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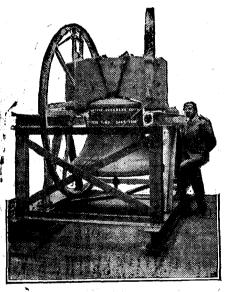
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Spring Meeting of the Newbury Branch of the above Guild was held at Midgham on Saturday, April 28th. The church is beautifully situated among trees on a model site overlooking the Kennet valley. There was a good attendance of ringers from Newbury, Compton, Bucklebury, Thatcham and Midgham Towers. ringers met between three and four o'clock, and at four o'clock a service was held to dedicate a new tenor bell, which has been presented by Mrs. Clarke, sen., in memory of her late granddaughter Violet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, of Midgham House. The Rural Dean (the Rev. -. Howard), of Bright Waltham, conducted the service. Before reading the special prayers the rev. gentleman addressed a few appropriate words to the ringers. He laid stress on the splendid work of the Guild in raising the tone of ringers generally, and of the progress made in the science of change-ringing. The organist (Mr. Mathews), and the choir were present, and special psalms and hymns 242 and 223 A & M were sung. The ringers joined heartily in the singing, and made the service bright and cheerful.

After the service all adjourned to the schoolroom, where Mr. G. Warner had an excellent tea waiting. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, a short business meeting was held, pipes meanwhile being lighted. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bucklebury on June 21st. The best thanks of the ringers were given to the lay vicar (A. F. Clarke, Esq.), for the use of the bells and the schoolroom; to the Rural Dean and the choir for their services; and to Messrs. Mathews and Millson for the necessary arrangements made. Business being settled, the tower was again visited, and the bells rang out merry touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubes, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. A 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by J. Randall. E. Witts (conductor), F. Denness, W. Mathews, T. Quinton, A. Bird.

The work of casting and hanging the new tenor was put into the hands of Messrs. H. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, and well they regaid the confidence placed in them. It was thought that the new bell must be placed above the others, but by a good deal of scheming Messrs. Bowell were able to hang it on a level with them. The peal at Midgham is one of the lightest in the country, and it was not any easy task to make a good splice. However Messrs. Bowell cast a very mellow sounding bell in B flat, weighing 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs, and all the ringers were delighted with the "go," and with the way it spliced on to the other five. The first 720 on the bells was rung on the evening Messrs. Bowell completed the work. Friends from Thatcham took part. The method was Oxford Treble Bob, and the ringers were F. Denness, E. Witts (conductor), W. Mathews, H. G. Welham, A. Bowell, A. W. Bird. The striking was excellent. Letters expressing regret were received from the Rev. C. Hope Gill (Bucklebury), Messrs. Geater and Brooks (Newbury), Smith (Aldermaston), and the veteran ringer, Joseph Hatto, of Beenham.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at St. Paul's Mission Room on Easter Monday. The business was pleasantly preceded by a capital luncheon. Mr. E. Ransom occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the Rev. A. Rust (Hon. Secretary), Mr. I. Hills (Assistant-Secretary), the Rev. C. B. Hulton, Mr. Herbert (Woburn), and others. In opening the meeting the chairman said he hoped the Association would continue to prosper and grow. The example set by change-ringing was a good one.

The accounts, which were adopted, showed a balance in hand of £21 1s. 9d., as against £23 19s. 3d. in 1905. The Secretary next read the Committee's report, which was as follows: The Committee, in presenting their twenty-fourth annual report, are pleased to state that the work of the Association has been going on steadily. The three quarterly meetings held during the year were all very well attended. The first was held in June at Bartonle-Cley, where three new bells have been recently hung. The Vicar (Rev. J. H. Spokes) most kindly provided tea for the members present. The autumn meeting at Dunstable was a very enjoyable one, and the members were heartily welcomed by their old friend the Rector, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, who also was kind enough to provide an excellent tea. The third quarterly meeting was held at Turvey at the present year. A goodly number assembled, and had the pleasure of meeting the new Rector, the Rev. C. B. Hulton, who took part in the ringing. The Committee are pleased to hear that the rehanging of the peal of eight at Toddington is nearly complete, and that the bells will be opened on the Wednesday in Easter week. The peal at Stevington has been rehung and overhauled. It is expected that the peal at Clapham is shortly to receive attention, and that two bells are to be added to the peal at Biddenham. A small reduction in the balance in hand is due to the fact that rather a large sum has been paid in fares for members attening the meetings. The following peals have been rung by the Association during the year: Bob Major 1; Double Nor-

wich Major 1; Stedman Triples 1: Doubles 3.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker moved the adoption of the report, and said the fact that the balance had slightly diminished was a proof of the energy and well-being of the Association, because it showed that a large number of members had attended the quarterly meetings.

Mr. Barker seconded, and hoped a few more peals would be rung during the ensuing year. The report was

adopted.

