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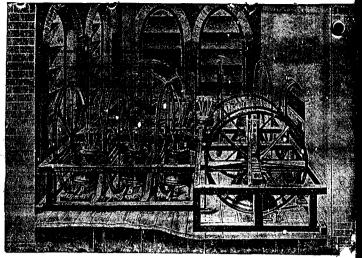
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#### OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

#### SCHEDULE (continued).

Ashford (Kent).—St. Mary. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Lester and Pack, 1762. 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th by Hatch, 1620 to 1651; 6th by Taylor, 1898. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in., by Mears, 1796. Timber frame. Bells go well. All quarter-turned and rehung by Taylor,

Page New 1808. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8. Last peal rung in 1899.

Ashtead, St. Giles.—Surrey Association. Eight bells. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. All by Mears, 1873. Timber frame for back six, iron for trebles. Bells go well. No repairs since hung except screwing up. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Union, Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing 1st in month, 10.30 and 6.30. Practice: Thursday, winter 7.30; summer 8.

Ashton-under-Lyne. St. Michael. Lancashire Association. Twelve bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1889; 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, by Rudhall, 1779; 5th, 9th, and tenor by Mears, 1818. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Frame of steel girders. Bells all in order and go well. The whole ring was rehung by Mears, 1889. The treble was the gift of the ringers. Clocking is practised on Christmas Eve. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45. Originally a peal of eight hung in a tower which was pulled down and rebuilt 1818, when two trebles were added. In 1885 this second tower was pulled down and the present one built, the bells being increased to twelve.

Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1871. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Bells and frame in good condition. Ropes new 1897, fair. ringing-chamber, where on a given signal they gave forth Methods; Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, their merry sound, much to the delight of two old ringers

Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.45.

Aspatria, St. Kentigern. Cumberland Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 8th, 1896; 6th, 1848; 5th and 7th no date given. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. 1ron frame. Bells go well. Everything in good condition, new in 1896. Ropes new same time and good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7. Considerable interest taken in the bells. Ringers easily obtained.

Aston, SS. Peter and Paul. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Ten bells. 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th by Pack and Chapman, 1776; treble, 2nd, 6th and 10th by Mears, 1814. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Quarter-turned, rehung with new fittings, and frame repaired by Powell. 1896. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing alternate Sundays 10 to 11. Practice: Thursday, 7.45.

Aughton, Christ Church. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1878. Tenor 16 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. The whole new 1878. All in good condition. Such slight repairs as have been necessary have been attended to. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: for juniors, Tuesday; for seniors, Thursday, 8.

Aveton Giffard (Devon), St. Andrew. Eight bells. The back six by Pennington, 1779; the two trebles by Blews, 1877. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The back six rehung with new fittings, 1875; and the trebles and Ellacombe chiming added 1877, all by Hooper. Everything in good condition. Ropes new 1889, fair. No half-pull ringing, Sunday ringing, nor regular practice.

Axminster. Eight bells. No return. Aylesford, St. Peter. Eight bells. No return. Aynhoe. Eight bells. No return.

#### OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS AT WOODSTOCK, CAPE COLONY.

On Palm Sunday, at the Church of St. Mary, Woodstock, in South Africa, the very interesting ceremony of dedicating a ring of eight bells took place. The bells came from the foundry of Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and are very highly spoken of both as regards tone and tune. The products of this foundry in the shape of church bells rank very high indeed in ringers' estimation, and this peal they have sent to the Cape has given the utmost satisfaction to ringers out there, and to the clergy and authorities of St. Mary's church.

The bells were dedicated by Archbishop Jones with a short service held in the porch immediately below the

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of cockney land. The tenor is 10 cwt. The bells have been hung by a local man who had some experience in hanging, and the sound of the bells are everything to be desired. Great credit is due to Mr. Stephens from the fact that the bells were not finished until the Friday, and it also speaks well that eight men should be got together even for an opening, and that was done by advertisement,

although only rounds were rung.

Our correspondent adds: "You will understand that these men have left ringing from ten to twenty years, and there are no bells in this part of the country, but we hope soon to have a good many members, and bye the bye, Mr. Editor, if you know of any ringers coming this way, tell them to give us a call. I may tell you these bells caused no little excitement, as the street was thronged with all sorts and conditions of people, as South Africa is a very mixed population. I wish we had a Major band, as these bells are very fit for those methods.

"P.S.—On April 3rd, as the funeral train of the late Right Hon. C. J. Rhodes was passing through Woodstock, the back six bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the great and beloved statesman. The following members took part: Messrs. Green, Stephens, Priest, Gould,

Rowbotham, and Lane."

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The May meeting passed off very successfully at Bingley, on Saturday last, May 3rd, Archdeacon Kilner giving the assembled members a warm welcome. We hope to give full particulars in our next issue.

#### THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Salisbury on Monday, April 28th, commencing with the special service of the Guild in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, at which Precentor Carpenter and Archdeacon Buchanan officiated, and Bishop Webb, the Dean, preached an excellent, impressive, and much appreciated sermon. It is a short, bright, musical, and very effective service. It is the work almost entirely of the Rev. H. Drake, and supplies a long-felt want at ringers' meetings; the Bishop of the diocese had most kindly supervised it, and authorised its use throughout the diocese. It is set to tuneful and melodious music which the body of ringers easily caught up, the Rev. F. B. Phillips acting as

organist.

