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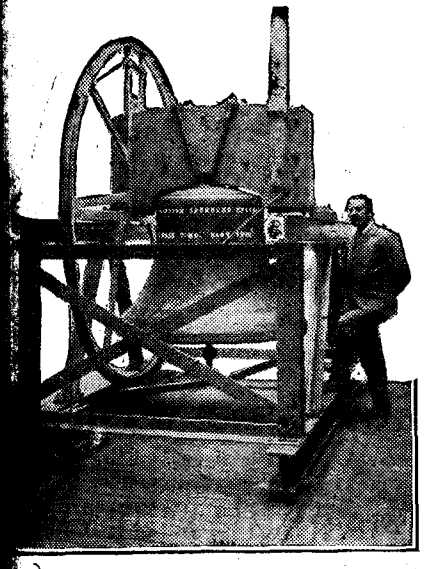

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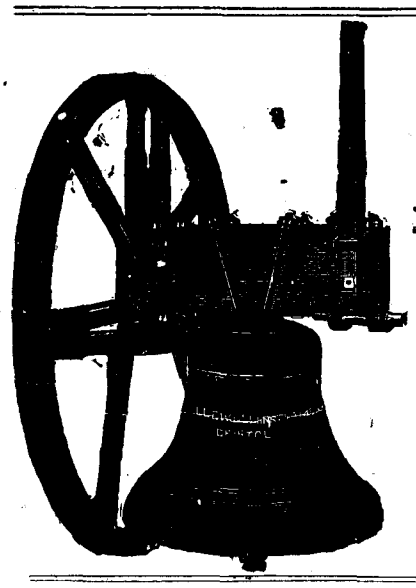

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its annual gathering at St. Albans on Easter Monday, the delightful weather being conducive to a large attendance. In the afternoon a service was held in the Abbey, at which the Bishop preached a suitable sermon.

A tea followed in the Corn Exchange. Over seventy sat down, after which the annual business meeting was held. The Bishop presided, and those supporting him included the Dean of St. Albans (Rev. Dr. Lawrence), Mr. H. J. Toulmin, Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer), Mr. H. Eden (hon. secretary West Herts. Division), Mr. W. Lawrence (hon. secretary Eastern Division), and Mr. D. Ellingham (hon. secretary Northern Division), and a numerous gathering of representatives from all parts of the county. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Canon Wigram (the President of the Association), and Mr. G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary), who was prevented from being present by his father's illness, and who has since passed away.

Mr. Debenham read the secretary's annual report. It stated that the Association was founded at St. Albans on October 29th, 1884, at a meeting held at the rectory, and the first report issued returned the number of bands as seven, with a total membership of 92 ringing members and two honorary members. Four bands still retained their membership, and two others had representatives, the missing one being Bennington, once the premier society of the county. Of the original members 21 still remained. At the present time they had thirty towers attached, four having joined during the year just ended. Their roll of ringing members stood at 262, with 19 honorary members. This brief comparison showed, he thought, genuine progress, due to the persistency and enthusiasm of the members themselves in affording instruction to young companies, and to the hearty co-operation and sympathy of the incumbents of the various churches of the county in granting permission for peal-ringing. The list of peals was somewhat less this year than last, 27 having been rung on tower bells and four on handbells, against 45 on tower and six on handbells, but there was satisfaction in knowing that the standard had not suffered. A healthy sign of life was the inerease of conductors, 16 for 31 peals being a worthy record. The peals consisted of 1 Cambridge, 5 Superlative, 1 Double Norwich, 1 Bob Major, 1 London, 8 Stedman Triples, 5 Grandsire Triples, 3 in various methods on six bells, and 4 peals of Stedman on handbells. The Royston band deserve to be congratulated in having rung their first peal. The Little Munden band had accomplished a remarkable performance in ringing a peal in fourteen different methods, the first of its kind ever recorded in the county. Their Oxhey friends were again to the front in handbell ringing, having rung three peals of Stedman Triples and one of Stedman Caters. During the year they had lost two members by death—Mr. W. Allen, of Hitchin, and the Rev. W. D. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Great Gaddesden. Abbot's Langley and Watford had joined the Association, and Apsley and King's Langley had also become connected with them. Concluding the report, the Hon. Secretary recorded the great indebtedness to the clergy of the county in granting the use of their bells for quarterly meetings, peal ringing, and in other ways helping forward the prosperity of the Association, and also to the valued support extended to them by their honorary members, some of whom had assisted them for many years.

The Dean, in moving the adoption of the report, said on the whole it revealed a flourishing state of affairs. They hoped, however, a better report would be forthcoming from the county town next year.

Mr. H. J. Toulmin seconded, congratulating those present on the excellent meeting.

The confirmation of the election of Messrs. Irons, Twist, King, Black, Beams and Fish was confirmed. The following were elected members: Messrs. Wallace, Saggers, Oliver, Wild, Wallace, Miller, Patmore, Endersby and the Rev. A. J. Langdon (Great Munden band); R. F. Deal and G. F. Parrott (London); T. Mead (Aldenham); H. Cutler (Apsley End); B. Bowskill, F. Griffin, H. G. Wilkerson (Royston): T. A. Blow, F. G. Blow, S. J. Allen, J. Francis, A. Godman, J. F. Currant, C. H. Walklate, W. Malyan, T. Seymour (St. Albans); J. Merrick (Bedfont); and the Rev. W. D. W. Dudley an hon. member.

