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Gentlemen,

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S DEATH.

Throughout the ringing Exercise the death of Sir Arthur Heywood will be deeply deplored, for his passing removes a dominating personality from the ranks of ringers and one who was held in the greatest respect. Few men, and certainly no other man of equal position, have done as much for bell ringing in all its phases as the deceased baronet, who, throughout a period of over thirty years, devoted much of his leisure time and his talents to the advancement of the art. He fostered its growth first and foremost as a Churchman—and the Church never had a more loyal or devoted son—and next for his love of the art. In later years Sir Arthur's activities were limited largely to that child of his creation, the Central Council; but two or three decades ago there was no one more active than he, for he devoted a great deal of attention not only to ringing itself but to the scientific investigation of some of the most abstruse problems connected with our art, as well as to the engineering questions upon which successful bell hanging is based, and upon which he was so eminently qualified to speak.

Except for his occasional appearances at some public function, and at the Central Council meetings, Sir Arthur has, however, in recent years, been more or less out of the eye of the Exercise, though his interest in it never waned. It may be that his partial detachment, by more or less giving up, owing to the many calls upon his time, his active participation in ringing, caused him to lose that intimate touch with the Exercise which he once enjoyed, but he nevertheless followed ringing affairs with close interest. To all matters affecting the Central Council he was keenly alive, and was always supremely anxious that its position and reputation should be maintained.

As the founder, he was naturally a determined champion of this organisation, and did his utmost to keep its work to the lines upon which it was set up, viz., as he himself once expressed it, to draw together the whole of the ringing associations throughout the country, giving decisions which, coming from a body which comprised many of the ablest ringers in England, would carry weight and would in time be adopted throughout the country, so that in the long run the Council would become the ruling body in the Exercise, not by any undue assertion of authority but by a common admission of their good sense and integrity. It was only natural that such a body should come in for no little criticism, in which, sometimes, the President was involved. But at the moment, when a great figure has been removed, we can only think of the extensive work which a master mind and an active life have done for the Exercise, which has contained in its ranks no more valued a member, no stouter a champion, and, in his time, no keener an enthusiast than Arthur Percival Heywood.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, April 15, 1916, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GROVES	...*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	7
GEORGE HUGHES	2	WILLIAM FISHER	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
A. PADDON SMITH	4	JAMES GEORGE	10
JAMES L. WELLS	5	HERBERT KNIGHT	11
THOMAS H. REEVES	6	*THOMAS SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, April 22, 1916, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

No. 481 on Broadsheet.

ALFRED ADAMS	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER HICK	6
WILLIAM FISHER	2	JOHN C. ADAMS	7
HAROLD BANKS	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
THOMAS HILL	4	HERBERT KNIGHT	9
EDGAR MARLOW	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of regard to Mr. George Smith (one of the local band), Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and Mr. Wm. Painter, of Birmingham.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Monday, April 24, 1916, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS	...*Treble*	HUGH T. SCARLETT	6
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	2	FRED WILFORD	7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT	3	WILLIAM BERRY	8
FRANK SMITH	4	JAMES HUNT	9
EDGAR WIGHTMAN	5	*HENRY C. STUBBS	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on ten, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Messrs. Henry Dains and G. Smith (Cumberland Youths), and Sir Arthur P. Heywood (College Youths); also to mark the first anniversary of the death from wounds received in action of Mr. Andrew Warner (Cumberland Youths). Rung after meeting short for Cinques. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells since the rehanging.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, April 21, 1916, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

GEORGE F. SWANN	...*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	ALF PADDON SMITH	6
MORRIS J. MORRIS	3	JAMES E. GROVES	7
JAMES GEORGE	4	JOHN B. COLLETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., Mr. George W. Baldwin and Ex-Chief Detective-Inspector William Painter. The two latter were Vice-Presidents of the Guild, Mr. Baldwin being the oldest member, having joined the St. Martin's Society in 1868.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 24, 1916, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. THYNG... ...	5
GEORGE HOLLIS	2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ...	6
ALFRED E. PARSONS	3	WALTER ALLWOOD	7
ARTHUR CRAVEN	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:—

Pte J. Mitcham, of Chislehurst, 2/7th City of London Territorials, now at Ipswich.

Pte R. G. Black, of Geddington, Northants, Royal Engineers, now at Chatham.

Pte. Percy J. Langston, of All Saints', Feering, Essex Regiment, now at Grantham.

From St. Margaret's, Leicester:—

Pte Ernest Morris, Leicestershire Regiment, stationed at Langwith, Derbyshire.

Gnr. T. H. Hardy, R.G.A., now at Weymouth, Dorset.

KELVEDON RINGER KILLED.

Another ringer has fallen in the service of his country. Pte. H. Rogers, of Kelvedon, who at the outbreak of war joined the 9th Essex Regiment, was killed while bomb throwing in France on March 30th. Had he lived another week he would have reached his 28th birthday. He had rung one peal (Bob Major), and was greatly respected by all who knew him. During his service with the colours he had once been invalided home, through sickness.

On Sunday afternoon, before the service at St. Mary's Church, Kelvedon, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the gallant soldier, the ringers being: W. Sadler 1, E. Newman 2, D. Elliott 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, E. W. Beckwith 5, G. Keeble 6. A touch was also rung in which Sergt. H. Farley, North Somerset Yeomany, and W. Elliott took part. After service another 720 was rung by: W. Cranmer 1, G. Rogers 2, D. Elliott 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, E. W. Beckwith 5, G. Keeble 6.

PROMOTION FOR THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.

The following notice has appeared in the "London Gazette":—

Chaplain's Department of the Territorial Force: Rev. Charles E. Matthews, 3rd Class Chaplain, to be 2nd Class Chaplain (Mar. 16th).

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, who is the popular Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and Vicar of Titchfield, Hants, has been senior chaplain to the 7th Division, 13th corps, since October, 1915, and will complete a year's service with the troops at the front on the 30th inst. When serving at home he is Chaplain to the 5th Hants Regiment, whose headquarters are at Southampton. Ringers will join in congratulating the Winchester Guild Master upon this further promotion.

RINGER-SOLDIERS' VISIT TO LUDGERSHALL

A very pleasant evening was spent in the belfry of St. James' Church, Ludgershall, on April 10th, when out of a company of ten, five were ringers belonging to the Royal Flying Corps, stationed at Perham Downs, about two miles distant. The local band, now much shortened owing to the war, gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and when the bells, a very nice ring of six, tenor 10 cwt., had been raised in peal, the party were joined by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. W. Byrde) himself a ringer. Method ringing was very limited, and, after several attempts, a plain course of Grandsire Doubles was accomplished, it being the first for one or two of the local men. One of the features of the evening was the manner in which the Rector rang, and the hearty way in which he joined in the proceedings.

One of the soldiers thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, saying that those present would remember the pleasant evening for a very long time. To this the Rector replied that it was one of his greatest pleasures to welcome ringers to his tower, and that the bells were available almost every evening. The ringing was brought to an end by an excellent "fall," which was enjoyed very much, both by those taking part, and several who went outside to listen. Amongst those present were: P. Harrison, St. Martin's, Leicester (Midland Counties Association); A. R. Elkin, St. Andrew's, Farnham (Winchester Diocesan Guild), J. P. Jones, St. Mary's, Chester (Chester Diocesan Guild).

The bells are a very nice ring of six. Several are old ones, but in 1908 restoration was taken in hand, and the original peal of five tuned and a new treble added in a modern steel and iron frame. The "go" of the ring is very good, and visitors to Ludgershall should not miss having a pull on them.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ROMFORD.

