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A CHANGE OF METHOD.

Now that the Association Easter meetings are over, attention will turn to the forthcoming Central Council meeting to be held at Northampton at Whitsun, when, once more, we presume, the question of the Council's own future will be discussed. It has been and still is difficult to arouse interest, outside the Council Chamber, in the doings of the central body, although we believe that years of striving in these columns have, at last, had some little effect in bringing home to a supine Exercise the fact that the Central Council is a body which might still be made useful, and in which every member of every Association ought to take a direct interest. No one disputes the fact that the Exercise, split up as it is into so many different organisations, must have some central body to bring into touch all its separate units and to co-ordinate its energies, and yet there are still a great many who look upon the present Council as a useless body.

In the discussions which took place at various meetings on Easter Monday, there was a general admission that the Council had done valuable work in the past, but a body like the Council cannot retain its position merely upon its past. It must make a future as well as contemplate a past, and the making of the future depends upon the manner in which it makes and utilises opportunities in the present. The Council is, without doubt, anxious to further the interests of ringing; but there is, we have always felt, one fatal defect in the present system. It ought not to be left entirely to the Council to find subjects for discussion. It should be the aim of every Association to find matters of importance to the Exercise which their elected representatives should be instructed to ventilate at the Council meetings. In this way a greater variety of topics might be found, and it could not then be laid at the door of the Council that its only discussions were upon abstruse problems or uninteresting subjects.

If the matters for debate, outside the purely domestic affairs of the Council, came for the most part from the Associations, it would have the double advantage of providing the Council with work of the kind it is ready to do, and also bring the deliberations more closely home to ringers in general, inasmuch as matters for eventual discussion by the Council could be raised by any member of the Exercise, by first getting a resolution passed by his own association. This starting of the ball from without, seems to us, to offer greater opportunities to the Council for usefulness, than the present method of waiting for everything to be proposed from within, and if the Associations could be educated up to this view we feel quite certain much good would result.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

		Te	nor 3	33 cwt.			
ALBERT E. NORMAN		T	reble	Morris J. Morris		***	7

				HERBERT KNIGHT			
AMES GEORGE				WILLIAM A. COOPER			
Frank W. Perrens				JOHN NEAL			
WILLIAM FISHER	***	***	б	BENJAMIN GOUGH	100		Tenor

Composed by Jamer F. Groves. Conducted by William Fisher.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary of the above society) to the living of Swindon, Staffs, and also to celebrate the 18th birthday of A. E. Norman.

CHELMSFORD. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes. AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5007 CHANGES:

		T	enor	35 cwt.		
WILLIAM SHEPHERD				CHARLES T. COLES	:	7
George R. Pye			2	WILLIAM PYE		8
ARTHUR EDWARDS.		***	3	*ARTHUR HEAD	5	9
				WILLIAM J. NUDDS		
				REUBEN SANDERS		
				Albert W. Coles	Te	HOY
Co	mnn	ead h	10 C	H HATTERETEN		

Conducted by William Pyr. . First peal of Cinques away from tenor.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS On Saturday, April 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT St. Saviour's Cathedral (Laie St. Mary Overy), A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 c	wt. c	qr. 20 lb. in B.	
CHALLIS T. WINNEY T.	reble	FRANCIS E. DAWE	 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	 8
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4	HENRY G. MILES	 10
JAMES SCHOLES	5	JAMES GEORGE	
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5	APTHUE D RABERS	Tenni

Composed and Conducted by Francis Edward Dawe. The 11th man hails from Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GREENWICH, S.E. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.									
WILLIAM J. NUDDS		7	reble	HAROLD W. CLARK 6					
ARTHUR MASON	4 9 5		2	HARRY HOSKINS 7					
CHARLES T. COLES				THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 8					
JOHN J. LAMB	***	***	4	Reuben Sanders 9					
ISAAC G. SHADE				ALBERT W. COLES Tenor					
Compound by Assessed Estrones									

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by Charles T. Coles.
The above composition has the 6th the extent in 5th's place in the tittums and handstroke positions, with the treble in second. This is the rooth tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Tuesday, March 23rd, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes): Miss Freda Hawasford 1, S. J. Coleman 2, S. W. Hawksford 3, F. C. R. Fields 4, L. J. Flint 5. H. Fields 6, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 7, C. L. Jones 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since their restoration, and rung entirely by parishioners.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