Immediately after service the ringers, not far short of 100 from the following towers, South Newton, Horningsham, Coombe Bissett, Sherborne, St. Martin's, St. Thomas, Berwick St. John, Denton, Leigh, Melksham, Devizes, Verwood, Longbridge Deverell, Warminster, Westbury, Fordingbridge, and Reading, adjourned to the Church House to attend the business meeting, Earl Nelson presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The General Secretary then read the report of the year ending March 31st, 1902, the chief features of which were the formation of four branches which have been a great success, the compilation of a service for ringers' meetings, progress in change-ringing at Melksham, Bishop Cannings, Devizes, Cranborne, Sturminster Newton, Swanage, Verwood (hand-bells double-handed), and specially at St. Peter's,

scoring Stedman Triples. Four peals have been rung, one by each branch.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Vice-Presidents, the Master, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected, and the election of officers and the branches was confirmed. The following proposition, "That the Guild be called the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers. That present members who continue subscribing shall remain members. That round-ringers can join as Probationers. Members of the Guild must be able to ring a 6-score of Bob or Grandsire Doubles, or ring the tenor to a peal (5000 changes)," was the occasion of a spirited debate. An honorary member who seemed to be the spokesman of the opposition, in a fluent, plausible, and laughter producing speech, opposed the motion because the Guild had flourished very well during the last twenty years; that it would drive ringers out of the Guild; that round-ringers would feel sat upon; that round-ringers could summon people to church as well as change-ringers, therefore it would be better for the Guild to continue as in the past, embracing round-ringers and change-ringers.

The General Secretary in reply pointed out that the Guild had never succeeded in proportion to reasonable expectation; it had been founded twenty years, its membership was open to all ringers, round or otherwise with the object of gaining all the ringers in the diocese. It might reasonably be expected therefore that the Guild would attain splendid proportions numerically, whereas after a score of years of hard work the Guild did not possess one-twentieth of the towers or ringers in the diocese. That the proposition drove no one out of the Guild: its object was to place change-ringers (whose ability and skill ought to be recognised) in the forefront of the Guild and round-ringers in a secondary position; that round-ringers should in future join as probationers; that those who felt their position might easily with pluck and perseverance become members through handbells, if they could not on tower bells; that the qualification for membership was the easiest that could be made consistent with being a change-ringer. That compared with the Guilds or Associations of neighbouring agricultural dioceses, ours was decidedly in the worst position; it was just time an alteration was made so that the Guild might progress and make a commendable show in the future.

The proposition was however wrecked chiefly through two members whose zeal is not according to knowledge or experience of the working or success of ringing Guilds; the opposition was of such a nature that the supporters of the motion have every hope of effecting the reform much sooner than some may suppose.

The Rev. H. Drake then proposed that four towers in the Winchester diocese, but bordering on this should be affiliated to the Guild; that there was a precedent for this in the case of St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

The meeting very decidedly approved that the towers be admitted, following the case of St. Peter's.

The General Secretary then pointed out that when the Guild was formed, St. Peter's ringers were among its firs and chief supporters; for this reason apparently their membership was allowed, though no rule existed on which they could claim membership; it was manifestly unfair to admit those towers without consulting with the Winchester Guild. He suggested that the Winchester Guild be asked to receive a deputation of two or three Dorchester, where the local band have not only scored its from this Guild, and to abide by the decision. In face of first peal of Grandsire Triples, but is on the high road to this the meeting still approved that the outside towers be whic Last recen **Oak**« (vica W. ward Mrs. peals

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An adjournment was now made for dinner, an ample and excellent repast, and well served by Mr. F. Sutton, to which full justice was done. At the close the noble President proposed the Royal toast, then "Success to the Guild," both of which were well received.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Dean for the use of the Cathedral and his much appreciated sermon; to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to Earl Nelson for so ably presiding-

The various companies then dispersed to the different towers for ringing; Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Doubles were rung at St. Thomas' church in the

afternoon and evening.

#### EAST RETFORD CHURCH BELLS.

A very interesting ceremony of unveiling two tablets which have been erected in the ringing chamber of the East Retford Church took place after the service on a recent Sunday morning. There were present Mrs. Oakden, the vicar (Rev. Canon Ebsworth), Mr. T. Abbott (vicar's warden), Mr. E. Swannack (parish warden), Mr. W. Oakden (whose two years' term of office as parish warden ceased on the previous Friday), and the ringers. Mrs. Oakden unveiled two new peal tablets, recording two peals of Grandsire Caters, the first one being to commemorate the last peal rung in England in the 19th century; the second being rung on the day of the Funeral of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, as a sorrowful tribute of deepest grief, veneration, and affection. This tablet was presented by Mr. T. Hercy Denman.

Mr. Oakden then asked the vicar and churchwardens to accept these peal tablets, from Mr. T. H. Denman and himself, to commemorate two worthy events, which the members of the tower in their skill had performed on two auspicious occasions. He thought the members whose names appeared on the tablets ought to feel very proudhe was rather envious that his name was not amongst them. He was a lover of bell-ringing, and when he attended St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, he commenced to learn the art, but owing to circumstances over which he had no control he was not able to continue. regretted very much, as otherwise he would have been glad to join this company. It was at first the intention of the churchwardens to present one tablet, but as the funds would not allow it, he had much pleasure in bearing the expense himself. He then concluded by asking their acceptance of the tablets, and thanked them for inviting Mrs. Oakden to unveil them.