A successful meeting of the South Western Division was held at St. Edward's, Romford, on Saturday week, twenty members and friends putting in an appearance, including Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Corpl. G. H. Gale, of Easton-in-Gordano. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. M. Bell), who gave an excellent address taken from Psalm xix, 3-4, in the course of which he made a touching reference to the late Mr. E. Pye, who was for so many years a member of the St. Edward's Guild.

Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Fox and Hounds, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar.

This being the first meeting of the Division since the passing of Mr. E. Pye, it was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, and seconded by the Vicar, that a sincere vote of condolence be extended to his relatives and friends in the great loss they had sustained, and placing on record the members' appreciation of his great work for the Essex Association since becoming a member of that body.—This was carried in silence, the members rising in their places.

Mr. R. Vyse, of the Romford Band, was re-elected a member of the Association.

Owing to the hon. secretary of the division, Mr. H. Rumens, having joined the army, it was necessary to elect a successor, and a proposition that the District Master (Mr. E. Butler) carry out the duties till the end of the year was carried. It was also unanimously resolved that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Rumens for the efficient and painstaking manner in which he has carried out the duties of hon. secretary during the past four years.

The question of the advisability of carrying on the monthly practices was discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that this be done seeing those already held had been a great success. Three towers were proposed for the August meeting, viz., West Ham, Loughton and Hornchurch, and on being put to the vote Hornchurch was carried by a large majority.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, to the organist, organ blower, and to Mr. H. Dawkins, secretary of the St. Edward's Guild, for making all arrangements for the meeting, was unanimously carried, the Vicar thanking the members on behalf of all concerned, saying how pleased he was to welcome ringers at Romford, and hoping the time was not far distant when he would have that pleasure again.

All present then joined in the first verse of the National Anthem, after which the tower was again visited, and further touches brought round. The following towers were represented: Leytonstone, Orsett, Romford, Walthamstow (St. Saviour's) and West Ham, and touches of London Surprise, Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., were brought round during the afternoon and evening.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING.

The modern church at West Ealing dedicated to St. Stephen, standing upon an eminence that once was open country affording an extensive view southwards of the Great Western main railway and Old Ealing, and towards the north, the Hill of Harrow and the nearer Perrivale, is now quite enclosed by well-grown avenues and good roads entirely built upon with a superior class of detached suburban private houses. The church is well placed on an oval island site connecting the inter-section of four main roads in the direction of the Cardinal points, a wise piece of planning by those who developed this district in the days when the nearest station was named "Castle Hill," since changed for the more fashionable one of West Ealing. For many years the edifice stood patiently like a sentinel awaiting the growth of its congregation and the coming of its peal of bells, but now both essentials are well in evidence, and the little difficulty hitherto has been how best to still the human tongue when loosened by the sounds of its wrought-iron companion.

On Sunday, April 9th, a simple yet beautiful little ceremony was undertaken by the Bishop of Kensington, when during the evening service a chancel screen was solemnly dedicated, the arrangements having been made by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Thompson, M.A.). The screen itself is a clever piece of handiwork in solid oak, richly carved, and is one more embellishment to a well-planned church, and will add to the war-time traditions of the Church of England in this parish. It was the thoughtful gift of Mr. F. H. Danger in memory of his wife. It was only natural that the churchwardens should wish to welcome the Bishop, to cheer the donor, and to summon the faithful by the special pealing of the bells, and this was arranged by Mr. William Lawrence, the tower warden, who assembled a team of members of the Middlesex County Association to do honour to the occasion, assisted by Mrs. Lawrence, who had prepared a previous cup in the Wimborne tea gardens.

A capital quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 47 mins., by: W. H. Lawrence 1, A. W. Davis (Kensington) 2, J. J. Parker (conductor) 3, W. H Fussell 4, J. J. Pratt 5, H. H. Chandler 6, A. Harding 7, J. A. Trollope 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—Landaff Association.—On Monday, April 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Page (conductor) 1, F. Lasbury 2, F. Wines 3, G. Cross 4, W. Page 5, G. Wines 6, J. Cross 7, T. Page 8.—On Thursday, April 6th, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Lasbury 1, F. Wines 2, B. Davies 3, H. Page 4, J. Cross 5, G. Wines 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MONDAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Monday, but, owing to the war having made heavy demands upon the members, it was not attended by such a large number as usual. However, those who were present made the most of the facilities which had been secured for them, and spent an enjoyable day. During the morning and afternoon the bells of St. Paul's Church a fine peal of ten by Taylor, were available, and in the afternoon the six at St. Peter's, also by Taylor, were at the disposal of members. At St. Paul's Church Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were rung, and at St. Peter's courses were rung in a variety of Surprise Minor Methods.

The annual dinner took place at St. Mary's School, the President (Canon W. W. C. Baker) being in the chair, and being supported by Mr. Edwin Ransom and Miss E. Steel (vice-presidents), Rev. A. Rust (hon. secretary and treasurer), Miss D. Steel, etc. After a substantial repast had been enjoyed the business meeting was held.

The Hon. Secretary presented the annual report, in which it was stated that the association still continued in its good work, although, owing to the war and to the fact so many of the members had joined the ranks of the army, it had been quite impossible to hold many meetings, and ringing in general had, of course, suffered, while the frequent visits of hostile airships had caused the authorities to put a stop to all ringing after sunset. During the year 1915, five peals had been rung, viz., one of Stedman Triples, one of Grandsire and three of Minor, and at St. Peter's Church eighty-four 720's in 59 different methods had been rung (applause). The report also placed on record the association's regret at the death of the Rev. Bernard Jealous, formerly an active member of the association.—The report was adopted on the motion of Mr E. Herbert, seconded by Mr. Lane.

The statement of accounts showed that the year was begun with a balance in hand of £21 3s. 9d. The receipts amounted to £8 18s. 11d., including subscriptions from eight honorary, 86 performing, and two non-resident members. The expenditure was £8 3s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand of £21 19s. 6d.—The accounts were adopted subject to audit.

DIFFICULT TIMES.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. E. Ransom, Canon Baker, who was one of the founders of the society, and who has filled all its offices, was re-elected President. In acknowledging his re-appointment, Canon Baker said he had seen the association grow from the very beginning, and he esteemed it a very high honour to be placed again in that position as president. He only regretted that owing to the circumstances of the time their endeavours to promote ringing were so very much circumscribed. The report had already alluded to the restrictions placed on ringing by the authorities, but even if that order were not in force, people were not in the mood just now to care for very much bell ringing. There was too much sorrow abroad, for people to want to hear bells rung. They must hope that brighter times would not be long in coming, and that they would soon be able to ring to their heart's content in celebration of peace (applause). As things were, he was sure they would do their best to keep ringing alive in their various centres. They knew it was not easy, for, he supposed, they were all in the same boat—men going off to serve their country. Their best wishes went with them for their safety and their happy return. In the meantime it limited their numbers, even on the few occasions they had for ringing, but they must do their best, and make possible a great revival in ringing in the country when better times came (applause).

The re-election of the vice-presidents, Mr. Charles Herbert, Mr. E. Ransom and Miss E. Steel was agreed to, and was acknowledged by Mr. Ransom.

The President proposed the re-election of the hon. secretary and treasurer, and referred to the excellent work which Mr. Rust had done. He had discharged his duties to the great benefit of the association and to the satisfaction of them all.—The Rev. A. Rust was unanimously re-elected, with thanks for his past services.

