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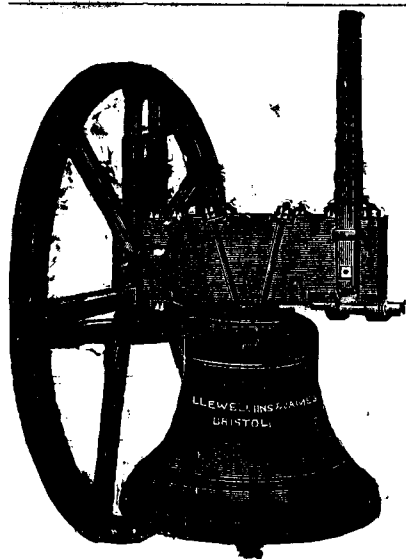
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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.

SCHEDULE (continued).

WATERMOOR (Sussex). Holy Trinity. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells; all by Taylor, the two trebles 1901, the rest 1889. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11. Practice: Tuesday, 8.30.

WATFORD (Herts.) St. Mary the Virgin. Hertford County Association. Eight bells; 7th by Briant 1786; the rest by Lester 1750. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. No further information given.

WEDMORE (Somersetshire). Eight bells. No return.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire). St. Bartholomew. Ten bells; the two trebles by Mears 1854; 3rd by Lester 1758; 4th by Arnold 1797; 5th, 1733; 6th, 1708; 7th, 1707; 8th, 1623; 9th, no date; tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., 1614. Founders of the last six bells not stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Barwell 1901. Ropes good, Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday: 7.45.

St. Paul. Eight bells; all by Taylor 1887. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung. Ropes new 1893, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.15.

WELLINGBOROUGH (Northants.) Central Northamptonshire Association. Eight bells; treble, 2nd and 5th by Taylor 1884; 3rd, 7th and tenor by Watts, 1640, 1620 and 1639, respectively; 4th by Newcombe 1604; 6th by Edmonds 1764. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Partially rehung by Taylor 1884, and further repairs by the same 1891. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, except in Lent. Practice: Monday, 8.30, except in Lent.

WELLINGTON (Somersetshire). St. John Baptist. Eight

bells; treble and 2nd Wroth 1748; 3rd and tenor by Mears 1841; 4th and 6th by Bilbie 1781; 5th, 1748; 7th, 1609. Founders of the two last not stated. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go comfortably. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 and 5.55. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Gloucester Archidiocesan Branch was held at Haresfield on Saturday, April 1st, upwards of thirty-five members being present. Proceedings commenced with ringing on the pretty ring of six in the parish church soon after 2 p.m. Service was held at 4 p.m., prayers being read by the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, followed by a very thoughtful and helpful address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Lefroy. At the conclusion of the service the members were entertained to tea at the school, the invitation coming jointly from the Vicar and Mr. Tidswell, of Haresfield Court. Here a very happy time was spent, the only matter for regret, and that no little one, being the enforced absence of the Vicar, who had hurt his foot some days previously and could not walk so far. At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by A. T. Ford, Esq., the Hon. Secretary of the branch. In the course of the business the chairman took occasion to remind those present of the annual general meeting fixed to take place at Gloucester on Whitsun-Monday, and earnestly urged on every one to set that day apart and to come to the meeting so that there might be a revival of the hearty and well-attended gatherings of old days. He also mentioned that the Association had lost the services of its late Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. G. May, and that Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower had very kindly consented to fill the gap *pro tem*.

The next branch meeting was fixed to take place at Avening in June. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address and for his kind and hearty welcome given to the Association. Among the towers represented were Gloucester, Stroud, Tewkesbury, Painswick, Frocester, Conley, etc.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

The Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held at Linslade, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Dandridge, on Saturday, April 1st. The bells were open at 2 p.m. and some short touches of Triples and Bob Major were brought round. A short service was held in the church at 3.30, the address, a very able, lucid and encouraging one, being given by the Vicar, after which, there being about ten minutes to spare before tea, a touch of Grandsire Triples was called by J. George, of Rugby. After tea, which was presided over by the Vicar, the business meeting was held. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his kindness.

To prevent the next quarterly meeting clashing with the Annual Meeting of the Guild, which is to be held at Bletchley in July, and in the ordinary course of events the branch meeting would come on July 1st, two meetings obviously too close together, so to meet the emergency it was resolved to alter the time of Branch meeting to Saturday, June 3rd, Newton Longville being the place selected. A resolution was unanimously passed condemning the raising of the levy made by the general guild on the branches from one half the member's subscription to two-thirds, recommending that this be rescinded and the old levy re-established.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for the very able manner in which he had conducted the meeting, and also for his kindness in inviting all the members of the branch as his guests at the annual meeting of the branch to be held at Newton Longville on June 3rd. By kind permission of the Rev. H. C. Hills, Vicar of Leighton Buzzard, the bells of All Saints were placed at the disposal of the members, and some touches of Triples and Bob Major were rung on these fine bells.

