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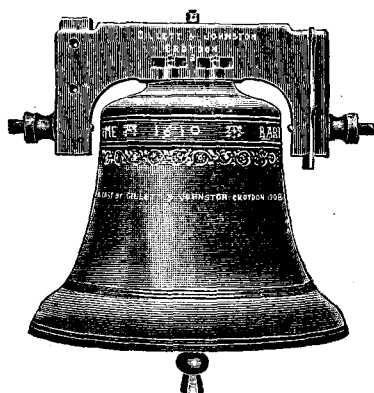
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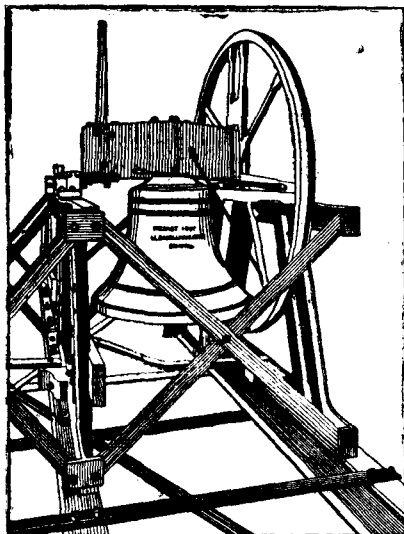
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## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday afternoon, June 6th, a large congregation assembled at Shenley church, the occasion being a most joyous one for the whole village, viz.: the dedication of a new bell, and the re-dedication of the old ring of five. The work of restoring and rehanging the bells was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders, etc., of Croydon. At the outset it was decided to recast the first, second, and third bells, but the bellfounders discovered a crack in the fourth bell, and it was decided to have this recast too. The bells have been rehung on a new steel frame in the most modern way. The new bell is the gift of the Misses Morris, the four surviving sisters of John James and Harriet Morris. Colonel Duncan, of Shenley Park (the high sheriff of Bucks.) and Miss Duncan contributed £50 to the fund, and the total amount (£220) was in hand on Saturday with the exception of about £10.

Saturday was the day appointed for the annual meeting of the North Bucks. branch, and members from all parts of the branch attended the service. There were a good number of clergy present, among whom was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild. The dedication part of the service was taken by the Rev. W. L. Harnett, Vicar of Wolverton, the lesson was read by the Rev. J. T. Athawes, Rector of Loughton, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. L. Norris, Vicar of Chesterton, Bicester, founder and first president of the branch: and the rest of the service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. J. R. Vincent. The preacher congratulated the parish on possessing a new ring of bells worthy of the service of God. The chief theme of an excellent discourse was: "Let your manhood 'ring' true." The service concluded with the singing of two verses of the National Anthem.

After the service the Bletchley ringers rang a short touch on the newly-hung bells, and they were thoroughly satisfied with their go. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, who had to pass the work, also expressed his satisfaction at the way it had been done.

This over, the company adjourned to the rectory lawn, where the Rev. J. R. Vincent, on behalf of the members of the North Bucks. branch, presented the Rev. C. L. Norris with a solid silver bell-shaped inkstand, mounted on an oak stand, with the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. Charles Leslie Norris, founder and first president of the North Bucks. branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of church bellringers, from the members of the branch, in affectionate remembrance. June 6th, 1908." In making the presentation the Rector made a happy little speech, and the Rev. C. L. Norris appropriately replied, and thanked them all for their nice gift.

The Rector then thanked all the subscribers to the bell fund, particularly mentioning the kindness of Colonel Duncan and Miss Duncan for their liberal subscription of £50, also the Misses Morris for their generosity in giving the new bell.

The members of the branch were then entertained to tea by the president, the Rev. J. R. Vincent, about one

hundred sitting down on the lawn. Tea over, the business meeting of the branch was held, the president in the chair, supported by the Master, the Revs. J. T. Athawes, F. W. Bennett, R. F. Rumsey, C. L. Norris, K. C. Bailey, and Mr. William Willson (Leicester), Mr. Johnston (Croydon), and Mr. F. W. Booth, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The annual report and balance-sheet, submitted by the hon. secretary, showed that excellent work had been done by the branch during the past year. It stated that the annual meeting was held at Newton Longville, whilst other successful quarterly meetings had been held at Maids Moreton, Old Wolverton, and Chicheley. Also, that the bells had been rehung at Tyingham, Twyford, Buckingham, Stoke Goldington, and North Crawley, where a treble has been added to a ring of six. Four towers had joined the branch during the past year, viz.: Old Bradwell, North Crawley, Padbury, and Twyford.

The balance-sheet showed that the balance in hand at the commencement of the year of £4 odd, had increased to £5 19s. 11d., which was thought to be most satisfactory, and therefore adopted. On the motion of the Rev. J. T. Athawes, seconded by Mr. R. Bird, the Rev. J. R. Vincent was elected president for the ensuing year. In replying the rev. gentleman thanked the members for re-electing him, and added that he would be very pleased to welcome the branch at Shenley for the annual meeting next year. He then proposed Mr. Booth for hon. secretary and treasurer, which was carried with acclamation.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meetings at Swanbourne in September, Bletchley in December, and Milton Keynes in March.

A short speech by the Master, and a hearty vote of thanks to the preacher, and to the president for his kind hospitality, concluded the meeting.

In the evening several short touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire were rung, and it was felt that it was one of the best meetings the branch has held.

## LANCASTER TOWN HALL CLOCK.

The contract for the large clock and bells for the Lancaster town hall (now being built by Lord Ashton) has been secured by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The four illuminated dials are to be 10 feet in diameter, while the Cambridge quarters will be struck not on the usual five bells out of a peal of eight, but on five bells out of a peal of ten, the notes being D sharp, C sharp, B, F, and B. This arrangement is by far the most musical, and with the bells tuned harmonically upon the late Canon Simpson's principles will give Lord Ashton's magnificent gift to the town the premier set of chimes in the country. Local ringers are already indebted to Lord Ashton for the fine peal of eight bells at St. Mary's church.

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### WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Whit-Sunday afternoon, there was a special service at the interesting old church of St. Peter, Weston Favell, for the benediction of the bells, which have been quarter-turned, and provided with all new fittings throughout, by A. Bowell, bellfounder, of Ipswich. The wood frame in which they are hung as cut in it: "J. Over, Rugby, Fecit. 1808."

