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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

PILTON (Devon). St. Mary. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th by Taylor, 1853; the rest by Rudhall, 1712. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1853. Rehanging is again under consideration. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9 to 10. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

PINNER (Middlesex). St. John the Baptist. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells. All by Pack, 1771. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Banks, 1879. Ropes new 1898. No half-pull ringing now. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays 6 to 6.20 p.m. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

PLYMOUTH (Devon). St. Andrew. Ten bells. No return.

Charles Church. Devonshire Guild. Ten bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1898; 3rd, 9th and tenor by the same, 1856; the rest by Chapman, 1782. Tenor 24 cwt. Iron frame. Bells are pealable. Clocking permitted. Back eight rehung by Blackbourn, 1898, and treble added. Ropes new 1898, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing on festivals, and occasionally practice, Wednesday, 7.30.

PLYMPTON (Devon). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

St. Maurice. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1895; 7th, 1833. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. by Pannell; the rest by I. P., 1768. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Frame and fittings defective, but there are no funds. Ropes new 1895, bad. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED.

The monthly meeting was held on January 30th at Pudsey. The proceedings commenced with an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which however came to grief after ringing about an hour. Other tower ringing also took place during the afternoon, Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples being the methods rung. An adjournment was afterwards made to The Royal hotel, where a good number were assembled. About 7.0 p.m. dinner was announced, when upwards of forty members sat down to an excellent fare. Dinner over, the business meeting was announced to take place, Mr. G. Barraclough being in the chair, and Mr. T. Maude in the vice-chair. Mr. Farrar (Vicar's warden), and Mr. S. Whetham (people's warden), were also present. The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and passed as read by Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. M. Broadbent. Mr. Farrar in reply to a vote of thanks said it gave him great pleasure to see so many present at the meeting, and thanked the members present for their kind vote of thanks.

Three new members were elected. No other business being forthcoming, the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. W. Child and carried.

A special vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent dinner provided, and for the kind way in which all present had been received, was proposed by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, seconded by Mr. L. Stokoe, and unanimously carried. Mr. Birks, on behalf of the local company, gave all a hearty welcome.

On the motion of Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. Wilson, a vote of thanks was accorded to the caterer, Mr. Stansfield, who thanked the company for the kind vote of thanks, and also for their patronage during the evening.

The following towers were represented by upwards of forty members: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Calverley, St. Chad and St. Michael (Headingley), Huddersfield, Leeds, Liversedge, Tong, Wakefield and the local company. The St. Chad's handbell ringers gave selections on the handbells during the evening. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung during the evening, and finally brought the meeting to a close.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).

On Saturday, January 23rd, the above Association held its first district or periodical meeting. The tower selected by the committee was that of St. Luke's, Chelsea. The local band who are members and attached to the Association, made the necessary arrangements. Ringing commenced soon after 5 p.m., and was continued (except during the evensong which was at 6), till 9 o'clock. Touches were rung in different methods, including Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and

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Kent Treble Bob, but not much good striking was obtained through the unsatisfactory "go" of the bells. The conducting was shared by Messrs. J. C. Jackson, C. Charge, H. Miles and T. H. Taffender. Some thirty odd members attended, coming from the different parishes of Hammersmith, Fulham, Kensington, Battersea, Brockley, Southwark, Bow, Willesden, etc. Altogether the meeting was entirely a successful one, as all the local men attended and gained a large amount of practice.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cranbrook on Saturday, January 30th, and notwithstanding the wet weather was extremely well attended. Members were present from Benenden, Chiddingstone, Hadlow, Headcorn, Lyminge, Penshurst, Staplehurst, Shipbourne, Seal Chart, Tenterden, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and Westerham. At the committee meeting twenty-three new members were elected, including the band at Edenbridge, which has lately been re-organised. At 5.30 the members sat down to an excellent meat tea at The George hotel. The Vicar of Cranbrook, the Rev. Canon Bell, presided, supported by the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke (curate), and Mr. Taylor (sexton). At the conclusion of the repeat the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. Before reading the minutes of the last meeting, the District Secretary read a letter from Miss Leny, of Speldhurst, expressing her deep regret at being unable to be present with them as she had fully intended to be, and giving the members a cordial invitation to visit Speldhurst again this year. The invitation was accepted with applause.

