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PROPOSED POWERS OF CHURCH COUNCILS.

In a letter in another column Canon Baker, of Dunstable, points out the powers which the National Assembly of the Church of England proposes to confer upon Parochial Church Councils. These powers include the right, in conjunction with the Incumbent, 'to appoint and dismiss the organist, parish clerk, bellringers, and sexton, or any persons performing or assisting to perform the duties thereof, and to determine the salaries and conditions of tenure of their offices.' Canon Baker points out further that these proposals have passed the 'second reading' stage of the Assembly, and when that body meets again in February next the 'Revision' or, as its Parliamentary equivalent would be called, 'Committee stage' will be taken. That stage, as everyone knows, is generally the last opportunity for detailed amendment that presents itself, and if the clause referred to is added to the measure on that occasion as it stands, then, for good or ill, the Parochial Church Councils will have the controlling voice over the ringers in every parish, a control which not only applies to appointment and dismissal, but, as the terms include, 'the conditions of tenure of their offices,' will probably direct the occasions when the ringers will be allowed to ring the bells.

It is in this respect that Canon Baker raises a warning note, and invites ringers, who wish to express an opinion on the clause, or who desire any amendment to it, to communicate with him. Canon Baker is the only member of the Central Council who is a member of the National Assembly, and he does the Exercise a great service in thus opportunely calling attention to the matter. The question is eminently one which the Central Council should deal with, but, of course, the Council will not meet again until the terms of the measure are settled and it will be too late to act. We think, however, that the Standing Committee of the Council should meet specially to discuss this vital question, and their decision would immeasurably strengthen Canon Baker's hands when the clause comes up for discussion in the Assembly. Reasoned personal opinions will help the Canon, but the voice of the Central Council's Executive would be of real weight. The subject is urgent and fraught with issues of the greatest importance to the Exercise. It is, therefore, one which demands a meeting of the Committee, and not a long-drawn-out discussion by correspondence. Why, as Canon Baker points out, the measure should differentiate between the ringers and the choir is difficult to see, and if it is felt that the proposal is not in the interests of the art of change ringing, here is strong ground for arguing for the omission of bell ringers

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from the clause. But the question needs careful study and discussion before action is taken, and for that and other reasons we hope the Standing Committee will be called together, with Canon Baker, to consider the matter in all its bearings.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FRED HOPPER Treble	HENRY KEY 6
FRED WILFORD 2	ALFRED KING 7
†JOHN METHERELL 3	†WILLIAM ROGERS 8
†JOHN HENSMAN 4	†GEORGE FLAVEL 9
*GEORGE BASFORD 5	WILLIAM ALLEN Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor. This composition is new rung for the first time. The ringer of the 5th bells from Finedon, 7th from Luton, the rest belong to Northampton. * First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*JOHN P. KENT Treble	*RALPH MACKRILL 6
*WILLIAM H. PICKETT 2	*JOHN B. HESSEY 7
HAROLD P. BURTON 3	*WILLIAM ESSERY 8
ERNEST A. REEVE 4	HARRY MANCE 9
ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN 5	*HARRY DIAS Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Birthday compliment to J. B. Hessey.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALDER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE F. JAMES Treble	GEORGE HUXLEY 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ALFRED JAMES 6
EDMUND MOUNTAIN 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
JOHN LYDDIARD 4	ISAAC EMERY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH C. DEAN Treble	JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
HERBERT RAINBOW 2	WILLIAM FAREY 6
WILLIAM ATTERBURY 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
HENRY BLUNDELL 4	WILLIAM G. FAREY, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Alderman W. P. Hannon, of Northampton, whose funeral service took place at All Saints' (the Municipal Church of Northampton) on the above date, the Mayor and Corporation attending.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
FRED CHAMBERS	Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON	5
JAMES HOULDSWORTH	2	EMMANUEL DUTESON	6
JOHN SANDERSON	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	4	JOHN WATSON	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 3rd and 4th. Rung to commemorate Armistice Day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET'S,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE BAILEY	Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5
*ERNEST S. BAILEY	2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	EDGAR H. BAILEY	7
JAMES G. RUMSEY	4	ALLEN F. BAILEY	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT	Treble	FRANK FIELDEN	5
WILLIAM CRABTREE	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	6
JOHN NASH	3	*JAMES H. RIDING	7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	4	EDMOND SCHOFIELD	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Todmorden; 4th, 6th and 7th from Crewe; and tenor from Milnrow. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Mr. A. Crawley was elected a member previous to starting.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROBERT T. LAMBERT	Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY	5
FREDERICK LAMBERT	2	*ALBERT RELFE	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	*JAMES WAGHORN	7
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	CHARLES H. SONE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN HORNE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT	Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
GEORGE BENNETT	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	GEORGE FARNISH	7
ALBERT A. FLEMING	4	WILLIAM BURGESS	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE. Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