Mr. N. F. Tanqueray, of Woburn, who conducted the first 720 ever rung for the association, was re-appointed auditor, the President remarking that it was pleasing to keep his name in touch with the association as a reminder of a performance which was more thought of at that time than even a peal would be to-day.

A resolution of sympathy with the widow and family of Sir Arthur Heywood was passed, and the President's tribute will be found in another column.

The election of three members in towers was confirmed, and three new members were also elected.

Woburn was chosen as the place for the summer festival, at the end of June or the beginning of July, and failing Woburn, Aspley Guise and Husborne Crawley.

THE PRESIDENT'S LOSS.

Mr. Ransom made sympathetic reference to the loss which Canon and Mrs. Baker had sustained by the death of their son, Capt. Baker, who was killed in action. They had borne their share of the sacrifice which had been made in so many homes both high and low, but he was sure the members of that association would not like to part without turning their thoughts to Dunstable Rectory and the sacrifice of those who lived there.

The Hon Secretary also voiced the feeling of the members, whose sympathy went out to their President in the grievous loss he had sustained. He (the speaker) personally knew Capt. Baker from the time he was a small boy, and he was touched not long ago when speaking to a young fellow from his own village who was in the same regiment as Capt. Baker. This young soldier spoke of the splendid way Capt. Baker discharged his duties at the time he made the great sacrifice of his life. All the members of that association felt most deeply with Canon Baker in his loss, but it must be some little consolation to him to know that on the word of a private soldier he was certainly the most popular, and, probably, the most efficient officer in the regiment (hear, hear).

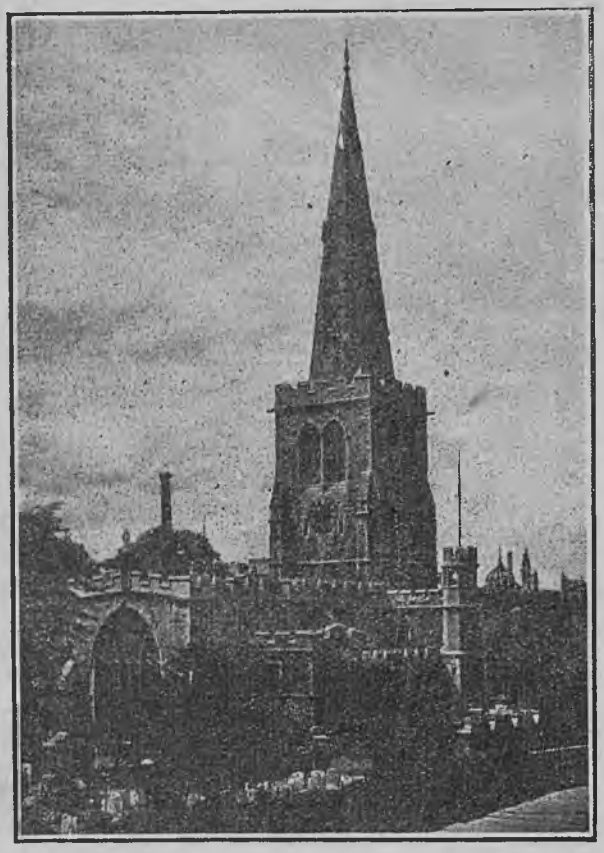
Canon Baker said he was deeply touched by the feeling expressions of sympathy which had just been made. It was a terrible blow and loss both to Mrs. Baker and himself. It also had been a great consolation to know that their son died doing his duty, and that, from the letters that had been received from his Brigadier and his Colonel, he always did his best. One felt there were so many other homes in the country that had given their dearest and best, and that his own was but one of a great multitude. Nevertheless he thanked the members very much for their kind sympathy.

It was decided not to print the annual report of the association in its usual form this year, but only to circulate among the towers the copy of the report and balance sheet presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the room, and to the Vicar of St. Paul's and the Rector of St. Peter's for the use of the bells at their respective churches.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary, and carried, and concluded the business.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEDFORD.

This fine church, with its splendid peal of ten bells, is the pride of the town of Bedford, and was the rendezvous of those ringers who visited the county town for the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association on Monday. A band of Cumberland Youths opened the original peal of eight in the year 1761, their expenses on that occasion being defrayed out of the public purse. The present peal are by Taylor.



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest the correspondence on the above subject, and trust that something good may come out of it all. The real question seems to be, does the Central Council really represent the general body of ringers, or, to come nearer to the point, is the Central Council any good? On the one hand there are a number of ringers—quite a large number I am afraid—who are of the opinion that the work of the Council does not justify its existence. On the other hand, members of the Council complain that the general body of ringers do not take sufficient interest in the doings of the Council.

There is a good deal to be said from both points of view, and may I, as one of the rank and file have a word or two? One fact stands out very clearly, we hardly ever hear Central Council matters discussed at an association meeting. I remember attending a large association meeting a few years back, and suggesting that the representatives should bring back a personal report, but was met with a rather hostile reception on the ground that the report in the Press was sufficient. I now throw out a suggestion that the agenda should be sent out as soon as possible, and that associations should hold a general meeting immediately before the Central Council meeting, so that the agenda could be gone through. This might give the representatives some idea as to the best way they could look after the interests of their own associations.

One more point; we are not all experts, so let the Council give us something we can talk about. For example, at the last meeting there was down for discussion the rising and falling of bells in peal. I don't think anything has such a beautiful effect as the ceasing of a peal of bells when carried out in an efficient manner, yet this subject was squeezed out by matter which, I venture to think, was not read through by 75 per cent. of the Exercise. No, if the Central Council desire more interest to be taken in their work, then they will have to give a little more of their time to those things which we of the rank and file can read, mark, learn and inwardly digest. Yours faithfully,

HERBERT LUDKIN.

Birkenhead.

CELEBRATED PEALS OF THE PAST.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the earliest long lengths Treble Bob Major, for it was on April 28th, 1800, that the Cumberland Youths scored a 10,112 in the Oxford variation, and the performance is recorded in the following terms in the society's peal book.

"Unrivalled in the annals of Campanistanean fame, to the honour of Mr. George Gross, whose merit cannot too much be said for composing and calling a complete peal of 10,112 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, which was rung by this society on Monday, April 28th, 1800, in 6 hrs. and 29 mins., at All Saint's, Edmonton, by: George Gross 1, George Gross, jun., 2, James Nash 3, Thomas Reeves 4, John Hints 5 James Barnard 6, Samuel Cowling 7, William Stephens 8."

Yesterday, the 27th, was the anniversary of three interesting performances, the foremost of which was the celebrated 15,840 of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by College Youths at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, in 9 hrs. 12 mins., in the year 1868. One veteran of that band alone survives, Mr. Ted Horrex, who, despite his years, is still able to follow the art to which he has so long been devoted. We are now approaching the jubilee of that performance, and we trust Mr. Horrex will be spared to take part in a fitting celebration of the event.

Another anniversary which falls on this date is that of the 8896 Treble Bob Major (then the longest length with the tenors together), rung in 1876 in St. Ann's, Highgate, by the Cumberland Youths, and in which peal the late Mr. Dains took part, and the sole survivor of which band, we believe, is now Mr. E. Gibbs.

It was on April 27th also, in the year 1861, that the College Youths rang a peal of 8580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill. It was the first peal in the method on the bells, and the longest in the method at that time. The late Mr. Matt. Wood was, we believe, the last of that famous band.

THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

Special permission having been granted, the peal of Stedman Cinques recorded elsewhere in this issue, was arranged and rung to celebrate the silver-wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Little, who kindly invited the band to tea, at the Lamb Hotel, at the conclusion of the performance. After tea, songs were ably rendered by Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. S. Grove, accompanied on the piano by Mr. A. Walker. Touches of Stedman Caters and Triples were rung on the handbells—a touch in the latter being composed and conducted by the custodian of Bishop Ryder's.—Mr. Jas. George, in moving a vote of thanks to the donors, expressed the feelings of the assembly when he said he hoped that Mr. Little would soon be restored to health, and be able to ring many more peals (a Voice: "One of 20,000, which the Master of the Warwickshire Guild is trying to arrange"), and that he and Mrs. Little would live to celebrate their golden wedding.—Mr. J. E. Groves seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.—In his brief reply Mr. Little thanked the company for their presence.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcestershire Association.—At St. Matthia's Church, on Sunday, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): F. Bryan 1, E. Gibbs 2, F. Stanton 3, E. E. Barber 4, H. Chance 5, C. Camm 6, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 7, A. Richings 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HORBURY, YORKS. — At SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, on Saturday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1248 changes), also 756 Stedman Triples: W. H. Mitchell 1, G. F. Pickles 2, G. Hunt 3, T. R. Hensher 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8. Rung with bells deeply muffled as a last token of loving regard to the late Rev. J. G. W. Love, M.A., Vicar of the parish, who died suddenly on April 5th, and was interred on the above date.

QUORNDON.—St. Margaret's, Leicester, Society. — On Saturday, April 8th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Thurstans' 1008 Grandsire Triples: E. Smith 1, E. E. Smith 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, B. Kirby 5, A. Peach 6, J. Morris 7, F. Sharman 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's Parish Church, for evening service, April 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Coles 1, V. Batley 2, S. Wright 3, F. Davies 4, S. Vaughan 5, F. Dainty 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): C. Sampson 1, E. S. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, E. H. Bailey 7, J. Titterton 8.—On April 2nd, for morning service, 1024 Superlative Surprise; for evening service, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, C. F. Bailey 3, G. Wilson 4, J. M. Bailey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. H. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, April 16th, 1152 Double Norwich Major: W. W. Bailey 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. H. Bailey 8. For evening service, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, for evensong, on April 9th, 672 Bob Triples: E. Franklin, junr., 1, E. Franklin, senr., 2, Canon W. W. C. Baker 3, C. King, junr., 4, F. Baldock 5, G. Heley 6, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 7, C. King, senr., 8. Rung as a farewell to C. King, who joined His Majesty's Forces on April 12th, under the group system, and who has been drafted into the 4th Essex Regiment.

LONDON.—On April 16th, at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1251 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Truss 1, W. Hewitt 2, R. W. Green 3, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 4, A. Neale 5, I. Emery 6, E. Andrews 7, R. Sanders 8, A. C. Hardy 9, G. Barrell 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John 's Church, on April 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1323 changes), composed by James George. Rung on the 35th anniversary of the birthday of the conductor, Mr. E. Hancox: W. H. Fussell 1, Geo. H. Guttridge 2, J. J. Pratt 3, W. Henley 4, P. Jones 5, W. Welling 6, E. Hancox 7, W. Lawrence 8, J. A. Trollope 9, A. Harding 10.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, April 9th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Coles 1, V. Butler 2, S. Wright 3, F. Davis 4, T. Vaughan 5, F. Dainty 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, R. Gamble 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, in 48 mins., Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Jones 1, W. H. Jones 2, W. Seaton 3, J. Hopkin 4, A. Cartwright 5, M. J. Morris 6, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 7, C. Allen 8.

NEWCHURCH, LANCS.—On Sunday evening, April 9th, at St. Nicolas' Church, Newchurch, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Taylor 1, E. Taylor (Haslingden) 2, S. Lord 3, O. Castwood 4, J. Kay (Haslingden) 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. F. Webb 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, J. Porter 3, J. George (conductor) 4, G. Chaplin (Tamworth) 5, W. H. George 6, J. B. Collett 7, G. Taylor 8. For evening service, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. B. Collett 1, J. E. Groves (conductor) 2, A. Walker 3, S. Grove 4, J. Wells 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, W. H. George 7, J. George 8. Mr. W. H. George, of Eastleigh, brother of Mr. James George, was on a visit to Birmingham.

TRING, HERTS. — On Sunday evening, April 2nd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Fitkin 1, F. Reeve 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Tomkins 4, H. Heley 5, Pte. R. Kendall (5th Bedford Regiment) 6, Pte. H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment), conductor, 7, W. Redman 8.—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples: F. Fitkin 1, F. Reeve 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Tomkins 4, J. Bull 5, Pte. H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment), conductor, 6, H. Heley 7, W. Redman 8. Rung as a farewell to Pte. H. F. Cooper, who was leaving the district the following day.

THE LATE MR. HENRY DAINS.

Mrs. Dains desires to express her sincere thanks to the numerous friends who have extended their sympathy to her in the loss of her husband.

On Monday a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung in Mr. Dains' memory at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

In our memoir of Mr. Dains we attributed New Cumberland Surprise to him. This was an error. The method was produced by the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

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DEATH OF SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

CLOSE OF A STRENUOUS AND NOBLE LIFE.

HIS GREAT SERVICES TO RINGING.

Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., passed peacefully away at his residence, Duffield Bank, Derby, on Wednesday of last week, at the age of 66 years.

This intimation will come as a shock to the Exercise, throughout which the deepest regret will be felt at the loss of one who has done so much good work for the art of change ringing, and who for so long has occupied the foremost position in its counsels.

His interest in bells extended from childhood, and in the early eighties he seriously took up ringing. He applied himself to the art with the assiduity characteristic of all he undertook, and very soon he became one of the leading experts in the theory and technicalities of ringing, and all things appertaining to bells. His services in connection with the engineering problems of bell hanging have been invaluable, his scientific and practical knowledge having been placed without reserve at the disposal of authorities, and his services in this direction were brought, as it were, to a culminating point, when less than two years ago he published an important treatise, principally as an appeal to architects, on the subject of "Bell Towers and Bell Hanging."

The older members of the Exercise will remember him as an eminent ringer and conductor, while as an investigator and composer his name will ever remain associated with the art. His researches in regard to Stedman were exhaustive, and form a valuable part of the appendix to the only important work on the method which we have, the volume published in the Snowdon series.

Several other methods also received his attention, notably Double Norwich, and what we at present know as New Cambridge Surprise, while he it was who gave us "Duffield"—a method originally intended for ten and twelve bells, but which he applied also to eight. He was the author of numerous peals in a variety of methods and his connection with this side of ringing was not the least important part of the work which he did for the Exercise. His name, however, will probably be longest associated with his notable transposition of Thurstans' famous peal of Stedman, although he was the first to produce a ten-part peal in the method. This was in 1890, and a few days after achieving this important success, which was the result of many months of labour, obtained three, four and six-part peals. His work in this method was done in conjunction with the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (the first hon. secretary of the Central Council), and Mr. W. H. Thompson, and the volume of which this now forms a part is the standard authority upon a deeply engrossing if difficult subject.

PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Few except those who were acquainted at the time with Sir Arthur's labours realise what he did for the art in those days when progress was showing itself to the most marked degree; when associations were springing up all over the country, and when men of intellect were striving to settle many of the problems that had for generations only been realised in a vague sort of way by ringers and composers. Sir Arthur, or Mr. Heywood as he then was, was a great enthusiast and a great worker, and the Exercise owes him a debt which few, to-day, really appreciate, because in recent years, owing to the other claims upon his time he did not associate himself so actively with ringing matters as at one time he did.

To the present generation, of course, he is best known for his association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. He founded this body in 1890, and was its first and only president. At every triennial period he was re-elected without opposition, the confidence thus displayed by the members being highly valued by him. For a period of over a quarter of a century he has thus directed the energies of this body which he had created and which, though oft criticised, has during its life rendered useful service to ringing in very many ways. Sir Arthur was elected to the office last year for the ninth time, and it is somewhat pathetic to recall what he said on taking the chair. "I confess," he said, "that I feel it a very great honour to be elected President again, but at the same time I feel I am getting considerably older and I keep looking round to see who, by-and-bye, before I become incapable, there will be to take my place, because when you get, as I am, nearer 70 than 60 you begin to think the time is not very far off when, if you are to retire from your work with honour, there may, perhaps, not be many more years before you in office." Sir Arthur has died in harness, and his term of office has, we think, ended in the way he himself would have wished. It is rather a curious coincidence that it had been decided that the Council should not meet this year, but when it does there will be a difficult task before the members to fill a vacancy which has been held so long by such a masterful personality.

HIS CONNECTION WITH OTHER RINGING ORGANISATIONS.

Sir Arthur Heywood's association with change ringing really began in 1883, and in 1884 he was elected a member of the Midland Counties Association, of which he became President. This position he occupied for many years up to the time of his death, and it was with this association that Sir Arthur did the greater amount of his peal ringing, no fewer than 135 of his peals being with the M.C.A. Of this number 104 were rung in Duffield belfry, and 88 of these were conducted by him. Sir Arthur was also a member of the College Youths, at whose gatherings he was always a welcome guest, as he was also at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham, over which he several times presided. Indeed it was out of Sir Arthur's generous initiative in giving a dinner in honour of the Birmingham veteran's 80th birthday that this annual event grew until it forms to-day the principal social event of the year among provincial ringers. On another occasion, also, Sir Arthur drew round the social board a gathering of the lights of the Exercise, when, in celebration of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's one thousandth peal, he entertained a large company in London. The last public function connected with ringing which Sir Arthur attended was the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association last year, when he made the presentation on the behalf of the members to the Rev. H. J. Elsee on the completion of his 25 years of office as President of the Association. Sir Arthur was an old member of this society, as well as of the Yorkshire Association, and among the other organisations to which he belonged were the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the London County Association (formerly the St. James' Society).

Sir Arthur Heywood was one of the band of ringers selected as representative of the whole Exercise, that opened the peal of ten bells at the Imperial Institute in 1893. It was a touch of 50 changes of Stedman Caters, arranged by Sir Arthur, and rung by: C. H. Hattersley 1, G. Newson 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. P. Heywood 4, H. Baker 5, J. W. Washbrook 6, W. L. Catchpole 7, G. F. Coleridge 8. J. W. Taylor 9, F. G Newman 10.

AT DUFFIELD.

MUNIFICENT GIFTS TO THE CHURCH.

The name of Arthur Percival Heywood will long be held in honoured and affectionate remembrance in the village of Duffield. Duffield Bank was the home he chose on his marriage, and here 44 years ago he brought his young bride. During this long period he has been in the fore-front of every good work for the welfare of the village and district. Of his wider activities in many directions—as a member of the Representative House of Laymen; on behalf of the Derby Royal Infirmary, and other charitable institutions; as a magistrate who entered thoroughly into the public work of the county: as an eminent engineer and a pioneer in demonstrating the usefulness of light railways—much will be written.

In Duffield, where his life of usefulness has just closed, he will be best remembered as a Christian gentleman of high character and sense of duty, a devout and earnest Churchman, a kind and genial friend, always accessible, ever-ready and willing to help with wise counsel and generous gifts.

From the first he showed his interest in campanology, and took his place as a regular ringer in the belfry of Duffield Church. In the year 1884 the six bells were recast, and a full peal of eight hung, mainly through Sir Arthur (then Mr.) Heywood's exertions and generosity. Three years later, as a jubilee offering, he presented two additional bells, making a ring of ten in all, which are justly admired for their sweet and well-balanced tone. The records of peals hanging in the belfry testify to his skill as a ringer; and his lasting interest in the Duffield company of change ringers is shown by the fact that he endowed the belfry with a sufficient sum to pay the salary of the ringers, and to provide for keeping the bells and ringing chamber in order for all time without any drain on the churchwardens' funds.

The munificence of Sir Arthur and Lady Heywood has also left a lasting memorial in the beautifully restored interior of Duffield Church. For many years there had been a growing feeling that the internal fittings of the church were not only altogether too poor for an edifice of much architectural beauty and interest, but also inadequate to the dignified performance of divine service. In the year 1896 Sir Arthur Heywood, who had been for some time the Vicar's warden, obtained the services of an eminent architect, Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, who prepared plans for the restoration of the interior of the church necessitating an expenditure of over £4,000. This seemed to many a most formidable sum for a village to raise, but when Sir Arthur announced that he and Lady Heywood were prepared to defray one-half of the total cost, such an impetus was given to the project that enabled the whole of the work to be carried out without any curtailment of the plans, and eighteen months afterwards the restored and beautified church was re-opened to the delight of the parishioners who had ably and freely supported the generous lead given by Sir Arthur and Lady Heywood.

During recent years Sir Arthur Heywood has resided chiefly at his Staffordshire seat, Doveleys.

This year, as usual, he came intending to spend Easter at Duffield Bank, and only three Sundays since he was in his accustomed place in church, though acting on the advice of his physician he abstained from his old habit of ringing for service. It was known that his health was not good, but few thought that in so short a time he would pass away from his earthly activities in the home of his early manhood and within sight and sound of the church he loved so well. Requiescat in pace!

J. B.

A LIFE OF GREAT ACTIVITY.

THE DEAD BARONET'S SERVICES TO HIS COUNTY.

Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., was the son of the second baronet, Sir Thomas Percival Heywood, and was born in the year 1849. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and gained his B.A. in 1871, and his M.A. in 1875. In 1872 Sir Arthur was married to Margaret Effie, eldest daughter of the Right Rev. George Hy. Sumner, formerly Bishop of Guildford, and grand-daughter of Bishop Sumner, so long Bishop of Winchester, now generally spoken of as "the last Prince Bishop' of the English Church. The late Sir Arthur had always been keenly interested in religious and philanthropic movements. For many years he took an active and generous interest in the splendid work of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. He was a member of the Weekly Board, and had continued his association with it uninterruptedly, giving valuable advice and assistance to his colleagues on various matters concerning the administration and welfare of the institution. He was deputy-chairman of the Board, as well as chairman of the Special Appeal Committee. He also served as President of the institution in 1895.

Sir Arthur qualified as a magistrate for the county of Derby at the January Sessions in 1872, and frequently attended the Quarter Sessions prior to county business being handed over to the County Council. In 1899 he was Sheriff of Derbyshire. He was also a J.P. and Deputy Lieutenant for Staffordshire.

A PIONEER OF LIGHT RAILWAYS.