WILLIAM ROGERS	***	7	reble	WILLIAM FAREY	6
[WILLIAM]. ALLEN	114	141	2	SYDNEY J. LAWRENCE	7
THENRY BLUNDELL		***	3	*FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	8
JOHN METHERELL		***	4	GEORGE FLAVELL	9
CHARLES W. BIRD	***	***	5	ELIJAH JAMES T.	enor
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Composed by H. HALEY.
Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. * First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the induction of the Rev. A. J. Treloar, B.D.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes, At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor	12	cwt.	q	16.
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REV. H. LAW JAMES	Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES	6
SYDNEY G. FLOWERS	2	George H. Barker	7
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON	3	ARTHUR J. FARR	8
ARCHIE C. STOKES	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON	9
JOHN W. WOOD	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON	Teno
Com	pered by	W I TROUBB	

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Rupert Richardson.

* First peal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Rung for the wedding of Norman T. King and Miss May Taylor, who were married at Surfleet on the above date.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE. THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE LIANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF CRAMBSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FRED ATWELL	Treble	SIDNEY DAWE 6
JOHN W. JONES	2	Fred Chamberlain 7
JOHN AUSTIN	3	ALEN ROWLEY S
CLARENCE O. HOBBS	*** 4	Ex-Sergt. J. Williams 9
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	5	JAMES PIPPIN Tenor
Composed by John Ca	RTER.	Conducted by John Austin.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES

Tenor 21 cwt

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WILLIAM J. NEVARD	Treble	HENRY EVERS	5
WILLIAM CHALK	2	George W. Moss	6
RICHARD W. STANNARD	3	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD	
ALBERT CATTERWELL	4	WILLIAM KEEBLE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KREBLE.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARI	ATIC	N OF	PA	RKER'S	TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 2	o cwt.
WILLIAM CHAPA	IAN			Treble	ALBERT TOUT	*** ***	5
EDWARD LLOYD				2	ARCHIBALD J.	Andrews	6
ROBERT SCOTT				3	JAMES HUNT		
HENRY NORMAN		***		4	*JOHN CARTER	***	Tenor
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Conducted by J. Hont.

* First peal. The ringers of 2 and 7 hail from Taunton and the rest are local men.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

	HOLT'S TEN-PART.	Tenor 18 cwt.			
l	HERBERT HOLDEN Treble	ARTHUR J. MORTON 5			
ı	ROBERT GRAY 2	F. J. CULLOM, JON 6			
	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 3				
I	HERBERT AUDSLEY 4	JAMES MACLAREN Tenor			

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

LONDON N.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14% cwt.

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l	THOMAS NEWMAN		7		CHARLES PRYOR			
l	ERNEST BONFIELD	***	***	2	RICHARD BEVAN		544	6
١	BENJAMIN FOSKETT		***	3	ERNEST YOUNG			7
ĺ	CECIL RADDON	***		4	FRANK SMITH	***	7	cnay

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frank Smith. Rung in memory of William Miles, a ringer at the above church, who died on March 12th, 1920.

MANSPIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE
AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN FLINT *REV. R. F. WILKINSON		EDWARD ROBBINS WILLIAM T. PALMER		-
CHARLES MASON CHARLES CARR	 3	THOMAS BETTISON	7	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.
* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor in cwt.

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WILLIAM J. NUDBS	***	47	reble	CHARLES T. COLES	3	 5
ISAAC G. SHADE	***		2	REDBEN SANDERS	***	 6
GEORGE M. KILBY		***	3	*HARRY KILBY		 7
GEORGE R. Pye		***	4	WILLIAM PYR		 Cenor

Composed by Charles Middleton, Conducted by William Pye.

· First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATI), NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 gr. 20 lb.

JOHN ALDIS SENIOR		7	reble	ALFRED	WATSON		***	5
Miss Helen Bill	***	***			GODFREY			
CECIL V. EBBERSON		***			POINTZ			
GEORGE MAYERS		***	4	GEORGE	H. Cross	***		cuor

Composed by CECIL V. EBBERSON. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers. The ringers of the treble and 7th were re-elected members of the Association previous to starting

The Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield District Society have sustained a heavy loss by the death of Mr. David Brearley, of Bolster-

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor I ton in E.

