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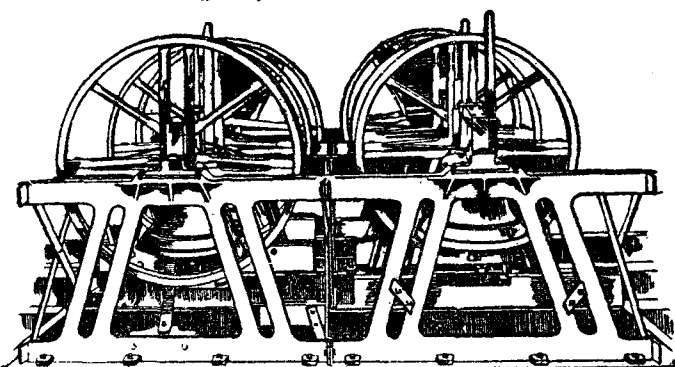
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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The postponed annual meeting of this Association was held at Cambridge on Bank Holiday, August 7th. The dinner and business meeting were held at The Lion hotel, about forty members attending. Amongst those present were the Revs. A. H. F. Boughy (in the chair), Rev. R. L. Twells (general secretary), Rev. K. H. Smith (hon. treasurer), Rev. J. M. Clarkson, P. Webb, A. Pilgrim, district secretaries, and Messrs. R. A. Daniell, F. Pits-tow, A. F. James, W. Watts, O. G. Howe, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, W. B. Kempster, T. R. Dennis and others.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. Letters regretting inability to be present were read from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. E. J. Teesdale, Mr. A. Symonds and others.

The Chairman announced that the next annual meeting is to be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday.

The General Secretary read the report, which shewed a decrease in the number of peals, and also membership, which is the most marked in the Isle of Ely district.

The Hon. Treasurer, in reading the balance-sheet, commented strongly upon the lack of enthusiasm in the Association, and urged members to put forth greater efforts to secure new members.

Before the election of officers took place the chairman made the welcome announcement that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson would shortly reside in Cambridge, and hoped he would be able to take office. The General Secretary, Rev. R. L. Twells, having decided to resign, Mr. T. R. Dennis was proposed and elected. The treasurer and district secretaries were all re-elected, and the Rev. J. M. Clarkson was elected representative of the Association on the Central Council for three years. Votes of thanks to the chairman, officers and clergy for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round. The towers open were Great St. Mary's (12), Great St. Andrew's (8), St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6), and the church of Our Lady (R.C.) 8. Mr. W. H. Lawrence again performed the feat of ringing two bells in a course of Grandsire Triples.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Branch of this Association was held at the charming village of Little Comberton, at the foot of the Bredon Hills, on Saturday, August 12th, when ringers were present from Evesham, Hampton, Hinton, Cropthorne, Pershore, Bretforton, Worcester, Wolverhampton, etc. Ringing was indulged in freely during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob being rung. Service was held in the parish church at 5.30, the first part of the service being conducted by the Rector,

the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, and a very interesting address given by the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler, Vicar of Elmley Castle.

After service an adjournment was made to the rectory lawn, where ample justice was done to a good tea, kindly provided by the Rector. Tea over the usual business meeting was proceeded with under the control of the Rector. Several new members (honorary and performing) including the Rector and the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler, were unanimously admitted. The next quarterly meeting of the branch was fixed to be held at Fladbury, the date being left to the hon. secretary to arrange. A vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to the family of the late Vicar of Great Comberton in their recent bereavement, the Rev. J. C. Hammond being one of the hon. members of the Association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. and Mrs. Lowndes for welcoming the members of the Association, and for providing such a splendid tea; and to the Misses Lowndes for attending to their wants. This, on the motion of Mr. J. R. Newman, general secretary, seconded by Mr. G. E. Nind, hon. secretary of the Evesham company, was carried unanimously.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Guildford District was held at Witley, on Saturday, August 12th, and was very poorly attended, only about twenty members being present from Witley, Shalford, Farnham, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Chiddingfold and Dunsfold, but no representative from either of the Guildford towers. It must be acknowledged that with the temperature where it was there was a deal of energy required to face a long cycle ride, or walk.

The Rev. E. J. Nevill, Vicar of Witley, welcomed those present, and gave an interesting address, afterwards taking them round the church, part of which is pure Norman work, and pointed out the altar tombs, one of which (with an unfinished inscription) is to the Duke of Clarence, Lord of the Manor of Witley, who was drowned in a butt of wine, at his own request.

Tea was held at the Institute, presided over by the Vicar. Twelve new members of the Aldershot tower were proposed by Mr. C. Edwards, and duly elected as probationers. The ringing master sent a report from which it appeared that 16 peals had been rung by the district since the last meeting, viz.: 1 Grandsire Triples, 1 Surprise Minor, 1 London Surprise, 2 Bristol, 1 Cambridge on tower bells, and 9 Stedman Caters and one of Stedman Triples on handbells. It was decided to hold a combined practice at Aldershot in September. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar concluded the proceedings.