The minutes and the District Secretary's annual report were read and considered very satisfactory. Mr. W. Latter and Mr. D. Wright were unanimously re-elected to the respective offices of District Secretary and District Representative. Both briefly returned thanks for their re-election.

It was unanimously decided that the meetings for the ensuing year should be held as follows: Edenbridge in April; Speldhurst in July; Shipbourne in September; and the annual district meeting at Chiddingstone in February 1905.

There being no other business, Mr. D. Wright proposed, and Mr. W. Spice seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and parish room, and for presiding at the meeting; and also to the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke for his attendance. This was supported by the District Secretary, who spoke of the cordial manner with which the Vicar assented to them holding their meeting at Cranbrook, and with the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke accepted the invitation to tea.

This was carried with musical honours. Canon Bell, on rising to reply, received a hearty reception. He said it had given him the greatest pleasure to meet the members of the Association and to hear change-ringing on the bells. He thought he might claim to have done something for ringers, for at his old parish of Sittingbourne the tower and bells got into a very bad state; he issued an appeal for funds to put them into repair, and in a very short time he not only obtained money enough to restore the tower and rehang the bells, but had a surplus of several hundred pounds with which he was able to do something towards restoring the fabric of the church. When he came to Cranbrook he found the bells there were in a very bad state and required rehangings. After he had raised the

funds to repair the school buildings he issued an appeal for money to rehang the bells. This appeal was met very liberally, members of all denominations contributing to this object, and in a very short time he was able to place the order in the hands of the bellhangers, the result of which the ringers had practically tested that day. He could say for the encouragement of those who had bells that wanted rehangings, that he found the money came in better for that object than for anything else he knew. His only regret was that he had not got a good band of change-ringers to ring the bells, but he hoped the time was not far distant when they would be in a position to apply to the Association for an instructor.

Rev. P. A. L. Clarke also replied, saying that he was trying to master the art of bellringing, and he hoped some day to become a change-ringer.

A very pleasant gathering was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem, and the members again visited the tower and rang touches in various methods until after 9 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Lenham on Saturday, February 13th, being attended by about forty members from Maidstone, Bearsted, Boxley, Wrotham, Leeds, Borden, Tunbridge Wells and Lyminge. The committee meeting was held previous to the tea, at which Mr. A. Palmer was voted to the chair. Mr. A. Tawney was unanimously re-elected Secretary; and Mr. T. Mannering was re-elected representative. The question was raised as to the advisability of arranging quarterly peals by the district members, the Secretary being instructed to arrange the same if possible once a quarter during the coming year.

The tea was held at The Dog and Bear, the Rev. — Smith, the newly-appointed Vicar, who arrived in the parish the previous evening, presiding over the same. The Secretary gave his report which was accepted. It was proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Vicar for presiding and granting the use of the bells.

The Vicar in reply gave them a hearty welcome to Lenham. Although not a practical bell-ringer himself he always had taken a great interest in anything connected with bell-ringers. He said that he had of late heard a great deal about change-ringing in the county of Kent and its Association, especially since he had been appointed Vicar of Lenham. He was very pleased to find there was a peal of eight bells in the tower, and he would be very pleased to grant the use of them to any members of the Association who cared to attempt a peal, especially after having heard from the Secretary's report that the number of peals rang in the district during the past year was very small. He said that he also wished to become an honorary member, which was received with hearty applause. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Aylesford in 1905.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, the bells being kept going till 9 o'clock. A 504 of Stedman Triples was brought round, which ended a good and successful meeting.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch was held at Neston on Saturday, February 13th. There was a fair attendance of members, especially considering the unpropitious state of the weather. After ringing had been in progress at the parish church for about two hours, an adjournment was made to Miss Johnson's Restaurant for tea, to which a goodly number sat down, the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Turner, presiding. Tea over, the business was proceeded with.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at again meeting the church bellringers of Wirral at Neston, and regretted the absence through indisposition of the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Bertrand G. Macandrew.

