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## GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON, Surrey. BELLS, CLOCKS, CARILLONS.



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\*\*\*\*\* GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 6th March, 1918.  
Gentlemen.

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BLOK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

### MODERN WORK

## THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The suggestion that a memorial service should be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, in honour of the London ringers who have fallen in the war, is one that we think will commend itself to the members of the Exercise associated with the Metropolis. The number of men connected with London ringing activities who have made the supreme sacrifice is very considerable, and those who cherished the friendship of now departed comrades will welcome the opportunity of paying a tribute to their memory, such as would be provided by the service proposed. Would it not, however, be possible to extend the scope of the service beyond that of a purely metropolitan character? Could it not be of the nature of a ringers' national tribute to their fallen colleagues?

Ringers from every corner of the country have fallen on the field of honour, and nothing could be more impressive than to have one great memorial service if it could be arranged upon anything like representative lines. It is true that such a gathering could be attended by only a comparative few from long distances. Nevertheless, those few could be the official representatives of their associations, and thus give a national character to the proceedings. Associations send members from one end of the country to the other to attend a Central Council Meeting, and private individuals have travelled equally long distances to attend such annual festivities as the College Youths' dinner in London, or the Johnson commemoration dinner at Birmingham. Here is a thing, unique in all history. The greatest of all wars has been brought to a close, hundreds of members of the Exercise have laid down their lives, the opportunity occurs to pay honour and homage to their memory. Let us do it and do it handsomely.

We feel quite certain that the Rector of St. Clement Danes, who has made the suggestion for a London ringers' service, would welcome the wider proposal and lend his aid in making the service one befitting the occasion, and Mr. E. Alex Young, who introduced the idea to the ringing fraternity, would gladly undertake the greater burden of work which a national service would involve. Let the service be open, of course, to every individual ringer who is able to reach London, but to make it really a national tribute to the fallen members of our bellfries, every association should send at least one or more official representatives. The last Saturday in February has been suggested as the date; there is time to make the arrangements complete, and we hope some steps will be taken which will enable a ringers' service of a national kind to be held. But there must not be delay, however, and we hope that association officials will at once consult their committees and get into communication with Mr. Young.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.  
On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

JAMES L. WELLS... .. Treble	SAMUEL GROVES ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 8
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 3	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 9
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 10
JOHN NEAL ... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 11
THOMAS MILLER ... .. 6	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

A Trippier hails from Eccles, and this is his first peal on twelve bells H. Chapman belongs to Pendleton.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

* JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 7
HENRY J. PHIPPS ... .. 3	* CHARLES CAMM ... .. 8
HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 9
* WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	* FRANK JINKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

\* First peal of Caters. This was the annual peal for the above Association.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6
SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 2	PTE. F. E. SMITH ... .. 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 8
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 9
* THOMAS RILEY ... .. 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

This peal has the 6th the extent right at eleven course ends.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26th, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	* ARTHUR MASON ... .. 7
JOHN HOWES ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... .. 9
LEONARD A. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## HELD OVER.

A number of peals and other reports are unavoidably held over until next week, when extra pages will, we hope, help to relieve our congested space.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BACUP, LANCOS.  
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1918, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

JAS. TAYLOR... .. Treble	W. TAYLOR ... .. 5
T. HARRISSON ... .. 2	S. PICKUP ... .. 6
SAM LORD ... .. 3	W. ASHWORTH ... .. 7
O. EASTWOOD ... .. 4	J. W. ORMEROD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. SHEPHERD.  
Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. S. Pickup.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

JOHN CARTER'S TEN-PART.	Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
BENJAMIN E. DIXON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5
ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDS ... .. 7
BERT HORTON ... .. 4	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains 240 singles and 60 lobs.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No. 6.	
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Treble	ROBERT GOFTON ... .. 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 2	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... .. 6
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 3	*ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 4	FREDERICK BROADBELT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for a memorial service for those fallen in the war. \* First peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION,  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 19, 1918, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6050 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.	
ERNEST J. BOTLER ... .. Treble	ALFRED PYE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	WESLEY WATSON ... .. 7
*ARTHUR MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal in the Method.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 19 cwt.
MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... .. Treble	ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM STREETER ... .. 2	SERG T. R. CARRIER, C.R.A. 6
ALWYN CHARMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM CHARMAN ... .. 7
HARRY TIDY ... .. 4	THOMAS WORSFOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CHARMAN.

Arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Sergt. and Mrs. Carrier (eldest daughter of the Conductor), who are sailing for Canada at an early date. Also to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringers of the treble and 5th.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

FROCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 15, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs.

JOHN EARLE ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4
CHARLES EAST ... .. 2	FRANK COLE ... .. 5
GEORGE PACKER ... .. 3	HENRY SIMMONDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

THORPE MAJOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Thomas's Day, Saturday, December 21, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

(consisting of seven different 720's, viz.: Two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Three of Plain Bob).

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

SAMUEL BORDETT ... .. Treble	CECIL CHAPMAN ... .. 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 5
ANDREW BLAXLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First tower bell peal. The treble ringer hails from Desborough, the fourth from Kettering, the fifth from Burton Seagrave, and the remainder belong to the Isham Society.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

On Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

In seven methods, viz.: 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... .. Treble	ANDREW BLAXLEY ... .. 4
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	†THOMAS GARLEY ... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal. She is the 14-year-old niece of the ringer of the third, and is the youngest Northamptonshire girl to ring a peal. † First peal away from the treble.

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### RINGERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Associations and ringers who wish to give their support to the proposal for a memorial service for ringers who have fallen in the war should communicate with Mr. E. Alex. Young, 1, Station Buildings, Catford, S.E.6. By a typographical error Mr. Young's name was, unfortunately, wrongly printed last week.

### BIRMINGHAM RINGER KILLED.

Walter Gossago, a member of the ringing company at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, and also a chorister, has been killed in action, and as a last token of respect the bells of St. Chad's were rung half-muffled on December 26th, and a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triplets brought round by: R. Ducker 1, C. Mackenzie 2, J. Corrigan 3, W. Ellis 4, W. Webb 5, J. Porter 6, T. Kelly 7, F. Feerick 8.

### OXFORD SOCIETY MEMBER'S DEATH.

Mr. F. Castle, for upwards of 30 years a member of the Oxford Society and of the band at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, has recently passed away, and in his memory a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung at the church with which he had been so long associated. The 'whole pull and stand' was also rung: W. Smith (conductor) 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, G. Stone 3, T. Payne 4, W. Jeffries 5, T. Finch 6.

### ROTHWELL RINGER DIES OF WOUNDS.

The Rothwell company, Leeds, have lost a promising young ringer by the death, in France, from wounds, on November 3rd, of Pte. Ernest McWilliam, of the R.A.M.C. He was a member of both the Leeds and District and Yorkshire Associations, and in addition to being a ringer, Pte. McWilliam was in the choir. Muffled touches were rung on the Rothwell tower bells by his old colleagues, as a last tribute of respect.

### WAR-TIME SILENCE BROKEN.

On Armistice Day, after a silence of 4½ years, the fine old peal of six bells at Iver, Bucks, were rung in rounds and call changes, both before and after the thanksgiving service by a band got together by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Gilliat, who came into the belfry during the ringing, and thanked the ringers for their services. One of the ringers had not attempted to ring a bell for fourteen years, and another for 12 years. Two members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild assisted with the ringing.

### COMPLIMENT TO RINGER-CHURCHWARDEN

The peal rung at Bishopsgate, London, and recorded in our last issue, was arranged as a compliment to the churchwarden of St. Botolph's, Mr. Thomas Walker, the hon. secretary of the London County Association. It was also rung to commemorate the glorious victory of the Allies, and further as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Weber Brown, B.A., C.C., and Mr. Duffield.

