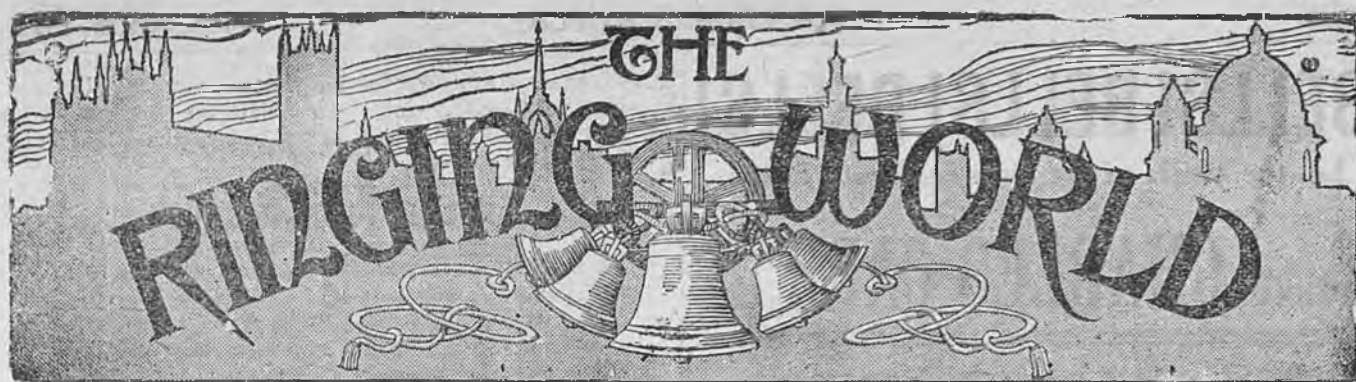




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Every day almost brings us evidence of the concern of ringers for the future of 'The Ringing World' and expressions of a desire that the Exercise should rally to the support of the journal as the only link between the ringers of the kingdom. Many of these proofs of goodwill have been prompted by the article which appeared in our 500th number, and those who have the interest of ringing at heart are genuinely anxious that the Exercise shall not be left without a paper devoted to its affairs. From several sources have come the suggestion that an addition to revenue might be made by payment for the insertion of peals, which admittedly occupy a good deal of room and are given very considerable prominence. This proposal has been made to us on a number of occasions, and recently it has been discussed at more than one meeting. The other day a resolution supporting it was passed at a Middlesex gathering, and a very kindly letter urging the point has come from the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Need we say that the spirit of these proposals is deeply appreciated. The Exercise is a great brotherhood, and for that reason we are able to lay before it our views with the same feeling as in a family circle. There is every need to increase the revenue of the journal in the face of the present cost of production, but we have hesitated to adopt the idea of charging for peal reports, and for this reason: Peals are an important part of the records of the Exercise, and although the traditional method of reporting them in peal-board fashion is a costly one, they are news to which a great deal of interest attaches. Moreover, it is possible that the making of such a levy would deter some ringers from sending in their peals for publication, and while there are some who will say that ringers who were not prepared to pay, say, twopence each for this purpose, do not deserve to have their peals chronicled, yet we do not lose sight of the fact that the non-publication of a portion of the peals would irretrievably break the continuity of the present record of all peals rung throughout the country.

However, there seems to be among many ringers a desire that something should be done on the lines suggested by the Middlesex Association and also put forward by Mr. Cave, and we are open to receive the opinion of ringers upon the subject. We cannot undertake to publish all the views which we receive, but doubtless a selection will be interesting, and we propose not to commit ourselves to one policy or the other until we have heard other opinions. If we are to expand to those proportions and on those lines which we desire and which the Exercise merits, additional income has got to be raised and we should be the last to despise such a source as that mentioned. However, having

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stated, against our own interests some may say, but quite frankly, 'the other view,' we leave the matter for the moment for the consideration of our readers, and particularly the peal ringers.

ARMISTICE PEALS.

SHEPTON MAULET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BIRD Treble	THOMAS F. KING 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
HENRY J. TRIM 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
DAVID G. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled by request of the Town Memorial Committee, and especially for the four local ringers who gave their lives in the war, viz., W. Woolard, J. Hodges, J. E. Hodges and Bernard Webb.

* First peal.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*THOMAS WALTERS Treble	*SIDNEY HOLT 6
FRANCIS W. NEATE 2	WILLIAM PAGE 7
JOHN J. JEFFRIES 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 8
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	WILLIAM EDGINGTON 9
JOSEPH BRETTTELL 5	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal on ten bells.