CHARLES R. LILLEY	Treble	GEORGE L. HEWITT	5
*WILLIAM D. WASE			
*Bert Rixom		WILLIAM SAUNDERS	
JACK GARBETT		*Alfred S. Bayley	Tenor
Con	fincted by	C. R. LILLEY.	

* First peal of Stedman. William Saunders' 50th peal. All the band are also members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild and except C. R. Lilley (Shrewsbury), are from Coalbrookdale. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. F. W. Haswell, People's Warden, and for over 40 years headmaster of Shifnal National School,

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION On Saturday, April 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIAT	CION	OF	Pare	ER'S	TWELVE-PART.	Tenor	14½ cwt.
OLIVER THOMAS			7	reble	JOHN W. DAVIS .		5
JAMES THOMAS	***		111	2	Ex-Sergt. J. Wil	LIAMS	G
JOHN AUSTIN			* > *	3	P.C. A. H. CARTE	tr	7
JOHN W. JONES	***	***		4	FREDERICK SANDS	ORD	Tener
		Cor	iduct	ed by	TOBN ADSTIN.		

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

				16 cwt.		
*FRANK L. FISHER		T	reble	George W. Ablitt		5
JOHN HALL	***	144	2	George R. Finch	***	G
				FREDERICK J. SMITH		
				NORMAN R. BAILEY		Tenor
	Comp	pos	ed by	A. KNIGHTS.		
	Cond	duc	ted by	N. R. BAILEY.		

First peal of Major.

FEERING, ESSEX. TILE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES.

		T	'enor	18 cwt.				
PERCY J. LANGSTON	414	7	reble	JOHN SADLER	5			
WALTER SADLER	444	114	2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	6			
WILLIAM KREBLE	144	114	3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	7			
				FRED CHALK	Tenor			
Composed by John Carter.								
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.								

SIX BELL PEALS.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being one 720 of College	Single	and three	720's each	of C	xfor	d
Bob and Plain Bob.			Tenor			
*Charles Cockings Henry W. Gayton	Treble	WILLIAM	STOCK			4
HENRY W. GAYTON	. 2	HERBERT	ROBINSON	***		5
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CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor *Alfred Robinson Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

· First peal and first attempt.

FEN DYTTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—On handbells 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): J. Penchey (first 720) 1, H. Wishbeach 2, L. Mullion 3, A. Turner 4, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 5, A. Palmer 6. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major.

LAMBERHURST, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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I	ARTHUR H. SMITH		7	reble	ALBER	T RELE	E	 	4
	JAMES WAGHORN								
I	George Fuller	***	444	3	HARRY	PRICE		 444	Tenor
		Cond	lucte	d by	HARRY	PRICE			

Trebleman's first peal, and also first peal as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to a brother ringer, Pte. Richard H. Russell, who died on 22nd February, at the Military Hospital, Aldershot, from influenza.

> EAST PECKHAM, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 7	20'S	each	called d	ifferently.	Ten	or 14	d cv	vt.
HUBERT BOORM	AN	***	Treble	TOM SAUNDERS				4
WILLIAM ELDRI	DGE	***	2	LEWIS NEWMAN		***	414	5
George Bell		***	3	HARRY BELL	***	***	7	E1101
	Co	nduc	ted by W	ILLIAM ELDRIDGE.				

HANDBELL PEALS

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. On Tuesday, March 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes, IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY	*** ***	1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY	***	 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	***	3-4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	* * *	 7-8
ED	GAR H.	BAILE	v 9—10		

Composed by George Cross. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY. Witnesses: J. G. RUMSEY and F. W. BAILEY.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. On Tuesday, March 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES:

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	ALLEN F. BAILEY	1-2 JAMES M. BAILEY	7- 8
	ERNEST S. BAILEY	3-4 FREDERICK W. BAILEY	0-10
	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5-6 EDGAR H, BAILEY	11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by Charles F. Bailey. Witnesses: A. Keeble, J. G. Rumsey and J. Titterion.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes. IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1—2 JAMES M. BAILEY 1—12 CHARLES F. BAILEY 3—4 FREDERICK W. BAILEY 15—6 EDGAR H. BAILEY 111	9-10

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Charles F. Bailey. Witnesses: A. Keeble and J. G. RUMSRY.