Mr. T. Abbott, on behalf of the vicar and churchwardens, thanked the donors of the tablets, and said he observed reference was made to our ancestors or grandsires. They received them with very great pleasure as they contained records of English pluck and persistency. The records could not be achieved without determination after endless failures, and it had brought them to an almost unique position in the churches of the country, when every bell was rung without a mistake on those occasions.

The Vicar said that his duties prevented him from payingas much attention to ringing as he should like, and he congratulated the ringers upon securing these tablets. The advantage of the ringing afforded unmixed satisfaction, not only to himself but to the people in the town.

It was customary to date the improvment of ringing in the town to a certain gentleman in the belfry, but perhaps it commenced before then. The beginning of placing the tower upon a sound footing was due in the first place to no one present, but to Mr. T. Hattersley of Sheffield, whose portrait adorned the belfry, and his instruction had not only helped the East Retford ringers in getting into form but it had spread to West Retford and Ordsall, and each tower in the borough was now in good condition. Mr. Hattersley was not only an exceedingly skilful ringer, but the attention that he paid to the men was beyond all praise. He trusted that these tablets would long remain to encourage future generations of ringers.

Mr. H. Warburton, captain of the ringers, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Oakden for unveiling the tablets, and said that this being the coronation year he thought they ought to attempt a peal on one of the two holiday

days—June 26th and 27th—in another method.

Mr. Denman (vice-captain), in seconding, expressed the great pleasure it gave to the ringers to see amongst them friends from the lower storey of Church work. It was very seldom they had churchwardens to pay them a visit, and their presence on that occasion not only showed the practical interest they took in the ringers, but it marked the event as a red letter day in the history of the Church.

A short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung and afterwards the ringers, together with Mrs. Oakden and the Vicar and Churchwardens, were photographed by Mr.

Arthur E. Ashley.

#### SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, April 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Walkley, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: Leonard Berrisford, John Thorpe, Frank Burgar, Sidney F. Palmer, Geo. W. Thorpe, Wm. Burgar (conductor). This is the first complete 720 by all (except the brothers Burgar), who are new members of the Walkley Company, and have been under the tutition of Wm. Burgar for seven months only, to whom they wish to tender their warmest thanks for the trouble taken whilst acting as instructor. Much credit is due to him, as all have been labouring under great difficulties, owing to the noisy chamber, which is but a single-roofed one, and situated close under the bells. It was proposed by Wm. Burgar, and seconded by Frank Burgar, previous to commencing, that the other four ringers become members of the Yorkshire Association.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Thursday, April 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. F. Pounds, T. Bull, F. Powell, Monk, N. Spindlow, H. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor,

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, April 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of a memorial service being held in connection with the death of Private Clement Brown, of the Essex Volunteer Service, which took place in South Africa on April 9th, 784 Bob Major. G. Leonard, G. Sentance, F. Webb, Private P Holmes, C. H. Howard conductor, Private A. B. Wiffen, W. H. Hammond, Private H. J. Collins. On Sunday, April 27th, 720 Bob Major. G. Leonard, A. B. Wiffen, F. Webb, H. Pilcher, G. Sentance, W. H. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor. For evening service 720 in the same method.

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#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL, 1902.

CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING A LEGITIMATE PEAL.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The following proposals are, in the main, approved by the members of the Committee, who reserve the right of moving individual amendments when the subject is before the Council.

- 1.—That any shift, or other error in ringing, be immedidiately corrected. (The words in italics were agreed to nem. con., at the meeting of 1901.)
- 2.—That no call be made, or having been made be altered or withdrawn, later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.
- 3.—That no person other than those ringing in the peal shall take any part in the calling or in rectifying an error.
- 4.—That, if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.
- .—That no ringer shall have any refreshment handed to him while taking part in a peal.
- 6.—That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change. (To meet case of setting a bell or losing a clapper.)
- 7.—That no four or more bells shall clash together at any change.

That in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal, compliance with these further conditions is desirable:

- (1) That not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" stating the tower, day, and hour, at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.
- (2) That similar notice shall be sent to the conductor, or if he cannot be traced, to some member of the band who rang the peal which it is proposed to surpass: or if no member of the band can be traced, then to the Secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the said peal was rung.
- (3) That a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal, which figures shall be strictly adhered to, be lodged, previous to the attempt, with the Secretary or other responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring; and that, in the event of the peal being accomplished, such officer shall immediately forward direct to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication the said sealed copy unaltered; but that if the attempt shall prove unsuccessful, he shall instead return the sealed copy unopened to the conductor.
- That if possible a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.
- 5.—That, if the peal shall be completed, a statement on the following lines, signed by each member of the band shall be prepared, which shall be shewn, if required, to the representative of the band whose peal has been sur-

"We, the undersigned, hereby testify that, to the best of our belief, the peal of-- rung at--was truly performed in --19--day ofon theaccordance with the conditions for record peals laid down by the Central Council."

6.—That any objection which may be taken to a peal

conclusive evidence. (The words in italics were agreed to nem. con. at the meeting of 1901.)

- 7.—That each bell shall be rung throughout the peal by one and the same person.
- 8.—That the conductor shall not make use of written or printed matter as an aid to memory during the per-

As this report will not be again printed, it is requested that the delegates will each bring this number of "The Bell News" to the Council meeting.

#### 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."

#### THE MODEL RULES.

SIR,—May I express the pleasure it has given me to study the model code of rules drawn up by the Committee of the Central Council? As I have had to make a draft of not a few such new or revised rules, I can appreciate the admirable way in which the various difficulties have been met and overcome.

