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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

There are few gatherings in the year which rank in importance in the Exercise with the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the revival of this event after an interval of six years is one more evidence that the ringing world is returning to its accustomed pre-war activity. The interest in this year's gathering lost nothing by the interval which the war had enforced since the last dinner; indeed, the keenness with which it was anticipated was manifested by the fact that all the tickets had been sold out nearly a fortnight before the event, while the company had never, we should imagine, been more representative of the Youths scattered throughout the country. As a social gathering the dinner has always ranked in the forefront of ringing events, and this year's reunion was specially pleasant, for many friends met for the first time since the war, and it was particularly good, despite the absence of many whom death has claimed in the interval, to see so many familiar faces.

It was indeed a happy thought which inspired the few moments of remembrance of those fallen in the war, which marked the opening of the proceedings. The number of those who made the supreme sacrifice was given as ten, but there is no ringing society whose members are more widely scattered than the College Youths, and it is, therefore, more than likely that there are others who fell in the service of the country. The permanent record of the roll of honour is to be inscribed in the Society's peal book, and the Hon. Secretary's appeal for information in order that no name may be omitted is commended to those who may be able to supplement the list which is in the Society's hands.

The speeches that followed the dinner were entertaining, and the suggestions made by Mr. Faulkner as to the resuscitation of some of the old customs which marked the anniversary celebration of the Society in years now long gone by may, perhaps, be seriously considered. The proposal to hold a service in one of the famous City churches found ready approval among the company, although the idea of a procession through the streets may not prove quite so acceptable to some of the members. There is, however, a great deal to be said in favour of the revival of ancient customs in such an ancient society, which in many respects lives up to the traditions of its past; and just as the old City companies still cling to ceremonies which have been handed down through the centuries, so there would be ground for re-introducing into the proceedings of the College Youths the customs which former generations used to observe. Whether the members would care to go quite the length which Mr. Faulkner suggested, and march from the City to Westminster, is another matter; but, doubtless, the subject having been publicly proposed, will in due course be discussed by the members.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, November 25, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	WILLIAM KENT 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 8
THOMAS REEVES 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	A. PADDON SMITH 10
THOMAS MILLER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
JAMES E. GROVES 6	JAMES GEORGE - Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Birmingham, the Rev Canon Grose Hodge, M.A.

TEN BELL PEALS.

FULHAM.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Thursday, November 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Mins.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	*GEORGE C. ILES 6
WILLIAM WOOD 2	*HARRY COOK 7
*ALFRED W. DARLINGTON 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9
*FRANK SKEVINGTON 5	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

HEAVILEY, STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6055 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN 5
HAROLD JACKSON 2	FREDERICK PAGE 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 8
WILLIAM JACKSON 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON 5	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed by the late EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble	JOHN JAGGER 6
WILLIAM KENT 2	GEORGE HUGHES 7
JAMES GEORGE 3	ALBERT E. PARSONS 8
JOHN CARTER 4	JAMES E. GROVES 9
JOHN S. PRITCHETT 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was specially composed and rung as a compliment to Mr. Small on attaining his 80th birthday. The ringers stood in order of age, the oldest ringing the treble and the youngest the tenor, each one having rung peals with Mr. Small for upwards of 25 years.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS. — On Sunday morning, Sept. 21st, 720 Plain Bob: C. Jennings 1, H. Harvery 2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3, H. Beavis 4, E. Burman 5, T. Finch 6. First 720 by an entirely local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN CARTER Treble	ALBERT E. PARSONS 5
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
WILLIAM FISHER 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
ALBERT WALKER 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Small.

WORSLEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

F. GRUNDY Treble	W. OAKES 5
J. H. RIDYARD 2	R. ALDRED 6
W. JONES 3	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 7
H. ALDRED 4	W. GRUNDY Tenor

Composed by F. BANKS.

Conducted by R. ALDRED.