From the hon. secretary's annual report it appeared that Burton belfry had been added to the Guild, and there had been a steady increase in the membership throughout the year. The accounts showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £9 10s. 1d., and ended with the satisfactory sum of £12 10s. 2d. to the good.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Dillon, seconded by Mr. F. Banton, the Rev. Canon Taylor was unanimously re-elected President for the ensuing year, and Mr. Macandrew was, on the proposition of Mr. Dillon, seconded by Mr. E. Breeze, re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, while Mr. Banton proposed, and Mr. W. Briscoe seconded, the re-election of Mr. Dillon as hon. ringing secretary. Messrs. E. Breeze and W. Wilcox were elected Diocesan representatives, and six new names were added to the roll of membership.

The Chairman proposed a vote of condolence with the Rev. P. C. Robin, Vicar of Woodchurch, and an hon. member of the Guild, on his sad bereavement in the death of Mrs. Robin, and the hon. secretary was requested to convey the same to the rev. gentleman.

A vote of thanks to Canon Turner for providing, and presiding over the tea and meeting was unanimously accorded, the members returning to the tower, where ringing was again indulged in, in various methods, till a late hour.

BELLRINGING IN A COALPIT.

On a recent Saturday, by invitation, the ringers of St. James's church, Bolton, Bradford, paid a visit to the Horserigg Colliery, Gildersome. Amongst the visitors were Messrs. Jackson, Kendall, Sagar and F. W. Dixon. On arriving at the pit bank the party was taken in hand by Mr. William Hartley, deputy, and Mr. Francis Barker, who conducted their guests through the bewildering passes, pointing out and explaining various items of interest. At the conclusion of the journey a peal of handbells was produced, on which was rung a course of Grandsire Caters, this being the first time that the sound of a peal of bells had been heard in the bottom of a coalpit. At the Spotted Cow inn, Drighlington, luncheon was provided, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Wheatley and Render, proprietors of the colliery, for the treat which the visit had afforded: to Mr. W. Hartley (deputy), Mr. F. Calvert (engineer), and Mr. F. Barker; and to the Vicar of Drighlington for the use of the bells, on the motion of B. T. Copley, seconded by C. Jackson. The outing concluded with the ringing of a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major, particulars of which appeared last week.

DEATH OF AN OLD BELLRINGER.

SOME REMINISCENCES.

By the death of William Alley, which occurred from old age recently, Trowbridge has lost one of its oldest and respected inhabitants, and the district its oldest bellringer. Born on June 13th, 1820, at a house believed to be where stands the Co-operative warehouse in Church Street, he early acquired a liking for ringing, and joined the parish church company at the age of sixteen, and continued regularly to ring there until his age prevented him. He was always proud of the distinction of having rung at the Accession, Coronation, Jubilee, Diamond Jubilee, and death of the late Queen Victoria, in addition to all the important and historic public occasions during her long reign. In 1897—the Diamond Jubilee year—the Rector of the parish forwarded Alley's photograph, together with a letter of explanation to Her Majesty, who graciously replied through her secretary acknowledging the same. In the thirties he was one of the four ringers, who, during the carrying out of some repairs to the church spire, ascended in a basket raised by means of ropes to the top of the weathercock, where a selection on handbells was given before an interested crowd below. His cheerful disposition made him decidedly popular amongst his fellow-ringers, many of whom have him to thank for sound advice, both theoretical and practical in change-ringing. His motto to beginners was "A clear head, a steady hand, and a tight rope." His last pull at the bells was at the Coronation of King Edward VII., when his colleague helped him into the tower in order to give him the satisfaction of having rung on that occasion.