If I might suggest a few slight improvements in details they

they would be:

(a) The omission of the word "that" at the beginning of each. It is the right word as the introduction of a resolution, but out of place (not to say grammar) in a rule.

(b) I do not like the word "reform." Moreover I hope Belfry Reform is almost an antiquated term in the 20th century.

Would "good tone" do instead?

(c) Belfry Rules No. 4. Before the number there should be inserted the words "not less than"—we do not want any restriction of numbers of change-ringers advocated by authority. It is quite right among round ringers where recruits are easy to obtain, but it has been fatal to many a band of change-ringers. Recruits for change-ringing vary much in different years, and if one keeps out the surplus in fat years, the band cannot be kept going in the lean years. I will conclude by saying that this report is a most excellent idea excellently carried out.

H. DRAKE.

Sir,—The rules printed in your last issue quite justify their title—nearly all will agree they are a model set, and personally I can only take exception to one of the clauses, and that is the time compensation one. Surely no rule could be devised which would cause more dissatisfaction among a company than this. Is it to be expected that A will be satisfied with 5s. for a day's ringing if B, who rang next him, takes 7s. 6d. for doing precisely the same work? Theoretically it may be right, but human nature is not governed by theory in matters connected with the pocket. Many ringers, I suppose, are members of trades unions, and this time compensation clause is directly opposite to one of the main ideas of such unions. Members of trade societies would naturally refuse to knuckle down to such a rule governing one of their—so to speak—recreations. C. E. Borrett.

#### "THE YOUNGEST RINGER."

Sir,—My attention having been drawn to the footnote to the peal of Superlative at St. Mary's, Islington, I may say that George Jayne, who will be sixteen years of age in June next, rang the 3rd at St. Stephen's, Bristol, in a peal of Cambridge on March 1st of this year. Personally I should not be surprised to hear of a much younger person having already rung a Surprise W. A. CAVE.

An Enguiry.

SIR,—The ringers of St. Mary's, Harrogate wish to enquire of be raised at the earliest date, and in no case after the lapse of three months, unless in respect of the truth of the composition, as to which the figures of the sealed copy shall be deemed brother-ringers throughout the country what their programme is for Coronation-day. It has been suggested that all the bells in the country should be rung at one time so far as is practicable, similar to the plan adopted for the beacon fires.

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### Motices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is some Fenny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Earls Colne to-day, Saturday, May 10th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The George hotel, 1s. 2d.

ERNEST W. BBCKWITH, Hon. Dis. Sec. Coggeshall.

The Middlesex County Association.— North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), to-day, Saturday, May 10. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

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

The Sussex County Association .-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints, Eastbourne, to-day, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 2 to 7. Partoth. Bells available from 2 to 7. Particulars of other towers open for ringing will ticulars of other to ...
be given at the meeting.
S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Lancashire Association.-Manchester Branch.—The re-opening of St. John's bells, Garside Street, Manchester, will take place to day, Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, May 10, at The Gardeners' Arms, Shelley, near Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5 30.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—
South and West District. — The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, May 10th, at 5 o'clock by kind permission of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association. -Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Wheathampstead to day, Saturday, May 10th. The hells of the parish church, also of Sandridge, will be available from 3 o'clock.

J. EARWICKER, Dis. Sec. Stoke Archidiaconal Association.-The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 17th. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. Barrett, Leigh, not later than wednesday, May 14th.
W. Twigg, Hon. Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasely, on Saturday, May 17th. Tea at 4.30, meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited.

T. Allibone, Secretary. North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday, May 19th. Committee Meeting in All Saints' vestry 11.15 a.m. Service at 12. The address will be given by the Rev. Canon Joy, Vicar of Maidstone. Dinner in All Saints' Boys' School I p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after dinner. The following towers will be open for ringing: All Saints, Maidstone (10), Leeds of Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24.

Dostcard not later than May 26th to T. Allibone, Local Sec.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24.

(10), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), and East Farleigh (6). The peal-book will be on view in All Saints vestry. Application for dinner tickets, etc., to be made at once to

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

Canterbury.

The Essex Association. — The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Sermon at the parish church at the parish at the 11.30 with address by the Rev. T. L. Papillon. Business Meeting at Vestry Hall at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Boys' School at 2 p.m. Notice to attend must reach me before the previous Thursday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec. Great Totham Vicarage.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The fourth annual meeting of the above will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. Service at 12.0 noon. Preacher—Rev. B. N. Thomas, Rector of Guisborough. Dinner (members 1s., others 2s.) at 1.0 p.m. at The Rose and Crown; followed by annual business meeting at 20 p.m. Committee Meeting same place 11.15 a.m. Members intending to dine kindly send

notice by May 10th to REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. and Treas. Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. By special permission the bells of the usual churches will be available for ringing from 9.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m, and from 4 p.m to 7.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' church at 1 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock hotel at 2 p.m. T. R. HENSHER, Hon Sec. pro tem. Rushden.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Asso-Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held in Sunderland where the bells of the parish church (8), Bishopwearmouth (8), and St. Ignatius (6), will be open for use all day. Dinner at The Grand hotel, Fawcett Street, at 1 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. Committee Meeting at the same place 11.30 a.m. Intending diners must notify the Secretary by Tuesday. May 13th. notify the Secretary by Tuesday, May 13th. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Hertfordshire Association.-Northern District.—A Meeting of the above will be held at St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, on Whit-Monday, May 19th.