The ringers of the 4th and 6th had from Tyldesley, the rest belong to the local company. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. E. Noden who died the same morning, he having been a sidesman for 11 years and 26 years a Churchwarden, a position which he held up to his death.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
JOHN RICE 2	ALFRED D. MILLS 6
ALFRED CRIPPS 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by JAMES PARKER.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	WILLIAM H. HOAD 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS HOAD 6
JOHN H. EDWARDS 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 4	TRAYTON BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Mr. Burden belongs to Rolvenden and was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting. Mr. Lambert hails from Benenden, the rest belong to Salehurst, Sussex. Mr. Lambert's goth peal.

STREET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR CHAFFEY Treble	SAMUEL HAWKINS 5
HARRY PARRISH 2	*ARNOLD WEBB 6
*WILLIAM MARSH 3	ARTHUR WEBB 7
*WALTER PARRISH 4	*PATRICK ORCHARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARRISH.

* First peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

HENRY WOODFINE Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	THOMAS W. GILMOUR 7
HERBERT LUDKIN 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES MARTIN.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first attempt to ring a peal in this method by the ringers of treble, 4th and 7th. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS LAW Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
FRED HOPPER 2	FRED WILFORD 6
† J. WILLIAM UNWIN 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
WILLIAM R. PARKER 4	*ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and tenor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
CHARLES J. TRICKER 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	JOHN B. HESSE 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	GEORGE FIGOTT 5
JOHN WITHERS 2	*JOSEPH FAULKNER 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
*JOHN EATON 4	ALFRED DAVIES Tenor

Composed by J. FIGOTT.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. This was the quarterly peal for the above branch.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
JOHN COOK 2	ALBERT FEIST 6
*JOHN WHITEHEAD 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	ALBERT CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CECIL KAZER Treble	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 5
*CECIL E. R. EVANS 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
JOHN A. CHILDS 3	WILLIAM SEELEY 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS 4	*REGINALD J. GODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal.

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... Treble	*GEORGE T. LEADER 5
PERCY JONES 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
*EDWIN T. HOOPER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
GEORGE H. CUTTERIDGE ... 4	*JOHN BURT Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal of Stedman.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. STENNING ... Treble	GEORGE LUCAS 5
ERNEST BISH 2	KEITH HART 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN 3	ARTHUR GRAVITT 7
JOHN FEIST 4	WILLIAM HART Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR GRAVITT.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: J. G. RUNSEY.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 1-2	J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 3-4	*B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: E. H. S. TRUSCOTT.

* First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3-4	B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 7-8

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpires: J. B. WILLIAMSON and A. E. WILKINS.

The above two peals were rung on a new set of cup-bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8

*CHARLES SAMPSON 9-10

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At King Edward VI. Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	*CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
MAURICE SMITHER 3-4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: G. W. STEERE. Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal on an inside pair.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 21, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the North Farm,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 7-8

R. ALDER GOFTON 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT BUSHEY.

On Saturday, November 15th, the alabaster tablet erected in the belfry of Bushey Church to record the peal rung to perpetuate the memory of Bertram Prewett and Robert Stavert was unveiled and dedicated. The Rector (the Rev. G. Montague Hall) conducted the service, the Archdeacon and the Dean of St. Albans being unable to be present. After evensong, the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' was sung. During the singing the Rector, preceded by the cross-bearers and churchwardens, and followed by the relatives, ringers and congregation, went to the belfry, where Mr. F. Edwards requested the Rector to dedicate the tablet.

The Rector then removed the Union Jack from the memorial which he dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the two Bushey ringers.

During a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells the procession returned.

The Rector took for his address: 'To what purpose is this waste?' He pointed out that there was no waste in self-sacrifice, and these two ringers had given up home, wives, children, and relations, to do their duty for their country. Before they answered the call to the colours they were always willing to help in the cause of bell ringing, which, he was sure, they had at heart. No more would they ring the bells they loved, but the tablet would be a memorial to them for all time.

After another hymn and a verse of the National Anthem, the service concluded with the Blessing. Among those present were Mrs. B. Prewett (widow of the late Mr. Bertram Prewett), Mr. J. Prewett (father), Miss Prewett (sister), and friends, Mrs. A. Stavert (mother of late Mr. R. Stavert), Messrs. C. E. Gabain, J. Field, C. E. Head, A. Tehumne (churchwardens), Mr. G. W. Crimel (St. Albans), Mr. J. Waghorn (East Ham), and ringers from Aldenham, Oxhey, Watford, Tring, Stanmore, Uxbridge, and Bushey.

