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THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.

A considerable number of the large Associations hold their annual meetings at Easter, and will soon be preparing their programmes for these proceedings. How many of them, we wonder, will include in the agenda the question of whether the Central Council is to be given power to enforce its decisions? From the published reports of the meetings of those Associations which have held their annual gatherings since last Whitsuntide only a few, apparently, have concerned themselves with the subject, and we doubt whether, when next the Council meets, it will be in possession of the considered views of anything like a majority of the affiliated bodies. If only all those who meet between now and Whitsuntide will take the opportunity of coming to a decision on the point upon which they have been asked to express an opinion, it will be some guide to the feeling of ringers; but it is strange that matters concerning the Central Council, unless it is the triennial election of members, are more often than not ignored.

Somewhat or other it seems, with some Associations, that it is nobody's business to bring before the members the various subjects that from time to time get remitted from the Council for consideration, either, as in the present instance of the question of plenary powers for the Council, by direct reference, or by the adjournment of a subject for a year in order to sound the opinion of the rank and file. The question of its future powers is a matter of prime importance to the Council, and the organisation of the Exercise, but, so far as we are able to ascertain, not half the Associations who have met for their annual business have troubled to discuss it. Whose fault this is we are unable to say. We are unaware whether the Council has itself formally circularised the affiliated bodies on the matter, as it ought to have done, but in any case it should be the duty of the representatives to see that such questions are brought to notice at the proper time. Unless they do this they fail in their responsibilities, for while they are not merely delegates to vote as directed, but are given the widest discretion, they are, after all, the connecting link between the Associations and the Council, and ought to be relied upon to keep the two in touch.

The future of the powers of the Council is really an important subject, however we may view the question of enforcement, and, when the numerous meetings at Easter and in the succeeding weeks are held, we hope that something will be done to have the matter discussed. Upon the decisions of the Associations must depend the shaping of the future of the Council, and no satisfactory policy can be settled upon if only half the affiliated organisations have expressed an opinion upon the subject.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 31, 1920, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	JAMES E. GROVES 7
GEORGE SWANN 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 9
FREDERICK PAGE 5	AMOS TRIPPIER 10
	JOSEPH WILSON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED WOODROW 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
WILLIAM A. WOODROW 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7
HAROLD J. WALTON 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edna Woodrow, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ALDER <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4	WILLIAM HENLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. C. H. DOBBIE <i>Treble</i>	JOHN T. SCOTT 5
ALFRED H. PELLING 2	†GEORGE W. STEERE 6
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK GODDARD 4	GEORGE SPENCER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PELLING.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell in the method on tower bells.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS <i>Treble</i>	WILBY J. HAZEL 5
CHARLES V. HARE 2	FREDERICK SABAN 6
WILLIAM SABAN 3	GEORGE RADLEY 7
FRANK JELF 4	THOMAS MILES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. RADLEY.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE MARRINER Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
* JOHN BEANS 2	ALBERT DARNELL 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
† JOHN H. WHITE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal in the method. † 60th peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

BERNARD ALLSOP Treble	EDWIN BLACKWELL 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	JOHN SIDDALL, SEN. 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	MAURICE FROGGATT Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

Rung with clappers half-muffled, after the funeral, to the memory of Thomas White, one of the local band, who was taken ill and died on the 15th.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN J. MENDAY Treble	JOSEPH HANDS 5
FREDERICK POUNDS 2	REV. CECIL JENKYN 6
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3	ERNEST W. MENDAY 7
ALBERT D. CULLEN 4	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* LOUIS AINSWORTH Treble	† SIDNEY TURRELL 5
THOMAS METCALFE 2	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE 6
JOHN G. HALL 3	THOMAS LANCASTER 7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 4	JOHN W. PASSMAN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN W. PASSMAN.

* First attempt for a peal in any method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of John Henry Jones, who had been a member of the belfry for 32 years.