First peal as conductor.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	WILLIAM CHAMBERS	5
†REGINALD BROWN	2	*HARRY W. REEVES	6
†JOHN W. FAITHFUL	3	HERBERT PAYNE	7
*WILLIAM H. TUCKER	4	*OLLIVER A. W. GOLLOP	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are from St. Mary's, Southampton.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CLARLES ABLITT	Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS	5
GEORGE PRYKE	2	JOSEPH LAST	6
ALBERT A. FLEMING	3	GEORGE W. ABLITT	7
CHARLES W. PARKER	4	GEORGE A. FLEMING	Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

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

On Monday, Nov. 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL RADDON	Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	ALBERT W. COLES	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	HARRY KILBY	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	REUBEN SANDERS	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. James Dixon as Vicar of Willesden; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*CHARLES COOK	Treble	ALBERT LONGLEY	5
ARTHUR WILES	2	ERNEST EVEREST	6
*CHARLES AYLWARD	3	PERCY DENTON	7
GEORGE EDWARDS	4	HARRY SEAL	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

This peal was arranged for Armistice day, but was unavoidably postponed to the above date, and rung in memory of those of the local band who fell in the great war. * First peal.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

HENRY HARRISON	Treble	JAMES F. GEORGE	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	HENRY GEORGE	6
WALTER TAYLOR	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
WILLIAM H. GEORGE	4	EDWARD C. GOBEY	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This is the first peal rung with four ringers of the surname George taking part.

LONDON.—Middlesex County Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 21st, for evensong, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1311 Stedman Cinques: J. Armstrong 1, W. Pye 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, A. R. Fardon (longest touch) 4, I. G. Shade 5, H. W. Clark 6, A. Mason 7, G. Fletcher 8, G. R. Fardon 9, A. W. Coles 10, R. Sanders 11, W. J. Nudds 12.

SIX BELL PEALS.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM KYTE Treble	CHARLES MACKENZIE ... 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	THOMAS MIDDLETON ... 5
JOSEPH PORTER 3	*WILLIAM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal. Arranged for Joseph Porter, whose wish it was to ring a peal on the bells of the church of his native parish.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

WILFRED BROTHWELL ... Treble	JAMES WILSON 4
DENNIS WOOD 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5
SAMUEL LOCKWOOD 3	EDWIN A. HALL Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

First peal by 2nd, 3rd and tenor, who hail from Desford, Glenfield and, Peckleton, respectively, treble 4th and 5th belong to Knighton. The ringer of the 3rd was proposed a member of the M.C.A. before starting.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Nov. 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALBERT PARKER Treble	JOSEPH HALL 4
ERNEST HARTWELL 2	JAMES HEMMING 5
GEORGE ASHLEY 3	LEONARD HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. ASHLEY.

This peal preceded a Memorial Service and the unveiling of a tablet in church by Lieut.-Col. Heyworth Savage, O.B.E., and the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to those who had made the supreme sacrifice. First peal as conductor.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF S. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER ... Treble	FREDERICK STANTON ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

Rung on the 53rd anniversary of the consecration of this church.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ERNEST E. LINES ... Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
*PERCY S. DEWICK 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss N. E. Last, the eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. Last, of Stony Stratford, to Mr. R. E. F. Courage, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Courage, of Hanslope Lodge.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Beverley, York, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 4
EDWIN YATES 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. Arranged for E. J. Hobbs and H. H. Smith of Husborne Crawley, Beds, and rung as a birthday compliment to E. Yates and C. A. Valentine.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Durham, York, Ipswich, London, Lincoln and Wells. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES ... Treble	EDWARD SMITH ... 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	JOHN MOBLE 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	WILLIAM MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MOBLE.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL (City).