The bells were rung half-an-hour before and after the service, and tea was provided in the Institute by Miss M. Harford.

The tablet was the work of Mr. Bennett, of Aldenham.

Mrs. Bertram Prewett desires to thank all those who subscribed to the memorial for the kindness and sympathy thus displayed.

The committee of the memorial fund also wish to thank ringers and friends for their response to the appeal, which has enabled them to erect the handsome tablet.

SUGGESTED RINGERS' WREATH FOR CENOTAPH.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am making a suggestion, which I hope brother ringers will fall in with, that ringers as a body should contribute a small sum each so as to be in a position to procure and place a 'bell' wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. We read daily of various unions and societies doing this in memory of their fallen comrades. We have all of us in the Ringing Exercise lost some friend, whose death is a loss to one or other tower, and this is one method by which we can keep their memory green. It may not be possible to make the adoption of this proposal universal, but ringers in London and suburbs could do a lot. I should like to see the placing of the wreath take place on an appropriate day, such as Christmas or on New Year's Day, when loving thoughts are particularly prominent for the missing ones.—Yours very faithfully,

Lewisham.

EDWIN J. PANNETT.

A HELPING HAND.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—On behalf of Mr. Chas. Gordon, of Beddington, I wish to thank those who so promptly responded to the appeal I made in the 'Ringing World' of October 31st. I have been able to hand him the sum of £8 7s. 6d., which was most welcome. While thanking those who have given, I should have liked to have seen a better response, as most of it came from purely local towers, and Mr. Gordon was well known all over Surrey and in London. I am sorry to say he is no better, and any further help would be greatly appreciated.—Yours truly,

A. J. TRAPPITT.

47, Beddington Grove, Wallington, Surrey.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The members of St. James', Bolton, Bradford, company of ringers had a rabbit-pie supper on November 17th at the Bolton Hotel, when ringing friends from Shipley, Bradford and Low Moor, to the number of 24, attended. The occasion was the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ainge; also the celebration of the 60th birthday of Mr. Joseph Broadley. Full justice was done to the supper, after which a social evening was spent, when touches were rung on handbells, and songs were rendered by Messrs W. Kneeshaw, A. Gill and H. Hobson. A duet was also sung by Messrs. Kneeshaw and Hobson, the latter being the accompanist for the evening.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Gower Rees), who had been invited to attend on behalf of the company and friends, presented a tobacco pouch and pipes to Mr. Ainge, an umbrella to Mrs. Ainge, and a silver-mounted walking-stick to Mr. Broadley. The gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipients, who thanked the many friends for their good wishes.—A very enjoyable evening was spent.

AN OLD NORWICH SCHOLAR.

The death occurred on November 25th of Mr. Arthur Wellesley Hubbard, an old Norwich Scholar. Born in 1844, Mr. Wellesley Hubbard knew Mr. Truman and other expert ringers of Norwich of that day. The funeral took place on Nov. 29th, at East Sheen. Messrs. Cockerill, Winney, W. D. Smith and J. Thimblethorpe (Thimblethorpe), rang three whole pulls in rounds, followed by a pause (three times), and afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. The widow and W. Hubbard (brother) thanked the ringers, and both were much touched.

Mr. Hubbard did a good bit of ringing at Tottenham, and took part in the seven-bell Deal rung there, conducted by Mr. H. Barnett, a peal of Bob Triples without the 2nd bell, the band meeting short. This peal the St. James' Society decided not to enter in the Deal book, and Mr. Hubbard penned some of his famous letters on the subject to the 'Bell News,' and signed himself 'Bob Reper.' Mr. Hubbard attended regularly at Hammersmith and at Fulham for some years, and spent much time in splicing ropes and making the belfry as it should be, as anyone can see by visiting Tottenham, where he went to considerable expense for the love of ringing. Mr. Hubbard latterly went into double-handed Stedman, and got on fairly well till last Christmas, when he fell ill, and finally developed cancer, which was the cause of death, after much patient suffering. Mr. Hubbard was kindness itself. He, with Mr. Walter Matthews, gave the London County Association a handsome peal book. He used to go to Waltham Abbey in Mr. Britten's and Mr. Powell's time, when 'Young Alps' was there.

