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MAKING ENDS MEET.

The financial difficulties with which some of the Associations are faced have been revealed by the Easter meetings, and in several instances it has been found necessary to increase the subscription of the ordinary members. This course was inevitable. With the sovereign worth a good deal less than half its pre-war value, ringing associations, like all other organisations, have had considerable trouble in making ends meet, and in many cases would not have been able to do so had there not been during several years a suspension of activities, including the dropping of the publication of an annual report, which generally accounts for a substantial portion of the average ringing society's outlay. The general policy of increasing the amount of the subscriptions of members was, of course, the only method by which anything like a substantial increase of revenue could be obtained, and we anticipate that practically all the Associations who have not yet done so will have, sooner or later, to follow the example of those who have already found it necessary to adopt the expedient.

And not only the Associations, but the Central Council itself, will have to resort to similar measures if its work is to be extended. Indeed, it is rather wonderful that it should have managed in the past not only to eke out an existence, but to create an accumulation of funds upon the meagre contributions which have been extracted in the shape of affiliation fees. The time has come, however, when the Council must expand its activities, and this, coupled with the necessity for a larger income to meet the diminished value of the currency, makes it imperative that the Council should face the matter boldly.

In the Associations who have already decided to increase the amount of subscription there seems to be, generally speaking, a ready acceptance of the necessity, but it is not altogether certain that the Yorkshire Association, by abolishing life membership, and bringing all their resident members under the common annual levy, have in this particular respect found quite a happy solution of their troubles. Some, at any rate, of the old members feel aggrieved at the step which has been taken, for they feel that they have been robbed of a rather cherished privilege. We are quite sure that it is not for the amount of money involved, but because they look upon the change as the breaking of a contract, and this, we are convinced, is the last thing the Association would intentionally do. Perhaps it may not be too late to remedy this matter by a compromise which would enable existing life members to continue to enjoy the privilege—if they wish. Many, we believe, would only too readily make an annual payment.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6005 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

JAMES R. KEMP Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 7.
WILLIAM STORY 2	JOHN FLINT 8
JOSEPH ROWELL 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 10
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR 5	BENJAMIN C. DIXON 11
THOMAS T. COFTON 6	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Holman and Flint, of Sheffield and Bolsover respectively.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
JAMES TRAPPITT 3	AMOS CLARK 8
DAVID WRIGHT 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
WILLIAM H. JOINER 5	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

This musical composition contains the 6th behind the 8th and 9th in alternate courses.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
WILLIAM HALE 2	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
WILLIAM RYLAND 3	HUBERT SCRIVENS 8
CHARLES WEST 4	FRANK COLE 9
WILLIAM IRELAND 5	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a farewell peal to their esteemed brother ringer Albert Hanks, who after an absence of 14 years in Canada has been home on a visit and is shortly returning. All wish him good health and prosperity.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
*WILFRED H. BUXTON Treble	JOHN W. GLEW 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	WILLIAM J. WILEMAN 6
JOSEPH LORD 3	†ARTHUR B. STONE 7
†WILLIAM H. WALDRON 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

The ringer of the 4th was elected a member previous to starting.
• First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the election of Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. (senior Churchwarden to St. Peter's), to the Presidency of the Association.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on March 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Joiner, junr. (1st quarter-peal), 1, J. D. Drewitt, 2, A. Calver, 3, W. H. Joiner, senr., 4, F. Tilly, 5, J. A. Lambert (conductor), 6, W. S. Smith, 7, J. Currell, 8.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 1 ton in E.

*W. VAUGHAN Treble	J. W. PAGE 5
E. BAKER 2	A. WOODVINE 6
P. A. BAKER 3	C. PICKEN 7
H. WEDGE 4	*W. SHUKER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.
Conducted by J. W. PAGE.

The band were all discharged soldiers with the exception of the ringer of the 3rd. * First peal.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 1 ton in E.

