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**BELLS,
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THE COUNCIL AND ITS POWERS.

The article which appeared in this column a fortnight ago, reminding Associations of the fact that they have been asked to decide whether or not the Central Council should be vested with powers for enforcing their decisions, was not ill-timed, and we are glad to learn that several of the important societies who will meet between this and Whitsun will discuss the matter. Officially, we believe, it is required that the decisions of the Associations shall be sent in by the end of April, but there are some organisations whose annual meetings are not held until nearer Whitsun, and they, of course, will not be in a position to express their views until after the date fixed for notifying the Council.

At the meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild the other day, the subject was discussed and a resolution against powers of enforcement being placed in the hands of the Council was passed. Up to the present this has been the attitude of the majority of those who have debated the question, and we believe that, in the end, this is the feeling that will prevail. On the face of it, of course, it would seem to vest the Council with greater importance if it were given authority to enforce its decisions; but, as we pointed out last year in commenting upon the proposal, the difficulties which arise in giving practical effect to the suggestion are almost insurmountable, and it would be disastrous to the Council's future to give it an authority which could be ignored at will by any individual or Association. All the while a ringer was in agreement with a decision he would accept its enforcement, but directly he was opposed to it he would, as likely as not, ignore it, and no compulsory powers which might have been set up by resolution could make him obey the Council's ruling unless he pleased. The same thing would apply in the case of an Association and might lead to secessions which, ultimately, would wreck the Council.

This is the most formidable obstacle in the way of giving effect to the proposal, and the future of the Council must, it appears to us, rest upon the extent to which the Council can retain the loyal support of the Exercise by proving its utility and extending the interest in it. The Hon. Secretary of the Herts County Association contributes a useful suggestion for helping to keep the Council in touch with the affiliated bodies, and it is in such directions, rather than in setting up an authority which cannot be maintained, that we must look for the future increase of the Council's influence. And in discussing the particular proposition which the Associations are asked to express their views upon, we ought to get many valuable suggestions.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE LADD	Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON	6
ARCHIE C. STOKES	2	TOM TEBBUTT	7
ROBERT RICHARDSON	3	FRED W. STOKES	8
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON	4	JOHN W. WOOD	9
PHYLLIS HARE	5	REV. H. LAW JAMES	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Arranged and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal of Royal by the ringers of 4, 5, 6 and 7.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

† VINCENT BUTLER	Treble	* WALTER CROSS	5
TOM TEBBUTT	2	* HUGH BEECHY	6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE	3	* FREDERICK T. COOKE	7
* FRANK DAINTY	4	ARTHUR NEALE	Tenor

Conducted by F. T. COOKE.

† First peal.

* First peal of Triples.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Four Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7104 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT ELLAM	Treble	CHARLES SENIOR	5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR	2	WILLIAM B. FRITH	6
WILLIAM CLARK	3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	7
EDWARD CROWTHER	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition contains the sixty course ends and is now rung for the first time.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 1, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS NORA E. SHORTER	Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD	5
ALBERT ELLIS	2	GEORGE ELLIS	6
JOHN RICE	3	GEORGE ILLMAN	7
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN.	4	OLIVER SIFFETTS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Conducted by OLIVER SIFFETTS.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDMUND G. TOMLINSON	Treble	JOHN E. MILLER	5
* ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	2	HARRY MILLER	6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	4	ALFRED G. CRANE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Stedman. It was intended to ring London, but owing to indisposition the above was substituted. This was J. E. Miller's and J. Armstrong's 100th peal together.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JOSEPH J. PARKER'S COMPANION TO No. 8. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	
ALBERT E. BAKER Treble	ALFRED BAIGENT 5
GEORGE GANDER 2	LAZARUS PAYNE 6
GEORGE PAYNE 3	CHARLES TYLER 7
ERNEST LISH 4	WILLIAM MARKWELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, February 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AND ST. ETHELBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 41 cwt.	
JOHN BEAVAN Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS 5
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 2	ALBERT E. HURCOMBE 6
GEORGE GIBLIN 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4	CHARLES SPARKES Tenor