PUTNEY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS BOLTON Treble	* CHARLES COLLIS 5
JOSEPH HERBERT 2	JOHN P. KENT 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	EDWARD CASSELL 7
WILLIAM J. LEE 4	† PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

† First peal. * First peal on an inside bell.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	MARTIN HARRIS 5
GEORGE JONES 2	FRANK G. MILTON 6
* FRED LATHAM 3	GILBERT GERRARD 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	FRANK FOX Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

The above are all members of the tower. * First peal; also first peal in the method by all except the ringers of 4th and 6th.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

* FRANK RAMSEY Treble	† FREDERICK BALDOCK 5
† ROBERT HARRIS 2	GEORGE HELEY 6
* CHARLES E. KING 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
CANON W. W. C. BAKER 4	* WILLIAM HORNE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal in the method. The above are all members of the local company, and it is the first peal ever rung in Dunstable by a local company.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. MOORHOUSE'S.

Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb.

* MISS L. STEVENS Treble	H. J. CHAFFEY 5
* A. BUSH 2	A. E. GRAY 6
J. CROCKER 3	J. B. HESSEY 7
G. WARINTON 4	H. R. STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by J. B. HESSEY.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. This is the first peal rung in Chertsey by an entirely local band.

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

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

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

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 12th anniversary of the first Surprise peal on the bells.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 6
GEORGE TURNER 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART (reversed). Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Treble	ALFRED MEARS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 6
FREDK. W. ROMAINE ... 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE... .. 7
LEONARD HARRIS... .. 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Arranged for ringers 3, 4 and 6.

FINDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	TOM TEBBUTT 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 2	*GEORGE BASFORD 6
JOHN T. HENSMAN 3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First Surprise peal and rung at the first attempt.

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

T. S. SMITH Treble	WALTER A. WEBB 5
† OSCAR GILBEY 2	CHARLES GILES 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	ARTHUR W. PIKE 7
FRANK HOPGOOD 4	*EDWARD JEFFERY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 20's called differently.

*ELSIE HAWES Treble	ROBERT GREENACRE 4
*FRED MITCHELLS 2	THOMAS GREENACRE 5
WILLIAM MITCHELLS ... 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HAWES.

Rung on the anniversary of Armistice Day. * First peal.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Mins.,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ELSIE HAWES Treble	THOMAS GREENACRE 4
WILL MITCHELLS 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
ROBERT GREENACRE ... 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HAWES.

First peal of St. Clement's Minor rung in this district.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. T. M. FLETCHER ... Treble	T. HANNAH... .. 4
W. HANNAH 2	A. H. MUNSON 5
H. V. FLETCHER 3	*C. SHEPARD Tenor

Conducted by H. V. FLETCHER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the soldiers of the village who gave their lives for their country in the Great War.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

SIDNEY CARTER Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
NATHAN PATMORE 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL 5
HENRY WALLACE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

ELSTOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERNEST COOPER... .. Treble	FRANK WEBB 4
MISS NORA COOPER... .. 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
HORACE H. COOPER... .. 3	†EDWARD WHITE... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. WHITE.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. S. V. Hartley), who was inducted that day.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONS Treble	ERNEST WILKINS... .. 4
ARTHUR HAYWARD 2	FRANK CAVILL 5
PERCY MERSON 3	THOMAS J. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of all those who made the great sacrifice during the war from the parish. Rung on the first anniversary of the death of Harry Webber, a former member of the bellry and choir (who died at Calcutta, Jan. 22nd, 1919), by six of his returned comrades.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

LITTLE WALDRINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,160 of Grandsire, 1,440 of St. Simon's
and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

*HARRY DAY Treble	†STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3
HARRY CORNELL 2	WALTER HEAD 4
JAMES MARTIN 3 Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. This was rung as a compliment to D. A. S. Symonds, son of the conductor, also to Mr. D. Elliot, of Henny, Essex, whose birthdays occurred on the day previous.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Residence of Lewis Wiseman.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 changes each of Double Court, College Single,
St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent
Treble Bob.