He showed much energy in his endeavour to improve the position of agriculturists by the development of light railways, a much admired system of which he constructed in his grounds at Duffield Bank, whilst he also constructed a light railway four miles in length for the late Duke of Westminster at Eaton Hall, Chester. Duffield Bank, which is beautifully situated on the hills overlooking the valley through which the river Derwent runs at Duffield, was his Derbyshire residence, Doveleys was his Staffordshire seat, and his other residence was Claremont, Manchester, whilst his clubs were the Athenæum and Royal Societies. The light railway which Sir Arthur Heywood constructed at Duffield Bank, and which many ringers to Duffield have inspected with interest, was entirely made in his own workshop, engines, carriages, signalling apparatus, etc., all being produced on the spot, as it were. The construction of this novel line was commenced in 1874, and in 1881, when the Royal Agricultural Society was held at Derby, visitors were invited to run over to Duffield and see for themselves the line working. Since then, Sir Arthur has frequently thrown the line open for inspection. The railway is of fifteen inch gauge, but this is by no means the smallest that Sir Arthur put down, one constructed for some friends being only a nine inch gauge. In an excellent little pamphlet upon the construction of the Duffield Bank line, Sir Arthur wrote that feeling convinced of the eventual recognition of the utility of small lines, he took some pains to become acquainted with what had been already achieved in this direction, with the result that, excepting only the Festiniog Railway, where every detail was ably worked out by the late Mr. Spooner, he found generally both road and rolling stock as constructed were toy imitations of the standard gauge, and showing a want of apprehension of the totally different conditions to be satisfied. To endeavour to solve the various problems involved in the successful design of the engines, carriages and roadway of narrow gauge was, therefore, the main object of his little railway. The chief ends in view could be divided into two sections, first the application of such lines to agricultural and commercial purposes, and next to the requirements of military transport in countries devoid of roads, the latter a matter which some years ago engaged the attention of the Royal Engineers, with whom he had at that time frequent intercourse on the subject. A further aim he had in view was to learn something more of certain problems concerning adhesion and friction on light railways.

GIFTS OF BELLS.

Duffield Parish Church owes much to the late Sir Arthur's beneficence, and as an ardent bell ringer he was the means of the church being supplied with a fine peal of bells, of which the village is justly proud.

In addition to his gift of bells at Duffield, Sir Arthur, who used with pride to call himself a Lancashire man, was the generous donor of the present peal of eight at St. John's Church, Miles Platting, Manchester. In 1872 a peal of six was put into the tower, but the structure shook so badly that, in 1912, it had to be repaired and strengthened. While this work was being done, Sir Arthur generously offered to have the bells recast and increased to eight, and rehung in a new iron frame. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the tenor being just over 12 cwt.

He was for many years a churchwarden and sidesman of Duffield Parish Church. Among other offices which he held were that of chairman of the Standing Joint Committee of the County, which has entire control of the police and the management of the county buildings. He was also a member of the House of Laymen for the Province of Canterbury, representing the diocese of Southwell for many years. Furthermore, he was always associated with every object for the public good, and his hearty sympathy and genial personality endeared him to all classes of the community, and he will be greatly missed in the parish. Sir Arthur has left a numerous family, and his heir, born in 1878, is Major Graham P. Heywood, barrister-at-law, who is serving with the Staffordshire Yeomanry, and was wounded early in the war.

Sir Arthur Heywood's father, the late Sir Percival Heywood, was one of the little band of earnest churchmen who helped to found the Denstone College. He gave the site, and his portrait painted by Herkomer, hangs in the hall. The family trace their descent back to John Heywood, who in the 16th century lived at Bolton, in Lancashire, and belonged to a younger branch of the Heywoods of Heywood, to whom, in the 12th century, Adam de Bungo granted lands in Heywood. As bankers in Manchester the family acquired both wealth and distinction.

SIR ARTHUR'S NOBLE EXAMPLE.

SPECIAL MEMOIR BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Having been asked to write a short "appreciation" of Sir Arthur Heywood, I need not say with what a full heart I try to do so. In one respect there is no difficulty in the task. The material is abundant. Indeed, in speaking of a character of such power, with interests so varied, the difficulty is not to find something to say, but where to stop. Whether we think of him as a man of deep earnestness in religion, a faithful and devoted son of the Church, or as an exceedingly able engineer or architect, or as a devotee of the science of ringing, or as a practical conductor and ringer, or again as taking a leading part in the general business of the county and neighbourhood in which he lived, we find the same sense of duty, the same thoroughness, the same grasp of details, the same sane and sound judgment—all these we find as invariable features of his treatment of every question which he handled.

His religion was real and deep, both at home and elsewhere. There was that in the tone and atmosphere of family prayers at Duffield or Doveleys—he was always, as should be, the priest in his own house—that made one feel the reality of it. It was no mere conformity to a rule of respectability, but was meant by him to be a spiritual act of united household worship. As a parishioner his principle was the same. A regular worshipper, a regular communicant, he was a strong pillar of the Church. A clergyman can but seldom be away from home on a Sunday, but I remember spending a Sunday many years ago at Duffield, and being deeply impressed by the spirit of true loyalty to his parish church and parish priest, pervading Sir Arthur (then Mr.) Heywood, and by his attention and devotion, which were a sermon in themselves. It was, too, as part of his religion that he regarded his Sunday ringing. Since his father's death, when the burden of position and its accompanying duties and responsibilities, coupled also with the management of the property, fell on his shoulders, he had practically given up peal ringing, but none of these things was ever allowed to interfere with ringing for service on Sunday, which, as I was told by one of the Duffield band on Saturday last, he kept up till the end. It was amusing, said my informant, to see him occasionally running into the churchyard at the last moment, for if he were late they promptly fined him 2d.! It is needless to add that his churchmanship was far from being of that petty and insular type that confines itself to its own parish or to some other equally narrow horizon. On the Diocesan Conference, and in the House of Laymen his presence will be missed. His death is a distinct loss to the whole Church.

SECULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Coming to speak of his secular tastes and accomplishments, he was perhaps most widely known as an engineer. Possessed of ample means, he erected extensive shops as an annexe to his house at Duffield Bank. In these were made the engines and rolling stock, and, so at least I think, the rails and other requisites for the narrow-gauge railway which he constructed in the wood on the side of the hill behind the house. The width of the gauge was, if I remember aright 15 inches, and the whole must have cost thousands of pounds. But do not let anyone for a moment suppose that all this expenditure of time and money was for mere selfish amusement. Certainly it afforded him the keenest interest and pleasure. But its primary object was that of the investigation of the capabilities and limitations of light railways, and it is in no small measure due to him and to the invaluable knowledge and experience which he thereby gained, that light railways occupy the position which they now hold. He built a light railway at Eaton for the late Duke of Westminster, which to this day, so far as I know, is still doing good work on the estate. Several months ago he wrote to me from Duffield saying that he was engaged in getting things in trim there with a view to closing the shops and parting with the house, and as it was there that he died, I presume that he had gone thither for some later stage of the same business. In connection with the Duffield Bank Railway, one of his pleasures was to invite parties of employes of the Midland Railway Company from Derby and the district to spend an afternoon in his breezy woods with their beautiful outlook, and to inspect his railway and make a practical trial of it.

But he was not only an engineer. He was also, at least to a great extent, his own architect. Admiring the dining-room at Doveleys, I asked who had been the architect, and was interested, though not much surprised, to learn that he himself had designed it. It need not be added that all the admirable plans and arrangements of the

house, workshops and offices there were his own. The whole of the premises there are a lesson in tidiness, method, and efficiency.

HIS SERVICES TO RINGING.