The election of officers was next proceeded with. Rev. W. W. C. Baker said they generally began with the officials, but he thought they should begin with the top of the list on that occasion. Their patron had always been the late Bishop of the diocese, and they knew that they had just lost their late patron. They had a new Bishop, who, he believed, had not been approached in the matter,

and he proposed that he be written to, and asked to become a Patron of the Association.

The Rev. C. B. Hulton seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The following were re-elected: Treasurer-Mr. Thomas Bull; Secretaries—Rev. A. Rust and Mr. I. Hills; Hon. Auditor—Mr. G. C. Walker. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was appointed a representative on the Central Council, and the Committee were re-elected with the exception of Messrs. Robinson and Clarke, the latter having left the Two new members were elected to fill the vacancies, these being Mr. C. Mortimer (Bromham), and Mr. Gale (Bedford).

Mr. Hills said at a meeting held at Turvey in January, it was suggested that as Mr. Clarke had been obliged to leave the town, there should be some recognition of the good work he had done for the Association, and a resolution was passed to the effect that a testimonial be presented to him. An appeal for funds met with generous support, and the result was that not only would he be presented with an address, but he would also receive a peal of handbells, and a subscribers' purse, containing the balance subscribed.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was chosen to make the presentation, and in doing so he gave a very able address. He felt very much honoured, he said, at being asked to act as the mouthpiece of the members, for had they not with them the father, or perhaps he might say, the grandfather of change-ringing in Bedfordshire, in the shape of Mr. Herbert, of Woburn. Mr. Herbert was the pioneer of change-ringing in the county, and had lived to see it firmly established. He also saw present Mr. Hills, who, he believed, was really responsible for the inauguration of the Association. He was of opinion that the first proposal for the establishment of an Association emanated from Mr. Hills, of St. Paul's belfry fame, in conjunction with Mr. T. G. Elger. But the Association would never have attained its position but for the work of Mr. Clarke. Whatever distinction the Association had gained, the very greatest credit was due to Mr. Clarke for the ability he had shown, and which he had placed at the disposal of the Association when conducting so many peals. There were other branches of his work; his constant endeavours to spread the art of change-ringing over a large area. He remembered how frequently Mr. Clarke had responded to invitations to teach the art, and a good many of these present had been taught by him. He impressed upon them the very great debt which the Association owed Mr. Clarke, both in his performance in the tower, and in his endeavours to spread the object for which they were associated, and it was with the greatest regret that he learnt that Mr. Clarke was leaving the county. He was glad, however, to hear him say that he was not without hopes of being able to get back to Bedford some time. In the meantime they wished him every success in his work, and hoped he would still find time to do some ringing in Derbyshire. He then handed the address and purse to Mr. Clarke, who, in returning thanks, said they had taken him quite by surprise. He had been a worker for the Association, not a talker.

It was further stated that members of neighbouring Associations had also subscribed to the presentation. A short touch was then rung on the new bells, which, as is also the framed address, are very handsome.

at Toddington; and that usually held at the beginning of January at Leighton Buzzard.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings. According to custom, the members attended Divine Service at St. Paul's church at 5 o'clock, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. B. Hulton.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Leatherhead District was held at Ashtead on Saturday, May 12th, representatives from the towers of Leatherhead, Dorking, Capel and Ashtead being present. A few touches were rung in the afternoon, and at 5.30 a service was held in the church. In most practical address, the Rector (Rev. F. G. Lucas), pointed out that concentration of mind and unselfishness, two qualities necessary for a good ringer, were necessary in all departments of life, and he reminded the members that the art of change-ringing was not to be an end in itself, but in every sense Church work.

At the meeting following tea, nine ringers from Ashtead were unanimously elected to the Guild. It was decided that the next meeting should be held if possible at Capel and Ockley on the third Saturday in August. It was resolved that a district peal should be attempted every quarter, Mr. Wyatt (Ashtead), undertaking to raise a band to ring at Dorking. The meeting then closed with the usual votes of thanks, and after a couple of performances on the handbells a move was made to the belfry, where several touches in various methods were rung.

Thus ended a profiable and very enjoyable day.

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The Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral will no longer allow an attempt at a peal of Royal, involving the ringing of the tenor bell by one person, to be made on the Cathedral bells.

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The winner of the International Championship Gold Medal for highest speed and accuracy in shorthand, writing open to writers of all systems, which has just taken place at Baltimore, U.S.A., is Mr. Sidney H. Godfrey, of Chiswick, London, and formerly of St. Mary, Devon. Mr. Godfrey succeeded in winning alter a keen struggle with the leading American high speed writers, all of whom wrote a different system to Mr. Godfrey, who used "Pitman's." Mr. Godfrey is a member of the College Youths and has rang in many peals of the Society. He was at one time a member of the Kensington Society, and is a life member of the Devonshire Guild. He is credited with the ability to write shorthand at the rate of 250 words per minute continuously for an hour. The Americans were absolutely outclassed by his wonderful performance.

A VISIT TO GREAT BURSTEAD, ESSEX.

By G. F. MARGETSON.