STRATFORD-BY-BOW.—On Sunday, August 6th, at St. Mary's church, a touch of Stedman Triples. S. Hayes conductor, T. Cranfield, H. Torble, A. Scrambler, W. Theobald, S. Palmer, F. Watling, G. Dawson. Rung to oblige F. Watling, who hails from Saxmundham.

BELLS AND THEIR HISTORY.

As in Old England, so in New England, is the curfew still heard. In Boston the nine o'clock bell was rung from time immemorial up to within a very few years. So, also, at eight o'clock in the morning and one o'clock in the afternoon. Many Bostonians regretfully miss this good old custom; old, as is witnessed by Joseph Josselyn, who visited Boston in 1763, and in his description says—"On the south there is a small but pleasant common, where the gallants a little before sunset walk with their marmalade madams, as we do in Moorsfield, etc., till the nine o'clock bell rings them home to their respective habitations, when presently the constables walk their rounds to see good order kept, and take up loose people."

In many of our towns the curfew still rings o'er hill and dale. In South America it is called the "stay bell," and after it was rung, at ten o'clock, the use of the streets was forbidden by municipal ordinances to the inhabitants of Quito and other Peruvian towns.

The Angelus is a prayer to the Virgin introduced by Pope Urban II. in 1095, as an intercession for the absent crusaders. It begins with the words Angelus Domini, nuntiavit Mariæ—the angel of the Lord announced unto Mary. Then followed the salutation of Gabriel, Ave Maria, etc.

The prayer contains three verses, and each verse ends with the salutation, Ave Maria; and it is recited three times a day, at the ringing of the Angelus bell, so named from the first word in the prayer. After the crusades, the custom languished until, in 1327, Pope John XXIII. ordered all the faithful to recite an Ave Maria at each ringing of the bell. He announced an indulgence for recitation. Other names are Ave Maria bell and the Vesper bell; the latter is the name given by Byron in his paraphrase of a passage in Dante's Purgatorio—

Soft hour, which wakes the wish and melts the heart,
Or fills with love the pilgrim on his way,
As the far bell of vesper makes him start,
Seeming to weep the dying day's decay.

These religious customs are peculiarly beautiful in the land in which they are practised, and as the melody of a sweet-toned bell vibrates on the air, call forth the tender sentiments of love and adoration.

Most large bells are old bells. Although England has so many bells and chimes that it has been called the "Ringing Island," and Belgium's bells have caused her to be named classic land of bells; yet Russia, perhaps, exceeds all other nations in its fondness for bells, having an immense number of them, and many very large ones.

The king of bells, the largest one in the world, is in Moscow. It was cast first in 1651, and recast in 1734. It remained in the pit where it was cast until 1836, when Nicholas I. caused it to be raised and placed upon a stone pedestal near the tower of Ivan, in the Kremlin, where it now stands.

Moscow is said to have had at one time over 1700 large bells, and as many as 5000 of all sizes. In the Ivan tower alone there are thirty-four, one of which, in the first storey above the chapel, weighs more than sixty tons; it swings freely, is easily rung, and if one smites it with the palm of the hand it responds in a wonderful clear and startling manner. Two others are of solid silver, with very soft, pure tones.

It has been consecrated as a chapel, the door being an aperture six feet high by seven wide at the base, made by the piece, weighing 11 tons, which broke and fell out during the fire of 1737, when water came in contact with

the heated metal. This bell is 21 feet high, 21 feet 6 inches in diameter, 24 inches thick, and weighs 432,000 lbs, or something over 220 lbs. Some authorities give the weight as 444,000 lbs., or 220 tons. It has bas-reliefs of the Emperor and Empress, the Saviour, the Virgin Mary, and the evangelists. Another bell about half as large required twenty-four men to ring it, and this was done by pulling the clapper.

Spain has some famous bells. The great one at Saragossa is said to ring spontaneously before the death of a sovereign. The bellmaster in the Giralda at Seville, which is 360 feet high, is blind, as are other bellringers of Spain. Of all the bells in Spain that belonging to the cathedral of Toledo is most celebrated for its size and the stories connected with it. In a volume by Hans Christian Anderson, "In Spain," we are told that fifteen shoemakers could sit under it and draw out their cobbler's thread without touching. The weight is said to be 17 tons. There is another story about this bell.

A rich count of Toledo had a son, who, having killed a man in a duel, sought refuge in the cathedral while his father went to Madrid to petition the king for his pardon. "No," said the king; "he who has killed a man must die." The count continued his petition, and the king to refuse, till at length the king said wishing to get rid of him, "When you can make a bell at Toledo that I can hear at Maerie, I will pardon the young man." Now Toledo is sixty miles away from Madrid. The count went home, and some time after as the king was sitting in his palace at the open window, he heard a distant roll. "God help me," he cried, "that's the bell of Toledo," and so the young count obtained his pardon.