It might be expected that in writing, as I am, to a ringing paper I should dwell with special emphasis and fulness on the notable and eminent services which Sir Arthur Heywood has rendered to our favourite science. But that is precisely what I do not propose to do for the very simple reason that my readers know them already, and that I have not such a poor estimate of their feelings of gratitude as to suppose that they need to be reminded of them. Suffice it, therefore, for the present to name his valuable contributions to our knowledge of Stedman, and in particular to the conditions underlying the composition of twin-bob peals of Triples in that method.

The great advancement with which his name will ever be connected will, it almost goes without saying, be that of the inception and inauguration of the Central Council. Some correspondents of the ringing papers of those days had suggested the formation of a National Association, but his clear judgment at once saw the impracticability of such a scheme, and he suggested the formation of a Central Council, of which, as we all know, he was the President to the day of his death. To the Council his loss in incalculable. For myself I feel like a ship without an anchor. With that sound judgment and grasp of the situation, of which I have already spoken, he has guided the deliberations and work of the Council with unfailing skill, and has preserved it from many a pitfall into which it has been invited to trip by well-meaning but, as I firmly hold, mistaken people.

I could go on writing for a good while longer, but I suddenly find that post time is much nearer than I thought. I must, therefore, conclude almost immediately. But this I cannot do without expressing the deep grief which I, and I am sure many hundreds of other ringers feel at the loss of such a friend. Not only by his position and influence and the power of his personal character did he win for ringing in the eyes of ecclesiastical and other authorities a position which, in all human probability, it would not otherwise have obtained, but he has left behind him a sheaf of memories full of happiness, of kind-hearted actions innumerable, and above all a noble example of fulfillment of the injunction: " Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

CANON PAPILLON'S RECOLLECTIONS.

Asked to pen a few lines concerning Sir Arthur, Canon T. L. Papillon, writes:—

My acquaintance with him has been limited to our intercourse at meetings of the Central Council, and, latterly, at the Athenæum Club in London. I never saw him at his Derbyshire home, nor did I know much of his life as county gentleman and magistrate. But his genial hospitality to myself and others at Council meetings in London, Manchester and elsewhere, remains a pleasant memory. A wealthy man, without " side " or patronising display; a keen and loyal Churchman, free from bigotry and narrowness; a competent chairman, liking (as most competent chairmen do) to have his own way, but tolerant of divergent opinions, and almost too lenient to irrelevance and loquacity; obviously animated by a single-hearted zeal for the interests of the ringing Exercise, in which he was himself so distinguished an expert; a genial companion, a staunch ally, and a man of stainless honour—such are my impressions of personal acquaintance, all too slight, with our late president. Of what he has been to the cause of change ringing and to the Central Council, of which he was the original founder, and " guide, philosopher and friend," others can speak better than I can. If any members have really wanted a change of president, their wish can now be gratified. But every one, I think, will feel that not the Council alone, but the whole Exercise, is the poorer for Sir Arthur Heywood's departure. Multis ille bonis flebilis occidit (" To many good men his death brings sorrow ").

THE FUNERAL.

A SIMPLE SERVICE.

The interment took place on Saturday afternoon at Denston, the parish in which Sir Arthur's seat at Doveleys, was situated. The last rites, which were conducted by the Bishop of Derby (Canon Abraham), were of a most simple character, and the service in the church of very short duration, the Bishop giving no address. Sir Arthur was a devout Churchman, and he chose as his last resting place a quiet spot in Denstone Churchyard, which adjoins the highway and which is a particularly well-kept and well-ordered enclosure. Brightened up by the April sunshine in between the inevitable showers, the churchyard looked a very peaceful place.

The cortege left Doveleys, which is situated a mile and a half from the church, about 2 o'clock, and was met at the gates of the drive by a large number of Home Guards under the command of Mr. A. R. Wood. One of the last generous acts of Sir Arthur was to present the Home Guards with 50 rifles. The police also figured largely at the funeral, as was natural from the fact that Sir Arthur held the important office for a number of years of chairman of the Derbyshire Standing Joint Committee. Capt. Holland (Chief Constable of the county) was absent through illness, and Supt. Davies (Ashbourne) walked at the head of the procession, representing the Derbyshire police, along with Supt. Hodkinson, of the Staffordshire force. Behind the police and Home Guards came the coffin hidden by a mountain of wreaths and floral tokens, being testimony to the widespread esteem and respect in which the deceased baronet was held. The thought struck one that Sir Arthur will be a much missed man. Last of all came one carriage, which was sufficient for the immediate mourners attending from Doveleys.

At the graveside were gathered mourners drawn from a wide area, residents of Duffield being well represented. The clergy present, beside the Bishop of Derby, were: Hon. and Rev. Canon Grimston, Revs. C. D. Rae., R.D., of Leigh, Provost Talbot (Denstone) F. J. Rottesley (Vicar of Denstone), F. W. Eddison (Duffield), E. H. Birley (Ellastone), C. F. L. Barnwell (Stramshall), A. Bodington, and H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers, the Revs. Provost Talbot, C. D. Rae, F. W. Eddison and F. J. Rottesley, assisted the bishop in the ceremony.

Sir Arthur's connection with ringing was emphasised at his funeral by the presence of other campanologists and the receipt of several wreaths from those interested in the science, who counted the deceased baronet as a friend. Numerous lay mourners who were brother churchmen of the deceased baronet were among those in attendance. There were at the church Major-General Jeudwine and Mrs. Jeudwine, Mrs. B. P. C. Heywood, Mr. A. F. Dawson, the Hon. Mrs. Dawson, Colonel J. Cavendish, Major A. C. Duncan (Calwich Abbey), Major J. J. Meynell, Mr. G. Wheeler (representing the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, Wootton Hall), Dr. Covey (Ellastone), Dr. Morrison (Duffield), Mr. J. W. Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. H. Boden (Denstone), Mr. W. H. Mason (member of the Woodard School Corporation), Mr. J. M. Bond, J.P. (chairman of the Ashbourne magistrates), Mr. W. H. Oldham, J.P., Mr. Arthur Cox, Mr. F. Wright, Mr. W. Bould, Mr. S. Wright, and Mr. J. Bland (Duffield). The Derbyshire Royal Infirmary was represented by Mr. Collier Green and the secretary (Mr. E. Forster).

As indicated, the service in church was of a brief character, the hymns used being: "Thine for ever, God of Love," and "On the resurrection morning." The procession was re-formed and the body committed to the grave, which was close to the church porch, being lined with flowers and foliage. The plain oak coffin, with brass mountings, bore the inscription on the breast plate: " Arthur Percival Heywood, third baronet; born December 25th, 1849; died April 19th, 1916."

Wreaths and floral emblems were received from the following: The sons and daughters, Aunt Sophie and Eileen Gerald and May, Betty and Cissy, Mrs. Bertram C. P. Heywood, Mr. Chas. J. Heywood, Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Strutt, Mrs. Hugh and Miss Margaret Jeudwine, Mrs. Bertram Arkwright, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Arkwright, Isabel M. Lyth, Colonel and Miss Rixlawson, Colonel and Miss Buchanan, Robert and Gertrude Grimston, Herbert O. Moore and Florence Devenish Moores, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwardes (Denstone College), Mrs. Campbell, Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Eddison (Duffield), Rev. H. and Mrs. H. I. Rees-Mogg, Dr. and Mrs. Covey (Ellastone), Miss E. Levett, Mr. and Mrs. Wright and family (Duffield), Messrs. E. Denison Taylor and John W. Taylor (Loughborough), Messrs. Thos. Brindley and F. B. Waltho, Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey (London), Mr. and Mrs. R. Abell (Duffield), Mr. Reginald Gurney (The Close, Winchester), Weekly Board of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, matron and nurses Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, widow and family of the late Mr. William Midgley (for 30 years engineer to Sir Arthur Heywood), Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers, Duffield Change Ringers, parishioners of Denstone, parishioners of Duffield, the Belgian Refugees, Light Oaks, La Colonie d'Oakwood, household at Claremont, indoor and outdoor employes, Duffield Bank, the outdoor staff, farm and laundry at Doveleys.