ALFRED SHUKER Treble	JOHN W. PAGE 5
JOHN BRADNEY 2	CHARLES PICKEN... .. 6
ERNEST BAKER 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
HARRY WEDGE 4	THOMAS GWILLIAM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Bradney.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL... .. Treble	JOHN SINDEN 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
WALTER FRANKS... .. 3	TRAYTON BOOTH 7
JOHN H. EDWARDS 4	LESLIE SINDON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Messrs. Franks and J. Sinden belong to Battle, the rest are from Salehurst.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
DAVID HODGKIN 2	GEORGE HADAWAY 6
THOMAS MANNERING 3	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 7
LEONARD MANNERING 4	CHARLES H. SONE Tenor

Composed by T. E. SONE.
Conducted by C. H. SONE.

Rung after the dedication service of two trebles, which have been added by Mr. Alfred Bowell of Ipswich. The 'go' and tone of the new bells leaving nothing to be desired.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5600 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	EDWIN R. ARMITAGE 5
HARRY ARMITAGE' 2	FRED TOWNEND 6
WILLIAM B. FRITH 3	CHARLES H. CRAVEN 7
WILLIAM JOYCE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition contains 11 of the 12 8-6-7's and 8-4's and the extent of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6th's place without the 2nd in that position and is now rung for the first time.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN ANKERS Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
ALBERT CRAWLEY 4	WILLIAM CHADWICK Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung to honour Mr. Joseph Kent's 25 years' faithful service to the Church as Churchwarden.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	JOSEPH ASHMOLE 5
†ALBERT BOOTH 2	†THOMAS WILKINSON 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
†HUGH YARWOOD... .. 4	*SAMUEL MOORE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 5
FREDERICK E. SMITH 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDEAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. to lb. in E flat.

TOM PAGE Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN... .. 5
JAMES CROSS 2	GEORGE WINES 6
FREDERICK LASBURY 3	HARRY PAGE 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. E. JENKINSON.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

Rung as a 'Peace peal' for Pentre. First peal in the method as conductor, also first in the method by ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th. First peal in the method for the Association by an entirely local band.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
*CHARLES TUTHILL 2	ALFRED WATSON 6
*WILLIAM J. LEE 3	ROBERT COOKE 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	*GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Kent.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
ARTHUR BALDWIN 2	CHARLES TETHILL 6
WILLIAM J. HOWSON 3	ROBERT COOKE 7
*GEORGE A. COOKE 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.
Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal on tower bells.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE LUFF Treble	THOMAS ATTWELL 5
WALTER G. BROCKHURST 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 6
THOMAS LUFF 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER 7
ARTHUR ASHDOWN 4	ELIJAH CARPENTER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

First peal inside by ringer of 3rd.

WITLEY, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. HAZELDEN Treble	THOMAS ATTWELL 5
WILLIAM MOOREY 2	WILLIAM G. FOWLER 6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
DAVID AYLING 4	*EDWIN GALE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN.

* First peal. This was the conductor's 100th peal, and this is the first time a lady has taken part in her husband's 100th peal.

GLOSSOP.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (MANCHESTER BRANCH).
AND THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL HARROP Treble	*EGMONT T. MALKIN 5
JAMES L. BUCKLEY 2	ELI GARSIDE 6
WILLIAM MARSDEN 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
*JOSEPH MARSDEN 4	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 4th elected members of the Lancashire Association and James W. Washbrook a member of the Glossop Association previous to starting. Rung as a farewell peal to Richard Newton on his return to Boston, U.S.A.

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

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED KEERLE Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSAY Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells, and was rung to replace a false peal rung on June 1st, 1914, in the same method. The band tender their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. W. T. Last for having everything in readiness.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Friday, March 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 8 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure and 26 of Grandsire.

