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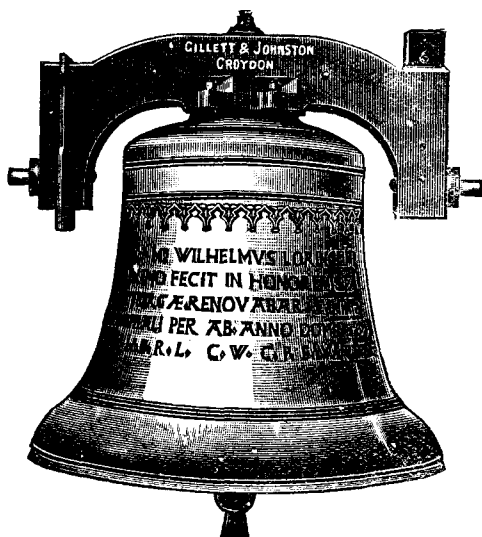
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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this Branch of the above Association was held at Wraxall, and was well attended, 40 members being present from Barrow Gurney, Clopton, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, Wraxall, Yatton, Midsomer Norton and Congresbury. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and a service was held in the Parish Church. The members were very kindly entertained to tea at the Battle Axes Refreshment Rooms by Preb. Vaughan (Rector of Wraxall). The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. H. W. Humphreys. Mr. T. Wyatt was unanimously re-elected Chairman, and Messrs. G. G. Court and G. H. Gale Vice-chairmen, while Mr. George Yeo was re-appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Portishead, and a meeting for practice at Clevedon. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Preb. Vaughan for providing tea and allowing the use of the bells, to the organist and choir, and to the Rev. H. W. Humphreys for presiding. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

FROME BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of this Branch was held at Chilcompton. The weather was favourable, and the attendance very good. Proceedings commenced with the Association's special form of service, the officiating clergy being the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, and Branch President), and the Rev. W. H. W. Williams (Vicar of Midsomer Norton), who gave a most helpful and appropriate address to the members. The service was followed by tea in the Church of England Schoolroom, and the usual business meeting, the Branch President being in the chair. Some new members, all probationers, were admitted to the Association, after which the Chairman made an urgent appeal to those affiliated towers which were in arrears with their subscriptions or lacking in enthusiasm in their work.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the churchwardens, the organist and choir, the Chairman and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. B. Holmyard) for their respective valued efforts towards making the meeting such a success.

Having got through their business, the ringers repaired to the tower, where the rest of the evening was spent in Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. A pleasing feature in the day's proceedings was the presence of two lady ringers from Midsomer Norton tower. The towers represented were: Midsomer Norton, Chilcompton, Litton, Chewton Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Paulton, Leigh-on-Mendip, and Stoneaston.

THE HERTS. COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Committee of the above Association met on Feb. 6th at St. Albans under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Papillon, there being also present Messrs. E. P. Deben-

ham, B. Prewett, W. H. Lawrence, H. Jarman, H. G. Rowe, A. Green, F. Edwards, F. A. Smith, J. Malyan, A. Hnll, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel).

The annual meeting was fixed to be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and the new Dean of St. Albans has been invited to give the address. It was decided to compile a roll of members on active service in His Majesty's Forces, and to publish it in the Annual Report, as well as to enter it in the peal book of the Association. It was also further decided that all active service members be kept in full membership during the progress of the war.

The Rev. Canon Papillon and the Treasurer and Secretary were instructed to prepare a form of service for use at meetings of the Association.

In order that the Roll of Honour may be complete will Secretaries of bands send in the names of their members to the following: Eastern Division, Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Ware; Northern Division, Mr. F. C. Bacon, the Laurels, West Hill, Hitchin; Western Division, Mr. B. Prewett, Alderbury, Oxhey Avenue, Watford, or to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans. Unattached and non-resident members are requested to send direct to the Secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel (St. Albans). It is important that the christian name should be written in full.

It is hoped that as many members as can do so will be present at the annual meeting. Subscriptions which have not already been paid, should be handed to the District Secretaries without delay.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DEVIZES BRANCH).

The last meeting of this branch was held at Potterne on Saturday week. After ringing in the afternoon, fourteen members partook of tea in the Parish Room. The business meeting was then held, presided over by the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), supported by the Rev. W. H. Kewley (Vicar of Potterne), and Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. secretary of the branch). Members were also present from Holt, Devizes, Trowbridge, Potterne, Southbroom, Market Lavington, and Bishop's Canning. It was decided to affiliate the Potterne tower to the Guild. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Potterne for the use of the church bells and the Parish Room. The ringers then returned to the tower, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of this Guild held at St. Wulfram's Grantham, there was only a small attendance, some 30 members being present. The bells were kept going in various methods before and after the meeting ranging from Doubles to Caters. The Vicar of Grantham (Rev. W. J. Carr Smith) conducted

service in the church and gave an eloquent address on the objects of the Guild.