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*A. SMITH Treble	S. THOMAS 4
*W. GIST 2	J. R. JONES 5
*A. LAKE 3	H. G. TODBALL ... Tenor

Conducted by S. THOMAS.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung to commemorate Colston's Day. The last peal rung on these bells was in January, 1891, and was also conducted by Mr. S. Thomas.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

AMOS SMART ... Treble	ALBERT MINNEY ... 4
ARTHUR MINNEY 2	E. J. JONES 5
C. H. FAREY 3	A. STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. FAREY.

First peal as conductor.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TETROCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. ARSCOTT ... Treble	H. TARKER 4
*J. FARMER 2	†F. C. ARSCOTT 5
W. YEANDLE 3	F. G. ARSCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. ARSCOTT.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ICKLETON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Bob Minor.

*P. C. LUKE BROOKES ... Treble	FRANCES W. BOWTELL ... 4
*REGINALD CLEMENTS ... 2	ARTHUR G. LILLEY ... 5
PERCY WEBB 3	†FREDERICK GRIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by P. WEBB.

First peal on the bells. The Vicar (Rev. — May) congratulated the ringers at the conclusion of the peal and kindly provided tea at the Vicarage. * First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

EDWIN HALL... .. Treble	WALTER TRUEMAN 4
ALBERT TRUEMAN 2	JOHN VINCENT 5
CHARLES GARDENER 3	HARRY WESTON Tenor

Conducted by C. GARDENER.

Rung after the dedication of a lych gate, the Church War Memorial. First peal on the bells and by all except the conductor, who hails from Swindon, it being his first peal of Doubles. The rest are local ringers.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Worcester Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

FREDERICK MITCHELL... .. Treble	B. M. TARGETT 4
WILLIAM MITCHELL 2	TOM GREENACRE 5
WILLIAM ELDRED 3	GEO. HAWES... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM GREENACRE.

First peal as conductor.

A SHROPSHIRE RING REHUNG.

The bells at Stanton-on-Hine Heath, Shropshire, have just been rehung by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, and on Sunday, Nov. 23th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1260 changes), being 6½ six-scores of Grandsire and 4 six-scores of Plain Bob, were rung in 45 mins., by A. White 1, W. Clay 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, W. Lyoett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, H. Edwards 6. Longest touch in two methods for ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6, who are local ringers.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, Nov. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED LINDSAY... .. Treble	FRANK CROFT 4
HERBERT E. DAY... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CROFT 5
GEORGE WOLFE 3	GEORGE CROFT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CROFT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. Croft, member of the local band, on his marriage to Miss Ida Cherry. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Nov. 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by the Performer.

Witnesses: GEORGE JORDAN.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: H. G. BENSON.

* First peal in the method on an inside pair.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow is the date of the meeting of the Lancashire Association at Manchester Town Hall, and not the 4th inst., as advertised last week.

Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, of 7, Fearon Road, Portsmouth, asks if any ringer will be good enough to tell him if there are any peals of bells in Sydney, Australia, and will give the number of bells, and where? As an old ringer, and a 'Cumberland' for the past thirty-eight years, he would be extremely obliged for any information.

The advantage of striking while the iron's hot applies in ringing as in other pursuits. The Gofton family have scored their third peal of London Surprise on handbells, within about a month, and the third is almost as memorable as the first, for the trebles have been rung by Richard A. Gofton before he reached the age of 17. This young ringer has a great future before him.

We hear that Mr. John Carter is shortly taking up his residence in London.

Mr. Clement Glenn, who was hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association before joining H.M. Forces, is settling down in France for a time.

THE FUTURE OF BELL RINGERS.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S PROPOSAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At the meeting of the National Assembly of the Church of England, held at the Church House, Westminster, on November 15th, the draft measure for conferring powers on Parochial Church Councils passed the stage of 'general approval' (corresponding, roughly, to the second reading stage in Parliament), and will come up for the stage of revision (or committee stage) in February next.

Clause 6 (iii.) of the measure provides that 'The Council of every parish shall have power, in conjunction with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss the organist, parish clerk, bell ringers and sexton or any persons performing or assisting to perform the duties thereof, and to determine the salaries and conditions of tenure of their offices.'

I think that ringing societies and ringers generally should consider carefully the effect of this clause. Two questions suggest themselves to me.

(1) Why should the appointment of ringers be placed under the Council if that of the choir is not?