LEWIS WISEMAN ... 1-2 | SIDNEY HALE ... 3-4
OLIVE BROYD ... 5-6

Conducted by OLIVE BROYD.

Witness: ARTHUR WASH.

First peal in seven methods 'in hand' by all.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1-2 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Cai.) 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 3-4 | B. P. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Vicarage,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Worcester, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single
Court, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, with 480 Little Bob.

J. B. WOOLLEY ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
C. W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Witness: REV. H. B. WOOLLEY.

First peal in eight methods by all.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, January 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Stephen-the-Martyr's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

ALFRED E. REEVES ... 1-2 | GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... 5-6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 3-4 | JOHN A. BURFORD ... 7-8
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 9-10

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.
Umpire: PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1-2 | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Witnesses: J. G. RUMSEY, A. KEEBLE, C. SAMPSON.

First peal of Oxford Royal by all.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, January 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1-2 | JAMES E. GROVES ... 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3-4 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7-8
*ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. MORRIS J. MORRIS.

* First peal on handbells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The relinging of Llandaff Cathedral bells, with the augmentation of two trebles to make it a ring of ten, is just completed, and the bells were given a trial on Friday evening last.

The dedication and opening is fixed for Saturday, Feb. 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be available for all visiting ringers to have a pull after the service.

In memory of her brother Ernest, for many years a chairman and bell ringer at Penn, Mrs. Carden has presented a three-light brass corona to the parish church, where the bells have just been restored and augmented, and the ringers have given matting to cover the belfry floor.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

To-morrow (Saturday), February 14th, twelve members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, that ancient Gloucestershire ringing organisation, which was established 1688, will attempt a long peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick, starting at 10 a.m.

THE PEAL AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.

The peal of Stedman Caters rung at Manchester Town Hall was a peace peal for the City of Manchester. The composition was rung for the first time, and is the longest length yet accomplished on the bells. Messrs. Perrens, Swann, Walker and Groves journeyed from Birmingham for the peal, which is, therefore, a sequel to a visit paid to that city by four Manchester ringers at the close of last year. Owing to long draught and springy ropes, a peal at the Town Hall is, at the present time, a somewhat difficult undertaking. The thanks of the band are due to Sergt. Walter Billinge, of the Manchester Police Force, for making the necessary arrangements with the authorities.

DEATH OF MR. H. EVANS.

A WELL-KNOWN SUSSEX RINGER.

The death of Mr. Harry Evans, of Goring, Sussex, has removed one of the oldest and most respected ringers from the County Association. Mr. Evans passed away on January 30th, at the age of 77 years. He was one of the earliest members of the Sussex Association, which he joined 25 years ago, and from 1900 to 1914 was the hon. secretary of the Western Division, in the welfare and progress of which he took an especial pride. It is recalled that he had rung the bells of his parish church on 55 consecutive Christmas days.

He had rung peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

The funeral took place on January 30th, the following members of the Sussex County Association being present: Messrs. A. W. Groves (hon. secretary Western District), E. H. Lindup, H. Meelins, C. Hills, G. Gatland, Chipper, and several members of the local band, who acted as bearers. The bells were rung half-muffled.

THE BELLS OF PENN.

NEW PEAL OF SIX FOR THE OXFORD GUILD.

Dedicated on Christmas Day, a new treble has been added at the Parish Church of Penn. The third, which was cracked, has been recast, the other of the old bells quarter-turned, and the whole of the peal hung in a new frame and fittings, making a capital peal of six. The Vicar's warden, Mr. A. H. Birch-Reynardson, has generously provided the funds for rehanging and retuning the fine old bells and the recasting of the third, while the Vicar and other parishioners gave the new treble, which is to be known as the 'Peace' bell, and is inscribed, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Pax, June 28th, 1919. The gift of Parishioners. B. J. S. Kerry, Vicar.' The inscription on the recast 3rd is 'To the glory of God. This bell was recast and the peal rehanged by the generosity of A. H. Birch-Reynardson, Esq., Churchwarden. For Victory in the Great War, 1914-1919.'