Mr. Churchwarden Thomas Walker has always taken a very keen interest in ringers and ringing generally, and he is described by a writer, as in very truth, the 'Friend of man and the guide of youth.' He has been elected a governor of the Foundation School of London, and is serving his second year as churchwarden of St. Botolph's, which carries with it a Governorship of Bishopsgate Institute. The combined offices which Mr. Walker holds affords him many opportunities of displaying his kindly disposition to old and young alike, both in and outside the circle of change ringers. His untiring efforts are always directed to the best interests and welfare of the parish. Mr. Walker, Mr. Weber Brown and Mr. Duffield were all the recipients of many hearty congratulations from Mr. Pridmore and other friends present when the ringing took place.

### RINGING FELLOWSHIP AT HAWKSHEAD.

On Wednesday, December 18th, at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, in 1 hour and 4 mins., a date touch of Boh Minor (1918 changes) was rung by: Charles E. Webb (conductor) 1, Thomas Bradley 2, Thomas B. Newton 3, Frederick W. Coward 4, Sergt. T. F. Hewartson, R.A.F., 5, William Robinson 6. The ringers are members of the Furness and Lake District Branch, of the Lancashire Association, and the touch was rung as an act of ringing fellowship with Sergt. T. F. Hewartson, who was on leave after three years in Egypt and Palestine. The ringers of 3, 5 and tenor had from the neighbouring belfry at Ambleside, the others belong to the Hawkshead tower.

Hawkshead is one of the very quaintest little towns in England, situated picturesquely near Esthwaite Lake, half-way between Lakes Windermere and Coniston, and in normal times is visited annually by large numbers of Americans, as well as Britishers because of the fact that the Poet Wordsworth was educated at its Grammar School, and also because of the wonderful beauty of its natural surroundings and remoteness from railways and 'the madding crowd and irritable strife.' The six bells, returned and rehung soon after the present Vicar, Canon Irving, came to the parish are beautifully melodious. They have been kept going for the most part in full team, during the whole of the war, the ringers, not named among the above being Joseph Ellwood, vice captain; Thomas Townson, and Churchwarden W. D. Hoyle.

## CLUN AND ITS CHURCH.

AND THE STORY OF A RINGING WEEK IN SALOP.

(Continued from page 5)

Sunday.—We met in the tower at 10 o'clock, and rang various methods till Divine service commenced, a special preacher giving us an address on the work of the National Society, an organisation founded a century ago that began the important task of the education of the masses. To-day the Church School buildings alone, without including the land on which they stand, are valued at £53,000,000, the generous gift of churchmen throughout the land. Afterwards we had an opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the preacher who had been able to master a bell in rounds, but courting began about the same time, and the latter art won. We have heard that some men forsake the bells for the belfry, but more than one good band to my knowledge has had to deplore the loss of a male companion bent on other ringing. The recent learned discussions on 'lead ends' are as nothing compared with the old, old story. Once more we were favoured by the Vicar and churchwardens, and the afternoon was devoted to an attempt for Major, which resulted in peal No. 5 being accomplished at the second attempt, the first try lasting about half an hour, Mr. Minton, of Bishop's Castle, paying us a visit to hear the ringing. The Rev. H. J. Scott was present as chaplain, and gave the belfry prayer before starting.

A local rhyme mentions 'Hop, skip, and run, say the bells of Clun.' Well, we ringers managed to hop round the Castle ruins, skip the 13th-century bridge a few times, and run round to see the Clun Hospital founded A.D. 1658. There was another old house visited, known as the White Horse, and therein a dark plot was hatched at night, but please do not mention it to Rugby, as he is not yet aware of the matter. Parker's 12-part peal, Grand-fire Triples, was attempted double-handed at Castle Cottage by Messrs. Pigott, Graves, Short and Clark, which promised to be a success till within 500 changes from home. Mr. George's disconsolate wanderings in search of his comrades only ceased when someone said they were poaching rabbits; but the columns of this journal were intended to first convey the true news to him, had the peal been successful. The rabbiting was very effective, for each of our party left Clun in the morning with a brace of these useful adjuncts to war rations, and I should like to have seen the whole party in the Bull Ring with them, led by the shepherd.