Mr. Hubbard passed through various offices in Freemasonry.

The funeral service was reverently taken by a Mission Priest, who offered a prayer for his soul, which we echo. May he rest in peace.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred of Mr. J. Caple, a ringer at Easton-in-Gordano, and a member of the Bath and Wells Association, at the age of 44 years. He had rung about 25 peals of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Stedman Triples. The funeral took place on November 19th, when six of the deceased brother ringers acted as bearers, and after the service, the chaplain and 39 brothers of the R.A.O.B. formed a 'link' round the grave. Wreaths were sent by the ringers of Easton-in-Gordano and Abbot's Leigh. With the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor was rung by: U. Greenlade 1. A. T. Atherton 2. G. Bennett 3. L. H. Moore, junr. 4. L. H. Moore, senr. 5. G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. In the evening the band was augmented by H. Sealy and C. Davis, of Portbury, and six brother Buffaloes of the Grand Lodge of England rang muffled touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS PROCEDURE.

To the Editor.

Sir, May I offer a few remarks on the resolutions to be submitted to the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association, so far as I understand them? The vaguely worded preamble about 'the question of "force"' means, I take it, that the Council has not and cannot, as things are, have power to enforce its decisions, unless they are acceptable to, and accepted by, the Exercise in general—a truism which hardly needs special assertion. Of the six detailed suggestions which follow, the most useful and practical (as you, Sir, suggest) seems to be (6) that the Council should endeavour to co-ordinate the efforts of the Associations to increase, improve and organise ringers and ringing. This may be done without treading upon any sensitive Association toes; but it will, as you say, need more funds than the Council can at present command. I agree with (5) that the office of president should be terminable; but three years (the lifetime of one Council) is too short. I should like to say 'No one shall be eligible as president for more than two Councils in succession.' The question of date (4) depends upon the greatest convenience of the greatest number. I would suggest that the Norwich Association, or any other which accepts this resolution, should say what date is more convenient, and why. On (3) I would ask, Who shall decide beforehand what subjects require 'more than cursory discussion'? Many that come before us do not; and valuable time might be saved if the 'closure' could sometimes be moved. From the same point of view there is much to be said for a rigid time-limit to speeches fixed by the Council itself, in order to strengthen the hands of the president in dealing with prolixity. I should be inclined to suggest ten or fifteen minutes for the opener of a subject, and five minutes for subsequent speakers. Suggestions (1) and (2) may be useful and practicable. If so, they are worth trying; but I confess that I do not quite understand the bearing upon the ordinary Council procedure.

After all, Sir, no formal regulations will free the ringers' Parliament from liability to defects that are found even at Westminster—waste of time, prolixity of speakers, lack of proportion in the relative importance attached to subjects discussed, or the ringing of private 'fads'; but common sense, forbearance and a determination to uphold the dignity and usefulness of the body will go far to remedy its faults.—Yours faithfully,
St. Albans, Nov. 22nd.

T. L. PAPILLON.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. NEW BRANCH FORMED AT CHELTENHAM.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association in its early days were well supported by the ringers of the Cheltenham area of the Association. In the first 100 peals recorded by the Association there is 12,000 of Grandsire Caters and 15,000 of Stelman Caters rung at St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, and both peals were conducted by Mr. W. T. Pates. For some years past this portion of the Association has been inactive, and only independent Guild peals have been rung. The officers of the Association felt that something should be done to revive interest in this area, and a special meeting was held on Thursday, November 27th to decide what could be done. About 40 ringers attended, and 28 new members were elected. One hon. member was also elected.

It was decided to decentralise the Gloucester branch, and form a separate branch at Cheltenham. Mr. Townsend, of Leckhampton, was elected hon. secretary; Mr. G. H. Philloft, chairman of the branch; and Mr. Ballinger, representative on the committee of management. Mr. Walter Yeend was elected vice-chairman. It was decided to hold the first meeting at Charlton Kings, possibly on December 23rd, 1919.

