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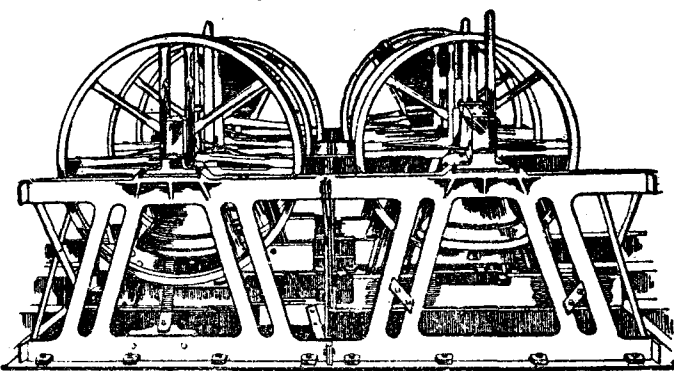
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BELTON, RUTLAND.

It was at the invitation of Mr. J. J. Jackson, of Belton, Uppingham, that a number of ringers hailing from Cotgrave, Melton Mowbray, Waltham, Wymondham and Burton-on-Trent assembled at Belton with a long and varied programme to get through.

Wednesday, August 30th, was the day fixed for the opening of the new ring of six at St. Peter's, Belton. The original four bells have been recast and two new trebles added. The treble was given by Mrs. G. Ward, and the 2nd by Mr. and Mrs. Gough. The remainder of the money was raised by subscription. The bells are a fine toned ring of six, tenor 10½ cwt. in G, and uphold the reputation of their founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The dedication service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Moore, who had a double task to perform. A beautiful lych-gate, which had been given by J. E. Corby, esq., of Finchley, and formerly of Belton, had to be dedicated. This portion of the service took place outside, and when this was over the choir and clergy re-entered the church, and the Archdeacon and the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. Patterson, proceeded to the belfry, and the dedication of the bells took place. Immediately after this portion of the service the local band raised the bells.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who congratulated the villagers on their new acquisitions. After the service the bells struck off in Bob Minor, a well-struck 720 being brought round by W. White, J. T. Dyke, W. H. Dyke, A. P. Wakley, J. J. Jackson conductor, R. Mount. Other ringers now arrived, among them being the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, of Brington, Hunts., who rang in touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Later in the evening ringers from Oakham arrived and joined in a 6-score of Grandsire. One of them, F. Towell, rang his first touch of Treble Bob. With Mr. Cyril Johnston standing in, a well-struck 6-score of Stedman was brought round.

Later in the evening the villagers were treated to an impromptu concert in the village hall. Handbell ringing, which consisted of tune playing, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters and songs formed the greater part of the entertainment. Messrs. Johnston, Baker and Jackson very kindly sang songs, which were much appreciated.

The next day the musical members of the party rang hymn tunes on the church belis. In the afternoon the party visited Oakham with the intention of ringing a peal of Bob Major, but a change course put an end to all efforts in this direction. However, a start was made for Grandsire Triples under the conductorship of Mr. R. H. Bartram, but after upwards of 2000 changes had been rung a misunderstanding developed into a trip which caused it to come to grief. The Oakham bells are a grand ring of eight, recently recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston, with a tenor of just over a ton. Next day saw the first peal in seven methods rung in the county of Rutland. Langham, near Oakham, which possesses a fine ring of six by Taylor, was the place chosen for the attempt. Three hour's good ringing, under the conductorship of Mr. W.

White, saw the completion of the peal. After the peal the ringers were very kindly entertained to supper at The Noel Arms by Mr. R. W. Baker, one of the churchwardens. The local company joined in a convivial evening, and Mr. Jackson obliged with songs. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, and Mr. A. P. Wakley gave a course of Stedman Triples on the piano. The remainder of the evening was spent at the house of Mr. Baker, and the company proved so pleasant that it was about 3 a.m. when the party reached Belton.

Next day, Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, Mr. R. H. Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, and Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, arrived, thus completing the band for the first peal on Belton bells. Mr. Walter White now most kindly stood out to allow J. T. Dyke to take his place. The peal was beautifully struck, there being hardly a bad blow in it. The evening concluded with a further demonstration in the village hall, Grandsire Triples and Caters being rung on the handbells, and Mr. Walter White, in his shirt sleeves, was very much in evidence in conducting tune-ringing. Songs were given by Messrs. R. H. Bartram, W. Willson, A. P. Wakley and J. J. Jackson. The proceedings concluded with Auld Lang Syne on the handbells. Further ringing took place for the services on Sunday, a 720 each of Double Court and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob being rung. Cambridge Surprise was attempted but failed.

The visitors desire to thank most heartily both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson for their extreme kindness and hospitality to them during their stay.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.

In the presence of a large congregation the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. C. L. Dundas) on Tuesday evening, September 5th, at a special service, dedicated a ring of six bells in the tower of the parish church. Originally the ring consisted of four ancient bells, which have been rehung with new fittings in the most approved modern fashion, the cost of this work having been borne by Mr. C. E. Parke, a former churchwarden and a lord of the manor. Mr. Parke has also generously defrayed the expense of a new steel frame to accommodate the six bells. The new bells are the gift of Mrs. T. S. Courtney, as a memorial of the long-standing connection of her family with the parish, she being a sister of the late Mr. Thomas Mackrell (one of the lords of the manor), and her grandson (Mr. R. Courtney).