The largest bell in America is that of Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal, which hangs in the south tower. It is 6 feet high, 8 feet 7 inches in diameter, and weighs 24,780 lbs. It is ornamented with images of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist, together with the emblems of agriculture, commerce, and industry. It was cast in London, and bears the inscription in Latin, "I was cast in the year of the Christian era 1847, the 202nd since the foundation of Montreal, the first of Pius IX's pontificate, and the tenth of the reign of Victoria, Queen of England. I am the gift of the merchants, the farmers, and the mechanics of Ville Marie."

In the opposite tower hangs a chime of ten bells, the smallest weighing 897 lbs., the largest 6,021; total, 21,696 lbs.

The largest bell in the United States is the alarm bell on City Hall, New York, which was cast by Blake, of Boston. It is 6 feet high, 6 feet 8 inches in diameter, and weighs 23,000 lbs.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, July 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. by W. Crandon, J. Coran, J. Harris, G. Pruen, E. B. Crowder, W. Worgan, G. Chamberlain conductor, H. Lawrence. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Whitaker, who has been churchwarden for many years and always taken a very keen interest in the bells and ringers. Mr. Whitaker was presented by the ringers with a photograph of the clergy, churchwardens and ringers framed in oak.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 3rd bell in the peal at Swaffham, reported last week, should be William HAWES, not Haines.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Saturday, July 15th, the ringers of St. Andrew's church had their annual outing, Torquay and Teignmouth being the places visited. The party were accompanied by Mr. W. Champion, churchwarden. To the regret of all the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson and Messrs. Cox and Whitaker were unable to accompany them. Torquay was reached about 11.30, and a visit was paid to Upton church, some touches of Grandsire Triples being rung on these fine bells. A capital dinner was served at The Half Moon hotel by Mr. W. H. Johnson, to which ample justice was done. At 2.30 the party left the Princess pier by the steamer "Duke of Devonshire" for Teignmouth, the trip being much enjoyed. At Teignmouth they were met by Mr. S. Cook, captain of St. James's ringers, West Teignmouth, and again some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Tea was partaken of at Mr. Courtier's restaurant, Station Road. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Upton and others concerned, also the Vicar of St. James's and Mr. Cook, West Teignmouth, for their kindness in granting the use of the bells. At 8.30 the party left Teignmouth and reached home about 11.30, all being well pleased with the day's outing.

THE BELL AS A SIGN.

To the treasures of the Guildhall Museum there have just been added, it is stated, through the initiative of the Library Committee, three very interesting specimens of old public-house signs. These historic mementoes of by-gone conviviality are in stone, and appear, from the style of their workmanship, to have been carved within a few years of the Great Fire—a period when English glyptics of the decorative kind may be said to have been in a very flourishing condition. Just before the Restoration the traditions of Tudor Architecture, with its wealth of mouldings and abundance of elaborate tracery, had not died out; while after the Civil Wars the art of sculpture in wood and stone received a magnificent impetus, due to the genius of Grinling Gibbons. We learn that the first sign which is to be added to the curious collection of memorabilia at Guildhall belonged to the Bell Tavern in Knight-riders Street, the second, termed the Pill, was discovered in Messrs. Sutton's warehouse, behind Bow church, and the third ensign, representing a female head, was found in the course of some recent excavations in Paternoster Row. All these three relics are said to be in a splendid state of preservation, but it must be confessed that the name attached to one of the signs is slightly provocative of perplexity, and that some direct evidence requisite to associate the image of the female head dug up in "the Row" with the cognisance of a public house. In the matter of the Bell it is all plain sailing; for it is one of the commonest signs in England, and was certainly in use in the fourteenth century. Does not Chaucer recall that "the gentii hostelrie that highte the Tabard" was "fast bi the Belle." In all probability bells were set up to denote houses of public entertainment on account of the national fondness for bellringing, and the thirst consequently engendered in the lusty "youths" who, time out of mind, have been so passionately addicted to ringing triple bob majors, and refreshing themselves with legs of mutton and trimmings and strong ale afterwards. England has been called "the ringing island," and Handel declared the bell to be our national instrument of music; and although modern legis-

lation has suppressed the dustman's bell and that of the town crier, and even looks with coldness on the humble tintinnabulum of the muffin-vendor, there is still an amazing quantity of ecclesiastical campanology audible, and few people presume to protest against the dreadful din of those church bells, the clangour of which on Sundays almost drives sick and nervous people mad.