Perchance, dear reader, thou hast never yet visited the above village, anciently called "Great Burghsted," but now commonly pronounced "Great Busted," which formerly belonged to the Abbot and monks of Stratford Abbey. In Edward the Confessor's time it was owned by a Saxon thane—one named Ingar —who was dispossessed of it by William the Conqueror. It was granted by Henry VIII. to Sir Richard Rich, 1551, and sold in 1600 to Sir John Petre, ancestor of the present owner, Lord Petre. One Thomas Cory, dying 1656, a monument was erected by "his most sad deere wif Judith."

The meeting decided that the first quarterly (July)
meeting be held at Thurleigh; the Michaelmas meeting is missing and decided wir Juditi.

As a change-ringer and antiquarian no place has given me more lively and sad interest. Its greatness now consists in its meeting be held at Thurleigh; the Michaelmas meeting is implicitly, obscurity, and antiquity—an ideal old world English

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village, whose characteristics gives inspiration to the poet, and reflection to the pensive mind. The church tops one of the most beautiful prospects imaginable. The graveyard, "where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap" above the ashes of lives long since forgotten; the tottering tombstones "with uncouth rhymes and shapeless sculpture decked;" the weeping willows and the cypresses shading the old disused bridle-path, where the magic touch of Hymen led many a happy pair; the deserted vicarage, linked with many a history of love and home, where the sun's rays still illumines its silent chambers, and the faithful flowering climbers embrace the arms of death-all capitulating to the invidious conquest of Nature and of Time.

From a crumbling massive tower springs a conspicuous spire, which had often attracted my attention from afar. And so it happened upon one of those lovely Sunday afternoons in early summer, three years ago, feeling the vernal thrill, I started from home determined upon making a closer inspection of Great Burstead. Of course my chief interest was centred upon the tower and bells. The birds never sang more joyously their carols to the god of day, whose benign rays, kissing the bosoms of the flowers that bedecked my path, and moved by gentle zephyrs, seemed to nod me a friendly recognition as I passed

"Yet ah!" I said, "that spring should vanish with the rose, And youths' sweet-scented manuscript should close

The quiet of this sleepy village was only relieved by the usual knot of country lads loitering near the church, who dressed in their best of corduroys, were evidently criticising me as I approached them. At the same time I heard the jingling of keys, and was soon in the presence of the principal ecclesiastic of the place, a farm labourer, who with much dignity seemed to discharge the various offices of clerk, sexton, steeplekeeper, and minor churchwarden, and to whom I soon made myself known.

I noticed a suppressed smile settling upon his face as I informed him I was a Cumberland Youth, no doubt owing to his conviction that I must be a very old "youth," for when a man has completed fifty or more revolutions round the sun, the truth of vanished youth is apparent. He let me know the village had no residential parson, the church and people were poor, and the lord of the manor pocketed most of the tithes. The hand of the archæologist, I saw, had been at work within the interior of the building.

I was then conducted to the tower and bells, followed of course, by a small procession of the corduroys. It would occupy too much of the editor's space and the reader's time were I to tell you all I saw in that musty turret, and perhaps would not redound to the credit of anyone worshipping at this venerable shrine. But I must speak of the bells. The treble, I was informed, had been cracked for many years, and the remaining four only used for chiming. Nothing was known of any band of ringers, or change-ringing, but a story which had been handed down many generations, still lived, how on one awful night a tempest of unusual severity had passed over the village, shifting the spire from the perpendicular, and the bells, taking advantage of the noise of the storm, rang out a peal of themselves unassited by any human aid.

Anxious to raise the tenor, the steeplekeeper and boys instinctively sought safety by watching me from beneath the arches of the belfry window and staircase as I proceeded to do so. I had just got her frame high when the old rope snapped in two, causing the immediate exodus of everyone but myself from the belfry, and leaving me to finish the chiming for service.

Leaving the church, my way home lay beside daisy-dappled meadows, murmuring brooks, and through the woods, where hanks of bluebell and wild blossom made a fitting couch for Venus, and bespangled each fairy glen. Feeling a sense of weariness following my exertions to rise the old bell, I sat down to indulge in reveries which the remembrances of Old Burstead naturally inspired. The silence of the woods was most profound, and the whispers of the gods seemed quite audible, soothing one into the most perfect tranquility.

I was just soliloquising over the story of the old bells ringing at midnight, wondering if any mysterious power had moved their tongues to speak, when I felt the touch, as it were, of the magic and drowsy wand of Somnus, and in an instant I was transported to the scene of that terrible night of the storm, amidst which I heard the following:-

DIALOGUE OF THE FIVE BELLS.

Treble.—Awake, oh sisters, awake! How can'st thou sleep when thunders shake the earth, and the crumbling walls of the chamber tremble at the rage of the storm without? Behold thy terror of the inhabitants of this village. The crack of doom must surely be at hand!

Second.—Misere domine! Oh, hear how the wild torrents lash this quivering tower, as if in mockery and punishment for its vain and lofty eminence. The eternity of our silence seems now broken by a gap of time. Verily the whole creation groans and travails.