Tea and the business meeting were presided over by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (President of the Branch), supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston) and members from Grantham, Burketon, Hough-on-the-Hill, Bottesford, Skillington and Colsterworth.

The retiring officers were elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. W. G. Thorpe as assistant secretary. Colsterworth was chosen for the July meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. W. J. Carr Smith for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for presiding concluded the meeting.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON BRANCH.

A meeting of this Branch was held at Penwortham on Saturday afternoon, February 13th. After a number of touches had been rung on the 200 year old bells of St. Mary's Church, the members were entertained to tea in the School by Mrs. O. Burton, wife of the Vicar of Penwortham. The company, numbering over 40, included members from Preston, Samlesbury, Eccleston, Brindle, Tarleton, Higher Walton, Walton-le-Dale, and Whittle-le-Woods. After tea the bells were again rung in various methods.

OBSERVATIONS.

"A Chiel's amang ye takin' notes
And, faith, he'll prent 'em."

On January 16th, in the report of the West Ham Annual Meeting, appeared—

"Then ensued a novel performance on 12 handbells, Messrs. * * * ringing 2 bells each to a course of Minor."

As there are more ways than one that this can be done, it would be interesting to learn how this novel performance was accomplished, as it depends upon this point as to what extent the term "novel" can be applied.

Do not let it be thought I am attempting to criticise, far from it. Like Mr. A. J. Perkins, I often think it a pity more use, and I add in however simple a way, is not made of handbells, not only in towers for practice, but upon platforms at entertainments and such like.

Those who have the early volumes of "The Bell News," and will turn up the report, which I had the privilege of doing, of the meeting held at Reading in connection with the Church Congress—when a National Association of Ringers was all but set on foot—will find, in one of the excellent papers read, how the writer said he had known a man who became a well-versed Greek and Latin scholar attempt ringing, but was not able to grasp it, while he had known the man who daily followed the plough to be not only a good ringer, but become a composer.

I cannot help thinking but that the public use of handbells would often lead many of the uninitiated to regard ringing as a science, although not within the reach of all, yet far more worthy of encouragement than football, cricket, bowls and such like forms of recreation which so often draw enthusiastic crowds of supporters. I would add the more simple the better at first, especially if in the case of three members of a band ringing, say 120, a few words of introduction be given explaining that there are no two changes alike can which be tested by labelling

5 chairs and standing them in 120 different positions or rows. Such will create greater interest than a long touch upon a higher number and no word of explanation.

I once heard a good ringer—now gone over to the great majority—say it would take a good band to ring Minor on the front six, Doubles upon the next five with the tenor covering upon the peal of twelve, but I never heard of the attempt. I believe he was referring to tower bells. I remember taking part in ringing Minor upon handbells (12) with the bells harmonised (if not correct Mr. Perkins will give the correct term), and also when I rang 5-6 of a peal of 12, both bells doing the work of the 3rd throughout. It has however occurred to me that there was not much novelty in the performance, but that there would have been more if each ringer had taken the front six in the right hand and the back six in the left and rang each bell in each proper place throughout, or in other words, after the front six had struck a row the back six repeated the same.

When I put together the fragments of the obituary notice of my old friend Wm. Chaik, I little anticipated causing Mr. Perkins to once again become a scribe. I accept of his corrections with thanks. He has some knowledge of the demands made upon my time, and will, I am sure, be fully aware that one in such a busy life as mine cannot be accurate in every detail.

LIVERSEDGE CHURCH BELL CENTENARY.

INTERESTING PARTICULARS OF THE BELLS.

We are indebted to the "Cleckheaton Guardian" for the following interesting particulars of the bells at the Liversedge Parish Church. Owing to the dangerous condition of the framework, etc., they have not been rung for some time. The Vicar and churchwardens have had the bells and framework carefully examined by experts, and a scheme is on foot for carrying out the necessary repairs and alterations, the cost of which (from £250 to £300) it is proposed to raise by public subscription. The present state of the bells has revived the old interest in them, and the fact has been recalled that on July 12th of the present year they will have been in use a hundred years. It is very fitting, therefore, that the centenary should be celebrated by the renewal of all the fittings necessary to put the bells into a proper state of repair so that they may continue, as the Rev. Hammond Roberson once observed, "to afford no small convenience, as well as satisfaction, to every description of the inhabitants and contribute to the cheerfulness of the township."