First peal of Plain Bob Maximus by all.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday March 29th, at St. Giles Church, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Cook 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. Wiggins 3, R. Runham 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, H. Osborne 7, A. W. Osborne 8. For evensong, 560 in same method: Rev. C. W. U. Jenkyn 1, L. T. Osborne 2, R. Runham 3, R. Rishop 4, A. Bailey 5, II. Egby 6, H. Osborne 7, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 8.

THE JOHNSON DINNER.

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Mr. C. Horton Master of the College Youths, replying to the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' said the chairman had spoken of the brotherhood that existed in St. Martin's Guild, and he could assure him that that brotherhood existed over the whole country where ringing and church bells were. It was that spirit of brotherhood which surmounted the difficulties of change ringing, and enabled the various Guilds of the country to rise to the fine position that they did. The College Youths claimed to be the premier ringing society of the country, and they did their utmost to uphold their position, especially in twelve-bell ringing. Kindred societies fully appreciated the kindly hospitality shown them when they came to the city of Birmingham. When their little party arrived from London that morning they found a glorious welcome awaiting them, by men from nearly every part of the Midlands and Northern Counties. On the 13th November next all being well, the College Youths would hold their dinner at the London Tavern, and he invited as many of the men of Birmingham as could do so to attend, so that the London travers with the content of the con don ringers might in their turn give them, if possible, an even bigger welcome (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker proposed the 'Ringing World,' and referring to the resolution passed at the meeting of another association, when it was suggested that advertisements, peal records and correspondence should be omitted from the paper to make room for matter more interesting to beginners, said it seemed to have been overlooked that interesting to beginners, and it seemed to have been overlooked that advertisements, were necessary to the life of a paper and that the firms who advertised had a right to occupy a portion of the space in the only ringing journal that there was, as there was no other way by which they could keep their names before those connected wit bells and belfries. As to the reals and the correspondence, it must not be forgotten that a large number of ringers were interested as this section of the paper. What was wanted was that every ringer should give his individual support to the paper and that he correspondence. should give his individual support to the paper, and that the custom

difficulties which still confronted the running of the paper—diffi-culties not one whit less then in war-time, for the cost of paper was as high, and the cost of labour higher than at any period white the war was on. The rapid revival of ringing unquestionably required a larger paper, but a reckless policy might easily result in disaster. In any case, under present conditions a larger paper was not possible except aff an increased price, and the choice had to be made between that expedient and a continuation of the paper in its present size. In conclusion Mr. Goldsmith cordially thanked Mr. James George for the great kindness shown by him in initiating and carrying through the recent testimonial scheme, and the members of St. Martin's Guild for the very great support they gave to the scheme.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith submitted, in felicitous terms, the teast of
The Chairman. He hoped that evening would have added in some

measure to the sum of the happiness he had derived during his stay in Birmingham. It was a grand thing to see the Rector of a large city like that probably the busiest man in the city, spending a Saturday evening with them. It was a great compliment to them, and he could only congratulate their Rector in following so ably in

and he could only congratulate their Rector in following so ably in the footsteps of Canon Willink than whom, he was are there was no better pattern (applause). He hoped they would have the Rector with them again next year (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and the Rector in replying, said he did not think he had had that kind of welcome since he left Cambridge. There was, he said, a delightful atmosphere of friendliness about the gathering. Bell ringing after this would have quite a new meaning for him. He had no idea of its ramifications. He hoped to learn more of them in the future, and that he would be able to accept their kind invitation to come again next year (appliause).

plause).

Mr. W. H. Godden proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artists who had enlivened their proceedings. They had enjoyed the ringing, and they had enjoyed the singing of St. Martin's choir. It was exampled the same the hell ringers and choir thus associated, at he hoped the opportunity might arise when the ringers could help the choir (applause).