It will be remembered from previous reports appearing in the columns of a contemporary that the condition of the fittings, etc., in the belfry was such that it became imperative that a thorough restoration should be carried out at once. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have removed the old worm-eaten bell cage, and have substituted a steel girder frame. The four original bells are of ancient date, three being of pre-Reformation time, and one was recast in 1622, by John Wallace, of Salisbury. The tenor, weighing nearly a ton,

has had its handsome and decorated cannon removed, and this has been nicely worked up into a font cover—although weighing 125 lbs.—and mounted on a plinth of oak taken from the old oak in the belfry. The inscription on the inscription on the two new bells are: "Susan Courtney gave in memory of the Mackrell family, 1911," and "R. Courtney gave me, 1911." It is pleasing to note that the costly undertaking will require but a small financial effort on the part of the parishioners, thanks to the generosity of Mr. Parke, Mrs. and Mr. Courtney, and the churchwardens' expenses in connection with the undertakings are comparatively small.

The service on Tuesday was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Cross), and the dedication of the new bells was performed by the Archdeacon of Dorset, at the request of Mr. W. C. Martin (churchwarden), who, with his fellow warden (Mr. J. Marsh), the Vicar and the choir, accompanied the Archdeacon to the belfry, from which a short peal was rung after the usual form of dedication had been gone through by—W. W. Gifford, Salisbury, 1; J. G. Johnson, Croydon, 2; Rev. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna, 3; M. Stewart, Ferndown, 4; J. S. Running, 5; A. Osman, Wimborne, 6. The hymns used during the service were "The Old Hundredth," "We love the place," and "Who giveth all." Special Psalms were also sung. Mr. A. E. Willshire, organist of Wimborne Minster, presided at the organ. The Archdeacon preached an appropriate sermon from the text "O come let us worship." In the course of it he alluded to the important part music and bells played in the lives of men and of worship. Bells, he remarked, had a threefold invitation for them. 1—They called them to fellowship and were a symbol of unity and brotherhood; 2—They were messengers of sympathy in times of joy and sorrow; 3—and they called persons together as fellow workers to put into action feelings of fellowship in their service. The Archdeacon also addressed the ringers on the importance of their work.

A collection was taken in aid of the expenses which the churchwardens have had to incur.

After service six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and 360 Bob Minor were rung, Messrs. Lewis, Blandford, Townsend and Case, Poole, and C. Good-enough, Bournemouth, taking part. Some thirty ringers later enjoyed the hospitality of the Vicar, who presided at supper, being supported by Archdeacon Dundas, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, the churchwardens and Mr. Parke.

Obituary.

WILLIAM GREEN.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, who died at his residence, Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, on Sunday, August 26th, and was interred in the parish churchyard on August 31st, amongst sorrowful relatives and friends. He was borne to his last resting-place by four of his nephews. Deceased was a ringer at this church for upwards of fifty years, and was an excellent striker. His last ringing took place on March 20th, for his 75th birthday, when a 720 of Kent came to grief in the last course of the third attempt, much to the regret of those taking part. With his two old departed and dearest ringing friends—A. Keeble and C. Parker—in their early days were frequent visitors to the towers of Lavenham, Preston, Hitcham, and Bildeston, where lived the much respected tower-keepers—Messrs. Boby, H. Symonds, J. Sewell, and the

clever Hy. Hobart. Monks Eleigh has lost the last of the old band, and their places will not easily be filled. In the last decade death has taken from this tower a whole band of six. On the evening of August 31st, after the interment, a 720 of Kent was rung with the bells muffled as a last mark of respect. J. Poulson, H. Crick, A. Symonds, T. Hollocks, A. Keeble, W. Stiff. And 360 of Oxford (half-muffled), conducted by W. Stiff.

CHARLES SHEAFF.

It is with regret that we record the death of the above ringer, of St. Mary's band, Dover, Kent, which occurred at his residence, 18, Vale View Road, on August 16th, after a long illness. Deceased was for many years steeple-keeper at St. Mary's, and a regular attendant on all occasions when ringing was to be had. He was a good tenor-man and had rung several peals for the County Association. The sermon at the following Sunday morning service was very thoughtfully fitting. Canon Bartram's heading was "Our Golden Bells," dealing with all things interesting to a bellringer, and the life that had just passed away. As the congregation left the church "Chiming Bells" was solemnly played by the organist, Mr. Taylor. Deceased was buried on the following Monday, the local ringers being represented at the graveside. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the St. Mary's ringers. The bells at St. Mary's were rung muffled with the exception of the tenor at backstroke in the evening.

CHEDINGTON, BUCKS.

On Thursday, September 7th, a new treble bell was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bucks., at a special service held at 7.15 p.m. Before the service the bells were rung by the local ringers, and after the service the following Leighton and Linslade ringers rang two 240s of Bob Minor, and two 120s of Stedman Doubles. W. Bacchus, F. Dedman, J. Nicholls, W. Seabrook, G. Tompkins, F. Vickers. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector, the Rev. J. Ashley Broad, for his kind hospitality after the ringmg.

HARTSHORNE, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

A large clock with two 5 feet dials, and striking the hours, has just been erected upon the parish church here. The work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the general designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe.

CHEDISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 3rd, for Divine Service, 360 Plain Bob Minor and 120 Grandsire. Miss R. Stanford, F. C. Lambert, W. Kerrison, W. Pratt, T. Crane, L. Hammond, E. Hurren, F. Peck.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 3rd, for evening service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Kerrison, F. Lambert, jun., C. Moss, A. H. Took, F. C. Lambert (conductor), J. Howard, T. King, A. Lee.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE (Lancashire).—On Thursday, August 31st, 720 Violet Treble Bob. C. Kerr, J. Fell, J. Tipping, D. McLellan, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. And 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Tipping, J. Fell, C. Kerr, D. McLellan, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. Conducted by J. Tipping. All the above hail from St. John's, Lytham. Rung on the occasion of the annual outing. Thanks are tendered to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells; also to Mr. Whiteside, for having the bells ready,

THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The bells at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter have done duty for more than two centuries. The bell frame being in a dilapidated condition, the church authorities have decided to have the ten bells recast, with a tenor about 35 cwt., and to place a new steel and iron frame in the tower to carry twelve.