The proposal to put a clock and a peal of bells in the Liversedge tower was first mooted at a public meeting of the principal inhabitants of the township held on December 30th, 1813. The suggestion was apparently very favourably received, for in a circular afterwards issued on the subject by the Rev. Hammond Roberson, it is stated that "it is the unanimous and strongly expressed opinion of the meeting that the very favourable turn which it had pleased the Almighty God to give to national affairs called for gratitude from every heart, and for some united public expression of feeling by acts of public munificence." This expression of gratitude and feeling took the shape of the opening of a subscription list for providing a clock and a peal of bells, and £685 os. 6d.—a no mean sum at that time—was raised for the provision of the bells, which were ordered on September 29th, 1814, from Mr. Dobson, who had a foundry in Norfolk. The contract was for eight

bells, with a total weight of 63 cwt. 3 lbs., the tenor weighing 15 cwt. It is recorded that the bells became celebrated for their rich musical tone, and that not a few bellfounders afterwards examined them and endeavoured to make a peal of the same weight and tone without meeting with the success anticipated. The bells were made of brass ordnance captured by two British heroes—Lord Exmouth and Lord W. Bentinck—at Genoa in 1814, and it was thought that they owed their beautiful tone to a peculiar alloy which was eminently suitable for the purpose. The bells were brought from the foundry to Liversedge by road, and were, we understand, kept for some time at Healds Hall, the residence of the Rev. Hammond Roberson, the first Vicar, who was largely responsible for the building of the church. Some of the older residents of the district have heard their parents state that considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the bells up Knowler Hill. At that day a wooden bridge crossed the Spen beck at Littleton, and it appears to have been found that this structure would not bear the weight of the bells. Be that as it may, the waggon containing the bells had to be dragged through the beck itself, and it can be easily imagined that the event attracted a crowd of interested sightseers. The bells were installed in their places without further trouble, and the first peal was rung on July 12th, 1815, the year before the church was formally opened.

The inscriptions on the eight bells are as follows:—

1. "Fear God and honour the King."
2. "Let us sing Praises unto the Lord Most High."
3. "This Peal of Bells was erected by Subscription."
4. "William Dobson, founder, Norfolk, 1815."
5. "Regnat Deus, 1815. Wm. Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, fecit."
6. "My Song shall be always of the loving kindness of the Lord."
7. "These Eight Bells were cast in 1814 and 1815 with brass ordnance taken at Genoa."
8. "Dejectus Tyrannus Europa liberata Pax jam annos xx optata, conventa, Laus Des. 1814.—The tyrant cast down, Europe delivered, peace desired now for twenty years agreed upon. Praise to God."

The records of change-ringing at Liversedge date back as far as 1837, and among the notable performances are the following.

May 5th, 1847, a peal of Grandsire Trebles, 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 57 mins.

December 21st, 1852, a peal of London Treble Bob, 5024 changes.

January 12th, 1857, a Rose of England peal, 5024 changes, in 2 hours and 58 mins.

April 15th, 1859, a peal of Prince Albert, 5120 changes, in 2 hours and 56 minutes.

October 3rd, 1863, a complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5184 changes, in 3 hours and 8 minutes. (This was accomplished without the bobs being called, and according to the record, is looked upon as the greatest feat in the art of conducting ever performed by any party of ringers upon eight bells.

October 26th, 1867, a true peal of Cumberland Exercise, 6420 changes, in 3 hours and 42 minutes.

April 10th, 1871, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 10,272 changes, in 5 hrs. 58 minutes.

November 15th, 1873, a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 8544 changes in 5 hours.

December 31st, 1887, a peal of Cumberland Exercise Major (Jubilee peal), 6720 changes, in 4 hours and 3 minutes.

June 2nd, 1888, a peal of Violet Major, 5056 changes, in 3 hours and 6 minutes.

From 1837 to 1843 the principal ringers were James Firth (conductor), Treble; Geo. Greaves, 2; Obadiah Lang, 3; Fredertck Goodall, 4; Richard Firth, 5; Wm. Firth, 6; John Firth, 7; John Barker, Tenor. Other ringers names who appear in the records include the following: John Illingworth, Martin Barber, Walter Knott, John Wilson Lang, Luke Illingworth, Sidney Goodall, Edwin Lister, Willie Thomas, William Collins, Fred Clayton, J. G. Holroyd (Halifax), G. Clay (Huddersfield), W. Goodall, J. Lodge, J. Collins (Huddersfield), T. Haigh (Huddersfield), T. Lang, J. Goodall, J. Whitworth, J. Knott, T. North, M. Ramsden, W. Collins, A. Brigg, H. Brooke, J. Hartley, and S. Blackburn. In the early days of Liversedge ringing, there was a good deal of competition between the Hightowners and the Littletoners, and one occasion these neighbouring ringers took part in a contest to decide who should have the honour of ringing in the church tower. The contest was won by the Littleton representatives.