Monday.—A bright morning, farewells all round, and a hearty send-off by our Whitty friend—Mr. W. Mead—and the motor rumbled away to Craven Arms, with 'tail up,' the little white patches that sporting men love to see on the banks of a meadow. We had one more venture to make, as the result of our captain's happy thought of sending to Wistanstow for leave to retrieve our lost laurels of Thursday. The reply was favourable, and so was our attempt, and the final peal was finished in time for our band to receive the Vicar's congratulations, and take the 3 p.m. train to their respective destinations. Some of the Birmingham people may not agree that the wits of the team have undergone any improvement, but then we must all remember the saying of an old Farnham ringer who gave up the pastime of bell ringing many years ago, because it 'wrung his hands' and blistered his pockets. However, each of us retained our watch on leaving Clun bridge for the last time.

During our brief stay in Shropshire absent friends were not forgotten, and letters of regret for their absence were read from Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, who helped to promote change ringing in this district as a resident at the time the Guild was founded in 1886. Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth; Mr. Wm. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham. Having been requested to report our doings to your innumerable journal, I do so with reluctance because my pen cannot describe the really happy time we spent in the county. We all feel truly thankful to the clergy and laymen of Clun, Wistanstow, and Church Stretton for their generous reception and kind approval of our humble performances. The people of Clun 250 years hence may possibly find records of Shropshire's peace peals in their belfry, for a series of old oak panelling is to be placed there, and nearly four pounds has already been subscribed towards the cost by those concerned in making them. Then, as now, the early prayer inscribed on the second bell will be sounding far and near, and just as joyful, let us hope, as it does to-day.

\* All praise and Glory be to God for Ever. 1668 \*

W. H. F.

## GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER IN A PEAL.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, who were the first husband and wife to take part in a tower bell peal together, have now created another record by being the first grandfather and grandmother to take part together in a peal. This interesting event took place at Cranleigh last week, the peal being rung in celebration of the birth of their first grandchild, and also as a farewell to Sergt. Carrier, of Vancouver, who had been stationed in the district, and who was departing for Canada with a Cranleigh bride (Miss Chapman), the daughter of the conductor of Cranleigh tower.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

AN 'AT HOME' DAY AT COLGRAVE.

Boxing Day was given up to what one may correctly term an 'At Home' at Cotgrave. Invitations were sent broadcast by Messrs. W. E. and Walter White to those who could avail themselves of the opportunity to visit Cotgrave, with a promise of a peal attempt in the afternoon to revive memories of pre-war pleasures. Cotgrave, a peaceful village, is situated seven miles S.E. of Nottingham, and the approach is by foot, cycle, and Petrol-cum-gas Limited. There are several features of interest in the place, but there is only space to mention one or two. In the hunting world it is well known as the 'Joy wheel' of the Earl of Harrington's pack, known as the South Notts Hunt. The village rests upon the borders of the 'Wolds,' otherwise Wolds, which are characteristic of its advantages in circles of sport. Although strictly agricultural in its everyday work, it is also unique because it can be comfortably reached from almost every point of the compass. Another object of particular interest is that at Cotgrave there is a house wherein a family (Parr by name) have resided from one generation to another since the time of the dreadful plague. Distinction is also given to Cotgrave, from the ringers' standpoint, on account of the work which has been done by Mr. W. E. White and Mr. Walter White to bring ringing to such a high standard as it exists there to-day. On Boxing Day we went there to further promote the art of change ringing; not to watch the hunters' pursuit in the 'Joy wheel, but to ring joy bells' for the glorification of the men and women and armies who have been instrumental in bringing the war to a successful issue. The fare was of a high order, and verged into a peal attempt in the afternoon. This unfortunately came to grief after two hours and twenty minutes by an error at the end of the fifth 720. The members taking part were W. C. Hunt, T. H. Kirby, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, A. Mackear, W. E. White and Walter White.