HUBERT COTTON Treble	LEONARD J. JELFS 3
JOHN HALL 2	JAMES HEMING 4
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON Tenor	

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of J. D. Johnson who is serving in H.M. Forces in India.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	ALFRED DAW 4
CYRIL WENHAM 2	FREDERICK G. BURT 5
CHARLES TRIBE 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

The conductor's 100th peal.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Bob Minor each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	ALBERT L. J. NAUNTON 4
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung for evening service.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Bob Minor each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
CAPT. ALBERT E. REEVES 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

These peals were arranged and rung to oblige Mr. C. V. Ebberson, who hails from Fakenham, Norfolk.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Worcester, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford spliced and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*MISS ADA DEACON Treble	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 4
†MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	E. MADRICE ATKINS 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	GEORGE BLAXLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal containing Treble Bob methods. † First peal containing 8 methods

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT THE CATHEDRAL CITY.

Although the weather conditions were unfavourable, the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, on Easter Monday, proved most successful, with a record attendance, showing that, although during the war there was so little ringing done, the interest in and love of it was very quickly revived. In fact, there are many signs that, in this district, at least, ringing will soon be in a stronger position than it has ever been, for many new bands are being formed and instructed, and more intricate methods are being practised, even in parts where previously they were never attempted.

The general meeting of the Association was held in the Cathedral Chapter House, with the president (the Very Rev. Moore Ede, D.D.) in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, the Rev. T. C. de la Hay, and the Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons), there being present over 100 members.

The question of expenditure, especially in regard to the cost of printing the annual report, came in for serious consideration, for, with increased expenses, particularly in the cost of the reports, which would be over £30, and the amount allowed for instruction, £32, it was evident that by the end of the year the reserve fund would almost have disappeared. It was decided, on the recommendation of the committee, which had met earlier in the day to consider the question, that the performing members' subscription be increased from 1s. 6d. to 2s., and that there be no travelling expenses paid to delegates, with the exception of the Central Council representatives; both of these decisions to come into operation on January 1st, 1921. It was also decided that the committee consider the curtailment of the contents of the annual report.

Several new members were elected, and the arrangements of the annual peal were left in the hands of Mr. W. Short.

There was no doubt as to where to hold the next annual meeting, Worcester being unanimously chosen.

The Master then brought forward for discussion a resolution in regard to the powers of the Central Council, remarking that if the 'Ringing World' was supported as it should be, there would be no need to state the reason for bringing forward this motion, nor for him to make any remarks in regard to it.

It was finally decided that this association was not in favour of giving any further powers to the Central Council other than those at present in existence.

The report of the treasurer of the Memorial Window Fund showed

receipts amounting to £129 9s. 8d. Some £30 more was required, and it was decided that collections should be made at each meeting. At the service following the amount collected was nearly £3.

The Dean had the artist's designs on view, and explained the various incidents depicted, the window being one of a series being put in the cloisters, showing the history of this Cathedral. In the centre light will be put the names of 23 members who gave their lives in the war.

An application was received from St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, for a grant from the belfry Repairs Fund, and the sum of four guineas was voted.

All the officers were re-elected, although the Master expressed a wish for someone to take his place.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President and the incumbents who had granted the use of the various rings of bells in the city.

The meeting was concluded in time to attend the afternoon service in the Cathedral, which, on these occasions, is always much appreciated, it being a great pleasure to hear a service so beautifully rendered. The address was given by the Dean, and was one that is not likely to be forgotten by those who heard it.

Afterwards, in the College Hall, 128 sat down to tea.—A vote of thanks was passed at the close to Mr. H. Mason for assisting toward the cost, and much regret was expressed at his having had to remove from Old Hill to Falmouth.

Unfortunately the bells of St. Helen's Church were unavailable owing to illness, and, therefore, those at All Saints' were much appreciated, as the peal at the Cathedral were only open for a short time. A course of Cambridge Royal was brought round at All Saints'.

CHELSEA SOCIETY'S TREASURER DEAD.

The St. Luke's (Chelsea) Society regret to announce the death, on March 31st, of one of their members, Mr. W. J. Barber, who passed away at the age of 60 years, after a short but painful illness. Mr. Barber, who had been a member for over thirty years, was, at the time of his death the society's treasurer, and was universally respected.