Proceeding to the appointment of officers, Mr. Debenham moved the re-election of Canon Wigram as President, which was carried. Other officers elected were: Hon. Secretary—Mr. G. W. Cartmel; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. E. P. Debenham; Hon. Auditor—Mr. Prewett; District Secretaries—Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Eastern); and Mr. H. Eden (Western). Mr. Ellingham found himself nnable to act for the northern district again, and the appointment of his successor was left to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. The accounts, which showed a balance in hand on the year's working of £2 10s., and a reserve fund of £11 16s., were adopted.

Before taking his departure the Bishop addressed the ringers for a few minutes. He wished to say how glad he was to meet them in that social way, as well as to have had the privilege and pleasure of speaking to them in the Cathedral. Last year he was not able to be present, but this year he had postponed a short holiday he was afraid he very much needed, in order to be present. He wished to say how deep was the interest he took in the Ringers' Association. Although he was not a ringer himself, he had some experience of bells. When he was at St. Mary's, Portsea, a peal of six bells was changed into eight. The spread of organisation among bellringers had been a good thing for both the ringers and the parishes; it had brought many men within the Church, and the ringers had taken their proper place among church-workers. The whole practice of bell-ringing had now changed. It had become a science used in the honouring of God, and the result had been to raise the whole status of ringers. It had been a means of making them realise responsibility for their own lives, more than the actual service they took part in. He was very keenly interested in the formation of a Lay Workers' Association in that diocese, which had for its

object the gathering together of all kinds of church-workers, in various parishes, recognised as real workers for the diocese at large. It was his desire that ringers should be included among those workers. He rejoiced heartily in the prosperity and the continued progress of their society in the county of Herts. He had heard of one or two places which were hardly so forward as they like, but they hoped there would be an awakening in those districts. Speaking generally the report was an extremely favourable one. He hoped there would be still more fingers banded together in that Association, which helped its members to realise the existence of a real brotherhood.

Before leaving, a vote of thanks was passed to the Bishop oe the motion of Mr. Toulmin. "I am very much obliged to you, and I shall not inflict upon you a second speech," remarked his Lordship, amid laughter, in replying.

Thanks were accorded to the Dean for placing the Abbey bells at the disposal of the ringers; the officials of St. Michael's and St. Peter's being similarly thanked. A vote of thanks was also passed to the officers for their services during the year.

A pleasing surprise was in store for Mr. H. Eden, who has for some years entered the peals rung by the Association in the peal-book. The members had subscribed for a handsome marble clock, which, in their name, Mr. E. P. Debenham presented. Mr. E. P. Debenham, in making the presentation, said since Mr. Eden had undertaken the work he had not missed entering up any peal. The work was extremely arduous, but like a true Englishman he had put his shoulder to the wheel, and he never allowed anything to interfere with his entering of the peals. In the name of the County Association he had the greatest pleasure in asking Mr. Eden to accept the clock as a mark of their esteem, and an expression of their thanks.

Mr. Eden briefly expressed his thanks, and stated he had been taken completely by surprise. If they would not be too hard on him, and not ring too many peals, he might manage to be up-to-date by next Easter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Crewe branch was held at Lawton, on Saturday, May 12, ringers being present from Crewe, Barthomley, Alsager, Fenton, Burslem, Norton, Tunstall, Wolstanton, Kidsgrove, and Lawton. Several touches were rung in the afternoon including Grandsire, Bob Major, and Stedman Triples. Under the management of Miss Rigby, a splendid tea was provided, when about seventy dismissed their appetites including the wardens, and all church officials and their wives. After tea the Rector was pleased to see such a large number of ringers and gave them a hearty welcome to Lawton. He also pointed out the great improvement in belfries and ringing during the last forty years in Lawton, and he was glad to tell them he had a very interesting ceremony to perform by the unveiling of a peal tablet which has been erected in the tower recording the first peal of Minor on the old 6 bells, and also the first peal of Grandsire Triples both rung by Lawton ringers. The Rector gave the local band great credit for their success. R. F. Holding then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Miss Rigby for the good tea which she provided, and to the ladies who assisted. R. Langford seconded in his usual style, pointing out that the Lawton meeting was always a very interesting meeting. In the evening a short dedication service was held, and before the last hymn the Rector proceeded to the tower accompanied by the wardens, Miss Rigby, and as many as the tower would hold.

As the Rector moved the veil a beautiful tablet of white marble was seen, it being the work of Mr. W. Ford, of Kidsgrove, who has the praise of all who saw it. With a few interesting remarks by the Rector, followed by an hymn, a very enjoyable meeting was ended.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Leicester Branch.)

A special meeting was held in St. John's belfry on Monday night, April 30th, when the bells were rung muffled as a tribute to the memory of William Wakley, Hon. Treasurer to the Association. At 9 o'clock the business meeting was held, Mr. J. Buttery in the chair. The chairman with much feeling moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late Treasurer. This was seconded by Mr. C. Bolton and carried in silence. Messrs. J. Morris and W. Willson, sen., who attended the funeral with a floral wreath as a tribute from Leicester, gave an account of the interment, and Mr. Willson moved "That this branch recommend to the General Committee that a memorial tablet be placed in St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, by this Association, in recognition of the faithful services rendered by its late Hon. Treasurer, Mr. William Wakley."