Amongst the names of ringers mentioned above is that of John Wilson Lang, of Littleton, the oldest member of the present company of ringers. Seventy-four years of age, Mr. Lang has been a ringer for some fifty-three years, during which time he has taken part in several notable achievements on the bells. He has also been a member of the Liversedge Handbell Ringers' Association, and has taken part in scores of change-ringing contests. His father, the late Obadiah Lang, was also a ringer at Liversedge Church for over fifty years.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are asking for subscriptions towards the cost of restoration.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT CREWE.

On Friday, February 12th, the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, numbering 14, spent a very enjoyable evening at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Cooke, at their residence, "Chester Place." A splendid repast having been partaken of, the party indulged in songs and recitations, which were given by Messrs. R. Langford, H. Overton, W. Gartside, R. D. Langford, and the Revs. W. Bidlake (Vicar), and J. F. Amies (curate). Mr. J. Platt (Crewe's favourite humourist), also amused the party, which was much appreciated, whilst short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cooke for their kindness to the ringers, proposed by the Vicar, seconded by Mr. R. T. Holding, brought the evening to a close.

The two sons of Mr. John Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, who joined the Public Schools Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers some months ago, have both been given commissions in the Leicester Regiment. Mr. Arnold Taylor has been appointed 2nd Lieutenant in the 9th Battalion, and Mr. Pryce Taylor 2nd Lieutenant in the 10th.

The bell-ringers of Pulborough, Sussex, thinking that the flag which has braved a thousand winds on the church tower has now earned a long rest, have very generously and appropriately presented to the parish a large Union Jack, 12 ft. by 6 ft. to take its place.

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By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The continuation of Mr. Trollope's interesting articles will appear as usual next week.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1915, in Three Hours,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt.

Bernard W. Witchell .. Treble	James George 5
George Parsons 2	Thomas Bloore 6
John Jennings 3	Bertram G. Leedham .. 7
Bertie W. Haywood 4	*Bro. Wolstan Tenor

(No conductor mentioned).

*Proposed a member before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the donor of the bells (Mr. Genders), on the 24th anniversary of his death.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM.—On Sunday, February 14th, for Evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Parker's 12-part, in 50 mins. H. W. Fright, A. J. Lewis, W. Fright, Sergt. Martin, R.F.A. (conductor), J. Heath, R. Stone, H. J. Selby, T. Ford. Rung to commemorate the opening of St. Mary's Parish Room.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

Since the ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 28½ cwt., in the key of C) were dedicated on Monday, November 3rd, 1913, the following peals have been rung :—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 29th, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES

(First peal on the bells after restoration.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday December 13th, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES

Rung to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the firm of John Warner and Sons

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES

(First peal of Bob Maximus by the Kent County Association.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES

In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells, March 27th, 1784.
(First peal of Royal since the restoration of the bells.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 1st, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11th, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

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A TRIP TO DOVER.

Three members of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association paid a visit to Dover on St. Valentine's Day. On arrival the visitors were met by their colleague, Lance-Sergeant J. R. Mackman, and went with him to the Sergeant's Mess of the 10th Battalion East Surrey Regiment, where several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells by G. E. Harbour, J. Armiger Trollope, Sergeant Mackman, and W. Lawrence. Afterwards by invitation some further ringing was done in one of the large dormitories, where a large audience gathered around, and expressed delight on hearing the bells. Sergeant Mackman explained briefly the method, and the number of changes rung; one facetious "Tommie" remarking "that he didn't know anything about CHANGE ON BELLS, but he had often PICKED UP the CHANGE at the "Eight Bells" at New Cross." A walk that was full of interest followed; the harbour with its battle cruisers, torpedo boats and trawlers, the picturesque Connaught Park, the cliffs, and then tea, the party being the guests of Sergeant-Major Hill, whose jovial reception was much appreciated. After tea came one of the best items on the programme, a $\frac{1}{4}$ peal (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major on the grand ring at St. Mary's Church, conducted by J. A. Trollope, who had composed it at the tea-table a few minutes previously. The quarter-peal was rung by G. E. Harbour, C. R. Millway, Private F. Smith (Royal Fusiliers), W. H. Hollier, Lance-corporal T. Stroud (Royal Sussex Regiment), W. Lawrence, J. A. Trollope, and Lance-Sergeant J. R. Mackman.

