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NEW SUGGESTIONS ON ORGANISATION

The organisation of ringing associations has, in the course of years, developed in a variety of forms, but chiefly upon a territorial basis, with the county or diocese as the unit. When the towers affiliated were comparatively few in numbers such units were easily run with centralised administration, but the expansion brought about by the rapid growth in the popularity of change ringing resulted in decentralisation being necessarily resorted to in the case of most societies. In regard to peal ringing, however, the only acknowledged claims are those of the parent associations, and the branch or division to which the ringers may belong is only of subsidiary importance.

On this matter some interesting points are raised by the Rev. H. Drake, who is keenly interested in the improvement of the administrative machinery of the Exercise, and he puts forward a number of suggestions which will doubtless be read and debated with interest among ringers. Briefly his most important points are that associations for peal recording purposes should be broken up into smaller units, such as Archdeaconries, and that every peal should be credited to the Archdeaconry in which it is rung, irrespective of the association from which the ringers come. Further, Mr. Drake suggests that the Central Council should be amended in its constitution in order that administrative details and matters of organisation should be dealt with by representatives of these Archdeaconry units, while the scientific section is left in the hands of a body appointed on existing lines.

Such suggestions are a little too sweeping to pass an opinion upon without very careful thought, and there are objections as well as advantages to be considered. This, however, ought not to prevent the suggestions outlined by Mr. Drake being ventilated and discussed. We think it hardly likely that at first sight many associations, or ringers, for that matter, will jump at the proposals; but the more one thinks about the suggestions the more one has to admit that there are phases of the proposals which commend themselves as being worth development. The organisation of the Exercise has proceeded steadily in one groove for many years, and it is not likely to be upset in any revolutionary manner; but it does not follow that it cannot be improved upon, and, if for no other reason, Mr. Drake's suggestions can be welcomed as providing a starting point for discussion. We should like to see consideration of matters such as this beginning at district meetings and going forward in due course for debate at the annual meetings of the associations, where matured thought could then find expression and a carefully considered decision be arrived at.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS 6
ALBERT D. STONE 2	JOHN JAY 7
OLIVER SIFFETTS 3	KEITH HART 8
CHARLES PALMER 4	CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN ... 9
WILLIAM WATTS, SEN. ... 5	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by Capt. J. R. MACKMAN.

Richard Hayes hails from Haslemere, Surrey, and was elected previous to starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*H. LEWIS Treble	MARTIN HARRIS 5
GEORGE JONES 2	SERGEANT J. W. DAVIES ... 6
†FRANK FOX 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	ARTHUR HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by SERGEANT J. W. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

* First peal. † First peal with Bob bell. All are members of above tower.

GLOSSOP.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES L. BUCKLEY Treble	WILLIAM MARSDEN 5
THOMAS HARROP 2	THOMAS POTTS 6
EGMONT T. MALKIN 3	JOSEPH BENTLEY 7
HENRY COOPER 4	HARRY PENBERTON Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE of Hyde.

Conducted by JOSEPH BENTLEY.

This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST BOYLIN Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
CHARLES DICKENS 2	PERCY O. LAFLIN 6
JOHN WITHERS 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	ALFRED DAVIES Tenor

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 5
ALBERT A. HUGHES 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
FREDERICK PAGE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Arranged for Mr. Albert A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. HART 5
GEORGE H. STONESTREET ... 2	WILLIAM STEED 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	KEITH HART 7
FREDERICK WHITE 4	WILLIAM COLLISON ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the bells by the Bishop of Rochester. W. C. Hart was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM LATTER 5
HARRY HARRINGTON 2	WILLIAM STEED 6
GEORGE H. STONESTREET ... 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	GEORGE EDWARD Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	*EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 6
LEONARD HARRIS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
GEORGE TURNER 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	ROBERT H. BENT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. The visitors wish to express their thanks to the Moorside ringers for having everything in readiness, and for their hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

NEWPORT, MON.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At the Church of All Saints, on March 8th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): B. Wilson 1, T. Ford 2, R. C. Seager 3, O. Greedy 4, F. Atwell 5, A. E. Morgan 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, W. A. Gulley 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. O. Seager.