Conducted by W. H. WILLIAMS.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. This is the first peal of Triples ever rung in the City of Hereford by all local men.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*THOMAS HARD Treble	HARRY SMALE 5
LEWIS CORDELL 2	GEORGE DENT 6
WILLIAM DELLAR 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
†WILLIAM MORRIS 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.
Conducted by HARRY SMALE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.	
†PERCY L. PARSLÖE Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
*WILLIAM C. L. PRIOR 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
*EDWARD P. ASHBY 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

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

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
CORNELIUS CHARGE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	*ALBERT W. COLES 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
WILLIAM PALMER Treble	CHARLES PALMER 5
JOHN W. GOLDING 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
ALFRED CRIPPS 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
JOHN JAY 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD
DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	THOMAS BETTISON 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
CHARLES MASON 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

M. MORRIS'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART
Tenor 16½ cwt.

†J. W. HALL Treble	F. CRYER 5
J. JACKSON 2	H. S. MORLEY 6
†G. W. P. FENTON 3	*H. FAIRLAM 7
†T. MORGAN 4	G. RIFTON Tenor

Conducted by H. FAIRLAM.

† First peal. * First peal as conductor. This was the first peal by a Selby Abbey band.

PONTYPRIDD.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.	
HARRY PAGE Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
FREDERICK LASBURY 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 3	JAMES CROSS 7
BERT DAVIES 4	GEORGE WINES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES CROSS.

* First peal in the method on the bells. This peal was arranged for F. Chamberlain of St. John's, Cardiff, all the others belong to Pentre, Rhondda.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
EDWIN WOOD Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER 5
*EDWIN STARKEY 2	*STEPHEN DANBY 6
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3	JOHN CORRIGAN 7
CHARLES STARKEY 4	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Canon H. G. Daniell Bainbridge, Rector and Rural Dean of Handsworth, the bride being Miss Ella Winifred Fannie Dodsworth, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dodsworth, Queen's Gate, London. The ceremony took place in the Henry VII. Chapel, Westminster Abbey, on Tuesday, February 3rd, the bridegroom being a former Precentor of Westminster and Hon. Priest in Waiting to the King, the Dean of Westminster (Bishop Ryle) officiating. * First peal with a bob bell.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEWMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

SGT. W. HIBBERT Treble	JOHN MCKEAG 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	*RICHARD THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal. Sgt. W. Hibbert belongs to the Devon Regt.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE UPSHALL Treble	SERGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	THOMAS UPSHALL 6
MATRICE SMITHER 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged at the invitation of the Farnham band, to give the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. G. Williams) an opportunity of meeting ringers of the Guildford District.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	*JOHN H. WHITE 7
C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholar's Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Lord Henniker, and also to E. Young.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM UNSTEAD Treble	BERT BANKS 4
WILLIAM SMITH 2	JAMES HART 5
GEORGE FAIRBROTHER ... 3	GEORGE FROST Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HART.

The conductor belongs to Uckfield and the rest to the local band. It was the first peal by all the latter, and the ringers wish to thank Mr. Hart for all the trouble he has taken in teaching them.

PENSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Grandsire Minor and two each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY J. PHIPPS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
FREDERICK JOHNSON 2	HUBERT SALISBURY 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

It had been arranged to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples upon the Abbey bells, but, owing to the inclement weather, the band was too short, and the above was rung instead.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 4
FRANK L. FISHER 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5
GEORGE R. FINCH 3	NORMAN K. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd. First peal with a bob bell by the ringer of 2nd and first attempt. This peal was rung to welcome the new Vicar (Rev. C. Heywood), whose induction took place the previous Wednesday, and who very generously provided tea for the band after the peal.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

H. STANFORD Treble	F. CHIPPER 4
C. STREET 2	C. GOLDRING 5
G. BRADEN 3	C. HARDING Tenor

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Harry Evans, for many years District Secretary of the Association, and for 60 years a ringer.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.: Imperial Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob.