The vocal items in the programme were sustained by the St. Marof taking one paper for the tower should be put an end to. If it was necessary there should be no hesitation in increasing the price, for the paper was essential to all who had any interest in ringing outside their own tower (appleuse).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith in acknowledging the toast, referred to the

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,-May I remind hon, secretaries of affiliated Guilds and Associations that time is passing apace, and that those who have not forwarded their affiliation fees should do so without delay? As yet only

omparatively few have reached mo.

I would also remind members of Council that notices of motion should reach me not later tuan the 24th inst., and that intimation of the view taken by the various Guilds or Associations on the questions of the council that notices are the council that intimation of the view taken by the various Guilds or Associations on the question of the council that the coun tion of conferring compulsory powers on the Council should reach me

not later than 25th.—See minutes of last year's meeting.

The President has also written asking me if I have received any further names since last year for inclusion in the roll of honour.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.,

12th April 1920.

Degne Rectory, Overton, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, and was attended by about one hundred members. The programme of proceedings was very much the same as is usual on these occasions, and ceedings was very much the same as is usual on these occasions, and was successfully carried through. The bells of the Cathedral (10) and the other churches. St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), St. Dunston's (6) and Holy Cross (5) were kept going merrily both before and after the Cathedral evensong at which the Rev. Canon Gardiner (life member) addressed the members. The ten and business meeting followed. The report and balance sheets read in the course of the business, showed the Association's gradual recuperation from the effects of the

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the Gioucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Swindon on Easter Monday, when probably the weather was responsible for a rather small attendance, but some of those pre-sent travelled 30 or 40 miles in motors.

The service at Christ Church was conducted by the Vicar (the nev. Maynall), who extended a very hearty welcome to the Association. The organism (Mr. Painter) provided the music, and was ably assisted by the Association's professional 'Blower.' At the conclusion of the service, an adjournment was made to the King's Arms Hotel, where dinner was served.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) presided.—The Hon. Treasurer presented the belance sheet, which was adopted.

The Master, in his report strongly advised the members to see that they were represented on the parochial roll of the Church Enabling Act.

Mr. W. A. Cave was elected Master of the Association, Mr. E. Guise was re-elected hon, secretary, and Mr. F. K. Howell hon treasurer. Mr. A. W. Seviour was elected peal secretary. The question of the powers of the Central Council was then discussed.—The Rev. M. E. Whendig and the Control Council was then discussed.—The Rev. M. E. Thorold moved: 'That this meeting believes the work of the Central Council in the past has been of great benefit to the Exercise generally, and is the principal cause of the marked advance in recent years of the science and art of change ringing. In consequence, the meeting is prepared to support the further efforts of the Council as far as possible, but is of opinion that for the Council to have powers conferred upon it to make such support obligatory would not prove satisfactory."

The scheme for the war memorial which is to take the form of two new bells to be added to the eight at Berkeley Campanile, was confirmed. It was mentioned that over £40 had already been subscribed. and with other moneys not yet sent in the total would be over .250. Those who have not yet subscribed are reminded that small donations will not suffice, as the Association aims at a minimum of £100.

Mr. E. Guise (hon, secretary) introduced a registration scheme, which could be carried out at an annual cost of 10s, to the Association and one penny per member. He explained that it was absolutely necessary that members joining or paying their subscriptions should be registered with the general officers of the Association at once, and not at the end of each year or possibly six or eight months later still.—The scheme was adopted.

Lydney, Glos., was chosen as the place of the Management Committee Meeting Sept. 18th, 1920.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the auditors (honorary), the Vicar of Christ Church, the organist, and Mr. E. Bishop, for as-

sistance in making the meeting a success.

At the close of the meeting it was decided provisionally to vote £10 from the Association funds to the war memorial.

Tea followed, nearly 40 sitting down. Ringing at Christ Church and St. Mark's was then indulged in until time for departing to far distant homes.

Congratulations of the meeting were extended to the Paincy lab Youths upon the long peal recently rung by them and recorded for

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

Once in four years, the above city becomes the 'G.H.Q.' of the Association, and on Easter Monday, ringers from all parts of the Midlands began at an early hour, to foregather at the far-famed haunts of Robin Hood and Friar Tuck. The pro-Cathedral of St. Mary is a magnificent pile, the massive tower of which would accommodate a

magnificent pite the massive cover of which would accommodate a carillon on one level; the ring of ten dating back 200 years, occupying only a corner, albeit the tenor is 35 cwt. reputed.