The approximate cost to carry out this work will be something like £700. Towards this amount about £550 has already been subscribed and promised.

The ringers in this district are anxious that the peal should be made up to twelve at the same time as the other work is being carried out, at an additional cost of about £120.

Collecting cards have already been sent to many of the local towers, and we should be pleased to receive any amount subscribed as early as possible. We also appeal to ringers and friends generally to help us to attain this object, as a peal of twelve would be a great acquisition to the town and district.

The order has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Amounts, great and small, will be gratefully acknowledged by Herbert Knight (captain), 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton; Robert Pickering, Hon. Secretary, 104, Beacon Street, Wolverhampton; Rowland Cartwright, Wombourn, Wolverhampton.

AMERICA'S FIRST BELL.

In Chicago there is a bell with a wonderful history. It is about the size of a railroad restaurant dinner bell. It is a dark greenish brown colour, and bears on one side the letter F. It is placed in a show case with several other relics, but it is the most precious of the lot. It is the first bell that was ever rung across the waters of the New World. It was the church bell of Isabella, the city founded by Columbus in San Domingo in 1492. This is the story of the bell. It is of bronze; of excellent workmanship, and was presented to the church in Isabella by King Ferdinand. In 1494 the discovery of gold in the mountains of Cuba caused a general movement towards the interior, and everything portable was removed to the new tower at this place. The city was destroyed by an earthquake in 1564. More than 300 years afterwards, in 1868, a shepherd who was noosing around among the ruins, found this bell near the tower among some tangled wires. A fig tree growing near by had thrust its branches into the ruined tower, and had by growth forced the bell from its place and held it in the tree. It is a venerated relic, and is called the "bell of the fig tree."

RYE, SUSSEX.

This tower, erected between 1135 and 1154, at the south-east corner of the town, on the edge of a steep cliff, in the course of 700 years has undergone great mutations; having served its original purpose of a fortress for nearly 300 years, it was sold by the Corporation of Rye, in 1430, to John de Iprys, probably a descendant of the founder; was again sold by the latter to Thomas Stoughton, in 1451; he disposed of it to James Hyde sometime between this last date and 1473; from James Hyde it passed to his daughter Joan, who, in 1473, conveyed it to Lord Stanley. This nobleman, after the defeat of Richard III. at Bosworth, placed the crown on the head of Henry of Richmond and proclaimed him King of England; for which act Henry, in 1485, created him Earl of Derby, and under this name we find him conveying this same tower to John Newbirth, in 1492, in exchange for certain lands he held in the county of Chester. In 1464 the Corporation purchased it of Mr. Newberry (for this spelling is now assumed for Newbirth), and used it to transact their business in till the building of the Town Hall, whence it got the name of Court House. It was thus used for about 150

years, when it was converted into a gaol, being used for that purpose until 1891. The lower part is now used for a mortuary. But when the stranger goes to examine Ypres Tower, he must bear in mind that the original only consists of that part which constitutes the south west angle of the present building, the other part having been added some years ago, when there was a necessity to enlarge it. The original consists of a square building with a round tower at each angle, each tower being about forty feet in height, and fifteen in its interior circumference. There are two rooms in the central square on the ground floor and one above, each room about fifteen feet square. There is a door at each of the corners of these two rooms, communicating with one of the towers. There are stairs only in the north-east tower, but these do not at present reach to the top. Of course they did formerly, when the warder ascended by means of them to the summit to survey the horizon, to see that no ship approached the town.

RINGMER OLD CHURCH AND ITS BELL.

Mr. H. Heneage Legge has contributed a paper on "Bell Casting in the Seventeenth Century" to the "Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist." He particularly refers to an old bill, dated 1662, of the charges incurred in the casting and hanging of a bell for the parish of Ringmer, and remarks:—

"This document, written with very good penmanship on long foolscap paper, now yellow with age, I was fortunate to discover while acting on the Documents Committee of Ringmer Parish Council, among the parish books and papers. It is entitled 'An account of ye churchwardens charge anno '82,' and contains many miscellaneous items, as well as a 'particuler of ye charges in casting and hanging ye bell.' In addition it throws some light on the obscure history of Ringmer church tower and bells, which had long been a subject of considerable debate and conjecture. Endeavouring to put together in their relative positions these various gleanings from the past, this appears to be the conclusion of the whole matter. Firstly, that an ancient tower of masonry, with a bell—or bells—was destroyed, possibly by lightning, at some period preceding the building of the west wall (necessitated by this destruction), and its Perpendicular window; secondly, that in 1682 a new bell, partly made from the old bell metal found in 'ye rubbish in ye Ile,' was hung in a wooden belfry among the ruins of the old tower; thirdly, that this belfry was destroyed, probably by fire, within the following century; fourthly, that in 1804 a new bell by Mears, of Whitechapel, was hung in a turret at the west end of the ridge of the nave; this being finally displaced in 1885 to make way for the present tower. Of this latter we need say is that it is built of flint, with stone dressings, the top being battlemented and terminated by a weathercock. It contains a peal of bells and a chiming clock. The greater part of the cost of the whole erection was borne by Mr. W. L. Christie. The name of the founder of the bell with which we are mainly concerned, is preserved to us in the old manuscript. William Hull, for such was his name, at the beginning of his career, was foreman to John Hodson, of London, bell founder. His initials are sometimes found on bells, such as those at Hailsham, together with the name of his master. About the year 1580, Wm. Hull set up for himself at South Malling, where he died in 1687, and was succeeded by his son.