By trade Alley was a scourer and dyer, and was employed at different times at factories of Messrs. Lawson, Webber, and lastly at Hayward's (now McCall's). For 16 years, however, he had been on the retired list, occupying one of the Church Almshouses in Union Street. Although a change-ringer nearly all his life, and an excellent striker, he did not take part in a 5000 until 1886, viz., a 5040 of Grandsire Triples at the parish church. It is worthy of note that he was baptized by the poet Crabbe, who was Rector of Trowbridge, and whom he could well recollect.

THE WARWICK SOCIETY.

An interesting event took place in the tower of All Saints church, Emscote, on Saturday, February 13th, when a tablet recording the three peals rung last year was unveiled by Miss Dickins. The Vicar and Miss Dickins were met by several members of the society in the belfry, the company including most of those who had taken part in the peals. The Hon. Secretary in requesting Miss Dickins to unveil the tablet, bore testimony to the gratitude of the members for the kind welcome which had always been given them by the Vicar. Several touches were then rung, after which those present were entertained at supper. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. and Miss Dickins for the interest they took in the doings of the society, and for their hospitality on this occasion. The tablet is the work of Mr. James Hunt, of Guildford, and gives the greatest satisfaction to all concerned.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

TREBLE DOMINATED OR DOMINATED TREBLE?

SIR,—I must confess that I am no more able to appreciate the distinction drawn by Mr. Dains in your columns last week than those he has drawn previously. To say that the foundation dominates the superstructure appears to me to be as much upside down as to say that a man's brains are situated in the soles of his feet. Of course a foundation will carry any load, provided the load be not in excess of the supporting capacity of the foundation, and likewise the foundation of the plain hunt is equal to supporting the more elaborate superstructure of Double Norwich, as well as the simplicity of Plain Bob; and this applies whether the foundation be a Plain, Treble Bob or Alliance hunt.

Mr. Dains appears to dislike the definition of "method" in the Glossary. That definition excludes the hunting course, for which he claims great things as utilized by himself, and far be it from me to disparage for one moment the ingenuity he has displayed in his manipulation of it. But after all he can only produce one lead with it unless a call is made which entails place-making. But who wants to confine himself to ringing one lead? Surely the term Method, as representing what the Exercise uses it for, must take account of all the place-making necessary for the composition of a touch or peal; and if this is so, the definition in the Glossary seems true to facts and common sense. And further it appears to me to demonstrate the absolute predominance of place-making in all methods, and, as a consequence, that the term "treble dominated" is nothing better than a cacophonous fraud.

Mr. Trollope has impugned the accuracy of the Glossary definition by saying that the hunting course is a method according to all rules; but as he does not set out the rules on which he relies, he does not help us much to see why he should be right and the Glossary wrong. But Mr. Dains's disparagement of the definition is a more important matter, as he is one of those who are responsible for it; and it therefore seems to me that the Exercise may reasonably ask his colleagues for assistance in estimating its value. One of them, Mr. Bulwer, has, to the great loss of the Exercise, passed away from this world. But there remain Sir Arthur Heywood, Messrs. Wm. Snowdon, C. D. P. Davies and N. J. Pitstow. I invite these gentlemen to inform the Exercise through your columns whether they still adhere to this definition of method, and if not, why not.

R. A. DANIELL.

STEEPLEAGE IN SUSSEX.

SIR,—May I say how glad I am, as I am sure all Sussex ringers are, to see the letter that appeared in a recent issue upon the above subject. It will be agreed, I think, that the St. Nicholas' Society have taken the only wise course that was open to them, and rescinded the rule of compulsory steepleage. The question of a voluntary offering towards the church expenses, which is now invited, is another matter, and calls for no comment from me. For the rest, I make known my identity as the writer of the letters signed "Disgusted," and having gained the end I had in view—which was only in the interests of change-ringing in Sussex—I thank you for the publicity you have given to the matter.