In the eightcenth century Nottingham was famous in its change ringing achievements. At that time the Leicester men were keen rivals, and both towns were striving for a record length of Grandsire Caters. Leicester got home first with 10,080 in 7 hours 12 minutes, on February 25th 1777 but nothing dannted, the lacemen went one better on March 3rd, 1778, with 10260! In each case the tenors were rung by two ringers, but it should be observed that the peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was rung after ' ye ringers had rung 5,000 on ye morning of ye same day when ye mann with ye 3rd bell missed his sallie and ye of ye same day when ye main with ye dad bett missed its same and ye peal was lost. In those days no stay or slider was used, and the inger had perforce to master his bell—or take a joy-ride. The bob caller of the Nottingham long peal was Mr. Doubleday Crofts, a local lawyer, whose name appears in 'Shipway' as a composer, and whose grayestone is in St. Mary's Churchyard. For ringing the two long peals both bands were presented with a peal of cup handbells. Those of the Notts Society were in existence 20 years ago, and the writer, when on a visit, rang on them. Wherever they are to-day they should be revored as an heirloom from a memorable past.

St. Peter's Church had originally a ring of eight, and recently were augmented to ten by the steeple keeper (Mr. R. Cobbin), but up to the present no 5,000 has been recorded upon the ten. Both rings of ten and also the two eights at Lenton and Daybrook respectively, were kept going throughout the day with Caters and Royal at the Cathedral, and everything from Grandsire to London Surprise at St. Peter's. Service was held at the Cathedral at 3 p.m., when a large majority of the ringers attended, a short address, suitable for the occasion, being given

by the Rev. Canon Field.

Later on, over 100 sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall, and the annual business meeting immediately followed in St. Peter's Schoolroom. The chair was occupied by Ald, R. B. Chambers, J.P., of Derby (vice-chairman), supported by Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary: Mr. W. Willson, hon, treasurer, and many of the local clergy—the Rev. J. P. Hales, Rector of Cotgrave, having attended the annual meetings for 15 years, with the exception of his C.F. duties in France !

In opening the meeting, the Chairman apologised for his presence in the chair, remarking that owing to the demise of the late Presi-dent (Mr. J. W. Taylor) he was 'filling the gap.' En Passant,' it may be said that if he ' fills the gap ' as ably as he has done, he bids fair

to remain President!

The year's finances were presented by the hon, treasurer, Mr. W. Willson. His budget was briefly as follows: Balance in hand, 1918, £27 14s. 11d. During the war there was no 'report ' printed, hence the balance was carried forward intact. In 1919 the income from all sources was £78 17s. 1dd.; expenditure, £29 4s. 7½d., leaving a balance in hand of £49 13s. 31d., which is very nearly a record for the Association. The 'chancellor' drew the members' attention to the fact that the monetary value of the £ sterling was 135 per cent. lower than 1914 for home products, hence the balance only represents about The report for the war period, 1915-1919 inclusive, had to be Prices were rising again in the paper trade, and shortly in was very likely a rise in price both for newspapers and the production of all printed matter would be necessary. Fortunately, the Association had benefited by an extraordinary influx of new members, both ringing and honorary; the latter mainly due to the fact that many of the public men of the Midlands were totally unable to resist the seductive wiles of the vice-president—once Mayor of Derby!—The Hon. Treasurer then made the prediction that the year 1920 would constitute a record if all unnecessary expenditure was turned down. The report, now in the hands of the members, had been produced by the Ringing World 'Office at a most reasonable figure and issued in a clean, compact form,

The balance sheet was then moved, seconded and carried unani-mously as was the auditor's report (Mr. C. Draper).

The new members elected were given by the hon, secretary, Mr. A. C. Wright, as follows: 1 life, 19 honorary, 61 ringing. Previous to the meeting, the strength of the M.C.A. was: Honorary members, 68: ringing, 568, excluding life members.—On the proposition of the Rev. J. P. Hales seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, the Chairman was unanimously elected president, and Mr. A. C. Wright and Mr. W. Willson were reelected to the offices of secretary and treasurer respectively.