ALICE WHEELDON Treble	CLEMENT POINTON 4
WILLIAM WHEELDON, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
ALICE PRESTON 3	CHARLES PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES PRESTON.

First peal by all except the ringers of the 4th and tenor. It is also the first peal in which a lady has taken part at the tower, also the first time that ladies have taken part in a peal in the above Association.

BARLBORO', DERBYSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM KENNAN Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 4
FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 2	JOHN R. BROOKS 5
ALFRED E. PARSONS 3	WILLIAM JACQUES' Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine and Oxford Delight, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDGAR PIZZEY Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER 4
HENRY BURCH 2	JOSEPH LAST 5
FRANK L. FISHER 3	GEORGE W. ARLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

First peal by the ringer of treble and first attempt.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN PATMORE Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
ERNEST A. OVERALL 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
NATHAN PATMORE 3	GEORGE H. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by HENRY WALLACE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE MASCOIT, OLD FARM ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

*REGINALD BROUGH 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: L. W. WIFFEN and J. T. SCOTT. Witness: MRS. SCOTT.
* First peal 'in hand.' This peal was arranged for Mr. R. Brough of Croydon.

CHESTER GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH DISCUSSES COUNCIL'S POWERS.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, on Saturday, February 14th.

Service was held in the church, and was conducted by the Rev. H. Barker (Vicar), the Rev. Canon J. G. Bird, Rural Dean, read the lesson, and the Lord Bishop of Chester gave a very interesting address. Amongst those present at the service were Mr. C. J. Bowman-Cooke, Master of the Guild; Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), branch secretary; Rev. F. O. L. Hamilton (Northenden), chairman of the branch; Rev. H. J. Graham, Vicar of St. George's, Hyde, with about sixty members, representing almost every tower in the branch.

After service, an excellent tea was provided.—The Master, on behalf of the company, welcomed the Bishop, and said that, although this was the first branch meeting his Lordship had attended, it was sincerely hoped that it would not be the last.

In reply, his Lordship said how pleased he was to be present at the meeting, and to see how prominent was the spirit of good fellowship, which he hoped would continue.

The usual business meeting followed, and after the settlement of 'domestic' matters, the question of the 'Central Council Powers' proposal was discussed. Much interest in the matter was manifested, and the following resolution fairly well summarises the opinions expressed: 'That this meeting believes the work of the Central Council in the past has been of great benefit to the Exercise generally, and is the principal cause of the marked advance in recent years of the science and art of change ringing. In consequence, the meeting is prepared to support the further efforts of the Council as far as possible, but as of opinion that for the Council to have powers conferred upon it to make such support obligatory, would not prove satisfactory.'

DATE TOUCHES.

On February 16th, at St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger, Essex, in 1 hr. 2 mins., a date touch of 1920 changes, being 480 of Kent, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob: Alf. Appleton 1, G. H. Neville 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, J. R. Owers 4, C. J. Mann 5, Arth. Appleton 6.

Claimed to be the first date touch rung in Wales, 1920 Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells on February 12th, under the auspices of the West Wales Association by: S. A. Perry 1-2, J. A. Hoare 3-4, J. Arthur Hoare, junr. (conductor), 5-6. Rung in 47 minutes, and in celebration of the conductor's discharge from the army.

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THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I agree with your leading article of February 13th, and trust it will lead many Associations to discuss the subject of the powers of the Central Council before the Council meets. The Herts County Association will discuss the matter at their Easter meeting at St. Albans, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake having given me notice of a resolution. I appeal to all our members to thoughtfully consider the matter, and then to come to our annual meeting prepared to express an opinion, and to vote according to their judgment.