(2) Is it not probable that if the Council joins in the appointment and payment of the ringers, it will not be long before it claims a voice in deciding when the bells shall be rung? Some of us know parishes where peal ringing and even weekly practices might not long survive.

As I believe that I am the only ringer who is a member of the National Assembly—at any rate the only member of the Central Council—I shall be glad if ringers who wish to express opinions on this clause, or who desire that any amendment to it should be put down for discussion will correspond with me.

Perhaps I ought to add that I want to look at this clause simply as it is likely to affect the well-being of change ringing, and not in the least as it limits my autocratic powers as a parson.—Yours faithfully
Dunstable Rectory, Beds. W. W. C. BAKER.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

S.E. DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Springfield on Saturday, Nov. 27th. A short service was held at the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. F. S. Parry) officiating, gave an excellent address. The ringers adjourned to the vestry hall for tea, about 30 members sitting down. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector presided, and was elected an honorary member.—Mr. Lincoln (Master) and Mr. P. Timson (secretary) were re-elected. Six probationary members from Brentwood were elected ringing members, and Galleywood was selected for the next place of meeting. Mr. Kirtton urged the necessity for furthering the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' pointing out that it was the only thing that kept ringers from far and near in touch with one another, and if this valuable paper was discontinued another one would not be forthcoming.

Mr. W. Lincoln proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc.; also the organist and the choir.—The Rector, in responding, said he was pleased to welcome the association to Springfield, and realised the good work it was doing.

The ringers again visited the tower, and several members adjourned to the Cathedral for 10 and 12 bell ringing. The towers of Boreham, Broomfield, Bentley, Chelmsford, Maldon, Writtle, Rettendon, Galleywood, Goldhanger, and the local company, were represented.

FIRST 720's.

The first 720 of Boh Minor by a local band at Barlborough, Derbyshire, was rung for morning service on October 24th by: R. Reece 1, G. Ashby 2, H. Kirk 3, W. Sturman 4, P. Hibbard (conductor) 5, W. Kenan 6.

At Long Stanton, Cambs, on November 15th, 720 Double Court Minor (the first extent in the method by all the band) was rung by: W. Hawkes 1, L. A. Cook 2, F. J. Cook 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, G. Crisp 5, O. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

THE RINGING WORLD.

PAYING FOR PEALS.

SOME OF OUR READERS' VIEWS.

In response to the invitation in a previous issue we have received a number of expressions of opinion upon the question of charging for the insertion of peals as a means of helping to meet the present heavy cost of producing 'The Ringing World.' Throughout all the letters runs a most kindly feeling towards the journal and a keen desire for an increased support, and we very much appreciate these expressions of goodwill. As will be seen, views on the particular question at issue are varied.

At a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, at Halstead, on Saturday, Mr. J. H. Shepherd called attention to Mr. W. A. Cave's letter in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.'—A discussion followed, and the general wish expressed was that the suggestion to make a charge for peals was a reasonable one, and would meet with general support.

The Master pointed out the importance of retaining the paper, and especially in the interest of their own association, reminding the meeting that the only notification members had of district meetings was the one published in 'The Ringing World,' and the cost of postage which would be entailed if notices had to be printed and sent to every tower. He also pressed for members individually to give their support by each taking a copy every week rather than adopting the custom that too frequently prevailed of one taking one copy for each tower. He reminded them that whatever suggestions were put into practice it behoved them each to do their best to increase the circulation.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, writes:—I fully agree with your remarks in the Editorial column this week. The voluntary insertion of peals insures publicity, and affords intense interest to all ringers who take an intelligent delight in their hobby. Even a small charge would jeopardise insertion, and the levy would fall only upon those who rang the peals, whilst the majority of ringers would be debarred from helping 'The Ringing World' if the method was adopted. To my mind the real list is the most interesting part of the paper, and appeals to the interest and imagination of everyone. It recalls to one's memory friendship formed in years past, and keeps us in touch with the general progress being made by the Exercise at large.

'The Ringing World' needs the support of the whole of the Exercise. The idea that one paper is sufficient for a band should be scrapped, and every ringer should feel it his or her duty to purchase the weekly copy, an ideal state which should not be impossible to attain. In the meantime I would suggest that support should come through the association, either by a levy or a penny or twopence per head of membership, or a voluntary fee voted from the funds. This would occasion no hardships, and would permit of all ringers having a share in keeping their paper going. It is essential that if change ringing is to continue to flourish, we must have a journal, and the quicker we ease the mind of our Editor the better. By all means do something, get into a quick six, and cheer him by a thousand new subscribers in the New Year. I can anticipate your smile, Mr. Editor.

Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury: You ask for suggestions re charge for publishing peals. Might I suggest that they be published in paragraph style (as with touches) free; but that if they are displayed (like peal boards) the charge suggested should be made. The probability is that, if this rule were made, all, or nearly all, would prefer to pay the fee; and at the same time you would ensure a record of all peals. Might I also suggest that our bell founding friends, and other advertisers, should be content with less space for advertisements, paying, of course, the same fees for them as heretofore.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Rochester District secretary, Kent Association):—I consider the suggestion of paying for the insertion of peals a good one, but even at 2d. a member a very small sum would come in. I should certainly think that 2s. 6d. per peal would be little enough, and referring to your leading article, I don't think any band with the interest of their association at heart would refuse even that. I shall certainly place this matter on the agenda at our next district meeting, and do my utmost to get a resolution passed, as knowing the difficulties under which you labour at present—I am in the trade myself—I can sympathise with you, and you are certainly to be congratulated for 'carrying on' as you are.

Mr. A. W. Osborne (Reading):—I think it is a splendid idea, and one that would help the finances of 'The Ringing World.' I am sure no ringing member of our society would mind paying even 3d. each; and when quarter-peals or touches are sent they would not mind, say, 2d. each.

Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford):—I have thought for a long time that some payment is necessary, but personally I feel the proposal would receive more support if a penny were charged, instead of 2d. If you reckon up the cost of the postal order and postage, and, in some societies the booking fees and steeples, in addition to the postage in arranging peals, it would make some of them a dear job. You want, if possible, to strike a happy medium whereby you will still get all the peals that are rung, and also increase your own

revenue, and I believe that a penny would do this, but twopence might defeat the ends in view.

'Youthful Ringer':—As Mr. Cave remarks, the unfortunate part about our valuable paper is that at present it contains very few items of interest to young ringers who have just entered the stage of change ringers. Of course, sir, as most ringers readily admit, your position regarding this is blameless; but again, how encouraging it is for ringers to see in print their names starred with such phrases as:—'First 500,' 'First quarter-peal as conductor,' etc., especially knowing that the journal is circulated between some few thousand ringers. Regarding the proposal to collect from each ringer the sum of twopence or whatever it may be, after accomplishing a peal, I do not think this method of increasing revenue would be fruitless. As every peal ringer knows that each peal that is recorded takes up one-tenth of a valuable page, I do not believe they would begrudge at least twopence each ringer. Again, their small outlay would eventually mean that through them they would be helping the less fortunate ringer and learner to have their performances, however small, recorded in 'The Ringing World.' There are no reforms or new suggestions that materialise directly they are launched, but I feel sure that with whole-hearted support given by all classes of ringers to whatever decision the Editor, through his readers, thinks beneficial to the future welfare of 'The Ringing World,' the circulation, we hope, would increase, with the ultimate result of having a journal worthy of our art.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cave's suggestion that peals which have been published in 'The Ringing World' should occupy one line only in association report, appears a most admirable one. But why not go a step further? Peals, as commonly printed in these reports, cost an association 3s. or 4s. each to print (I am taking Mr. Cave's figures). If you reckon 40 peals as a fair average for a year, the cost to an association will be from £6 to £8. Most of that money would be saved if Mr. Cave's suggestion were adopted. Out of the money thus saved, why should not an association make an annual payment to 'The Ringing World' (say, two to four guineas, according to the size of the association), on the understanding that all peals rung for the association be inserted freely as hitherto? You, Sir, would gain financially, so would the associations, and there would be no need for the rather irritating collecting of twopences proposed in Mr. Cave's letter. If the above plan were followed, I would suggest that every peal rung for an association should be sent for publication through the secretary of that association. This would be advantageous in two ways: it would help to prevent the publication of false peals, or peals to which reasonable and well-grounded objection could be taken, and all peals published would have an official sanction, which at present is lacking. A further result would be to strengthen the associations; peal ringers would not stand aloof, as is now sometimes the case, if they saw that membership really meant something.—Yours faithfully,

St. Philip's Vicarage, Bristol.