Considerable discussion ensued on the resolution regarding altera-

tion of subscriptions. An increase from one to two shillings per up. Ultimately it was agreed that the entrance fee be raised to 3e.

and the annual subscription to 1s. 6d., commencing 1921.

Another rule was varied to admit of a vice-president for each dis-

trict-7 in all-instead of one only as at present.

A silent vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late president, Mr I. W. Taylor was put in appropriate terms by the chairman, and acknowledged by the meeting standing.—It was agree that Leicester be the place of the next annual meeting, and that quarterly meetings be held at Loughborough, Chesterfield and Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and toeir presence, to the local branch for their arrangements, were duly carried, and one of the most successful meetings the M.C.A. has held came to an end, some returning to the towers to ring, others to the ringers' room at 'The Eight Bells,' where handbell ringing was includeed in until train time,

NEW PEAL FOR DUDDINGTON.

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Duddington, near Stamford, is a picturesque old-world place, some five miles from the village which, owing to a certain legend, became known as 'Wansford in England.'

Formerly, Duddington had only one bell of quite indifferent musical ability. But the ancient church tower has recently been the cause of lively interest to the parish, whilst a peal of six bells, as a memorial nively interest to the parish, whilst a peal of six bells, as a memorial of an officer of the Northamptonshire Regiment, was being installed. The final act took place on Wednesday, April 7th, when Archdeucon Whittingham, of Oakham, dedicated the new bells, and delivered a striking and original sermon, in which he spoke of the voice of the bells as representing the voice of God. At the close of the service, the bells were opened in a somewhat novel way largely by ladies particularly interested in the parish and present at the covernment. cularly interested in the parish and present at the ceremony.

The Marchioness of Exeter led off with rounds and a few changes on

the clavier, and was relieved in turn by Mrs. Whittingham (the Archdeacon's wife), Mrs. Flamank (wife of the Vicar), Mrs. Goddard Jac.

son (of Duddington), and the Marquis of Exeter.

The bells are hung at present only for chiming, and in addition to the clavier, they are fitted with a mechanical player which the sexton can operate by turning a wheel, and which has been specially designed

for the purpose.

It only remains for some official or enthusiast of the ringing association covering the district to gently influence the generous donor to hang the bells for ringing, and for this same official to offer to instruct in the elements of change ringing, the distinguished band to opened them for chiming, so that the same performers may 'ring one first touch' when that happy day arrives.

The tenor weighs slightly under 7 cwt., and is a flat B, and the peal is a product of the Croydon bell foundry. Mr. Cyril Johnston, o. Messrs, Gillett and Johnston reseived congratulations from all the e present, on the charm and musical properties of the new bells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FORTY-FOUR NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. G. M. Davies (Rector and President of the Southover Guild) gave a brief practical address on bell founding, comparing it in a most interesting manner with the life of a God-fearing Christian, from the mining of the ore and casting of the metal through all the stages up to the finished article of which they had ten good examples in their own tower.

The company adjourned to the Church Hall, where about 50 of the members, including several competent lady ringers, sat down to tea. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. J. Thornton Rickman.

At the meeting, which followed, 44 new members were elected. Mr.

A. D. Stone was re-elected divisional hon, secretary, and Messrs, R. J. Dawe, E. C. Merritt and Wm. Watts, senr., were elected as committee .- A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, for his address in the church and for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. S. White for his services at the organ, was, on the motion of Mr. Rickman, seconded by Mr. Keith Hart, enthusiastically carried.

The party subsequently returned to the tower, touches in various

methods from Grandsire to London Surprise being rung.

The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Crawley Cuckfield, Ditchling, Eastbourne (All Saints'), Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Mayfield, Seaford, Southover, and independent members (including Mr. H. R. Butcher general hon, secretary). It is expected to hold the next Central Division meeting at East Grinstead, in June.

BISHOP IN THE BELFRY.

Before conducting a Confirmation service at Coalbrookdale, the Bishop of Hereford visited the belfry, where the ringers were as-sembled. After the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 43 mins.; W. S. Crawford 1, J. Hauley annum was moved, but the Hon. Treasurer pointed out that unless Saunders 3, J. Garbett (first quarter in the method with a bob bell) the entrance fee (now 2s. 6d.) was also increased, it would encourage 4, R. Jones 5, G. L. Hewitt (composer and conductor) 6, W. Lago 7, members one year in arrear to run out and rejoin rather than pay A. S. Bayley 8. Longest length as conductor. Alfred S. Bayley was one of the candidates confirmed.