In moving the resolution Mr. Willson said he thought all members would welcome an opportunity of shewing their gratitude in this manner, for it was men like William Wakley who made history in ringing, and had earned for this Association the prestige it possessed.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. G. Cleal, and carried unanimously.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Hursley on Saturday, May 12th. Members attended from Winchester, Romsey, Twyford, North Stoneham, Upham and Southampton; also Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke. During the afternoon and evening touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung. Tea was provided at The King's Head at 5 o'clock, the Vicar of Hursley (Rev. J. G. Young), presiding, the vice-chair being occupied by the curate, the Rev. —. Inchbald. The hon sec. read a communication from the General Secretary concerning the sum to be allowed as travelling expenses to members attending the annual meeting, the Central Committee having decided at a recent meeting, that the sum should not exceed 2s. 6d. per member. He also announced that at a meeting of the Central Committee held at Guildford, it had been decided that according to the rules, any business there may be to do at the quarterly meetings of the district (except the annual meeting), should be done by the district committee, so that other members should have as much time as possible for improvement in ringing. At a previous meeting of the district committee, fourteen new members were admitted as probationers of the Sherfield English band, and an instructor (Mr. Fowler of Romsey) appointed to instruct them. It is hoped two more towers in the district, one having a ring of 6 bells (Owslebury) and another with a ring of 5 bells (Sparsholt)

will soon become affiliated to the Guild. The Chairman (who has just completed his fortieth year as Vicar of Hursley), in response to a vote of thanks proposed to him by Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Winchester), said, although not a ringer himself, and he did not think he was likely now to become one, yet he had always felt a great interest in ringers and their work, and would always be glad to do all in his power to help them. Evensong was attended by most of the members at 6 o'clock, after which the bells were kept going till between 8 and 9 o'clock. A very instructive and enjoyable time having been spent.

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Date Touches.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening for Divine Service, May 14th, a date touch of Minor 1906 changes, consisting of 466 of Plain Bob, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 70 mins. Tenor 9½ cwts. A. Peacock, Henry Parrish, W. Sykes, T. Sarginson, Chris. Clarkson, Geo. Handley conductor. First date touch by the ringer of 5th, and second date touch by the band during May.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, April 3rd, for practice, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, E. E. Napper, R. G. Rice, J. Butler, M. E. Cauldwell, A. R. Bosley conductor, E. Bannister, G. Warwick.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE BROOK (Liverpool).—On Saturday, April 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. W. Booth, A. Lovell, J. Aspinwall, W. Hargreaves, S. Stewart, W. Twist, E. Caunce conductor, C. Stewart.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Tuesday, February 27th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Routley, E. Cox, J. Dunn, J. Harris, G. H. Pruen, F. Iley, G. Chamberlain conductor, W. Worgan. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Edgar Wells, who was married that day.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, March 18th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. M. Turner, F. W. Bond, C. Eden, F. Protheiough, C. Bartlett, C. Bond conductor, T. Gardener, H. Clutterbuck.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the church of St. Michael, Garston, on Monday, December 18th, on the back six, 720 Stedman Minor. J. Turner, T. Hammond, jun., G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, W. Davies, E. H. Lewis conductor. Supposed to be the first in the method in the county. On Monday, February 12th, 720 Double Bob. R. H. Green, E. Caunce, G. R. Newton, W. Hughes, W Davies, E. H. Lewis conductor. First in the diocese. And 360 Stedman Doubles. E. H. Lewis, E. Caunce, R. H. Green, W. Hughes, G. R. Newton conductor, W. Davies. At the church of St. Mary, Grassendale, on September 17th, 720 New London Pleasure. On Sunday, October 8th, 720 Superlative Surprise. On October 18th, 720 Merchants' Return. On November 8th, 720 Woodbine and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On November 15th, 720 Grandsire. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Violet. On Sunday, December 31st, 720 Kent. On January 17th, 720 College Single. On Sunday, January 28th, 720 London Surprise. On Sunday, February 4th, 720 Wells Surprise, being the first in the diocese. The following took part in the ringing—J. Allen, W. Booth, R. H. Green, E. H. Lewis, T. J. Morris, G. R. Newton, J. Turner.

CARDIFF.—On February 25th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Johnson, W. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, A. Rowley, Sergt.-Major Dawe, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Thursday, March 1st, 630 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, W. Ross, W. T. Robson, D. Day, W. Miller, W. Biss, A. Rowley conductor, F. Chamberlain. And 518 in the same method. S. Williams, W. Ross, H. Day, W. Biss conductor, W. T. Robson, A. Rowley, C. Oram.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, April 23rd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. T. Pye, R. W. Hannard, W. Button, W. Green, F. L. Bumpstead, W. J. Schofield, W. Burch, A. Burch. In the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing upwards of 2880 changes. H. T. Pye, E. W. Hannard, W. Button, W. Green, F. L. Bumpstead, A. Burch, W. Burch, W. J. Schofield conductor. Other touches of Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung during the day.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Easter Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. C. Cottrell, W. H. Godden, T. Russam, C. Dickens, J. Sanders, W. J. Meers, M. Murphy, J. Preston.

HAMMERSMITH. — On Sunday, March 18th, at St. Paul's church, 220 Grandsire Triples. G. Horwood, C. C. Cox, W. Cole, E. Castle, J. Mackerell, J. H. Preston, conductor F Chiverton, G. Combs, J. W. Preston.

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WILLIAM WILLSON REPLIES TO SOME OF HIS CRITICS.