The visitors hereby thank the Vicar for granting them permission to ring.

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

It has been customary for many years to hold the annual general meeting of this society at its headquarters at St. Clement Danes, Strand, but this year saw a change, the reason being a serious illness near the church, which would not permit of any ringing. But what would an annual meeting be without its friendly touches? It was suggested that we should go to St. Saviour's, Southwark, with its magnificent ring of twelve, and in accordance with resolutions passed, arrangements were made accordingly. With the kindness of the authorities, permission was granted for the use of the bells, but it was to be distinctly understood, only for short touches. The tower of St. George-the-Martyr (eight bells), was also thrown open to ringers, but it was not extensively used, as the majority of the members flocked to St. Saviour's to try their hand in the more bewildering number of ropes, and many were the first touches of Cinques and Maximus scored, some of the young members displaying remarkable talent for their first "try."

3.45 p.m. saw the commencement of this gathering. The bells of St. George's were soon swinging to the method of Grandsire, both Doubles and Triples. At St. Saviour's after climbing the many stairs, round the arches, and through dark passages, eventually the members reached the well-lighted ringing-chamber, with its many carved peal-boards of large dimensions, some of them six feet in height, and nearly as many broad, informing us of the grand performances, record lengths, etc., that have been done in the past.

Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus were rung until Evensong, the striking being almost all that could be desired, as afterwards remarked by Canon Thompson that it was the best he had heard for a long while on the bells. At 5 o'clock the usual choral Evensong was rendered by the clergy and choir of the collegiate church of St. Saviour, which the members attended. It happened that the setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis was that by Tompkins in C, and this composition

of a musician contemporary with the origing of change-ringing, with its soft harmonies and quaint old world melody was singularly appropriate to the occasion. The Anthem, by special kindness of the authorities, was Purcell's "Bell Anthem," the words of which, beginning—"Rejoice in the Lord alway," had been printed on slips for the members, and its performance and admirable rendering by organist and choir were highly appreciated.

The ordinary service being concluded, the members present proceeded to the lady chapel to hear a special address by the Rev. Dr. Thompson, Chancellor of the collegiate church, and Rector of the parish. He began by welcoming the members, and then referred to the history of St. Saviour's. He recalled its connection with the dioceses of Winchester and Rochester, and its approaching elevation into the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of Southwark. its literary associations with Gower, Chaucer, Dr. Johnson, the Elizabethan dramatists such as Shakespeare (whom he thought Southwark had more a claim to than Stratford-on-Avon, as it was near St. Saviour's that all his plays were first produced). Its episcopal connection with Bishop Gardiner and Andrews. He then went on to refer to the bells, informing his hearers that those then existing were purchased from King Henry VIII. at the dissolution of the religious house of St. Mary Overie, and that subsequent recastings leaves some original ingredients in the bells which we now know formed part of those which were rung on the occasion of the marriage in the church in 1425 of James, then King of Scotland, with Johanna Beaufort. He traced down the use of St. Saviour's bells to the time of our present Monarch meeting his bride, and his subsequent visits to the church and borough.

Passing from this to a personal address to the ringers, he emphasised five points in their duty—regular practice, punctuality, fraternity, sense of the dignity of their office, reverence. He did not think that anything sounded more grander than a muffled peal; it was more impressive than even the "Dead March" played on a fine organ. The whole of the address was an admirable enforcement of the duty of applying ringers' experiences to all things which are high-minded and ennobling, so as to absorb them in our daily life. The address was listened to with the greatest interest, and it was plain from the remarks afterwards passed upon it that Dr. Thompson's treatment of a representative body of the London Exercise was fully appreciated, and of the kind which was eminently calculated to promote that good will between the clerical body and the Exercise, which is so desirable to us all.

The business meeting, election of officers, etc., was scheduled for 6.30 in the Foster Hall near by, but did not commence until 6.45. The Master, Mr. A. Jacob, occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary said that that day a sort of shadow was passing over them; no doubt some of them had read or heard of the sad death by accident on the previous Sunday of their brother-member Mr. J. C. Jackson. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of their late member.

Several items of finance having been disposed of, ratifications of members took place; also several other gentlemen were initiated as members. The auditors (Messrs. Fryer and Hartshorne), presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £11 14s. 1d., an increase on the year's working of £2 11s. 10d., which was highly satisfactory. It would undoubtedly have been larger, but through the illness near St. Clement's, the

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united practices there had been stopped for some months. Comment was made on one item of expenditure, but this was explained. The balance-sheet was adopted.