Then followed a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Lawrence, in which five of the local ringers took part. Representatives from the following towers rang in quarter-peal and the touch of Stedman: Acton, Dover, Fulham, Midhurst, Tunstall, St. Mary Abbots (Kensington) St. Margaret's (Westminster) and West Ealing.

Special thanks are due to Sergeant-Major Hill, Lance-Sergeant Mackman, Messrs. C. R. Millway (St. Mary's, Dover) and W. H. Hollier, who, one and all, made the visit so successful.

OBITUARY.

MR. W. PIERCE (WEST GRINSTEAD).

There was a large gathering of mourners at the Parish Church of West Grinstead on Monday on the occasion of the funeral of Mr. William Pierce, of Dial Post, for there were few who were better known or more generally liked for miles around than was he to whom they were desirous of paying their last tribute of respect. Mr. Pierce practically spent all his days in the district of which he was a native, for many years serving in the employ of Sir Merrick R. Burrell, Bart, J.P., of Knepp Castle. He was known far and wide as an enthusiastic campanologist. From the age of 16 years he took to bell-ringing, and the fascination of the ropes never left him. Many were the peals in which he had participated and which were not limited to the parish which claimed him, and his record of nearly fifty years as a ringer is one for congratulation and hearty appreciation, for it was in the cause of a church to which he was ardently devoted. Mr. Pierce was 63 years of age when death claimed him after a few days confinement to bed, a confinement which did not take place until the capacity to keep going had completely left him. His memory will not soon be for-

gotten. It was a most impressive service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. Lewis Hughes, of Brighton, in the absence of the Rector, who is on military service, and the tribute paid by the reverend gentleman during the service was echoed in the hearts of all present. Four companion bellringers, Messrs. T. Adams, A. Cripps, Denman and Lucas, bore the coffin to the new grave, which was close to the belfry in which Mr. Pierce had done such good service, and at the close of the service a muffled touch was rung on the bells. The principal mourners were Mrs. Pierce (widow), Mr. Ernest Pierce (son), Miss Bertha Pierce (daughter), Mrs. H. J. Duffield (daughter), and Mr. H. J. Duffield (Horsham), Mrs. Clark (daughter), Mrs. J. Floate, Mr. Walter Floate, and Mr. and Mrs. Laker. Beautiful floral tributes were sent "From his loving wife," "Bertha and Ernie," "Annie and Nelly," "Harry and Charlie," "Maudie, Gwennie and Ernie."

MR. SAMUEL E. TAYLOR (STAPLEHURST).

Passed away on Monday, February 8th, at the great age of 93 years and 11 months. Mr. Taylor was an old employee of the Cornwallis estate, and was in the successive service of Lord Cornwallis, Lord Holmesdale, and Mr. F. S. W. Cornwallis, until he retired on a pension. He formerly resided at Mill Lane, Sissinghurst, and achieved the unique record of ringing the bell at Holy Trinity Church, Sissinghurst, for a period of half a century, without missing a single Sunday. On leaving Sissinghurst eleven years ago, he went to reside at Staplehurst, where he lived up to the time of his death. The funeral took place at Staplehurst on Saturday afternoon last.

MR. F. GOODEN (ST. ANNE'S, LANCS.)

The funeral took place on February 8th at St. Anne's, of Mr. Frank Gooden, of Dalton Street, St. Anne's, who died in Blackpool Hospital, at the age of 33. For twenty-four years he had been a member of the Parish Church choir, and a bellringer for many years (two years as Captain). He was also a member of Lytham Vocal Society and of the Old Links Golf Club. Fitting tribute was paid to his memory by the Rev. H. E. Butler at the Parish Church on Sunday evening. During ringing for service the bells were muffled, while the seventh bell, usually rung by Mr. Gooden, was silent. At the funeral six of the oldest choristers acted as bearers, and their combined service in the choir yielded an average of 24 years, exactly the number of years Mr. Gooden had been a chorister.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, February 7th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. W. Watts, J. Luckey, G. Gray, W. Watts (conductor), F. Potter, H. W. Watts. On Wednesday, February 10th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. W. Watts, J. Luckey, Dr. E. Parker (5th Staffs. Bty., R.F.A.), A. Jordan. W. Watts (conductor), R. Law. Also 360 with R. Law, 1; H. W. Watts, 4; Dr. E. Parker, 6.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 14th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. J. Wilmott, H. Barrett, M. Jacobs, H. Cook, R. Mackrell, C. Hunt, F. Skevington (conductor), G. Hunt.