WORSLEY, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	WILLIAM OAKES 5
FRED GRUNDY 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
WILLIAM JONES 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 7
STANLEY HURRISSON 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

Rung for Armistice and in memory of the fallen. Service arrangements prevented an attempt on Nov. 11th.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
FRED ARBOTT 2	PETER CROOK 6
TITUS BARLOW 3	JOSEPH GREGORY 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JOHN POTTER Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

*ERIC CHIVERS Treble	WILLIAM KEEVILL 5
STANLEY CARTER 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*ARTHUR SPEED 3	THOMAS GRIFFIN 7
JOHN G. HAMBLETON 4	*WALTER FORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled on Armistice Day. * First peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ERNEST W. EDWARDS ... Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
JOHN H. EDWARDS 3	TRAYTON BOOTH 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	JAMES GOODSSELL Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTAN. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
* First peal, age 15 years. Rung to celebrate Armistice Day and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores ten different callings. Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR NASON Treble	WILLIAM R. NASH 5
REV. HAROLD J. SCOTT 2	*ERNEST E. GRIFFITHS 6
WILLIAM MEAD 3	DANIEL T. MATKIN 7
HUBERT JAMES 4	HUBERT WINDERS Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the men of Ludlow, who gave their lives for their country in the Great War. * First peal. The ringers of 2, 3 and 6 hail from Clun, the rest are local ringers. Rung with 4, 6 and 8 covering.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	MARTIN HARRIS 6
FRANK FOX 3	GILBERT GERRARD 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	ARTHUR NEWELL Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for those who fell in the war and on the occasion of burying the Unknown British Warrior in Westminster Abbey. All the ringers are members of the tower.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

*HARRY BURDOCK Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
*CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
*GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
This peal was rung to celebrate Armistice Day, also as a compliment to Alderman G. W. Franks upon his election as Mayor of Guildford, his native town. * First peal in the method. Mr. G. W. Steere's 50th peal.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 Six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. RAYNOR ... Treble	*MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 3
*ARTHUR C. WILSON 2	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON ... 4
FRANK E. KEMPTON Tenor	

Conducted by F. E. KEMPTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in honour of Armistice Day. First peal on the bells. * First peal and first attempt, and elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Ringers of 4 and 5 belong to Cambridge Youths.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER MASSEY Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	ALBERT PRESTRIDGE 6
WILLIAM BROWN 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
JOHN BASS 4	JOSEPH FAULKNER Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

Rung to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the Armistice. * First peal of Stedman.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT Treble	*HARRY BRAGG 5
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 6
†VICTOR G. H. HEMUS 3	*HUBERT H. HASTINGS 7
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF XFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTIER'S ONE-PART.

SYDNEY E. DAYNES Treble	RICHARD A. RICHES 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 2	WILLIAM H. DAYNES 6
*FREDERICK BARNES 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
GEORGE W. HARRIS 4	JAMES MENZIES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and also by the St. Nicholas Society. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells by a fully local band. Rung on the second anniversary of the Armistice, and as a birthday compliment to Sydney E. Daynes, son of the conductor, on his 26th birthday.

EDMONTON.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER J. BOWDEN Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5
*EDWARD H. KING 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
*CHARLES HARE 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.
* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Armistice Day.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR W. LUDER Treble	THOMAS FORD 5
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2	ELLIS HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
CLEMENT J. MORE 4	CHARLES MILLS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

The ringers of 4, 5 and 8 hail from Palgrave, the rest are local men. The peal was a variation of Thurstan's four-part peal by Sir A. P. Heywood, and was rung in commemoration of Armistice Day.

**DORKING, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WEATHERBY Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Rung on the second anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which also coincides with the patronal festival of the Church (St. Martin's Day).

**ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

SGT. E. FLETCHER (Notts and Derby Regt.) Treble	HENRY STRAW 4
CLR.-SGT. JOSEPH H. ILIFFE (Notts and Derby Regt.) 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 5
ISAAC HUFTON 3	SPR. H. HARRISON (R.E.) 6
	GNR. C. I. BAKER (R.G.A.) 7
	*PTE. FRANK TARTON (North Staffords) Tenor

Conducted by SAPPER HENRY HARRISON.

Rung with bells half-muffled in honour of those fallen in the war, and as a memorial peal to Pte. Hubert Tartton, a member of the local band. * First peal.

**EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, ALLESLEY.)

*On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE GARDINER Treble	FRED GARDNER 4
HUBERT SUMMERS 2	CHARLES AYLETT 5
JOHN TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

First peal on the bells, which have been augmented to six by the addition of two trebles and a tenor as a war memorial, and were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on the above date.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*ALBERT J. LAYTON Treble	*FRED NUNN 4
†ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	*EDWARD FINCH 5
*THOMAS P. FINCH 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the men of this parish who fell in the Great War. First peal of Treble Bob by all the band. With the exception of the conductor, who is a member of the Fen Ditton Society, the ringers are members of the local company. * First peal. † First peal as conductor.

**FULBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Worcester, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

†GEORGE BRIDGE Treble	*ARTHUR PAGE 4
†CHARLIE HALL 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
*CHARLIE PATTEN 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

Rung to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of Armistice Day. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John De Sepulchre,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

G. MAYERS Treble	LIEUT. B. THOMPSON (The Rifle Brigade) 5
SGT. F. PHILLIPS (Norfolk Regt.) 2	SGT. G. CROSS (Norfolk Regt.) 6
L/CPL A. ROUGHT (R.A.M.C.) 3	PTE. F. HOWCHIN (1st V.B. Norfolk Regt.) 7
PTE. W. DUNCAN (Devon Regt.) 4	BONDR. W. MAYERS (R.F.A.) Tenor

Composed by G. HARDY.

Conducted by G. CROSS.

Rung on anniversary of Armistice, half-muffled, to the memory of fallen comrades, among whom were F. J. Cross and W. Hemphall, ringers at this Church. It was originally intended that the band should be all ex-service men, but two, through unforeseen circumstances, were prevented from turning up, their places being kindly taken by G. Mayers (father of tenor ringer) and F. Howchin.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, three of Canterbury Pleasure and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 2	RICHARD HOPE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	JAMES WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung on the second anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, Nov. 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD W. BALE Treble	GEORGE M. GREENACRE 4
FREDERICK J. SMITH 2	LEONARD W. HEMBLING 5
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung on the second anniversary of the Armistice, with half-muffled clappers, to the memory of William J. Lovett, a ringer at the above Church, who fell in action in Italy June 15th, 1918. * First peal and first attempt.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM A. PARSONS Treble	WILLIAM POYSER 5
WILFRED H. BUXTON 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
GEO. WM. BRAME 3	JOHN W. GLEW 7
J. ARTHUR ORGILL 4	CHARLES HEYCOCK Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTAN.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

Rung in celebration of the signing of the Armistice.

LIVERPOOL BELLS RESTORED.

At the Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, the bells were unringable for three or four years. They have now, however, been restored, and gave great pleasure to the members of the Lancashire Association, who held a meeting there on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Aughton, Walton, West Derby, Hayton, Rainhill, Grassendale, Garston, Liverpool, and the local company, and were welcomed at the meeting by Father Bridge. Garston was chosen for the next meeting; three new members were elected, and the hope expressed that the new ringers at St. Francis Xavier's would soon become members of the association. Thanks were accorded to Father Bridge, and to Mr. Bond for having the bells in readiness. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon.

OCTOGENARIAN RINGER HONOURED.**A TWO DAYS' CELEBRATION.**

Born in Wednesbury, Staffs., on Nov. 12th, 1839, Mr. William Rock Small, the Tipton veteran, celebrated his 81st birthday on the 12th inst. Mr. Small, whose first peal (Kent Treble Bob Royal) was rung in 1866, has been connected with Tipton 'Pepper Box' for over 40 years, and it was fitting that his birthday peal should be rung at that belfry. After the successful attempt the band, joined by Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Horton, were entertained by Mr. Small at the Britannia Inn, and after the repast handbell touches were rung and Mr. Horton sang 'The Trumpeter.'

To Mr. James George fell the happy task of proposing the health of Mr. Small, and in felicitous terms referred to the ability of their old friend and his remarkable vigour, both of mind and body, at his great age. He congratulated the band on the way in which the peal of that afternoon had been rung, and Mr. Groves, on the perfect way in which he had conducted. He trusted that Mr. Small would live long to ring with him and others, as he had done with the speaker for between 30 and 40 years.

Mr. Jaggard seconded, pointing to Mr. Small's name and fame in the ringing world, and describing him as the grand old man of campanological art and science.

Mrs. Groves expressed the thanks of the ladies for their invitation and the pleasure they had received, and wished long life to Mr. Small, who, she hoped, would be spared to join them round the festive board for some years to come.

Mr. Horton spoke of the encouragement the older ringers gave to young men like himself, and said he only hoped he should ring as well, eventually, as Mr. Small did.

Other complimentary and congratulatory remarks having been made, the toast was drunk right heartily.

Mr. Small, in response, spoke of his connection with bell ringing for more than 60 years, and drew a striking contrast between the old beer-drinking and disorderly bell-ringing days of his youth and now. He claimed that ringers had entirely changed for the better. They were now looked on as a class that ought to be encouraged as part of the real life of the church, and not looked down upon as they once were. The alteration and improvement in the men, in the condition of the belfries and in other ways, had been brought about by the ringers taking an interest in themselves and their art. By forming associations and guilds to keep up the standard they had forced the clergy and the public to a better opinion of them. He trusted that the improvement would be maintained, and that the young bands

would be trained to grow up with an interest in and love for their art and all that it implied in its best sense. He had always tried to do his best in that direction, and he hoped the kindly brotherhood established among ringers would continue and grow, for there was no art which contributed more to mental and bodily health. He heartily thanked all for their kindness in giving up their time to come there that day, and he was deeply appreciative of the honour they had done him (applause).