The usual whole pull and stand was rung on the evening of the funeral, and on Saturday, April 17th, after two unsuccessful attempts for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by Messrs. Taffender (conductor), King, Ellis, Reeve, Burton, Hessey, Iles, Essery, Mance, and Pickett.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has just added two trebles to the ring at Linton, Kent, to raise the peal to an octave. A peal of 20th Major was rung on the new eight after the dedication service.

There are not very many one-armed ringers, and the peal rung at Bolton by ex-Corpl. Churchill with his left arm only is remarkable. He struck his bell perfectly, dodging clearly and with precision, and lost his right arm in Bazentin Wood, on the Somme in July, 1916, but that has not deterred his enthusiasm or ambition in the belfry. He now does most of the conducting for the Bolton ringers. The peal was rung by ex-Service men.

It has been found impracticable by the Hertford County Association to carry out a suggestion made by the Bedfordshire Association that a peal by the combined associations should be attempted at St. Albans, on April 22nd, on the occasion of the enthronement of the new Bishop, whose diocese includes the counties of Herts and Beds.

On the occasion of the Royal Cumberland's dinner, on Saturday May 1st, the tower of St. Bride will be open at 3.30. Other towers may also be available. The secretary will close his list on Tuesday morning next, although every effort will be made to oblige any who may find it convenient to come at the last moment.

Owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over some of the reports of Easter meetings which have reached us.

A NEW BELL FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

St. Peter Mancroft has just come into possession of a new bell—a fourteenth, the thirteenth bell having been added to the ring of twelve in 1910, to form the Gabriel ring of eight. The new bell—Sanctus bell—has been given as a war memorial, and it has been hung in the N.E. turret above the chancel. The ropes are arranged so that the bell can be struck by a direct pull both from the high altar, and also from the altar in the side (Jesus) Chapel, where it will be used at the daily celebrations. The bell is in tune with the ring of twelve, the note being 'A' (a whole tone above the treble of the twelve), and the weight just under 2 cwt. It bears round the crown the inscription—

† CHRISTUM IN CRUCE IMMOLATUM ANNUNTIO:
PACEM PRO DEFUNCTIS IN BELLO IMPLORO:
MDCCCXX.

On the waist, there is a richly decorated device of vesica design, in the centre of which is a crucifix with the surround—'Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine.'

The bell has been supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, by whom the whole of the details of the work have been successfully carried out.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ABOLITION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Easter Monday, and was attended by about one hundred ringers representing some twenty-five towers. Ringing commenced on the fine peal of eight at 3 p.m., various methods being rung until nightfall brought a cessation. During the afternoon Mr. H. Percy Richardson gave a recital on the fine organ in the church, which was much appreciated by those present.

A committee meeting was held in the Schools, after which tea was served.

The business meeting followed, the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) being supported by the principal officers of the Association.

The proposal to abolish life membership, and to make a fixed annual subscription of 1s. 6d., was passed by a large majority.

Mr. G. B. Bolland gave a hearty invitation to the association to hold a general meeting at Tong, in September, and the meeting expressed its appreciation of their respected vice-president by enthusiastically accepting the generous invitation of Mr. Bolland.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president who is also Vicar of St. Chad's, was proposed by Mr. G. B. Bolland, this being seconded by Mr. J. R. Lawson, and the Chairman, in replying, said how pleased he was always to welcome the association to Headingley. He also promised to convey the warm thanks of the meeting to the wardens, and to Mr. Richardson, the organist, for his kindness in giving a special recital for the members of the association.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea, was proposed by Mr. P. V. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. H. Williams.—Mr. W. Whitaker responded on behalf of the local company, and hoped they would visit Headingley again in the near future.

Before taking the committee roll call, the Chairman asked the meeting to rise uncovered, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. David Brearley, of Bolsterstone, who was an old and valued member of the association, and who was also a member of the general committee, the secretary at the same time being instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Brearley.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

NEW DIVISIONAL SCHEME ADOPTED.