J. Sheppard, District Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association,-A district meeting of the above will be held at Cottenham on Whit-Monday, May 19th. A meat tea will be provided at Cottenham at 4 p.m. Histon bells also available. All ringers welcome.

P. Webb, Dis. Sec.

Wirksworth Tap Dressings.—The annual fete and gala will be held on Whit-Wednesday, May 21st. The tower of the parish church will be open at 11 o'clock, and all ringing friends are cordially invited.

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North Wingfield, Derbyshire. - The new trebles will be dedicated on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 4 pm. Free tea at 5 p.m. All members of both East Derbyshire Associations invited, also all ringing friends. Ringers attending tea are reguested to send a postcard not later than May 26th to

Dedicatory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. Molineux, Hon. Sec. Harpford, Ottery St. Mary.

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## The Bell Rews & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1902.

#### DEATH OF THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

THE Exercise will be appalled at seeing this headline. Mr. Bulwer, one of the most prominent men among us, is no more. The melancholy event took place on Monday last. While in his study, occupied it may be with matter's appertaining to the Central Council, he was suddenly called hence. The sad news is almost overpowering, and we can at present only chronicle the bare fact.

The previous Thursday he attended the quarterly meeting of the Norwich Association, at Bungay, and rang a course of Double Norwich. What that body will do without his fostering care, it is not easy to tell. The loss to the Exercise at large cannot be over-estimated. The bereaved family will have the sincere and heartfelt sym-

pathy of our readers all over the world.

Notice.—The Cumberland Youths.—In consequence of the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, the Master begs a full attendance of members at St. Martin's R. A. Daniell. on Friday next.

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#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Twelfth Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 20th, in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester kindly lent by the Worshipful the Mayor for the purpose of the meeting—at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at one o'clock till 2.30, from

There will be a social gathering of members and their friends in the evening at 9 o'clock till 11 at The Star

#### AGENDA.

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting.
- 2. Election of Honorary Members (if desired).
- Treasurer's Statement.
- Hon. Secretary to report progress of Peal Collection Committee.
- To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on what constitutes a "Legitimate" Method.
- 6. To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
- 7. To receive the Report of the Committee on Association and Belfry Rules.
- To receive the Report of the Standing Committee as to "record" performances.
- 9. To discuss the following subject: "Ringers as Church-goers. Are we satisfied with the present standard or attendance?"
- 10. To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent from time to time to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

#### Notices.

Peals will be arranged on Saturday, May 17, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12) at 4 p.m., and on Whit-Monday, May 19, at St. Martin's, Birmingham (12) at 10 a.m. Members of the Council wishing to take a rope can do so by communicating with the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. W. Short, 64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

HALLOW (Worcester).—Should any Central Conncil members arrive in Worcester on Whit-Monday, and would like to attempt a peal early on the Tuesday morning they can do so at the above tower (8 bells) by applying to me. Time 6.0 a.m. sharp. This tower is two-and-a-half miles from Worcester Cross.—W. Page, Harboro Cottage, Hallow, Worcester.

If any Yorkshire ringers intend going to the Central Council meeting, will they kindly drop a post-card to "T.M., Height House, Pudsey?" An excursion train on the Midland Railway leaves Keighley at 12.30 a.m., Bradford 12.35 a.m., and Leeds at 12.50 a.m. on Monday, returning on Wednesday.

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On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat. 

EDWARD A. DAVIES .. .. Tenor. Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

\*First peal.

#### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

Composed by York Green, and Conducted by Henry Springall.

#### THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

Ferris J. Shepherd\* ... Treble. | Frederick G. Perrin ... 5. William Weatherstone 2. | Thomas Langdon ... 6. | Arthur N. Hardy ... 3. | James E. Davis ... 7. | Arthur Jacob ... Tenor.

Composed by H. Dains, and Conducted by James E. Davis. \*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ferris J. Shepherd and the conductor, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

#### Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, April 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes, AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE . . . 1-2. ERNEST PYE . . . . 7-8. WILLIAM PYE . . . . 3 4. EDGAR WIGHTMAN . . 9-10. WILLIAM KEEBLE . . 11-12.

Composed by the late John Nelms, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—B. Prewett and A. T. King. This is the first peal of Cinques on hand-bells by all the band, and the first ever rung in the City. It is the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever conducted from a pair of non-observation bells.

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On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5125 CHANGES. Tenor 201 cwt

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George R. Pye		Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE		6.	
BERTRAM PREWETT	• •	2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS		7.	
HUBERT EDEN	• •	•• 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH		8.	
WILLIAM PYE			ERNEST PYE		g.	
JAMES RUMBLE	••	·· 5·	ARTHUR T. KING		Tenor.	

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by William PyE.

BIRMINGHAM .- THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. On Friday, May 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

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ARTHUR E. PEGLER.,	Treble.	THOMAS MILLER	5.
HORACE F. STREET*	2.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT		HARRY WITHERS	
JOHN NEAL	4.	Joseph Johnson	Tenor.

Conducted by Thomas Miller.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest.

Allaway, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. \*First peal of riples with a bob bell.

#### SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob

HARRY GOODWIN		Treble.	Joseph E. Grensted 4.
WILLIAM SPICE		2.	Albert J. Day 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH	• •	•• 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and also in the Tonbridge district.

#### IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT GILLINGHAM Treb		
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 2.		
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.		
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 4.	. WILLIAM MOTTS	9.
Lewis W. Wiffen 5.	. James Motts	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

IGHTHAM, KENT.-THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

			Joseph E. Grensted 4.
WILLIAM SPICE	••	2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5. WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS. Tenor.
CHARLES E. SMITH	٠	•• 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal on the bells.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JNO. WM. BRIGGS		7	reble.	Josiah Morris	• •	5•
HENRY BRIGGS		• •	2.	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	• •	6.
CHAS. H. BRIGGS			3. ∶	CHAS. H. FOWLER	• •	7.
JACOB R. BRIGGS*	• •	• •	4.	WILLIAM WILLSON	7	enor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells, and rung as a wedding peal to the composer. \*First peal. Longest peal on the bells.

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to the composer.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours Forty-nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE	T	reble.	*Charles H. Vale 5.	
GEORGE E. SMITH*		2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.	
Henry J. Tucker			William H. Lawrence 7.	
GEORGE H. BARKER		4.	EDWARD EDWARDS Teno	,

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

\*First peal. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

#### ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 5008 CHANGES.

GEORGE E. WILSON\* ... Trible. HARRY HOSKINS Edward N. PRICE\* . . . 2. REUBEN CHARGE HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 5. REUBEN CHARGE .. . 6. REUBEN CHARGE ... 6.
LEWIS SILVER ... 7.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... Tenor. OHN [ LAMB .. .. 3. IOHN MOULE

Composed by George Conyard, and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

\*First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Charles R. Lilley	Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER	5.
IRAAC HILLS	2.	FRANK WEBB	6.
JOHN HARE	3.	FRED WILFORD	7.
Joseph Church* .	4.	*HERBERT L. HARLOW	Tenor
Cond	lucted by C	harles R. Lilley.	

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY DAVY	• •		Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLE	4.		
THOMAS DAVY		• •	. 2.	JAMES ROSE	. 5		
GEORGE KEMP	• •	• •	•• 3.	James Rose George Cattermole	Tenor		
Conducted by Change Campanage							

Conducted by George Cattermole.

#### Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. On Tuesday, April 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes, IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH, ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 50x6 CHANGES.

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GEORGE R. PYE 14 WILLIAM PYE 3	-2. ERNEST PYE WILLIAM KERBLE	5-6. 3 7-8.			
Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE					
Umpires—W. Watson and H. F. Dawkins.					

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

#### BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASEOCIATION. On Thursday, May 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR, ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER.. 1-2. | JAMES W. HINTON .. 5-6. JOHN THOMAS..... 3-4. | FRANCIS PRICE .... 7-8. JOHN THOMAS.... 3-4. | FRANCIS PRICE ... VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN .... 9-10.

Composed by the late H. Johnson, and Conducted by James W. Hinton.

First peal on handbells by all except the conductor. First peal on handbells in the city of Bristol, and first on ten handbells in the county and by the Association. Umpire—F. G. May.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Major rung at Highgate and published in last week's issue, should read Ernest J. Young.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Triples sent by Mr. W. H. Porter, of 52, Thornton Street, Darlington, has no name of the place where it was rung.

#### Miscellaneous.

#### THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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CARDIFF.—On Friday January 10th. at St. John's church for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, F. Isaacs, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Coombes conductor, B. Tilley. On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss, W. Northey, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Canter. C. Oram, C. Winfield conductor. On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service, 46t Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Biss, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, March 2nd, for Divine Service, 168 Grandsire Triples H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Miller, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, March 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, W. Coombes, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, F. Dite. On Sunday, April 6th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Biss conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, April 13th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, J. Pitcher, W. Biss conductor, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, G. Watkins, C. Oram. And another 504. H. Day, J. Pitcher, W. Biss, W. Miller, C. Winfield, A. Rowley G. Watkins, B. Tilley. On Thursday, April 17th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. 'S. Williams, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, W. Carter, C. Oram.

#### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WENTWORTH.—On Monday, April 21st, 240 each of Violet and Duke of York. J. Aaron, J. F. Mallaby, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, E. G. Nicholls, W. Allwood. Also 240 each of Violet, Duke of York, College Treble and Arnold's Victory, and 144 each of College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure. J. F. Mallaby, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. And 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. A 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, L. E. Treble Bob Minor. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, L. E. R. L. Ricketts, L. R. Treble Bob Minor. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, J. F. Mallaby, A. Nash, W. Lambert conductor. And 72 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, standing as before, with the exception of W. Allwood, 2. The company wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells.

Darfield.—On April 28th, for practice, 240 each of Oxford, Violet and Duke of York. R. J. Ricketts, A Crossman, W. Woodcock, jun., W. Lambert conductor, J. F. Mallaby, A. Nash. Also 240 each of Royston Delight, City Delight, Gladstone's Delight, and 120 of Gladstone's Delight. J. F. Mallaby, A. Crossman, W. Woodcock, jun., W. Lambert conductor, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Thursday, April 17th, at the Church of SS. HORBURY (YORKS)—On Indresday, April 17th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard, 720 Bob Minor. A. A. Fothergill, F. Chappell, J. Smith, T. H. Clarke first 720, G. Hunt conductor, G. F. Pickles. On Saturday, April 19th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hunt, F. Chappell, H. Rowley conductor, J. Smith, G. F. Pickles, R. Thickett. Also 720 Oxford standing as above. And 720 Duke of Yerk. J. Smith, G. Hunt, H. Rowley conductor, G. Barstow, G. F. Pickles, R. Thickett.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

Long Eaton (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, for

Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Andrews, J. E. Hexter, A. Spencer, J. Harrison, N. H. Widdowson, W. B. Smith, W. R. Hexter conductor, J. H. Edinborongh. For afternoon service 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Andrews, J. E. Hexter, A. Spencer, J. R. Ward, N. H. Widdowson, W. B. Smith, W. Hexter conductor, J. H. Edinborough. And for evening service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Andrews, W. R. Hexter, W. Hexter, J. Harrison, N. H. Widdowson, W. B. Smith, J. R. Ward conductor, J. H. Edinborough.

#### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, April 1st. at All Saints church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S, V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, A. Earl, J. Norris, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings, conductor, E. Brett. On Sunday evening, April 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, W. H. Fussell, E. Hatcher, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett. On Triples. W. Komponing Proceedings of the Control Brett. On Tuesday, April 8th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Kemp, W. H. Fussell, H. Coombes, E. Hatcher, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett. On Sunday morning, April 13th, 434 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, W. H. Fussell, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett.

#### THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 168 Stedman Triples. G. Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 168 Stedman Triples. G. Williams conductor, S. F. Saker, W. Billenness, S. Saker, G. Watson, F. A. Kennett, A. E. Barrow, W. H. Swain. Also 224 Bob Major. G. Williams conductor, S. F. Saker, J. Livermore, W. Billenness, G. Watson, F. Lock, A. E. Barrow, S. Saker. For afternoon service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., S. G. Saker, R. C. Ford, J. Livermore, S. Saker, W. Billenness, F. Lock conductor, W. H. Swain. For available J. Livermore, S. Saker, W. Billenness, F. Lock conductor, W. H. Swain. Swain. For evening service 168 Stedman Triples. J. Livermore, jun., G. Williams conductor, S. Saker, A. E. Barrow, S. F. Saker, F. Lock, W. Billenness, W. H. Swain. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., A. E. Barrow, R. C. Ford, J. Livermore, W. Billenness, F. Lock conductor, S. F. Saker, W. H. Swain.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA. — On April 21st, for practice at Christ Church, 1008 Stedman Triples. T. Thorpe, C. Hill, T. Waterhouse, H. Harvey, F. Medhurst, F. Kennett, G. Watson conductor, H. Denman. On April 26th, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples. C. Barrow, C. Hill, G. Watson, H. Harvey, F. Kennett, G. Williams conductor, H. Denman.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, April 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Court Bob Triples. J. Brown, G. Williams, H. Burstow, H. Mance, G. Woodman, E. Waller, W. Short conductor, R. Ouick. On Sunday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples. J. Garman, G. Woodman, H. Burstow, H. Mance, G. Williams, J. Brown, W. Short, E. Waller. On Sunday evening, April 27th, for Divine Service. 504 Court Bob Triples. J. Garman, H. Paice, H. Burstow, H. Mance, J. Brown, E. Waller, W. Short, G. Williams. Tenor 24 cwt.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Monday, April 28th, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Mitchell, W. Charman conductor, J. Stanford, A. Charman, G. Woodman, J. Cook, G. Williams, W. Charman.

#### CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TERS.—On Sunday, May 4th, for service at the Hospital, a course of Grandsire Triples three times repeated. J. Clarkson, G. J. Clarkson, T. Stephenson, W. Newton.

#### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON FITZWARREN.—On April 23rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. A. Fowler, I. Creed, F. Wyatt, H. Stevens, W. White, H. J. Creed conductor.

Dunster.—On Easter Sunday, March 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. J. Hole, G. Stacey, R. Hole, J. R. Jones, T. Elliott, W. W. Thrush, J. Grabham conductor, J. Payne. On Sunday, April 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Lyddon, J. Hole, G. Stacey conductor, R. Hole, J. R. Jones, W. W. Thrush, J. Grabham, J. Payne.

MINEHEAD.—On Easter Sunday, March 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Reed, S. Mason, J. Hunt, W. W. B. Bowden, G. Atkins, S. Mason, H. Moore conductor, R. McDonald. On Sunday, April 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Mason, S. Mason, C. Summers, J. Hunt, G. Atkins, S. Mason, H. Moore conductor, R. McDonald.

#### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, April 27th, for Divine Service in the

evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1261 changes, in 46 mins. E. Wightman, J. J. Lamb, E. Price, F. G. Perrin, W. Charge, W. Foreman, I. G. Shade conductor, W. Berry, R. Charge, F. Gooch.

ERITH.—On Saturday, April 20th, after meeting too late for a peal a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. E. Wightman conductor, G. E. Wilson, J. J. Lamb, W. Forman, G. R. Newton, J. Garrard, F. W. Thornton, F. Goach.

#### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON.—On Sunday, April 19th, at the parish church, 720 Double Court Minor. J. Puplett, A. Pearman, H. G. Rowe, H. S. Reeves, W. Cavill, I. Cavill conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Marrables, A. Pearman, H. S. Reeves, J. Puplett, W. Cavill, I. Cavill conductor.

Boreham (Essex).—On Thursday, April 3rd, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Ritchell. W. Allen, J. Young, A. Joslin, A. Edwards conductor, L. Crow. On Thursday, April 17th, for practice, 360 New London Pleasure, J. Ritchell. J. Young, A. Edwards conductor, A. Joslin, W. Allen, L. Crow. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Ritchell, W. Allen, J. Young, A. Edwards conductor, L. Crow. Also 360 Plain Bob.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.

