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CHURCH COUNCILS AND RINGERS.

The proposal contained in the measure now before the National Assembly to place the control of ringers in the hands of Parochial Church Councils will come before the Church's 'Parliament' next month, and our readers will feel gratified that steps are to be taken to safeguard, if possible, the interests of ringers, especially where their services are voluntary in nature. Canon Baker, of Dunstable, the only member of the Central Council who is also a member of the National Assembly, has given notice of an amendment to the measure, which will be considered at the 'Revision' stage—corresponding to the committee stage in the House of Commons—and the Standing Committee, on behalf of the Central Council, have forwarded a petition to the Assembly on the subject, the text of which appears in another column.

Canon Baker's amendment, as he points out, is on the lines of Alderman J. S. Pritchett's suggestion, viz., to add words to the clause enabling an incumbent to exercise a free discretion as to the voluntary ringing of the bells, which, in the majority of instances, would permit Sunday service ringing, and all peal ringing, to remain on the present footing. Canon Baker adds, and we think rightly, that this line of action is less likely to meet with opposition in the Assembly than an attempt to delete from the measure all reference to ringers. It is a most satisfactory thing from the standpoint of the Exercise that it has such an able representative in the Assembly as Canon Baker, and it is to be hoped that his persuasive powers will enable that body to see the matter in the same light as ringers generally view it. There is no question that the clause as it now stands would open the door to many difficulties in the future, and, as was pointed out at the Midland Counties Association meeting the other day, would give a bare majority of a bare quorum of a Parochial Council power to completely prevent the ringing of bells at a particular church. And this might arise from numerous causes. Such a thing, of course, would not be likely often to happen, but it is well that the effort should be made to remove the opportunity.

We are glad to notice that a good many of the associations have realised the importance of the subject, and have strengthened Canon Baker's hands with resolutions, which, backed by the reasoned arguments put forward by the Central Council in their petition, should show the National Assembly that there is a strong general feeling on the matter, and that the desire for an amendment of the clause does not emanate from a few isolated individuals. With regard to the position of paid ringers it must be admitted that the position is different. The

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Parochial Councils will be responsible for the Church finance, and if a Council has to provide the money to pay the ringers, it will expect to have a voice in the matter of their appointment and the terms of the tenure of their office. We imagine, however, that the proportion of paid bands is now small, and is probably getting less. On the other hand, at by far the larger number of churches the ringers give their services—indeed not a few pay something for the privilege—and when the National Assembly know that they are voluntary church workers equally with the choir and sidesmen, we believe they will be ready to let them remain upon the same footing.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

BEN COOKE... .. Treble	*GEORGE SCHOLEY 5
*ENOCH WATSON... .. 2	WILLIE H. SENIOR 6
SYDNEY GOODALL 3	*TOM NORTH 7
WALTER KNOTT... .. 4	WILLIAM THOMAS Tenor

Composed by A. LARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Mr. Luke Illingworth, conductor of the local company, who was interred on the previous day.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Dec. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN Treble	HARRY RODMELL... .. 5
THOMAS S. MORTON 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS... .. 6
*JAMES S. CALVERT 3	LEONARD RODMELL 7
ARTHUR M. C. FIELD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal on 8 and first attempt. The conductor's 150th peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHDEACONAL GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*FRANK MOLE Treble	FREDERICK DARRELL 5
†ROBERT EVANS 2	BERT RIXOM... .. 6
WILLIAM WASE... .. 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
†ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	JACK ASTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM WASE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. The conductor is only 21 years of age. The Rev. C. B. Crowe congratulated the band on the fine striking all through the peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9-cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ALBERT MARKS 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to William Henry George, a member of the local band.

THORNHILL, YORKSHIRE.—On December 27th, a date touch, consisting of 600 New London, 600 Violet and 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. and 10 mins.: W. Idie (Dewsbury) 1, G. Hunt (Horbury) 2, N. Parkinson (conductor) 3, G. Pickles (Horbury) 4, A. Wainwright 5, H. Hepworth 6. The 1 reble ringer hails from Dewsbury, the 2nd and 4th from Horbury, the rest are of the local company.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	*WILLIAM BURROWS 5
EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	HARRY MOSS 6
GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... .. 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
ALPHABUS BERRY... .. 4	DAVID WHITING... .. Tenor

Composed by Tom Lockwood. Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
* First peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. BIRD Treble	JOHN E. SMITH 5
GEORGE O. DIXON 2	THOMAS STRICKLAND 6
CYRIL POLLARD 3	RICHARD OLIVER 7
THOMAS H. PARKIN 4	SIDNEY AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD OLIVER.

