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## NON-RESIDENTS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The question of inter-affiliation for members of Associations has again been raised at one annual meeting, but the present is scarcely an appropriate time for putting forward this scheme, when so many organisations are contemplating an increase in the subscription of non-resident members. In the past a small inclusive life-membership fee for those residing outside the area of an Association has been the means whereby a large number of ringers have become members of numerous societies all over the country, usually on the occasions of peal ringing. This has been a very useful source of income, and one which associations would not lightly throw over in any event. Again, the payment of a definite admission fee gives the ringer a certain sense of direct relationship with the organisations which he joins in this way, and a close and more permanent interest in their doings than he would have under an inter-affiliation scheme. These arguments applied in the 'good old days' before the war, but, in view of present financial difficulties, inter-affiliation is less likely to commend itself, now that executives are looking round for methods to augment the incomes. Just at the moment the principal question is how to provide more funds, rather than cheaper facilities for members.

Opinion seems to vary as to the effect that raising non-resident members' entrance fees is likely to have. On the one hand, it is felt that when ordinary members are having their contributions increased, those who come in from outside should similarly be asked to pay more. On the other hand, there is the fear that a larger tribute from the casual visitor will result in fewer life members, as many of those who wish to join for the sake of a peal will prefer to pay one annual subscription and then drop out. This difficulty might be got over by making it a rule that any ringer living outside the area covered by the Association should be admitted only on life membership terms, and not given the option of becoming an annual subscriber, although, we dare say, many of our readers would object to the adoption of such a course. At any rate, the question of out-members' contributions is a rather knotty problem, and the best test as to the advisability of raising the fees against would-be members of this class will be provided by time. A seven-and-sixpenny fee, such as proposed by the Middlesex Association, for instance, may be considered a rather large toll to take from a man who wants to ring just one peal with the Society, although for the man who is going to make frequent use of his privilege it is not an exorbitant amount to ask. It will be interesting to watch the experience of the Middlesex Association in this matter.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JACK GARBETT ... ..	Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..	5
GEORGE L. HEWITT ... ..	2	*ALBERT WOODVINE ... ..	6
BERT RIXOM ... ..	3	†WALTER LAGO ... ..	7
*EDWARD WOODVINE ... ..	4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.  
Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. W. M. De-la-Touche for the use of the bells, also for entertaining them to tea afterwards.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb in E.

MRS. C. H. DOBBIE ... ..	Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... ..	5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON ... ..	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... ..	6
JOHN T. SCOTT ... ..	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	7
JOHN H. WHITE ... ..	4	WILLIAM LYNCH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

E. BANKES JAMES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... ..	Treble	*DAVID HORNE ... ..	5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... ..	2	CHARLES LAYTON ... ..	6
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... ..	3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... ..	7
WILLIAM POSTON ... ..	4	JOHN CLARKE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

NEW SHOREHAM.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT CHALLEN ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN ... ..	5
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... ..	2	FRANK BENNETT ... ..	6
ALFRED W. GROVES ... ..	3	EDMUND LINDUP ... ..	7
REGINALD BROUGH ... ..	4	HENRY STALHAM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.  
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY STALHAM ... ..	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... ..	5
BERT CHALLEN ... ..	2	LOUIS ATTWATER ... ..	6
REGINALD BROUGH ... ..	3	ROBERT C. PRIDGEON ... ..	7
HERBERT RANN ... ..	4	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.  
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Brough hails from Croydon and was elected a member previous to starting.

CLAPHAM PARK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At St. Stephen's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... ..	Treble	FRANK BALL ... ..	5
HERBERT LANGDON ... ..	2	WILLIAM A. ALPS ... ..	6
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ...	3	THOMAS LANGDON ... ..	7
HORACE ADAMS ... ..	4	ALFRED JOYCE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor, Mr. T. Langdon, in celebration of his silver wedding. The majority of the band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. T. Langdon at their residence.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WALTER BOTTOMLEY ... ..	Treble
MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... ..	2
ALBERT JAGGER ... ..	3
FIELDING CROSSLEY ... ..	4
GERALD MOORHOUSE ... ..	5
JOHN JOYCE ... ..	6
JOE GREENWOOD ... ..	7
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 5th in 5-6 and the extent of the 5th in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time.