A general meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Stowmarket on Easter Monday, and over fifty members attended from the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. By kind permission of the incumbents, the ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of Stowmarket and also the rings of six at Great Finborough and Barking were available for the use of members. Dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel. The President (the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich), supported by Rev. F. Fawcett (Vicar of Stowmarket), the curate and churchwarden of Stowmarket, the Rev. W. C. Kearson, the Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), Messrs. G. I. Burton, A. L. Coleman (general secretary), W. L. Duffield, T. Fitzjohn, G. B. Symonds and E. E. Diaper, hon. secretary for the Stowmarket district.

After dinner, the toast of 'The King' was eloquently proposed by the president.

On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells and was acknowledged by the Rev. F. Fawcett, Vicar of Stowmarket. The general business of the Association was then transacted. To facilitate the re-organisation of the association, the President suggested the suspension of the standing order in respect of the alterations of rules, and this was agreed to.

The Secretary, in giving a brief outline of the re-organisation scheme, said the association had shown great wisdom in not splitting into two associations when the diocese was divided. A strong association was a far greater power for the progress of the art of change ringing than two weak ones. The association had in the past on several occasions been the premier association, a position which could never again be attained if the association had been weakened by division. The scheme for re-organisation to be submitted to the members, he thought ideal—to continue as one powerful united association, with two branches a Norwich branch for Norfolk and an Ipswich branch for Suffolk, with a committee of government for each, which would bring the association into two convenient, workable areas, and double the number of general meetings. Each branch would still be sub-divided into districts as hitherto, with an hon. secretary for each district, whose duty it would be to arrange for periodic meetings in their districts, while the annual meeting of the association would be held alternately at Norwich and Ipswich as hitherto.

Coming to the business part of the proceedings, the Secretary announced that the committee had that morning elected 31 new members and re-elected five old members. The list of new members was read out and their election ratified; the Secretary also announced that Mr. Willoughby E. Maulden had been elected hon. secretary for the Framlingham district, and this election was also ratified.

Mr. E. C. Borrett proposed, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded, that the title of the association be amended to 'The Norwich and Ipswich Association of Ringers,' with a sub-title, 'For the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk,' and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

The President read out the proposed rules for the government of the branches, and after a short discussion, on the motion of Mr. G. E. Symonds, seconded by Mr. Hobart Smith, they were adopted.—It was resolved that the Association Rule XI. be deleted, and that the consequential alterations be made to Rules I., IV., VII. on the adoption of the new rules for the branches.

The Secretary read Mr. C. J. Sedgley's motion in respect of holding the annual meeting on August Bank Holiday handed in at the annual general meeting, October 9th, 1919, and this, receiving no support, was dropped.

The Secretary also read the Rev. H. Drake's six resolutions in respect of the proceedings of the Central Council, which were handed in at the annual meeting for discussion at this meeting.

It was felt that these resolutions dealt with matters for the representatives in Council to deal with rather than an association. On reconsideration, the Rev. H. Drake did not press his resolutions, and the matter dropped.

Before closing, the President asked all the members of the Ipswich branch to form a meeting to appoint an hon. secretary to convene a general meeting for the election of officers and committee for their branch. It was decided to elect the officers and committee for the Norwich Branch at the general meeting, to be held at Great Yarmouth on Whit-Monday, May 24th.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Dean of Norwich for presiding.

At the subsequent meeting of the Ipswich Branch Mr. Edward Youngs proposed, and Mr. W. Tydeman seconded, that Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, be appointed hon. secretary to convene a general meeting of the Ipswich Branch of the Association for the election of officers and committee. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.—Mr. Edward Evans proposed, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded, that the meeting be held at Ipswich on Saturday, May 1st, 1920. This motion on being put to the meeting was also carried. Twenty-six Suffolk members were present.

THE HOME-CALL OF MR. HENRY LEWIS.

DEATH OF A ST. ALBANS VETERAN.