The work has been splendidly carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The new bell, after being dedicated, was rung alone for a few pulls by the foreman ringer—a grandson of Tom Fryer, who helped to ring the bells for the long period of 67 years—and after the service an excellent touch was given by the Penn Society, viz.: A. Randall (foreman), F. Allen, A. Bates, E. Bushy, E. Bates, H. Camvin, and S. T. Blackmore.

The tower was opened on January 7th to neighbouring members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, when, in addition to the local team, the following met to try the bells, and expressed their satisfaction with the 'go' and the work: Messrs. Starr, Mburn and Edwards, of Amer-sham; also Messrs. J. Blackmore, G. Gutteridge, O. Mayne, R. Buckland, R. Young, and W. Henley (conductor), who rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

DARTFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, on January 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for morning service, in 45 mins. by the local band: W. J. Wheaton 1, T. Groombridge, junr., 2, R. Morgan 3, H. Rayner 4, E. G. Bates 5, F. E. Ellis (conductor) 6, H. Audesley 7, E. Brown 8. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first quarter-peal by the ringer of the 7th.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT YORK.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on Saturday, January 31st, in dull and unsettled weather. The hum of the great bells in the peal at the Minster met visitors on their arrival, their admiration of the same being countered by some local residents wondering at the unaccustomed bustle and noise at their famous Minster.

The day's proceedings commenced with a committee meeting, after which Divine service followed in the Minster at 4 p.m. The magnificent singing will be a treasured memory to many visiting ringers, the anthem, 'Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever' (Gloss), being worthy of special commendation. The preacher, the Rev. Canon C. C. Bell, M.A., took as his text the words, 'Every member of the church in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee,' taken from the second collect for Good Friday. The Canon gave a brief history of bells and their sacred and secular uses, and speaking of an experience on Lake Maggiore, said how he was impressed by the reverence of the hearers of the evening Angelus bell. He pointed out how the ringers' call was to the community to worship, and not to a small section of it. Change ringers in their art had no soloists but must all act corporately, or else the flow of changes was interrupted. The clergy looked on the ringers as their fellows, and as such both must be men of high character, and not be mere signposts; they must impress those around them by their Christian examples.

Tea followed in the Ebor Hall, after which the meeting was held in the Schoolroom of St. Michael-le-Belfry. The President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) was supported by the officers of the association, and the various clergy of York, interested in bells, were present. Apologies were received from Messrs. F. Willey (Sheffield), and H. Williams (Leeds).—Notice of motion was given to abolish life membership, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. J. Cotterell, seconded by Mr. G. B. Rolland, to hold a general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Easter Monday.

The balance sheet was passed, on the motion of Mr. G. Horner, seconded by Mr. W. Horner, and a vote of thanks to the Dean of York, Canon Bell, and the various clergy who had placed their bells at the disposal of the meeting, was proposed by the President, and seconded by Mr. T. M. Barker.—In reply, the Rev. C. J. Alexander (the Vicar of Clifton) extended a most kindly welcome to the visitors, to the ancient city of York, and this was supported by the Rev. J. Young, of St. Michael-le-Belfry.—Mr. F. Earnshaw replied to a vote of thanks to the local company, and hoped the association would visit York again at an early date.

Mr. C. Glenn was re-elected as hon. general secretary. Mr. P. J. Johnson consenting to act pro tem. until Mr. Glenn was at liberty to resume his duties. Twenty new members were elected, these including an entire band from Pickering.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall was elected as trustee, in the place of Mr. W. Whitaker, who had resigned the post owing to his advanced age and increasing infirmities. Great regret was expressed at the resignation of Mrs. Whitaker, as he forms one of the small band now surviving contemporaries of the late Jasper Snowden, and was the first secretary of the association. The hope was expressed that he would long live to enjoy his retirement.