To further celebrate the event a ten-bell company of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Dudley and District Guild attempted, on the following day at Wednesbury, a peal of 5881 Stedman Caters, specially composed for the occasion by Mr. John Carter, but this unfortunately was lost, after nearly two hours' ringing: James E. Groves (the Ringing Master of St. Martin's, Birmingham), 1, John Jaggard (Oldbury and Burton) 2, James George (Birmingham) 3, Geo. Hughes (Wednesbury Parish Church) 4, Herbert Knight (Wolverhampton, St. Peter's) 5, William Fisher (Cosceley, and Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs), conductor, 6, Alfred Rowley (Tipton) 7, Bert Horton (Wood Green and Darlaston) 8, Thomas Reeves (West Bromwich) 9, Ben Gough (Cosceley Parish Church) 10.

Mr. Small was unable to take part in this peal, but heard most of the ringing, and afterwards came into the old belfry which he loves so much. He invited the band and a few of the ringers' wives (Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mrs. Ben Gough and Mrs. Bert Horton) to the Three Tuns Hotel, Union Street (the ringers' Wednesbury home), where a most sumptuous spread was awaiting the company. Mr. Ben Gough was voted to the chair and Mr. James George proposed the toast of the evening in a most able speech. 'Congratulations to Mr. William Rock Small on attaining his 81st birthday.' Mr. John Jaggard and Mrs. Groves also endorsed the good wishes.

Mr. Small, in response, made a happy speech, saying how pleased he was to be well enough to be with his friends that evening, although he felt the effects of the strain of the two hours and forty-five minutes of the previous day. He was very grateful to Him above for sparing him for 81 years, and giving him the health to take part in the splendidly-struck peal which had been accomplished on his anniversary day. He was sorry the second peal had not been successful, but he trusted there would be better luck on the next occasion. He was very pleased to see the ladies present on both evenings, and thanked them and all the ringers who had taken part in the peals at Tipton and Wednesbury.

Mr. George proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Small for entertaining the company, and this brought to a close one of the pleasantest and most enjoyable evenings the ringers ever had.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. James George will be 67 to-morrow. If the Fates are kind he will fittingly celebrate it in the city of London.

The parish of Clun, Salop, has the distinction of having a ringing curate and a ringing warden, who take their places regularly in the tower.

R. G. Marshall, who will not be 17 years old until next January, took part in a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Deptford on November 11th, his tenth peal since the last Armistice anniversary. These peals included a peal of Bob Maximus at Southwark, and his tutor inquires if he is the youngest ringer to score a peal on 12.

We believe that some years ago a ringer of only 15 years of age rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, but we have no recollection of a younger ringer than Reg. Marshall scoring a peal of Maximus. Perhaps some of our readers can tell us.

In discussing the financial position of the Lancashire Association in the annual report, the committee say there is a great leakage in subscriptions. The amount received from performing members last year, even assuming that it included no back payments, would only account for 602 members out of a roll of 1,084. If all whose names are on the books would pay their subscriptions at the present rate regularly, the expenses would be more than met.

A band that started to learn change ringing since the war at Blunsdon, Wilts, rang their first peal on November 13th on the occasion of the dedication of the church war memorial, which consisted of a lych gate. It was the first peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor. The treble man is 67 and the tenor man 64. It's never too late to learn.

Another member of the Lancashire Association has been added to those who hold civic office. At the recent election of councillors for the ancient borough of Ekeles, Mr. Amos Trippier was elected out of four candidates for his ward, with a majority of 247 over his nearest opponent.

The claim to the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on the bells at Bocking, Essex, which was made for a peal published in our last issue will not stand. We are informed by Mr. A. Shufflebotham that the first peal in this method rung at Bocking was on April 24th, 1909.

Ringers will much regret to hear that Mr. W. W. Gifford, formerly of Salisbury, is in a very serious state of health. He is now paralysed, and, we are informed, his speech is entirely gone.

We are asked to state that owing to the unsafe state of the tower, ringing at Christ Church, Southport, is suspended until further notice.

ARMISTICE DAY AT THE ABBEY.

It will no doubt be of interest to many ringers to know the actual part taken by the Abbey Bells at that wonderful service when the unknown warrior received all those honours that the nation could give.

From 10 a.m. until 10.58, the tenor was tolled at minute intervals; this in itself was almost the greatest honour the Abbey bells could render, as the Abbey tenor is never tolled except for the King or a Dean of Westminster. At 11.5 the tenor was again tolled, but at half-minute intervals, until the funeral cortege reached the precincts of the Abbey. At the conclusion of the service, at the exact moment the King left the Abbey by the west door, the bells rang out half-muffled; first in very slow, impressive rounds; afterwards they went into changes with a touch of Stedman Triples. During the afternoon and evening muffled touches were rung at stated intervals. Two long courses of Kent Treble Bob Major are worthy of special mention, rung in slow time with perfect striking that produced a wonderful effect.

The following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths took part in the ringing: S. Andrews, H. W. Belcher, Rev. F. L. Edwards, A. A. Hughes, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Pasmore, W. H. Pasmore, J. Rumley, W. D. Smith and J. Wiltshire.