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Swallow, the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. Cunningham (Northampton), from John iii. 8. He said that the earliest record we had of bells being used in churches was in the ninth century, and it was recorded that the Abbot of Croughton, near Peterborough, presented his abbey with a great bell in the year 870.

After the sermon the clergy, choir, the churchwarden (Mr. H. Haines), and the ringers, proceeded to the belfry, where special prayers were said by the Rector, the bells were raised in peal as the choir and clergy returned to their stalls.

The service over, several touches were rung, and on Sunday morning, June 14th, for divine service, the first 720 of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells by W. Law, G. Luck, C. Haines, F. Rollings, T. Law (conductor). The ringers expressed their satisfaction with the go of the bells.

In the inscription on the 2nd bell—"William Harvy Rectoris," there is an error. The Rector's surname should have been spelt "Hervey," he being the grandfather of the celebrated James Hervey, M.A., author of "Meditations Among the Tombs," who is buried in the chancel.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Barnstaple on Whit-Monday. Divine Service was held in the parish church at 11.45, the nave being filled with a large number of members. The address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Turner, who impressed on his hearers the duty of regarding the art of ringing not as a matter of self-pleasing, but as a definite work to the Lord. The dinner was held in the parish church rooms at 12.30, and was followed by the meeting. The Rev. M. Kelly presided, and was supported by the Revs. F. Molineux (hon. sec.), R. Turner, and other clergy; and representatives from twenty-six companies. The hon. secretary, in moving the adoption of the report of the Committee, referred to the flourishing condition of the Guild, the vitality of the bands, and very considerable increase in the membership. Six new bands had become affiliated, and 125 members had been elected during the year. Fifteen peals had been scored—one of Grandsire Caters, five of Stedman Triples, and nine of Grandsire Triples. The prospect in the future was most encouraging from the fact that the clergy were in many places taking an active interest in ringing, and the members of the Guild were making laudable efforts to disseminate a knowledge of change-ringing by organised tours and personal visits to towers in the country districts. The Treasurer's report showed a balance carried forward of £39.

The election of officers for the year was next proceeded with, the Rev. M. Kelly being elected president; the Rev. F. Molineux hon. secretary and treasurer; the assistant-secretaries for the three archdeaconries being the Rev. H. L. Pigot, Barnstaple; Mr. E. Shepherd, Exeter; and Mr. W. H. Marsh, Totnes. Three places were proposed for

next year's annual meeting: Holsworthy, Totnes, and Torquay; the latter found most favour and was selected.

On the conclusion of the meeting about 2.30 p.m., the members proceeded to carry out the programme of ringing arranged for the different rings of bells in the neighbourhood. Besides Barnstaple there are fine rings of eight at Pilton, Braunton, and Bideford, and rings of six at Landkey, Bishops Tawton, Heanton, and Fremington. At all these towers the bells were in constant requisition until the time arrived for the home journey. One enterprising band, under Mr. Davey, of Exeter, went further afield to Chittlehampton, and made an attempt for a peal, but the disconsolate expressions of a party at a wayside station told a tale, and a peal on the bells has yet to be recorded. General approval was expressed at the alteration in the arrangements for the day, whereby the service, dinner and meeting took place at mid-day instead of, as formerly, with a tea and meeting in the evening, and the number of members present, 170, constitutes a record attendance at an annual meeting of the Devon Guild.

### TENBY, SOUTH WALES.

A large church clock is being made for this place, which will strike the hours, and have three large dials. It will be fitted with all the latest improvements, and made generally to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The work is being done by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The third session of the sixth Council was held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Whit-Tuesday, when there was a large attendance of members as detailed in our issue of June 13th. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President, presided.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Sec., reported that apologies for non-attendance had been received from the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Winchester Guild, Mr. J. Clark, Hereford Guild, Mr. J. W. Jones, Llandaff Association, and Mr. A. F. M. Stewart, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

#### FINANCE.

The Hon. Secretary, in submitting the annual statement of accounts, reported as follows: balance from previous year £50 7s. 2d.; affiliation fees £11 12s. 6d.; sale of publications, £4 10s. 4d., making a total of £66 10s. The expenditure included expenses of last year's meeting £2 7s.; Printing £29 14s. 6d.; postages and sundries £1 1s., being a balance of £33 7s. 6d. The sale of Publications which had brought to the Collection the £4 10s. 4d. was made up as follows: On the Preservation of Bells, 20 copies; Report on Catalogue of Calls, 1894, 21; Glossary of Terms, 28; Model Rules for an Association, 13; Model Rules for a Company, 51; Collection of Peals, section 1, 30; section 2, 20; section 3, 5; Collection of Legitimate Methods, section 1, 63; Rules and Decisions of the Council, 12. Having checked the various items, Mr. Davies said that, allowing the full commission to Messrs. Bemrose, there was now in stock literature which, if sold, would realise a sum of £129 8s. 6d. This, if added to the £33 7s. 6d. in the bank, would make a total of £162 16s.

The President remarked that the accounts had been carefully gone through by the Standing Committee and audited.

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On the proposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the statement of accounts was passed.

The President said he should like to point out how important it was to the Council that as many copies of each publication as possible should be sold; he would therefore recommend that the representatives present should do all they could in getting members of their respective Associations to purchase copies.

The Hon. Secretary said he had the pleasure to announce that the Cambridge University Guild, the Truro Diocesan Guild, Warwickshire Guild had become affiliated to the Council (applause). Cambridge University was represented by Mr. E. H. Lewis; Warwickshire Guild by Mr. A. L. Colman, and Truro Diocesan Guild by Mr. J. C. Daubuz.

#### HON. MEMBERS.

The President having pointed out that Hon. Members were elected for three years, said the two retiring on the present occasion were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and Mr. Tom Lockwood. The Standing Committee recommended that both these gentlemen should be re-elected. The Council always had the pleasure of Mr. Carpenter's presence. Mr. Lockwood was a representative ringer of Yorkshire, and had done much work for the Council. He understood Mr. Lockwood was prevented through illness from being present. It would be a graceful compliment to reelect him. If these two gentlemen were re-elected there would still be four vacancies, if there was any other name which any other member of the Council desired to submit.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was re-elected.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Snowdon, seconded by Mr. C. Hattersley, Mr. Tom Lockwood was re-elected.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The following representatives were introduced and received by the President: Rev. T. L. Jones (North Wales Association); Mr. E. H. Lewis (Cambridge University Guild); Mr. A. L. Colman (Warwickshire Guild); and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Hon. Member).