The enemy cometh on so fast that I must ask for space in which to combat them before they compass me round about with side-issues. First, why does the Rev. T. L. Papillon infer that I have called the Council fools? He says "it is bad policy." I concur with him. It is as unwise as expecting to convert a Jew by telling him you are "casting your pearls before swine," or the atheist or agnostic, including such men as Darwin, Huxley, and Herbert Spencer by reminding them that they are fools who reject our view of the Deity. No one could say "Thou fool" to the author of "the descent of man," and the "origin of species," but the Vicar of Writtle knows where to find it in Scripture, and while it is not for me—a layman—to enter into any controversy appertaining to matters theological, it is to say the least strange that he repudiates biblical plain speaking. I understand the rev. gentleman's satire, but does he honestly think that one who has passed through the two great Friendly Societies, and sat for years upon an Executive of a Trade Union, in all of which the principles I advocate obtain, still knows nothing of the question? The writer of this epistle has the egotism to think he knows what he is talking about. I have never yet called the Council fools. It is the Rev. T. L. Papillon's own intepretation, and an erroneous one at that. Good English being offensive, I had better try Latin. DE GUSTIBUS NON EST DISPUTANDEM.

Mr. John S. Pritchett is a gentleman of great legal standing. To him my letters appear "forcible feeble." I well remember the instance when he mentioned the matter of a Benevolent Fund, and I had great hopes that he would champion this cause. He produced no scheme in support, and after a few words between "the magistrate" in the chair and the lawyer, the latter threw up his brief. He now says "further reflection has convinced me that it would be quite impossible * * * The matter is however well worth further discussion." This antithetical argument is beyond my comprehension. Only "theoretical faddists" could solve what is "quite impossible"! ONUS PROBANDI. Some years ago I rang with a certain gentleman in a peal of Grandsire Major. With the Tipton Slasher—Mr. Rock Small—on the tenor, and Mr. John Carter conducting, an excellent peal was the result, for Grandsire Major, properly composed, contains music, notwithstanding its detractors. Well, years after that I met the same person again, this time in London Surprise, and he was keenly anxious to accomplish it. Now, London is only rung because of its intricacy. It violates the Canons of Major ringing. Odd bells down before the even while the tenors run apart like lost dogs in a crowd, and as for musie—well, anyone who can detect music in London must be possessed of muscles in the ears or noises in the head. I reminded the aforesaid of the Grandsire Major peal, when he exclaimed "Ah! that is tbe one peal I regret ever having rung." On turning to my note book I find the gentleman was Mr. J. S. Pritchett. I think I said "Theoretical fads." Does anyone cry "Shame"?

I am now in a quandary, not knowing how to address Mr. Armiger Trollope. Although I read in Law Terms that Armiger means Esquire or a gentleman who bears arms, Mr. J. A. T. abjures it in favour of the prefix "Mr." This is unique. It is original—the most original thing I have seen as yet emanating from him. Most great men and men of letters, among which of course I include the subject of this paragraph; are known by their names. Humboldt, Cæsar, Antony, Buonaparte would look queer with "Mr." tacked on as a front name. So would Dante, Shakespeare or Milton, but nothing so plebeian will do for Mr. J. A. Trollope. (After the dust up the other week wherein he exorcised me with bell, book and candle, I am afraid to even call him "friend" Trollope, yet I would fain do so, as I bear him not the slightest ill-will.) This opens up the possibilities of huge jokes. I suggest that Mr. J. A. T. tries it on, say—the librarian at Battersea asking for the poems of "Mr." Burns. I am under the impression he would either be told to stand aside and not block up the gangway, or referred to the President of the Local Government Board. His illustrious namesake was content to be known as Anthony Trollope, and I ought to know, for did he not write a book entitled "Puddinghead Wilson,"? which is more than flesh and blood can stand. There comes Mr. Armiger, bounding into the arena like an indiarubber ball, and calling upon me to look out and stand from under, instead of which, lo, in the twinkling of an eye he is hors de combat. The merry esquire who bears arms is down, and in high dudgeon because I have pierced his armour, and vows never to fight me any more. Well, I should like him to come back again, for what I have said—I have said—and I cannot nor would not unsay it, but I don't want him or any other to think I have any personal feeling towards those who argue against me. I prefer any man's friendship to his enmity, although I am not prepared to purchase the former at the cost of the freedom of speech. If Mr. Armiger Trollope has the slightest doubt about it, I am willing, nay, anxious to drink his health as often as he thinks fit to "set 'em on the counter," and can any man say fairer than that? I think I have now dealt with most of my critics. If they don't consider themselves paid in full, will they kindly accept this on account. May I jog their memories that the scheme is the thing we want to discuss. The man who can find a weak place in it—not to mention the supposed impossibility—has not yet put in an appearance. Also will "Plain Speaker" and the Rev. H. Drake please note that in matters that are worth conserving I am a Conservative. In all others I am what I am, but the "Rad" fits the monogram of Mr. Daniell. I mention it not as a guarantee of good faith, but for publication. I am no iconoclast, so please don't do it again. As I am rejected by the Association with which I have been in the past identified, I am out of the running, and some one else must bring it forward on the Council. Should any of my opponents feel glad at my defeat, I would remind them that the M.C.A. is true ro the motto of Semper Idem, no man having yet ever wrested a seat from the official ring. It matters not to me who does the work, providing the work is done, but these who are opposed to me ought to see I have given the C.C the biggest fillip it ever had It bids fair to die of inanity. Ringers generally took no interest and some members took even less. The attendances have dropped until last year out of 100 members no less than sixty-one were absent. To quote the official figures: five Associations only were fully represented; sixteen only partially; and fifteen not represented at all. Does any sane man think this is a healthy state of things? The C.C. ought to be the hub upon which the Exercise turns. It is for the ringers to say whether it shall become this, or remain what it is—a tame debating society.