Third.—Horror sits upon the night, for that wise bird, the owl, has been perching upon the pinnacle of my stay since sundown. Didst thou not hear that dreadful thud in the spire above as of falling masonry? We shall all be hurled to earth, I fear, and lose our identity in the melting-pot.

Fourth.—A consummation devoutly to be wished. Are not the dead in the graveyard below happier than the living? Consider the placid enjoyment of the cattle which graze in yonder pastures, regardless of Fate. Allay thy fears, my sisters, and preserve thy courage, for the circle of nature is not to be broken by disturbance or change. As to thine individuality, of what concern is that to her? Are not the elements of thy body indestructible? Why fear the melting furnace from which thou came? This tempest perturbs me no more than the decay of my bearings by age or neglect. Fate cannot remove us from the universe.

Second.—Some murky friend hovers in the midnight air. Now I perceive the danger and folly of being exalted. The majestic and towering pine trees must bear the force of the storm, while the humble oak, taking deep root below, shelters itself from wind and flood. When we fall, we fall like Lucifer.

Tenor.—The safety of my individuality alone concerns me, for what is the universe if I am not? Give me the eternity of silence to annibilation. To be silent is to be non-existent. I prefer activity and sound, the very manifestations of life Itself. Even the thunderclaps give me increased vitality.

Fourth.—Silence is an attribute of the Divine Will. By remaining silent we may hear the follies of others and conceal our own. It is also the tree which bears the fruit of peace. See how the lurid lightning flash illumines the distant landscape. So philosophy enlightens the darkness of the understanding.

Tenor.—Philosophical rubbish! If Time had stayed his hand, silence might hold the golden balance, but he presses heavily upon those who are idle, as we are in this neglected steeple. Our dilapidation and silence may be agreeable to the night-birds of this tower, but not to me. Give me a swing and a bang to know and feel I exist.

Fourth.—The tempest now abates, and the village returns to rest, and above yonder hill the fair gleams of Luna shines forth upon a sobbing world, smiling its tears away.

Tenor.—The moon may well smile as Democritus did, at the world's tears and fears. My fair sisters, let us take hope that in the near future an Association of change-ringers may arise in Essex who will look to our condition, have us restored, and even our family augmented in this spacious chamber. Ages ago our five voices rang out "We praise thee O God" to the grandeur of the lord of the manor and his people. Men may come and go, but we emblems of immortality still remain hallowing the past, and blending the living with the dead. But hark! The clock gives warning of my duty to strike the midnight hour. Sisters, good night.

The striking of the clock appeared so vivid as to startle me to my feet. The shades of evening were succeeding to departing day, and I knew that I must have been dreaming.

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An Appreciation.

Sunset and evening star And one clear call for me. And may there be no moaning of the bar When I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell, And after that—the dark; And may there be no sadness of farewell When I embark.

So sang Tennyson, but nevertheless there is a sadness too deep for language, for William Wakley has "crossed the bar," and the Exercise is all the poorer. Words fail to express the full meaning of this announcement. When the news came that he had been suddenly struck down in his prime, it was as though a mighty oak, the monarch of the woods, had been blasted by a storm. As we stood in St. Paul's among the vast congregation and watched the coffin borne along, we could not realise the loss, although few men could look on the scene unmoved. When wrapped in the Union Jack and carried along to the plaintive strains of Chopin's funeral march with muffled drums, it did not seem real, but it was a glorious end. A military funeral will at any time draw a crowd, but this was no ordinary event. William Wakley was no ordinary man. He was as great locally in his profession of arms as he was a ringer. When the firing party had accorded to their dead comrade the last honours due to a soldier, we looked down into the grave. It was then I believe that every ringer felt that indefinable affinity, that notwithstanding our differences in life makes us in the presence of death all one kin.

Like a panorama there passes before us the scenes in the years we had known with him. Again we are ringing with him in peal or touch. Again we hear his staccato husky voice, and see the merry twinkle in his eyes as he recounts some interesting merry twinkle in his eyes as he recounts some interesting anecdote. Again we stand in the beliry under the tablet which recalls his first peal, exactly thirty years ago. Then the eye traverses those that record the great performances that made the Burton band, with William Wakley at its head, famous throughout the ringing isle. Here are glories that cannot be throughout the ringing isle. Here are glories that cannot be taken away. Previous to the Burton peals Surprise ringing was in its infancy. Superlative peals could be counted on the fingers of one hand. From 1883 onward, if any ringer desired anything possible to ring, he could get it only at Burton, and this was mainly due to its intrepid conductor. Now he is gone, but William Wakley has indeed left footprints on the sands of time. He has lived the strenuous life in the cause of ringing, and his works will follow him. No man can do immediate institute to the memory of a dead friend. The time is too near. justice to the memory of a dead friend. The time is too near. In the days and years that are to come, when silently the shades of evening gather round the lonely door, when silently they bring before us the faces we shall see no more; it is then we shall realise how the Exercise has lost one of its brightest ornaments. And not ornament only, for he was a man of great ability, so great that the Association that is proud to own him may never see his like again. His history is told not in words but in deeds. He stood for all that is manly, all that is true, and the M.C.A. has lost a faithful servant such as may not easily be replaced. For all time on the pages of ringing history the name of William Wakley will stand pre-eminent, and the ringing world or such part of it as acknowledges a good man's ability will honour his memory. To the widow and family all ringers who knew him will extend their sympathy and compassion in this hour of trial. He fought the good fight, and it must be said of him as of Brutus :-

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Date Couches.