Mr. Legge then gives the old document, and in adding a few particulars elucidatory of some of the items, says:

"Mr. Lillie was the Vicar at the time of the founding of the bell. He was instituted in 1680, and died in 1690. The parish clerk was Bodenham, and the manuscript of this warden's account is probably in his handwriting."

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—WESTERN DIVISION.

On Sunday, September 10th, six members of this branch—Messrs. W. Page (Master), H. T. Knowles, Secretary, W. Sheppard, J. Sadler, E. E. Barber, and G. Camm—journeyed by cycle to a few of the towers situated on the extreme border of the county. Within a few minutes of the fixed time Bromberrow was reached, several of the local ringers meeting us. A fine ring of six of the Rudhall period, tenor about 10 cwt., were found in good order, and a 360 of Oxford Single Bob, and six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman with the local men were rung. The tower is of unusual construction, the upper portion is half timbered, and is in first-class condition, as is all the other parts, showing great care by the authorities. Time passing all too quickly our next move was to Redmarley, passing through delightful scenery of copse and enchanting hills and dales, with cottage and farm dotted here and there. This place derives its name from the nature of its soil, being very bright marl, and exceptionally so this season, due to the extreme drought. The bells here are in good order and go well. Several short touches of Minor were rung and the bells lowered. By kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Niblett the company were entertained to tea. Before reaching the vicarage, acting upon the instructions of a local worthy to go through a white gate, we stormed the castle, much to the surprise of the occupier, who was not the worthy Vicar, as we had gone astray. Apologies were given, and later on we found our proper "in course," and to our great delight tea was all ready, the Vicar sitting down with us. After enjoying his hospitality we thanked him most heartily and journeyed on to Eldersfield, the Vicar piloting us part of the way through lanes of many twists and turns. After a stiff climb up hill a surprise awaited us. There, situated in solemn lonely grandeur, was found a tower and church of grand dimensions, style and durability, setting forth the great power and strength of Christ's Gospel, which for generation and generation had here been preached to the toilers of the land. In fitting harmony we found a truly grand ring of six, tenor about a ton, and rang 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. The tone of the bells are great. It is to be regretted that the inside of the tower should be used for a general storage, rather out of keeping with the beauty and serenity of the structure; perhaps ere long this may be altered.

Once more a wheel we journeyed on, the cyclometer faithfully recording each mile. Here it was our company was depleted by the hurried departure of the "Shepherd," whose energy and perseverance to find out all about the tenor is well known. We hope he caught his train. On reaching Longdon evening service had concluded, so with the help of a local stalwart a few six-scores were rung. We were greatly troubled with the dim light and the immense sallies. Worcester may be noted for "sauce," but not for bell ropes, and we would suggest their immediate deportment to some swing boat proprietor and try elsewhere for bellropes.

Our programme completed, our energies flagging, we started on the home course. A brief stay in Upton, the faithful four resumed, soon to part into doubles and thence to singles. Our journey of forty miles or so took us through beautiful scenery: we received great hospitality from all, and to all we tender our thankfulness, with the hope that soon we may find fresh friends and towers, and not forget the old.

H. T. K.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Winchester district held at Bishopstoke on Saturday last, September 9th, proved a most enjoyable one. The church bells (5) were freely used during the afternoon, and the pleasant grounds of "Oakburn," the residence of Henry White, esq, which is close to the church, were open to the members. At five o'clock tea was served on the lawn, at the close of which Mr. White spoke some kindly words of welcome on behalf of Mrs. White, his daughters and himself, and gave some account of the trouble he and the Rector had had to get the bells moved from the old church to the new one, and he hoped that at some future time a similar gathering to this one would take place, when they might have an increased number of bells to invite members to ring on.

A vote of thanks to Mr. White and his family was proposed by the district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) for their most kind hospitality, and to the Rector (Rev. — Sedgwick) for the use of the bells. This was seconded by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, the general secretary of the Guild who said he hoped the ring at Bishopstoke would become one of eight bells, and when it was decided to make it one of that number he was quite sure some help would be given by the Guild.

The Rector thanked Mr. Colchester, and expressed the hope that it would be possible to add to the number of bells, when he would certainly not forget the kind offer made by Mr. Colchester. One thing, he said, which struck him about ringers was their good fellowship, and he could not sufficiently express his gratitude to the North Stoneham band for the way in which they had come forward and helped his own ringers.

Mr. A. T. King, late Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association, congratulated the Winchester Guild on their position with regard to peals.

Mr. W. H. George brought his handbells, and some touches were rung on them. At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which Messrs. W. Andrews, G. Smith, L. Lampard, and F. Hunt were present, arrangements made by the district secretary for instruction to be given to Sparsholt and Bishops Sutton were confirmed, and the following members of the Bishopstoke band were admitted to the Guild: Messrs. Grant and Titcombe, free members, and Messrs. Ayliff, Collyer, Gillingham, Hutchens, Lewis, Snooks, and Wells, probationers. Twyford tower was open during the evening, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. Permission has been obtained from the Dean for a peal to be rung on the Cathedral bells in the month of October, and Mr. George Williams is getting a band together to make the attempt, probably on Saturday, October 21st.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

Mr. A. Symonds writes: "The Rev. W. L. B. Hopkins has asked me to let my ringing friends know that no more attempts can be made to ring peals on Lavenham bells until they are thoroughly overhauled. Visitors for touches and service ringing excluded."

STEDMAN (Doubles & Triples)

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THE BELLS OF HARVARD COLLEGE.