Handbell and tower ringing at the Minster, with Clifton and Bishop-hill, brought brain time all too soon, and left happy memories of a most pleasant meeting and kindly reception to all who undertook the journey, to this, one of the most ancient and glorious old cities of our country. P. J. J.

DEATH OF BOTTESFORD RINGER.

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 69 years, of Mr. Daniel Gilding, a much respected member of the band at St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, Leicestershire. Mr. Gilding had been a ringer at the Parish Church for a number of years until quite recently, and was a most reliable ringer, being a great lover of Grandsire Triples. He had been a member of the Framland Society almost from its formation, and was held in high respect by all who knew him, being of a cheerful disposition, and always ready with a helping hand. He was regular and punctual in his attendance at both service and practice, but was obliged to resign in October last, owing to ill-health. He was sent to Nottingham Hospital on January 24th, and underwent an operation, from which he never recovered.

The deceased was a native of Bottesford, having spent the whole of his life there. His father was a ringer at St. Mary's for half a century.

He was laid to rest in his parish churchyard on Saturday, January 31st, six of his brother ringers acting as bearers.

As a tribute of respect the St. Mary's band rang, in the evening, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), with ten different callings, in 50 mins.: M. Bend 1, *J. R. Jackson 2, Blakey 3, *W. Hallam 4, A. W. Ward (conductor) 5, H. Thorby 6, L. J. Abbott 7, *J. Reynolds 8, Ring with 4, 6, 8 covering. * First quarter-peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION'S NEW OFFICERS.

The recent division of the Essex Association into five instead of four divisions will, it is hoped, give a further stimulus to ringing in the county, and the first meeting under the revised scheme in the North-Eastern District, at Colchester on Saturday, January 31st, was certainly a success. Ringing took place at St. Peter's Church, where service was held, at which the Rev. Canon C. Triffitt Ward officiated, and gave a short address. The usual form of bell ringers' service, as sanctioned by the Bishop of the Diocese, was used.

An enjoyable tea was then partaken of in St. Peter's Parish Room, there being present: Canon Triffitt Ward; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary; Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree (Master); and Messrs. H. F. Cooper and E. Ridgewell; Divisional Officers for the Northern district. Over 40 members were present, and the following towers were represented: Braintree, Bocking, Rayne, Colchester, Great Bentley, Earls Colne, Feering, Kelyvedon, Stisted, Witham, Mistley, Great Bromley, Great Totham, Great Henry, Tending, Horkesley, Foxearth, Goldhanger, Maldon, Langham, Edmon-ton, Sible Hedingham, Greensted Green, Croydon.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. C. H. Howard presiding, Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, was elected District Master, and Mr. H. T. Pye, of Colchester, District Secretary. The following new members were also elected: Messrs. J. D. Buckingham, C. G. Mann, J. R. Owers, G. A. Neville, A. Appleton, H. S. Clarke, A. C. Langford, G. W. Moss, and G. T. Honeywood.

The Chairman said that during the war they had built up a large reserve fund, which they would now have to expend on increasing the membership of the Association, and in doing much important work which had necessarily been untouched during the war. He mentioned that the Association had decided to hold its annual meeting on Whit-Monday, in Colchester, when the members would have an opportunity of viewing the antiquities and interesting features of the town.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, proposing a vote of thanks to Canon Triffitt Ward, said that in Canon Triffitt Ward the Association had a very old friend. This was a familiar task to him, for he had been present on similar occasions in St. Peter's Parish Room for over forty years. He proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Ward for his presence there, and for the use of the Parish Room.