The Secretary read his report as follows: That during the year meetings had been held at Chelsea, Hammer-smith and Stepney. Thirty-nine new members had been elected, which was exactly the same number as the previous year. Seventy-three members had taken part in the nineteen peals that had been rung in eight different methods, and had been called by ten different conductors, in which several members had taken part in their first peal. Two peals may be noted; the peal of Stedman Triples on handbells conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney, which was the second peal of its kind they had rung, the first being the first silent peal of Stedman Triples rung on handbells, which took place at Bethnal Green in 1854; the other being the peal of Superlative Surprise Major conducted by Mr. E. Wightman at Erith. This also was the second peal of Surprise they had rung, the first being the first Surprise peal rung in the Metropolis, which was rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, in 1850. A concert was held on October 15th, attended by more than 300 ringers and friends. A special service was held on October 29th at St. Clement Danes, when an address was delivered by the Lord Bishop of London, when members of the College Youths and Cumberland Youths attended in state with their peal-books and other records, and it was thought that this was the first time on record that these two old friendly rival companies, which have been established close upon three centuries, had met together with their books side by side in an official manner.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr. A. Jacob retired from the chair, but being again nominated he declined to stand.

Mr. George R. Fardon was proposed as Master, and no other nomination being forthcoming, he was duly elected amidst applause. Mr. Challis F. Winny was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. Much merriment was here caused by the nominations for the next office, that of Hon. Secretary. One member nominated Mr. Dick Swiveller, but the new Master quickly hammered the table for order. Another member then nominated the Duke of Clement Danes. This met with a similar result. Eventually Mr. T. H. Taffender was proposed, but he stated that owing to recent family losses, of which he had had several, and the heavy strain of business which prevented him attempting peals or attending meetings, he did not feel as if he had got as much energy and time as previously to devote to the work, and hoped they would elect another person. He promised to help them, whoever it might be. It was here suggested that he should take more Phosferine; but no one else being nominated, it was unanimously carried that he retain the office. In reply he promised them he would do his best, but a great help was that of the unity of the members.

From the office of junior steward Mr. W. G. Matthews was promoted to that of senior steward, Mr. J. Troughton being elected to that of junior steward. Messrs. R. A. Daniell and M. Woodcock were re-elected trustees, and the following eight gentlemen as a representative committee: Messrs. R. Bevan, C. Carew Cox, A. R. Jacob, T. Langdon, A. E. Peck, F. G. Perrin, J. Pryer, and E. Wallage.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring officers, and also to the authorities of St. Saviour's for their reception that day. This concluded the business meeting.

The members then adjourned to St. Saviour's, where more touches of Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus,

and Stedman Caters were rung. A social was afterwards held at "Ye Olde King's Head," Borough High Street, where a few songs and touches on the handbells brought this excellent meeting to a close.

LONG PEAL NOTICE.

With the very kind permission of the Rev. W. H. Seddon, Vicar of Painswick, a record length (12,345) of Stedman Cinques will be attempted by twelve members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Easter Monday, commencing as soon after 11.30 a.m. as possible. The composition is sent to Mr. W. Short, who holds the record at present, and also to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, of Fretherne, Gloucestershire. If any one who took part in the Birmingham peal would also like to have the figures, they can be obliged.

F. G. MAY.
96, City Road, Bristol.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

STEDMAN'S CAMPANALOGIA.

SIR,—With your permission I will now give the remainder of the most interesting (peals) methods contained in this work.

London peals: fifty-three London peals, composed by F. S., under this heading, the following methods are given:—

COLLEDGE BOB MAJOR.

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24163578	24163578
42615387	42615387
46251378	24651378
64523187	42563187
65432817	24536817
56348271	42358671
53684721	24385761
35867412	42837516
28576142	24873156
83751624	42781365
87315624	24718356
78136524	42173865
71863542	41237856
17685324	14328765
16758342	13482756

I have given these and the two following as probably the first Major methods ever written; any way they are the first published we may say without much speculation.

12345678	12345678
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24135678	24135678
42316587	42316587
43261578	24361578
34625187	42635187
36452817	24365817
63548271	42638571
65384721	24368751
56837412	42637815
58673142	24364185
85761324	42631758
87516342	24613785
78153624	42167358
71856342	41263785
17583624	14627358
15786342	16423785

These methods constructionally are up to date, and shew

Mr. Stedman to have been a sound method builder. In these last two we get the ground-work of the Norwich Court Bob system, and if the reader takes the trouble to compare he will here * find by omitting 4ths place at treble lead, Norwich Court as given by Shipway in his work. The first half of the last given † is the first half of Double Norwich exact, and if the author had made 7ths place instead of 5ths, he would have given us Double Oxford Bob Major. However, with above examples but little trouble was experienced in making methods mentioned.