THE LATE MR. GREENLEAF.

Writing from Salisbury, Mr. J. R. Jerram says he well remembers the peal of 11,111 Stedman Caters, in which the late Mr. William Greenleaf took part, at Fulham, on Dec. 8th, 1883, and which occupied 7 hours and 12 minutes. It was conducted by Mr. James Pettit. Mr. W. Greenleaf stayed with Mr. Jerram on the night before, and went off to London in the morning somewhat doubtful as to the accomplishment of the peal, which he described as a 'big job.'

After the peal was accomplished it was found that the rope of the seventh bell, which Mr. Greenleaf rang, was cut through at the fillet-hole in the wheel, and was only hanging together by one strand. The peal was, at that time, the longest length of Stedman Caters ever rung.

For some years before he left for New Zealand Mr. Greenleaf was in business at Hereford, in partnership with Mr. Tristram, as a church bell hanger. He did several jobs about Salisbury, including Downton, which were entirely rehung with new oak frame (6 bells, tenor 23 cwt.), and Barford St. Martin's, with cast iron frame, on oak foundation (6 bells, tenor 13 cwt.), new treble added to peal of five to make six, and old treble recast by Mears and Stainbank at the same time.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'**A PROPOSAL.**

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of the 500th number, you tell us frankly that if our paper is still to continue one of two things must happen—either it must attain a larger circulation, or the price must be raised. To take circulation first. How can we get new readers? I have tried myself, but have been met with, 'What is there in it to interest beginners?' (and it is to the beginners in the art that we shall have to look if there is to be any appreciable increase). Unfortunately there was nothing that I could give as an example that would interest or help a beginner. Let me assure you, Sir, that I do not attribute this fault to you. You have to 'cut the coat according to the cloth'; in other words, if the revenue only justifies a 12 or even 8 page paper it would be folly to give 20; for that way bankruptcy lies, and we should be without a paper at all.

You say further on in the same article, 'Schemes for the expansion of the paper and an extension of features of interest have long been matured, but are held up by the difficulties which continually face us.' I know something of the difficulties; paper about 100 times pre-war price; wages three times what they were (in some places more than this), is only to mention two of the items that go to make up the weekly expense sheet.

Now, Sir, I have been thinking that perhaps, if we had these new features you mention the circulation might go up considerably on their account, but at present receipts do not justify the necessary expansion. I wish to offer a suggestion to my brother ringers throughout the country, with your permission, and it is this, that in future the conductor of every successful peal shall collect from each of the ringers, in the peal the sum of twopence and forward it with the account of the peal to the 'Ringing World.' If this suggestion is generally approved, and carried out, it would, I feel sure, be the means of developing our journal, and lead to that which is much to be desired, viz., a larger circulation.

I do not think the average ringer knows how much a successful peal costs his association. In annual reports they are usually printed three on a page, so that each peal will cost anything from 3s. to 4s., according to the number of reports printed. From this ringers should see what an advantage publication in the 'Ringing World' is. Were I left to decide the form in which peals should appear in association's reports, after having appeared in extenso in the 'Ringing World,' they would take up one line only under the headings: date, time, method, etc.

I have said nothing about your second alternative, increase of price, as I think it would be fatal.

May I appeal to ringers generally to give my suggestion favourable consideration, and send their views to the Editor.

W. A. CAVE.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I have gone into figures more fully, and I find that we could not expect to feel the benefit of even a 2d. levy per ringer for some time to come, but it would come eventually.

At the meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, at Heston, a motion in favour of a charge being made for the publication of peal reports was carried, after a lengthy discussion, and it was decided to send a resolution to the Central Committee of the Association asking their assistance to further this object.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**KETTERING DISTRICT MEETING.**

A most successful ringing meeting of the Kettering District was held at Weekley on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 43 members being present from Burton, Broughton, Cranford, Cransley, Orlingbury, Desborough, Isham, Northampton, Pritchley, Kettering, Warkton, Wellingborough, Geddington, Weldon, and the local band.—The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper) conducted the service, and gave a most helpful address.—A collection for the belfry repairs fund amounted to 11s. 4d.

At the meeting the Vicar presided, and the General Secretary called members' notice to the alteration to Rule III., which comes into force at the beginning of next year.—The district secretary was instructed to express the sympathy of the members with the family of the late Mr. W. Horden.

The Vicar was elected a ringing member, and the General Secretary (Mr. D. J. Nichols) congratulated the Weekley ringers on the rapid strides they were making in change ringing.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies for arranging the tea, and to the local ringers was unanimously accorded, and the Vicar in reply, said if the help continued from the neighbouring towers Weekley ringers would soon make proficient members of the Association.—Plain and Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the day.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' OFFICERS.

The following officers have been elected for the year by the College Youths: Master, Mr. Harold J. Walton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes; Senior Steward, Mr. George R. Fardon; Junior Steward, Mr. James C. P. Bayley; Trustees, Messrs. Challis F. Winney and Walter Prime; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' BANQUET.