Of bells, in combination with other objects, the name is legion on the sign-posts of the past: but the bells which have a distinct reference to church ringing are, perhaps the most numerous. Thus, as a peal of bells generally consists of eight, there were frequently signs of the Eight Bells; the number sometimes rose to ten and sank to five; then at Norwich and elsewhere there were the Eight Ringers: the Old Ring of bells were to be found at Birmingham and Wolverhampton, and the Three Swans and Peal in Staffordshire: while the Nelson and Peal in Warwickshire, is unmistakably suggestive of the triumphs of the Nile and Trafalgar. As to the Bell alone, the oldest tavern of that name in Middlesex is said to have stood in King Street, Westminster. Another very old Bell was that in Warwick Lane, Newgate Street, and at the Bell in the Poultry lived, in the time of Queen Anne, a noted bookseller named Nathaniel Crouch, who was the first to condense voluminous and erudite works into a small and popular form. To the landlord of an inn called the Bell, three miles from Wellingborough, belong the merit of having found a rhyme for the name of the village where his hostel was situated.

DAWLISH, DEVON.

There was a large congregation at the parish church, when the two new bells, which have been subscribed for by the parishioners in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V. were dedicated by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Exeter. The church had originally six bells, and these have been tuned by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, who have hung the two new bells. The latter, which are in an iron frame, with steel girders, are hung over the old six. The six require rehanging, and it is hoped the work will be taken in hand ere long. The weight of the new treble is 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lb., and the inscription on it is: "God preserve Church and King, 22 June, 1911." The weight of the 2nd is 5 cwt. 10 lb., and the inscription: "King George V. Coronation, June, 1911." The cost of the two bells is about £125, and although the suggestion of thus marking the Coronation was only made by the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Alford) at the Easter Vestry, the residents of the town have subscribed the money required.

The Vicar took the service, the Archdeacon reading the lesson. During the singing of the processional hymn the clergy and choir proceeded to the belfry, where they were met by the churchwardens, the ringers standing to their bells. The Archdeacon stood between the ropes of the two new bells, and, holding them, dedicated them "to the Glory of God and the service of His Church in memory of the Coronation of his Majesty George V., whom God preserve. May the blessing of the Almighty ever rest upon the use of these bells from generation to generation." After two prayers a short peal was rung, followed by the hymn "Lifted gently to the steeple." The Archdeacon gave an address, and at the close of the service the National Anthem was sung, and the bells were rung at intervals during the day.

ST. NICHOLAS, NEWCASTLE.

The bells of the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, Newcastle, once sounded musically, apparently, for Bourne, in his History, says: "They are very large ones; have a bold and noble sound, and yet an exceedingly sweet and harmonious one." Ninety-nine people out of every 100 dispute that now. It is commonly known that for long the bells of St. Nicholas have rung, boldly enough, perhaps, but neither sweetly nor harmoniously. Indeed, on one occasion a lecturer, strange to Newcastle, was extolling the musical virtues of the bells to a Lit. and Phil. audience, when the cathedral clock struck nine. At the first sound the lecturer bowed his head, put his fingers to his ears, and when the striking finished, convulsed his audience by saying, "But, ladies and gentlemen, not a bell like that." And we have heard of another curious story of the effect of this particular clock-striking bell. There had been a fall of an inch or two of snow, but the air had cleared, and under the brilliant, crystalline stars not a sound could be heard. Every footfall and every cab wheel was muffled. It was the time when no chimes preceded the announcement of the hour. In the dead silence after midnight a man was passing under the steeple when the clock struck one, and the sound, so sudden and awful, sent him full length on the ground.

For the veracity of this statement we do not vouch, but it and others that are told illustrate the general idea prevalent among the public that the bells are not everything that could be desired. But the best proof, if proof were needed, of this fact is that a new peal of bells are hung in the historic belfry. From several historical records of old Newcastle we get the following facts:—

Down to the beginning of the eighteenth century the church possessed only five bells. The first is dedicated to the patron saint of the church, and, as deciphered by Mr. John Ventress, and afterwards translated from the Latin, bears, in rhyme, the following words: "Bearing modulations to all, I am Nicholas, rejoicing." The second bell is dedicated to the Virgin, and has the following inscription: "O Divine Mother, Mary the Virgin, hear me." On the third bell there is an inscription which apparently reads—"Campana vocor Micaelis dulcis sisto melis." The fourth bell was called the common or great bell, because it was tolled to convene the burgesses, and used for other municipal business. It was also known as the thief and river bell, from its being rung at the commencement of the annual fairs to indicate that thieves, cattle rieurs, and banished persons generally might enter the town to trade without fear of arrest. In times when public holidays were not so common as they are now, it proclaimed every Shrove Tuesday at noon-day a half-holiday, and it still rings on that day, though the half-holiday is no longer kept. This bell has been recast at least three times. On the last occasion, in 1745, it bears the names of Cuthbert Smith and William Rowell, Mayor and Sheriff in that year, and of the founders, Lester and Pack—a Colchester firm. The fifth bell bears the arms of the town, and a curious inscription which is supposed to read: "When caught to this height you see when this tower it was built." The date upon the bell is 1658.