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
A PEAL OF DOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM COCKINGS ... Treble	HERBERT ROUSON 5
BERNARD FISHER 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 6
HENRY W. GAYTER 3	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. WALTER.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
ALFRED WATSON 3	JAMES RAMPLEY 7
WALTER CHANDLER 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEO. CROSS.

First peal in the method by ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th. First peal of Treble Bob by ringer of the 7th.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PERCY MARCHANT ... Treble	ARTHUR CAUSLEY 5
WILFRED BOOTH 2	CHARLES BRAZIER 6
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT 3	JAMES A. HART 7
HENRY M. SMITH 4	*ALBERT HONTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

* Elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5536 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT JAGGER ... Treble	JOHN JOYCE 5
MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
WILLIAM JOYCE 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 7
FIELDING CROSSLEY 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal by the ringers of 4th and 6th and first on tower bells by the 2nd ringer. This composition is now rung for the first time.

KIRKBURTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

R. B. SHAW ... Treble	EDWIN R. ARMITAGE ... 5
JOHN ROLLINSON 2	*FRED TOWNEND 6
HARRY ARMITAGE 3	WILLIAM B. FRITH 7
ALBERT ARMITAGE 4	JOE WILLIE PICKERING Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING and Conducted by EDWIN R. ARMITAGE.

First peal on the bells, which were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who are to be very highly complimented upon the manner in which the work was executed. * First peal.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Sunday, March 14th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. A. Allen 1, W. A. Norman 2, G. F. Bell 3, R. C. Allen 4, A. J. Barcock 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by a local company.

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

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in F.

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

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

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

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN WITHERS 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	*JOHN SMITH 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	ALFRED DAVIES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal of London.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED WATSON Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT 5
JOHN E. BURTON 2	CHARLES E. BORRETT 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	*WILLIAM G. MAYERS 7
GEORGE P. BURTON 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. This composition is now rung for the first time. This is the first peal of Double Norwich to be rung in the city by a band of resident members since the peal at St. Michael, Coslany, on Monday, November 1st, 1831.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY WISEMAN Treble	STANLEY WILDING 5
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	BERNARD PETTYT 6
HORACE COOPER 3	CECIL BARKER 7
ARTHUR WASH 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

This was rung with the bells deeply muffled for the late Miss Elizabeth Amelia Webster, who died on March 7th and was buried on March 13th. Miss Webster and her late sister gave the three new bells to make a peal of eight in this tower.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 18, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. J. CULLUM, SEN. Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL 5
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	*F. J. CULLUM, JUN. 6
*HERBERT AUDSLEY 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. The peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to F. J. Cullum, jun., on his twenty-first birthday.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MONKS FLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Bob Minor.

LEONARD HEAD Treble	ARTHUR SYMONDS 4
ARTHUR KEEBLE 2	WILLIAM R. J. FOULSON 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON 3	WILLIAM STIFF Tenor

Conducted by W. STIFF.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, the 720's in each method called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM SAMELES Treble	WALTER THOMAS 4
JOHN DUNNING 2	*WILLIAM THOMAS, JUN. 5
JOHN THOMAS 3	ALBERT E. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. RICHARDS.

* First peal.

SWEFFLING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

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

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

This is the first peal in seven methods on the bells, upon which a peal has not been rung for at least 40 years until now.

FILLONGLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, ALLESLEY.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

*GEORGE GARDNER Treble	CHARLES AYLETT 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	JOHN TAYLOR 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the tower-keeper for making the necessary arrangements. * First peal of Minor.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight 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, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. CHARLES ALLEN Treble	R. CHARLES ALLEN 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	ALBERT J. BARCOCK 5
GILBERT F. BELL 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. William Long Fitzpatrick, the highly-respected and esteemed churchwarden of the above parish, whose funeral service was held the same day, prior to cremation.

