peal. All those points considered, the striking was very much better than might have been expected, and the time was quite fast for the weight of metal and number of changes, there being no trips whatever. It was fitting, moreover, that such a peal should be rung on bells so beautiful and sweet-going. The musical composition—the figures are given below—was specially devised for the occasion by the conductor, who, however, is fully prepared to waive his claim to originality, if any other composer—as is quite possible—can prove a prior claim. There has been but one other peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells, and the only other peals rung are two of Stedman Caters, and one of Treble Ten. This latter was the last, in July, 1914, and Major Jenkyn rang the tenor, Lieut. Cyril Johnston being on the 9th. Since then Major Jenkyn had not rung a peal and Lieut. Johnston but one. It was the first ten-bell peal for Lieut. W. C. Duffield and Lieut. York Bramble, both of whom rang well, and the first peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells for the padre on the tenor. It is, perhaps, worthy of record that 1,362 miles were travelled by the ringers in getting to and from Croydon, for they came from Sutton, Kettering, Gosport, Bedford, Haslemere, Norwich, Thornton Heath, Cologne, Croydon, Ware, or the vicinity of those places. Readers of 'The Ringing World' can spend ten minutes with a map and check the figures, and it is quite certain no two results will agree. The most eager of statisticians will be satisfied with the knowledge that 1,037 peals have been rung by the ten officers, three beating the double century: Major Jenkyn 280, Major Hesse 225, and Lieut. Atkins 220. The combined ages of the band make a total of 343 years, and yet another sum is that of the total war service of the band, 33 years three months. All the members of the band being College Youths, the peal will pass to posterity in the peal book of the Ancient Society, and no other ringing society could so suitably have been chosen, though very nearly every bell in the country was represented.

After the peal had been in progress an hour, an ominous step was heard upon the belfry stairs, mingled with the jingle of keys, one of which should have been—and afterwards was—in the door at the bottom of the belfry stairs, turned! The not-very-welcome visitor was the curate-in-charge, who carried on an animated conversation with the ringer of the Treble, the while that luckless officer tried to ring Grandsire Caters, on the subject of stopping the ringing for a baptism. Argument and cajolery proving useless, the bells were set up, amid the most vividly-felt but happily not so vividly-expressed sentiments. There being evensong two and a half hours later, things looked hopeless, as if a baptism could not be rung through, it was not likely that a different view would be held about choral evensong. However, the baptismal service gave time for a council of war, and eventually arguments were brought to bear which gained permission to ring through evensong. So with faces restored to their natural contour, the band hurriedly took tea, and the bells went off into changes at 4.30 p.m., coming round at 7.53 p.m. The peal was most certainly all the better rung by reason of the first attempt, and this was regarded as compensation. So the curate-in-charge was forgiven.

There followed not the least important part of the day's arrangements. Lieut. Cyril Johnston most hospitably entertained his brother officers to dinner at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and it was found that no harm had come to the good fare provided by reason of its two and a half hours' overtime, and the port wine—old as it was—had a little longer time to get older in, and as everyone knows, age is the great thing about port. And so ended, in great good fellowship, a day which it will probably never be possible to repeat. For the war is happily over, and ringers in khaki will become scarce again. But the officers' peal at Croydon will form yet one more—and that a memorable—record of the part played by the Exercise in the great war.

THE COMPOSITION.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your Editorial of last week dealing with the above calls for some reply. The somewhat meagre report given in the same issue of what occurred at the annual meeting held on Easter Monday at Derby, might profitably have been extended. Therein it states that Mr. W. E. White was the only nomination for secretary. I think I am right in saying that Mr. White was 'not' nominated, certainly not according to rule, hence the advertisement to that effect in your Notices Column. I have no fault to find with your Editorial opinions except this: 'To refuse to meet a fair liability because the funds are not up to high-water mark is not commendable, etc.'

There is not and never was a fair liability in the matter of paying the honorary secretary. No authority exists in the rules for anything of the kind. No other secretary has ever had payment, and the practice in the M.C.A. is of recent growth. After war broke out and the work was virtually suspended—a leaflet balance sheet being the only thing produced—I protested at Nottingham against making a gratuity, knowing full well that, with men joining up on all sides, the finance would fall to zero. At that meeting not above 20 members were present out of more than 1,000, but as the secretary threatened to 'down tools' unless his demand of £10 was granted, it was continued. Now, I would be the last man in the world to refuse to acknowledge services rendered, but when all men were called upon to show their patriotism even to the death, when Association, looked like going to the wall, was that a time to expend the last shot in the locker, or gratuities to an 'honorary secretary' for services not rendered?