It is understood that the peal is to be tabled in the church as a memorial to the late Vicar, Rev. Thomas Boughton.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN WILLMOTT... .. Treble	GEORGE C. ILES 5
†HARRY DYAS 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 6
ERNEST H. COOK 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
RALPH MACKRILL 4	SAMUEL SOUTHBY... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for watch-night service, to mark the close of the old year. * First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in D.

*JOHN T. SCOTT Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
HENRY HUTTON... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr.

ALEC MARTIN Treble	*ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG 5
*JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	FRED HARWOOD... .. 6
E. R. MARTIN 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
*JOHN BAILEY 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Composition No. 204, C.C. Collection.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours,
At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.	
*MISS PROBE UPSEHER ... Treble	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5
*ALICK CUTLER 2	EDWARD H. KING 6
HERRERT WOOD... .. 3	WILBY J. HAZELL 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
JAMES E. GROVES 2	JOHN NEAL 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to W. H. Carrod, a respected member of St. Martin's Guild. * First peal in the method as conductor.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
JAMES JACQUES 3	DAN RENSHAW 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	JOHN HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

The composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without the 2nd and 3rd ever in 6th's place. The ringer of the tenor hails from Heywood and is 68 years of age; the rest are local.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RODMERSHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES TUMBER Treble	SERG. G. GILBERT, R.E... 4
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
THOMAS JOLL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

CROPPWELL BISHOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores.

WILLIAM CLARKE Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 3
WALTER WHITE 2	*CHARLES HARPER 4
THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WHITE.

Rung as a welcome home to Miss I. B. Thompson, G.S.V.A.D., from foreign service. * First peal.

WARKTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

†ERNEST PALMER Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON 3
†WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. 2	*ROBERT F. TURNER 4
CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

† First peal. First peal as conductor. * First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
TONEY PRICE Treble	M. GEORGE GREENACRE ... 4
ALFRED BACON 2	OLIVER STAINES 5
TOM GREENACRE 3	*JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(KING'S LYNN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.
BERT M. TARGETT, JUN. ... Treble | WILLIAM R. MITCHELL ... 4
FREDERICK C. MITCHELL ... 2 | TOM GREENACRE ... 5
BERT M. TARGETT, SEN. ... 3 | M. G. GREENACRE ... Tenor
Conducted by M. G. GREENACRE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

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

On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH HALL ... Treble | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 3
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 2 | JOHN HALL ... 4
GEORGE ASHBY ... Tenor
Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. F. Johnson, son of the conductor. This was the quarterly peal of the branch.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT J. BISHOP ... Treble | THOMAS JULL ... 4
CECIE C. BISHOP ... 2 | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3 | SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor
Conducted by SERGT. GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

T. Jull bails from Newington, Sgt. Gilbert, R.E., Aldershot; the rest are of the local band.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

*GEORGE STACE ... Treble | WILLIAM HARRIS ... 4
†GEORGE STONE ... 2 | FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... 5
FRANCES E. TAYLOR ... 3 | WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor
Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal in any method and first attempt; elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal, † First peal of Minor.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Violet, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one each of College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALBERT HELIWELL ... Treble | JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 5
*J. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 2 | *WILLIAM HARRISON ... 6
*SAMUEL HARRISON ... 3 | *LEONARD SHAW ... 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4 | †JOHN WILNOT ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung with 7-8 covering. John Wilnot was elected a member of both societies before starting for the peal, which was commenced about 9.40 p.m., the peal being rung partly in the old year and partly in the new. John R. Brearley's first peal of Minor as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK FOREMAN ... 2 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 5
JAMES WAGHORN ... 3 | RICHARD HOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Miss Fletcher, for 20 years school mistress at Horsmonden.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PONDERS END, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILBY J. HAZELL ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3-4 | *GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*J. B. WOOLLEY ... 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHLEY ... 3-4 | C. W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
Witness: M. C. G. HOOTON.

* First peal of Major in hand.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Dec. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. A. J. NAUNTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... Treble | EDWARD CHATTEN ... 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2 | NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5-6
*EDGAR BAILEY ... 3 | †FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.
Witnesses: MRS. A. J. NAUNTON & MRS. N. R. BAILEY.