THE EXPERIMENT.

Under these words, and a long description upon changes, etc., we get the following several Triple peals as examples:—

DODGING TRIPLES.

1234567	4523716
2143576	5432176
2415367	5341267
4251376	3514276
4523167	3152467
5432617	1325476
4523671	1352746
5432761	

COLLEDGE BOB TRIPLES.

There are four methods given under this title. The first is what we know as Grandsire Triples, the figures of which are so well known that reproduction is not required here, but nothing is said about composition. The remainder, of which I give two examples, are presented as Colledge Bob Triples another way.

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4251376	3241576
4523167	3425167
5432617	4352617
5346271	4536271
3564721	5463721
3657412	5647312
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6731524	6751423
*7613542	7615243
7165324	7162534
1756342	1726354
1573624	1273645

† These are two very good examples of Triple methods, and by a slight alteration to the first one * viz., omitting 5ths place, and bringing the 2nd into the hunt, another good method is produced. Stedman presents his Principle as made of all double changes (two singles excepted), but the singles are given just as we ring Grandsire, as follows:—

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31245	31254
13254	Extream.
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If to the foregoing we add the following already noted in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 25th, 1905, viz.: Court Bob, all the four Colledge Bobs and Imperial Bob, we have almost a complete list of methods composed by Fabian Stedman.

(To be continued.)

H. DAINS.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

SIR,—At the annual meeting of the above held at Dudley under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, on Saturday, February 25th, a report of which appeared in a recent issue, a resolution was passed that a peal of Stedman Triples should be attempted at Netherton during the quarter. In accordance with this resolution (after obtaining permission for the use of the tower and bells) eight members of the Guild met at St. Andrew's church on Saturday, March 25th, to make the attempt. On our arrival an exciting surprise was in store for us, and although rumour had it that the peal would not be accomplished, such a transaction as the one that had been carried into effect to put a stop to the attempt being made was

not anticipated by either of the members who were to take part in it. Strange to relate some slight alteration had been carried out with regard to the tenor bell during the week previous, and one of the local men, who was going to ring the tenor, thought he would try it to see if it was all right; but on trying to raise her he had to get another to assist him. An examination after she was raised convinced us that it was impossible to make a start, as some person or persons had deliberately covered the gudgeons of the 7th and tenor bells with the scale off hot iron. The decision arrived at by the eight ringers who all saw it was that a most cowardly and diabolical action had been perpetrated, and that the Vicar and churchwardens should not leave a stone unturned to find out those who had been guilty of such wilful damage to consecrated valuable church property. The reason that has been assigned for this mad action by some members of the St. Andrew's Society, Netherton, does not justify this wicked device being carried into effect. The stain they have placed upon their characters will take a long time to erase, and ringers of neighbouring parishes will no doubt shun their society until some reparation has been made.

JOHN SMITH.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

SIR,—In your last issue the Rev. H. Law James published a letter which, unless I am mistaken, upholds using Union singles for Grandsire Doubles. Now I have many times previously expressed my views in your valuable paper that there should never be more than two kinds of calls in any one method, and as the Central Council have adopted the original single as most suitable for the Grandsire method, I am somewhat surprised to see Mr. James's letter accompanied by peals with those Union singles. If this is to be allowed let us abolish all peals containing 2nds and 3rds in that method on all numbers of bells. This is written without any ill feeling, but merely to point out that the Central Council rules should always be adhered to as far as possible.

JOHN CARTER.

THE LATE W. HADLOW.

I wish to make an appeal on behalf of the family of the late W. Hadlow, who died on February 15th after a very short illness, leaving a wife and family of eight children, the two youngest being as yet unable to walk. This is a very sad but genuine case, as deceased was a thorough good father, and a very honest and hardworking man. His age was only forty-three, so that readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will readily understand the seriousness that the loss of the bread winner means in such a case. There are two boys at work earning twelve shillings a week between them, and one daughter earning her own living, leaving five children to be provided for, and with the exception of Insurance, which deceased worked hard to pay with his small wage, there is nothing else at present coming in. It is hoped to do something locally to help them, and so keep them going until they gradually get out of hand. May I appeal to all who are able to contribute to so good a cause? Secretaries of bands in the Kent County Association, of which deceased had been a member for many years, will be doing an act of kindness by collecting what they can among the members of their bands and forwarding on to me. I earnestly hope everyone will do what they can. Subscriptions will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged in "THE BELL NEWS" by A. Palmer, the Square, Lenham, Kent. The following amounts have been received: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary Kent County Association, £1 1s.; collected at the district meeting at Aylesford, March 4th, 14s. 1½d.; total—£1 15s. 1½d. A. P.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.—Estd. 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 20th.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's church, Bacup, to-day, Sat., April 8th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.
W. ASHWORTH.