Mr. Henry Lewis, one of the pioneer change ringers of St. Albans fifty years ago, 'set his bell' on Thursday evening, April 8th, to the sorrow of his many ringing and other friends, after having completed a 'course' of 74 years. Familiarly known in ringing circles as 'Mr. Lewis,' he became endeared to many by his singularly happy disposition, his yarns of bygone days, ringing and ornithological, recounted at the Easter meeting at St. Albans, in the street, and at other times, affording delight to his many friends. He was passionately fond of ringing, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that success followed his perseverance. His father, the late Mr. John Lewis, a prominent citizen and Mayor of St. Albans in 1856, was also a bell ringer, and by his efforts raised sufficient money to present in 1868 two trebles to St. Peter's Church, making the peal into twelve. Much has been said from time to time as to the quality of these new trebles, but Mr. Lewis, senior, appeared quite satisfied, for commenting upon the peal to his son Henry on the first trial touch, rung specially for Mr. Henry Haley to hear, said 'they sounded like a great band of music. The town appear delighted with the addition—so far it is gratifying to me.' A marble slab, recording the gift, can still be seen upon the walls of the belfry. It is interesting to place on record that the first 'touch' of call changes upon the ring of twelve was rung on Friday, May 8th, 1868, by the following men, mostly local: Henry Haley 1, G. Harton 2, Francomb 3, John Lewis 4, William 5, W. Hull 6, J. Lawrence 7, Baptiste 8, G. Richardson 9, T. Woolfield 10, T. Waller 11, Ellis 12.

In 1876 there existed at St. Albans a society called 'The St. Albans Society of Change Ringers,' the late Mr. Henry Lewis being 75th Master, and Mr. E. P. Debenham secretary. Mr. J. R. Haworth and Matt. Wood, both of London, acted as instructors to the company. From a report issued in January, 1877, the members seemed satisfied with their progress, for in it they stated that 'the officers believe that the society is now on a firm footing, and if progress is made during the coming year in proportion to that which is now drawing to a close, the St. Albans Society of Change Ringers will, they trust, soon attain to a prominent place among the ringing societies of Hertfordshire.' But this high position was not reached, and the society came to an end.

In October, 1884, a meeting was held at the Rectory of the Abbey Church, with the Rev. Walter J. Lawrence in the chair, when the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers was founded. Mr. Henry Lewis was present on that occasion, becoming one of its constituted members, and during the 36 years of its existence he has passed through the presidential chair, and continued his membership to the end. The list of constituted members is now remarkably small, reminding us that 'time and tide wait for no man.'

Mr. Lewis was buried at St. Albans Cemetery, on Tuesday, April 13th, when, in addition to the family mourners, there were present at the graveside Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham (president), E. P. Debenham (treasurer), G. W. Cartmel (secretary), and E. Livermore (librarian), officers of the County Association and members of the St. Peter's Society, and Mr. W. H. Buckingham. At the conclusion of the service, Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Debenham, Cartmel and Livermore assembled round the grave and rang a course of Grandsire Triples upon the handbells, a fitting good-bye to a dear brother ringer, many of the family being deeply moved by this parting touch of affection.

The first portion of the service, which was choral, was kindly taken by the Rev. Canon Glossop, at St. Peter's Church (in the tower of which the deceased had spent so many happy hours) and the committal sentences at the cemetery by the Rev. E. E. Pinnix, curate-in-charge of St. John's Church. There were many beautiful floral emblems. The St. Peter's Society contributed a wreath, and the Herts Association a perfectly shaped floral bell with clapper complete, bearing the following inscription: 'A tribute of respect from the President, Officers and members of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers.'

By a coincidence, the local newspaper which reported his death also contained among the excerpts of 50 years ago, April 2nd, 1870, Mr. Lewis's first peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original, which was rung at St. Peter's Church. Mr. Ted Horrex, who is still going strong in peal ringing, rang the tenor upon that occasion. Mr. Lewis rang about 20 peals upon handbells, and in the tower, in Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Methods, his business that of a chemist preventing him from indulging to the full in peal ringing. He derived the greatest enjoyment in handbell ringing, and many peals and beautiful touches have been rung in the little room at the back of the shop. Those days cannot be recalled, and we think of our brother now in the presence of Him he tried consistently to follow. One desire of Mr. Lewis was not fulfilled, and that was to reinstate the two trebles which his father had such an interest in. If this could be done by the family, or by subscription, it would form a fitting memorial to our departed friend, and give back to Hertfordshire its only peal of twelve bells.