A vote of thanks was heartily given to Mr. W. T. Pates, and the officers of the Association are very much indebted to him for his kindness, and they feel quite confident that although he is unable (through business) to take any active part as an officer, his experience will be given to the new branch as a member, and that is worth a great deal.

FIRST PEAL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest of the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Woodchester, Gloucester, in which Mr. Mark Owen rang the treble at the ripe age of fourscore years, and your comment in Belfry Gossip asking if this is a record. While congratulating Mr. Owen, may I say on October 5th, 1903, a peal of Minor was rung at Boreham, Essex, in five methods, in which James Young rang the 2nd on his 81st birthday, he having been born October 5th, 1822. The peal was arranged and rung for him, it being his only attempt for a peal.—Yours sincerely,
Boreham.

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

HARWICH. — On Oct. 29th, on handbells in the belfry of St. Nicholas' Church, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major; A. Morris (Harwich) 1—2, G. Thompson (Harwich) 3—4, P. Ramplin (Harwich) 5—6, P. Watling (Saxmundham) conductor, 7—8.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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SIX YEARS' RECORD.

Mr. Cockerill, in replying to the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths,' referred to the indefatigable work which had been done by the Master, the stewards and other officers of the society, and said that since they last met at dinner in 1913 the work of the society had progressed, although they had had very great trial through the war. Having mentioned that apologies had been received from the Archdeacon of London, Canon Masterman, the Rector of St. Michael's, and Prebendary Isaacs, of Cripplegate, Mr. Cockerill said since the last dinner they had made 79 members, which, considering the years they had passed through, he thought was very good. The names of those they had lost in the war he had already read out, and it had been decided that a special page in the peal book should be devoted to the entry of their names so that future generations of College Youths might know the names of those who had laid down their lives (hear, hear). There was a difficulty in a matter of this kind with a society such as theirs, for their members were scattered all over England. They wanted to be sure, before they entered the names, that they had not a complete list, and he, therefore, hoped that members who know of any other names would send him the particulars. The ten names he had read out were men who had frequently met them at their practices in London. In addition to these, he had a list of 29 names of members who had died since their last dinner, and many of them were leading lights of the Exercise. They were:-

1914: Samuel Hayes, Samuel Reeves, William Weatherstone.

1915: John P. Bradley, Richard French, Edward A. Davies, Charles H. Hattersley.

1916: William Foreman, Sir Arthur Heywood, Arthur Hayward, Frederick Rumens, Arthur Hughes, Rev. H. A. Cockey.

1917: Alfred W. Grimes, William Banister, C. E. D. Boufflower, John Wright, Henry J. Rowe, Arthur Aldham, William A. Garrard, Henry Springall.

1918: George Breed, Jas. Barratt, Robt. Hayward (Marlesford), William L. Catchpole, Charles Lee, Samuel Greenwood.

1919: John W. Taylor, William Motts.

The list of peals rung since the 1913 dinner was as follows: 1915, on tower bells 4, on handbells 3; 1914, tower bells 10, handbells 8; 1915, handbells 1; 1916, handbells 8; 1917, tower bells 1 (a muffled peal for William Banister at St. Mary's, Woolwich, where he and his brothers made such wonderful records in the year 1849 and thereabouts), handbells 9; 1918, tower bells 5, handbells 8; 1919, tower bells 20, handbells 2, making a total of 40 on tower bells and 37 on handbells. Out of that total, the most important, perhaps, was the non-conducted peal, Mr. Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples, rung on handbells (applause). The practices held during these years had averaged over 50, the total being 320. During the war they had to meet at their headquarters, the Coffee Pot, and they passed through very strange times. He sometimes went out and got as far, perhaps, as the Elephant, and had to return, as the guns were firing. On one or two occasions they were at the Coffee Pot and had to be taken into the cellar, at other times they had to take shelter in the Tubes and get home as best they could. During this year they had met 63 times, and their veteran, that great Youth, Mr. Edwin Horrex, made 30 meetings (applause). He was still going strong. He still rang peals of Stedman Cinques, and didn't make mistakes. No doubt if any of them went to St. Paul's the next morning they would find him, as usual, ringing next to the tenor (laughter and applause).