KIRKHEATON (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 14th, at the Parish Church, a date touch, 1915 changes, consisting of 475 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 New London Pleasure, and 720 Violet, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Swift, W. Womersley, F. Hardy (conductor), H. Hanson, J. Bottom, J. Rangeley. Arranged by J. Rangeley. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THE HISTORY AND MAGIC OF BELLS.

In the Roman Pontificate there is a special ritual for the baptising of bells. Like so many Christian usages which have come down to us from the beginning of things, when man was struggling towards a better comprehension of the Almighty, and with feeble hands trying to tear away the veil that hid the Great Mystery, our church bells and their ringing were bound up with what we call magic. There are some critics who tell us that the Sacramental Rite itself is derived from the ancient worship of the Sun God, who was born, and died, and rose again each year on the very days on which we celebrate the Birth, Passion, and Resurrection of Our Lord. Whether there is any truth in this or not, there can be no question that Christians for many centuries looked upon the bells very much as the black man regards his tom-tom to-day—the beating of which drives away the evil spirits, influences the weather, and secures for the soul of the dead man a safe passage to the realms of bliss.

There are two old monkish lines which set out clearly the view of the Early Church on the power and efficacy of church bells:—

"Laudo Deum verum, Plebem voco, congreco Clerum,
Defunctos ploro, Pestem fugo, Festa decorto."

Longfellow, in his Golden Legend makes use of some further doggerel on the subject which has come down to us from the ages, and in which it is claimed for the bells that they can break the thunderbolt and the lightning, besides driving away pestilence.

The bell was introduced into churches, it is said, by Paulinus, Bishop of Nola in Campania—one of the first persons to celebrate the Holy Eucharist privately in his own house instead of a church. This was somewhere about the year 400.

Soon after their first employment for ecclesiastical purposes they were introduced into England, and the ringing of peals of bells seems to have been regarded for many centuries as a peculiarly English custom. Bede, writing in the seventh century, refers to the bell that was constructed for Whitby Abbey, and in the tenth century a peal of six bells which was cast for Croyland Abbey is mentioned as being the most remarkable in the whole of England.

What may be called the association of magical powers with the bells is to be seen in the custom that prevailed in giving them names. The Baptismal rite in the Roman Church is an actual naming and incorporation of the bell in the Church of Christ. The bells at Croyland Abbey, for example, delighted in the names, of Bartholomew, Bettelin, Turketul, Tatwine, Pega, and Bega. This custom seems to have been abandoned in England after the Reformation, but the idea of giving the bell a human personality survived. For example, one of the big bells at St. Mary's, Wendover, bears the legend, "Ellis Knight made Me."

MITCHAM (Surrey)—On Sunday, February 7th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. S. Smith, J. D. Drewitt, D. Drewitt, Private B. Morris, R. Grimwood, A. Calver, W. H. Joiner (conductor), J. Currell.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Coley, W. Stratford, J. Taylor, W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett (conductor), S. Price. Rung as a mark of respect to E. Large, Tramway Batt. 6th Royal Warwicks, on his leaving for service.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

February storms did not deter a few enthusiastic ringers of the above Association attending the quarterly meeting held at Harthill on February 13th. The elements were wretched in the extreme, but one promising youth of fourteen summers braved the storm and cycled from Warsop and had the pleasure of ringing his first touch of Treble Bob on six bells, but the attendance was only half of what was expected. The ringers present were from Beighton, Killamarsh, Anston, Harthill, Warsop and Worksop, and some good ringing was accomplished in the methods of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

At 5.15 p.m. the Rector, Rev. B. Darley, was in readiness at the Beehive Hotel to welcome the ringers, and had provided a good substantial meat tea, which seventeen partook of, after which followed the usual business meeting, the Rev. gentleman presiding. Three new members from Warsop were duly elected and other important business transacted, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was carried with acclamation to the Rector for providing the ringers with tea, for the use of the bells, and also for presiding over the ceremonies.

The Rev. gentleman suitably responded, and said it was a great pleasure to welcome the ringers to Harthill. His only regret was that the weather was so unfavourable and more had not turned up, and as the Association only came to Harthill once in about three years he expressed the hope that the next visit would be in the summer months, when the flowers were in bloom, and when he could entertain them in the garden.

The ringers were very fortunate in having the use of a taxi to take them to and from Kiveton Park Station, and although the gathering was a small one all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

COSLANY COURT BOB CATERS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Lewis objects not only to my calling Coslany Court Bob on nine bells Caters, but also to the Method itself "even as an illustration." I am dealing with the Law of the Proper Succession of the nature of the rows in a future chapter, and do not now want to express any opinion, but I should like to know if he means that because we call nine-bell Methods Caters, and Caters is an adaptation of the French word for four, therefore we must not ring any Method on nine bells which is not produced by continuous quadruple changes. Or does he mean that in every Legitimate Method the maximum number of pairs of bells must be changed?