East Bridgford was also on the agenda for the day's ringing, and although unfortunately one of our number was indisposed through sudden illness, the Rev. A. Hill, Rector of East Bridgford, kindly filled the breach, and enabled us to make the attempt for a peal. After a capital first 720 had been rung the conductor had perforce to call 'stand,' in lieu of the ever welcome 'this is all' at the end of a success. After several other touches, with the Rev. A. Hill continuing to assist, and including, on this trip, Mr. Tom Squires (Cotgrave), we separated with regrets and hastened to our respective homes. H

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Although altered at the eleventh hour, a meeting well attended, especially by members of H.M. Forces, was held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, December 28th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3.30 p.m., and was carried on until 6.30 p.m.

The business meeting took place in the Parish Room, adjoining the church, and was fairly well attended, although several members living at a distance had, perforce, to seek their way home early.

The chair was taken by Mr. G. R. Fardon, in the absence of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, still serving with H.M. Forces.—The election of Mr. Edward P. Duffield, of Thorston Mills, Long Stratton, Norfolk, was ratified.—A vote of sympathy was accorded to the relatives of Messrs. F. J. Hardy, Morley, and Taffender, and the Hon. Secretary was requested to convey the resolution to them.

Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1919, was fixed for the annual general meeting, particulars of which will appear in the 'Ringing World' in due course.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Botolph's for the use of the bells, and of the Parish Room, also to Mr. W. Arnold, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness at both places.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The December meeting of the Western District was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, when over 30 members were present, represented Birstall, Burley, Calverley, Denholme, Gaisley, Holbeck, Horbury, Headingley St. Michael's, Keighley, Leeds Parish, Mirfield, Pudsey, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going in several methods. Tea was partaken of in the men's club, Westwood Lane, followed by the general business meeting. In the absence of Mr. Bolland, the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Association) took the chair, and the following new members were elected: Chas. Senior, of Earlsheaton, and Messrs. Fred Crawshaw, Traynor, and Milner, of Mirfield.

The President then announced that the Yorkshire annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, the last Saturday in January. The venue for the annual district meeting was next discussed, and it was decided to hold the meeting at Earlsheaton, if possible.—Mr. Williams moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and local ringers for use of the bells, and arrangements made that day.—This was seconded by Mr. Dixon, and replied to by the Chairman and Mr. Petty.—Handbell ringing was then indulged in, bringing a good meeting to a close.

## NOTICES.

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

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

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 2 p.m., service 5.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—An extra meeting will be held at Newport, Jan. 18. Bells available from 3 to 9. Business meeting 5.30 in the Parish

Room.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

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

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

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

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

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock to 4.30, short service in the church and tea by the Guild at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present at tea please notify me not later than Jan. 17th?—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea 5.30 p.m. (food included) to those informing me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th.—T. Law, Dis. Sec., S. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock, committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5 (1s. 6d. each), followed by general meeting, all in the Church Institute. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than Thursday, 16th inst.?—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Wotton Branch will be held at Dursley on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Estab. 1875.—The annual meeting will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, January 25th, 1919. For full particulars see circular to all towers.—H. Williams, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.



**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. Special service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Room at 5.45. As it is intended that this meeting shall take the form of a thanksgiving for the conclusion of hostilities, it is requested that members will make every effort to take part. The Vicars of St. Martin's, St. Bride's, and Shoreditch will be in attendance. Visitors specially welcome. Members intending to be present are requested to send a card to the Master, at 130, Clonmore Street, S.W. 18, by Jan. 21st, to facilitate arrangements for tea.—James Parker, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*.

**SALOP GUILD.**—Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 1919, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing at 2.30 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. the Hon. Archdeacon Lambart, M.A.; tea in St. Alkmund's Parish Room at 6 p.m.; business meeting 6.45. Please reply to Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before 21st inst.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (Christ Church) on Saturday, January 25th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. A. W. Boulden (Vicar) at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. Will those intending to be present let me know by Monday, Jan. 20th, the latest. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.**—Will intending visitors to Rugby please note that the practice night of the above Society will be Wednesday evenings, from 7.30 to 9, commencing January 1st, 1919?—J. B. Fenton, Master.

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