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LEEK (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, March 3rd, at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 16 mins. G. Cope, F. Walwyn, J. H. Goodwin, J. Rider, A. Pegg, E. Sharratt, sen., E. Sharratt, jun., E. A. Ridgway composer and conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. T. Burton, T. Horton, W. E. White, F. Johnson, W. Clifford, jun., E. Wooding, R. Clifford, G. Johnson. Composed by R. Clifford and conducted by G. Johnson.

WIDFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, March 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1904 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. A. Whight, W. Rowland, jun., W. Wellington, B. S. Thompson, R. Edwards, H. F. Cooper, H. W. Kirton, A. Head. Composed by P. O. Bixby, and Conducted by H. W. Kirton.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW.—On February 22nd, for practice at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Russell, W. Shaw, A. English, E. A. Hern, J. T. Hogg conductor, R. S. Russell. On March 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Russell, W. Shaw, G. McHattie, A. English, E. A. Hern. R. S. Russell conductor.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On February 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Double Oxford Minor. A. Lawson, R. M. Hogg, A. Tully, J. Hern, J. T. Hogg conductor, E. A. Hern. On March 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. T. A. Teasdale conductor, R. M. Hogg, R. S. Russell, J. Hern, J. T. Hogg, A. Tully.

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CAMBRIDGE.—On handbells, double-handed, during the Lent Term. 1264 Bob Major. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey conductor. 576, 704 and 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major and a course of Double Norwich. E. H. Lewis, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. 480, 880 and 1440 Kent Treble Bob Royal, with F. S. Poole, 7-8. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. H. Lewis, 1-2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; H. S. T. Richardson conductor, 5-6. And two 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On Wednesday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. H. Floyd, G. N. Price conductor, W. Floyd, J. Floyd, H. Golding, C. Golding, G. Warner, G. Sells.

BUCKLEY (Flintshire).—On Monday, February 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. H. Jones, T. J. Price, H. Hughes, Henry Hughes, J. Usher, W. Short conductor E. Griffiths, W. Bellis.

MANSFIELD (Notts).—On Sunday evening, March 13th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Carr, W. Gosling, sen., G. Hardstaff, H. Alsop, C. Reed, W. Gosling, jun. conductor, F. May, J. Witshead.

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The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Bentley to-day, Saturday, March 19th. Tea will be provided at The Lion inn, and business meeting will follow.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH,
Coggeshall Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of the above will be held to-day, Sat., March 19th, at Ormskirk. Bells ready at 4. Members are requested to attend. WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Through the serious illness of Mr. Latham, one of the churchwardens of St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, there will be no practice at that church on the 24th inst. The next meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on Wednesday, March 30th, after ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The yearly meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (12) available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held at The Nag's Head hotel, Kirkgate, at 7.30 p.m. Election of officers for ensuing year.

F. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.
29, Elsworth Place, Armley.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, March 26th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 5 and tea at 5.30. All ringers are heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly send in their names on or before Wednesday, March 23rd, to

C. TRIBE, Hon. Sec.
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The London County Association, late St. James's Society.—The practice and meeting is cancelled for Monday, March 28th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. The next will be held on Monday, April 11th, at 7.45

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashover on Easter Monday, 4th April. Service at 4.30 p.m., preacher, Rev. A. F. Beeston, Vicar of New Mills. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to members, 1s. to others. Meeting after tea. Two miles from Stretton Station on Midland Railway.