MUFFLED PEAL TO A WELL-KNOWN VETERAN.

On Tuesday, May 15th, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a muffled peal as a last token of respect to the late John Bonney, of Bethnal Green. The ringers were M. A. Wood, J. Comb, A. Hughes, jun., A. Hughes, W. T. Cockerill, G. Hills, D. Gibbons, G. Dorrington, jun. Mr. Bonney had been for many years a ringer at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. He was one of the few remaining representatives of what was once a flourishing industry in that neighbourhood—silk weaving, and he carried on that calling almost to the time of his death. Lately his health had been failing, and his last attempt to take his accustomed place in the belfry was on Easter Sunday last. After a short illness he died on Tuesday, May 8th, at the age of eighty. It is, we believe, more than 30 years since he left his native county of Suffolk to take up his abode in London, and he has rung many peals with that veteran Mr. Matthew A. Wood. The news of Mr. Bonney's death will be received with deep regret by those who have had the pleasure of meeting him at Bethnal Green, which was once the popular rendezvous for ringers visiting the metropolis.

Next week a further reference will be made to an episode in the life of John Bonney.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—(Established 1637). — Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, May 31st.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham.*

The London County Association.—(late the St James' Society, Est. 1824).—A meeting of the above Association will be held to-day, Saturday, May 26th, for united practice and social intercourse at the church of St. Luke, Chelsea, S.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 30 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at The Builders Arms, Britton Street, near the church.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
1, *Budge Row, E.C.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Tea at 5 30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, *Hon. Sec.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Ely Diocesan Association. — Sudbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clave to-day, Saturday, May 26th, 1906.

S. SLATER, *Dist. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wye, to-day, Saturday, May 26th, Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed.

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

The Sussex County Association. — Western Division.—The next quarterly meetings of the above will be held at West Grinstead, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, at the school-room, 5.30. Business meeting to follow.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yorktown District. — Next meeting at Horsell, Woking, to-day, Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Institute at 6 for those who inform me by 23rd inst.

C. H. PEARCE, *Dist. Sec.*
Vale Road, Yorhtown.

The Archdeaconry of Salop. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale, to-day, Saturday, May 26th, 1906. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Newton Longville, Bucks, on Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 p.m.

A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*
Newton Longville, Bletchley.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — The next meeting will be held at Brownedge, on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 3. Tea at 5.30. Short service at 7 p.m. Members intending to be present, please give notice to Mr. G. Redfern, Brownedge, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, May 31st.

D, PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Service at 12, with an address by Rev. C. Williams. Cold luncheon followed by a business meeting at the Falcon hotel at 12.45, 2s. each. Half price to members sending notice on or before the 31st May, to

C. E D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*
30, *Broad Street, Bristol.*

The Kent County Association. — The annual general meeting will be held on Whitsun Monday, June 4th, at Tonbridge. Committee meeting at 11 in the parish church room. Service at noon. Address by the Ven the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. Offertory for belfry repairing fund. Dinner at 1 p.m. in the Public Hall. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge (8), St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Hadlow (8), Speldhurst (8) and Marden (6) Members are requested to apply for tickets before May 31st. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Sonthwold District.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Bells available from 1 o'clock until 5.30. All cordially welcome.

A. J. NAUNTON, *Hon Dist. Sec.*
Wrentham.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. — The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland. The eight bells of the parish church (St. Andrew's) Bishop Auckland, and the eight bells in St. John's. Shildon, will be at the disposal of members. Committee meeting at St. Andrews Church Choir Vestry at twelve noon. Dinner at Mr. Sharp's, Newgate End Cafe at 1 o'clock, 1s. 6d members 2s. 6d non-members. Those intending to be present please notify by Tuesday, May 29th.

WM. T. ROBSON, *Hon. Sec.*
24, *Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. — The eighth annual meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Whit-Monday the ring available being that of the parish church, ring of 8, tenor 17 cwt. A special service will be held by kind permission of the Rev S. M. Thompson, M A., Vicar, at 12 noon, which members are earnestly requested to attend. Preacher, the Rev. T. Collins, of St. Martin's, Leeds. Dinner will be provided. 1s. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members, at the Rose and Crown at 1.30 p m, followed by annual business meeting. Members intending to dine are requested to send in their names not later than the 28th inst. to the secretary, the Rev. R. Hodgson, Skelton-in-Cleveland, S.O. including the names of friends who are not members. The Committee will meet at the hotel at the conclusion of the service.

The Irish Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Bray on Whit-Monday, 8 bells Lunch in Novara Hall, Novara Road, at 3 p.m G. LINDOFF, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Lunch at Peacock hotel, 1 o'clock. Usual ringing arrangements. Service at All Saints Church at 12 noon.