By ARTHUR HOWARD NICHOLS, M.D., Boston, U.S.A.

In the college buildings, to each of which the term "College" was invariably applied from 1642 to 1720, there have been installed at various times no less than eight bells, as verified by information, authentic if often meagre, that has come down to us. The recent discovery, incident to the excavation for the Cambridge Subway, of ancient foundation walls has been thought to strengthen the theory that the original College stood near the site of Gray's Hall, though Goffe's College, of which little is known, must have been situated in that vicinity,

While no picture of the first College exists, detailed descriptions of the floor-plans make it possible to reproduce an approximate design of the exterior, the front of which we know was broken by a turret surrounded by a "lanthorn." This turret shows the intent to provide a bell, an instrument at that date of prime necessity in every community, clocks and watches not having come into general use. The following extract from the "Rules and Precepts that are observed in the Colledge," contained in a book entitled "New England's First Fruits," published in London in 1643, indicates that a bell was already in use:

FIRST BELL.

"Every schollar shall be present in his Tutor's Chambers at the 7th houre in the morning immediately after the sound of the bell at his opening the Scriptures and prayer, so also at the 5th houre at night, and their give an account of his own private reading, as aforesaid, in particular the third, and constantly attend lectures at the houres appointed. But if any without necessary impediment shall absent himself from prayer or lectures, he shall be lyable to admonition, if he offend above once a week."

A second reference to this bell is found in "Certain Orders by the Scholars and Officers of the Colledge to bee observed, written, 28 March, 1650:"

"The Butler upon every Sixt Day of the week at noon is to give an account to every Schollar demanding his weeks sizings in the Buttery & is not bound to stay above half an hour at Bevers in Buttery after the Tolling of the bell, Nor above a quarter of an hour after Thanksgiving in the Hall at Meals. The Cook on the Sixt Day at Noon shall give in the weeks expenses of the whole society. Wth the Butler shall enter into his Book, according to Custome and shal keep the Bills from Quarter to Quarter and shew them to the Stewart at his demand for his satisfaction."

A shade of doubt may, indeed, be cast upon the identity of this bell by the suggestion that the College may have had the use of the bell of the First Parish, with which close relations had been established from its foundation. In fact one of the reasons for selecting Cambridge as the site of the College was the proximity of this church, then under the ministry of Thomas Shepard, a clergyman of marked ability and piety, and the first Commencement was held in this meeting-house.

To remove all uncertainty on this point it becomes necessary to show that the College possessed the only bell in Cambridge at the time when these "Rules and Precepts" were framed. Now it is known that the first mention of the first bell used in Massachusetts occurs in the history of Cambridge by Prince, who says that in 1632 "the first house for public worship at Newtown (Cambridge) with a bell upon it" was built; and Holmes states

that the town records confirm this statement, and that the town meetings were called by the ringing of the bell. Goss adds that for some reasons not known, a drum was afterwards substituted, as mentioned by Edward Johnson in "Wonder Working Providence" when on approaching the town a drum was heard calling the people to meeting. Furthermore, in 1646, the records contain an order for the payment of fifty shillings to a man for his services for beating the drum.

The explanation of this temporary substitution of a drum is found in the history of the Society organized under Thomas Hooker. Of two hundred Puritans who came over in one company, many had settled in Newtown and built the first meeting-house, which stood on the west side of Water, now Dunster Street, a little south of Spring, now Mt. Auburn Street. In the summer of 1636 Mr. Hooker with his entire congregation, 103 in number, emigrated to the place in Connecticut called Hartford; and it is recorded that they carried with them their bell. Here it is said to have been in use upon the First Church till it was broken in 1825. It was replaced by another, cast in 1827.

The meeting house in Cambridge thus left vacant was at once bought by the Society, which had been organized February 1, 1636, under Mr. Shepard, known thereafter as the First Church in Cambridge; but for at least ten years thereafter the church seems to have been without a bell. That on the College therefore was the only one in use during this interval.

A vote of the parish in 1648 indicates that the first bell had then been replaced by another, for it was ordered:

"That there shall be an eight peny ordnary provided by the Townsmen (Select-men) every second munday of the month upon there meeteing day; and that whosoever of the Townsmen fail to be present within half an houre of the ringing of the bell (which shall be halfe an houre after eleven of the clock), he shall both lose his dinner and, pay a pint of sacke, or the valne thereof, to the precent Townsmen."

Tracing further the history of this second church bell, it was removed to the second meeting house, erected in 1650, upon Watch House Hill, within the present College Yard and near the site of Dane Hall. Replaced by a larger bell given in 1700 by Captain Andrew Belcher, it was then voted by the Town to give "the little meeting house bell to the Cambridge Farms, now Lexington."

SECOND BELL.

In College Book III. is the following entry in the handwriting of the Treasurer, Danforth. It is uncertain whether the date of this entry is 1658, 1659, or possibly a year or two later, but the reference is unquestionably to a second bell:

"Mr. John Willet gave to the Colledge the Bell now hanging in the Turret."

Subsequent allusions to this bell are found in the College Records, for example:

(To be continued.)

J. R. S.—Have you not been misinformed?

A. S.—It will rest with yourself.

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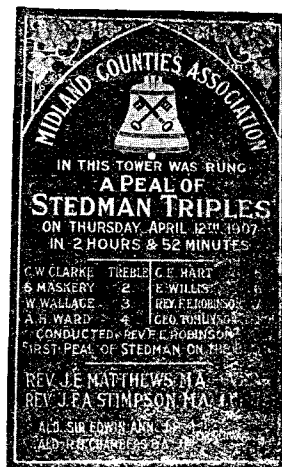
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1911.