T. ALLIBONE, Sec.
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Framlingham on Easter Monday, April 4th. The ring of 8 at the parish church and the 6 at Earl Soham will be open. Dinner at The Corn Hall (adjoining The Crown hotel) at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent by March 30th.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, Sec.
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 4th. Service will be held in St. Helen's church at 1.30, at which the Rev. Canon Cresswell Strange has kindly consented to give an address. Business meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30 prompt. The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Wor-

cester, will preside. A free tea will be provided at The Angel hotel, Sidbury, at 4.30, to those members sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, March 30th. Tickets will be provided to admit members to tea, which can be obtained from me on or before the date of meeting. The following towers are available for ringing: the Cathedral from 5 to 6 p.m. only; St. Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's, St. Nicholas', St. John's and St. Martin's (6). All subscriptions not previously paid should be paid at this meeting. The annual report will be ready for distribution. Members requiring copies of The Glossary can have same on application for them. Certificate of membership can also be obtained for 6d. each.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
Church House, Church Lane, Tipton, Staffs.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Particulars of arrangements will be published next week.

DUNSTABLE. W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eckington on Easter Monday. Members are invited to take tea with the Rector at 4 o'clock; those who intend being present at tea must signify their intention not later than Monday, March 28th, to Mr. S. Robinson, jun., 145, High St., Eckington.

S. THOMAS, Pres.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Easter Monday, April 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.

H. T. WILSON, Dist. Sec.
32, Windsor Road, Westcliff.

The Midland Counties Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 4th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The bells of St. Mary's, St. Peter's, All Saints' and Holy Trinity (Lenton) churches will be available for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of tea and general meeting. Committee meeting, followed by tea (1s. 6d. each) and general meeting, in the Arboretum Refreshment Rooms. As a guarantee has to be given to the caterers, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present will forward their names to Mr. R. Clifford, 3, Chapel St., Beeston, Notts, so as to reach him not later than first post on Thursday, March 31st.

Colgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that the reprint of The Glossary (2000 copies) is now ready and may be obtained from Messrs. Bemrose, as stated in the advertisement (which see).

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.
14th March, 1904.

NOTE TO PEAL.

MR. A. KNIGHTS'S 100 PEALS.—Bob Triples 1 conducted 1, Major 9 conducted 3, Royal 2 conducted 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1 conducted 1, Caters 1 conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 9 conducted 7, Caters 6 conducted 2, Stedman Triples 2, Caters 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 6 conducted 5, Royal 2 conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 45 conducted 26, Royal 8 conducted 4; Double Norwich Major 1 conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major 4; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2. Total 100, conducted 55. Of these peals 78 had not been previously rung.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. R. Haworth's address is now 31, Dean's Court, Old Bailey, London, E.C.—Mr. George Condict, jun., has removed to 20, Caxton Road, Shepherd's Bush, London, W.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1904.

THE observations made last week with reference to the condition of the bells of Pershore Abbey have brought forth one or two letters of approval. One correspondent thinks it a crying scandal that so many famed bells belonging to the Church should be allowed to get into a bad condition; a scandal, he says, towards which very drastic measures should be taken for removal. Another corres-

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pendent deplores the prevailing laxity of many of the clergy, and would like to hear of a powerful crusade against such laxity. We should all like to hear of some wise attempt being made; but it should be remembered that much has been already done, for which we are thankful, though much more remains.

No doubt it is sad to be compelled to allow the fact that, although we have many of the clergy with us, and the splendid organizations among the Exercise constantly fighting against apathy, great numbers of the clergy are positively callous about their bells. Some of them, we may say, hardly know how many bells they have in their churches, and care less. Belfry economy and reform is unknown to them. These gentlemen have better fish to fry; in other words, to trouble themselves about ringing doesn't pay. This is a very bad state of affairs, and to an educated ringer, especially, such callousness with respect to a beautiful or historical ring of bells is nigh heart-break. We can only wait in patience, and keep alive all movements which may lead to a happy change.

DRONFIELD, NEAR SHEFEIELD.

A large church clock, with four illuminated dials, and chiming the Cambridge quarters, was formally started on Saturday afternoon by Samuel Lucas, Esq., chairman of the District Council. The clock is generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe, and is made by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS 3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 7.
FRANK SMITH 4.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

The Provinces.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 7, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR PART REVERSED. Tenor 24 cwt.

