

8th October, 1915

THE FRANCIS FOOTE CHOIR. The rehearsals will recommence on Monday next, October 12th at 7.45. The earlier hour is proposed because of the darkened streets. Members are requested to bring Handel's Messiah with them to the first rehearsal.

Kent and Sussex Courier

(Shortened version on October 15th, 1915.)

29th October, 1915 (local news)

THE FRANCIS FOOTE CHOIR.

It has been decided to give a performance of that ever beautiful work Handel's Messiah in the Great Hall. The proceeds will be devoted to that most worthy object the Red Cross Fund.

(Repeated on Nov. 5th.)

December, 1915 (Large advert.)

GREAT HALL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Afternoon oratorio

Wednesday December 8th at 3

Francis Foote Choir

will give Handel's Immortal
MESSIAH

In aid of the Red Cross V.A.D. Hospitals
Soloists

Soprano Miss Margery Strange Alto Miss May Purcell

Tenor Mr. Annam Michael Bass Mr. F. Percival Driver

Full choir and orchestra

Conductor Francis J. Foote, A.R.A.M.

Front-chairs (numbered) 4/- Reserved (numbered) 3/-

Gallery 2/- Back seats 1/-

Doors open at 2.30. Carriages 5.15. Plan and
tickets at Pelton's, The Broadway.

10th December 1915

"THE MESSIAH" AT THE GREAT HALL.

In aid of the four local V.A.D. Hospitals, the Francis Foote Choir gave a performance of "The Messiah" at the Great Hall on Wednesday afternoon last. Mr. Francis J. Foote, A.R.A.M., was the Conductor, and the soloists were Miss Margery Strange (soprano), Miss May Purcell (contralto), Mr. Annam Michael (tenor), and Mr. Percival Driver (bass). It has been customary for several years past for this Choral Society to give "The Messiah" during Advent, and this year's performance was fully equal to those of former years, despite the disadvantages arising from lack of young men. The inclusion of several Lancashire men in khaki gave the chorus an unusual feature, their voices helping materially in the choruses. There was a full string orchestra, with horn and piano. Miss Margery Strange achieved a notable success in her recitations and solos, her well-trained voice showing itself particularly suitable for the work of this oratorio. The other vocalists filled their parts with distinction, and were warmly applauded. A pleasing link with the object of the concert was the presence of Mrs. Stimson, Mrs. Turner and Miss Churches, from the Kingswood V.A.D. Hospital in their nurses' dress, these ladies giving much valued help in the arrangements. At the conclusion of the concert a verse of the National Anthem was sung. We are informed that the Francis Foote Choir commences on Monday next the rehearsal of "Israel in Egypt" for a concert to be given in March in aid of the Anglo-Russian Hospital.

3rd December 1915 Local news

MR. FRANCIS FOOTE'S CHOIR will give a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at the Great Hall on Wednesday afternoon, the 8th December, at 3 o'clock. The soloists will be Miss Margery Strange, Miss May Purcell, Mr. Annam Michael, and Mr. F. Percival Driver. There will be a full choir and orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. Francis J. Foote. The entire profits will be divided between the West Hall, Rusthall, St. Mark's and Kingswood Park V.A.D. Hospitals.