ON another page will be found a letter, the contents of which, we venture to think, will send a thrill of indignation throughout the Exercise. The writer of the missive has done the right thing in laying the matter before the ringers of the country. The facts are in brief: a Vicar goes away for his health and appoints a *locum tenens* in his place to carry on his work and responsibility in his absence. The new deputy minister discovers that there is a young lady ringer at the church, and thereon forbids her the belfry, giving as his reason that "a belfry is not a fit place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place"! We can scarcely trust ourselves to speak calmly to such a person. It is the deadliest insult ever offered to a ringer of either sex. If the belfry is not fit for a "female" neither is it fit for a "male." Apart from this he has no right to forbid the lady to enter the belfry, not being the Vicar. If he were to mix among the ringing fraternity—much as he despises them—he would discover the fact that not one of them has ever forgotten his manhood to insult a lady. In this case the wound is made more painful from the fact that the lady's father is the Captain of the company, and a brother is also a ringer! It is customary for a minister to prepare candidates for Confirmation. What would be said of a parent who forbid his daughter to enter a minister's presence "lest it might lead to questionable actions"?

Does the *locum tenens* think that the feelings of his flock are coarser than his own? Let him apply to the many reverend gentlemen who honour the ringers' ranks for their

opinion, and act upon it. Does he know upon whom his ignorant action reflects? In nearly every case the lady ringers of the country have fathers who have reputations in the belfry. Here are a few for this minister's mental digestion. Miss Parker, of Edmonton, rings in the tower where her father is Master; Miss Willson, of Leicester, is a Sunday School Teacher, and her father is also Master; Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, is the same, and her parent is a prominent ringer and officer of the local C.E.M.S. The same can be said of Miss Gillingham, while Miss Jukes is a Vicar's daughter. Another Rector has six daughters, all ringers. There is not a lady ringer in the country who would feel herself inferior to the Vicar's deputy. Time was when Medicine, Literature and Learning were outside woman's domain, chiefly owing to the stupidity of the sterner sex, and the unwritten law of which this case is a pitiful specimen, but it would be easier to stop the incoming tide than to arrest the march of education. If the ringers at the tower concerned are uncouth and immoral, the parson's path of duty is clear. If they are not—and we do not know any such—they ought at once to petition the Bishop, pointing out that the Vicar sanctioned the lady's presence in the belfry, and the present substitute intends to reverse his superior's ruling. In the meantime it will be interesting to know what our readers think of this edict.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAREOLD HAYWARD Treble.	WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 6.
HENRY G. MILES 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 7.
CLARENCE J. DOBBIE* .. 3.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. 8.
GEORGE B. EDSE* 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 9.
WILLIAM A. GARRARD* .. 5.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal of Royal.

The Provinces.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 31, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
GEORGE H. CROSS 2.	JOHN A. WYMER 6.
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL .. 3.	ROBERT BLAKE 7.
CHARLES SADLER 4.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor.

Composed by E. FRANCIS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

Rung as a farewell peal to Charles Sadler, who is making a new home in Toronto, Canada.

** We would again remind our readers that everything intended for insertion in this paper should be sent direct to the office at Walthamstow, and not to the publishers.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER* .. 2.	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6.
WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. T. PEGLER.
*Fiftieth peal; reference elsewhere.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble.	*JOHN W. J. COTTAM .. 5.
TOM O'HARA 2.	GEORGE NAYLOR 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7.
JAMES EVINSON 4.	JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal in the method.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

J. H. SWINFELD Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
H. WAKLEY 2.	L. BULLOCK 6.
W. J. SMITH 3.	J. GRIFFIN 7.
W. W. WORTHINGTON .. 4.	F. SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by J. GRIFFIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS J. PHILO Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
WILLIAM SPICE 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
ALBERT J. DAY 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

First peal on the bells. First peal in the Isle of Sheppey, where the bells have been lately rehung, and a treble added by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" and tone being perfect. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality after the peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. Treble.	JOHN FLOWER 5.
WILLIAM FOX 2.	HENRY LETTS 6.
HENRY GREGORY 3.	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE .. 7.
HUGH GREGORY 4.	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. Treble.	EDWARD W. BRAY 5.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2.	ALBERT D. STONE 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 3.	RICHARD F. DEAL 7.
ARTHUR D. BARKER* .. 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY .. Treble.	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5.
FREDK. W. BAILEY 2.	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6.
GEORGE WILSON 3.	CHARLES SAMSON 7.
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4.	CHARLES F. BAILEY .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung to commemorate the return to Birchwood House, Leiston, of Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, of Babbinghton House, Southwold.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN R. BARTON Treble.	HENRY FERGUSON 5.
THOMAS HAIGH 2.	GEORGE HALKSWORTH .. 6.
HERBERT MILLNER 3.	FRANK WOODHEAD 7.
CHARLES JACKSON 4.	THOMAS COLE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

This peal is now rung for the first time.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble.	†FREDK. MANSER 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	†GEORGE SNELLING 6.
JOHN SNELLING† 3.	ERNEST WHITING 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	FREDK. BORRETT Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by E. WHITING.

First peal in the method as conductor. †First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. G. WOODISS .. Treble.	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN .. 5.
ALFRED WOODROW 2.	ERNEST HAMBLIN 6.
WILLIAM A. WOODROW .. 3.	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 7.
BENJAMIN MORRIS† .. 4.	FERRIS SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD.

†First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Woodiss and W. Shepherd.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 9, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 5.
JOHN HOYLE 2.	CHARLES E. READ 6.
ALFRED H. WINCH 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
JOHN BEAMS 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

HARRY WITHERS .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	JAMES DOWLER 6.
GEORGE PIGOTT 3.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 7.
WILLIAM PALMER 4.	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMBERS.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the above church.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 12, 1911, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs. in G.