Mr. Howard, seconding, endorsed these remarks, saying that they were always sure of a hearty welcome when they came to Colchester.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Triffitt Ward and other ladies who assisted in the arranging of the tables and the management of the tea, and to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre and Mr. C. H. Howard.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. STROUD BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, January 31st, a very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent by the 30 members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association who attended the annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch from Painswick, Stroud, Bisley, Stonehouse, Minchinhampton, Avening, Chalford and Horsley. The Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Swayne) met the ringers at 3 p.m., and gave them a hearty welcome. The bells were raised in peal, and the Vicar rang with the visitors Doubles and Caters until tea, to which the ringers were entertained by the kindness of the Vicar.

The annual business meeting followed. The Rev. W. J. Clay (President of the Branch) presided, and the Branch Secretary (Mr. W. Tate) gave a report for 1919. He said ten meetings had been held; nine peals of over 5,000 changes had been rung; three new members had been elected, and there were now four honorary and 70 performing members in the branch. All were pleased to welcome back so many of the members of the branch who had been serving in H.M. Forces and to see them again taking their places regularly in the belfry and at the meetings.

The clergy and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells and also the Editor of the 'Ringing World' and the local Press for publishing the accounts of the meetings and peals.

The Branch Secretary presented the balance sheet for 1919, which was adopted as most satisfactory, showing a balance on the year forwarded to the treasurer of the association of £5 19s. 11d.

The retiring president and all the officers were unanimously re-elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their services.

Divine service was then attended, and the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Swayne) gave a most appropriate address. The tower was afterwards visited, and various touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters and Bob Major were rung till 9 p.m.

SHORNE, KENT.—On Thursday evening, 5th February, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Avis, H. Argent, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, G. Morrad, F. M. Mitchell (conductor). In the afternoon the Rev. G. E. Marsh, late of Christ Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, was inducted as Vicar of Shorne, and the above was rung by ringers from the mother church at Milton.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1920.**

BERE REGIS AUGMENTATION.**NEW TREBLE DELICATED.**

The re-opening of Bere Regis (Worset) bells took place on Thursday last week, and was attended by several members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, including the Master (Major Hughes D'Eath), the general secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards), the branch secretary, and a strong contingent of the Dorchester Branch, whose district this tower is in. Bere possessed a fine musical peal of five bells, with tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat, the treble dated 1658, 4th 1709, tenor 1698. These have been to the foundry of Mears and Stainbank, and have been overhauled, a new treble added and all rebung with new fittings in a new iron frame. The general opinion expressed was that the founders had made an excellent job, the splice of the treble being perfect. Bere can now boast not only of its grand edifice with its fine Transition Norman work, carved wood roof of the nave, remarkable with its fine beams decorated with effigies half life-size in the dress of the time, and fine pinnacled western tower, its ancient history, and one time royal residence, but also of one of the finest peals of six bells in the Diocese of Salisbury. Readers of Thomas Hardy's novels, especially 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles,' will be quite familiar with Bere, 'King's Bere,' where two fine canopied tombs of the D'Urbervilles, in Purbeck marble, are to be seen. Previous to the service of dedication the following band rang the opening touch of two 120's of Grandsire Doubles: 11. A. Runyard, Wool, 1; Major Hughes D'Eath, Buckhorn Weston, 2; H. Thomas, Fordington, 3; Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna, 4; C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis, 5; H. Runyard, Wool, 6. The grand edifice was crowded. The Rev. R. C. V. Hodge (Vicar) officiated, and the Rev. A. L. Helps, R.D. (in the absence of the Lord Bishop) dedicated the new bell. This ceremony was followed by a few rounds on the bells by the above band, and the Rural Dean then gave a very fine address, taking for his text, 'Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.' Following the service, ringing was kept up by the visitors for another hour, the local band ringing the last touch. Before leaving the belfry, the Branch Secretary impressed upon the local band the advisability of joining the Diocesan Guild, and its objects, and hoped they would take up change ringing.