* First peal on 8 bells and first peal in hand. † First peal double-handed. The finger of the treble is in his 77th year.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At Mount Pleasant,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

KATHLEEN JUTSON ... 1-2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.
Witnesses: MRS. & MISS STEERE, MRS. POLLING & MISS RICHARDSON.

STBE HEDDINGHAM.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, Dec. 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Residence of L. WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Bob Minor.

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

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

Witnesses: MRS. L. WISEMAN AND MRS. S. HALE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, January 15th. The bells were ready at 3.30, and some very good touches were rung, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich. A short service was held, all the members present attending. The address given by the Rev. — Bullock was very much appreciated. The preacher is himself a change ringer. Tea followed in the Church Rooms, kindly provided by the church authorities, which was all the more enjoyable, as it came as a surprise.

At the business meeting held immediately after tea one new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. Bottrill, of Holloway.

The following officers were also elected for the year: Master, Mr. J. Bullock; secretary, Mr. E. Russell; steward, Mr. A. Howell; treasurer, Mr. T. Walker; committee, Mr. A. Riley and Mr. B. Turner.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and room, to the curate for his excellent address, and to the ladies who kindly looked after the ringers at tea.

Songs and pianoforte solos by the members brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. R. W. J. GOLLOP.

We much regret to have to report the death of the above-named ringer, which took place on November 20th, at Andover Cottage Hospital, after an operation, at the early age of 48. He was an old and very apt pupil of Mr. W. W. Gifford in Salisbury thirty years ago, and rang in about 40 peals, both on tower and handbells, most of which were rung in the old Cathedral City, while one peal on handbells was rung at Mr. Gifford's old residence, in Devizes Road, conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Mr. Gollop also rang in the first peal of Double Norwich in Hants on December 26th, 1892, on the fine ring at the Priory Church, Christchurch, followed by another the same day in the same method at St. Peter's, Bournemouth. Mr. Gollop left Salisbury in 1894, and unfortunately has had little opportunity for peal ringing since. He was on a visit to his brother at Southampton only on November 8th, and rang in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's for morning service on the 9th before returning home. His death came quite as a shock to those who had met him so recently. He will be sadly missed at Andover, where he has been about eleven years. He was a member of the Salisbury and Winchester Diocesan Guilds, also of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

DEATH OF MR. L. ILLINGWORTH.

The death has taken place at Liversedge of Mr. Luke Illingworth, conductor of the local company, who passed away at the age of 62 years. Deceased, who was well known in Yorkshire ringing circles, had won between fifty and sixty first prizes in tower bell and handbell contests. He also had been successful at Belle Vue, Manchester, with the Liversedge Albert Handbell Ringers. In these competitions he helped to secure four first prizes. He had rung a number of peals, including 10,000 Kent Treble Bob Major, and had conducted peals of Cumberland Exercise Major and Violet Major. He was a man of great patience, which made him greatly esteemed when he was teaching young ringers, and he will be sadly missed at Liversedge.

There was a numerous attendance of old friends at the funeral ringers being present from Almondbury, Birstal, Mirfield, Earlsheaton, Tong, Dewsbury, etc., and the bells were rung deeply muffled while the cortege was coming to church, and a course of Grandsire Major was rung at the graveside by the local company.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**JOHNSON COMMEMORATION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26th.**

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, January 11th, at the St. Martin's Hotel, under the chairmanship of the Presiding Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

The President, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, all the vice-presidents and the Presiding Ringing Master were unanimously re-elected. Mr. J. E. Groves having intimated his desire to relinquish the office of deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker was elected, this being his second term of service in this office. The trustees and the hon. secretary and treasurer were also unanimously re-elected, while Mr. Thos. H. Reeves was elected as auditor in place of Mr. George Swann, resigned.

The balance sheet for 1920 was adopted, and was regarded as satisfactory, although the assets were about £4 down, this being due to the larger number of peals rung, and the expense of having them written in the book in good style.

It was also unanimously decided to hold the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at the Imperial Hotel, in the beautiful Connaught Room, the management having agreed, after much persuasion, to put on a good dinner at the cost of 6s. 6d. per head. Saturday, February 26th, is the date fixed, and there is every indication that the programme will be well up to the high standard attained in previous years.