Throughout Sunday, April 11th, and on the evening of the funeral, the St. Peter's Society rang the bells half-muffled. G. W. C.

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NOTICES

E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH, OXFORD D.G.—St. George's Day, 1920. — Members and friends are invited to Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 24th, to celebrate the above. Evening service at St. Mary's at 5 o'clock; preacher, the Bishop of Buckingham. Tea by special invitation at 5.30, at the Old Rectory, Lord Burnham presiding. The Tower bells available 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Secretary, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 4 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., address by the Rev. J. T. Plowden-Wardlaw (Rector); tea and business meeting to follow in the Church House.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 1 p.m. Service in Church at 4. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wem, Salop, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing; tea at Temperance Hall, near church; meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Old Church, Handsworth, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea will be arranged, if possible, for those who notify me of their intention to be present by the previous Thursday. Business important. It is hoped every member will make an effort to attend. All ringers welcome. — S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — A meeting for united practice will be held at Standish on April 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 till 8 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea, at the Co-operative Hall, Free School Lane (off Silver Street), at 5 p.m., at a charge of 2s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately after tea. The various towers in the City will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Will those who intend being present at tea kindly notify their respective branch secretaries or send direct to Mr. Geo. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln?

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Frome to-morrow (Saturday), April 24th. Tea and business at 4 p.m. Evensong at 6 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Short notice of meeting.—Eastern Division. The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham to-morrow (Saturday), April 24th, 1920. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. H. Howse, Hon. Sec., Eastern Division.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Combined practice at Great Milton (8 bells), near Wallingford, and Oxford, Saturday, April 24th, 4-8. All ringers welcome.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7 o'clock. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom, Lancs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley on Saturday, April 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 o'clock (8d. each) for members who acquaint me by Tuesday, the 20th.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Brentford, on Thursday, April 29th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Short business meeting to follow. — W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Thursday, April 29th. Bells (also Wool) from 2 p.m. Guild service 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. — C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District. —The annual meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Clun, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Short service 6.30, when an address will be given by Rev. S. Dugdale, M.A.—W. Mead, Hon. Sec., Clun, Salop.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, May 1st, ten bells, from 2 o'clock. Short service in church at 5, followed by business and tea at 1s. 6d. per head to all those who notify Mr. G. Hollis, 37, Reservoir Terrace, Chesterfield, not later than Tuesday, April 27th. — Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. The Rector and the St. Giles' Guild of Ringers invite the members to tea at 5.45 p.m., in the Church House, Dyott Street. Ringing afterwards at St. Andrew's, Wells Street. All members accepting invitation to tea should let me know by April 27th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Northenden Saturday, May 1st.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Moorside, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea will be provided in the School, all names for same to be sent in by April 26th to Mr. C. Platt, 15, Dickens Street, Moorside, Oldham.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Silverdale (8) and Keele (6) on Saturday, May 1st, 1920. Please notify me on or before April 26th, 1920, how many intend to be present from your tower. Tea will be provided at Keele at 5.30.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing at 2 o'clock. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 4 o'clock. To form a new district of the above. Those requiring tea please notify Fred Wilfred, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Marden (6 bells) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea, if possible, 5.30. Free to members notifying me not later than April 27th.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Brampton, Madly, Hereford.

WENDENS AMBO (close to Audley End Station, G.E.R.).—A joint practice of the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan and Essex Associations will be held at Wendens Ambo (6 bells) on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 1st. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bridgend (and not at St. Nicholas as proposed) on Saturday, May 1st, at 4.45. Tea provided.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, May 1st. The rings of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret and St. Matthew will be available during afternoon and evening. Business meeting at St. Stephen's Hall at 3.30 p.m. to elect officers and committee for Ipswich Branch. Good attendance requested.—G. E. Symonds, Hon. Branch Sec. pro tem., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Toddington, on Saturday, May 1st. Service, with an address by the Rev. W. A. Warner, M.C., at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided, names to be sent to me not later than April 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, 1st May, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8/6 each. Members intending to be present are requested to apply for their tickets early.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., School House, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