CUBITT TOWN, POPLAR, E.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
ARTHUR MASON ... ..	Treble
ISAAC G. SHADE ... ..	2
ALBERT W. COLES ... ..	3
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... ..	4
REUBEN SANDERS ... ..	5
HAROLD W. CLARK ... ..	6
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	7
DALBY RODGSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. C. S. Coldwell, age 82, at one time Vicar of Christ Church, and to Miss Mary Ellen Hart, of Cubitt Town, both recently deceased.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr.	
VINCENT BUTLER ... ..	Treble	WALTER CROSS ... ..	5
FRANK DAINTY ... ..	2	HUGH BEECHY ... ..	6
THOMAS VAUGHAN ... ..	3	FREDERICK T. COOKE ...	7
SIDNEY WRIGHT ... ..	4	FRANK DAVIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK T. COOKE.

\* First peal of Triples. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, and all the ringers belong to St. John's company.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD  
DISTRICT SOCIETY.

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

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM BIGGIN ... ..	Treble
JOHN HOLMAN ... ..	2
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... ..	3
ARTHUR HAGUE ... ..	4
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... ..	5
ARTHUR CRAVEN ... ..	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..	7
SAM THOMAS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

\* First peal of Superlative. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of David Brearley, who died on March 28th.

HENLEY SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.	
EDWARD EVANS ... ..	Treble
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ...	2
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... ..	3
GEORGE BENNETT ... ..	4
THOMAS W. LAST ... ..	5
*SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. ...	6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... ..	7
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal in the method.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.	
ROWLAND FENN ... ..	Treble
HENRY W. KIRTON ... ..	2
ARTHUR W. WORBOYS ... ..	3
GEORGE COTTIS ... ..	4
FRANK C. NEWMAN ... ..	5
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... ..	6
CALEB FENN ... ..	7
ALBERT C. HARDY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung on the birthday of F. C. Newman. H. W. Kirton hails from Writtle.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SHORT ... ..	Treble
THOMAS J. SALTER ... ..	2
JOHN BASS ... ..	3
JOHN WITHERS ... ..	4
JOHN SMITH ... ..	5
SAMUEL GROVE ... ..	6
ALFRED DAVIES ... ..	7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The band wish to thank the Rector for readily granting permission to ring, and also Mr. W. Potter for making all arrangements at short notice.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF HALEY'S.		Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..	Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... ..	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	6
WILLIAM HUMBERSTONE ... ..	3	ALFRED MARTIN ... ..	7
DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... ..	4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WETHERBY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JAMES R. KEMP ... ..	Treble
GEORGE ROBINSON ... ..	2
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... ..	3
WILLIAM BARTON ... ..	4
JAMES COTTERELL ... ..	5
WALTER LODGE ... ..	6
HENRY LINDSAY ... ..	7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th, and first peal on the bells, which were opened in July, 1919, and were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.  
CHARLES BETHELL ... Treble \* JAMES HAMER ... 4  
WILLIAM WATKINS ... 2 RICHARD BETHELL ... 5  
\* WILLIAM MANTLE ... 3 ALFRED TOMKINS ... Tenor  
Conducted by ALFRED TOMKINS.

First peal of Minor for all the band. Rung at first attempt.  
\* First peal.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of St. Dunstan's.  
A. HARRIS ... Treble W. H. HEIRON ... 4  
CAPT. BENNETT, C.A. ... 2 A. MARTIN ... 5  
A. WARD ... 3 A. ELDRIDGE ... Tenor  
Conducted by A. MARTIN.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,  
College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.  
ERNEST E. BARBER ... Treble WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4  
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2 CHARLES CAMM ... 5  
ERNEST GIBBS ... 3 ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor  
Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late  
Rev. J. H. R. Barlow, who was interred at St. Gabriel's the same day.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, April 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford  
Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt.  
CHARLES NUNN ... Treble ALPHAEUS BERRY ... 4  
EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2 FREDERICK WATLING ... 5  
GEORGE BAILEY ... 3 WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor  
Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