A memorial service was held at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary simultaneously with the interment at Denstone. There were present the members of the Board and the medical staff, the matron, sisters and nurses, and residents of the hospital. The Rev. A. T. Humphreys (Vicar of St. John's), chaplain, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Canon Hamilton and Rev. J. Howell, a former chaplain. An earnest and impressive address was given by the Rev. Canon Hamilton.

Muffled peals to the memory of the deceased baronet have been rung at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham; Walsall, Staveley, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and the records of these will be found in another column.

BEDS ASSOCIATION'S SYMPATHY.

At the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association on Monday, the President (Canon Baker) said they had seen with the greatest regret the announcement of the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, who had been president of the Central Council since its commencement. He did not think anyone who had not been a member of the Council could know the debt which the church bell ringers of England owed to Sir Arthur. He (Canon Baker) could speak not only as a member of the Council from the beginning, but as a personal friend of the president. When he was a young curate at Nottingham, Sir Arthur was exceedingly kind to him, and that kindness had been continued throughout the years that had passed since then. It was with the greatest grief that he saw the announcement of his death. But beyond the personal loss, there was the loss which the Exercise at large had sustained. This loss was a very grievous one, because Sir Arthur Heywood was

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NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weare, near Axbridge, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Somerset.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting April 29th, 1916, at Newport, Salop. Ringing 3 o'clock. Belfry prayers 4 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting after tea. Please reply before April 26th to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, late the St. James' Society (Established 1824).—The annual general meeting will be held on the Saturday following Easter, April 29th, at the headquarters, "The Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., at 6 p.m.—T. H. Taffender, Master, for hon. secretary, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m. till dusk. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton to-morrow, Saturday, April 29th. Tower open 4.0 p.m. to dusk. Will members kindly note and attend in full numbers.—C. D. Potter, Rhodes Villa, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on May 4th and 18th for handbell practice, and on the 9th and 23rd for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

LEEDS & DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 6th, 1916. Bells available from 5.0 p.m., business meeting at 7.0 p.m.—William Barton, Secretary, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 3.0 p.m. till dusk, meeting to follow.—W. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary s, Walthamstow, on Saturday, May 6th, at 2.30. Tea at Nag's Head, 9d. per head, to those who notify me by May 2nd. Specially important meeting on Saturday, April 29th, at St. Martin's at 3 o'clock. — H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday May 6th. Bells available at 3. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. T. G. Swindell, D.D.) at 5.15. Tea (1s.) in the Schoolroom at 6. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 2nd.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10 bells) on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m.; short service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.45. Business meeting after. The secretary would like to know not later than May 1st of any members from other districts intending to be present, to whom he offers a hearty welcome.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Kettering District will be held at Gretton on May 6th. Bells (5) open 3 o'clock.—R. F. Turner, District Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on May 13th at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin (Vicar), at St. John's, Sidcup (three minutes from 'bus terminus) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Vicar at 5.0 p.m. Tea (9d. per head) and business meeting in St. John's Hall, to follow the service. It is particularly requested that those who require tea send their names to me not later than Tuesday, May 9th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 18th annual general meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 13th. Service at 6 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. W. Halliday Thompson, B.A.) Tea in the Parish Hall at 6.30 by the kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. *This invitation is only to be extended to those who inform* Mr. W. Lawrence, 24, Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, by Wednesday, May 10th, of their intention to be present, and to prevent disappointment members should send in their acceptance of the invitation by post as soon as possible. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 4 to 6 p.m.; St. Mary's, Ealing, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Nearest stations, Ealing Broadway (District) and West Ealing (G.W.) Middlesex Council car to Northfield Road (for St. Stephen's Church). Buses from the City to Ealing Broadway.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Hon. Secretaries.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th. Meat tea at The Criterion, West Street, at 4 o'clock. Tickets 1s. 9d. (to members, 9d.) Service at St. Nicholas at 6. Preacher, Rev. H. H. Horden, Rector. Bells of St. Peter's open from 2—4, and again after service. Members (resident in the county) attending will be allowed half railway fares. These, as also others intending being present, should notify same to me not later than Tuesday, May 9th.—G. Watson (Gen. Sec.), Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgewater on Saturday, May 6th, in the Parish Church at 4 p m. Tea and Meeting at Taylor's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Bells available at 2 p.m.—E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. Seeley, A.S.C. (Bushey) 1, W. R. Thrift (Boreham) 2, R. C. Thrift, A.S.C. (Boreham) 3, C. H. Walker (conductor) 4, F. W. Edwards (Writtle) 5, H. Walker 6, H. Warnett, senr., 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. This was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Walker on the 18th anniversary of their wedding day.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday April 16th, 336 Stedman Triples: W. Baker 1, B. Challen 2, R. Noakes 3, E. Marsh 4, J. E. Gofton, (R.A.M.C.) 5, H. Stalham (conductor) 6, W. Allfrey 7, F. Cripps 8. A course of Plain Bob, W. Brown and T. Burtenshaw, senr., taking part.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Triple Bob Major (1280 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Mackrill 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, Pte S. Meadows (A.S.C.) 4, G. Iles 5, P. H. Smith 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Edith Hunt (niece of the ringer of the tenor), and Sapper J. Lugate, R.E.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, April 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 44 mins.: W. Stevens 1, M. Jacobs (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, H. Barrett 3, P. H. Smith 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington 7, C. Hunt (conductor) 8.

DEATH OF SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

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not the sort of man whom they generally got in touch with in connection with ringing. He was chairman of the Standing Joint Committee of Derbyshire; he was an engineer of great attainments, as many of them knew he had a miniature railway round his grounds at Duffield, everything connected with which was made in his own shops under his own supervision and a good deal of it with his own hands. Moreover, like his father before him, he was a great Churchman, taking the keenest interest not only in bell ringing, but in all matters connected with the welfare of the church. To have a man of that type and of his ability as President of the Central Council was an enormous asset to the Exercise at large. Those of them who had been members of the Council could hardly imagine what they would do without him. He thought they could not separate from that meeting, coming as it did so soon after Sir Arthur's death, without expressing the sense of the loss which they felt the Exercise had sustained by his decease, and he proposed that they place on record their sense of the services which Sir Arthur had rendered to the Exercise as President of the Central Council since its establishment, and their regret at his death; further, that an expression of their sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement be sent to Lady Heywood.

Mr. Edwin Ransom seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who spoke of Sir Athur's work in connection with the composition of Stedman, and carried in silence.

The President of the Middlesex Association (Mr. A. T. King) has sent to the hon. secretary of the Central Council (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) an expression of the association's regret at the death of the President.

Presiding on Monday at the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association, at Nottingham, the Vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) made touching reference to the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, who was President of the Association, and the members passed a vote of sympathy and condolence with the family of the deceased baronet.

Reference to the loss which the Exercise had sustained was also made at the annual meeting of the Hertford County Association at St. Albans by the retiring president, Mr. E. P. Debenham.

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