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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the results. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK

RINGING REVIVAL.

With the coming of peace, the revival of bell ringing was only a question of time, and the evidences all point to the fact that where men have been left at home, there has been no delay in the endeavour to put the Exercise upon its feet again. The removal of the restrictions upon ringing, which were imposed under the Defence of the Realm Act, together with the relief which has come to public feeling by the cessation of hostilities, were the first encouragement to expansion to pre-war conditions, and the indications are growing that the tide has turned. As an example, the peal performances are creeping up in numbers, and the Christmas festival brought almost an avalanche, as peals have been counted in the last four years. So many peals, indeed, have been rung, that practically the whole space of two numbers of the "Ringing World" would be required to publish the reports, and for that reason we must apologise to the ringers and our readers for some little delay in inserting the records of these peals.

For the most part, however, the efforts at revival are individual rather than collective, and it is regrettable that ringing associations are generally very slow to move in these matters. There are organisations which, even now, have devised no scheme for making up, with the least delay, the leeway of war time, and which have put forward no proposals to help on those towers who, left practically without ringers through the call for men, are now or will soon be anxious to re-establish themselves. The individual effort which is being made is invaluable, but unbacked by the associations it cannot fail to fall short of what might be accomplished by properly organised schemes covering larger areas than the single parish.

Where the advance is already to be seen is in those places where through the war those who have remained behind have done their best to "keep the flag flying" by filling up the gaps as far as possible with recruits of one sex or the other. They were more or less ready to go ahead when peace arrived, but there are hundreds of towers much less favourably placed, and some where there has been practically no ringing at all for two or three years. These latter are the belfries which require the help of the associations, and unless these societies do make an effort to get ringing going once more in these towers, they are likely to lose their affiliation, perhaps, for years. With the help of members who know the conditions prevailing in their own or a neighbouring tower, it ought not to be difficult to put some of these badly hit places quickly on their feet again, but nothing will be accomplished by procrastination.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	HENRY PRING 7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
RICHARD CLARK 3	GEORGE CONDICK 9
JOHN BROWN 4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. 10
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 5	JOHN A. BURFORD 11
WILLIAM A. CAVE 6	JAMES JONES } ... Tenor
	PERCIVAL W. CAVE }

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 28, 1918, in 3 Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	* RICHARD BEVAN 7
* ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	ALFRED PYE 8
FRANK SMITH 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
HAROLD P. BURTON 4	WILLIAM BERRY 10
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 5	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 11
* WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6	HUGH T. SCARLETT Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a welcome to President Wilson on his 62nd birthday.

* First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 6
* ARTHUR E. CHAPLIN 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SENR. 8
* FRANK STONELEY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
* THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

A. C. Chaplin, who hails from Romford, Essex, was made a member of the Association before starting.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5049 CHANGES.

Tenor 57½ cwt.

* ARTHUR H. WILKINS Treble	ERNEST BISHOP 6
REV. E. FANKES JAMES 2	GEORGE CONDICK, SENR. 7
JOHN BROWN 3	* WALTER FARLEY 8
GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
JOHN BURFORD 5	* HERBERT G. FARLEY } ... Tenor
	* FREDERICK S. LIXTON }

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

The ringers of the 8th and tenor belong to the local band, and are the first to ring a peal at the Cathedral. The peal was rung at the first attempt. The composition has the 5th and 6th exclusively in second's place and behind the 9th.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*Miss Gladys Bateman ... Treble	William Tavenor ... 6
Joseph J. Pratt ... 2	William Welling ... 7
George R. Pye ... 3	William Henley ... 8
William Pye ... 4	Harry Flanders ... 9
Isaac G. Shade ... 5	William Honor ... Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by William Pye.

* First peal on ten bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Herbert Shepherd ... Treble	Benjamin Gough ... 6
Albert E. Scrivens ... 2	John Goodman, Junr. ... 7
John Goodman, Senr. ... 3	Frank G. Burleigh ... 8
Thomas Watton ... 4	Abraham Greenfield ... 9
William A. Cooper ... 5	Gilbert Guest ... Tenor

Composed by the late William Micklewright.

Conducted by John Goodman, Junr.