WHITWELL AND HACKFORD, REEPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, March 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.
SIDNEY ALLEN Treble WALTER ALLEN 4
HORACE BEAN 2 WALTER MEDLER 5
FREDERICK BARBER 3 WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor
Conducted by WALTER MEDLER.
First peal on the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's of Bob Minor called differently.
Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOHN SPENCER Treble GEORGE M. GREENACRE 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2 NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
JOHN LARTER 3 FRANCIS W. NADNTON Tenor
Conducted by FRANCIS W. NADNTON.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 21 in D.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2 WALTER AYRE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: Mrs. PULLING. Arranged for W. Ayre, of St. Mark's College, Chelsea.

THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I agree with the Rev. E. S. Powell that reform of the Council might well begin with administrative control of its committees; of which hitherto there has been little or none. I have been for many years a member of the 'Literature' Committee, which (whatever may have been its past services) has of late become a byword for dilatoriness and inefficiency. For this I accept my share of responsibility; only pointing out that the Council has made no one responsible as 'convener' for getting the committees to work, nor (so far as I know) made any attempt to ascertain whether it is doing anything between one annual meeting and another. If this is the case with the Council's other committees, no wonder that complaints are heard of 'laxity or levity somewhere'; no wonder also that time and patience are wasted at the Council meetings over details that ought to have been thrashed out beforehand by committees.

I know the difficulty of calling together busy men who are widely scattered. But with proper organisation, responsibility and supervision, it may be found that after one meeting of a committee, its business could be transacted through the post. Someone, however, must be made officially responsible for this duty, and someone above must see that he does it.

St. Albans.

T. L. PAPILLON.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

Great success attended the 32nd Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday last. The company presided over by Canon Grose Hodge, the new Rector of Birmingham, numbered over 180, and included besides the members of St. Martin's Guild, representative ringers from London, Bristol, Gloucester, Manchester, Leicester, Loughborough, Crewe, etc. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

A LEAP YEAR CELEBRATION.

On Sunday, February 29th, for evening service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: H. Belcher 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, F. G. Symonds 3, Miss G. Bateman 4, W. J. Kemp 5, C. Mayne 6, H. Burton 7, Sergt.-Major J. E. Davis, R.E., 8, M. F. R. Hibbert 9, A. D. Barker 10. Rung as a compliment to M. F. R. Hibbert, who celebrated his '7th' birthday on this date, being 32 years of age.



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ASSOCIATIONS AND PEALS.

BY THE REV. H. DRAKE.

The practice of ringers scoring peals away from home has long been a bone of contention. It certainly does not seem to many fair that ringers, living and usually ringing in one part of the country, should go to another part, and score a peal to the credit of another Association, simply because they all happen to belong to it. This custom arose when ringing societies were few and far between; and so long as the whole country was not covered, it could hardly be arranged otherwise. Now, however, there is no reason for continuing a course which must necessarily lead to friction and jealousy. At this time, too, all records have been upset by the war, and it will be a year or two before things get into so normal a course as to make any sort of comparison very useful. Therefore, now is clearly the time, if ever, when a new rule could be made. Let us all see what is practicable; and, to begin with, I will suggest a way out of the difficulty.

For the purpose of recording peals, let the whole country be rigidly marked out into units; and let all peals be scored, so far as the yearly analysis is concerned, to the unit within whose borders it is actually rung. I would suggest that the unit be an Archdeaconry. This usually consists of between 100 and 200 parishes, and is a district comfortably worked by one secretary. Those who do not belong to the Archdeaconry could be elected members before starting, in the usual way, as at present. This method would encourage more local spirit among ringers, and would decidedly help to increase the number of ringing towers. The present system often hinders the increase of ringers.

The larger associations could go on as at present, and in their reports record peals, for their own satisfaction, which are rung by their own members. It may be thought, at first sight, that this would tend to reduce the membership of the larger associations; but it seems much more probable that anything which increased the number of ringers would also increase their membership.

Indeed these smaller societies might be affiliated to the larger ones. Already there are some societies for different Archdeaconries, and this method of working has proved its value. They can do work which would be impossible if too much ground is attempted to be covered.