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HAZEL GROVE.—On Sunday, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. R. Baker, J. Fernley. J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Jackson, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, February 3th, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. On Sunday, March 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, S. Fernley, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, March 3th, another 720 Oxford, standing as before. On Sunday, March 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, J. Dean, J. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, A. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, March 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. J. Jackson, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton. On Monday, March 24th, for practice, 720 Violet. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, April 6th for Divine Service, 720 College Single, standing as before. For evening service 720 New London Pleasure. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday April 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Minor, which was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 12 mins. The following Minor, which was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 12 mins. The following 720s were rung: Violet, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Merchants Return, Oxford. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire),—On Sunday, April 20th, at the parish church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, W. Price, G. Norman, S. Robinson, sen. conductor, W. Collier. S. Robinson, jun. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Robinson, sen., his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

GLASGOW.—On Wednesday, April 16th, for practice, 120 Bob oubles. F. Williams, F. Millar, G. Harris, A. Llos, J. Murray con-Doubles. ductor, E. Nicolson. This is the first 120 by the band, and the first

Gospel Oak (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, E. Turl, N. Alderman, J. Nixon, E. Young, R. Bevan conductor. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H Ellis, N. Alderman, E. Young, R. Bevan conductor, J. Nixon, W. Pickworth.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey). - On Tuesday, April 1st, for practice at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Naish, J. S. Strutt, J. Wright, H. Last, A. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, J. Chandler. On Sunday, April 13th, 611 Grandsire Caters. J. S. Strutt, A. Strutt, G. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, H. Last, G. Woodiss, H. G. Naish, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Strutt, J. Chandler. Chandler,

London.—On Tuesday, April 22nd, at St. Mary's, Islington, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late W. A. Spicer, for upwards of fifty years connected with the church as ringer and steeplekeeper, who was buried that day. The deceased was in his seventy-fifth year. J. Barry, A. Pothecary, G. Gains, H. May, H. Starks, W. Creek, H. Franks, J. Lewis. Conducted by J. Barry. At the conclusion a touch of Grand-sire was rung with Messrs. Hoffmeister and Davis.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire) .- On Sunday morning, April 27th, for

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April 27th, for

Divine Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Cooper, C. Tyler, O. Brown, A. Plant, E. J. Tyler, J. Malpass, D. Chapman, T. Cooper. D. Chapman is the only surviving member of the band who rang the record peal of Grandsire Major (10,032) at Walsall, on February 11th, 1861.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire) .- On Thursday, April 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Trubshaw, S. Pitt, B. Hodson, W. Pardoe, W. Johnson conductor, J. Adams, J. Appleby, J. Hamilton. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WEST MALLING (Kent).-On Wednesday, April 16th, six of the Wrotham band journeyed to this place and rang 360 Bob Minor. J. Abott, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. W. Leonard, H. Denne, R. Goodbourn conductor, P. Masters. A 504 Bob Triples. S. G. Leonard, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. Acott, R. Goodbourn, J. W. Leonard conductor, H. Denn. Another 504 Bob Triples S. G. Leonard, D. Hall, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. Acott, J. W. Leonard, R. Goodbourn conductor, P. Masters. A course of Major. H. Hogben, G. Barham, W. Taylor, D. Hall, J. Acott, R. Goodbourn, S. G. Leonard, L. W. Leonard S. G. Leonard, J. W. Leonard.

WROTHAM.—On Sunday, April 20th, before the morning service, 504 Bob Triples. H. Hosner, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben,

J. Acott, R. Goodbourn conductor, A. Osborne, H. Denn. Before the evening service, 50 Bob Triples. H. Hosner, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. Acott conductor, R. Goodbourn, A. Osborne, C. Taylor.

YORK Town (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 2nd, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 1680 changes in 59 mins. C. H Pearce, A. Smith. W. Ives, G. Hawkins conductor, C. Smart, A. E. Cousins, B. Hawkins, C. Jeffery, 8 Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar (Rev. C. P. Berryman).

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The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was

14,334.820; their average duration exceeds nine and a halt years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheer, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396.698 over those of 1900

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#### General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

	LIABIL	ITIES		£	5.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d
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Claims under life policies	admitted	• •		207,054	18		other rates	9,340,533	17	1
•							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	I
							Freehold and leasehold property	2,293 593	5	10
							Mortgages on property within the United		-	
							Kingdom	5,809,857	10	
							Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	
							Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	
							Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	
							Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of		•	
							London bonds	339.332	17	
							Bank of England stock	200,559	18	· (
							Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks	332,538	5	•
					•		Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	-
							Reversions and Life Interests	923,844	14	- 2
							Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	
							Rent charges	181,975	IO	1
							Outstanding premiums	467,379	9	į
							Cash in hands of superintendents and agents			
*							balances	41,172	II	- (
							Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
							Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and			
							in hand	288,837	5	8
				£43,292,026	7		£.	43,292,026	 7	

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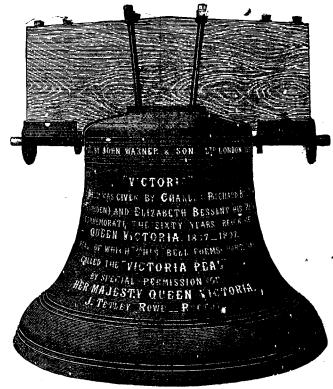
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