THURLEIGH, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double  
Court, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 17 cwt.  
\* FREDERICK H. ALLEN ... Treble R. CHARLES ALLEN ... 4  
W. ARCHDALE NORMAN ... 2 HENRY W. GAYTON ... 5  
GILBERT F. BELL ... 3 EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor  
Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the organist  
of the above Church.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.—On March 16th, at St. John's  
Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Mercer 1, J. Hall 2, Miss Emma Tongue 3, W. H. Shaker 4, F. Page 5, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 6, J. Wilson 7, F. Stoneley 8. Longest length for the ringer of the 7th, who, with the ringer of the 5th, is attached to the city's police force bell ringers.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 9, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.  
JOHN T. M. FLETCHER ... Treble \* HARRY V. FLETCHER, JUN. 4  
HARRY V. FLETCHER, SEN. 2 THOMAS HANNAH ... 5  
WILLIAM HANNAH ... 3 ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor  
Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal.

BELTON, RUTLAND.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
AND ST. PETER'S GUILD, BELTON.

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Single Court, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor  $10\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.  
\* PTE. H. KENDALL (Suffolk Regt.) ... Treble PTE. F. STANFORTH (R.A. O.C.) ... 4  
CPL. H. CHURCHILL (Leicester Regt.) ... 2 PTE. F. T. BINDLEY, M.M. (Leicester Regt.) ... 5  
\* PTE. A. BUZZARD (K.O.R. Lancs) ... 3 SGT. E. MORRIS (R.A.S.C.) Tenor  
Conducted by SERGT. ERNEST MORRIS, R.A.S.C.

\* First peal. Great credit is due to the 2nd ringer for the wonderful way he manipulated his bell, striking it perfectly throughout. His right arm was entirely shot away on the Somme at Bazentin Wood, July 14th, 1916.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.  
\* ERNEST H. DUNNETT ... Treble GEORGE R. FINCH ... 4  
FRANK L. FISHER ... 2 CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5  
GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... 3 NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor  
Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BRITTFORD.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 42 Six-scores.  
\* A. FRY ... Treble \* W. WRIGHT ... 4  
† F. W. ROMAINE ... 2 † L. HARRIS ... 5  
E. DIBBEN ... 3 C. GAISFORD ... Tenor  
Conducted by L. HARRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member before starting.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 23 cwt.  
E. CHARLES ALLEN ... Treble R. CHARLES ALLEN ... 4  
W. ARCHDALE NORMAN ... 2 ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 5  
GILBERT F. BELL ... 3 EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor  
Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ALTERATIONS TO RULES.**

The annual gathering of the Beds Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and those present took away with them memories of a very pleasant and satisfactory meeting. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford, and Elstow, were available during the morning. St. Paul's being raised shortly after 9 a.m., and kept going until the hour of the service at 12.15. This was conducted by the Vicar of St. Paul's, who also gave, in a short address, an Easter message of victory and peace. He exhorted the ringers, when ringing for their various purposes, to carry out their duties in a manner worthy of the highest traditions of church workers, and ministers doing God's holy work.

Service was followed by a luncheon served in the Drill Hall of the St. Paul's Church Lads' Brigade, kindly lent for the purpose. Close upon fifty sat down. The business meeting was rather lengthy. Miss Evelyn Steel (vice-president) occupied the chair, in the regretted absence of the president, and amongst those present were Canon J. H. Speck, Rev. R. Copeman, Miss D. D. Steel, Messrs. F. Hopper (president, Central Northants Association), W. Perkins, A. Tyler, W. Rogers, J. R. Sharman (London), J. Houghton, A. E. Sharman (district secretary), H. L. Harlow (district secretary), and E. P. Duffield (general secretary). Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. J. L. Gilbert, J. J. Atkins, C. Squires, Messrs. C. A. Pratt and A. King, whilst the late secretary, the Rev. A. Rust, sent his best wishes for a successful meeting.