To these five the Corporation in 1717 added another three, completing the octave. Above one of the latter, in solitary grandeur, has hung for over half a century the ninth bell, the largest in the steeple. It is known as the "Major," from its donor, Major George Anderson, who by

his will left £500 "to obtain a large bell for striking the hours at St. Nicholas." The bell was purchased and hoisted into its place on the 10th of December, 1833. The diameter of the "Major" across the mouth is 6 ft. 5 ins.; its length from top to bottom is 4 ft. 10 ins.; its thickness in the thickest part 4½ in.; and it weighs 3 tons 12 cwt. The belfry of the church contains the machinery of the clock and four large mural tablets of wood commemorating as many achievements of the ringers. One of these achievements, as set forth on the tablet, reads as follows: "Newcastle-upon-Tyne, October 25th, 1809. Isaac Cookson, jun., esq., Mayor; R. H. Williamson, esq. Recorder; Job Bulman, esq., Sheriff. On this day was rung in St. Nicholas' steeple 5040 of Holt's grandsire Triples by the Union Society of this town in three hours and twenty minutes, being the only peal rung in England in commemoration of His Majesty George III. entering into the fiftieth year of his reign over a free and loyal people. Tenor 36 cwt."

The tablets seem to be an official announcement of "the beating of the record" in respect to this performance. The third tablet, dated Easter Monday, 1842, shows that this same peal was rung "in the unprecedentedly short time of two hours fifty-nine minutes." And again, the other tablet, dated December, 1848, states that the peal was rung "in the unrivalled time of two hours fifty-five minutes." Without a wooden tablet, what is the improvement on this after the lapse of nearly another half century?

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Bob Triples	...	...	1	...
Bob Major	...	...	6	...
Canterbury Major	...	...	1	...
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	...	17	...
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	...	...	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	5	...
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	2	...
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	1	...
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	6	...
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	...	...	1	...
Forward Royal	...	...	1	...
Stedman Triples	...	...	7	...
Stedman Caters	...	...	5	...
Stedman Cinques	...	...	1	...
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	8	...
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	3	...
New Cumberland Surprise Major	...	...	1	...
Bristol Surprise Major	...	...	1	...
London Surprise Major	...	...	2	...
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ON HANDBELLS.

Grandsire Triples...	...	...	1	...
Grandsire Major	...	...	2	...
Grandsire Caters	...	...	1	...
Bob Minor...	...	...	1	...
Bob Triples	...	...	1	...
Bob Major	...	...	9	...
Bob Royal	...	...	1	...
Canterbury Major	...	...	1	...
Stedman Triples	...	...	1	...
Stedman Caters	...	...	2	...

20

*Including 6720 and 11,200. Rung in 48 towers, 13 counties and 13 Associations.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL FUND.

It will be noticed that the sum in hand is still far short of that which we set out to obtain—£300. This does not however prove that we aimed too high, but it rather tends to show what different methods obtain in the various Guilds and Associations throughout the country. To each Secretary was sent by the committee a number of circular letters varying according to the number of his towers (more could have been sent if they had been asked for) but whereas in some cases the result has been all that could be wished in others the result has been nil. A twelvemonth has now elapsed since the issue of these letters, and we must regretfully conclude that we are not to expect much more from Guilds and Associations as such; our appeal is therefore now through your columns to individual towers and individual ringers and bell lovers, who have not yet contributed, to send a subscription, though it may be a small one, to place a memorial in Drayton church to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, as a testimony from the ringers of Great Britain and their friends to the work of one who for fifty years was the most remarkable figure in the ringing world, and who in that time did more than anyone else for the true advancement of church bell ringing throughout the British Isles.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Chairman of the Robinson Memorial Committee.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Liverpool Branch of this Association was held at Hale, on Saturday, August 12th. The weather was delightful, and ringers were present from Tue Brook, Walton, Garston, Grassendale, Widnes, Rainhill, Bidston, and the local company. The bells were set going at about 5 o'clock, one or two touches being brought round before the Vicar invited the ringers to tea in the vicarage garden, between thirty and forty being assembled round the tables. After tea the Secretary was called on to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed. Reference was made with regret that St. Nicholas' Liverpool bells had been re-opened without intimation having been sent to some who would have liked to have been present. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Port Sunlight on September 9th. The branch secretary was elected to serve on the committee for the next two years. There being no other business of importance a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Clements, for his hospitality and use of the bells, which was duly acknowledged. An adjournment was then made to the tower, when the first 720 of Surprise was rung on the bells by Rev. C. A. Clements, T. Jennion, G. R. Newton, H. Fyles, H. H. Barker conductor, J. Allen. Touches of Oxford Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were also brought round.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7th, an attempt was made by eight Metropolitan members of the above Association to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise on the fine and heavy bells at Tenterden. The band was as follows: J. Emery 1, J. A. Trollope 2, E. Barnett, jun. 3, T. Groombridge, jun. 4, F. Bennett 5, E. Barnett, sen. 6, J. E. Davis 7, T. Groombridge, sen. 8. The bells settled down quickly to some faultless ringing, and it seemed that the first Surprise peal on the bells was a certainty; but after about an hour and a half the tenor-man found his bell was going too badly to finish, and the peal was stopped. A move was made to Rolvenden, where London was attempted after some repairs, but through the hot weather and neglect the bells were quite unpealable, and the attempt came to nothing. Next day a similar thing happened at Gaudhurst, where there is a heavy ring of eight. These also were in a bad state, and a peal of Stedman Triples was lost. At the next place—Marden—a lighter peal in a new iron frame was found, and no difficulty was experienced in scoring the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. The following day was the hottest for seventy years, and what was left of the band, made up by local men, celebrated it by ringing two peals, one of Treble Bob at New Romney, and the other Stedman at Rye. This last was finished in darkness. Both peals were the first in the methods on the bells.