THOS. R. HENSHER, *Hon Sec.*
11, *Midland Road, Wellingboro.*

The Essex Association. — The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at Chelmsford. 11.30 a.m. service at St. Mary's Church, with address by Rev. A. W. Jephson, Vicar of St. John's, Walworth, hon. Canon of Southwark Cathedral. 1.30 p m. Dinner tickets, 1s. each to members who give notice beforehand; non-members 2s. each. To ensure accommodation at the dinner, notice should be given to the hon sec. not later than May 31st.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association,—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Glamorganshire, on Whit-Monday, June 4th, at 4.30 p.m.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M A., *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Spring meeting will be held at Pangbourne, on Saturday, June 9. The bells at Pangbourne and Whitchurch will be available from 3 p m. Short service in parish church at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson. Sandwich tea in The New Hall, 10d. each, at 5.15. Members and friends intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, June 5. ALBERT E. REEVES, *Assist. Sec.*
81, *Radstock Road, Reading.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 9th. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*
47, *Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.*

The Lancashire Association. — As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows will be held at Barrow-in-Furness during Whit-week, any delegates attending the conference who are change-ringers, will be heartily welcomed by the Dalton ringers any evening during the week. A handy ring of 6 bells, in good going order Dalton is easily accessible from Barrow. Communications to be addressed to the conductor.

T. R. JACKSON, P.G.
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SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1906.

Below will be found the business paper which the members of the Central Council will have before them for consideration on the 5th proximo. There is nothing very startling in this agenda. No one appears to have the temerity to bring up the subject of the proposed Benevolent Fund. This may be owing to the manner in which it was introduced. We think had William Willson been more temperate in his remarks the subject would have "caught on," and some one have been found to introduce it at the Council's meetlng. There are those who thought our friend's first adumbration was merely an attack on the Council, and these resented it accordingly. Plain speaking is all very well, but it is bad policy indeed to let it become offensive. The result is that whatever its worth the question is shelved for a time; and our knowledge of ringers in general forces us to believe that an attempt on the lines indicated would prove a failure.

In our next number will appear, from the pen of the Rev. H. Drake, a short article, with tabular classification,

upon "Methods," having reference to the paper of the Rev. H. Law James. Members of the C.C. should take care to peruse this, as it may be brought up at the meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Sixteenth Meeting of the Council will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 5th, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit if necessary till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

AGENDA.

1.—Election of President, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

2.—Minutes of the last meeting.

3.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.

4.—Election of Honorary Members.

5.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—

(a) Peal Collection.
(b) Condition of Rings.
(c) Church Press.
(d) Points for Peals.
(e) Legitimate Methods.

6.—To discuss the following proposed alterations in the Rules of the Council, viz.:—

(a) That in the thirteenth line of the second Rule the word "fifteen" be substituted for the word "twelve."

(b) That in the first line of the sixth Rule the word "Easter" be replaced by the word "Whitsuntide."

(c) That to the tenth Rule be added the words—"That every new member, whether Representative or Honorary, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by an old Member to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to the Chairman of the Meeting."

7.—To call attention to the fact that the last publication of the Analysis of peals issued under the authority of the Council was on December 31st, 1904, the returns being those for the year 1903, and to move a resolution.

8.—To discuss the possibility of establishing a Labour Bureau for the benefit of Members of the Exercise.

9.—To fix the place of Meeting for next year.

10.—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

A social gathering will be held in the evening at the Westminster Palace Hotel, commencing at 9.30 p.m., at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasnre in seeing the members of the Council and ringing friends.

There being a widespread desire to specially recognise the wonderful achievement of the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in his attainment of a thousand peals, completed since the last meeting of the Council, Sir Arthur Heywood has asked the Rev. F. E. Robinson to attend a congratulatory dinner at the Westminster Palace Hotel at 7 p.m. on Whitsun Tuesday, to which the members of the Council are invited. Every member who desires to be present is requested to make application by letter to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, not later than Tuesday, May 29th.

The application must contain, clearly written, the name of member and that of the Society which he represents—or that he is an Honorary Member—also the address to which the ticket should be sent.

It is requested that only those will apply who are certain of being present. The ticket, which is not transferable, must be presented on demand at the Hotel. No application received after Wednesday, May 30th, can be entertained.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALLHALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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CHARLES POTHECARY	4.	HERBERT F. HULL	*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

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HENRY S. ELLIS	4.	ALFRED B. PECK	9.
HENRY G. MILES	5.	JOHN N. OXBORROW	*Tenor.*

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by J. N. OXBORROW.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

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JOSEPH LAW	3.	HARRY WARNETT	7.
ALBERT J. RAMSEY	4.	THOMAS JAKEMAN	*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. TEGG	*Treble.*	HARRY E. BALAAM	5.
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NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	4.	*ALFRED G. CRANE	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Stedman. This is H. Sears's 50th peal; reference elsewhere.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

HARRY MANCE	*Treble.*	ALFRED G. H. NEWMAN	6.
WILLIAM J. DEAN	2.	THOMAS J. LANGDON	7.
WILLIAM HOLLIER	3.	EDWARD CASSELL	8.
HERBERT TURNER	4.	WILLIAM J. BARBER	9.
ERNEST YOUNG	5	BERTIE J. CLODE	*Tenor.*

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GLODWICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 10, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ALBERT CLEGG	..*Treble.*	SAMUEL STOTT	5.
GEORGE H. BEEVER.. ..	2.	FRED H. BUCKLEY	6
JAMES LEES	3.	EDWIN B. SHAW	7.
SAMUEL H. BUTTERWORTH	4.	RICHARD NEWTON ..	..*Tenor*

Composed by J. BAKER, and Conducted by GEORGE H. BEEVER.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 11, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRRDERICK RING, JUN.*	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM HARPER	5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.† ..	2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. ..	6.
FREDERICK RING, SEN. ..	3.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ..	7.
GEORGE HAYES	4.	JOHN AVIS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method as conductor. Rang to celebrate the conductor's 21st birthday.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WM. H. BARBER ..	..*Treble.*	GEORGE W. DIX	5.
JOHN FOREMAN	2.	*OSWALD SIMM	6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER	3.	†WILLIAM STORY	7.
ERNEST E. FERRY	4.	EDWARD A. HERN ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

*First in the method with a bob bell. †First in the method as conductor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 11, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, New London, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

ASHER LOMAS*	..*Treble.*	REV. A. T. BEESTON ..	4.
HENRY KIRK	2.	FRED HOLT	5.
EGBERT STAMPER	3	ERNEST BAILEY.. ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by FRED HOLT.