I would suggest that it should be imperative that all Association representatives on the Central Council should furnish a brief written summary of the annual meeting they attend, which should afterwards be incorporated in the report issued by the Association they represent. This would help to bring the Central Council into close touch with ringers. And, Mr. Editor, might I suggest that these reports, or an epitome, should be inserted in the 'Ringing World,' which would enable us all to get a glimpse of ringers' thought in concrete form.—Yours truly,

G. W. CARTMEL,
Hon. Sec. Hertford County Association.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY.

At the London County Association's annual meeting, the hearty congratulations of the Association were presented to the firm of Messrs Mears and Stainbank upon the 350th anniversary of the establishment of the famous Whitechapel foundry, in what was then the outlying fields east of London. This was in 1570.

Stow, London's famous historian, speaking of the time, says, east of Bishopsgate were 'fair hedgerows of elm trees, with bridges, and easy styles to pass over into the pleasant fields, very commodious for citizens therein to walk about.' How we wish old John had thought to describe the new foundry, too!

St. Clement Danes has, by the way, as the Rector reminded the meeting, an early example of this foundry's work, viz., the Sanctus bell, dated 1588.

PRESENTATION TO A TAUNTON RINGER.

A pleasant little ceremony took place on Sunday morning in the belfry of St. James' Church, Taunton. Recently, Mr. J. Maddock was re-elected, for the thirtieth year in succession, conductor of the St. James' Guild, and his fellow ringers seized the opportunity to express their appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Maddock has discharged his duties, and to show in tangible form, the good feeling existing in the Guild.

The Vicar, in well-chosen remarks, presented Mr. Maddock with a gold pendant in the shape of a bell, engraved on one side, 'The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers,' and on the other 'Presented to Mr. J. Maddock by the St. James' Ringers, Taunton, February, 1920.'—Mr. Maddock, who was taken quite by surprise, acknowledged the present, said he should continue to do all he could for the benefit of the ringers and the church.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. HENRY WHITE.

At a recent meeting of the Basingstoke Combined Society (St. Michael's and All Saints) it was decided to open a fund with the object of erecting a suitable memorial in recognition of the long and valuable services of the late Mr. Henry White, whose indefatigable enthusiasm in the advancement and general uplifting of the ringers' art was so widely recognised. It is proposed, with the consent of the authorities, to place a brass tablet, with suitable inscription, on the interior west wall of St. Michael's Church, underneath the tower, and to have a framed photograph of it hung in the belfry, and, as far as funds permit, to undertake the renovation of St. Michael's belfry, which was for so many years under Mr. White's special care, and to which nothing has been done since the bells were re-hung in 1879. An advertisement respecting the proposed memorial appears in our advertising columns, and we commend the object to the large number of ringers who were favoured with Mr. White's genial and happy friendship.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Broomfield on February 14th, when touches of Grandire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. Tea was held at the Coffee House, 28 members sitting down, representing Whittle, Boreham, Springfield, Rettendon, Fryerning and Chelmsford, and the local company.

Mr. H. J. Mansfield was also present in the afternoon from Malden. At the meeting which followed, eight new members and eight probationary members were elected, and Brentwood was selected for the meeting on Easter Monday.

A party visited Great Waltham tower in the evening, where some good touches of Grandire, Stedman Double Norwich and Superlative were rung.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL BELLS. NEW TREBLES DEDICATED.

As a thankoffering for the blessing of peace, two new bells have been added to Llandaff Cathedral by the generosity of Mr. J. T. Duncan, of Llandaff, thus raising the peal from eight to ten. The cost of relanging the existing octave has also been defrayed by Mr. Duncan, who has been a great benefactor to the Cathedral, having only quite recently installed a new heating apparatus, and provided also for its future upkeep in the way of fuel, etc. He has also paid for a new Cathedral porch, and only last week, on account of the Disestablishment of the Welsh Church, presented £1,000 to the Cathedral.

The old eight bells at the Cathedral have the reputation of being one of the finest rings in the country, and came from the White-chapel Foundry about forty years ago. They have now been relunged with all new fittings, and the two trebles hung in a new iron frame up over the old eight. The splice is a splendid one, and the work reflects the highest possible credit on the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' of the bells being perfect.