W. C. GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	W. C. WISKINS 5.
G. ARCHER 2.	J. SMITH 6.
W. IRELAND 3.	J. SOUTER 7.
W. SALTER 4.	W. C. CHENERY Tenor.

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. C. Chenery, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRED CUTTING Treble.	ALFRED MOSS 4.
WILLIAM SAWYER 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
ALDERMAN LING 3.	HENRY PUTTOCK Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Smith, who was for many years a ringer and chimer at the above church.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford; College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Kent.

GEORGE GILBERT Treble.	CHARLES E. SMITH 4.
JOSEPH E. GREYSTED .. 2.	FREDERICK FAIRBEARD .. 5.
THOMAS JULL 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY WALTER* Treble.	HARRY BARTON 5.
LIONEL SHOOBRIDGE .. 2.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 6.
JAMES HENLEY† 3.	HENRY C. CASTLE .. 7.
GEORGE DENNE† 4.	*HARRISON SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BARTON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal in the method.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

W. H. ASH Treble.	J. WOODHEAD 5.
J. BOSHELL* 2.	*C. MOSS 6.
H. HOWLAND 3.	†J. A. TEALE 7.
H. TOMLINSON 4.	D. YORKE Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. A. TEALE.

†First peal as conductor and first attempt. *First peal.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART (No. 1.) Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAS. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble.	J. BLACK 5.
A. TAILYOUR 2.	T. MYERS 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD .. 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK, .. 7.
ANDREW STUART .. 4.	R. PRESTAGE Tenor.

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On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ELIJAH PAGETT Treble.	JAMES HARES 5.
JAMES P. SIMPSON 2.	*JESSE SCREEM 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	WILLIAM COOPER 7.
THOMAS H. REEVES 4.	RICHARD SPEAKMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JESSE SCREEM.

*First peal as conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, and College Exercise.

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	THOMAS DAVY 4.
HARRY DAVY 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE 5.
FREDERICK PLEASANCE 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a farewell peal to F. Pleasance who is leaving the neighbourhood for Icklingham, the ringers wishing him every success.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

H. R. WOODWARD* Treble.	W. A. ARNOTT 4.
J. GODFREY 2.	D. HAYWARD 5.
A. FULLER 3.	G. ORFORD Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. Rung as birthday compliment to E. R. Todd who was unable to take part in the peal owing to a very bad cold.

MIRFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 3.	THOMAS H. ORMOND 8.
JAMES COTTERELL 4.	FRANCIS WOODHEAD 9.
BENJAMIN F. LAMB 5.	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHAS. JACKSON.

First peal in the method on the bells; also first peal by the Association on the bells.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

G. W. PEVERELL* Treble.	*H. C. MAYNE 5.
W. E. WALAND* 2.	*J. G. GREEN 6.
J. G. HALL* 3.	T. METCALFE 7.
JAS. BAXTER 4.	H. PEVERELL Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by H. PEVERELL.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Herbert Gouldsmith, M.A., who was publicly inducted as Vicar of the above church by the Ven. Archdeacon Long on Thursday, March 10th.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN .. Treble.	GEORGE BASDEN 5.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 2.	JOHN BASDEN 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	*HENRY FOLKARD 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*Elected a member previous to starting.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tulip, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, College Exercise, Arnold's Victory, and London Scholars' Pleasure.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH HAIGH Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

LANGDALE, WESTMORELAND.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford and Kent, and one of Violet, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. in A flat.

R. SATTERTHWAITE .. Treble.	J. BACKHOUSE 4.
W. NEVINSON 2.	J. HOLME 5.
F. WOODEND 3.	*W. ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by R. SATTERTHWAITE.