CALVERLEY (Yorks).-On a recent Sunday evening, for service, a date touch of 1906 London Treble Bob Major. Ezra Keighley, S. Whealby, W. Hollings, W. Popplewell, C. Pratt, R. Child, F. Waller, F. Page. Composed by John Cordingley, and conducted by Charles Pratt. Rung in honour of the composer's 79th birthday.

Miscellaneous.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).-On Sunday, February 18th, for Divine Service in the morning at All Saints church, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 48 mins. J. W. Driver, F. G. Symonds, W. T. Elson, E. V. Harvey, W. J. Troughton, L. Attwater, Arthur Jones, Alf. Jones, J. W. Kelley conductor, B. Harvey. Composed by C. Charge.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 5th, at the church of St. Nicholas, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Loader, T. W. Radford, J. J. Jones, S. Radford, C. Hazelden, G. W. Challice conductor, J. Hunt, S. G. Steer. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Miss Mary Rushton, who lost her life by drowning caused by the sinking of the steamer "Courier" in the vicinity of the Channel Islands on April 30th. Her presence will be greatly missed in this parish, where her benevolence was thoughtfully bestowed on all deserving cases.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday, April 3rd, the Editor's quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Butler, E. E. Napper, R. G. Rice, J. Butler, M. E. Caudwell, A. R. Bosley conductor, E. Bannister, G. Warwick. On Easter Monday, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. R. G. Rice, A. R. Bosley, E. E. Napper, M. E. Caudwell, J. Butler, E. Bannister conductor. Rung owing to meeting short for a peal, and is the first by the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Easter Monday, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. R. G. Rice, A. R. Bosley, W. Hitchman, V. R. Hitchman, M. E. Caudwell, E. Bannister conductor. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells for about six years. And 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Hitchman conductor, A. R. Bosley, E. Bannister, M. E. Caudwell, V. R. Hitchman, H.

BRISTOL.-On February 26th, at St. Nicholas' church, 519 Stedman Caters. F. G. May conductor, G. Phillips, A. Burn, H. Parsons, A. Stowell, C. Downing, J. Richmond, H. C. Mounter, H. Howell, W. Bevan. And 1080 Bob Royal. W. Bevan, F. G. May conductor, A. Burn, S. Phillips, H. Parsons, C. Downing, A. Stowell, H. C. Mounter, J. Richmond, H.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. F. J. Troth, R. Hall, J. Key, J. W. Parish, J. Jaggar, J. Screen, J. Hare, J. Ford.

FOOTS CRAY (Kent).—On February 13th, 480 Bob Doubles, S. Hardy, H. Wilkes, E. Crowther, E. W. Evitt, W. J. Brown. ing conductor.

PENARTH. — On Sunday evening, February 18th, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. J. Johnson, W. Ross, D. Thomas, F. Bartlett, Sergt. Major Dawe, J. Clutter.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, a WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday evening, May 13th, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters, 1263 changes, in 49 mins. R. Maynard, jun., F. C. Maynard, F. J. Rumens, W. B. Manning, J. H. Wilkins, R. Maynard, sen., H. F. Hull, R. G. Rice, F. E. G. French, R. K. Knight. Composed by C. Charge and conducted by R. Maynard, jun.

WEST HENDRED (Berks).—On Saturday, April 14th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. C. Mulford, F. W. Waldron, R. G. Rice, W. Grace, W. F. Gregory conductor, W. Bosher.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. -(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Steet, on Thursday, May 31st, and St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKBRILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held to-day, members of this Association will be held to day, Saturday, May 19, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (10 bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. The Vicar will give a short address 4.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. The vicar will give a short andress to ringers at evensong, which will be said at 6.30 p.m., and it is particularly requested that all ringers will attend this service. The hon secretary will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

The Yorkshire Association,-The next meeting will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, May 19th, Local hon. sec., Mr. E. R. Armitage, Dean Cottage, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield. For further

details see Association circular.

JOHN W. T. HOLGATE, Hon. Sec.

21, Westover Road, Bramley, Leeds.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Saturday, May 19th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. A. King, Local Sec.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis, to-day, Saturday, May 19th. Bells will be available at 4. Service in church at 5 oclock.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hom. Sec. 16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held in Salisbury, on Monday, May 21st, 1906. Service in the Cathedral, 12.30. Sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Dinner, 1.30 in the church house; 2s. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner. The following towers will be available for ringing :towing towers will be available for ringing:—
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H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, Hon. Sec.