MICHAEL E. THOROLD.

P.S.—At 2d. per head per peal (reckoning eight bells as the average number) it would require 32 peals to reach the sum of two guineas, 48 to reach three guineas, and 63 to reach four guineas.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW SERVICE FORM ADOPTED.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild have recently adopted a special form of Guild Service, prepared by the hon. secretary (the Rev. G. W. Turner) from an order of service used in the Winchester Guild, and approved by the Bishop of Hereford. The new form was used for the first time at a Hereford district meeting at Lugwardine, and was much appreciated. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a suitable address. Ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening, and at the business meeting which followed tea, the Vicar (Prebendary C. E. Warner) presided, and was supported by the Gen. Secretary (the Rev. G. W. Turner) and Mr. C. Edwards (District Secretary).

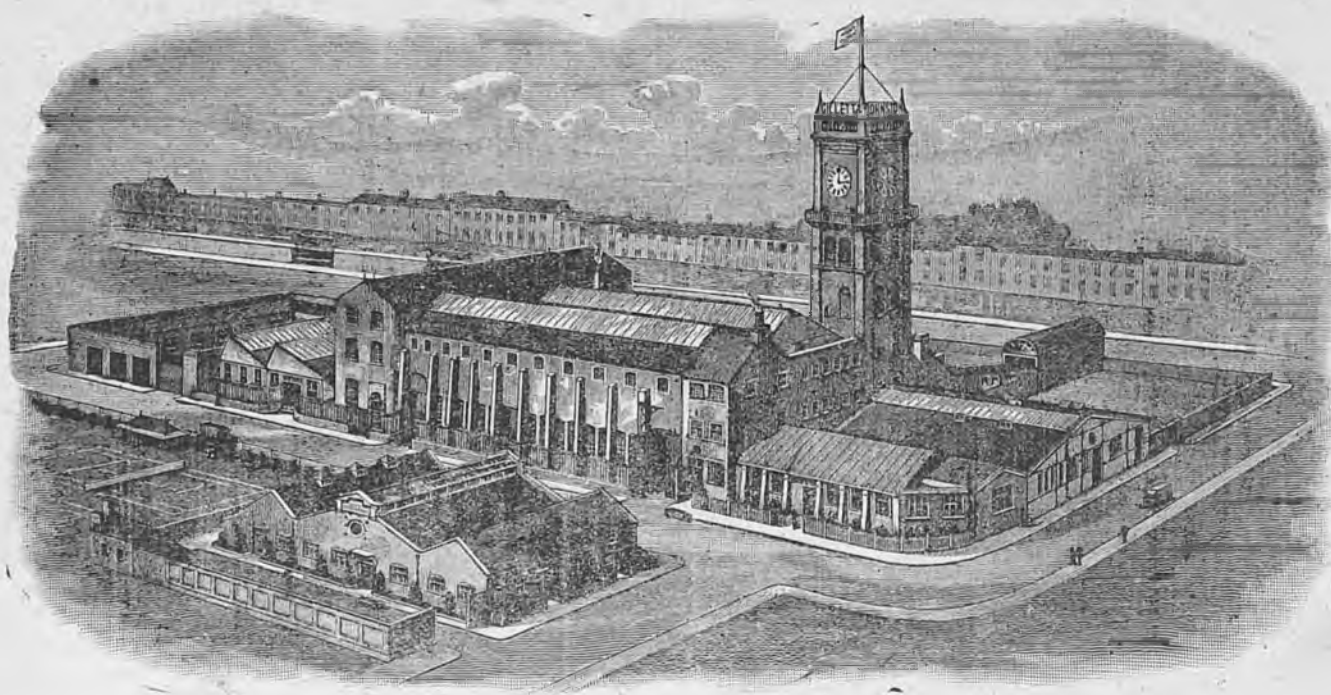
In the course of the business, Mr. Edwards said the Guild was passing through a great crisis so far as peal ringing was concerned. It was uphill work learning to ring, and there were so many other attractions nowadays that it was difficult to keep young fellows to the towers. Later in the meeting, however, Mr. Edwards pointed out that under their new arrangements the holding of quarterly meetings such as they had that day was bound to be of value in stimulating interest, for it brought members together and gave them the opportunity of expressing their views and airing any grievances. Despite difficulties he had every faith in the continuance of the Guild.