On the following Saturday London was again attempted at Westerham, but without success, the peal cracking up after five courses. So ended a holiday which was not very successful so far as peals go, but very enjoyable in all other respects.

Obituary.

SIDNEY FREDERICK GOWLETT.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the above-named ringer, which occurred on Monday, July 31st, at Leytonstone, where he had resided this last few months. Deceased was only 21 years of age, being born in Lambeth on December 13th, 1889. Nearly two years ago he started to learn ringing at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. His progress was rapid, ringing his first peal on April 2nd, 1910, and since then, in one year, ringing ten peals of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. His illness (consumption) this last three months, would not allow him to stand in a peal. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the London County Association, and the St. George-the-Martyr (Southwark) society, of which he had taken part in peals for all. His abilities as a double-handed handbell ringer are well known in London, for at the meetings of the different societies he used to attend, his touches were much appreciated. The funeral took place on Friday, August 4th, at the Lambeth cemetery at Tooting, he being followed by several ringers and representatives, the Rev. F. C. Parker, curate of St. George's, Southwark, officiating. At the interment, by special request of deceased, a touch in his favourite method—Stedman Triples—was rung over the grave by T. H. Taftender (conductor), 1-2; L. Attwater, 3-4; H. R. Pasmore, 5-6; F. J. Hardy, 7-8. A good fellow and ringer, his interest in the Art was most keen. We mourn his loss very much at St. George's, Southwark. R.I.P.

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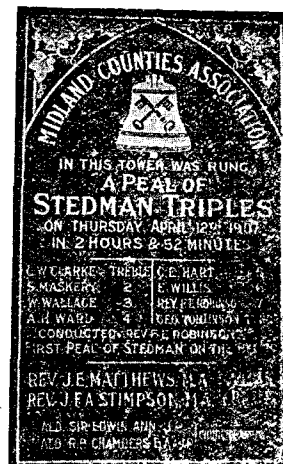
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On Monday, August 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM WELLING .. 5.
JOSEPH WHITE .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PAICE .. 6.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 3.	*RICHARD H. YOUNG .. 7.
WILLIAM GOODCHILD .. 4.	RICHARD BUCKLAND .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS

*First peal of Bob Major away from the treble. †First peal in the method. In the above peal seven towers were represented, viz.: Bledlow, Hurst, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Old Windsor, Wokingham, and Beaconsfield.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDK. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE BAXTER .. 5.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS Treble.	REUBEN SANDERS 5.
ALPHARUS PERKINS 2.	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 6.
ARTHUR E. PAYNE* 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
DAVID J. NICHOLLS 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

*First peal in the method. Arranged for R. Sanders, of London.

RADYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EVAN COLEST Treble.	SIDNEY DAWE 5.
CLARENCE O. HOBBS* .. 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS 3.	WILLIAM BOLTON 7.
FRED CHAMBERLAIN .. 4.	ALLEN ROWLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and Conducted by ALLEN ROWLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. D. Phillips, for granting permission to ring.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	ROBERT GRIMWOOD .. 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	HERBERT LANGDON .. 7.
JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 4.	CHARLES E. READ .. Tenor.

Composed by J. P. BURTON, and Conducted by J. A. LAMBERT.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

BERNARD CLARE* .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 5.
HENRY HUTTON 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE* .. 3.	FRANK BLONDELL .. 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Bristol.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT* .. Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 4.	ISAAC EMERY Tenor.

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal in the method, and first on the bells.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 6.
GEORGE BILLENNESS* .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 4.	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTEBSLEY, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal of Treble Bob First of Kent on the bells.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. Treble.	GEORGE WATSON 5.
ISAAC EMERY 2.	*GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 7.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 4.	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman; and on the bells. This was J. A. Trollope's 100th peal.

Dandell Paels.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT 21, STORE ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES.

JAMES HUNT 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	MAURICE SMITHER .. 7-8.
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9-10.	

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire—S. Radford. *First peal of Stedman Caters in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES.

MAURICE SMITHER .. 1-2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5-6.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4.	JAMES HUNT 7-8.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 9-10.	

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires—S. Radford, T. W. Radford, and F. Blondell.