The St Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of some importance to transact, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec. 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The London County Association.—(late the St. James' Society, Est. 1824).—A meeting of the above Association will be held on 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. TAFFBNDER, Hon. Sec. 1, Budge Row, E.C.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, on Saturday, May 26th. Tea at 5 30 pm. Meeting afterwards.

T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec. North Wingfield, Chesterfuld.

Ely Diocesan Association. — Sudbury Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clave on 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, on Saturday, May 26th, Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. All ringers heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Thursday, May 24th.
C Tribs, Hon. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, May 26th, 1906. Bells (8) available for ringing. Business meeting will be held at The Oak hotel at 7.30 p m.

F. R. BARRACLOUGH, Hon Sec.

The Sussex County Association. — Western Division.—The next quarterly meetings of the above will be held at West Grinstead, on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available from 4 pm. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, at the school-room, 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All members intending to be present, please notify the undersigned not later than Thursday, May 24th.

H. Evans, Hon. Div. Sec. Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild - Yorktown District.—Next meeting at Horsell, Woking, Saturday, May 26th Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Institute at 6 for those who inform me by 231d inst.

C. H. PRARCE, Dist. Sec.

Vale Road, Yorktown.

The Archdeaconry of Salop. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrook-dale, on Saturday. May 26th, 1906. Ringing at 3.30 pm Business meeting at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec. Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shecusbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Bucks Branch.— The annual meeting will be he'd at Newton Longville, Bucks on Saturday, June 2nd, 1906. Bells open 2 pm.

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

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, on Whit-Monday, June 4th. Further particulars in future advertisements. 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. Further particulars later. For dinner tickets, apply to

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

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

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, Is. 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 Lancashire Association, —As the A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows 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 accessible from Barrow. Communications

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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 pm. Short service in parish church at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. F. E. Robinson. Sandwich tea in The New Hall, 10d. each, at 515. 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 Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Owing to a special service being held, there will be no ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 22nd. Next meetings for practice will be—St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Thursday, May 24th, 7.30 to 8, and 8 30 to 9.30 (service between), and St Magnus, Lower Thames Street, Thursday, May 31st. at 8 p.m.

W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT MILNROW. — This peal was arranged some time back as the first of a series of quarterly peals by the Rochdale Branch, to be followed by peals of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and other more intricate methods; but owing to various mishaps with ropes, etc., a lot of attempts have ended in failure. In fact or attempts have ended in failure. In fact mearly six months has elapsed since this quarterly peal was arranged. It is to be hoped that both a Major peal and also a Treble Bob peal will be scored during the next quarter now the Grandsire peal has been accomplished. Great credit is due to Mr. W. Schofield for the trouble he has taken in arranging for the trouble he has taken in arranging for the various attempts.

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The Bell Rews & Bingers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1906.

WE are reluctantly compelled to hold over a few peal reports until next week, but our friends may rest assured that they will appear in due course, and in order of date. A long communication from Mr. Willson on "Practical Politics," etc., will also appear in our next; it is hoped this will be the last on the question. We again ask our correspondents to be as brief as possible in their reports, etc. It should be remembered that the shorter the communication, the better chance it has of an early appearance.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

Just over the four miles from Exeter, and situated in a lovely spot, and at the present time of year looking its best, is the above village with its fine bold buttressed perpendicular tower of the parish church of St. John the Baptist, standing out as a prominent landmark for miles around, within whose walls for upwards of 130 years, hung a fine peal of 6 bells cast by Bilbie, tenor 20 cwt. But as a diamond jubilee memorial to our late Queen, two new trebles were added in 1897, making a fine octave on which the members of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club, under the able conductorship of Mr. A. W. Searle, rang the first

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peal of Grandsire Triples on March 25th, 1905, in 3 hour and 18 minutes. A performance so creditably done was thought worthy of a board to record the achievement, and on Saturday last, May 12th, the Rev. G. F. Molineux, the hon. sec. of the Devonshire Guild, came over from Harpford to unveil the peal board and to ask the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Whitaker) acceptance of the same on behalf of the members of the club, which duty he performed in a very able manner, stimulating, it is hoped, the Vicar's interest in the art, which he a few years ago had begun. But alas, like too many others had let fall again. At the conclusion of the unveiling ceremony a 4-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members: Rev. G. F. Molineux, Frank Davey, Thomas Laver, Arthur W. Searle, Edmund Sargent, James Moss, Harry Burch (conductor), John Richards.

Tea being kindly provided by the Vicar was the next course which turned up, which was very acceptable, when a second presentation was made by the Rev. G. F. Molineux, this time of a very handsome silver mounted walking stick to the hon. sec. of the Club, Mr. F. Davey, as a token of his valuable services during the time the Club has been in existence. The present, which came as a complete surprise to the recipitent, was acknowledged by him. After Mr. H. B. Kindersley had passed a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. P. Whitaker, and a stroll taken around his fine garden, tracks were made for home.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 174 cwt.