The Secretary gave a short resume of the quarter's work, and mentioned that when they went to Much Dewchurch for combined practice they found some of the bells unringable, but since then he had, with the help of the village blacksmith, put them right.

It was decided to hold the December combined practice at Pipe-cum-Lyde on the first Saturday in December, and that for January at Holmer. It was also decided that Burghill be selected for another attempt for the quarterly peal, with Mr. Williams as conductor, and that the annual meeting be held in Hereford on the first Saturday in February.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

Fine weather favoured the members of this association on the occasion of their first visit to Barlborough, and there was a representative gathering of members of the association, and from kindred societies, the following towers were represented: Auston, Harthill, Killammarsh, Treoton, Eckington, Staveley, Norton, Cuckney, Worksop, whilst the local company turned up with a full band. A considerable amount of ringing was done, the methods rung including Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Carlisle Surprise, and the striking of most of these touches and 720's were excellent. After tea, the Rector (the Rev. J. D. Griffiths) met the ringers in the vestry, and presided over the business meeting. The following new members were elected: The Rev. J. D. Griffiths, hon. member; Messrs. W. Kennan, P. Morris and R. Reece, of Balboro', performing members.—The next meeting was arranged for Shireoaks early in the New Year.

The Rev. J. D. Griffiths, in the course of a most interesting address, said how heartily he welcomed the ringers of North Notts to Barlboro' for the first time. Prior to 1914 there was only a ring of five bells in the tower, but a new treble had been added, by dint of hard work and assiduous perseverance, to make a ring of six, and he welcomed the choice of the Barlboro' ringers to become affiliated to the association. He spoke of the growth of bell ringing in the early days in this country, and of its predominance in our eastern and south-eastern counties, owing, no doubt, to their nearness to the Continent from which the art came. He thought it was very creditable of bell ringers in these days to plod on with their work when they had not the interest of the public to support them. Unfortunately bell ringing was not regarded with enthusiasm by the country. He did not know why, for it was a most beautiful art. It gave one the greatest delight in these times to hear the sound of a beautiful peal of church bells. It was the harder to go on with it in the midst of such coolness. It seemed as though a nation could only have one enthusiasm in such an age. The time, he hoped, would soon come when bell ringing would come to its own again. Men boasted of their own generation, and took it for granted that they were more advanced than those of a former one. We had, however, lost some things in which our ancestors were very proficient, and he hoped it would not be so with the noble art of bell ringing, but that it would be handed down to posterity, and that our children's children would be grateful for our labour, our zeal and devotion. Let them then hope that the art of change ringing would flourish and survive all contingencies.

At the conclusion of the address, Mr. H. Haigh proposed, and ex-Sergeant W. H. Johnson, V.C., seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. D. Griffiths for the use of the bells, presiding over the meeting, and for his most interesting and instructive address, and this was carried with acclamation.—The Rector, in reply, said there would always be a hearty welcome at Barlboro' awaiting them.—A discussion took place with regard to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's book, 'Amongst the Bells,' and it was suggested that each tower in the association should purchase a copy.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
GUILDFORD DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday, November 20th, at Guildford, under something like pre-war conditions. Service at Holy Trinity Church was well attended, but in the unexplained absence of the preacher, no address was given. About 100 sat down to tea at Brett's Restaurant, the Mayor (Alderman G. W. Franks), wearing his chain of office, being in the chair. The company included the Rural Dean (Canon Kirwan), Canon Cooke-Yarborough, Canon Coleridge, Rev. Sir J. C. W. Herschel, Bart. (general hon. secretary of the Association), Mrs. Bruce, of Worplesdon, and a large number of lady ringers. The election of officers resulted in the following appointments: Chairman of committee, Mr. Melville; Ringing Master, Mr. Hazelden; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell; secretary, Mr. John J. Jones; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. T. Upshall and Mr. A. C. Hazelden. The places of meeting for 1921 are to be—February, Haslemere; April, Puttenham; May, Shere; July, Bentley, Binsted, Frensham; September, Cranleigh; November, Guildford.—The Ringing Master was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his report.

The social was under the able management of Mr. A. H. Pulling, who unearthed a considerable amount of talent in songs, recitations and piano selections from those present. The handbells were also in evidence, and the ringing included a course of Grandsire Cinques—the first by the district.—Canon Coleridge contributed some stories and anecdotes in his own inimitable style.