The committee's report was read and adopted, and the balance sheet which showed a balance on the year's working of £2 19s. was approved. Canon W. W. C. Baker was re-elected president; Messrs. E. Ransom, Charles Herbert, and Miss E. Steel re-elected vice-presidents with the addition of Mr. A. King. Mr. Edward P. Duffield was again elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. W. Tuqueray hon. auditor. The officers were thanked for their past services, and six new members were elected.

On the proposition of Mr. Harlow, Rule 6 was altered to read:— 'All subscriptions are due on January 1st,' instead of Easter, thus making the year of the Association January 1st to December 31st. This will enable reports to be printed in time for the annual meeting. A proposition to raise the non-resident members' subscription to 5s was withdrawn, it being felt that it would be in the interest of the Association for it to remain at 3s. In connection with this, Mr. Mar-

low expressed himself in favour of some kind of inter-affiliation, and so abolish the present system of non-resident subscriptions.

On the propositions of Mr. Harlow and the Hon. Secretary respectively, Rule 11 was altered as follows: 'The time and place of the annual meeting shall be fixed at the annual general meeting,' and the following words omitted: 'Half fares shall be paid to members attending the annual meeting.'

Bedford was again chosen as the venue for the annual meeting of 1921, and Woburn for the summer festival.

The Chairman proposed that the hon. secretary be instructed to write to the hon. secretary of the Herts Association, suggesting that a peal should be rung at St. Albans on April 22nd on the occasion of the enthronement of the new Lord Bishop of St. Albans by a band representative of the two associations. The counties of Herts and Beds constitute the Diocese of St. Albans, and it was thought that this would be an appropriate method of welcoming the new Bishop, and of showing good fellowship between the two societies. The secretary had been instructed to invite the Bishop to become the patron of the association, a position held by the late Bishop. (The Secretary of the Herts Association has since replied to the hon. secretary's letter declining the suggestion of a combined peal of welcome. As explained elsewhere, illness made this impossible.)

On the question of the Central Council's powers and the so-called 'enforcement of decisions,' the opinion prevalent was that any such change would be unnecessary, and certainly not a practical suggestion. It was felt that if the Council gave a lead, ringers at large would follow its suggestions, and that no ringing societies would cut themselves off from other ringing bodies by severing their connection with the link that holds them together. It was felt that the Council was appreciated in that it keeps record of such matters as peal totals, and other inter-association affairs, irrespective of its other useful work. It was held that some ringers expect of the Council what it was never intended for.

The usual votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the incumbents for the use of their bells, concluded the meeting.

Further ringing was indulged in until about 7 p.m., the methods rung including Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Ten, London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Eight Georges of the Midlands celebrated the festival of the patron saint of England by a peal of Stedman Triples at Harborne.

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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are asked to announce that the winning number of the draw at Okbury for 12 handbells is 470, the winner being Mr. J. Fisher, Red Hill, Dudley.

On the day of enthronement of the Bishop of St. Albans, illness, in close proximity to the Cathedral, made it impossible to attempt a peal. Also ringing at St. Peter's was curtailed through illness of Mr. T. Waller, a very old ringer. We hear that Mr. Waller is now much better.

Holt's Original has just been rung at the Church of St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, and it is interesting to recall that it was at St. Giles' Church, Norwich, that the Original was first called without 'prompts,' this being in the year 1751.

Ringers with a sweet tooth who propose to attend the meeting of the Middlesex Association at St. Giles-in-the-Fields next Saturday are asked 'to bring their own sugar.'

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. BRISTOL BRANCH AND A CLERICAL VICE-PRESIDENT.