Composed by FREDEBICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARRER.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the laying of the foundation stone of the new church of St. Stephen's, Bush Hill Park, Edmonton, by Lady Wolverton.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY. *First peal. The conductor has called this composition from each even pair of handbells, likewise from every bell in the tower, and has taken pair in it non-conducted both on tower and handbells. He has also rung each even pair of handbells with other persons calling. He first called it on March 21st, 1884, on handbells; Umpire—John Cox.

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

On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5072 CHANGES.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble. WILLIAM SHIMMANS EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2. WILLIAM H. HOLLII *WILLIAM SHIMMANS .. 5. WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 6. HORATIO GUMMER, JUN, 2.
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On Friday, April 22, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES: Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD NICHOLS Treble. | HARRY SEAR

Conducted by HARRY SEAR. *First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late H. Tattersal, Esq.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1906, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

WILLIAM E. BASON* .. Treble. | WILLIAM WISKENS WILLIAM E. DASON ... 1 reble. WILLIAM WISKENS ... 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN ... 2. GEORGE ARCHER ... 6
ARTHUR W. LEADER ... 3. WILLIAM IRELAND ... 7.
IOHN SOUTER ... 4. ERNEST F. POPPY ... Tenor.

Composed by H. Dains, and Conducted by W. E. Bason. *First peal of Major as conductor.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. I. R. HAYMANTreble. IULIUS SNOW J. R. HAYMAN 5. FRANK J. DAVEY . . . 6. ADOLPHUS SNOW 7. HARRY BURCH 2, WILLIAM MCGRIDGE . . . 3.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE . . . 4. JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BURCH.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Snow and Searle, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

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DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.	TAXAL, CHESHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND	THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.	(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, April 28, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,	On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,	AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.	A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.	Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London, Violet, Woodbine,
CHARLES E. PERKINST Treble. †FREDERICK BROADRIBB 6.	Merchants' Return, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN 2. ALFRED ROWLEY 7. JOHN BASS 3. J+ROBERT MATTHEWS 8.	ERNEST STAMPER
ARTHUR WHATMORE † 4.	EGBERT STAMPER 3. Wm. Longden Tenor.
HARRY PRICE 5. *WALTER BRETHERTON Tenor.	Conducted by M. G. BENNETT.
Composed by J. Carter, and Conducted by R. Matthews.	
*First peal. First peal of Caters,	BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.	On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
On Tuesday, May 1, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,	AT THE CHUBCH OF ST. MARY,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,	A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5115 CHANGES.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	EDGAB BENNETTTreble. WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	CHARLES DEAN 2. WILLIAM GROVES 7. JOSEPH A. LAMBERT* 3. ARTHUR J. PLOWMAN 8.
ALBERT BROOKS Treble. THOS. BULL 5	HARRY LAST 4 ALFBED CLAYTON 9.
HARRY BROOKS 2. *IOHN RICHARDS 6.	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5 CHARLES W. GORDON Tenor.
REV. CYRIL JENEYN 3. REV. F. E. ROBINSON	Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and Conducted by W. S. SMITH.
JOHN MONK	*First peal of Stedman Caters.
	REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board commemor sting the first peal of Stedman Triples by an entirely local band (Nov. 1904), and also rung in honour of the marriage of the ringer of the second bell on	THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
Easter Eve, 1906.	On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty three Minutes,
CHECTEDELL DEPOYCHIDE	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.	A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)	Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.
On Wednesday, May 2, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,	SOLOMON MOULE Treble. JAMES RENNETT 4.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,	JOHN H. MALLOWS 2. WILLIAM E BASON 5. WALTER BLOOMFIELD 3. *FREDERICK DRIVER Tenor.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.	Conducted by W. E. Bason.
Tenor 24# cwt.	*First peal.
DAVID FARTHING	WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
HARRY KIRK 2 ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.	On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
CHARLES W. NUTTALL 3. R. WILFRID COLLIBR 7. WILLIAM I THYNG 4. BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor.	AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
WILLIAM J THYNG 4. BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor. Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.	A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Composed by Arthor Endelts, and Conducted by D. A. Endelts.	THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 183 cwt. in F.
MILVERTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.	GEORGE W. SORRELL Treble. THOMAS LINDOLN 5.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 2. WILLIAM H. JUDD 6. FREDERICK G. RADLEY 2. WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,	HENRY F. COOPER* 4. FREDERICK EDWARDS Tenor.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,	Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	*First peal of Stedman Triples.
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JOSEPH MADDOCK Treble. FRANK MILLARD 5.	·
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81 HODDESDON, HERTS. THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, May 5, 1906, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL. A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. WARD KINGT Treble. | | WILLIAM IRONS.. ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. On Monday, May 7, 1906, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 272 cwt. ARLES BOWER* Treble. Benjamin Thorpe .. мез Воотн 2. GEORGE LONGDEN MUBL WOOD 3. SAMUEL BOOTH .. NJAMIN GILL 4 ALBERT ADAMS .. •• .. IO. *RICHARD NEWTON II. HARRY CHAPMAN ALTER JAKEMAN 6. Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD. First peal in the method on twelve bells. RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, May 9, 1906, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 of Kent, three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. Frank Cullum 4. LOMON MOULE Treble. RCY LAFLIN* 2. HENRY MOORE .. WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor. HN H. MALLOWS 3 Conducted by W. E. BASON. First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting. First peal on the saince 1843. Messrs. Bowell and Sons, of Ipswich, have lately rehung the peal the "go" of the bells was pronounced excellent. EPSOM, SURREY .- THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, May 9 1906, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. THOMAS SELF 5. THOMAS SERUBB 6. FRED E. BASSETT Treble. NIEL SNELLING 2. WILLIAM GEARING 3. Conducted by Daniel Snelling. ny happy returns

ung as a birthday compliment to W. Gearing, his brother ringers wishing him

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1906, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