Mr. W. D. Smith, in felicitous terms, proposed 'The Visitors,' to which the Rev. A. E. R. Robinson, curate of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, responded.

SUGGESTED REVIVAL OF OLD CUSTOMS.

The Vice-Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' said they had all gone through trying times in the last five years, and he trusted successfully. He could not recall any society that had become defunct in that time, and that was a matter for congratulation. Mr. White, of the Midland Counties Association, was with them that night, and he hoped he would take back to that association a message of regret that they should have lost two presidents since last the College Youths had held a similar gathering. Having expressed appreciation of the work which other societies were carrying out all over the country, Mr. Faulkner made an appeal for the greater development of the social side of ringing, and suggested that it might be possible to establish a centre in London such as a Club or Institute, where it would be possible for ringers to assemble, and where their country brethren visiting London could find accommodation. He thought if they could develop and extend the social life of ringers they would be doing far better work than ringing so many peals (applause). He knew it would cost a bit of money, but he believed it could be accomplished if the matter were tackled in the right way, and if they approached the right people. Con-

tinuing, Mr. Faulkner referred to some of the ancient practices of the society, and said he had read in their history that on their feast day the members used to visit Bow Church, escorted by the Bandle carrying the badge of the society, and attend a service before sitting down to dinner. He pleaded for a revival of that custom (hear, hear). He thought it would be a glorious thing if, instead of a lot of indifferent ringing on their festival afternoon, they were to go to Bow Church for a service, or even if they were to pass in procession past some of their famous London Churches to the great shrine of Englishmen, Westminster Abbey itself, and hear a sermon preached by some dignitary of the Church. He had read in their records that they used to pay a guinea for the preaching of the sermon. He did not know whether the pay for preaching a sermon had, like everything else, gone up (laughter), but whether it had or not it was usual for those who paid the piper to be allowed to call the tune; and, if such a thing came about that this old custom was revived, he hoped they would make it a stipulation that the preacher should not, for once in a while, tell them what horrible character, the ringers were in bygone days (laughter).

Mr. G. R. Fardon (ex-Master of the London County Association), who first replied to the toast, referred to the activities of the College Youths, the Cumberland and the London County Association, and expressed pleasure that the first named had been able to arrange for regular practices at St. Dunstan's on alternate Thursdays, and that the Cumberlands had now three twelve-bell towers going, compared with only one a few years ago. St. Clement Dunes, which had been closed for seven years, was open again, a splendid job having been made of the rehanging of the bells, and there were now practices there on Monday nights.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied for the Provincial Societies, remarking that while London was looked upon as the hub of the universe, ringers looked upon the College Youths as the hub of change ringing societies.

Following upon this, the presentation to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' reported elsewhere, was made, and an enjoyable musical programme was carried out. Capt. J. H. R. Freoborn gave a splendid rendering of some fine old songs, including 'Come into the garden, Maud,' 'Songs of Araby,' and 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes,' and was rapturously encored. Lieut. P. C. Judd was loudly applauded for his contributions, including 'Stonecracker John' and 'Twankey-dillo,' Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston's humorous contributions greatly pleased the company, and encores had to be accorded, but of all the songs which were given the contribution of Mr. W. H. Judd, of Southend, 'Ringing Reminiscences,' with its topical allusions, fairly brought down the house, and a double encore was necessary. The programme concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and everyone felt that the revival of the College Youths' anniversary dinner had been a great success, and worthily re-established the traditions of the festival.

BIRSTALL BELLS.