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REMINISCENT SPEECHES.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by Canon Coleridge, who had a cordial reception, and regaled his hearers with anecdote and reminiscence in that style in which he excels. This, he said, was an age in which youth would be served, and he felt that time had come when the more important toasts should be entrusted to the more youthful members, and not to those who, like himself, were now grey and bald. That was an Ancient Society of Youths, and although he was no longer youthful he could truly claim to be ancient (laughter). He preferred the title 'ancient' because no less than 41 years had gone by since he joined the society. It was a very memorable year. In that year six members of the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, joined, and in the same year the band at Appleton joined the society, while shortly after he had the pleasure of singing with them what, for 20 years, remained the record for Stedman Caters—15,000 in 9 hrs. 15 mins. In that year, he believed he was right in saying, they enrolled upon their books the names of some who held very high places in the Exercise. Those names included Challis, Winney and John Carter (applause). This, continued Canon Coleridge, was a time of remembrance. To see the multitudes in Whitehall going to do honour to those who had departed this life was most impressive. The burial of that unknown warrior was a grand conception. It would have a great effect on the hearts and minds of Englishmen all over the world. It was, however, of those of their own society that he would like to say a word or two, so that they might bear in remembrance some of their old friends. He called particularly to mind four, who used to come frequently to grace their annual banquet. There was their old friend, Mr. Davies, with his Barking Youths; there was that dear old man, Mr. James Feilitz, honoured by everybody; another who used to be with them almost every other year—one of the truest friends ringing ever had—was Sir Arthur Heywood; while only this week they had had news of the death of another old member—quite unknown to the younger generation of ringers, but one who was a fine ringer, and thoroughly good companion—Mr. Wm. Greenleaf. He remembered the last time he saw him. It was when some venturous spirits rang what was the first and probably would be the last peal on Lundy Island. Mr. Greenleaf was the ninth man and preferred to stand out. Mr. Bowen took off lumps of rust from the bearings of the bells in the morning, and used up all the castor oil he could find on the island (laughter). They managed to ring the peal, though they thought it was not an extra good one. But Mr. Greenleaf said it was excellent, and what Mr. Greenleaf said was what they might call gospel truth, because he never exaggerated, but always said exactly what he meant.

A HIGH STANDARD.

Proceeding, Canon Coleridge said the Dean had remarked how pleased he was to see so many young men among them, and he (the speaker) would remind them that they had a great heritage to maintain. What the College Youths had done in the past could be read in their records, but there was one thing to which he would specially like to refer (them), and that was the tremendously high standard that they had always set in twelve-bell ringing. He had heard it equalled in other places—Birmingham, for instance—but he had never heard it excelled, and he trusted that the younger men would be as careful in their striking as their ancient forefathers had been. Great things had been done in the past with long lengths, and he dared say that in the future the young men would try to emulate these deeds (hear, hear). He had to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Cockerill (applause), who was a genial companion and a good ringer; a prince of secretaries and a king among men (applause).

At this stage a splendidly struck course of Stedman Cinques was rung by J. Thomas 1—2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, A. Walker 7—8, H. Langdon 9—10, W. T. Cockerill 11—12.

CONTINUITY OF PEAL RECORDS.

Mr. Cockerill, who replied to the toast, said apologies for absence had been received from Mrs. Leny (who was indisposed), Mr. W. P. Routh (Reading), Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, Mr. H. J. Walton, Mr. F. Smith (who had been taken suddenly ill), Mr. J. S. Pritchett and Mr. E. Denison Taylor. During the year, since the last gathering, the society had held 59 practices at different city churches and Southwark Cathedral. The Master topped the list of attendances with 54 (applause), and the 59 practices had been attended at some time or other by 104 members. They made 29 new members during the year, and they rang 22 peals, including five on handbells, viz., one each of Stedman Caters and Cinques, Grandsire Cinques, Bob Royal and Maximus. Since the last dinner they had had to make some alteration in the rules. They had found it necessary to raise the steeple-age and the booking fees for peals. Sooner or later they would have to discuss the question of making further increases, and it had been suggested that they might raise the entrance fee. They would also have to raise the price of certificates and rule books. It would be a great advantage to the society if they could have a larger list of annual subscribers. The booking of peals had become very costly. There were about 40 peals being booked at the present time, and he

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supposed the bill would run to close on £20. It seemed a sin that they should break the continuity of those magnificent old books. Al though they were cumbersome, they had been splendidly kept, and it would be folly to drop the records (applause). The only alternative was to try to increase the funds (hear, hear).

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES.