This is the first peal on the bells. *First peal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS 5.
JAMES D. DREWITT 2.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 6.
DOUGLAS W. DREWITT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 4.	*THOMAS STEERS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal. Rung as a thanksgiving peal; their brother-ringer, Mr. A. Calver, having favourably passed the crisis of a very serious illness.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING* .. Treble.	WILLIAM SCONCE 5.
GEO. JONES 2.	JAMES MOULTON 6.
H. W. WILDE 3.	T. J. BETHEL 7.
ROWE HUXLEY 4.	HENRY DEW Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on eight bells. *First peal on eight bells as conductor. The above peal was Reeves's five-part.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	JOHN THOMAS 5.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
FRED G. MAY 3.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	HARRY WITHERS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This peal was arranged for H. Withers, of Birmingham, whose first peal it was in this method.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob Minor.

R. ABERY Treble.	W. HORNE 4.
J. ABERY 2.	T. HERRIDGE 5.
A. SAVAGE 3.	FRED RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS .. Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY .. 5.
JOHN FLINT 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 6.
THOMAS BETTISON .. 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT .. 4.	SAM THOMAS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is A. Knights' 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 12, 1904, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS .. 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 3.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 7.
ALFRED B. PECK 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Ellis, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1904, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 6-score each of Canterbury, Stedman's Slow Course, and Sunshine; also three 6 scores of Hudibras, and four 6 scores of Plain Bob, Lincolnshire Single, Dream, St. Dunstan, Earl Soham Delight, Grandsire, Primrose, Old Doubles and April Day.

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. COLMAN Treble.	A. GALE 3.
A. PALMER 2.	H. PALMER 4.

J. KIRK AND T. WOODS Tenor.

Conducted by H. PALMER.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOS. BEEDON .. Treble.	ARTHUR L. CARTER .. 3.
EDWARD E. EVERETT .. 2.	WILLIAM G. STANNARD .. 4.
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor.	

Conducted by EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM.

Rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Rector, the Rev. W. Hooper, who was buried at this church on Friday, March 11th.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1904, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM ENGLAND .. Treble.	ALBERT SCOTT .. 5.
JOHN T. EASON 2.	DAVID WHITING .. 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 3.	FRANCIS BARKER .. 7.
GEO. CHEESBRO .. 4.	ARTHUR MUFFETT .. Tenor.

Composed by S. BIDDLESTONE, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

Rung for evening service.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday, March 13, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES DICKENS .. Treble.	HAROLD J. WITCHELL .. 5.
GEORGE F. SWANN .. 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 6.
ALBERT E. WARD .. 5.	JAMES DOWLER .. 7.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 4.	SAMUEL GROVE .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

LONGBOROUGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 14, 1904, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

T. WILLIAMS* .. Treble.	W. LARGE .. 4.
C. LLOYD* 2.	*C. J. ARKELL .. 5.
E. HATHAWAY* .. 3.	*J. JOYNES .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

*First peal. All except the conductor were elected members of the Guild before starting for the peal. First peal on the bells.

Handbell Peal.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 23, 1904, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

LEWIS L. WATSON .. 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. 7-8.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

Umpire—L. J. Flint.

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PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting, held on 3rd March, 1904.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 74,358 assuring the sum of £7,396,050, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £306,780.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,814,856, being an increase of £163,398 over the year 1902.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,523,686. The number of Deaths was 6,611, and 5,685 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 712,097.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,846,554 being an increase of £155,647.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,100,824. The number of Deaths was 210,830, and 3246 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 95,938, the number in force being 912,984. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 10,788.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,200,300: their average duration exceeds ten and a quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £51,217,377, being an increase of £4,062,176 over those of 1902.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £127,077.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1903.

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WILLIAM HUGHES, } Joint General Managers.

FREDERICK SCHOOLING, *Actuary.*
D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman,*
HENRY HARBEN, } *Directors.*
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We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1903, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1903.

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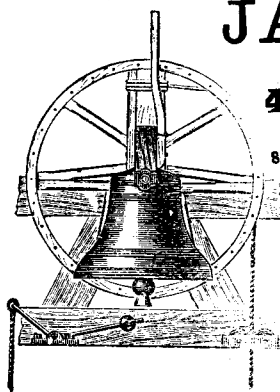
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