The President said he would remind those present how intimately the well-being of the Exercise was connected with the National Church. Last year he pointed out to the Council that the Education Bill was an attempt to deprive Churchmen of their schools, and was therefore a direct attack upon the Church, and if carried, one of the defences of the Church would be swept away. A great deal of credit was due to those Churchmen—and among them were many ringers—who had stood firm and so far saved their Church schools. The sole object of capturing the Church schools was to injure the Church. Last year they were told that this session the Government intended to disestablish the Welsh Church; but they now had it from a member of the Government that no such measure would be forthcoming at present. But let those who desired to preserve the Church, and with it their ringing, continue to stand fast in its defence. Let them be no party to any compromise, which was sure to lead to loss. Those who attacked the Church were fighting with the sharpest weapons. Let them as Churchmen do the same if they desired to protect their National Church (applause).

#### PEAL COLLECTION.

Dr. Carpenter said he was pleased to say that the third section of the Collection of Peals had been published. This comprised Double Norwich right up to Maximus. There were some errors, and so a list of errata had been printed and would be inserted in each book. Some of the errors were due to the printer, as, for instance, it had been found that if there was a mistake in the calling and this was corrected, the printer, in making the correction, had occasionally made another error (laughter). For other errors there was some excuse, while again others could not be accounted for. It would be seen that the work had been a long time in hand when he mentioned that the first proof was marked December, 1905.

The Hon. Sec. said there was one point Dr. Carpenter had referred to, and that was how much the Council were indebted to him for the work he had done, especially was this the case during the last two months. There had been con-

siderable difficulty in getting the Collection printed, but at last the difficulty had been overcome. Only five copies had been sold without the list of errata. If the purchasers of these would apply to him, a copy of the errata would be forwarded gratis. There was one false peal, which the Committee regretted, but some of the errors were no fault of the Committee. He thought that in spite of the errata all would acknowledge the work to be as perfect as it well could be. In regard to the work of this committee, he found the work of the Council as much as he could conveniently manage, and although he was willing to assist the Committee for another year, he should like some one to be added to it, and would propose Mr. Trollope, who he was sure would be a most useful member.

Dr. Carpenter seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson asked why Mr. Willson's record peal of Double Norwich was not in the Collection.

Dr. Carpenter replied that in the absence of Mr. Dains he was unable to answer the question.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he saw Mr. Willson on Saturday, and that he appeared somewhat hurt that a long peal of his composition did not appear. He did not tell Mr. Willson that he should bring the matter forward, but as the Collection was under discussion he considered it only fair to ask the question.

The President said he was sure the Council were grateful to the Committee for the labour that had been spent on the work. It was very annoying to everyone that there should have been so much delay, but now that arrangements had been made with Messrs. Bemrose to do the printing, there would not be the same difficulty as in the past, which had been almost insuperable. It was to be regretted that there were errors in the work, but all would admit that it was almost impossible to get a book of such a complicated character quite correctly printed. He would remind the Council that ringing like many other things was progressing, and however excellent the book might be at the present, tomorrow it would be partially out of date. Dr. Carpenter would tell them that it was the same with medical science. This however did not destroy the value of a book which is the best attainable at the time of its publication. He was sure the Council were grateful to the Committee for the work it had done, and trusted the difficulties they had experienced with Double Norwich would not occur again.

The Rev. Law James had no doubt that if Mr. Dains had been present a satisfactory explanation would have been forthcoming as to why Mr. Willson's record peal did not appear. Would it not be desirable to give an instruction to the Committee to insert the peal in the next section?

The President said Mr. Dains was unfortunately absent through illness. It might be desirable to draw his attention to the matter. He did not know why the peal did not appear. He saw no reason why the figures of the peal as started for should not have been included in the collection.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson thought some notice should be taken of the peal. He would move that it be an instruction to the Committee to insert the figures of the peal as started for.

Mr. J. Griffin asked if sufficient attention had not already been called to the matter.

The President said the Council had laid down that the figures of a record performance ought to be lodged with some responsible person before starting for the peal. This he believed was done, but the peal through the illness of one of the band was shortened, and was not rung as started for. Was it desired that the figures of the whole peal should be added to the Collection, or those of the peal actually rung?

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that the figures of the peal as started for should be given in the next section, with a footnote as to the shortening.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson consented to make this his resolution.

The Rev. H. Law James in seconding, said such a course would only be fair to Mr. Willson.

The resolution was adopted.

#### CHURCH PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. R. A. Daniell said since this Committee was appointed things had very much changed through the excellent letters which had appeared in *The Guardian* from Canon Papillon,

and which had been published in pamphlet form and sold at a low price. Until the whole of the material could be got together, the complete draft report could not be completed. This he hoped the Committee would be able to accomplish during the coming year.

#### LEGITIMATE METHOD COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Law James said this Committee had not been idle during the year. Section I. had been pushed on as decided by the Council last year. The ms. was sent to the Hon. Secretary and put into type, but for some reason the proof did not go round to the Committee. There was one error, and that he thought the only one in the report itself. It was now proposed to go on with Section II. There would be a very large collection, but he submitted that many methods were not worth the trouble and expense of printing. He considered it would be an economy if the Council would sanction the typing of half-a-dozen copies of the complete work, the Council could then keep one copy of the complete collection, there would be a copy for each member of the Committee, and a selection could be made of those methods it was considered worth while to print.

The Hon. Secretary said when he passed the proofs for printing, he was under the impression that Mr. James had consulted the whole of the Committee. He thought that to send a proof to each member of the Committee, to be afterwards returned to the printer, would create confusion, and therefore deemed it best to keep to one proof only, and to have one person only to deal with the printer.

Mr. John Carter said it was not only a question of the second proof going round to the Committee, but he did not get the first draft. He considered it desirable that such a Committee should have a meeting previous to coming to any final decision.

The President said unfortunately Mr. Carter was not present at the Council Meeting last year, when Mr. Law James brought up the Committee's report, and it was decided to print it.

Canon Papillon said every member of a committee should see everything before it was sent to the Hon. Secretary. He considered such a point rested with the chairman of the Committee. There would be no difficulty if half a dozen proofs were asked for. A copy could then be sent to each individual member of the Committee, and the whole of the corrections could be transferred to one proof, otherwise there would be, as the Hon. Secretary had said, confusion for the printer.