The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff on Saturday last, a large congregation attending the service, the bells being rung for the first time while the Bishop, clergy and choir returned from the north-west tower to their places. A special hymn, 'Over hill and valley pealing come the voices of the bells' was sung, and immediately the service closed, the bells went off into well-struck Grandsire Caters.

The bells were available for the whole of the evening, and full advantage taken of testing them by the large number of ringers that mustered from various towers in the diocese. At tea, to which the visitors were entertained by Mr. Duncan, a distinguished company assembled, including the donor of the bells, with his wife; the Bishop of the Diocese, the Dean of Llandaff, the Archdeacon of Monmouth, Dr. Green, Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing the founders), etc. The Dean took the opportunity of thanking the donor, and saying how grateful the authorities were for what he had done, by placing the Cathedral on a level with any other church in the diocese in having ten bells.—The gratefulness of the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers was expressed by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), and the Bishop also coupled his name with all that had been said.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. T. BFADUE'S RESIGNATION.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 7th. Favoured by a fine afternoon, a good attendance of members and friends made much use of the riverside peal of eight, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Summerfield (assistant curate), and was fully choral, the organist and choir being present. The subject of the address was 'service,' in which those present were reminded of their high calling as ringers among the church workers. 'Ye Servants of the Lord' and 'Unchanging God who Livest' were amongst the hymns sung.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the London Apprentice, where Mr. Churchwarden Edgley entertained the gathering to tea, and welcomed them on behalf of the Vicar and authorities.—The business meeting followed, with Mr. Edgley in the chair. The balance sheet and report were adopted. Mr. T. Beadle, after many years' service as Master, felt that he should now be relieved of his office, and a very warm tribute of thanks was given him, on the proposition of Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. Norton. The following were elected officers for 1920: Master, Mr. C. S. Bird; hon. sec., Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. Carter.

Several new members were elected, and Hillingdon chosen for the next meeting, on March 13th.

Heartfelt votes of thanks were given to the churchwarden for his kind hospitality, to the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Summerfield), Mr. T. Beadle, the organist, choir and local ringers for their many services in connection with the success of the meeting.

Among those present were Miss N. G. Williams and Miss Feltham, and Messrs. T. Beadle, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong, A. R. Macdonald, C. S. Bird, G. W. Fletcher, W. Hewett, E. F. Pike, C. Edwards, etc. After the meeting, the tower was again visited for further ringing.

ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral took place on Saturday week, at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, of Mr. William Taylor, for nearly 40 years a regular ringer at St. Margaret's Church, and secretary of the band. For 45 years he was a member of the choir. He passed away at the age of 57 years, after a long and trying illness.

The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Russell, assisted by the Rev. — Hume. The church was filled by a congregation of parishioners and friends desirous of paying a last tribute to one who was widely respected in the parish. Before the service the bells were rung fully muffled, and afterwards the whole pull and stand was rung 57 times. This was followed by touches of Bob Minor and six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. A RECORD MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the London County Association was held at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, February 14th, a record number of members being present. The bells were kept going from 3 to 5 p.m. in Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. At the service, which followed, the Association's form of service was used, the majority of members taking part. The lessons were read by Messrs. R. A. Daniell and E. A. Young. The Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A.), Hon. Chaplain to the Association, conducted the service, and gave a most interesting address. Taking his text from the 150th Psalm, 'Praise the Lord on the high-sounding cymbals,' the Rector dwelt on the means of praise to God from the time of the Psalmist to the present day; how the bells themselves entered our daily life by their joyful notes, as well as that of mourning; the need for harmony between the parson and the ringers, and also the necessity for unity and good feeling between the ringers themselves.

A move was then made to the Parish Hall, Clare Market, where a substantial tea had kindly been provided by the Rector and Mrs. Pennington Bickford.

Arrangements had been made for 60 persons, but considerably more than this number being present, several were entertained at an adjoining tearoom by that enthusiastic member, Mr. E. A. Young.