Rung in honour of St. Thomas's day and the centenary of the opening of St. Thomas's Church, the Parish Church of Dudley, which took place December 21st, 1818.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1918, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*Mrs. F. H. Herbert ... Treble	William A. Martin ... 5
Thomas Groombridge, Senr. ... 2	George F. James ... 6
Albert E. Newick ... 3	Isaac Emery ... 7
Q.M.S. F. H. Herbert ... 4	George Huxley ... Tenor

Conducted by Isaac Emery.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell.

Arranged for Q.M.S. F. H. Herbert, R.A.M.C., home on leave from France. This is the first tower bell peal for the above Association in which a lady has taken part, and, as her husband also participated, it thus constitutes a double record for the Association.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 19, 1918, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Phillip and Jacob.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Arthur E. Wilkins ... Treble	Henry Way ... 5
Fred E. Tyler ... 2	Arthur Wallace ... 6
Arthur W. Seviour ... 3	Edward Guise ... 7
Edwin J. Brown ... 4	Walter Wallace ... Tenor

Conducted by Edgar Guise.

* First peal on tower bells. First peal of Triples by all except the Conductor.

Arranged for Arthur Seviour, home on a few days' leave.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 19, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. ... 5
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 2	SAM GREENMALGH ... 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the 2nd, who, with his father, was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

W. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

*WALTER A. ROBINSON ... Treble	†THOMAS WALKER ... 5
†ALBERT DISRENS ... 2	WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 6
CHARLES F. STEPHENSON ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
†ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 4	*ABRAHAM S. PETTETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. Alps.

* First peal.

† First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. A. E. Parsons

(Master of the Association),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B Flat.

JOSEPH FIGOTT ... 1-2	*JAMES E. GROVES ... 7-8
*ALBERT WALKER ... 3-4	WILLIAM SHORT ... 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11-12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referees: MESSRS. A. E. PARSONS and JAMES GEORGE.

* 10th peal of Stedman Cinques.

First peal of Cinques on handbells by the Association and in Staffordshire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.,

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Bellhangers,

LOUGHBOROUGH,

LEICESTERSHIRE.

The bells of both the Cathedral and St. John's, Cardiff, were up in ring until late in the evening, bringing to a close a successful meeting.

CLUN AND ITS CHURCH.

AND THE STORY OF A RINGING WEEK IN SALOP.

(Continued from page 414.)

Thursday.—The scene was changed (Wistanlow was our destination)—and so were our fortunes as you will presently learn. To go abroad from Clun is essential to take the 9 a.m. motor-bus to the station—Craven Arms—and to catch the 7 p.m. bus for home, and this was our day's fixture. To-day, however, the sparking plug of our engine refused to do any 'quick work'; in fact, objected to anything but slow. It was useless to send to Sparkbrook or for a Carter, and a mile out found the party taking part in, or listening to, Stedman Caters on handbells standing upon a weather-worn old stone bridge, whilst the sparkling river ran onward in tantalising torrent, for 'men may come and men may go—but I go on for ever.' We performed, had to play the ancient Parliamentary game of 'wait and see'; and about 2.30 p.m. a motor from Ludlow was secured, and got us to Wistanlow in time to attempt a peal of Double Norwich—that ended about half-way. Our morning began with ill-news from Knighton, where serious sudden illness near the church definitely postponed the proposed peal hospitable reception kindly arranged by the church authorities there. However, the good Vicar of Wistanlow and Mrs. W. La Touche, helped us to drown our sorrows with a jug of fine cider, followed afterwards by the homely tea in the dining-room of the Vicarage. A semicircle round the fire logs, with cigarettes and reminiscences, brought to light the Vicar's qualities, as expressed by one of the Brummagem boys: 'He's a fine old sport'; and I may add the son also promises to attain this distinction, for the room contained a row of over 50 challenge cups won at school, and, since taking a commission in H.M. Forces, for running, shooting and swimming. We learnt that the parish received its name from St. Wistan, who was murdered on the site of the present church, the remains being subsequently removed to Ripon.

With a mile and a half to walk, imaginary sounds of a hooter induced us to leave for Craven Arms, and on arrival at Clun we were greatly surprised to find the townspeople waiting for our bus, but the crowded reception was not for us. Pte. Eric Morris, (the-hire Regiment), had arrived home, he having escaped from Belgium whilst a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. Near the quarters of his confinement was a ruined church that Eric and his mate explored casually one day, and found a bell rope, which they at once commandeered in case of need. As Pte. Morris was one of the local ringers before enlisting, needless to say we all heartily joined in the ovation which he received.