The Rev. H. Law James pointed out that if the suggestion he had made of having the whole of the section typed was adopted the Council would have a complete work for future reference, as it was not intended to type only the portion considered worth printing.

Mr. A. T. King thought it might be well to have an estimate for typing before the question was finally decided.

Mr. G. F. Attree suggested that Mr. James's proposition should be adopted provided the cost did not exceed £1 or 30s.

The President thought that if this Committee had permission to have its reports typed other Committees might ask for the same power.

Mr. R. A. Daniell considered that this Committee stood upon a different footing to the other Committees, and it would be well to have a complete record of the whole of the section as suggested by Mr. James.

Mr. G. F. Attree proposed, and Mr. Salter seconded, that the Committee be permitted to have the section typed at a cost not exceeding 30s.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge did not consider it desirable to tie the Committee down to any specific amount.

Mr. G. F. Attree said he was prepared to alter his resolution accordingly.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge then proposed, and Mr. F. B. Tompkins seconded, that the cost of the type-writing be left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, subject to decision of the Standing Committee.

The President said it was necessary for the Council to be careful about its expenditure, for its income was limited. The Hon. Secretary was the banker, and if the matter was left in the hands of the Committee, subject to the approval of the Hon. Sec., the work could be done when the cost was known, provided the funds permitted.

This was agreed to.

At the afternoon sitting of the Council Mr. John Carter referred to his name appearing as one of the Committee responsible for the Collection of Legitimate Methods, and at his request it was decided that his name be erased from the title page of the section already published. Mr. Carter however consented to remain a member of the Committee.

#### PEAL ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King said the last analysis had been ready since February, with the exception of one matter which had to be referred to the Peal Values Committee. He had now received a verbal reply, and as soon as the official reply came to hand the Analysis would be published. He would take the opportunity of mentioning that there was one peal which came in some months after it was rung which caused much unnecessary work, most of the figures having to be gone through again, which might result in preventing the figures from being so accurate as it was the desire of the Committee to make them.

#### Correspondence.

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

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

#### DEDICATION OF THE BELLS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

SIR,—The dedication of the bells given to the Mitchell tower of the University of Chicago in memory of Alice Freeman Palmer, occurred on June 9th, upon which occasion they were formally transferred by Professor J. Lawrence Laughlin to President Judson in the presence of a large audience. Arrangements had been perfected to get together from Old and New England and Canada a band of competent ringers, sufficient, it was hoped, to man eight and possibly ten ropes. The last to arrive came from Leeds, reaching the tower on the very morning of the ceremony. Although the officials and ringers had done their best to ensure success, disappointment was in store; for the bells due to arrive the week previous from New York became stalled en route, and were not delivered in season to install them in the belfry. A substitute plan, anomalous, though not without advantages, became therefore necessary, which consisted in suspending the bells in their steel cage in the court near the base of the tower, where the fine castings with their mushroom crowns could be inspected, and the inscriptions read. Misfortunes are after all relative in point of severity, and the Committee were to be perhaps congratulated that the peal did not fail to materialize at all prior to the ceremony. *Dedicatio in absentia*, or absent treatment, might work all right in the case of a Christian science chime, but would hardly be accepted with complacency by the intelligent company here collected. By the aid of an improvised apparatus Messrs. Bugar and Hutchins succeeded in executing with fair effect the University hymn entitled "Alma Mater," a hymn composed by Mrs. Palmer, and a variety of changes. The bells, ten in number, tenor about 22 cwt. in E flat, were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry of Mears and Stainbank. As to their tone, the attuning was pronounced accurate, and the general impression favourable. They will doubtless speak to better advantage when swung in the belfry, where the impact of the clappers will be less audible, and their harmonics and carrying power more sonorously developed. A formidable obstacle to the progress of half-pull ringing in the United States and Canada has been the inferior character of the hangings and equipments supplied by local founders, who have directed their attention solely to chiming apparatus. In this respect they certainly excel, and have elaborated a mechanism composed of levers, wire-rope and shieves much more effective than that devised by Ellacombe. As regards imported bells, our protective tariff of forty-five per cent. has proved hitherto virtually prohibitory. It is with satisfaction therefore that I am able to announce a recent decision of the U.S. Board of Appraisers, in accordance with which rings of bells, ordered from abroad for Universities, Colleges and other institutions of learning for use and instruction in change-ringing, are henceforth to be classified with other scientific instruments as non dutiable. The Chicago bells were admitted, therefore, under this ruling free of duty; and if I am not mis-

taken this is the first instance of public recognition of the Exercise on the part of a national government, unless a single exception may appear in the decoration of that honoured veteran, Mr. Haworth, by Her Majesty the late Queen.

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, June 11, 1908.

#### THE DOUBLE NORWICH PEAL COLLECTION.

SIR,—Mr. Dains is an old man, and I am a young one comparatively, but he can give me points and an easy beating in avoiding the question under discussion. Mr. Dains is the most evasive customer who contributes to your columns. Whenever he is bowled out—a not infrequent occurrence of late years—he develops an extraordinary faculty for forgetting. He don't remember how his false peals get into print. When true he forgets they belong to somebody else, and now his memory only recalls one peal of 5088 that I sent him! He wishes your readers to think that I never sent him the long peals, and that 'the fault rests primarily with Mr. Willson.' I am compelled not to flatly contradict, but to give him the lie direct. Here is his own letter:—

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N., 21' 6" 05.

"Dear Mr. W.—Thanks for the peals you sent. I will see what I can do, though I have an enormous amount of stuff on hand. I shall always consider our 13,440 rung at Romford one of the best ever rung. It was splendid right through, and, as George Newson said, something to be proud of. The 5088 with 4-6 only in 6ths is a good peal, but the plan is not exactly new. A 5024 on this plan with those qualities, has yet to be obtained. I enclose you some peals of T. B., none of them yet rung. You will see what qualities they possess.—Yours ffy., H. D."