At the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mr. W. Bedford (who has consented to act as secretary for the ringers) the visitors adjourned to the Vicarage and partook of a sumptuous supper, being waited upon by Mrs. Hodge and the Misses Bedford. The objects of the Diocesan Guild and change ringing were explained, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the donors of the feast for their great kindness. This was supported by Major Hughes D'Eath and the Branch Secretary, and the Vicar, in replying, said he was very grateful to the members of the Guild for what they had already done. He thought a great deal of enthusiasm was displayed in golf, but he now believed the bell ringers surpassed it.

Everything points well for the Bere Regis bells and ringers, which should provide another tower in union with the Guild. The visitors, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' extend their thanks to the Vicar and Mr. W. Bedford and the local ringers for their kind hospitality during their visit.

On Saturday, February 8th, some members of the St. Peter's Society, Bournemouth, visited the tower to try the bells. Touches of Minor and Doubles were rung, the 18½ cwt. tenor and other bells responding perfectly to the slightest pull of the rope. What was once a ring of five are now a fine mellow peal of six worthy of the historic tower and church, for Bere Regis Church possesses one of the finest examples of hammer roofs in the whole of England, erected by Cardinal Morton in the reign of Henry VII. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory after the ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Giles, Gamberwell, when about 50 ringers were present, and the ten bells were going in the various methods soon after 3 p.m.—A short service was held in the church, when the Vicar gave an interesting address on the bells and their history. Tea was afterwards partaken of in St. Giles' Hall, which was kindly given by the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome to the Association.

After tea, the business meeting was held, six new members were elected, and the balance sheet and report, which showed that the district had a record year for new members and attendance, were adopted.

The following officers were elected for 1920: Mr. H. Burton, Master; Mr. F. Smith, secretary; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; and Mr. J. Abernethy, steward.—After a unanimous vote of thanks had been passed to the Vicar for his kindness, the tower bells were again rung till 9 p.m.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Coppins (first quarter on the treble) 1, F. Orris 2, Miss E. Jarvis (first quarter) 3, A. Binfield 4, E. Bridges 5, T. Farley 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEMORIAL FUND.**

Further donations acknowledged by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Guise): Amount previously acknowledged, £7 4s. 3d.; Coaley Ringers (Wotton), 12s.; Olverton Ringers (Bristol), 15s. 6d.; Mr. J. Williams (Card), £2 5s.; Mr. H. W. Fussell (Card), £1 15s.; Mr. R. Guise (Bristol), 3s. 6d.; Mr. H. Lewis (Horfield), 10s.; Haresfield Ringers (Stroud), 6s. 6d.; Painswick Ringers (Stroud), £1; Mr. and Mrs. C. Guise, 5s. 6d.; St. James' Ringers (2nd), £4 11s. 6d.; St. Michael's Ringers, £1 6s.; total, £20 14s. 9d.

ACCRINGTON RINGERS' JUBILEE.**TRIOS' LONG SERVICE.**

On Saturday last, an interesting gathering took place at Messrs. Hoyle's Cafe, Accrington, when local ringers and friends met to celebrate the completion of 50 years' service, in St. James' Tower, Accrington, by three of the local band, viz., Messrs. R. Scholes, J. Hindle and T. Newall.

The proceedings commenced with an ideal tea, presided over by the Rector of St. James' (the Rev. A. J. Morris), who was accompanied by Mrs. Morris. After tea, the Rector heartily congratulated the three veterans on their splendid record, and in mentioning the fact that Mr. Scholes used to ring the curfew bell at 8 p.m. to send people to bed, he (the Rector) wished Mr. Scholes could send everyone to bed by ringing a bell at 10 p.m. now.

The Rev. A. Horsfall (curate of St. James') said, nowadays everyone was being advised what to do to keep fit, but he had not yet seen the taking up of change ringing advocated, though, judging by results, in the present case it was evidently conducive to longevity and renewed youth.