OLIVER BROCK 5.
JAMES BETTS 6.
WILLIAM ROOPE 7. FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble. ERNEST LINCOLN . . . 2 WALTER BORRETT .. . 3.
WALTER MOBES .. . 4 WILLIAM ROOPE ... 7.
GEORGE SYMONDS Tenor.

Composed by J. RREVES, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Obituary.

HENRY LEWIS GARFATH.

Ringers in the south-west corner of Surrey have lost a genial friend by the death of Mr. H. L. Garfath, senr., of Farnham, who passed away honoured and respected at the age of fifty-one years. The Exercise had claimed him as a member for over twenty-one years, but longer still than that was his record as a volunteer. He joined the local volunteer corps in 1872, and not long before his death he retired with the rank of colour sergeant. He was an enthusiast in ringing, although he only scored twenty-four peals. But in bis early days, a peal was a good deal more to be thought of than at the present time, for ringing in that part of Surrey was then taken up much less keenly. Mr. Garfath's first peal was rung on October 6th, 1888, and on January 19th, 1901, he first con-

ducted a peal. He served for some years upon the Central Council of the Winupon the Central Council of the Win-chester Diocesan Guild, and his death is deeply lamented by his colleagues. He succumbed on March 17th, to an attack of apoplexy, which seized him while attend-ing a meeting in the belfry.

The interment took place on Wednesday, March 21st, with all the impressive ceremony attendant upon a volunteer funeral. The service, the first part of which took place at the parish church, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. W. L. O'Rorke), and seldom before has such a vast crowd gathered round the grave of a Farnham townsman, as assembled in the cemetery to attend the last sad rites at the interment of Colour-Sergeant Garfath. Prior to the Volunteers giving the customary three volleys over the grave, the ringers paid their last tribute of respect by a course of Grandsire Triples rung on

handbells, by J. Hunt, J. J. Jones, C. Willshire. and A. H. Sulling, of Guildford. Wreaths were sent by the combined societies of Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas, Guildford, and by the Farnham band.

As a mard of respect to the deceased, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's One-Part) was attempted at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on the preceding evening, but was unfortunately lost through a muffle becoming loose. The ringers were H. Hutton, F. Blondell, G. Cballice, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Hunt, A. H. Pulling (conductor), C. Willshire, T. Maynard. It is interesting to note that Mr. Gar-

gath's grandfather was a churchwarden and a ringer at Farnham church nearly century ago. J. Garfath took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Farnham, on July 3rd, 1815, in commemoration of the victory of Waterloo, and on July 5th, 1816, he also rang in a peal of Grandsire, both on the treble. The latter peal, curiously enough, was the last one rung at Farnham by a local band, until that which the late Mr. Garfath conducted in January, 1891.

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Also the chime of bells at Ames College, Iowa, U.S.A. And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral.

ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

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SKETTY (GLAM.)—On Monday, April 30, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. H. Gwyn, W. Blackmore, R. Morse, W. H. Rice conductor, E. Chamberlain, A. James, C. Morse, H. Williams.

STAPLETON (BRISTOL). — On Tuesday, April 24th, 1906, at Holy Trinity Church, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. C. Rawlings, W. Apperley, E. Guise, D. Tyley, E. Andrew, C. H. Horton conductor.

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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.

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 $\frac{1}{2}750,000$ from the Reserved Fund to the Life Assurance Fund in the Industrial Branch, leaving this Reserve Fund at $\frac{1}{2}1,000,000$. 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.

	LIABILIT	IES.		£	S	đ.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d
Shareholders' Capital Reserve Funds Life Assurance Funds		••	••	1,000,000 2,700,000 55,633,131	0 14		British Government securities Indian and Colonial Government securities Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds			
Claims under life policies	admitted	••	••	131,244	10	٥	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	6,133,775	_	I
							Freehold ground rents and Scot h feu duties	3,860,399	I	2
							Freehold and leasehold property	3,685,329		4
							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	050	_	_
							Bank of England stock	258,717 200,559		
							Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	1,419,012		
				•			Foreign Government securities	1,294,215		
							Reversions and Life Interests	1,161,978		
							Loans on the Company's Policies	2,134,509		
							Rent Charges	297,298		4
							Outstanding premiums and agents' balances Outstanding interest and rents	425.667		
							Cash In hands of enperintendents	508,463		
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