His reply (?) is merely piffle. He knows full well he is responsible. He admits receiving the figures also from Mr. Taffender. He could therefore have had them a second time from him if he wished. He could have had them again from me or from Mr. White, the General Secretary of the M. C. A. if he desired. What is the obvious inference? He intended to omit them from the Collection, for no other collector worth the name would have discussed long peals and finished the book without including the greatest length. Does Mr. Dains or any of his colleagues think a body of men who have accomplished peals of this magnitude will stand idly by and see their work shunted at the whim of a collector who never ought to have been entrusted with the task? I should not be permitted to say in "THE BELL NEWS" all I could say concerning this cowardly act. Cowardly because he knew if an advance copy had been shewn to the members of the Council the omissions would have been detected. Instead, the book was rushed through in bulk and put on the market. There is no insinuation here. I will put it straight. What right has Mr. Dains to include the 13,000 he rang in if the 17,104 is not to find a place? What right has his rubbishy heap of 5000s to be in the book if my 11,008 is crowded out? This is splendid encouragement to long peal ringers! I have proved he has had the figures twice through his hands. The Treble Bob peals he sent me in his acknowledgement I published in No. 1 of "The Bellringer." Now Mr. Dains knows how they came there. He says criticism falls light on him. No one will wonder at that. The man who while condemning Lindoff's 4-5-6 peals for starting with bobs home, himself pirates the plagiarist Sottanstell, must indeed have a countenance of bell-metal. Falls lightly on him! A steam hammer would make no impression on a composer who makes Sottanstell his *vade mecum*. Like a certain extinguished politician, Mr. Dains uses figures as illustrations. Always. Never a letter appears from him but what is accompanied by one of his eternal peals, to the detriment of other men either not so foxy or with more self respect. These tactics didn't work on "The Bellringer." He was pulled up sharp, and to quote his own words "got his back up." We know why the long peals have been kept out of the Collection, and so do many more of your present readers. I congratulate him on his sagacity in avoiding awkward queries at Cambridge. It was much easier to stay at home and write a reply (?) than to make one. It was diplomacy. I regret if I appear to write frequently in an unpleasant strain, but this is not a time to butter words, and no conductor in the land would be treated in this manner and not be angered. Mr. Dains has done the long peal band a

lasting injury. When the next generation asks why the figures are not in the book on Double Norwich there will be an answer. Then the editor (!) of the work will be put upon his proper pedestal—and it won't require a ladder to reach it.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

#### BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

SIR,—In your leading article this week you refer in kindly terms to our Belfry Repairs Fund, and recommend other Associations to form a similar fund. Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" may be interested in a brief account of the formation and growth of our fund. We made a start in 1895 with the modest sum of £7 5s., our committee having agreed to allocate all Life Members' subscriptions, as well as the interest on our invested balance, to this fund. The collection at the annual service goes to the same object, and it is open to any one so disposed to give a donation to the fund. This opportunity, I may remark, has not been seized. During the twelve years of its existence, we have made grants to the amount of nearly £20, and at the end of 1906 we had a balance of £63. Last year this was increased by over £12. Some may be inclined to think that we have not been sufficiently generous. It may be said that other Associations have done as much or even more, without any fund of the kind to draw upon. Whether this is true or not, I am not in a position to say; but our policy has been to deny ourselves "the luxury of giving" much, until we are in a position to offer substantial aid, where rehanging or other repairs are required, and where, as a consequence of rehanging, the establishment of change-ringing may be reasonably expected. Of course towers already in union with us have the first claim. But we have not yet got through the "day of small things," as you seem to suggest. I want a three-figure, or even a four-figure balance before we begin to "part freely."

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec. Kent County Association.

#### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

SIR,—I shall be glad if the composer or conductor of the long peal of Treble Bob recently rung at Mottram will forward the figures to me for the above Collection, together with name of any person other than the composer who has proved the peal. Also I shall be glad to receive any Treble Bob peals of any value that have not been sent to Mr. Lockwood. These should be sent at once, as the final selection for printing will have to be made shortly. The Committee request composers sending peals to prove them carefully. On behalf of the Committee,

9, Hastings Road, Ealing.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

#### THE 10,000 OF SURPRISE MINOR.

SIR,—The 10,000 of Surprise Minor has not yet been rung, as Coventry, Ely and Chelsea are all third's place Delight methods and not Surprise methods.

H. LAW JAMES.

#### PEAL COLLECTION SECTION III.

SIR,—Messrs. Bemrose report that there are eight purchasers of copies of the above Section who purchased their copies before the insertion of the list of errata, and whose addresses they have not been able to trace. If they will apply to Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, 4, Snow Hill, E.C., they will be supplied gratis, with a list of errata.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Mr. R. G. Rice, of Medical College, London Hospital, would be glad if the Rev. W. S. Airy, who rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Wolstanton, Staffordshire, early last year would please forward his address to him, or if any other gentleman who has knowledge of same would do likewise, in case this does not meet the eyes of Mr. Airy.

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## The Bell News &amp; Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1908.

MORE than one rumour is afloat respecting the performances of peals in which the striking was of that character which is considered sufficient to destroy the qualification of being "true." That there are at this day ringers to be found who scruple not to "make a peal somehow," is a very unfortunate fact. Perhaps it would not be wrong to say the evil has always existed. It may be so. But that is no reason whatever why it should continue in however small a degree. When will some of those gentlemen who are so very anxious to see their names in print at any cost, in connection with a peal, have the courage to set their bells, even in the last lead, if the ringing is not honest? It is with pleasure we give the following remarks from a man of light and leading, who sent us the figures of a composition: "We rang the enclosed peal except the last eighteen changes. I set my bell after calling the last bob, owing to bad striking in the last two courses only. For three hours it was splendid ringing, and when we stopped every bell was in its right place."

**The Metropolis.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

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Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

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Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, first by the Association, and first by all the band except Messrs. Hall, Howcroft, and Metcalfe.

**CHOLSEY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, June 8, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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| E. ALDRIDGE .. .. 2.     | *G. CAUDWELL .. .. 5.  |
| M. E. CAUDWELL .. .. 3.  | *A. FINCH .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by G. CAUDWELL.

\*First peal.

**WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSETSHIRE.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 13, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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| F. DATE* .. .. 3.        | *H. ROBERTS .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by H. MOORE.

\*First peal.

**STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, June 16, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

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Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, now rung for the first time, has the full extent of 5-6-7-8s, 6-5-7-8s, and 6-5-8-7s in the tittums position, and also the full extent of the 6-5-7-8s and 5-6-7-8s in the handstroke home position. The 5th and 6th are never away from 5-6 at the course-ends, and is the first peal ever composed and rung containing these qualities. The figures appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 6th, 1908. \*100th peal, a list of which will appear next week.