Friday.—The Rev. R. D. Machin came to our rescue, and very kindly placed the Vicarage, including his study, as well as the church tower and bells, at our disposal for the day. At the Vicarage in the morning, an hour of Caters, double-handed, for a peal in Stedman was put in by Messrs. Pigott, Groves, Fussell, Short, and George. The complete peal of Grand sire Triples that followed was accomplished with only one hitch worth noting—its claim as the 'first double-handed performance in Salop' (retained) was, I have since learnt, superseded by the recent six-bell peal in St. Chad's tower, Shrewsbury, rung only four days previously; but this has also been forestalled by a 5,000 that was lapped years ago, and is still the first 'handbell peal' in the county.

One of Mr. John Carter's many Stedman productions was attempted on tower bells in the afternoon—one hour's ringing ending in 'stand.' It is due to the prompting of our new tenor-man that we again called 'go,' which meant ringing through evensong. An excellent peal resulted, worthy of entry in the annals of the Ancient Society of Birmingham; such a one as would have delighted the heart of the late 'Father' Robinson.

Saturday.—The beautiful inland health resort of Church Stretton found seven 'strings' parading its high road at 12 o'clock. They were joined by the Ross boy in time to attempt Treble Bob, Mr. Hall (of Bissley renown, and a local ringer) giving us a welcome, he having made preparations for our welfare at the tower and at his home. We were also greatly indebted to the deputy Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Whincup, and the churchwardens (Mr. Gunn and Mr. Thornes) for their kindness in meeting us, and giving hospitality after the peal succeeded. Nor must we omit to mention dear old 'Ned,' one of the old hands, deaf as a doormat, but as keen as ever, at 80 years of age—one of the old 'contemners' who have throughout England in the past put up with more kicks than halfpence for the sake of the hobby they loved so well. There was a fine old 'Tun' named the Buck, which one of the band could not be kept 'out' of, and eventually seven others were 'Hall there' asking for the Kent Variation. The curtailed train service prevented our tea party hanging it out longer, and Clun's old sidewalks clattered with ringing footsteps just twelve hours after our quitting them in the morning.

(To be continued.)

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

HANDBELL PEALS IN SALOP.

Mr. C. R. Lilley writes: 'I beg to draw your attention to the handbell peal rung at Clun. The statement that it was the first handbell peal in Salop is not correct. The first peal retained in hand was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on December 4th, 1918, by the Salop Guild and St. Chad's Society, which shows the county is not deficient of a handbell band. Moreover, a peal of Triples was attempted last December, and lost in the last two parts.'

THE YOUNGEST ARMISTICE RINGER.

LADIES' BAND CELEBRATE PEACE.

The answer to the inquiry as to who was the youngest ringer on Armistice Day, comes from Ashton-under-Lyne, where the St. Peter's band, not only provided the youngest ringer, in a little lady of nine summers, but also another record, we believe, by providing the only complete company of ladies to ring on that day.

The Vicar of St. Peter's had announced from the pulpit on the Sunday that, in the event of the Armistice being signed, the bells would ring, and shortly afterwards a thanksgiving service would be held. Very quickly after the news reached the town on November 11th, the ringers were released from their employment, and St. Peter's bells were the first in Ashton to announce the glad tidings. The bells were rung in 'Queen's,' 'titluns' and 'volleying' by the ladies, who had looked forward eagerly to the happy day that would set free the races of the world. The whole of the eight bells were rung by Miss Ida Wolstencroft (aged 9 years) 1. Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft 2. Miss Doris Ogden 3. Miss Eveline Buckley 4. Miss Ethel Grimshaw 5. Miss Ada Wolstencroft 6. Miss Cissy Thorp 7. Miss Sarah Holt 8. The tenor is 20 cwt. Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (captain) has trained and tutored the ladies to their present state of efficiency, and has been helped by Mr. John Harrison, who has been constant in his attendance at ringing. After service was over, which was attended by a very large congregation, more ringing was done, and courses of Grand sire were rung. Messrs. F. Fiddler, J. Harrison and W. W. Wolstencroft assisting.

On Thursday, December 12th, in honour of the birthdays of Mr. John Harrison, Mrs. Wolstencroft and Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, two courses of Grand sire Triples (112 changes) were rung by Miss Ida Wolstencroft 1. Miss Doris Ogden 2. Miss Ada Wolstencroft 3. Miss Eveline Buckley 4. Miss S. Holt 5. John Harrison 6. W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7. Frank Fiddler 8. This was the first attempt at changes by Miss Ida Wolstencroft, whose age is 9 years 10 months.