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. A. A. Hughes) submitted the toast of 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies.' One thought, he said, at those happy meetings of the all-round good fellowship that existed, but such gatherings meant much more than that. They had gathered (that evening from far and near with one cause at heart, and that was, the Church (hear, hear). It was very gratifying to see among them so many representatives of kindred societies, and they realised that the progress of scientific change ringing throughout the provinces was due to the enthusiastic work of the various associations. The increase in their activities was to be seen in the very much greater number of peals and notices of meetings which appeared in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' now compared with the number in the ringing press of 15 or 20 years ago. Those who had had the pleasure of visiting some of the chief centres of ringing throughout the country, said Mr. Hughes, knew what a warm-hearted welcome they always received. It was, therefore, with all the more pleasure they saw the representatives of kindred societies with them that night. With regard to the London Societies they were glad to know that the Royal Cumberland Youths were still going strong, and it was also nice to know that the London County Association still kept up the traditions of the old St. James' Society, and enabled members of the College Youths and Cumberlands to meet together under one roof (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young (London County Association), responding for the London Societies, said while the London County Association could not claim the age of the College Youths or Cumberlands, yet it would soon celebrate its 100th birthday, and he hoped it would be fittingly commemorated. The London County Association, as the St. James' Society, was the outcome of the friendly rivalry between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, and it was a happy thing that their headquarters should be situated at St. Clement Danes, where they could hear the bells of both their founders, at St. Paul's and St. Martin's.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards (Salisbury Guild), in a facetious speech, next replied. 'Provincial Societies,' he said, was a wide term. It included those like St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, where they had such perfect twelve-bell ringing every week; the Winchester Guild, in parts of which they went into such wonderful performances on handbells every day of the week and sometimes twice a day (laughter); and the Norwich and Ipswich Association, where one team of brothers set to work and rang anything, whether on church bells or on handbells. It also included out of the way and rustic districts like that of his own Guild, where change ringing maintained a precarious existence, where the towers were isolated, where there was not a single peal of twelve, and where only within the last few years had they succeeded in increasing one peal of eight to ten. For those who came from such an out of the way part of the country, to find themselves at such a gathering as that was a great experience. It was also a great experience to go into the London towers, and by the good fellowship, which was such a marked characteristic of the College Youths, to get a little insight into ringing the higher methods and on the higher numbers of bells.

Mr. A. P. Smith, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, whose name was also coupled with the toast, said the College Youths always made visitors welcome. Personally he had had the privilege of ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on many occasions, and it was a real, positive pleasure to hear the ringing as it was done at St. Paul's Sunday after Sunday—not on specially big occasions, but every Sunday and twice a Sunday. It should be the aim and ambition of every ringer to attain to that high standard of ringing (hear, hear). He admired the College Youths for keeping it up so religiously and insisting on every member who aspired to become a member of the Cathedral band reaching that high standard. Charles Dickens once dropped into a meeting of the College Youths at their house of refreshment, and he afterwards described them as good, steady smokers. Had he been there that night he would have had no reason to change his opinion (laughter), and he might have added that they were good steady eaters (laughter). Moreover, he might have gone further and said they were good steady drinkers (laughter). But what was more to the point was that they were good steady strikers (hear, hear). It was for that reason the College Youths had prospered, and should continue to prosper (applause).

CITY CHURCHES: REASONABLE SCHEME AFOOT.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed 'The Visitors,' and referring to the presence of the son of Sir John Stainer (late organist of St. Paul's Cathedral), said Sir John was in a very great measure responsible for setting the twelve bells put into St. Paul's. He worked very hard to get the bells into the tower, and was a great admirer of them. He was an hon. member of the College Youths. They also had with them the Rector of St. Clement Danes, to whose labours for the restoration of his bells they as ringers were so much indebted. They also

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NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL.—Tea and social St. Thomas's Rooms, Victoria Street, Bristol, to-morrow. Ringing, St. Mary, Redcliffe, from 1.30 (12 bells); St. James', 2.30 (10 bells). Tea 5 p.m.; tickets 1/6. All come.—E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A combined practice will be held at Hawley on Saturday, Nov. 27th.—Bells available from 5 o'clock.—G. Miles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Halsted on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Short service with address 4.30. Tea will be provided in Co-operative Hall (opposite railway station). Members are requested to be present as the District officers for the ensuing year will be elected.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull, near Chorley, on Nov. 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Vestry Hall. Note: Chelmsford Tower (St. Mary's) will also be open from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me by Nov. 27th?—P. Timson, District Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rendham on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells of the Parish Church, also Sweffling, available afternoon and evening. Business meeting in Church House at 5.30.—George Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Colwall, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.30.—Richard Thomas, Coddington, Ledbury, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting for November will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Bilston, Staffs, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Ford (Vicar).—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, business meeting afterwards. Will all ringers intending to be present let the Sec. know not later later than Nov. 22nd?—S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Thos. H. Kirby.