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Pursuant to notice, a special general meeting of the above Association will be held at headquarters, The Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, on Monday, April 10th, at 9.45 p.m., to consider, and if necessary, slightly revise Rule xvii. This will be held immediately after the united practice at St. Clement Danes, which commences at 8 p.m.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
91, Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly practice will be held at Deane on Saturday, April 15th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, April 15th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present at the tea kindly inform me on or before Wednesday, April 12th.
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 24th, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present are requested to send word to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour, if he receives enough support, to make arrangements for tea on the usual terms. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Hadley bells may be also available.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Romford on Easter Monday, April 24th, further particulars of which will be announced later. A tea will be arranged, provided that a sufficient number of members advise me that they intend to be present. May I remind members that subscriptions are due, and beg the favor of an early payment.

GEORGE A. BLACK, *Dis. Sec.*
Roslin, Grove Road, Woodford.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 24th. Service will be held in St. Nicholas church, with an address at 1.30. Business Meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.30 prompt. The

Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, Dean of Worcester, will preside. A free tea will be provided at The Angel hotel, Sidbury, at 4.30, to all those members sending in their names to me on or before Wednesday, April 19th. 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 and St. John's (6), which will be closed from 1.15 to 3.30. 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; also copies of reprint from *The Guardian* on "Church Bells and Bell-Ringing," at half-price, 1d. each. Certificate of membership can also be obtained for 6d. each.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guildford on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at Holy Trinity will be available during the afternoon, and those at St. Nicolas after the tea by kind permission of the respective Incumbents. Tea will be provided (gratis to ordinary members) at 5 o'clock sharp at The Star hotel, Quarry Street, and the usual meeting will follow. Those wishing to partake of tea must inform Mr. James Hunt, 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, not later than the first post on Thursday, April 20th. Non-members—who will be welcomed—can join in the tea at 1s 6d. per head.
CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Midland Counties Association.—The twenty-third annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 24th. The bells at the following churches will be open for ringing from 10 a.m., excepting during the time of the tea and general meeting: St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), St. John's (8), and St. Saviour's (8). Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, followed by the general meeting in the High Cross Coffee house. Price of the tea 1s. each. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. Morris, 9, Canning Place, Leicester, not later than Monday, April 17th. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present. Members are respectfully reminded that subscriptions for 1905 were due on January 1st, and should be paid in at once. Several members are also in arrears for 1904.
Colgrave, Notts. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea. Will those who anticipate attending kindly give their names to their tower representative not later than April 16th.
SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*
87, Bradley Street, Sheffield.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch at Charlbury, on the occasion of the restoration of Charlbury church tower, and the rehanging of the bells, on Saturday, April 29th. Service will be held at the parish church at 3.30. Preacher—the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford. Meat tea in the Town Hall at 5.30 at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow immediately after. Members intending to be present must let me know not later than April 24th.

A. E. REEVES, *Assistant Sec.*
20, Radstock Road, Reading.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 29th, (in accordance with rule 6), but owing to the epidemic of typhoid fever now prevalent in Lincoln, no arrangements have been made for a service, tea or ringing; therefore a few of the local members only will attend to confirm the minutes of the last meeting, and formally adjourn the meeting to a more suitable date. Subscriptions for 1905 are now due, and should be paid at once.
P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*
"Sledman," Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

The Royal Cumberland Society.—The practices at St. Martin-in-the-Fields are discontinued during Lent. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 1st.

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It is very rare indeed that we hear of a ring of Church
Bells being advertised for sale, yet for some weeks past
an announcement of the sort has appeared in our columns.
True it is that these bells are made of steel, and they are
being got rid of to make room for a ring made of the
proper material. This may militate against their rapid
disposal, though even a set of steel bells are by some
thought better than no bells at all. There are several
sets of steel bells in existence, one of six at Wanstead in
Essex being shown in the great Exhibition of 1862. Such
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The Metropolis.

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On Thursday, March 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST,

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ERNEST PYE 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	*CHARLES T. COLES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rector, the Rev. F. St. John and Mrs. Corbett.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE DORRINGTON, JUN. Treble.	ARTHUR COLES 5.
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Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE BESTER Treble.	HARRY MILLER 5.
JOHN E. MILLER 2.	MARK FENSOM 6.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE 7.
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*First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the parents of the conductor on attaining their silver wedding, the ringers being entertained by them the following evening.

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On Thursday, March 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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H. BURCH 2.	H. W. CUTTING 5.
W. KING 3.	C. KING Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. King and Crappell. First peal by W. Bruce, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 18, 1905, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT H.M. CHAPEL, THE DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor about 8 or 9 cwt.