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NOTICES.

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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.-A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m., with a short interval for service. Business meeting after 8 p.m.-F. G. Symonds, Hon.

District Secretary

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. -A meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, April 17th, 1920. Bells available at 2.45 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.-A. E. Sharman, District Secretary,

278, High Street, Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. - A meeting of the above will be held at Breaston, near Long Eaton, on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing from 3 o'clock to 7.30.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Secretary.

OXFÓRD DIOCESAN GUILD. - The annual committee meeting will be held (D.v.) in the Chapter House, Christehurch, 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, 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 .-

Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. - The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Heptonstall on Saturday, April 17th; the draw to take place at 3 p.m. Any tower can become members of the Association within a radius of 20 miles of the Halifax Parish Church on application to the Secretary .- Willie B. Frith,

5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield. HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service in Church at 4.30. All ringers welcome. - A. Tomkins,

District Sec., Red Hill, Bredenbury.

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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION .- Bristol Branch .- The next meeting of the above Branch will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at Iron Acton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify Branch Sec. not later than April 12th ?-P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .--A meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 17th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom at 4 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E.

Burgess, Hon. Sec., 'Dunkery,' Greenway Avenue, Taunton. ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Swaftham Prior, Cambs, on Saturday, April 17th. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea. The bells (6) and those at Burwell (5) will be available all the afternoon and evening. -A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD .- A quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of All Saints', Emscote (8), will be available from 3 o'clock, and St. Mary's, Warwick (10), during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot

Road, Coventry.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION .--Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6.30. Those requiring tea please notify W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James's Society).-The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, April 19th. Tower open at 6.15 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. at The Edinburgh. Practice will be resumed on May 3rd, and fort-

nightly, at 7.30 p.m.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.— Est. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 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.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.-Thrapston District.-A practice meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available 3 to 7.30.- J. Nickerson, District Secretary, Halford Street,

Thrapston.

E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH, OXFORD D.G.—St. George's Day, 1920. — Members and friends are invited to Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 24th, to celebrate the above. Evening service at St. Mary's at 5 o'clock; preacher, the Bishop of Buckingham. Tea by special invitation at 5.30, at the Old Rectory, Lord Burnham presiding. The Tower bells available 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., when a band of "Georges" will give a touch. Those intending to be present will please notify the Secretary by the 20th inst .- W. H. Fussell, Secretary, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting_will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided free for those who advise the Secretary not later than the 20th inst. of their intention to be present .- A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., address by the Rev. J. T. Plowden-Wardlaw (Rector); tea and business meeting to follow in the Church House. Will those who require tea (1/- per head) please let me know definitely by Tuesday, April 20th?—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 1 p.m. Service in Church at 4. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Waldgrave Cottages, Market Weighton, not later than Thursday, April 22nd. Tea 1/6 per head.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

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

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

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

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, April 24th. The bells of St. Matthew's will be available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6.30 p.m. Annual general business meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Schools.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

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

ELY AND S. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, April 24th. Bells: St. Neots (8) and Eynesbury (6) afternoon and evening. Service, with address by Archdeacon Hodgson, 5 p.m. Tea at Church House 5.30 (6d., non-members 1s.), followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton Vicarage, Cambs, not later than April 19th.

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

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—
Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held month at 7 p.m.

at Yatton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LADIES' GUILD.—A special meeting will take place at Croydon on Wednesday, May 5th. The ten bells at St. Peter's will be available from 2 p.m. A visit will be made to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston at 3.15, followed at 5 o'clock by tea in the Canteen, by kind invitation of Mr. Cyril Johnston. Will members and their friends who intend to be present kindly send a postcard by the Monday previous to Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield?

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

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION. - Mr. Arthur W. Seviour, 5, Brunswick Street, City Road, St. Paul's, Bristol, has been appointed peal secretary for the coming year, and conductors of peals are requested to make a note of his address, and in future send all compositions and moneys to him when peals are being recorded for the peal book. - E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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