In replying for the ringers, Mr. J. Hindle and Mr. T. Newall gave some amusing ringing reminiscences, and concluded by informing the company that each of the three ringers had received a congratulatory letter from the Bishop of Manchester.

The evening was then devoted to songs, charades, dancing, etc., during which 'Papa' Newall demonstrated how some of the 'owd uns' could still 'trip the light fantastic toe.'

A vote of thanks was passed by the guests for a very memorable and enjoyable evening, and was suitably replied to by Mr. Hindle for the ringers.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 31st, a combined practice was held at Ickleton, ringers being present from Saffron Walden, Wendens Ambo, Sawston, Stapleford, Great Shelford, and Cambridge. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Cooke), who also gave an address. At the conclusion of the service, the ringers partook of tea, provided by the generosity of Mr. H. F. Beales, churchwarden. The Vicar presided at the tea table, and wielded the enormous teapot in a very satisfactory manner. Unfortunately Mr. Beales was unable to be present, but a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service.

Handbell ringing afterwards took place, several tunes being rung. Touches of Grandsire Triples were also brought round by: F. Dench 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, F. Ritstow (conductor) 5—6, P. Webb 7—8. Ringing on the church bells took place both before and after tea, the methods being Grandsire and Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting of St. Albans District was held at Harpenden on Saturday last, ringers attending from Dunstable, Luton, St. Albans, North Mymms, London, and the local band. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham was voted to the chair. One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Luton on March 13th.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for use of bells and to the chairman concluded the business.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Willesden, Middlesex, by the Middlesex Association, on Thursday, Feb. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of 1920 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 70 mins.: R. Kilby 1, G. C. Kilby 2, B. Fokett 3, A. Tennant 4, C. Radford 5, F. H. Crook 6, T. Newman 7, H. Kilby (conductor) 8.

At Lindfield, Sussex, on Saturday evening, January 31st, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Bob Minor (1920 changes), in 1 hr. and 5 mins., with the tenor covering: F. Howell 1, H. Tomsett 2, R. Holder 3, A. Tomsett (conductor) 4, W. Watts 5, F. Willie 6, E. Patching 7. Longest touch of Bob Minor on the bells, and by all except W. Watts.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Leighton Buzzard. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—A. King, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; Service 4.30; tea at 5.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral bells (10) 2.30 to 4, and in the evening, also St. Maurice's (6) afternoon and evening; tea at St. Maurice Hall at 5.15. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due.—W. H. George, District Sec., 1, Newtown Road, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Coffee House.—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open 2 p.m.; Service 5.30, followed by business meeting; tea will be provided.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. St. Clement Danes open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Clare Market, at 5.50. Business meeting 6.45.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service at 3.30. Dinner will be provided in the Schoolroom (adjoining the Church) at 1 o'clock for all those intending to be present, tickets 2/6 each. Stations: Surfleet, G.N., Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E. (2 miles).—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Feb. 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moorside (St. Thomas') on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready at 3. A memorial peal tablet, in memory of the late Mr. H. Hampson, is to be unveiled at this meeting. All ringers and friends are specially invited to attend.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Feb. 21st. The bells of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and the newly-augmented eight at Bengoe will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A 15 minutes' service will be held in St. Andrew's at 5 o'clock, address by the Rector; tea at W. Crangs, Fore Street, at 5.30, 1/- each, business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, and not at St. John's, Deansgate, as already announced. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Shipton on Feb. 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. The Master of the Guild will attend.—H. Dickins, Hon. Sec., Hook Norton.

LOW MOOR, BRADFORD.—Official re-opening of bells, which have recently been rehung, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28th. All ringers are invited. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 24th.—J. W. Simpson, 4, Harby Fold, Low Moor, Bradford.

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing from 2 till 4.30; service at 4.30; tea at George and Dragon at 5 o'clock, a short business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, the 24th?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Swindon on Easter Monday, April 5th. Important business, including war memorial. Will members watch these columns on March 19th and 26th for full details?—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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

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