Yours, etc.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice, 720 London Surprise Minor. G. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, A. Chaplin, E. J. Butler, G. Playle, E. Pye (conductor). First 720 of London Surprise Minor by all except the conductor.

SOUTHWELL (Notts).—On Christmas morning at the Cathedral, 616 Grandsire Triples. G. E. Padgett, A. J. Chamberlain, H. F. Clulow, F. Pickard, G. Beckett, A. H. Wilson, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor) G. Rick. Also 560. A. J. Chamberlain, G. E. Padgett, T. Foster, H. F. Clulow (conductor). G. Beckett, A. H. Wilson, E. Foster G. Rick. On New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, two 168s. G. E. Padgett, A. J. Chamberlain, H. F. Clulow, F. Pickard, G. Beckett, E. Foster, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), A. H. Wilson. On New Year's morning, 560 Grandsire, conducted by H. F. Clulow. On Sunday, January 20th, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. E. Padgett, C. H. Chamberlain, T. Foster, F. Pickard, G. Beckett, H. F. Clulow, E. Foster (conductor), A. H. Wilson. First touch as conductor. On Monday, January 28th, 714 Grandsire Triples, H. F. Clulow (conductor), C. H. Chamberlain, T. Foster, F. Pickard, G. Beckett, A. J. Chamberlain, E. Foster, A. H. Wilson. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Lieutenant Parker to Miss Starkey, of Norwood Park, Southwell. On Sunday, Feb. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. E. Padgett, C. H. Chamberlain, T. Foster, F. Pickard, G. Beckett, H. F. Clulow, E. Foster (conductor), A. H. Wilson.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

ALLESLEY (Coventry).—On Tuesday, February 9th for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Hunt, F. Andrews, H. Hastings, H. Kettle, C. Aylett (first inside), A. Roberts (conductor).

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Tuesday, February 9th, at St. Alkmund's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Pagett 1-2; J. Vickers, G. H. Robinson, J. Haywood, J. Lord, G. Freebrey (conductor). F. Lee. Longest touch on the bells by seven men. Practice—Tuesdays, 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, February 14th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Mary Abbots, 1260 Stedman Caters. W. E. Judd, W. E. Garrard (conductor), *A. W. Davis, A. Cui'more, *J. H. Payne, C. Charge, W. J. Daubney, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris, G. Hannell. *First quarter peal in any method.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPSGATE.—On Sunday evening, February 14th, for a Musical Service at St. Botolph's Church, a quarter-peal of Sted-

man Triples in 48 mins. W. A. Alps (conductor), F. Andrews, H. Franks, T. Walker, A. Turner, T. H. Taffender, M. F. K. Hibbert, W. J. Nelder.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

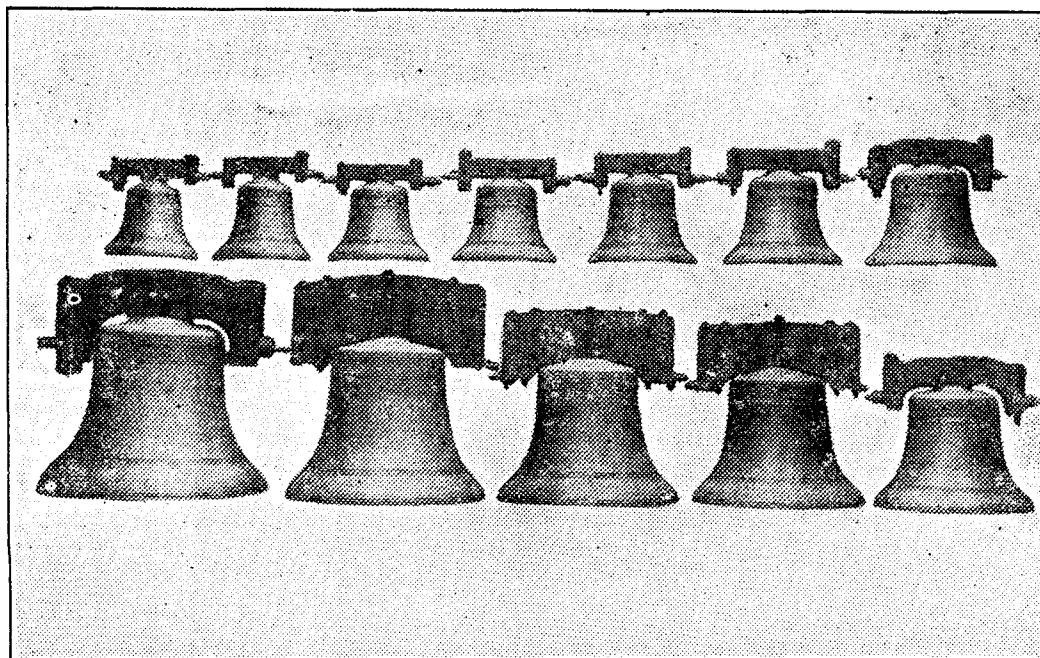
ACTON.—For evening service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. H. Holloway, R. H. Boddington, Miss E. Jones, C. Iles, J. W. Fruin, R. Holloway (conductor), V. Holloway, A. E. Smith