WILLIAM FORD Treble.	JAMES JORDAN 5.
EDWARD TAYLOR 2.	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT .. 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDS 3.	*GEORGE PARR 7.
WILLIAM RUNDLE* 4.	G. HARRY MYERS Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by G. HY. MYERS.

*First peal in the method.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, March 27, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	J. HANDS 5.
G. IRVINE* 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
R. T. HIBBERT 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
E. W. MENDAY 4.	T. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

*First peal in the method.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

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HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

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HARRY WALLIS .. Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. .. 5.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. T. G. Crosse, Vicar of Faversham.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT..Treble.	HUBERT EDEN 3.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD.. 6.
ARTHUR R. DIX* 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	HARRY A. HORREX Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by E. E. HUNTLEY.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(BEDFORDSHIRE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 29, 1905, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN HURST* Treble.	JOHN HARE 5.
WILLIAM NEWTON 2.	†WILLIAM J. MAYES .. 6.
FRANK YORK† 3.	†FRED WELLS 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. 4.	JOHN BRAYBROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor, who were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

SEDBERGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, March 29, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH W. PENNINGTON..Treble.	JOHN E. SENOGLES 5.
THOMAS SISSON 2.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
EDWARD PENNINGTON .. 3.	HAROLD HARENOPE 7.
RICHARD ATKINSON 4.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE..Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION*On Thursday, March 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM* ..Treble.	*CLEMMENT GLENN 6.
GEORGE LEWIS* 2.	*JOHN M. ANDREWS 7.
SIDNEY F. PALMER* 3.	*JOHN THORPE 8.
FRANK BURGAR* 4.	*WILLIAM WARBURTON .. 9.
WALTER COATES 5.	*GEORGE OAKES Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by CLEMMENT GLENN.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

RICHMOND, YORKS.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, March 31, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

C. B. BRAND Treble.	J. T. FRENCHUM 5.
J. G. KINCHIN 2.	F. W. BRAND 6.
R. BORROWS 3.	R. J. TODD 7.
J. J. PEAKE 4.	A. MORTON Tenor.

Conducted by A. MORTON.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Major by all except R. Borrows. Rung to commemorate the acquisition of two additional bells during the conductor's year of office as churchwarden.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

R. FIDDIEST† Treble	H. SMITH 5.
W. THORNLEY 2.	F. BANKS 6.
J. MOSCROP 3.	G. PINCOTT 7.
S. HAYES 4.	W. CALVERT Tenor.

Conducted by R. FIDDIEST.

*First peal as conductor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM LIDBETTER* ..Treble.	ERNEST A. REEVE 5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 2.	HENRY BROWNING 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	†ARTHUR HARDING 7.
THOMAS BEADLE 4.	ALBERT SHEARD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Sheard, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Bristol, Lichfield and Worcester. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
JAMES EMSN 3.	WILLIAM H. TURTON ..Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Emsen, the band wishing him many happy returns.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPBOUGHTON.)

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	ARTHUR A. GIRLING.. .. 4.
JESSE ARBON 2.	ALFRED G RIVERS 5.
EDGAR RIVERS 3.	FRANK ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Girling and Rolfe.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SHENLEY ROSE* Treble.	THOMAS DAVY 4.
HARRY DAVY 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
GEORGE KEMP 3.	GEORGE CALTERMOLLE ..Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.
LEONARD STOKOE* Treble. | ALFRED WINDSOR 5.
ARTHUR STOKOE* 2. | CHARLES JACKSON 6.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 3. | *WILLIAM CHILD 7.
G. BARRACLOUGH 4. | *DAVID YORKE Tenor.
Conducted by W. CHILD.
*First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. H. Lowman first quarter-peal, Rev. W. H. Abbot, A. E. Smith, A. Baigent, H. L. Garfath, sen. conductor, E. Clapshaw, T. Upshall, H. Kimber. The Rev. W. H. Abbot is now curate of Farnham, and it is his first quarter-peal with the local band.