Over 100 members were present at the business meeting, the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, being in the chair.—Five new members were elected.

The Master drew attention to the straitened circumstances of the widow and family of the late Mr. Fred Davis, and a subscription list was at once headed by the Rector and Mr. C. Dean.

Rules 1 and 12 were altered, rule 1 to include 'Patrons, honorary and ringing members,' and rule 12 to read 'Life ringing members' subscription to be 5s., and honorary members to subscribe not less than 2s. 6d. per annum.'

A collection was made toward the Restoration Fund of St. Clement's, the sum of £5 5s. being handed to the Rector, who thanked the Association for their help, both in this respect and for their services on Sundays.

Mrs. Pennington Bickford then determined to have a hand in the proceedings, and generously gave a donation of £2 2s. to the Association, the funds being in a low state.

The Master read the annual report, and called attention to the Association's loss of a valuable supporter in Mr. Hubbard. Forty-five new members were elected during the year 1919, and 14 peals were rung, the conducting being shared by Messrs. T. H. Taffender 10, A. D. Baker 2, P. Skevington 1 and R. F. Deal 1. Two twelve-bell peals were amongst this number, Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Maximus, mention being made that it is a considerable number of years since a peal on this number of bells was rung. Attention was also called to the success of the efforts of the committee elected to arrange the ringing for peace celebrations.

There was mild competition for the office of Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender easily securing the majority. The other positions were not contested, the following being elected: Mr. W. G. Matthews, hon. general treasurer; Mr. F. Ball, senior steward; Mr. P. Norton, junior steward; Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. T. H. Taffender, trustees; Mr. A. D. Barker, hon. general secretary.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and to the Rector and Mrs. Pennington Bickford concluded a most successful meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Surfleet on February 14th, ringers being present from Spalding, Fleet, Pinchbeck, Donington, Bicker, Heckington, Grantham, Peterborough, and the local company. The bells were kept going during the day in various methods, from Grandsire Doubles to Bob Royal. Dinner was provided in the Fraiser Schoolroom, about 60 sitting down, the catering being kindly undertaken by that well-known ringer, Mr. Rupert Richardson. After the dinner, the meeting was held, the Rev. J. J. Wayet, president, being in the chair. After the toast of 'Church and King,' the officers were duly elected for the ensuing year, and several new members were elected. The next meeting is to be held at Lutton St. Nicholas, on Whit-Monday.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. H. L. James for the use of the bells and for arranging the service, brought a successful meeting to a close.

A short service was held, when an address was given by the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild), who took for his text 1 Corinthians xii. 27, and urged on the members not to neglect teaching the young ringers and giving them every encouragement.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the presence of a young band of ringers from Lutton, who have taught themselves from Snowdon's 'Rope Sight' and 'Standard Methods,' and can now ring Grandsire Doubles very well indeed.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE HEREFORD DISTRICT.**

A highly successful meeting, the first annual meeting of the Hereford district, was held at Hereford on February 7th. Ringing took place in the afternoon on the peal of six at St. Michael's Church, and later a service was held, the special form of the Winchester Guild (the copies being kindly lent by Mr. J. J. Jones, of Guildford) was used. The Bishop of Hereford attended, and gave a most excellent address, in which he described bell ringing as one of the democratic arts, a beautiful adjunct to religion, and a healthy recreation. About 80 ringers, were present at the service, and the following clergy: Rev. A. B. Wynne Wilson (St. Nicholas), Rev. T. Clark Smith, Rev. A. Middleton, Rev. G. W. Turner, Rev. T. O. Chosteris, Rev. A. C. Lee, Rev. Dr. E. Rowlands, and Rev. R. G. Ellwood, and Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Guild. After service, the ringers adjourned to St. Nicholas' Parish Room, where a splendid tea was provided.

At the business meeting, the Master presided, and the Secretary (Mr. G. Edwards) produced the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand on the first year's working of £2 15s. 11d.