Several new members were elected, various belfry elections ratified, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston, subject, of course, to the Vicar's permission being forthcoming.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Aggett and Sons are now commencing to restore the fine ring of six bells at Botus Fleming (Cornwall) in massive iron frames; also the peal at Landolph St. Budeaux and the bells at Rockbeare.

Surrey ringers will have their first opportunity upon the fine new ring of ten at Epsom Parish Church on the occasion of an association meeting on February 5th. The old eight were recast (after one of them had given way and fallen into the pit) by a former churchwarden (Mr. A. J. Warren) in memory of his wife, and Mrs. Hasten has added two trebles in memory of her late husband. The old tenor was 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.; the new tenor is 16 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs. in E. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After having been in office for nearly the whole of his 36 years' membership of the Winchester Guild, Mr. J. J. Jones is resigning the post of secretary of the Guildford District, which he has held for 26 years. The district is one of the largest and most successful of the Guild—largely owing to the energy of Mr. Jones—who feels it is time a younger man shouldered the work. Mr. Jones has over 150 peals to his credit, but his services to the Exercise can be seen in the excellent condition in which he is leaving the district—if the members will let him.

Newton-in-Makerfield, Lancs, has for 21 years boasted of a grand ring of eight bells (tenor 25 cwt.), but it was only on Saturday last that the first peal was rung on them, previous attempts having usually failed owing to the great noise in the ringing chamber.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

In days of old when knights were bold, Ashby, with the dinky name of De la Zouch, was a happy hunting ground for jousting and tournaments. The name suggests Zounds! and Gadszooks! and its ruined castle brings to mind the scenes enacted therein as told by Sir Walter Scott in 'Ivanhoe.' Here on Saturday, January 15th, the above association held its quarterly meeting, when, despite the wintry weather, some forty to fifty ringers put in an appearance. Ringing commenced with Stedman Triples, and during the afternoon various other methods, including Double Norwich and a good course of London Surprise were brought round. The towns represented were Derby, Burton, Nottingham, Loughborough, Hinckley and Leicester. Tea was served at a neighbouring cafe, when Ald. R. B. Chambers, president, and Mrs. Chambers, honoured the company with their presence.

At the subsequent business meeting, the principal items were the question of support for 'The Ringing World,' the Parish Councils Act, and the election of an extraordinary number of honorary members—thanks to the untiring energy of Ald. Chambers.

Regarding 'The Ringing World,' the president asked for the unswerving support by the members, and this was endorsed by the hon. treasurer, who said that if 'The Ringing World' stopped, it was not likely that anyone would attempt another paper—exclusively for ringers.—The motion was carried with acclamation.

The question of the Church Councils authority was next discussed.—Mr. J. Griffin, as a member of the Standing Committee of the Central Council, stated that action was being taken by that committee to ensure, if possible, the ringers being placed in the same position as the choir—exempt.

Mr. W. Willson drew attention to the injustice that may be done to any official under the 'rules of procedure,' pointing out that one-third of the Church Council constitutes a quorum (Rule 5), and that a bare majority of that quorum could legally dismiss organist, steeple-keeper, vergers or anyone else (except the Vicar) under Rule 9.—The Hon. Treasurer emphasised the necessity of safeguarding the livelihood of church officials. As an example, a Council of 21 members could do business if only seven were present, and four of that seven could discharge an official! In his opinion, no dismissal ought to obtain except by (at least) a majority of the whole Council.—It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the attention of the Rev. Canon Baker—as the ringers' M.P.—be called to the matter.

The list of new members, compiled by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Wright showed upwards of sixty fresh adherents, including the Marquis of Hartington, the Mayor of Burton-on-Trent, and a well-known merchant of Barbadoes.

Votes of thanks to the local clergy for the use of the bells, to the local committee for their catering—especially to the veteran secretary of Bass Town; and to the president, brought the meeting to a close.

It may be stated that the M.C.A. is going 'great guns' at present, and a bumper annual meeting is looked forward to on Easter Monday at Leicester.

W. W.

RINGERS WEDDED.

A very pretty wedding took place on December 18th at Lyme Regis Parish Church, the contracting parties being Mr. George Whitmore and Miss Eva Hill, both of whom are ringers in the Lyme belfry. The Vicar officiated. The wedding was fully choral, the organist and choir willingly giving their services on such a unique occasion, and out of regard for two most keen and earnest church workers. After the wedding a merry peal was rung in honour of the bride and bridegroom. The ringers presented Mr. & Mrs. Whitmore with a clock as a mark of their regard, and with best wishes for their future welfare.