I have no quarrel with Mr. W. E. White, and I feel convinced that upon reflection he will see that at least his action was unfair. I am not upon the committee, and what I said at the general meeting was entirely off my own bat. I do not know the new secretary, but I am told that even in committee four voted for £10, three for £5, and two for nothing. This and the fact that no one would nominate Mr. White is sufficiently significant of general opinion.

I do not agree with your Editorial dictum. Principle or no principle, I would pay for all services if opportunity offered; but, after all, it is a question of possibilities, and entirely a matter of cutting one's garment according to the cloth. If not, where does economy and retrenchment come in? The unnecessary expenditure must come off, and only as a last resort would I vote for doubling the subscription fee. During the war, the subscriptions of men serving with the colours were suspended as a mark of approbation. What a satire if we were to double their fees now they are returning, and pay it away in gratuities to so-called honorary secretaries!

This is all I wish to say at present on that matter, but as one 'Ringing World' will no doubt reach those who were unable to be at Derby, I would like, with your permission, to repeat here what I said there. I am convinced that in its present form the M.C.A. is too huge to be of much service, and I intend to bring forward the question of decentralisation. Each county or district should have complete autonomy, control its own funds, run its own quarterly meetings, paying its quota to general expenses and the Report. One could then reasonably ask for honorary members from the Mayor of a town downwards, as they would feel that they were contributing to a local concern. There ought to be a peal booking fee—for those who want the glory should pay the expense—and the hundreds of villages could be visited, and converted to change ringing, which now are entirely outside the pale. The details can be left for discussion, but by this means the work of a general secretary would be reduced to a minimum. Had we continued in the old rut, I am convinced that the Association, of which I have been a ringing member for 30 years, would have shortly become defunct. That is my apology for troubling you at this length.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM WILSON

Sir,—With reference to the Report in your issue of the 2nd inst of the Annual Meeting of the Midland Counties Association, I read with surprise that I spoke against an honorarium being voted to the late hon. secretary, and also that I offered to accept the post of secretary, this latter being apparently immediately followed by a proposition, which was seconded and carried, that I should have it.

May I say that at the annual meeting I only spoke once, this being in reply to the chairman, who asked, after I had been proposed and seconded whether I would accept the secretaryship, my reply being that if no one else would do the work I would take it on.

I could point out other inaccuracies in the article and report, but perhaps it is better to leave things alone, as those present at the meeting know what actually transpired.—Yours truly,

A. C. WRIGHT

PRESTBURY.—On Sunday, 27th April, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: T. Compton 1, J. Major 2, O. Tovey 3, H. Halford 4, Ser. E. Morris, R.A.S.C., 5, T. Pendry 6, T. H. Beams (conductor) 7, L. R. Liveley 8. Mr. T. H. Beams, of Bridport, Dorset, was visiting Cheltenham for the conference of the National Union of Teachers. Ser. E. Morris hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

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CROYDON, SURREY.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Witley on Saturday, May 3rd, and was attended by over 40 members.

Service was held in the Parish Church, and in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, an address was given by the Rev. C. L. Wanstall, Vicar of Milford, who afterwards presided at tea. Seven ordinary and one compounding member were elected, also Rev. Sir John Herschel (the new Rector of Clandon), the Rev. E. O. T. Hawkes (Vicar of Aldershot), the Rev. C. L. Wanstall, and one lady and six gentlemen from Aldershot as hon. members, the latter being entirely due to the energetic efforts of the lady ringers at Aldershot.

The Ringing Master's report was adopted. Mr. J. Mann was elected as representative to Winchester, in the place of Mr. J. White, who would be unable to attend.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Seale and Puttenham.

The Secretary reported that he had sent £9 5s. 6d. to the Goldsmith Testimonial, and had since received 12s. He asked the meeting to make it up to an even £1, with the result that 12s. 1d. was subscribed in the room.—The Ringing Master urged upon the meeting to try and increase the circulation of the 'Ringing World.'

One of the new members was an old friend—Mr. W. W. Thorne—who explained that after an absence of a number of years, he was now in a position to help the Guild at Ockham, and suggested that this tower be transferred to the Guildford district.

It was reported by Mr. T. Mack that an entirely new peal of eight would shortly be hung at Haslemere.

During the afternoon the new Rector of Clandon (the Rev. Sir John Herschel) had a pull on the bells, gave the members a hearty invitation to Clandon, and said he hoped to become a change ringer in time.