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Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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| CHARLES CHASTY .. .. Treble. | CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.      |
| HARRY TYSOE .. .. 2.         | JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 6.      |
| CHARLES MORTIMBER* .. 3.     | FRANK WEBB .. .. 7.          |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW* .. 4.     | DONALD THOMPSON .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

\*First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

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## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 19, 1908, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

|                               |                              |
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| GEORGE PENFOLD* .. .. Treble. | EDWARD W. BRAY .. .. 5.      |
| ARTHUR MILES .. .. 2.         | ERNEST GOWER .. .. 6.        |
| ARTHUR GOWER .. .. 3.         | JOSEPH SHARP .. .. 7.        |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4.     | GEORGE H. HOWSE .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\*Fiftieth peal. The conductor was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

## SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,  
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                            |
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| THOMAS BALDWIN .. .. Treble. | GEORGE MILEHAM .. .. 5.    |
| GEORGE CONDICK .. .. 2.      | JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 6.       |
| JESSE GILLET .. .. 3.        | ERNEST E. DAVIS .. .. 7.   |
| THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 4.       | JOHN W. DAVIS .. .. Tenor. |

(No conductor mentioned.)

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM DREW .. .. Treble. | HARRY PHILLIPS .. .. 5.      |
| JAMES M. BAILEY* .. .. 2.  | ERNEST S. BAILEY .. .. 6.    |
| GEORGE BERRY .. .. 3.      | NORMAN R. BAILEY .. .. 7.    |
| FREDERICK J. SMITH .. 4.   | EDGAR H. BAILEY .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

\*First peal in the method.

## CLAPHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ALBERT T. BARKER .. .. Treble. | HARRY GAYTON .. .. 4.   |
| JOHN W. BARKER .. .. 2.        | HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 5. |
| WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.        | FRANK WEBB .. .. Tenor. |

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

## BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| WALTER PAYNE* .. .. Treble. | BERTIE WILSON .. .. 5.         |
| CHARLES A. PRATT .. .. 2.   | FREDERICK BONNER .. 6.         |
| FREDERICK PRATT .. .. 3.    | JOHN HARE .. .. 7.             |
| CHARLES WING .. .. 4.       | CHARLES R. LILLEY .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\*First peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. Treble. | WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. 5. |
| JAMES E. HEXTER .. .. 2.       | PERCIVAL PRICE .. .. 6.   |
| RICHARD HICKTON .. .. 3.       | JOSEPH BAILEY .. .. 7.    |
| JOSEPH HALL* .. .. 4.          | JOHN PALING .. .. Tenor.  |

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

\*First peal in the method. This peal, which is a variation of Parker's twelve-part, will be found under No. 1052 of the society's performances.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE LEWIS .. .. Treble. | GEORGE HALSWORTH .. 5.       |
| CLEMENT GLENN .. .. 2.     | JOHN THORPE .. .. 6.         |
| WALTER ALLWOOD .. .. 3.    | SIDNEY F. PALMER .. 7.       |
| JOHN HOLMAN .. .. 4.       | ARCHIE BREABLEY .. .. Tenor. |

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HAUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1908, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| JAMES TAYLOR* .. .. Treble.  | JOHN PERRY .. .. 3.   |
| JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 2.     | *ALFRED MORETON .. 4. |
| *HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. Tenor. |                       |

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells which have just been rehung by Messrs. Barwell. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Royds, Rural Dean.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1908, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

## A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. Treble. | *LONARD BULLOCK .. .. 5.  |
| EDWARD I. STONE .. .. 2.       | JOSEPH GRIFFIN .. .. 6.   |
| ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. .. 3.      | GEORGE ROBINSON .. 7.     |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD .. .. 4.      | HARRY WAKLEY .. .. Tenor. |

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

\*First peal in the method; also on the bells.

## Handbell Peals.

## OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1908, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

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

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| HUBERT EDEN .. .. 1-2.    | GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.    |
| HENRY HODGETTS .. .. 3-4. | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8. |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires—A. W. Dix and A. D. Bates.

**Date Touches.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Saturday, June 6th, a date touch, 1908 changes, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, and 468 Plain Bob. J. Taylor. W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, J. Souter, G. Andrews conductor.

**STOW AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

FINCHAM (Norfolk).—On Friday, June 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Brown, S. Staines, C. Staines, W. Goodrum, Q. Staines, E. Barker conductor.

**Miscellaneous.****THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Friday, May 29th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. West, R. Baldwin, T. Booker, S. Smith, M. Groombridge, jun., T. Groombridge, sen. conductor, E. Bates, G. Brakefield. On Saturday, May 20th, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 28 mins. E. Bates, I. Emery, T. Booker, T. Groombridge, jun., G. H. Kite, T. Groombridge, sen. conductor, H. J. Blackwell, R. Baldwin. Rung to celebrate the birthday of T. Groombridge, jun., the band wishing him many happy returns.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Whit Sunday, 701 Grandsire Caters. W. Doran conductor, A. Scambler, H. Torble, A. Neale, W. Truss, S. Bird, R. Saunders, W. Theobald, J. Moule, G. Potter. On Sunday, June 14th, 720 London Surprise on the back six in 28 mins. S. Hayes conductor, S. Bird, W. Doran, J. Moule, G. Hayden, H. Torble.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

BECCLES (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at St. Michael's church, in honour of Mr. H. Hopson's 77th birthday, 777 Grandsire Triples. C. Parnell, A. Cornish, W. H. Symonds, G. B. Baxter, H. Hopson, G. E. Symonds conductor, H. Ling, R. Freeston.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

HORSLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells muffed as a last token of respect to the late J. W. Brown, son of the warden and also a sidesman. J. Meynell, W. Smith conductor, J. Harrison, W. Peat, T. H. Whilton. Tenor 17 cwt.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WINSHAM (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, May 24th (Empire Day), at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 53 mins. J. Bowditch, G. Good, E. C. Spencer conductor, R. Pinney, E. Cottrell, A. Spindle, A. Singleton, T. Meech. Rung on the front five with 7-6-8 covering. First quarter-peal by all the band.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