THE FUTURE OF BELL RINGING. CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PETITION TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In pursuance of Canon Baker's letter, which appeared in your columns on December 10th, the Standing Committee of the Central Council have unanimously agreed to present a petition to the National Assembly. As it may interest your readers, I send you a copy, in case you may like to print it. I am glad to learn that associations are passing resolutions advocating the same principle, namely, that ringers should not be placed under the control of Parish Councils.—Yours very truly,

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

Cambridge, 24th January, 1921.

[Copy.]

To the President and Members of the National Assembly of the Church of England.

A Petition of the Standing Committee of the Central Council of the Church Bell Ringers of England.

We understand that there is now before the National Assembly a proposal that 'the Council of every parish shall have power, in conjunction with the Incumbent, to appoint and dismiss the organist, parish clerk, bell ringers, and sexton, or any persons performing or assisting to perform the duties thereof, and to determine the salaries and conditions of tenure of their offices.'

As representatives of the church bell ringers of England, we beg leave very respectfully to ask that your Assembly will reconsider this proposal so far as it concerns bell ringers.

We do so because we are convinced that it is far better for the Church and for bell ringing that the control of the bells and of those who ring them should be vested in one responsible person in each parish. This, we believe, to be at present the universal custom and law of the Church of England, the person responsible being the incumbent. There are very many churches which have more than four bells, and are, therefore, suitable for the beautiful and essentially English change ringing: some of these have paid ringers, but a large number (we believe the majority) have bands of voluntary ringers who give their services gratuitously. We are desirous that all ringers should regard themselves, and be regarded by others, as true Church workers, and not merely as servants (paid or unpaid) of a Parish Council. Ringers appear to us to stand on the same footing as choristers, who, we notice, are not included in this proposal of the National Assembly.

On the other hand, ringers are on a footing very different from that of an organist, a parish clerk, or a sexton, with whom they are grouped in the clause we have quoted. Each of these persons is a single official, who may remain unchanged for many years. But every Church which possesses enough bells for change ringing ought to have a considerable body of regular ringers; and ought to be constantly introducing new probationers 'to perform or to assist in performing the duties' required. It is hardly possible for the Parish Council to be summoned every time that an appointment or dismissal of a ringer or probationer has to be considered.

There are several other reasons which lead us to deprecate the proposal before the National Assembly. But we wish specially to emphasise the point that we are anxious for the position and recognition of ringers as forming, like the choir, a definite part of the ministry of the church. We venture, therefore, to express an earnest hope that ringers may continue, as now, to be subject only to the authority of the incumbent of the parish.

Signed on behalf of the Standing Committee.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, President.

C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A., Rector of Deane, Hants, Secretary.
24th January, 1921.

CANON BAKER'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am greatly obliged to you for inserting my previous letter on the subject of the provisions of the Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure, in relation to ringers, and for the assistance you have given me by the articles in your paper, and the letters from your numerous correspondents on the subject.

I am entirely in agreement with those who have pointed out that the clause is not conceived in a spirit hostile to ringers, but a statute is interpreted not by the intentions of those who drew it up, but by what it says, and I still think that without some amendment, it might be possible for harm to accrue to the Exercise. The amendment suggested by Mr. Pritchett seems to me to be more likely to win acceptance than a proposal to omit any reference to ringers. It formulates admirably what was shaping itself in my own mind, as the best line of action, and I propose, therefore, to put down an amendment in that sense.—Yours obediently,

Dunstable.

W. W. C. BAKER.

WELLS.—On Sunday, Dec. 26th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Radford (first quarter) 1. W. J. Mills 2. F. Loxton 3. E. Lush 4. S. Carter 5. A. E. Mills 6. W. Farley (conductor) 7. H. Farley 8. Longest length on the bells since 1914, the tower having been under repair.

'FORTY YEARS ON.'