At the monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch, held at Iron Acton on April 17th, the following resolution was brought forward by Mr. H. T. Howell: 'That a clergyman be selected from the list of honorary members to be an acting vice-president, and take an active part in the Association, and shall be a member of the Executive and Management Committees.'—This was seconded by Mr. E. Guise, general secretary, and supported by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, who said it was a step in the right direction to get a clergyman interested in ringing to be at the head of affairs. They had had one in the position of Master for the last two years, and did not want to lose him; but as the office of Master was an annual one, and there were so many good ringers capable of filling it, it should go round, and it had come to the time when they should make the new office.—The resolution was carried unanimously, and will be brought before the committee at the next meeting at Lydney.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Corringham, on Saturday, April 10th, and although the weather was not altogether propitious, a good number were present, from Gainsborough, Stow, Bigby and Misterton, in addition to the local company. The bells, a nice and handy ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going in the methods of Grandire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, to which 28 sat down, and was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. R. Thornton, Vicar of Corringham, presided, and was supported by the Revs. J. Barber and H. T. Parry, incumbents of Stow and Bigby respectively.

The Chairman gave a very hearty welcome to the Guild.—The following were elected as performing members: Messrs. W. Cooper, G. Anderson, E. Atkinson, E. Dalingwater, H. Morgan, A. Hewitt, J. Noble, all of Gainsborough, and H. Denton, of Stow.

Votes of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells; Mrs. Prescott for so kindly undertaking the arrangements for the tea, and others who had helped to make the meeting a success concluded the business. Evensong followed, and was attended by a good number of the ringers. Further ringing then took place until close upon eight o'clock, when a successful and profitable meeting, particularly for the younger members, was brought to a close.

### ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday. A short service was held in the Cathedral Church of St. James, conducted by the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilson, who, in his address, spoke of the important duties devolving upon ringers, and urged them not to forget that such duties involved responsibilities.

After the service, twenty-eight ringers sat down to lunch at the Suffolk Hotel, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton, Cambs, presiding. The unsettled state of the weather no doubt had a good deal to do in preventing a larger attendance.

At the conclusion of lunch the business meeting was held, the Rev. H. B. Woolley being in the chair.

The report and balance sheet were read and adopted; eleven new members were elected, and thirteen others were re-elected.

Mr. T. R. Dennis, the general secretary, having expressed a desire to resign on account of ill-health and increasing work, Mr. A. E. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambs, was unanimously elected as general secretary.—The Chairman said they ought not to break up that day without thanking Mr. Dennis for all his services. He was sure they appreciated very much the work that Mr. Dennis had done, and hoped that he might be spared many years longer to give them his experience and advice.

Ringing took place during the day on the Cathedral bells (10), St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds (8) and Horringer (8).

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUBSCRIPTIONS INCREASED.

The annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 10th, and the attendance, whilst not a record one, was well up to the average, between 70 and 80 members attending during the afternoon and evening. The bells at St. Mary's, Putney, as well as those at Fulham, were at the disposal of the members, and good use was made of both peals, most of the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal, being rung.

The service was taken by the Vicar of Fulham (the Rev. G. K. S. Marshall, M.A.), who based his address on Rev. xxi. 17, 'The April and the Bride say, Come.' This, he said, 'is the message of the Holy Spirit of God to His Church—“Come.” Put away all indulgence in sin and selfishness, and in its place set up love, righteousness, truth. Blessed are those who are privileged to send out the message—“Come, come and worship.” The call has been echoed all down the ages, and in time the church found out a new way to sound the invitation. Thus it is that we have towers with peals of bells to give out the most Christian message, “Come and worship God.” The first bell ringers were earnest Christians, and their hearts were more in the message than in the bells. The privilege of their work came first; and it was the sacredness of the message of the bells that gave them their work and meaning. Of all our powers the greatest is sympathy, and most of all in matters of religion. If ringers are in sympathy with their message the bells will ring true; if they are sincere and loyal Christians the bells will appeal to the spirit of those who hear them and will evoke a response. Otherwise the bells no doubt will be pleasant to listen to; but will produce no valuable results. I appeal to you, therefore, members of the Middlesex Association, to make bell ringing a real service for God. More than any other men, ringers ought to be regular and devout worshippers. The church is calling in these days for reality in all who take part in her services. As your bells sound out the message, “Come, come and worship,” see to it that your lives are in accord with the message, and do not fail to be yourselves worshippers.’ The hymns chosen for the service were ‘All people that on earth do dwell,’ and ‘Hark, hark my soul.’