The fine peal of eight bells, recently re-opened at Birstall, near Leeds, were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the new frame being of iron and steel, and the fittings entirely new. The old treble was a bell by William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and was placed in the tower just a hundred years ago. The tenor of the new peal is 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. in E flat, the total weight of the ring being 79 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs. Each bell bears the inscription: 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1919,' and in addition there is the following wording upon the bells:-

- Treble William Dobson Downham, Norfolk. Fecit 1819.
2. 'Ring in the Christ that is to be.'
3. 'The Lord to praise, my voice I'll raise.'
4. 'Ring out the darkness of the land.'
5. 'O sing praises unto the Lord, for He is Gracious.'
6. 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hill and valley echo round.'
7. 'Ring out the thousand wars of old
Ring in the thousand years of Peace.'
- Tenor. This peal of eight bells was recast A.D. 1919.
In Memoriam.
Edward Brooke Longbottom.
Lieutenant 7th West Yorkshire Regiment.
'We ring in the Love of Truth and Right.'
H. T. Robinson, Vicar.
William Blakeley, Churchwarden.

UNITED PRACTICE.

Beginning to-morrow, united practices are to be held at Heston, Middlesex, on the first Saturday in each month, and at Islworth on the third Saturday, commencing on December 20th. Meeting-time is 7 p.m., and all ringers are welcome.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, G. Cattermole 3, G. Kemp 4, L. Last 5, W. Rose (conductor) 6.

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The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

CROYDON, SURREY.

WINCHESTER GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT DECIDE ON QUARTERLY PEAL.**

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week, about 80 members attending from Farnham, Clondoun, Godalming, Woking, Witley, Dorking, Haslemere, Cranleigh, Worpleston, Leatherhead, Aldershot, and their Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford. A service was held at St. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) and the Rev. T. Vorteg Evans. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Sir John Herschel, Bart., Rector of West Clondoun, who was recently elected general secretary of the Guild.

After the service, a substantial tea was partaken of at St. Nicolas' Hall, the members being waited upon by some of the lady ringers.

The Rev. Sir John Herschel presided at the business meeting which followed. He apologised for the absence of Lady Herschel, who was indisposed, and letters of regret at inability to attend were received from Canon Coleridge and Mr. W. R. Melville (chairman of committees). The Chairman made sympathetic reference to the absence of Mr. Melville, owing to the serious illness of his little daughter (who died a few hours after the meeting).

On the proposition of Mr. A. Pulling, it was decided that a peal be attempted each quarter, the band to be selected by the Ringing Master, and Mr. Melville was appointed conductor. It was also decided that an official half-muffled peal be rung at an early date—by ex-Service men if possible—at Godalming or Guildford in memory of fallen ringers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman of committee, Mr. W. R. Melville; ringing master, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell; representatives on General Committee, Mr. J. H. White and Mr. J. Mann.

Twelve new members were elected, and votes of thanks were recorded the chairman, the clergy, organist of St. Nicolas', and the lady ringers.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a musical social, Mr. Pamment acting as M.C., and Miss Banks as accompanist.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 15th. The Abbey bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob were brought round.

Tea was provided in the Temperance Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Robertson) presiding. There were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer), Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Messrs. Wilfred Andrews and W. Tucker, and members from North Stoneham, Winchester, Dibden, Southampton, Abresford and Bishopstoke. Apologies were received from Canon Braithwaite (chairman), and the Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president). The balance sheet was adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. H. George, and seconded by Mr. Tucker. The receipts for the past year were £10 3s., and the expenditure £7 14s. 3d., the balance of £2 8s. 9d. having been paid to the treasurer. Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman of the district.

Mr. Elkins said he was compelled to tender his resignation as secretary, as his duties at the Cathedral did not allow him time to attend the meetings, etc.—On the motion of Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Andrews, the resignation was accepted with regret, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mr. Elkins for his services as secretary for the past 16 years.—It was proposed by Mr. O. Giles, and seconded by Mr. C. Fray, that Mr. W. H. George (of the Newtown Road, Eastleigh), be elected secretary, and this was carried.

Messrs. Tucker and Andrews were re-elected on the Central Committee, and it was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Southampton on November 6th, 1920. The quarterly meetings were arranged as follows, Winchester, second Saturday in February; Eling and Dibden, May; Cheriton and Titchborne, last Saturday in August.

The Vicar was elected an hon. member, and the curate (the Rev. M. Beardshaw) a performing member.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. Mr. Drewett, the Master, occupied the chair, and there were present some forty members and friends. The following new members were elected: Miss N. G. Williams, of Hillington; Messrs. G. R. Pye, William Pye, Albert Coles, R. Lathbury, George Shade, Albert Darnell, John Armstrong, William Poplett, H. Dyas and Thomas Beadle.