The eight bells at Witley were kept going in various methods both afternoon and evening.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Sheffield on Saturday week. Touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by ringers from Portsea, Portsmouth, Gosport, Wickham, Fareham, Havant, Swanmore, Curridge, Sheffield and Titchfield, and visitors from North Stoneham and Trowbridge. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late foreman of the local ringers, Mr. A. Titheradge, whose funeral took place that morning, he having died as a result of wounds received whilst in France.

Tea was served in the Shirrell House Hut, when 50 members sat down. The Rev. C. E. Matthews presided over the business meeting, supported by Mr. G. Williams, hon. general secretary, and the district officers. The Rev. Ramsbottom, Rector of Swanmore, and the Rev. H. N. Rogers, Rector of Havant, were elected honorary members. Fifteen performing members and six probationers were also elected.—A vote of condolence was passed in silence, by the members standing, to the wife and relatives of the late Mr. Titheradge.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Franklin for so kindly providing tea, and also for granting the permission for the ringers to visit the beautiful grounds of Sheffield Lodge which privilege was very much appreciated.

The service at the church, specially for the ringers, was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the two points on which he gave some practical instruction being 'patience' and 'perseverance.'

THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

I have again to thank the secretaries of associations and members for the tangible manner in which they have responded to the above testimonial.

The date for returning the lists has now expired, and to enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

I thought I had circularised throughout, especially as to my knowledge several places had been overlapped with lists instead of otherwise.

In consequence of the notice published the last two weeks, several ringers have remitted amounts stating they have not been approached by anyone for a subscription.

If there are any other similar cases, will they kindly send to me as early as possible, as the fund will shortly close?

JAMES GEORGE.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.

13, Dolman Road,
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CHELTONHAM.—On Easter Sunday morning, at St. Mark's (1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.): H. J. Cooper 1, E. Dean 2, J. Pugh 3, Sergt. E. Morris, R.A.S.C., 4, J. F. Harper 5. Rung as a welcome on return to civil life of the ringers of 1, 3 and 5; also on the visit of Sergt. E. Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, at St. Mary's (on meeting short for Cabaret), a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): A. Boxall 1, J. Trappitt 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, A. J. Plowman 4, R. Lathbury 5, O. Gordon 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, Capt. J. R. Freeborn 8.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.

The next meeting of the above District will be held at Sutton-on-Hull on Saturday, May 10th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells (6) of St. James' will be available all day. Address by the Rev. G. A. Coleman at 4 p.m.; tea at 5, business immediately after. Sutton is easy of access, about four miles from Hull. It is the wish of the vice-president that this meeting should be a success as it is a long-standing invitation.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.

The quarterly meeting will be held at Braintree on May 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service, with address, 4.30. Subscriptions for 1919 are now due.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general committee meeting will be held at Reading at the Great Western Railway Temperance Union Institute on Saturday, May 10th, at 3 o'clock, to arrange for Annual Festival and general business. A good attendance is required. It is hoped and expected that the Master will be in the chair. The Temperance Institute is adjoining the G.W.R. Station, turn to right on coming out of station.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on May 10th. Business meeting at 3.30 in Parish Room; tea at Gloucester Hotel 4.45, 3/- each (1/6 to members); Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 6. Ringing: St. Peter's Tower 1.30 to 3.30, St. Nicholas after the service. Half railway fares without limit.—H. R. Butcher, General Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury Archdeaconry.—A meeting will be held at Lavenham, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; tea and business meeting 4 o'clock, 1/6 non-members, 9d. members. The rector (Rev. G. H. Lenox Conyngham) and Churchwardens (Mr. C. Mellis and Mr. H. C. Steed) have promised to be present.—A. Symonds, Acting District Sec., 41, Market Lane, Lavenham, Suffolk.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, May 10th. Service will be held in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Lea, in the Village Hall, at 5.45 p.m. The bells (6) will be available before and after service.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly (and not at Penarth as arranged, owing to local circumstances) on Saturday, May 10th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in Parish Room at 5 o'clock.—James W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., 112, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Monday, May 12th and 26th, commencing at 7.30 p.m.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will all ringers intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 13th? All ringers welcome. Brookwood Station, L.S.W.R., about one mile.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth Old Church, Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea 1/- per head at St. Mary's Restaurant for those who send word not later than May 13th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th, at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 15th and 29th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on May 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged if possible. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

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

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 17th, 1919. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 13th. Subscriptions are now due, and should either be sent to the District Sec. or paid at the meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, May 17th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will members who intend being present at tea notify me not later than May 14th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

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

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

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

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

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

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

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

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

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