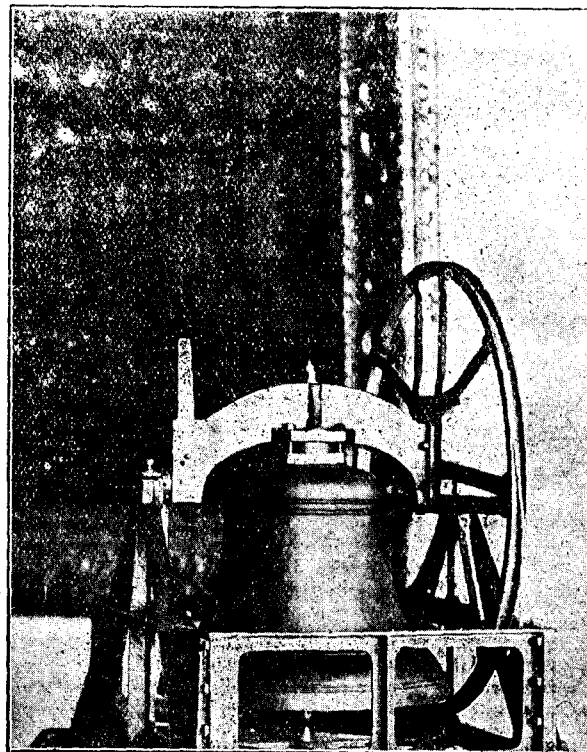
YATELEY (Hants).—On Monday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Butler, F. Hagley, H. Tice, W. B. Tice, W. Horne, G. Bunch, S. Riddell conductor, B. Bunch. On Thursday (Ascension Day), a quarter-peal in the same method. G. Butler, F. Hagley, H. Tice, W. Horne conductor, S. Riddell, J. R. Bunch, G. Bunch, B. Bunch.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Thursday, May 7th, for practice, 420 Stedman Triples. F. Buckland, W. Bailey, J. Batting, L. Batting, L. Rolfe, R. Young, R. Buckland, J. W. Wilkins conductor. Also 252 conducted by R. Buckland. On Sunday morning, May 10th, for Divine Service, a 420. For evening service a 504, both conducted by R. Buckland, S. Child ringing in place of J. W. Wilkins. The 504 was the first by the local band. On Thursday, May 14th, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal, but failed after ringing upwards of 1000 changes.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 17th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. E. Broadbridge, A. M. Parslow, W. T. Saker, A. Miller conductor, E. A. Taylor, R. Rapson. Tenor 7½ cwt.

SAWSTON (Cambs).—On Monday, May 25th, in celebration of Empire Day, several touches, including 360 Bob Minor were rung by the local band. E. Freestone conductor, W. Sykes, F. Hurry, F. Matthews, S. Nunn, M. J. Lyles, B. Freestone, R. Wilson.

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## Notices.

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**The Ancient Society of College Youths.** (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 30th; St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on July 2nd, 16th, and 30th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames st., on the 9th and 23rd; St. John's, South Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and St. Dunstan-in-the-East on the 16th; all at 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 4 p.m.

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

**Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Dinner at The London hotel Assembly Rooms at 2 p.m. Meeting to follow Service at St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary (10), from 1 to 2 p.m., and after the service; St. James (8); Wilton (6); Bishops Hull (6), all day.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Bedfordshire Association.**—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest to-day, Saturday, June 27th.

REV. A. RUST, } *Hon. Secs.*  
I. HILLS,

**The Hertfordshire Association.**—A district meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. J. F. FOSTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

**Worcestershire and Districts Association.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, to-day Saturday, June 27th. Service, with address by the Rev. G. Gilbanks at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells at Stourbridge (8), Oldswinford (8), Wollaston (6), and Kiver (6), will be available. J. R. NEWMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

**Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.** The annual meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 27th at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's churches, will be available for ringing. Service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, at which all members are requested to be present. Committee meeting at 4.45 in the Consistory Court. Tea at 5.45 at the Minster Cafe, Market Place, to be followed by the General Meeting, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson will preside. The tea will be 6d. each to all those members who have paid their subscriptions; to others 1s. each.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**The Midland Counties Association.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Denby to-day Saturday, June 27th. Ringing from 2 p.m. All visitors cordially welcomed.

A. WARD, *Local Hon. Sec.*

**The Saffron Walden Society.**—Established 1623.—The 285th anniversary of this society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 27th, when any visiting friends would be cordially welcomed. Dinner at The King's Arms inn at 1.30.

ERNEST A. PITSTOW, *Secretary.*

**Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.**—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Shipley to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at The Sun hotel at 7.30. Refreshments provided.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } *Hon. Secs.*  
W. BENTHAM,

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Christchurch District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Fordingbridge to-day, Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m.

G. PRESTON, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Chester Diocesan Guild.**—Stockport Branch.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Bowdon to-day, Saturday, June 27th.

A. T. BRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Sussex County Association.**—Central Division.—The next meeting will be held at Chailly on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea please let me know by July 1st.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

16, Priory Street, Southover, Lewes.

**The Ely Diocesan Association.**—A district meeting of the above will be held at Willingham on Saturday, July 4th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Over bells available in the evening.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

**The Heavy Woollen District Association.**—The half-yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Batley on Saturday, July 4th. Meeting-house—The Fleece inn, near the church. Meeting to commence at 6 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

**Stoke Archidiaconal Association.**—The monthly meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 4th. The belfry will be open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m., and service in church at 7 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. John Gilbert, Rose Cottage, Cheddleton, near Leek not later than Wednesday, July 1st.

REV. W. G. KEYWORTH, } *Hon. Secs.*  
J. JOHNSON,

**The Kent County Association.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at 6 o'clock (free) at The George and Dragon inn, followed by business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, July 8th. By kind permission of the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, the rectory grounds will be open to members.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

26, Dukas Road, Twynbridge Wells.

**Central Northamptonshire Association.**—A special meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, July 11th, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the above Association. Bells ready at 2.30. Short service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Preacher—Rev. Hugh Bryan, formerly Vicar of Raunds and founder of the Association. Will those requiring tea let Mr. F. Gilbert, Grove Street, Raunds, know on or before July 8th.

F. WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

**The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.**—Members and friends will be cordially welcomed by the

local ringers to a meeting at Heston on Saturday, July 18th. The old ring of six has been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea provided free at 6.

H. C. CHANDLER.

**The Oxford Diocesan Guild.**—The annual festival will be held at Buckingham on Monday, July 20th. Service in the parish church at 12, preacher—Rev. W. L. Harnett, M.A., Rural Dean. Business meeting in the small Town Hall at 12.45. Dinner in the large Town Hall at 1.45, chairman—the Right Hon. Lord Addington. Dinner tickets at 2s. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order, and their ringing qualifications to me on or before Monday, July 13th, and the whole amount will be refunded to change-ringing members, and 1s. each to probationers present at the dinner.