Bonhillton, Sutton, was chosen as the next place of meeting, and votes of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address at the service, and for making arrangements for the tea, and to the ladies for assisting at the latter; to Mr. Johnston for bearing the expense of the tea, and to the steepkeeper, were passed.

In the ringing during the afternoon and evening the Vicar himself took part in one or two touches.

NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for United Practice: Heston, first Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 6th. Isleworth, third Saturday in the month at 7 p.m., starting Dec. 20th. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at which a welcome will be extended to demobilised members. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock, price 9d. to members and 1/6 to visitors.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Blakenhall, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided free in the Mission Hall at 5.15, to be followed by the business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Room (adjoining church). Business meeting immediately after tea.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells of St. Michael's (on the hill) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, followed by tea in the Institute at 5 o'clock. The bells of St. Philip's (Old Market) may be used from 6 to 7.30. All ringers will be very welcome.—Edith Smith, Sec., 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Fenny Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m.; Bletchley bells (8) from 5.30 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, Dec. 6th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Lambert). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 5 p.m., and from 6 till 8 p.m.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Fintenden.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will take place at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster Districts.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 4 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m.—A. Talbot, Staunton-on-Arrow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Maidstone District will take place at East Farleigh on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5; tea at 5.45, provided by the Vicar; business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meetings afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting at 4; short service at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each). Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, Dec. 9th? Burlescombe Station 2 miles.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Next meeting of the above at Great Chart, near Ashford, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea (1/- each) will be provided in the Gatty Memorial Hall to those who notify Mr. T. Kitson, 39, High Street, Ecclesfield, not later than Dec. 9th. Ecclesfield is easy of access, trains by Midland and G.C. railways, and motor bus from Firth Park tram terminus every two minutes.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.; meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.—J. Watson, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at the Old Parish Church, Aldershot, on Dec. 13th. Ringing at 3 p.m.; Guild service at 4.30. Tea will be arranged *only* for those who notify before Tuesday, Dec.

9th. The help of gentlemen to coach learners will be greatly appreciated.—Mrs. L. Hazelden, St. Michaels, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea at 'Nag's Head,' 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than the Tuesday prior to the meeting?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Warfield, near Bracknell, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. Clifford Toogood) and remembrance of fallen comrades. Tea at the Brownlow Hall at 6 o'clock, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presiding. Members, friends and neighbours will please advise the Hon. Secs. of their intention to be present as soon as possible.—Joseph White, The Forge, Hurst, and W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

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

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

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

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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Mr. John Bradney writes, with reference to the peal at Market Drayton on November 8th: I wish to point out that the ringer of the treble in the above peal is not the 'youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Salop Guild,' for on April 13th, 1903, Arthur Downes (aged 14 years) rang a bob bell through a peal of Triples on the bells at the Parish Church, Shifnal; also on November 1st, 1919, Miss Dorothy E. Jones rang the treble through a peal of Triples on the same bells, she being 15 years of age.

THE PEAL AT STOCKPORT.

The peal of Stedman Caters on the grand ring at Heaviley, Stockport, on Nov. 24th, was in honour of the first visit to Stockport of the new Bishop of Chester (Bishop Paget), which took place on that day. It was the hundredth peal by the conductor, Richard F. Deal, and first peal of Stedman Caters by Harold and William Jackson.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Canterbury Branch of the Kent County Association held its autumn meeting at Faversham, members being present from Canterbury, Dover, Whitstable, Birdlington, Elmstead, Ospringe and Rochester, among them being the Rev. F. J. O. Helmores (general sec.) and the Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe (district secretary). During the afternoon touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. The Association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Reeve), who also gave a very practical address. Mr. C. H. Drake, a member of the Ospringe band of ringers, presided at the organ. At the close of the service, the company, numbering 29, adjourned to St. Andrew's Mission Room for tea, after which a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar. The members then returned to the church, and continued ringing until about 9 o'clock.

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