ANDOVER (Hants).—On Tuesday evening, November 15th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Pavay, T. Stevens, E. Mills, O. Smart, W. Andrews, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, F. Patrick. On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 643 Grandsire Triples. A. Barber, T. Stevens, E. Mills, H. Smart, R. C. Mayo conductor, G. Samway, O. Smart, F. Padwick.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
MADRESFIELD (Worcestershire).—On January 15th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Chance, F. Stanton, G. M. Troughton, W. H. Chance, R. G. Knowles conductor, W. Chance. First 720 by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by an entirely local band. On March 2nd, 720 Bob Minor by the same band. During the month several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, Miss M. Munn taking part. On March 26th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Chance, E. Barber, R. G. Knowles, R. McCann, W. H. Chance, H. T. Knowles conductor. On Saturday, April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Chance, A. Hill, W. Page conductor, G. Checketts, R. McCann, R. G. Knowles. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Chance, R. G. Knowles, A. Hill, R. McCann, G. Checketts, W. Page conductor. First 720s of Treble Bob on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 1, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6096 CHANGES.
Tenor 13 cwt.
GEORGE W. KING* Treble. | JOHN P. PALEY, JUN. 5.
JOHN P. PALEY, SEN. 2. | ARTHUR MACKEARS 6.
JOHN H. HAYNES† 3. | JOHN CRAGG 7.
JOHN HOYES 4. | JOHN W. WOOD.. .. Tenor.
Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.
*First peal. †First ppal with a bob bell. Longest length ever rang in Lincolnshire.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BARKING.—On Sunday, April 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' One Part. T. Faulkner conductor, E. G. Fenn, F. G. Gill, R. Fenn, A. Carter, G. W. Faulkner, A. Hardy, E. A. Davies.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Saturday, March 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, 1120 changes, in 40 mins. W. T. Prior, G. Jordan, W. Prior, H. Baker, A. F. James, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, March 2nd, on the occasion of the enthronement of the first Bishop of Birmingham at St. Philip's church, various touches of Grandsire Caters. T. Coley, W. F. Webb, E. J. Hyland, A. T. Hyland, C. Sparkes, J. Collett, R. Hackley, E. Mansell, J. T. Perry, G. Fuller. On Sunday, March 5th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters. S. Coley, W. F. Webb, E. J. Hyland, A. T. Hyland, C. Sparkes, J. Collett, R. Hackley, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Porter, G. Fuller.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service, 1000 Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. Knights conductor, B. A. Knights, W. Nuttall, F. R. Kettleboro, W. Lambert, S. Price, G. Hollis, J. Hunt, G. Davies, W. J. Thynge.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 2nd, for the men's monthly service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. V. Harvey, J. Howes conductor, E. V. Beadle, H. Chandler, H. Wilkes, W. E. Judd, T. Beadle, A. Sheard.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 49 mins. G. Bester, A. R. Glasscock, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, H. Miller, M. Fensom, J. Armstrong conductor, S. Wade.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The number of changes in the peal of Bob Major rang at Bolsover on February 11th should read 5344 changes, not 5120 as reported.

Handbell Peals.
ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. NEOTS SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, March 28, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
LEWIS L. WATSON.. .. 1-2. | GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3-4. | LOUIS J. FLINT 7-8.
Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by SYDNEY J. COLEMAN.
Umpire—Sidney J. Peck.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Wednesday, November 9th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. F. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, H. J. Harlow, J. Blott, A. Pratt, E. Kitely. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. On Sunday morning, November 13th, for Divine Service, 120 Bob Minor. F. Meeks, H. L. Harlow conductor, F. Pratt, A. Pratt, H. J. Harlow, J. Blott. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. F. Meeks, H. L. Harlow, F. Pratt, J. Blott, A. Pratt, H. J. Harlow. For evening service a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. F. Meeks, A. Pratt, F. Pratt, H. L. Harlow, J. Blott, A. Bryant. And 180 Bob Minor. F. Meeks, F. Pratt, H. J. Harlow, A. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, J. Blott. A 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Pratt, H. L. Harlow, H. J. Harlow, A. Pratt, J. Blott, W. Sharp.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATHEASTON.—On Tuesday evening, October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins. B. Gerrish, T. Davis, A. Cordery, J. Taylor conductor, O. Derham, J. Hallett.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNHAM (Surrey)—On Saturday, October 29th, at St. Andrew's church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Jas. Cranham and Miss E. Mileham (the Rev. W. H. Abbot officiating), a quarter-peal of

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By FREDK. H. DEXTER.

5046.

123456	3	4	5	6	3	4	5	6
435216	-	-	-	-	134625	-	-	-
251346	-	-	-	-	642315	-	-	-
314526	-	-	-	-	321465	-	-	-
521436	-	-	-	-	462135	-	-	-
413256	-	-	-	-	136245	-	-	-
235146	-	-	-	-	264315	-	-	-
154326	-	-	-	-	351426	-	-	-
362415	-	-	-	-	412536	-	-	-
416235	-	-	-	-	523146	-	-	-
231645	-	-	-	-	142356	-	-	-
614325	-	-	-	-	325416	-	-	-
342165	-	-	-	-	451236	-	-	-
126435	-	-	-	-	213546	-	-	-
432615	-	-	-	-	541326	-	-	-
621345	-	-	-	-	324156	-	-	-
314265	-	-	-	-	145236	-	-	-
246135	-	-	-	-	263514	-	-	-
153624	-	-	-	-	531624	-	-	-
625314	-	-	-	-	612354	-	-	-
351264	-	-	-	-	321564	-	S	-
216534	-	-	-	-	516234	-	-	-
563124	-	-	-	-	263154	-	-	-
132654	-	-	-	-	135624	-	-	-
653214	-	-	-	-	623514	-	-	-
215364	-	-	-	-	531264	-	-	-
356124	-	-	-	-	216354	-	-	-
142635	-	-	-	-	365124	-	-	-
623415	-	-	-	-	142536	-	-	-
431265	-	-	-	-	534216	-	-	-
263145	-	-	-	-	213456	-	-	-