LADIES' GUILD.—A special meeting will take place at Croydon on Wednesday, May 5th. The ten bells at St. Peter's will be available from 2 p.m. A visit will be made to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston at 3.15, followed at 5 o'clock by tea in the Canteen, by kind

invitation of Mr. Cyril Johnston. Will members and their friends who intend to be present kindly send a postcard by the Monday previous to Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, May 8th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, after. Tea will be provided for members who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, May 4th.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Salisbury in celebration of the 700th anniversary of the Cathedral foundation, on Saturday, May 8th. Meeting in Church House 1.15. President, the Earl of Shaftesbury. Festival service in Cathedral 3 p.m. Sermon by the Bishop. Tea, by his lordship's kind invitation, in Palace grounds. Those intending to be present please write at once to Major D'Aeth, Buckhorn Weston, Wincanton, Somerset. Towers open: St. Martin's, St. Edmund's (8), Fisherton, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton, Wishford (6).—F. L. Edwards, Secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. To facilitate tea arrangements will all who intend to come kindly sent me a p.c. by May 6th.—Wm. Nash, North Mynms Hatfield, Hon. District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Darwen on Saturday, May 8th, 1920. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 3.30 p.m. A special meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, May 15th, to unveil a memorial tablet erected to the memory of the fallen ringers of the branch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Unveiling at 4.15, followed by a short service. A tea will be provided in the school at 5.30, for which a charge of 1s. 9d. will be made. All applications for tea to reach Mr. A. Tomlinson, 57, Boxwood Street, Blackburn, not later than Wednesday, May 12th.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary, 33, Langham Road.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar (Rev. H. South) for all those who notify me of their intention of being present by May 4th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 8th, 1920. Ringing: St. Nicholas (10) from 11 a.m., St. Peter's (10) from 12 a.m. Lunch at St. Nicholas Parish Hall 1.30 p.m., 4s. each (members 2s.). Business meeting to follow. Service at St. Nicholas 4.30 p.m. Half railway fares. All members are asked to attend, and those who will be present for lunch please let me know by May 5th.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for combined practice will be held at Heston first Saturday in each month at 7 p.m.; Isleworth third Saturday in each month at 7 p.m.; Ealing (St. Stephen's), last Saturday in each month at 7 p.m.

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.

AN INTERESTING CENTENARY.

Last Saturday was the centenary of the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus ever rung. This was at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and is recorded on a tablet in the belfry as follows:—

The company of St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, desirous to bequeath some memento of their labours which may excite posterity to emulate them in the science of ringing cause THIS TABLET to record two excellent peals of changes rung on the twelve bells of this church by the persons whose names are inscribed thereon.

On April 17th, 1820

a Peal of New Treble Bob Maximus,
consisting of 7,200 changes, in 5 hrs. 8 mins.

Wm. Bennett	Treble.	Samuel Lawrence	7
Jas. Jarvis	2	Joseph Grayson	8
Wm. Hassall	3	Joseph Riley	9
Thos. Worrall	4	Thos. Chapman	10
Alex. Sanders	5	Wm. Marsh	11
Henry Cooper	6	Thos. Thurstans	Tenor.

Conducted by Henry Cooper.

The other peal recorded on the tablet was rung in December, 1820, and was the first peal of Stedman Cinques out of London.

At the Church of St. Mary Within-the-Halls, Chester, for evening service, on Sunday, January 11th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1920 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 13 mins., by: *E. Harrison 1, *G. Jones 2, Sergt. J. W. Davies 3, R. Sperring (inside) 4, *M. Harris 5, *A. Newell 6, F. G. Milton 7, G. Gerrard 8. * Longest length in method.

A course of Cambridge Royal was rung at All Saints' Church, Worcester, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association. It was whispered that this is to be the method for the Association's 'annual' peal attempt. Mr. Bill Short is responsible for the arrangements. Verb. sap.

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