In Dorset I adopted the following plan: A circular letter was sent to every incumbent, churchwarden, and captain of ringers in the district, pointing out the use of the society, even where there was only one bell, and a copy was also sent to every new incumbent. In this way we got hold of places where new bells were proposed; or suggested the idea of new bells where they would not otherwise have been thought of. A four-page leaflet was brought out containing a list of all towers where there were ringers. Their names were all printed, and starred if they belonged to the society, with a cross in addition, if they were change ringers. The day and hour of the weekly practice was recorded, together with the methods rung. If this were to be done uniformly in each of these societies—and printed, say, at the 'Ringing World' office—all these leaflets could be bound up each year or so into a most useful Ringers' Year Book. I venture to think this would do more to help the cause of ringing throughout the country than any other single effort.

The result of our 'intensive culture' of Dorset, is that there are now two flourishing societies, where at that time there was not a single band in going order.

If some such scheme as this were carried out, the Central Council might be altered to correspond. Let the existing arrangements be carried on exactly as at present; but let them discuss only scientific questions, and let them meet only in the morning. Then let a new body be constituted by letting each of the new territorial societies send one representative. This could be easily so arranged as to consist largely of the same people as the other (the present body). Let these only discuss practical questions, and let them meet in the afternoon.

In this way people who are bored stiff with scientific questions, but are keen on organisation, or vice versa, could each attend the meeting they were interested in, and avoid the other. The present arrangement, by which members are forced to attend what does not interest them in the least, while it is intensely interesting to others, must always cause complaints. The combined working of the two bodies would not be so difficult as at first sight might appear; and is in constant use with Boards of Guardians and District Councils.

At present both the small society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the overgrown Midland Counties Association (to each of which I have belonged), stand on the same footing with regard to the analysis of peals. This is not good for either. It discourages the smaller societies by putting them in a hopeless position, and makes the larger associations think that they are doing very well, when probably they are not 'pulling their weight' by any means.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent asks if there is any peal board in England which contains the names of Rector or Vicar and the two churchwardens, all honorary members of the Guild or Association, under whose auspices the peal was rung. We should think there are many such, but we may be wrong.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**PRESTON BRANCH MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Tarleton on Saturday last, about 30 ringers attending and enjoying some good ringing on the fine new peal by Messrs. Taylor. Unfortunately none of the local band were present to welcome the visitors, and a notice on the blackboard in the ringing chamber 'to ring six bells' caused some delay. Upon examination, however, the bells were found to be all right, but the discovery was made that the 'Hastings' stay is not understood at Tarleton. Matters were soon put right by the use of the oil can, and attention to a few other details, and the bells were then raised, and were soon humming merrily to Stedman Triples, followed by touches in various other methods. The business meeting was held in the churchroom, presided over by the Vicar, who welcomed the association, and remarked that it had been a revelation to him that afternoon to hear the bells rung so well. His own ringers were not change ringers, but he hoped he would be able to secure the services of an instructor from amongst the visitors, and make a start.

Considerable discussion took place on the proposition of the Bolton Branch to alter the date of the annual meeting, and eventually a resolution was passed that the Preston Branch did not favour the alteration of the date, but was in favour of a whole day meeting in September.

Standish and Chipping were chosen as the next meeting-places, and the business terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting. Ringing was afterwards indulged in, some good practice being obtained in Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and College Single.

Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Penwortham, undertook the task of instructor to the local band, and it is to be hoped that when the turn of Tarleton comes round again for a meeting there will be a promising band of change ringers instead of disciples of 'stony.'

MEETING AT BARROW.

The half-yearly business and ringing meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Barrow-in-Furness, and proved a most enjoyable reunion of members from Barrow, Ambleside, Broughton, Kirkby, Dalton, and Kendal, several lady members from Broughton also gracing the gathering. Ringing commenced by mixed bands early in the afternoon. Mr. Tom Gibbons, the secretary of the Barrow company (a very old and ardent ringer), having attained the age of 74 years the day previous. Mr. Robinson, of Ambleside, quickly got together a band to ring a birthday touch in honour of the event, and Mr. Gibbons was also the recipient of a beautiful bunch of Lenten lilies from his Broughton lady friends, presented on their behalf by Mr. Barker. The special touch consisted of 350 Grandsire Triples rung by: Tom Gibbons 1, H. Smith 2, John Burrow 3, W. Atkinson 4, W. Robinson (conductor) 5, Jas. Burrows 6, Chas. Cushing 7, E. Beach 8.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Mould) presided at the business meeting held in the vestry, and extended a very hearty and cordial welcome to the ringers, on behalf of himself and the churchwardens of Barrow Broughton-in-Furness was the place appointed for the annual meeting, in September, and Milnthorpe for the quarterly ringing meeting in June. Three new members were elected.