*First peal.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD ..	..*Treble.*	ERNEST S. POLL	5.
JAMES SAXBY	2.	THOMAS CARD	6.
WILLIAM WARD..	3.	JAMES PARKER	7.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4.	GEORGE PAICE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH)

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS	..*Treble.*	SAMUEL HOLT	5.
JAMES ARROWSMITH	2.	JAMES JACQUES	6.
THOMAS OLDHAM	3.	*JAMES HY. BASTOW	7.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD.. ..	4.	TOM WELLENS	..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by J. H BASTOW.

*First peal as conductor. Longest peal by the local band.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

JAMES MOTTS	..*Treble.*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2.	*WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM	6.
ERNEST G. FENN*	3	WILLIAM L CATCHPOLE ..	7.
EDWARD SHERWOOD	4.	WILLIAM MOTTS ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY.. ..	..*Treble.*	HENRY PHILLIPS	5.
CHARLES THOMPSON	2.	HARRY THOMPSON	6.
GEORGE BERRY	3	WILLIAM DREW..	7.
JOHN W. AVIS	4.	FRED W. WATLING ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F, W. WATLING.

MOORSIDE, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM	..*Treble.*	I. SCHOFIELD	5.
F. HALL	2.	J. HARROP	6.
J. GODDARD..	3.	J. HARRISON	7.
S. STOTT	4.	C. MARSLAND	..*Tenor.*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE..	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM SHORT..	5.
JOHN RICE	2.	FRANK BENNETT..	6.
JOHN AKHURST	3	ALFRED D. MILLS	7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT ..	4.	FREDERICK DENCH ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by FREDK. W, RICE.

R e ference elsewhere.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY ..	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ..	5.
WILLIAM J. GROOM	2.	WILLIAM GRIMES	6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ..	3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN.	4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM S. JUDD* ..	..*Treble.*	GEORGE E. WILSON	5
WILLIAM BEDWELL	2.	HENRY T. WILSON	6
FRANK PEIRCE†	3.	WILLIAM H. JUDD	7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY	4.	*HAROLD KEBBY	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

* First peal. † First Grandsire Triples, Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on W. S. Judd's fifteenth birthday, being the first attempt for a peal, his poor old father feeling very proud of him.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST, JOHN, DEANSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt

WALTER BROWN	..*Treble*	ROBERT WALLWORK	5.
JOSEPH RIDYARD	2	PETER BRICKELL	6.
WILFRED J. MOSS	3.	WALTER C. HUNT	7.
WILLIAM COOPER	4.	RICHARD NEWTON ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dean Maclure.

WATLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor about 20 cwt.

HARRY MILES	..*Treble.*	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ..	5.
FRANK WEBB	2.	WILLIAM NEWELL	6.
JOHN EVANS	3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON ..	7.
HARRY JUDGE	4.	F. W. WOODWARDS ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells, recently augmented to eight.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ..	..*Treble.*	CHARLES ROOPE	5.
ARTHUR ROOPE	2.	FREDERICK ROOPE	6.
EGBERT BORREIT	3.	OLIVER BROCK	7.
WILLIAM BASON	4.	WILLIAM ROOPE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. C. JACKSON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART, No. 2.

JOSEPH MADDOCK	..*Treble.*	FRANK MILLARD	5.
HENRY NORMAN	2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS ..	6.
ROBERT SCOTT	3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN	7.
SAMUEL P. MERSON	4.	WILLIAM D. WHITE ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. P. Merson. The band offering the usual compliment.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

THOMAS STIMPSON ..	..*Treble.*	HERBERT DAY	5
JOSHUA MILLNER	2.	FRANCIS KAY	6
WILLIAM HOPKINSON ..	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	7.
JAMES THOMPSON	4.	JOHN T. BUTLER ..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by W. BUTLER.

CRAMLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN FOREMAN* ..	..*Treble.*	ALFRED F. HILLIER ..	4.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ..	2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	5.
EDWARD HERN*	3.	*OSWALD SIMM	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal on the bells. *First peal of Minor.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN RICHARDS	..*Treble.*	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	5.
FREDERICK WEBB	2.	TOM BULL	6.
ALBERT BROOKS	3.	NOBLE SPINDLOW	7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4.	JESSE BROOKS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar the Rev. George Bodwell, and the dedication of two new trebles by the Archdeacon of Oxford. A new frame has been put in and the third and seventh recast and all rehung. The whole work being well carried out by Messrs. Webb and Bennett of Kidlington, Oxford.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 13, 1906, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ..	..*Treble.*	GEORGE R. PYE	5.
BERTRAM PREWETT	2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6.
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ERNEST PYE	7
HERBERT P. HARMAN ..	4.	WILLIAM PYE	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and the first by the Association and in the county.

THE HENFIELD (SUSSEX) SOCIETY.