COTGRAVE (Notts).—On Tuesday, February 9th, 720 Bob Minor. W. E. White, *J. W. Cooke, W. White (conductor), D. Burton, W. Clarke, T. Squires. *First 720 on an inside bell.

GREAT WOLFORD (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, February 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Bird, P. Bird, H. Gillett, E. Pardon, C. Bird, W. Large (conductor). Also some Grandsire with A. Large and C. Lock taking part.

STOW-ON-THE WOLD (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. F. Bird, F. E. Davis, P. Bird, E. Pardon, H. Gillett, G. Pugh, W. Large (conductor), W. Richings. Also 336 Grandsire Triples.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on February 25th.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Ringing for Divine Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.

H. J. Bradley, Sec.

Parish Church, Shoreditch.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal" Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon G. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date; other members and friends tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from

A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Springfield, on Saturday, February 27th. Service with short address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Paynter, at 5 o'clock. Tea, 9d. each, and business meeting to follow at the Plough Inn. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Will those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, February 24th. F. W. Edwards, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Clifton Villa, Writtle, near Chelmsford.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley, on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas's Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. All contributions should be paid at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

113, Himley Road, Dudley.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Inter-Affiliation.—Will the Secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-Affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish, with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible. J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, March 6th next. Service at 3 p.m.

Bletchley.

Thomas Best, Secretary.

MR. WM. DYER (COGGESHALL).

On February 8th, Mr. William Dyer, an old and respected inhabitant, and a member of the Coggeshall company, died at his residence in his 73rd year. He was a native of Great Tey. He leaves a widow and six children.

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DR. BARNARDO'S HANDBELL RINGERS AT SOUTHSEA.

Dr. Barnardo's musical boys, who are paying a visit to Portsmouth and the district, gave an entertainment on Monday week in St. Jude's Church Room, Marmion Road, Southsea, and although it was such a wet evening, there was a fairly large attendance. Commander B. Key, R.N., presided, and he was supported by the Rev. W. J. Mayers (senior deputation secretary), who is in charge of the boys now on tour. They carried out a programme which included handbell ringing on a carillon of over 100 silver-toned bells, and as campanologists some half-a-dozen lads displayed remarkable skill. Selections on the cornet, the mandoline, dulcimer, ocarinas, and fairy bells were also given by the young musicians, while three of them, in Scottish dress, played a selection on the bagpipes. During the evening the Rev. W. Mayers gave an interesting description of Dr. Barnardo's life work. He explained how his efforts originated, and that the 7,000 children now under the care of the organisation, were scattered in various separate homes, where they lived as a family in charge of respectable guardians. Since the war they had received many children orphaned by the war, and they were prepared to receive others.

Mr. Mayers illustrated his remarks by showing pictures of the homes, and added, since the commencement of Dr. Barnardo's work, 25,000 children had been sent out to Canada.

Mr. Walter Fuller, one of the organisers of the Young Helpers' League, described what that organisation was doing, making special reference to the work in Portsmouth.

RINGER'S DEATH: THURLEIGH.

We have to record the death of Mr. Joseph Crossley, an old ringer of Thurleigh, Beds., who passed away recently at the age of 81. He had been in failing health for some time. On the death of his wife six weeks ago, he went to live with his daughter in Bedford, and it was there he died. Deceased was for many years an employee of the County Council, one of the oldest ringers, and for a long time a member of the church choir. At the funeral the service was taken by the Rev. E. Blackburne, of Bolnhurst. Mr. Jordan was at the organ, and the hymns were, "On the Resurrection morning," and "Abide with me."

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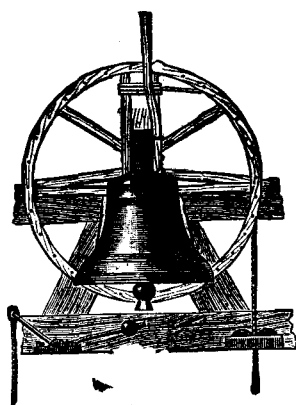
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