A little church in Haleyville, Cumberland county, New Jersey, composed of coloured people, is going to lend to the Exhibition a bell that once belonged to Christopher Columbus. It was presented to Columbus by Ferdinand and Isabella, who received it as a trophy from a chapel in the Alhambra, and he in turn gave it to a congregation of monks in New Granada. These monks lost it by a band of pirates, whose vessel was in turn wrecked, the bell alone being rescued and carried to South America, where, after many years, it was given to a New Jersey sea captain, from whom it has since come into the possession of the negro church at Haleyville.

Correspondence.

THE EXTENSION OF STEDMAN.

SIR,—This week's "BELL NEWS" contains a very nice letter from Mr. Dains, which breathes the right spirit from beginning to end, and which has finally convinced me that I must do what I have been thinking about for some time, that is go right back to the beginning of all things in change-ringing, and so work up to the construction of Principles and Methods and the extension of the Principles and Methods from the lower number of bells to the higher.

Now change-ringing is first of all a practical matter, and the practice is governed by certain definite rules which we must adopt as postulate before we can do anything.

Let it be granted—

- i. That no bell may change places with any bell except one next to it.
- ii. That every bell must change places with one next to it every time it strikes if possible.
- iii. That no bell may strike more than two blows in any one place except at a bob.
- iv. That every row between rounds and rounds must be different.

Now we will begin with two bells, only work by the above postulate, and assume that we know nothing at all, and find out rules step by step, prove them and use them when proved to find others, this will lead us right through to the end of the matter.

1 2
2 1
1 2

This is all that can be done on two bells. The rows obey the four postulates, and 1 2 occurs twice; but one of these two is really outside the composition, let us assume that the second is. Then we begin with 1 2, the treble hunts up into second's place and the second hunts down to lead, and this produces 2 1 we can now get back to 1 2 by dodging, and in no other way. But we might have begun with 2 1 and so produced 1 2, and this is only the reverse variation of the other, so that dodging in the ordinary acceptance of the word is only plain hunting backwards. We next proceed to consider the same thing on an infinite number of bells, beginning from 1 2 3 etc., we get—

2 1 4 3 etc.
2 4 1 6 3 etc.

Two leads a whole pull, and one hunts up, but as the bells are infinite in number the treble can never get up to the back, and however far she goes from lead she can only get back to lead in the same way as we get back from 2 1 to 1 2, that is by plain hunting backwards, which we have seen on two bells is dodging, therefore she can get back to lead by an extended dodge through all the intervening places.

Next consider the matter on an infinite number of bells in both directions x y z, etc., x w z y, etc., now no bell can get either to lead or behind, and the conclusion is the same, we can only get back to the starting point by plain hunting backwards, that is by a dodge extending over as many places as we had previously plain hunted.

Now I come to Mr. Dains's slow six question, but I can only indicate the answer this week, as we have to go further than we have done already, in order to see what a bob is.

1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5
1 2 4
1 4 2
4 1 2
4 2 1
2 4 1 5 3

We start from 1 2 3 4 5 plain course order, we get into another six 2 1 4 3 5, this movement is plain hunting, and so far we have nothing but original doubles, the next row would be 2 4 1 5 3, but 4 makes third's place and down to lead backwards and her whole motion from 2 1 4 3 5 to 2 4 1 5 3 is plain hunting backwards. Two plain hunted down to lead and then turned

backwards, and her whole motion from 2 1 4 3 5 to 2 4 1 5 3 is plain hunting backwards; the same is true of the treble.

Mr. Dains asks what is the 2nd doing? I answer plain hunting backwards, that is dodging in three positions. This answer must suffice for the present, as we have to consider cross sections before we can complete it, and in order to do that we must consider Original on all numbers up to twelve, and find out what a bob is. So far we have found out that dodging is plain hunting backwards.

H. LAW JAMES.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY (Berks).—On Monday, July 31st, in honour of the return from their honeymoon of Howard Caudwell, Esq., Vicar's warden, and Mrs. Caudwell, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Webb, Miss Margaret Nightingale, W. Grace, C. Gregory. R. James, G. F. James conductor, E. Aldridge, S. Alworth. On Thursday, August 3rd, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Oxford, 339 Grandsire Triples. G. Welch, Miss M. Nightingale, W. Grace, E. Aldridge, R. James G. F. James, G. Greenough, T. Busby.

BLACKBURN.—On Thursday, August 3rd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') in 48 mins. H. Walter, W. Briggs, F. Hindle, W. H. Idle, E. Duteson, J. Watson, W. E. Wilson conductor, W. J. Edmondson.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 13th, for Divine Service in the morning at Bishop Ryder's church, 404 Grandsire Triples B. Devonal (Cadoxton). F. J. Smallwood, E. Large, G. Taylor, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Collett, A. Scrivens, J. Salter (Kidderminster). For evening service 308 Grandsire Triples. S. Coley, A. Scrivens, J. Collett, W. Webb, J. T. Perry conductor, W. H. Carrod, G. Taylor, J. Salter.