STANTON-ON-HINEHEATH, SALOP.—The peal of six bells which have just been rehung will be reopened (no service) on Sunday, Nov. 28th, at 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—E. V. Rodenhurst, Hodnet, Salop.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society).—A practice will be held at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, on Monday, Nov. 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 30th. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Please notify me on or before Nov. 29 how many intend to be present from each tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent; J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Gear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (5) ready 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. Tom Law, 3, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell, not later than Dec. 2nd. A good attendance is requested.—Sidney J. Lawrence, District Secretary, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above for combined practice in Stedman and Treble Bob methods will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Dec. 4th, to commence at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The December meeting will be held at Rotherham on Saturday 4th. The bells (10) of the Parish Church will be open from 3 o'clock, also the eight bells of St. Stephen's will be available all the afternoon. A short service will be held in the Parish Church at 5 p.m. followed by tea in the Westgate Mission Hall at a nominal charge. Those who wish to take tea must notify Mr. Colin Ryder, 328, Sheffield Road, Templeboro, near Sheffield, before the 1st of the month.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Clifton Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells open from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me hear not later than Saturday, Nov. 27th?—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Geo. Hunt, Northgate, Horbury, by Dec. 2nd.—A. Panther, Sec. (*pro tem.*).

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Hyde, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Service 4.30.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiver-

ton, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me before Dec. 8th?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 7th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting at 5.30.—Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Short service at 5 followed by business meeting in the vestry.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

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had with them the Rectors of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and Probandary Isaacs, Vicar of Cripplegate. They much appreciated their presence, which they looked upon as a great encouragement.

The Rev. J. H. Ellison (St. Michael's), who replied, referred to the fact that Mr. E. Horrex, although 82 years of age, was still tower-keeper at his church, and the church authorities and the ringers held him in high regard and respect (applause). At St. Michael's they were anxious to do all they could to consult the comfort and convenience of the ringers, and he felt more and more that their Church could not get on without its ringers, for they were as important as any other body of people connected with the services. The question of the city churches had been mentioned by the Master, and he need hardly say how profoundly he felt with the speaker when he said he hoped ringers would rally round any reasonable scheme for preserving those churches. A great deal of thought had been given to the matter, and he believed a reasonable scheme was afoot by which they would be able to keep these churches (applause). If that was the case, he hoped all ringers would do their best to rally round the scheme. One of the saddest things about the report of the Commission was, he thought, their advice that in certain cases—one was that of his own church—the church should be pulled down and only the tower left. He did not think many ringers would care to go ringing at a tower where the church had been taken away (hear, hear). One of their bells bore the inscription: 'To prayers we call St. Michael's people all.' If they pulled down the church they should take down that bell, or at all events remove the inscription (applause). With regard to the Master's appeal to the clergy to get to know how to ring, he (the speaker) when he was at Kensington, just learnt to ring a bell in call changes, and he had always been ashamed of himself that he had not gone further with it, for the more he heard the bells the more it seemed to him a perfectly wonderful art (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker submitted 'The Press,' and urged the vital importance to the Exercise of maintaining a paper devoted to its interests. He appealed to all ringers for a wider support of 'The

'Ringing World,' remarking that the better its circulation the better would be the production in the interests of ringers. He coupled with the toast the name of the Editor, whose health was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having thanked the company for their warm-hearted reception, referred to the difficulties which still faced the production of a journal devoted to the interests of a comparatively limited circle, and appealed to ringers throughout the country to use their best efforts to extend the sale of the paper. The journal had been carried on throughout the dark days of the war in the interests of the Exercise, without pecuniary gain, and it was now up to the Exercise to see that it was re-established in such a position as to relieve him from anxiety as to its future (applause).

The musical programme was very enjoyable. In addition to the course of Stedman Cinques previously referred to, Mr. Percy Judd sang 'The Bell Ringer,' and Mr. W. H. Judd fairly 'brought down the house' with his 'Ringing Reminiscences,' which was composed of verses of a topical nature. He had to give an encore. Mr. H. W. J. Jeffries rendered 'I'll sing thee songs of Araby.' Mr. Francis Clark gave handbell solos, with bells arranged upon a table, and Mr. Cyril Johnston brought the programme to a close with selections tapped upon handbells. The exceedingly pleasant evening terminated with a vote of thanks to the accompanist and 'Auld Lang Syne.'

DEVON GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Exeter District Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Sidwell's Institute, Exeter, on October 30th, preceded by a tea, at which about 36 members, including the Rev. E. S. Powell (hon. secretary of the Guild) and the Rev. H. Clarke (Clyst Houlton), were present.

The report showed steady progress, and the revival of ringing with the bands in union, with an addition of three associate bands joining during the year and proving that the older bands helping neighbouring towers had increased the strength of the branch.—A very creditable balance in the hands of the treasurer was also reported.

The officers were elected as follows: Mr. E. Shepherd (chairman), Mr. W. J. Southwood, secretary and treasurer, with the assistance of Mr. Joke, Mr. F. J. Davey having resigned the secretaryship.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Totsham, in January. Various towers were visited by the bands, and some very good ringing accomplished.

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