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S BIRTHDAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Oxford Diocesan Guild is now just forty years old. I think that to many of your readers the following may be of interest. It is an extract of some Press cuttings, which form part of the ringing diary of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the ever-honoured founder and first Master of the Guild. I hope you may find room for it in your columns.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The preliminary meeting for the formation of this new Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on the 13th inst., November, 1880. The eight bells of St. Mary's and the six bells of St. Giles' were kindly placed at the disposal of the meeting by their respective Vicars. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. by a touch of 500 Grandsire Triples. The names of those who handled the bells will be a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the ringing which afforded a treat to the ringers of the neighbourhood such as they have seldom, if ever, enjoyed before: J. E. A. Troyte 1, J. R. Haworth 2, B. Barrett 3, G. Marsh 4, F. White 5, Rev. F. E. Robinson 6, E. Horrex 7, T. Bennett 8.

The bells of St. Giles' were rung with great spirit by several bands made up of the ringers of the neighbourhood. It was particularly gratifying to hear a well-struck six score of Grandsire Doubles rung by five members of the Oxford University Society.

At 4 p.m. above seventy sat down to tea. About a dozen clergymen of the neighbourhood were present with their ringers, and by the keen interest which they took in the proceedings showed how ready they were to welcome the formation of a Guild.

A public meeting was then held, Sir John Conroy, Bart. in the chair, when it was unanimously decided to form a Guild, and a representative committee for setting the requisite machinery in motion was chosen as follow: Revs. F. E. Robinson, H. Barter, R. W. Fiske, Dolben Paul, R. H. Hart Davis, H. C. Sturges, H. Drummond, S. F. Marshall, Messrs. F. White, J. E. A. Troyte, C. Hounslow, W. Newell, J. Parker, — Rogers.

It was agreed on all sides that such a successful meeting augured well for the future of the Guild.

A general meeting of the Guild was held on January 17th, 1881, at Oxford, in the rooms of the Oxford Churchmen's Union in Broad Street, presided over by the Archdeacon of Berks. It was largely attended by the clergy of the neighbourhood and many others, interested in furthering the objects connected with helfry reform which the Guild has in view. The Archdeacon of Bucks attended, and spoke of the necessity of admitting round ringers into the Guild, upon which a lively discussion took place, many feeling that the art of change ringing was the only sure way of raising the tone of ringers, while others were not willing to exclude those whom the Guild wished, above all others, to reach and influence. It was finally decided to admit the round ringer as a probationer, and on payment of 1s. annually to grant him all the privileges enjoyed by a change ringing member. Exception having been taken by the Bishop at the word 'performing member,' which he said savoured too much of a street organ and a monkey, the word 'change ringing member' was substituted. The rules were then formally read and passed.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Willenhall on January 15th, and resulted in a good muster of members and friends. A short service was held in church, with an admirable address given by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (honorary clerical secretary), Vicar of Swindon, near Dudley. The Rev. E. A. Toulouse presided at the organ. A capital tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the churchwardens and members of the local band.

In moving a vote of thanks to the donors, as well as to the ladies in attendance, the Rev. C. H. Barker coupled with it a vote of sympathy to the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt, M.A. (Vicar), who was unable to be present through serious illness—much to the regret of all.

The Clerical Secretary next laid great stress on the necessity of giving greater support to 'The Ringing World,' pointing out that each one should obtain a copy, not—as he feared was the case in some places—making one copy suffice for the whole company.—Mr. W. R. Small, in supporting the motion, informed his hearers that he possessed a complete set of copies of each of the various ringing papers that had been launched, and had them in book form.

Announcement was made with regard to the Rowland Cartwright Memorial Fund. As previously published, £22 7s. 6d. Added to this: The Rev. C. H. Barker, 10s.; Tettenhall ringers, 10s.; Mr. J. Rowley, Newport, Salop, 5s.; Mr. Wm. Bayliss, 2s. 6d.; collected by small amounts—per Mr. H. Freeth, £1 16s. 6d.; promised on behalf of deceased railway colleagues, £10; making a total to date of £35 11s. 6d. It was agreed to obtain designs and estimates, so that the memorial may take shape in the coming spring.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place on April 9th, at Sedgely.