A question was again raised by the secretary as to two additional bells being placed in the tower of the church at Hookborough, to make a ring of six.—Mr. Robinson read a letter he had received from Lord Richard Cavendish, in which he expressed his approval and support.—After discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Gibbons, that the secretary should write to his lordship, in reply to his letter, and also that copies of his lordship's letter should be sent to the Vicar and churchwardens of Hookborough, asking them to take the matter up, and saying that the association would help them all they could.

Votes of thanks were tendered by Mr. H. Smith, of Barrow, to Mr. Robinson, the secretary, for his long services, and for his very active and punctual attendance to the association's business.

The Rev. A. Partridge (a ringing member) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for his encouraging and able address, and use of the bells.—This was seconded by Mr. Gibbons, and unanimously passed.

Twenty-five members sat down to a very excellent tea in the Schoolroom, the tables being presided over by several willing ladies.—Mr. Robinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Barrow churchwardens for their kindness in providing the tea, and also to all the ladies for their catering and attendance.—Mr. Barker of Broughton, supported the vote, which, needless to say, was cordially carried.

Mr. Gibbons entertained the company with some amusing reminiscences, and further ringing also took place, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: W. Dennison 1, H. Smith 2, John Burrow 3, T. Watson 4, T. Stuart 5, Jas. Burrows 6, Chas. Cushing (cond.) 7, L. Farrington 8.

In the peal rung at Staplehurst on February 21st, the ringer of the 5th was William Wenban not Wenham as published.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**REVIVING THE NORTHERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pickering on Saturday, March 20th, and was attended by some thirty members, representing Scarborough, Thornaby, Helmsley, Saltburn, Headingley, and the local companies. Touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung, many of the ringers scoring their first touches on eight bells. The business meeting was held in the Schools, with the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair.

After the Chairman had given a brief précis of the meeting and its object, the Rev. E. Drage was elected President of the Northern Division on the motion of Mr. T. W. Robbins, seconded by G. Finch.—On the motion of Mr. J. R. Barton, seconded by Mr. G. Finch, Miss A. Henderson was elected secretary of the division, while Mr. H. Ferguson, of Scarborough, was elected as Ringing Master, on the motion of Mr. J. R. Barton, seconded by H. Gibson.

The following committee was elected: Miss I. Horner, Messrs. T. W. Robbins, G. A. Peck, J. R. Barton, and A. Coates, and power was given to the next meeting to elect three more committee members.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the Division at Scarborough on June 12th.

A short service was held in the delightful Norman Church dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul at which the Vicar of Pickering gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and gave them most kindly words of encouragement in his address.

More ringing, and tea followed a delightful day coming all too quickly to its end, leaving memories with the visitors of a rare spirit of enthusiasm and harmonious working in this wide and scattered district and which memories give great hopes for the future. P. J. J.

SOUTHWOLD RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Thos. King, who passed away at his residence on March 11th, at the age of 49 years. He served for over four years in his Majesty's Forces, but was discharged early last year as medically unfit. He obtained a situation a few weeks ago as rate collector for the waterworks, and returned from his round on Monday evening, March 8th, and went to bed with a severe attack of bronchitis and asthma, death taking place on the following Thursday.

Previous to the war Mr. King was employed by Messrs. John Garner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry. He was captain of the Southwold company for many years.

The funeral took place at Southwold on Wednesday March 17th. The bells were rung fully muffled for the funeral, and on the following evening a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was attempted as a last tribute of respect, but was unfortunately lost owing to a 'shift' in the 40th course, after 2 hrs. 45 mins. good ringing, the band being: J. Jillings 1, J. Spencer 2, J. Larter 3, G. Greenacre 4, E. Nunn 5, L. Naunton 6, N. Bailey 7, F. Naunton (conductor) 8.