The balance sheet was adopted with applause, and the Secretary pointed out that the total membership of the district was 98, with eleven honorary members. Fifty of this number had been roped in since the district was formed, as well as seven honorary members.

Mr. Edwards then gave his report as Ringing Master. He pointed out that all meetings and combined practices had been well attended, and it was most encouraging to him to go on with the laborious work now in hand. He thanked the members for their loyalty and support without which he could not have done what he had. Great progress had been made in peal ringing in the district, as he was pleased to say that since the district was formed they had rung the first peal of Triples ever rung by local men, at Burghill, on September 27th, and the first local peal of Triples ever rung in the city was rung at the Cathedral on Wednesday, February 4th, conducted by his colleague, Mr. Williams. He urged upon all present the duty of keeping their bells going regularly for service, if only good rounds were rung.

The Rev. G. W. Turner proposed that Mr. Edwards be re-elected as secretary and Ringing Master, and mentioned the fact that since August Mr. Edwards had covered 1,470 miles on a push bike for the good of ringers and ringing. He thought they were most fortunate in having him with them.—The motion was carried with great applause.—Mr. W. H. Williams was re-elected assistant Ringing Master. It was decided to hold quarterly meetings as follows: May, at Marden; August, at Allensmore; November, at Lugwardine; and that the monthly combined practice be left in the hands of the secretary.

The Master, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Edwards, remarked that his return to the old county had been the means of, in a few months, of working a revolution in bell ringing in the district.

Afterwards the Cathedral was visited, and various touches rung.

MEMORIAL TO LADY RINGER.**UNVEILING CEREMONY AT COTGRAVE, NOTES.**

On Saturday, February 14th, a beautiful oak tablet, which has been placed in the ringing chamber of Cotgrave Church, in memory of Dorothy White, who had been for some time a member of the local company of ringers, was unveiled by the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Hales). The deceased, a daughter of Mr. W. E. White, for many years secretary of the Midland Counties Association, through her kindly and unselfish disposition was a great favourite with everybody, and her early death is deeply lamented by all, especially by her comrades of the belfry.

After the dedicatory prayers had been offered up, and the tablet duly admired by all present, the bells were raised in peal, and a date touch of Minor, 1920 changes, was rung by the same band who rang a similar touch on the occasion of the deceased's funeral, Nov. 11th, 1918, and whose names are also recorded on the tablet. The touch consisted of 720 changes each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and 480 of Plain Bob, and was rung in 1 hr. 15 mins., by the following members of the Midland Counties Association: G. Nowell, Radcliffe, 1; Walter White, conductor, Cotgrave, 2; Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, 3; William E. White, Cotgrave, 4; F. Spencer, Radcliffe, 5; T. Squires, Cotgrave, 6.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the company were kindly entertained to refreshments at Ivy Cottage, the residence of Mr. W. E. White.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—Lancashire Association.—On Wednesday, February 4th, after meeting short for Steadman Triples, a date touch of Minor (1920 changes), in 1 hr., comprising 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 1,200 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Fisher 1, W. Battle 2, H. W. Kirton 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, A. Lintott 5, E. Caunce 6, E. Bumpfry and H. W. Kirton hail from Writtle, near Chelmsford.

NOTICES.

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LOW MOOR, BRADFORD.—Official re-opening of bells, which have recently been rehung, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28th. All ringers are invited.—J. W. Simpson, 4, Harby Fold, Low Moor, Bradford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Late the St. James' Society (estab. 1824).—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing from 2 till 4.30; service at 4.30; tea at George and Dragon at 5 o'clock, a short business meeting to follow.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; Service 4.45; tea and business meeting at King's Head 5.30.—E. Butler, District Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 2.30 to 8. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's St., Ramsbottom.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wootton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cam on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells from 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Appleton, Berks, on March 4th. Peal attempt 12.30. Dinner 4.30. Will those attending please notify me not later than March 2nd?—G. Holifield, Sec., Appleton, Berks.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea for those who notify me by March 3rd.—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30, followed by tea.—Charles Morse, Sec., 2, Dycock Road, Sketty, Swansea.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held by kind permission on Saturday, March 6th, at Midsomer Norton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Monday, March 1st? All ringers welcome.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on

Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3; service and address by the Rector (Rev. Campbell Ward) at 5; the Rector is kindly providing tea in the Parish Room at 5.30 to those who notify me by Tuesday, March 2nd; business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1920 should be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—N. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3; Service at 5. Tea, by kind permission of Mr. Nye, at Lynhurst; will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 6th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 and after service. Tea at 4.30, followed by meeting. Service at 6, address by Canon Chichester. All ringers welcome. Those wishing for tea must please notify by March 1st.—Mrs. Hazelden, St. Michaels, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The March meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, the 6th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 in Church Hall, at 1/- per head, to all those who notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, not later than March 2nd.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service at 4, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. H. Phelps (Vicar). Tea will be provided, for which a charge of 6d. each will be made for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 2nd. It is urgently hoped that all outstanding contributions will be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Birstall on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 until 9 p.m. Short service in church 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in Boys' School, business meeting afterwards.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Rannor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head to those who notify Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, not later than March 9th.—Arthur Hague, Dis. Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown St., Harrow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea at 5 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A special meeting on finance will be held at the King of Denmark, after practice at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, March 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The early Spring meeting of the above will be held at Deal on Saturday, March 13th. The bells will be available for ringing. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector, and business meeting after. Fuller particulars next week.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 5th, to receive officers' report, treasurer's accounts, and for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Under Rule 7, nominations for the various positions must reach me one month before the meeting. Further particulars of meeting later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. HENRY WHITE.—The Basingstoke Combined Society (St. Michael's and All Saints') respectfully invite contributions towards a fund being raised to erect a suitable memorial in recognition of the sterling work of the late Mr. Henry White, who for upwards of 30 years was Sexton and Captain of ringers at St. Michael's, a leading conductor and Hon. Auditor of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and one of its representatives on the Central Council from its formation. Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. Councillor Wyeth (Churchwarden), 17, New Street, Basingstoke.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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DONOR OF ERITH BELLS DEAD.

On Tuesday, February 10th, the death occurred, at Bournemouth, of the Rev. Canon A. W. Boulden, Vicar of Christ Church, Erith, at the age of 73. During his 28 years' incumbency he had spent a sum of more than £10,000 on improving and beautifying his church. The crowning act of his life, as he so often described it himself, came about five years ago, when he gave a new tower and spire, and a peal of eight bells to complete the church.

He often expressed great satisfaction and thankfulness at having been spared to see its completion. One of his very last wishes was that he might be taken back to Erith to be within the sound of his beautiful bells, and arrangements had actually been made for him to be brought back in a motor ambulance on the Wednesday, but he died the previous evening. To show how interested he was in his ringers and bells, he sent special message at Christmas to Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, asking him to do whatever he could to interest and help his ringers.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Northern Division took place at Baldock on Saturday, February 7th. Among the members were representatives from Barley, Cambridge, Hatfield, Hitchin, Royston, Stevenage, Wellington, and Great Wymondley. After ringing in the afternoon the visitors were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector. This was followed by a business meeting, over which the Rector (Canon Nairne) presided. While welcoming the Association again, he thought it would be the last time he should meet them in Baldock, though he hoped to meet them again at some other centre.

Knebworth was chosen for the next meeting. Business over, St. Mary's tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The recent meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was attended by members from Dursley, Thornbury, Berkeley, Wotton and Nibley. After service and tea the usual business meeting was held, when Mr. F. K. Howell spoke in support of the scheme for providing a memorial for the fallen ringers of the diocese, and voiced the thanks of the ringers to the Rector (the Rev. E. R. Mosley). Some good ringing practice was obtained during the afternoon and evening.

LATE NOTICE.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 2nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 4th and 18th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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