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NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—All communications in respect to the above Guild should, after this date, Jan. 28th, be addressed to Mr. Abraham Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., Cathada, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing 2.30 p.m.; committee meeting 4; service 5; tea in St. Chad's Room 5.40. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton. The bells at Earlsheaton (8), Dewsbury (8) and Thornhill (6), will be available throughout the day. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head. Divine service at Earlsheaton Church at 4 p.m., preacher Rev. F. Wolde, M.A., Vicar of Dewsbury.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The Annual meeting of the district will be held at Langham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting following. Election of officers for 1921, etc. Towers of Stratford St. Mary and Higham also available from 2 o'clock. Subscriptions now due, 1/6 per member.—H. T. Pye, Hon. Dis. Sec., 49, Wickham Rd., Colchester.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in the Institute at a nominal charge.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Western Div., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Vicar (Canon L. Savill). Tea to follow in the Church House, provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1921 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting at 6 p.m. at Waterloo Restaurant.—P. Merson, Hon. Local Sec., Bishops Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, Jan. 29th, instead of East Malling as previously arranged. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Dartmouth, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. St. Saviour's (8) St. Clement's (6). Tea, 1/3 per head, followed by meeting in Church School Room at 5 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Wakley, Sec., Dawlish.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter District Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea at St. Margaret's Hall 5 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. Bells avail-

able at Topsham, Clyst St. George and Lymington from 2 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assist. Hon. Sec., 355, David's Hill, Exeter.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon and Isle of Ely district will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary's, Ely. Bells afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea, 29th inst. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service in church 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at the Institute.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Jan. 31st, 7 p.m., St. John, Wilton Road, S.W.; Feb. 7th, 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes. The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Association service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Parish House, Clare Market. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who send in their names before Feb. 5th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 1st, at St. Magnus on the 3rd and 17th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Half tea and half rail fares (max. 2/-).—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30. Service in Church at 5. Tea at the Lime Tree Hotel at 5.45, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Feb. 1st.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Please notify me on or before Jan. 30th how many intend to be present from your tower. Charge for tea will be 1s. per head.—J. Johnson and E. Steele, Hon. Secs., 109, George Street, Sandford Hill; Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warminster on Feb. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.—H. F. Brown, 45, West End, Westbury, Wilts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the London Apprentice 6 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar, followed by business meeting.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Rectory 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector, followed by business meeting. Will members for tea please notify me not later than Feb. 2nd?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The February meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Eight bells open from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by Canon Molineaux. Tea in Brook's room at 5 p.m., for which the charge of 1s. 6d. will be made. All those who desire tea are requested to advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, Spen Lea Villas, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than Feb. 2nd.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Taylor's, High Street. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—H. J. Trim, Hon. Local Sec., Garden Terrace, Glastonbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The adjourned general meeting will be held on Feb. 5th at the 'King of Denmark,' Old Bailey, 7.30 p.m., and members are earnestly requested to attend.—J. D. Matthews.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. It is hoped to practise Cambridge and London at this meeting.—A. E. Sharman, District Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 5th (and not Jan. 29th, as previously arranged). Bells will be available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) will be available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 o'clock, in the Parish Hall. Members

1s. 6d. and non-members 2s. 6d. per head. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Thursday, Feb. 3rd.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, Feb. 5th. The bells will be open from 3 o'clock and after the meeting, service at St. Martin's Church at 5.15, tea at Mr. Matten's at 6 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. Will secretaries of towers kindly inform Mr. Percy Cooper, of 26, Church Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday next the numbers of members attending tea from their towers, as provision can only be made for those notifying?—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells at 2.30. Tea 5.15. Those members who require tea must advise me not later than Feb. 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, Iligh Street, Eastleigh.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., at City Restaurant. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 2nd. Cathedral bells available 6.30 to 9.—C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at St. Giles' Church at 5 p.m., tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Rising Sun, Silver Street, at 6 p.m., 2s. 6d. each. 1s. each will be allowed by the branch to all who let me know by Wednesday morning, Feb. 2nd, their intention of being present.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec. Reading Branch, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Service at 3.30. Meat tea at 4.15 at Barker's, Broad Street. Bells available all day. Also Fulney and Pinchbeck.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangement. Will those requiring tea please write Mr. A. Robinson, Ecton, not later than Jan. 31st? The subscriptions (2s.) for 1921 are now due.—Sidney J. Lawrence, District Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Eight bells, available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors. Special business: To elect a new secretary.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 12th. All ringers are cordially invited to be present. Tower open 4 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Wormley on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify honorary secretary not later

than Feb. 7th.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, as the 5th is not suitable to the church authorities. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Todmorden Parish Church. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—S. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Election of Delegates to the Central Council. Rule 13. Nominations must reach me not later than Feb. 28th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallen, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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

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