The Henfield company had their annual outing on Tuesday, May 8th. This year it was decided to make an expedition to London, aud arrangements were made to ring at two churches. Only want of time prevented the members from availing themselves of a kind permission to ring the famous Bow Bells. An early start was made, and a party of eighteen somewhat augmented later in the day arrived in due course at London Bridge. Thence by boat to Chelsea, and on by bus to Fulham Parish Church, where some Stedman Triples and Caters were rung. The next item in the programme was lunch at Putney, this was very welcome and much enjoyed; a few complimentary toasts, the names of the captain and secretary being received enthusiastically.

After lunch a move was made across the road to Putney Parish Church, and here Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. What might be called by some the serious part being over, most of the party made their way to Earl's Court Exhibition all arranging to meet again at Victoria Station at 7. A comfortable and pleasant run home which was reached soon after nine brought a much enjoyed day's outing to an end. The party was accompanied by the Rev. C. Furnival.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—MR. J. RICES 100 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 10 conducted 1; Court Bob 1; Bob 1; Bob Major 2; Stedman Triples 12; Caters 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 15 conducted 1; Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 6; Alliance 1; Superlative Surprise Major including the record peal of 9312 changes 42 conducted 1; New Cumberland 1; Cambridge 3; London 2. In seven different methods on 6 bells 2. Total 100. Conducted 3.

THE PEAL AT SOUTHGATE.—MR. H. SEAR'S 50 PEALS.—Doubles in one method 5, conducted 4; two 2 conducted 1; Minor in seven 4; one 1 conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 14 conducted 3; Caters 6; Stedman 13; Caters 1; Bob Major 1; Superlative Surprise 3. Total 50. Conducted 9.

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5040.

23456	1	4	6
54326	–		–
24653	–	–	–
46253		·	–
62453			–
32654		–	
42356		–	
25346	–		
43526	–		–
35426			–
25634	–	–	–
56234			–
63254	–		
35264	–		
62534	–		–
23564	–		

Twice repeated.

5040.

23456	1	4	6
34256			–
52436	–		–
25634		–	–
56234			–
63254	–		
52364	–		–
26354	–		
53624	–		–
36524			–
65324			–
25463	–	–	–
54263			–
42563			–
32465		–	
23564		–	–

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting, held on 1st March, 1906.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 75,293, assuring the sum of £7,211 427, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £395,029.

The Premiums received during the year were £4,123,318, being an increase of £154,302 over the year 1904.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,812,618. The number of Deaths was 7,437, and 7,775 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 773,051.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,139,050 being an increase of £159 715.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,261,748 The number of Deaths was 238,220, and 3,344 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 123,586, the number in force being 1,102,267. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 24,698.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,065,268; their average duration is eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £59,464,376, being an increase of £4,104,871 over those of 1904.

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 £148,941

Since the completion of the Valuation the Actuary has reported that in his opinion a general increase of *two-and-a-half per cent.* could, with safety, be granted under the principal Industrial Branch Tables if provision were made for an increase in the liability of £750,000. The Board have accordingly revised the Tables as from 1st March, 1906, and have made provision to meet the increased liability by the transfer during the current year of £750,000 from the Reserved Fund to the Life Assurance Fund in the Industrial Branch, leaving this Reserve Fund at £1,000,000. The Shareholders will be glad to know that this revision affects nearly Thirteen Million Policies, and of this number over Ten Million Policies receive an immediate increase in the sum assured.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1905.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	1,000 000	0	0
Reserve Funds	2,700,000	0	0
Life Assurance Funds	55 633 131	14	10
Claims under life policies admitted	131 244	10	8
	£59.464 376	5	6

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
British Government securities	3.35	13	9
Indian and Colonial Government securities ..	5.292 114	14	2
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	6.133 775		1
Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	13 819,408	1	2
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties ..	3.860,399		4
Freehold and leasehold property	3 685.329		2
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	7,609,760		7
Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	7.581,357		4
Suez Canal shares	164.883		4
Telegraph and other shares	97 623		4
Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	258,717	2	11
Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks ..	1,419,012	13	6
Foreign Government securities	1,294,215	0	7
Reversions and Life Interests	1,161,978	18	5
Loans on the Company's Policies..	2,134,509	8	7
Rent Charges	297,298	2	4
Outstanding premiums and agents' balances ..	425.667	19	2
Outstanding interest and rents	508,463	10	9
Cash—In hands of superintendents	34 653	11	5
Ditto—On current accounts, and in hand.. ..	132,406	4	1
	£59.464.376	5	6

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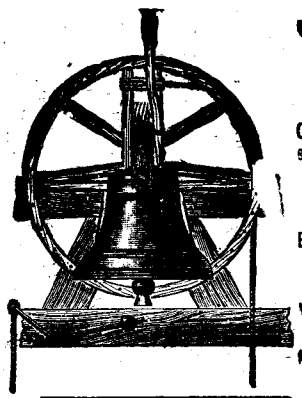

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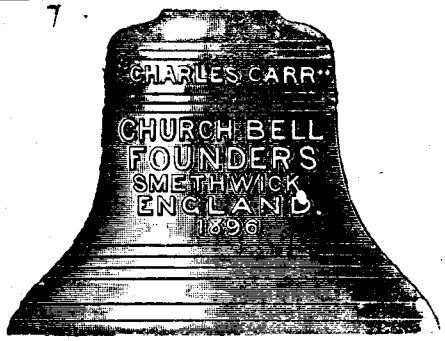

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