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, the chair being taken by the President, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., who was supported for part of the time by the Vicar; and by Mr. F. A. Milne hon. treasurer; Mr. W. Pye, Master; Messrs. J. Armstrong and C. S. Bird, District Masters; Messrs. C. T. Coles, and W. H. Oram, hon. secretaries, and a large company, including a number of lady ringers.

The report and balance sheet were submitted by Mr. C. T. Coles, and were unanimously adopted. The report shows that during 1919 there were elected two honorary and 67 ringing members. About a similar number had been struck out, mostly owing to losses through war-time disorganisation, and including nine by death. The roll of honour contains no less than 31 names of members who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. During the year 35 peals were rung, including three rung to commemorate the peace celebrations. The Master (Mr. Wm. Fye) had equalled the record in point of numbers made by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, by the ringing of a peal of London Surprise Major at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Nov. 13th, and a few days later had made a new record. Twelve meetings were held during the year, exclusive of the annual general meeting, with good results. The report contains much of interest, and is quite up to the pre-war standard in quality, if not in quantity.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £10 4s. 9d. on the Central Fund, a loss of nearly £4 on the year's working, incurred mainly through the ever-increasing cost of printing the annual report.

Seven new members were admitted. Mr. J. H. B. Hesse retired from the office of vice-president of the S. and W. District, and the remaining officers were unanimously re-elected, with Mr. T. Beadle appointed to fill the vacancy.

The financial position of the Central Fund was discussed. On behalf of the Central Committee, Mr. C. T. Coles proposed an increase in the subscriptions. At the two district annual meetings held earlier in the year, said Mr. Coles, the balance sheets showed that the districts were in a healthy condition, financially, especially in view of the fact that during 1919 there were still a number of soldiers away whose subscriptions were excused. This year they hoped to get all the soldiers back, and there would be very little to fear in the districts. The Central Fund, however, was in a different position, as that fund had to bear the whole cost of printing the annual report, the price of which for the report just published was about £26 for a 48-page issue, about twice the cost of a very much larger pre-war report. This cost had to be met and the committee recommended that the subscriptions of life and ringing members be increased by 50 per cent., making the subscription of a compounding member 7s. 6d., and of a ringing member 1s. 6d. per annum. Further, they considered that as the cost of the reports was now about 9d. per copy, it would be necessary to charge life members 6d. per copy, to help cover the increase in the price. With over 100 life members it would be impossible to provide

them with free reports at the existing cost, as had been the practice in the past.

The proposals were seconded by Mr. F. A. Milne, who added that the committee's recommendation included that of the transfer of 70 per cent. of the subscriptions to the Central Fund instead of the present 60 per cent., which would mean that practically the whole of the increase would go to that fund.

Mr. W. Hewett proposed as an amendment that the subscription for life membership should remain at 5s., stating that he thought that visiting ringers generally would not pay 7s. 6d., but would join as ordinary members. Mr. D. L. Clark seconded. Mr. G. Kilby opposed the amendment stating that he thought 7s. 6d. none too much for a life membership of such a society as the Middlesex Association. Mr. Coles stated that the increases in outgoings did not stop with the report. Printing and advertising had gone up, postage had increased, and he thought that any increase in subscription should include prospective life members, for money nowadays had not the same value as before.

The amendment was defeated by a substantial majority, and the proposal to increase the subscriptions of life and ringing members by 50 per cent., with the other proposals contained in the Central Committee's recommendation, was passed, with only one dissident.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars and churchwardens of Fulham and Putney for the use of the bells, and for all they had done towards making the meeting a success; to Mr. J. Driver and Mr. T. Bolton for having the bells in readiness, and to Mr. W. H. Hollier for assistance given to the hon. secs.—This vote was unanimously passed, and the members adjourned to both towers for further ringing, making as much use of the bells as was possible during the time available for that purpose.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held on Easter Monday at St. Albans. There was ringing during the day at the Cathedral, St. Nicholas', and other churches, and the members attended choral evensong at the Cathedral and an address was delivered by the Rev. J. B. Booth, Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, St. Albans.