A. E. REEVES, *Festival Secretary.*

277, London Road, Reading.

**The Winchester Diocesan Guild.**—Annual Report now ready. Compounding and Unattached members kindly write for same to Portsea Vicarage.

C. W. SCOTT, *Secretary.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—W. H. Fussell has removed to Farnburn Avenue, Farnham Royal, near Slough.

**ADDRESS WANTED.**—Will Mr. William Lambert who recently rang his 150th peal at Bolsover, Derbyshire, kindly send his address to E. Lambert, South View, Horsmonden, Kent.

## AN APPEAL.

The members of the Keighley society have opened a subscription list for the cause of one of their ringing brethren—J. McGoun—who has the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, the foot of which has been just amputated. He has been unable to use the limb now for a matter of eight months. The above company therefore beg to appeal to the generosity of their ringing brethren throughout the country on his behalf. All subscriptions may be sent to Mr. R. W. Jennison, 34, Hill Street, Keighley, Yorkshire, and will be announced in "THE BELL NEWS."

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**In Memoriam.****HENRY EDWARD MEACHAM.**

It is with great regret that we have to report the death of this well-known ringer, which took place suddenly at the residence of his son-in-law at Bretby, Burton-on-Trent, on Sunday, June 14th. He was born at the Vicar's Close, Lichfield, on June 25th, 1847, and had been connected with ringing from early life, and had taken part in some eighteen peals of 5000 and upwards at the Cathedral, St. Mary's and other churches in the diocese. Latterly he had resided at Burton-on-Trent (whither he had to remove to obtain employment), and only returned there on the 9th inst. after spending

Whitsuntide amongst relations and friends in Lichfield. He was buried at St. Michael's in that city on Wednesday afternoon, June 17th, and was borne to his last resting-place by four of his brother-ringers. It was intended to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled at St. Mary's, Lichfield, but circumstances prevented the attempt being made. A touch of 1050 was however brought round by the following, some of whom had rung with deceased from boyhood. W. J. Cope, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; W. Hopley, 4; A. Bowler, 5; F. Cope, jun., 6; F. Cope, sen., (conductor), 7; H. Gallimore, 8.

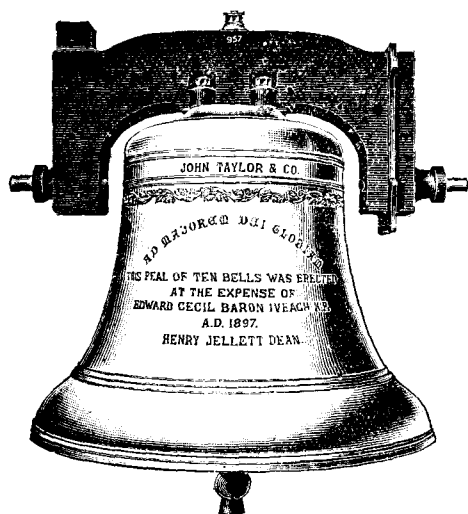
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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

The first of the quarterly meetings of the Eastern Division for the year 1908-9, was held at Hellingly (6 bells), on Saturday, June 20th, and was fairly well attended, members turning up from Eastbourne, Hastings, Battle, Mayfield, the locals coming in force. Good practice was done in Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, which the local ringers especially availed themselves of. Tea was partaken of at The Railway hotel, at which the Rev. T. D. Lovelace, Vicar, presided, also at the meeting after tea. The Vicar expressed his pleasure at seeing the members present again at his church; he also kindly paying for the members share of the tea. Mr. W. Franks passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and also for his thought in connection with the tea.

**SELBY ABBEY BELL FUND.**

The following subscriptions from ringers have been received towards converting the old peal of eight, destroyed by fire, into ten. Amount required—£300. Subscription should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Almondsbury, Huddersfield.

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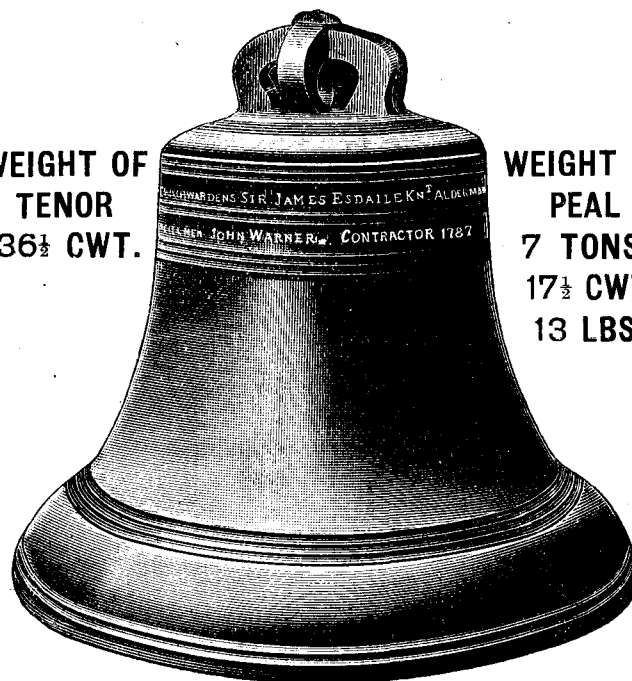
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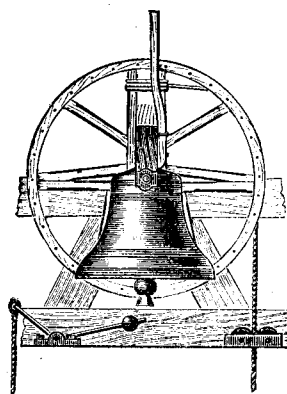
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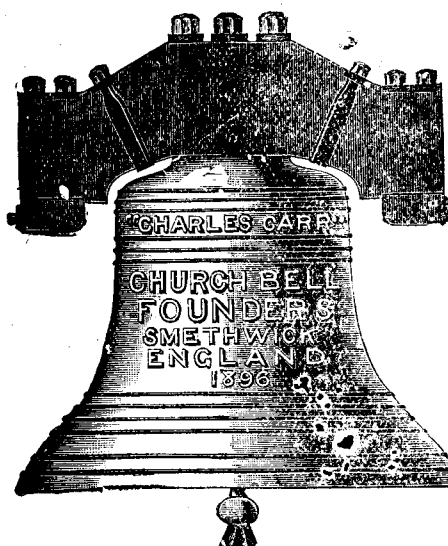
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