To be repeated, but calling a bob at 1 in place of the last fifteen leads of the second part produces 123645. The whole to be twice repeated to complete the peal. The peal contains 750 bobs and three singles. The sixteen changes of the plain hunt constitute the course of Original Major. The bob is made in 6ths place by the bell going behind; the two bells in 7-8 dodge once for each call; at a single the bells in 6-7-8 lie still for an whole pull; calls can be made at any whole pull. The bobs at 6 are not a necessity to the composition, having been added to break the monotony of 4-5-6 being fixed each for a third of the peal. The extent of 4, 5 and 6 in 6ths can be had by omitting one of the bobs at 6 and repeating the calling five times; for 5760 changes with 846 bobs and six singles.

RAMSEY.—On November 6th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. G. W. Sanders, J. Chapman, W. Robinson, F. J. Barham, H. R. Marshall, W. J. Goss conductor. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob. B. Stevens, O. G. Howe, W. Robinson, J. W. Chapman, H. R. Marshall, W. J. Goss conductor. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure, by the same band.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By G. T. DALTRY, Bristol.

5043.

231456	5	16
*412365978	-	-
5263	-	-
3562	-	-
314265	-	-
5462	-	-
513264	-	-
4362	-	-
2463	-	-
215364	-	-
4563	-	-
3465	-	-
312564	-	-
312465	S	-
5264	-	-
4562	-	-
413265	-	-
5362	-	-
514263	-	-
3462	-	-
2364	-	-
215463	-	-
3564	-	-
4365	-	-
412563	-	-
412365	-	-

Repeat the courses bracketted. Rounds at hand next change. *By bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. †By bobs at 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13.

First rung at Christ Church, Bristol, on January 21st, 1905, conducted by its author.

BOB MAJOR.

5376.

By P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

23456	W	B	M	H
32564	S	I	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
54263	S	I	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
23465	S	I	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-
32465	S	I	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
45263	S	I	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
23564	S	I	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
45362	-	I	-	-
34256	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

Has the 6th in 5-6 at every course-end.

5024.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
24563	-	I	S	-
52346	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
35264	-	I	S	-
42356	-	-	-	-
43562	-	I	S	-
54236	-	-	-	-
52364	-	I	S	-
35426	-	-	-	-
34265	-	I	S	-
23546	-	-	-	-
25463	-	I	S	-
34256	-	-	-	-
32564	-	I	S	-
53426	-	-	-	-
54263	-	I	S	-
25346	-	-	-	-
23465	-	I	S	-
42536	-	-	-	-
45362	-	I	S	-
32456	-	-	-	S

Repeated.

Has the 6th in 5-6 every course-end.

5088.

By THE SAME AUTHOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
24356	-	-	S	-
32456	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	S	-
34256	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	S	-
52346	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	S	-
53246	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

Contains the full combinations of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, without the 2nd in that position at any course-end.

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ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,874, assuring the sum of £6,954,650, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £377,587.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,969,016, being an increase of £154,160 over the year 1903.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,654,753. The number of Deaths was 7,139, and 6,259 Endowment Assurances matured.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH—The Premiums received during the

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,230,180. The number of

Deaths was 233,015, and 3,066 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 112,606, the number in force being 1,003,377. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 22,211.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 15,577,161; their average duration is ten and three quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £55,359,505, being an increase of £4,142,128 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 £138,280.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the
31st December, 1904.

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THOS. C. DEWEY, General Manager.

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

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman,*
HENRY HARBEN,
THOMAS WHARRIE. } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1904, 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 on December 31st, 1904.

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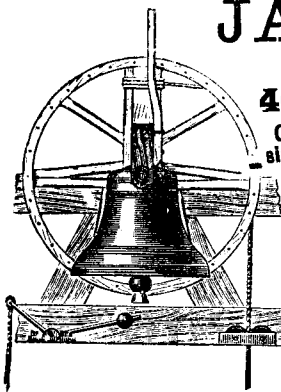
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