Birthday greetings were offered to the honoured ringers by everyone present.

On Sunday, December 16th 504 Grand sire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church by: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1. Driver H. Wolstencroft A.S.C. 2. Miss Doris Ogden 3. Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4. Miss Sarah Holt 5. John Harrison 6. W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7. Frank Fiddler 8.

The Rev. H. Law James writes from Surfleet: 'Fred Flowers, aged 9, and Fred Bealby, aged 10, both took part in the ringing here on November 11th for the Armistice, and have both been useful in the tower for the last two years.'

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

HON. SECRETARY'S SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED.

A district meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Boxing Day, when the three peals of bells of the ancient borough were placed at the disposal of ringers from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. by the kind permission of the three incumbents, and a hearty welcome was given to the ringers, including members of kindred associations. At Ordsall, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and two 120's of Stedman Triples were rung. At East Retford, 504 and 224 of Grand sire Triples, 126 and 324 of Grand sire Caters, 224 of Bob Major, 96 and 224 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 168 of Stedman Triples were brought round, and a variety of six bell methods was rung at West Retford. A junior of 15 summers from Workson had his first touch on ten bells, and manipulated the ropes very cleverly. A happy coincidence of the meeting was the fact that it was the hon. secretary's silver wedding day, his marriage having taken place at East Retford Church on December 26th, 1873. In honour of the event ringers were present from Wigan, Rotherham, Anston, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Retford, Workson, and Ordsall, to take part in celebrating the happy occasion, some of them having taken part in the marriage peal 25 years ago. Mr. Haigh was naturally highly gratified at the kindness of those who had travelled such a long distance to honour him. The Adjutant of the Fifteenth Reserve Canadians, Bramshott Camp, Hants, very generously gave leave to his son, Bandman George H. Haigh, 15th Reserve Canadians, to take part in the proceedings, and the day's ringing was one of the best in the annals of the Association. The conducting was shared by Messrs. F. S. W. Butler (Gainsborough), C. F. Fowler (Anston), and H. Haigh (Workson).

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, January 4th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, 77, Bell Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual Branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 4th. Bells available at 5 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 4th, 1919. Eight bells available from 3 o'clock or earlier by arrangement. This being an extra meeting, an extra good attendance is desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 4th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 11th. Bells (eight, recently been recast) available at 3. Service in church; with an address by the Vicar (Rev. M. M. Connor), at 5.15. Tea (1s.) in the schoolroom at 6. Will those who intend to be present please notify me by Tuesday, January 7th?—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Deanery Branch will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service at Holy Trinity Church 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, January 11th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and social. Tower secretaries should advise me not later than January 4th how many members from their respective towers expect to be present at tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid immediately.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome, but those intending to be present for tea are asked to notify me by Monday, the 6th.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, 99 Hunter Street, Middleton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Estab. 1824).—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at the Church of St. Stephen, Coleman St., City. Bells available from 4 to 6 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Christchurch, Bootle, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready at 4; service at 5; meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, January 11th, for election of district officers, etc. Bells available until 9 o'clock. Service with address by the Rev. A. F. Curtis, vicar, 4.30.—B. Redgwell, The Street, Rayne.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Estab. 1755.)—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919, at 7.30 p.m., the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman G. S. Pritchett, M.A., in the chair. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6 o'clock to 7.15. All subscriptions are due at this meeting. *Will members and visiting friends please note for this and subsequent meetings the change of meeting house?*—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 1919, at Liscard. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those who intend to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th?—Harry Brocklebank, 319, Cloughton Road, Birkenhead, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Branch Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 18th, 1919. By kind permission, the bells at the Abbey will be available all day. Business meeting at 4 p.m. Tea (at 1s. 10d. per head) will be provided for those only who give notice not later than Wednesday, January 15th, 1919, to Mr. A. Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 18th.—Full particulars next week.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, January 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome. Members intending to be present are

requested to send a card to the Master, at 130, Clonmore Street, S.W.18, by Jan. 21st, to facilitate arrangements for tea.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the Society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th. Practices will be held at Southwark Cathedral on January 7th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 9th and 23rd, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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