The deepest sympathy of the Exercise will go out to deceased's widow and four children who are left to mourn their loss. Unfortunately Mr. King's only son had to have his leg amputated a few months ago.

On Thursday, March 18th, members of the Norwich Association from Halesworth, Chediston, and Wissett companies met at St. Andrew's Church, Wissett, and rang the bells half-muffled in touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor, as a last mark of respect and esteem to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas King, who had been for several years a honorary performing member of the Halesworth band. The following ringers took part: Captain and Mrs. Reeves, Messrs. F. C. Lambert, J. Howard, T. Crane, L. Hammond, P. Peck, W. Warren, W. Kerrison, W. Kemp and A. Peck.

LATE NOTICES.

CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) open from 2.30. Short service conducted by the Vicar at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify me by Tuesday, April 6th, for tea.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Est. 1637.—Meetings for practices will be held at *St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on April 6th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, April 3rd. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before 30th March. Bells 3 o'clock; tea 5.30 p.m.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., E. Steele, Assist. Sec., 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will be held at Washfield (two miles from Tiverton) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea in Church Room 5.15, 9d. each. Calverleigh bells also available from 2 to 4 and 6.30 to 8. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later April 6th?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, 1/6 per head. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. J. T. Barker, 'Hillside,' Stebbing, not later than Tuesday, April 6th, first post.—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service at 5.15, with address by the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, M.A. (Rector).—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 10th, 1920. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Alteration of date of the annual meetings.—J. Watson.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Melksham on April 10th, beginning at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Bells available all the evening.—Sydney G. Pepler, Hon. Sec., Hilperton, Trowbridge.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, to be followed by business meeting. Sixpence allowed for tea to those informing me not later than April 6th.—Charles D. P. Davis, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Witney, on Saturday, April 10th, at 3.30 p.m., to unveil two peal tablets, one recording a peal of Grand-sire Triples rung as a Peace Peal on August 9th, 1919; the other in memory of those who have fallen in the war and also recording the names of those who have served from this tower. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master) and Mrs. Jenkyn have kindly promised to unveil the tablets. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April

10th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. K. 8. Marshall). Tea at a reasonable cost in the Church House at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good attendance is requested, as important financial proposals will be made. Ringing arrangement as follows: Fulham, 2.30 to 5 p.m., and after the meeting; Putney, 3 to 4.45 p.m., and 8 to 9 p.m. Accommodation for tea being limited, arrangements will only be made for those who advise either of the Hon. Secs., by the first post, April 7th.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, E.17, and W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow, Hon. Secs.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open 3 o'clock, ringing till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at the King's Head at 6.30. Members are urgently asked to communicate with me of their intention to attend the dinner on May Day.—H. J. Bradley, School House, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held (p.v.) in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 17th, at 3.15 p.m. As important business is on the agenda, it is hoped that all committeemen will attend, if possible.—Richard T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—An important meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who wish for tea please communicate with Miss N. Williams, 5, Hillingdon Road, Uxbridge?—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Yalding on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting after. A motor bus will leave outside the S.E.R. station at 2.45 to take members there and bring them back. The secretary would be glad if all members intending being present would let him know not later than Tuesday, April 13th, and oblige.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on April 17th. Dedication of a peal board at 4 p.m. Service in church immediately after by Canon Elsee, M.A. Tea in schoolroom at 5.30, 1/3 each. Ringers and friends intending being present to tea please notify Mr. P. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than Friday, April 16th.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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

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.

SITUATION WANTED.

DEMOLIBISED ARTILLERY OFFICER, five years' service in France, desires to obtain a job of some kind. Public school education, expert on athletics and change ringer and conductor on 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells. Will any cleric or layman please advise or assist to obtain a post?—Reply to 'Campanology,' c/o 'Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey.

EASTER MEETINGS.

NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1920. The President, the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich, in the chair. The ring of eight bells of the Parish Church and the ring of six bells at Great Finborough and Barking will be available for the use of members. Committee meeting will be held at the King's Head Hotel at 12 o'clock noon, and the general meeting at 2.30 p.m. District Secretaries are kindly requested to bring this notice before their members in view of the important business to be transacted at the general meeting. Dinner will be served at the King's Head Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 3/6 each.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., 'High Croft,' North Walsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, April 5th. Committee meeting in Choiristers' School, 1.45 p.m. Evensong at Cathedral, 3 p.m., address by Rev. Canon Gardiner. Tea at Foresters' Hall, 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing in morning till 2.30 p.m. and after 6 p.m.:—Cathedral (10), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), St. Dunstan's (6) and Holy Cross (5).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The April meeting will be held at Barnsley on Easter Monday, April 5th. Eight bells from 2 to 8.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will take place at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available all day, bells of St. Michael's, Headingley (8), available from 3 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 5th. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 31st. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Shepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Brentwood on Easter Monday. Bells available at 1 p.m. Short service in St. Thomas' Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church House, Brentwood, at 1/- per head. The towers of Brentwood (8 bells), Shenfield (6 bells) and South Weald (6 bells) will be open to ringers at 1 o'clock.—P. Timson, Hon. District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Southport on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells ready at 2; service 5; meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Easter Monday, April 5th. The Master (Rev. M. E. Thorold) will preside. Ringing will be arranged in the morning at various churches up till 12 noon, and at Christ

Church from 6 to 8 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 12.30. Dinner at the King's Arms Hotel at 1.15, 4/6 per head. Meeting at 2 o'clock at King's Arms Hotel, followed by tea, 1/6 per head. Important business to be discussed, including Memorial, Election of Officers, and Central Council: its decisions and powers to enforce them. Information as to bells available in the morning can be obtained at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 5th. Ringing at St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10), Lenton (8) and Daybrook (8) from 10 a.m. Service in St. Mary's Church 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30. Meat tea at 4.30 (tickets 2/6 each) at the Nottingham Co-operative Society's Hall, Parliament Street. General meeting at St. Peter's School, Broad Marsh, at 5.15.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, and St. Stephen's from 2 p.m. Ringing can be had earlier at the Cathedral and the six-bell towers by writing to me in good time. Choral service in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. B. Booth, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. *Post me a card not later than April 3rd if you can come, it will help tea arrangements. Don't stay away if you forget to write.* Notice of motion given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake: 'That this Association is of opinion that the time has come for the Central Council to have powers, other than merely deliberation.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 5th. St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Elstow bells available from 9 a.m. Cardington from 3 p.m. Service in St. Paul's Church 12.15. Luncheon in the Drill Hall, St. Loyes, 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notice has been given of proposed alterations to Rules 6, 7 and 11, and several other matters of importance to the Association will be raised. A good attendance is particularly requested.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. General Secretary, Sharnbrook, Beds.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, April 5th. Service at the Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds, at 12.30, followed by lunch and business meeting at the Suffolk Hotel. The Cathedral bells (10), St. Mary's (8), Horringer (8), and Fornham St. Martin (6) will be available during the day.—A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at High Wycombe on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1920. Evensong at the Parish Church, with address by the President, Canon Eliot, at 4.30. Tea at the Church Institute at 5.15 p.m., business meeting to follow, the Master presiding. Storage for cycles. All Saints' tower open from 2 till 4 and 7 to 9, by permission of the churchwardens. The following towers are open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., by kind consent of the respective clergy, Hughenden, Beaconsfield, Wooburn and West Wycombe. Members will organise their own teams for the morning practices.

—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at Ashted, Surrey, on Easter Monday. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at Huntleys at 5.45 p.m. —Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Totnes on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells of the Parish Church (St. Mary's) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea and business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, Church Institute, at 4 p.m. —W. C. Wakley, Hon. Sec., Bella Vista, Teignmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Annual meeting of District at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday. Tower open 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 followed by the meeting. Half railway fare.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Wisbech on Easter Monday. St. Peter's (10), Walsoken (6) and Elm (6) available during the day. Tea at 4 p.m., 1/6; meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. —John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

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