ERNEST DUMPER .. Treble.	ALBERT MARKS 5.
WALTER G. ROWE 2.	ALFRED MEARS 6.
HENRY W. WILKES 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
CHARLES J. FRAY 4.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late G. T. Mercer, esq., who was interred in North Stoneham churchyard the same day. The deceased gentleman in 1893 had the three then existing old bells recast, and three new ones added, making a ring of six, and all hung in a new frame. He also gave a handsome contribution to the fund for increasing the bells from six to eight in 1908-9.

Miscellaneous.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Sunday evening, September 10th, for Divine Service 672 London Surprise. W. Taylor, W. Malins, H. O. White, J. A. Fenton, jun., C. W. Wheeler, A. J. Hessian, J. B. Fenton, J. W. Chandler. Conducted by J. B. Fenton. First touch of London Surprise on the bells; first touch by all except J. B. Fenton; first touch of London Surprise as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On handbells, 720 and 1260 of Doubles, consisting of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Old and Canterbury. Also 360 Bob Minor. A. K. Harrison, 1-2; J. T. Dyke, 3-4; W. Shercliff, 5-6.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Mary Abbots church, for evening service, 1268 Stedman Caters. J. Hayward, C. J. Dobbie, W. J. Daubney, E. G. Stibbons, F. G. Miles conductor, W. E. Garrard, W. A. Garrard, P. G. Miles, J. R. Mackman, C. A. Phipps. On Sunday, September 3rd, for evening service, 1080 Kent Treble Bob Royal. J. Hayward, J. Thomas, C. J. Dobbie, G. B. Edser, W. A. Garrard, W. G.

Matthews, W. J. Daubney, A. V. Selby, E. G. Stibbons, W. E. Garrard conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, September 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. M. Hedges, G. Dowling, F. Merrison, C. Jackson conductor, T. Stockdale, H. Rodmell, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain first quarter-peal.

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TYLDESLEY.—On Sunday, September 10th, at St. George's church, 1344 Bob Major in 45 mins. H. Watts, J. Allred, H. Allred, J. T. Allred, W. Hindley, T. Jackson, H. Allred, R. Allred. Conducted R. Allred. Arranged for the 6th ringer, who hails from Bolton. All the others are local men.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 10th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. T. Edmondson, H. Walker, F. Hindle, W. H. Idle, E. Duteson conductok, J. Watson, W. E. Wilson, J. Ashton. First quarter-peal as conductor.

KINGS NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 10th, before morning service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Sumner, F. Withers, J. Dowler, T. Pritchett, J. S. Pritchett, A. Chambers, J. Withers conductor.

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Correspondence.

A CLERGYMAN AND LADY BELL RINGERS.

SIR,—I trust you will find space to publish the following in your paper, as an instance of the views a clergyman takes as regards to lady ringers. Our Vicar, I am sorry to say, has been seriously ill for some time, and has now gone away to recuperate. Meanwhile a deputy has taken his place, and he expressed a wish to meet the ringers so as to make their acquaintance, and accordingly paid a visit to the belfry and found we have in our band a young lady, who, I may say, has made good progress in the art of change-ringing. Shortly after he asked to see our Captain, and informed him he most absolutely forbid the young lady in question from entering the belfry under any circumstances whatever, and on being pressed, gave as his reason—

"The belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place."

And in further course of conversation stated the belfry is not in the strict sense of the term part of the church. This, I think, your readers will agree is absurd. It was pointed out that numerous churches in the country could boast of lady ringers, but this had no effect, and the rev. gentleman still persists in the attitude he has taken up, with the result the young lady is debarred from following up her hobby, notwithstanding her father is captain, and she also has a brother who is a member of the band. My object in writing this is that perhaps some of our clerical friends, and also ringers, both male and female, will express their opinion in this, I trust, isolated case, so that this individual clergyman may be induced to somewhat modify the ideas he holds as regards lady bellringers.

E. J. B.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 19th. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, September 23rd. The bells at Heston, Norwood Green, and Hounslow will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service with sermon by the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson, at 5.30. Tea, 6d., at 6.15, to be followed by meeting. Those desirous of having tea provided for them are requested to note either of the Hon. Secretaries not later than the 20th inst. Four representatives will be elected to serve on the next Central Council.

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The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at St. Leonard's, Streatham. Tower open from 3.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at the Leigham Arms, Sunninghill Road, at 8 p.m.

F. A. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting of this division will be held at Lindfield to-day, Sat., September 16th. Tower open at 3. Tea at 5.30 at The Bent hotel.

ROBERT J. DAWK, *Div. Hon. Sec.*
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The North Wales Association.—The half yearly meeting will be held at Machynlleth to-day, Sat., September 16th, at 2 p.m. Bells (8) available after 9 a.m. All welcome.