Sir John Herschel (general secretary) said the offertory to the Guild Memorial at the service amounted to £2 10s., and he gently chided the hearers on the fact that a neighbouring district of much smaller size had given nearly double the amount that that district had yet done and urged them to make up for lost time.

Many ringers will be surprised to read that John Carter has just rung the tenor to his first peal of Stedman—but it is not the Birmingham wizard that is referred to; it is his namesake at Milverton.

NOTICES.

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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.—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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Dewsbury Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available 5 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1/- per head. Those intending to be present will oblige by notifying me by the 8th inst.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Western Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The Committee will meet at All Saints' Vestry, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, Dec. 11th, at 5 o'clock. A representative from each tower should be present, and overdue subscriptions paid up. Ringing at Barnham at 7 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Branch meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3. Service, with address by the Vicar, 4.15. Tea at 5 in Church House, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bridgewater on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Vestry. Tea at Taylor's Restaurant. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

ST. GEORGE'S, BRISTOL EAST.—The dedication and opening of two new trebles will take place on Satur-

day, Dec. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 3.55. Service at 4. Tea (1/6) 5.20. Bells (8) then open to all visitors. Kindly notify early.—W. Stafford, Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George's, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bokesbourne on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Vicarage Room.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Short service at 4.45. Tea (1/6) in the Church House at 5.15.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Dec. 23rd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 14th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells ready at 4. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Dec. 13th; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Dec. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—Combined practice will be held on Thursday, December 16th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the North Forest Branch will be held at Newent on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea provided by the Rector at the Parish Room at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—Joseph Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., Newent, near Gloucester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at Shore Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

BOLTON, LANCS.—The bells of Holy Trinity will be opened on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST MARY'S, HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—The new ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge, and the bells open for ringing after dedication. All ringers welcome.—F. Watkinson.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Heene on Sat-

urday, Dec. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Free tea at the Church Rooms, Heene Road, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Kindly let me know by the 15th all those who intend to present. All ringing friends welcome.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Hothfield and Great Chart on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells at Hothfield from 2 to 4.30 p.m. and Great Chart from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Arrangements will be made for tea for those who notify me by Dec. 15th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

DONCASTER AND ARKSEY SOCIETIES.—Combined practice at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at 6.30. All ringers welcome. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob.—George Halksworth, Ringing Master.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Dec. 18th, for combined practice in Stedman and Treble Bob methods to commence at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Short service 5.15, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar). Those intending to be present please notify me by 15th inst.—F. G. Symonds, 157, High Street, N.W.1.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will on Jan. 15th, 1921, at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Further particulars later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—The district secretaries and leaders of companies that have not sent in the secretary's lists (dated Nov. 6th) for revision in respect of members' arrears and outstanding subscriptions for 1920, are kindly requested to do so, enclosing remittances not later than Dec. 22nd, for the purpose of revising the Register of Membership of the Association for 1920, upon which revision the number of Annual Reports for 1920, which will be issued free to members who have paid their subscriptions as decided at the Ipswich meeting, 1920, will be limited. The secretary would also be glad to receive for the Council Report short 'In Memoriams' of members who have died during the year 1920. Conductors of peals are kindly reminded to send in their peal references as usual at the end of the year.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL MEMORIAL APPEAL.—The Association is very anxious to collect the remaining £50 at the earliest possible moment. Members and friends, please make an effort to give your donations. If you have already given and you can give more, please send direct to Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

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A meeting of the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association was held at Broxbourne and Hoddesdon, and proved very successful. Members and friends attended from no less than 17 towers, viz., Brockley, Cheshunt, Edmonton, Walthamstow, West Ham, Romford, Waltham Abbey, Hertford, Hatfield, Ware, Ragston, Barley, Thunbridge, Nazeing, Great and Little Munden, besides the two towers of Broxbourne and Hoddesdon. A party of 20 sat down to tea, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by Miss E. K. Parker, of Edmonton. Miss Upsher, of the same place, was elected a member of the association, as was also Mr. Mansfield, of Nazeing.—The usual votes of thanks were accorded the Rectors of both parishes for granting permission to ring, and to Miss Parker for presiding.—Some very good ringing was done, ranging from Superlative to Plain Bob, and all agreed that the meeting had been most enjoyable and a great success.

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