FARNHAM.—On Friday, August 11th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Upshall, F. Laker, F. A. Barnett, E. A. G. Allen, T. Upshall, A. Baigent, C. Edwards conductor, W. Sherfield.

LONDON.—On Thursday, August 3rd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Sidney F. Gowlett, the whole pull and stand was rung half-muffled by G. Woodage, sen., S. B. Weatherstone, C. H. Hughes, J. C. F. Bailey, G. F. Woodage, jun., F. J. Hardy, A. D. Barker, T. H. Taffender. Afterwards 420 Stedman Triples. F. J. Hardy, S. B. Weatherstone, C. H. Hughes, J. Milner, A. E. Pike, T. H. Taffender conductor, A. D. Barker, G. Woodage, sen. And 288 Treble Bob Major. C. F. Winney, F. G. Perrin, T. H. Taffender, H. T. Gowlett, J. Milner, A. D. Barker, W. Harlesden, C. F. Burden.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 4th, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Minor. T. Leeson, A. Harman, A. Bashford, W. Cheesman, W. Bashford, F. Hawkins conductor. First 720 of Surprise on the bells, and by all the band.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Sunday, August 13th, for morning service, 768 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Borrett, F. Roope, C. Baker, W. Roope, G. Baxter, E. Whiting, H. Garnhaugh, C. Roope.

SEALE (near Aldershot).—On Wednesday, August 9th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Edwards, A. Baigent, F. Laker, G. Upshall, E. A. G. Allen, T. Upshall conductor.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 31st; St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 22nd. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, August 26th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Siddons). Bells available at 3.30. Tea, 6d. at 6 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited. The Secretary would be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date. **C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.**
173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 6 o'clock, at 6d. per head. Members and friends cordially invited. **H. C. CHANDLER, Hon. Sec.**
Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing at the above church suspended until September 1st. **JAMES E. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.**

The Dudley and Districts Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for

those sending their names to me not later than the 23rd inst. **H. SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.**
177, High Street, Dudley.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, August 26th. Tea at 5.30 will be provided for those giving three days' notice to **A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.**
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The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Blackburn parish church on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. **J. WATSON Branch Sec.**

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Henley-in-Arden (6 bells), on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. The date unfortunately clashes with the date of the Rugby society's excursion, and it is therefore thought wiser to reserve Aston Manor as the place for the September meeting. **C. C. COX, Hon. Sec.**

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The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. All subscriptions due. Election of branch secretary and committee-man. A good attendance requested. **T. ROLLERSON, Branch Sec.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Marple, Saturday, August 26th. **A. T. BRESTON, Hon. Sec.**

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The General Secretary's address is now 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge. **T. R. DENNIS, Gen. Sec.**

St. Thomas's Church, Dudley.—The practice night at this church is discontinued until the end of September. **HERBERT SHEPPARD, Hon. Sec.**

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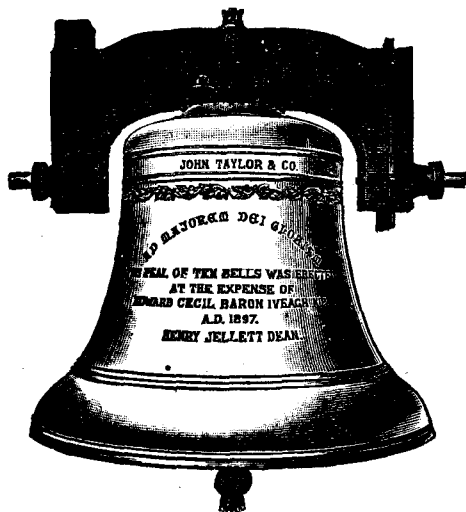
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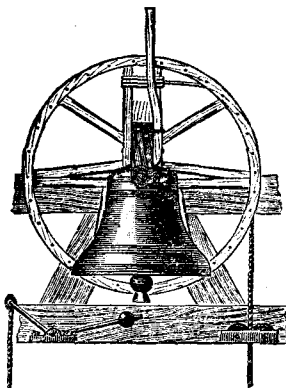
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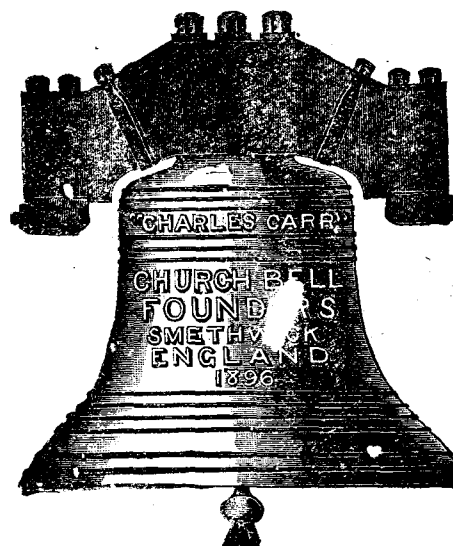
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