A course of Stedman Cinques was rung in the north aisle of the Cathedral, upon handbells, by six ringers from Oxhey and Bushey towers, as a concluding voluntary at the service, the clergy and congregation remaining in their seats. One commentator afterwards stated: 'The touch was splendidly rung, and the effect simply grand. It definitely marked the occasion as a ringers' service.'

Afterwards the annual tea was held at the Abbey Institute, under the presidency of the Rev. C. F. Ayerst Vicar of Watford. This was followed by the annual business meeting, which the Dean of St. Albans and several local clergy attended, while letters of regret were received from Canon Parnell, the Archdeacon of St. Albans, and Col. Fremantle.

The Chairman said he was glad to see present so many silver badged men, and men who had served, and referring to the fact that the bells at Watford had been recast and rehung, said they would be glad to welcome any of those present at Watford whenever they could go.

The Treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) presented a satisfactory statement of accounts, and was congratulated by the Chairman 'on the way he amassed wealth' (laughter).

### THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary's report included many items of interest, from which we take the following:—

With regard to the condition of ringing throughout the county, enthusiasm is being revived, and a rapid recovery is being made to pre-war days. This is shown especially by the peal list, which this year numbers twenty-three, and is as follows:—Nine peals of Grandsire Triples, three peals of Stedman Triples, two peals of Superlative, one London Surprise, one Kent Treble Bob Major, and seven peals of Minor. The peals were rung in seventeen different towers, eighty-nine different ringers having taken part. During the year Benecoe peal has been increased to eight, through the generosity of Mr. Alfred Baker Watford St. Mary's peal has been recast and refitted and a new bell-fry made, through the zeal of our President, the Rev. C. F. Ayerst; and Mr. A. C. Clauson, K.C., one of our honorary members, has given the order for the North Minims peal to be increased to eight. Royston peal has also been increased to eight, and I hear it will not be very long before they score their first peal on their increased ring. May Watford band soon follow their example. We heartily thank these gentlemen for the interest they have shown to the cause of bells and bell ringing.

The suggestion in my last report, with regard to an Association War Memorial, has not fructified, and we yet require a 'move on' if any permanent memorial is to be raised. Another proposal is to join in the Diocesan Scheme for filling the great west window with stained glass, as a general memorial to every one of the fallen, whether they

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were officers or men, rich or poor. If a small panel could be reserved for the ringers, perhaps this would meet with their approval. But the whole question is one which the committee should carefully consider before making any recommendation, so we must await results. But I would suggest, there is one step we might take at once, and that would be to record at the end of our Peal Book a list of all men who were called up, with their rank. This could be furnished to me by the secretary of each tower in affiliation, and would form an acceptable memorial off our own bat.

The question of giving powers to the Council will be brought to your notice to-day by our representative, and you will be asked to vote upon the same. But who is asking for powers to enforce decisions? Have we a direct mandate from the committee seeking such powers? If so, have they explained the salient reasons for such? No communication has reached me from the committee, and my information upon the subject has been gleaned chiefly from the 'Ringing World.' My own personal opinion is that if the Central Council need powers to enforce decisions, they should first lay their claims before the whole ringing community in a proper form for discussion by members of each Association. The Council is a most useful body, but its future rests entirely upon its members to fashion for good or ill. For the moment 'We don't know where we are.' But we do owe a debt of gratitude to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, our representative on the Central Council for his services, and we ask him to accept our appreciation of his work.

After expressing thanks to the district secretaries for their services, the report adds: We record with thankfulness the continued interest taken in our society by our honorary members, and the incumbents of the various churches, who so readily grant facilities to the ringers for any special ringing. But the ringers would like to see them more often in the belfry, as their presence would often be helpful. To the various bands I would say, do your best to pull together in perfect unison, and to the individual ringer, if you can't always make others see your view point, never mind, endeavour to see theirs. Your opinion may be possibly right, but to weaken a band by leaving is hardly fair to the majority with whom you have had no difference of opinion. Our chief motive in ringing should be an act of worship—the offering of time and talent in God's service. Life is too short to squabble, and remember right in the end wins. The Easter message proves this. May we all return to our respective companies enthused with a keener desire to fulfil not only our ringing functions, but to put into practice those higher duties pertaining to our Heavenly Citizenship.

#### THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Canon Papillon, proposing the election of Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, as President of the Association for the ensuing year, said that gentleman would not be merely a figure head, but was one eminently qualified to give sound advice on bell ringing.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. H. Eden, and carried with enthusiasm.

Replying, Mr. Buckingham said they had conferred on him an honour he had not expected, but he would do his best to fill the position. He congratulated the Association on its prosperity and progress, and he thanked Canon Papillon for his very kind references to himself. His mind was taken back to happy times at Chelmsford, and also when he was with the Bushey ringers. They had to remember whilst they practised that their object was to be proficient for Divine service. One enthusiastic Norwich ringer had expressed himself as follows on this subject:—

May good ringers flourish: may bad ones mend;  
May change ringing last till the world's at an end;  
When we meet may we meet in brotherly love,  
And when we part hence, meet in the tower above.

(Applause.)

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel hon. secretary, both with acclamation and thanks for past services.—Mr. Cartmel remarked he was Mr. Debenham's understudy before he became secretary. Mr. Debenham was secretary for sixteen years, but that day they had re-elected him (the speaker) for the seventeenth time, so he had beaten Mr. Debenham by one. He thanked them all for their support during the year, and said they could not sufficiently thank the district secretaries (applause).

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. MEMORIAL FUND TO DATE.

Amount previously acknowledged in 'Ringing World,' £20 14s. 9d.: Frocester Tower, £1 2s.; D. Gulse, Bristol, 3s.; Wickwar Tower, £1 6s.; Wotton-under-Edge Tower, £3; Slymbridge Tower, £1 11s.; Minchinhampton Tower, 15s.; Urley Ringers (see H. W. Fussell, list as well), £1 17s.; St. Philip's, Bristol, £1 10s.; St. Stephen's, Bristol, £7 4s.; Berkeley, Wotton, £3 14s.; total, £42 16s. 9d.

ROCK FERRY.—On March 22nd, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Babb Minor, in 26 mins.: F. Banton 1, W. Battle 2, J. Cooke 3, H. S. Muel 4, W. Hughes 5, H. Martin (conductor) 6. Ring for the Confirmation service held by the Bishop of Chester. After service, 180 Plain Bells Minor.

## NOTICES.

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. Dogdale, 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.—S. Thomas, 164, Greystones Rd., 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.—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.—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. Tea will be provided at Keele.—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.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, 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.

LLANFAFF 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. Step-

hen'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. 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. The bells at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, will be available for ringing.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., School House, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Estab. 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 4th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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?

**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.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh Parish Church on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, May 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Deanery.—A meeting will be held at Baltonsborough on Saturday, May 8th.—Service 4.15; tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m., to all who notify me by Tuesday, the 4th.—E. Creed, Hon. Sec., Castle Cary.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Brafield on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, May 4th?—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting at Eling on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 2.30, also Dibden (8). Tea and meeting at the Anchor Inn at 5.30.—W. H. George, District Sec., 1, Newton Road, Eastleigh.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting announced last week for Saturday, May 8th, will have to be postponed as it is not possible to arrange for the tea on that date. The date on which it will take place will be announced as soon as possible.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Childwall on May 8th. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 6.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A District meeting will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, May 8th. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

**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 send me a p.c. by May 6th.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms 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.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on May 15th. Bells from 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting to follow.—E. Butler, District Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service in Church at 5; tea, followed by business meeting, after. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be

present at the meeting must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 11th.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15th, at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea at 5, meeting following. Kindly notify Secretary for tea not later than May 3rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**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.

**SLOUGH**.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 49 mins.: P. E. Jones 1, Miss G. Bateman 2, H. Hewett (conductor) 3, E. T. Hooper (first in the method) 4, W. Henley 5, W. H. Fussell 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. D. Barker 8. Arranged for ringers of 2, 3 and 8, who were spending a week-end in Bucks.

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