S. A. CULLINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester to-day, Sat., September 16th. The cathedral tower will be open from 3 to 3.50. Service in the cathedral at 4. Tea and meeting in the Committee Room, New Corn Exchange, at 5.30. The following towers will be open after the meeting: The Cathedral and St. Margaret's till 9 p.m.; Chatham from 8 till 9.30. and Frindsbury 7 till 9.30.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, *Hon. Sec.*
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Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury to-day, Sat., 16th. Ringing at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m. Rev. P. H. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Skipton to-day, Sat., September 16th. CLEMENT GLENN, *Hon. Sec.*
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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 16th. 2.30.—Ringing 4.45.—Committee meeting in vestry. 5.15.—Unveiling of peal board. 5.30.—Service in church, with an address by the Vicar. 6.—Tea, at 1s. each. Please notify intention of being present not later than Tuesday, September 12th. H. KNIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Oakley, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells from 4. Tea and meeting Oakley parish room at 6. F. G. HUME, *Dis. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Emberton, Bucks. on Saturday, September 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m. F. W. BOOTH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Aston Manor on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (10) ready at 4 p.m. Rev. C. C. COX, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, September 23rd, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will kindly be provided by the Rev. W. Mills, Rector, in the parish room at 5.30. It is hoped many will attend a meeting at this picturesque old world village. W. H. LAWRENCE, *Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea can be arranged at 5. at 1s. each for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, September 19th. There will be a short special service in the church at 6, to be followed by a business meeting for the election of officers, etc. An allowance of one penny per mile single journey will be paid to all members attending. Turn up brothers, by road, rail, or sea. C. TRIBE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 23rd. Please notify Mr. S. J. Kynnersley, 20, Holly Road, The Heath, Uttoxeter, of how many intend to be present not later than September 20th. Rev. C. E. DONNE, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. JOHNSON.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, September 30th. Tower (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5 (1s. each), both at The Grouse inn. Those who intend being present at tea, must inform Mr. W. Taylor, Northwood, Darley Dale, by the previous Thursday morning.

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The Essex Association.—South-Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available at 3.15. Short service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea at The Red Lion, at 5.30., members 6d., non-members 1s. 6d., followed by business meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid on or before this meeting. Will members intending to be present let me know by Wednesday, September 27th. T. D. LOOSEMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Lancashire Association.—Annual meeting at Blackpool, September 30th. Nominations for the following offices to be returned by August 28th; Vice-president, General Secretary, Ringing Secretary, two Auditors. W. H. SHUKER, } *Hon. Secs.*
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St. Thomas's Church, Dudley.—The practice night at this church is discontinued until the end of September.

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Pay sixpence to the poor.

And whoso'er a noise does make,
On idle story tells
Must sixpence to the ringers take,
For mending of the bells,

If any like to smoke or drink,
They must not do so here;
Good reason why, just let them think,
This is God's House of Prayer.

Young men that come to see and try,
And do not ringing use;
Must sixpence give the company,

And that shall them excuse.

He that his hat on his head doth keep,
Within this sacred place;
Must pay his sixpence e'er he sleep,
Or turn out with disgrace.

If any one with spurs to heels,
Rings here at any time;
He must for breaking articles,
Pay sixpence for his crime.

If any overthrow a bell,
And that by chance he may;
Because he minds not ringing well,
He must his sixpence pay.

Or if a noble-minded man,
Comes here to ring a bell;
A shilling is the sexton's fee,
Who keeps the church so well.

If any should our parson sneer,
Or wardens rules deride;

It is a rule of old, most clear,
That such sha'nt here abide.

The Sabbath Day we wish to keep,
And come to church to pray;
The man who breaks this ancient rule,
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May God preserve the Church and King,
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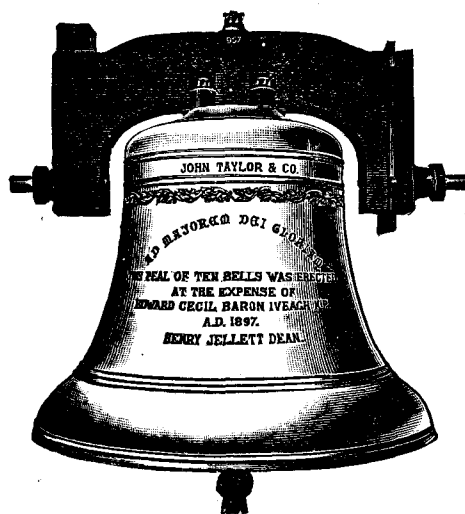
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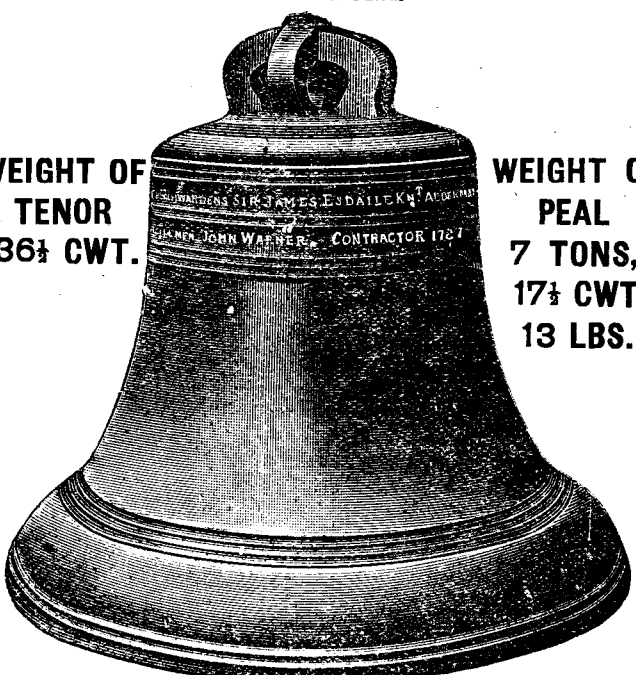
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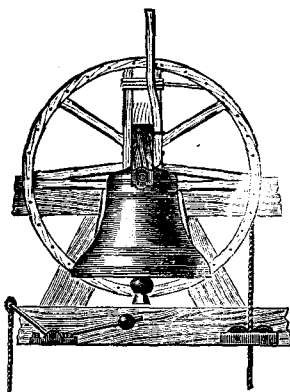
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