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WOLFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1914.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

WAR AND ITS EFFECTS.

Our article last week, if we may judge from comments which have reached us, struck a note which has found an echo throughout the country. Our church bells, so far as ordinary peal ringing is concerned, are practically silent. The spirit of war, with its inevitable loss and suffering, and the destitution which it threatens in many homes, overhangs the world, and to ring the church bells, with their message of joy and gladness, merely for our own pleasure, might produce irritation among the public and be sadly out of sympathy with the present grave and anxious period. Ringers have risen to their responsibilities in the matter as we expected they would do. Unless the occasion warrants it public feeling would in many cases be outraged by the unnecessary ringing of bells, and by their action in this matter the Exercise will be able to show, as Sir Arthur Heywood puts it in his short message on another page, "whether they can unselfishly take up the patriotic position in regard to their responsibilities." We agree with him that it will be very fine if they will.

At the moment everything points to a full appreciation of the position. There is this to be said, however. There is no reason why the bells should not, as hitherto, be regularly rung for the church services. Indeed, it seems to us more important than ever that in this respect the bells should be utilised for their primary purpose, inasmuch as at this time, beyond all others, the nation needs to be called to united prayer. As to the use of bells for practices and special occasions, there cannot be the same objection as to peals. If bells are rung for the customary length of time on the usual practice night there can be no misconception as to their purpose, and we do not think the public could have any legitimate objection to their sound. Much the same, we feel, might be said of the ordinary meetings of ringing organisations, especially if steps were to be taken to have the meetings announced, like any other parochial event, in the church where it is contemplated having the gathering. Here, however, we may safely leave it to the clergy to decide what should be done. All that we desire is that there should be no misapprehension as to the purpose of the bells. The action of those who have postponed their meetings shows a true sense of patriotism by the entire subservience of self to the feelings of the public. The example set by the Chester Guild at their annual meeting by giving up ringing at the moment when the fates of nations were trembling in the balance, was a magnificent expression of feeling, and one which demonstrates again

MODERN WORK.

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OPINION OF OUR
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Broomfield Vicarage,
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Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,

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how ringers may be entrusted, in their special sphere, to interpret public sentiment.

Elsewhere in this issue we make a suggestion which will enable ringers who care to do so to contribute their mite to the fund inaugurated by the Prince of Wales for the relief of distress. Many may like to give small sums who would not care to send such amounts direct. For these we shall be glad to act, by receiving their contributions, however small, acknowledging them through this journal, and remitting them to the National Fund. Every little helps, and we confidently look for a ready response from the ringers of England.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, August 15, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BELGRAVE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Treble	SAMUEL COTTON ... 5
GEORGE CLEAL ... 2	FREDK. H. DEXTER ... 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... 3	ALFRED MARTIN ... 7
*ARTHUR I. BALLARD ... 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. The composition was Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' without "extra" or "omits."

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IMMANUEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN R. HULL ... Treble	WILLIAM WHEWELL ... 5
JAMES SHAW ... 2	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE ... 7
ISAAC WHALLEY ... 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by J. RAWCLIFFE.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor, and first in the method on the bells. All the ringers belong to the local company except A. Tomlinson, who hails from Blackburn. First peal as conductor by J. Rawcliffe. Rung with the bells deeply muffled for a former ringer who was interred in the afternoon.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	*JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal in hand.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7—8

*EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 9—10
Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: JAMES G. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Royal in hand. This composition has only the 5th and 6th in 6th's place at course ends.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Devizes, on August 3rd, was Samuel J. Hector.

CHEDDAR PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

The Bells of Cheddar Parish Church were recently restored by **LLEWELLINS & JAMES, LTD., of BRISTOL**, when a new Steel Frame for Eight was provided, Two of the old Bells re-cast, and Two new ones added.

The letters printed below testify to the efficient manner in which the work was carried out.

POST OFFICE,
CHEDDAR, July 3rd, 1914.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Ltd.,
Castle Green, BRISTOL.

Dear Sirs,

It is with sincere pleasure I beg herewith to hand you the Two Reports from the Authorities agreed to in your Contract to us for the Restoration, etc., of Cheddar Church Bells, first of all from Dr. Davies, Organist of Wells Cathedral, as to the Musical correctness and tone, and also from Mr. Harris, Hon. Secretary of the Axbridge Deanery Branch, Bath and Wells Diocesan Change Ringers' Association, as to the "GO" of the Bells.

I may say that they were duly submitted to our Committee on June 23rd last at a General Meeting and unanimously adopted, and I may also add that the greatest satisfaction was expressed by the Committee on the successful completion of the work by your Firm.

In conclusion, I should like to add that with scarcely an exception, everyone with whom I have come in contact in the Village are pleased with the Tone of the Bells.

If at any time anyone enquiring as to rehanging or restoring Bells would like to see ours, I shall be only too pleased to show them at any time.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
GEO. R. HILL,
Joint Hon. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

Axbridge Deanery Branch,
22, Adam Street,

BURNHAM, Som.
June 9th, 1914.

To the Vicar and Churchwardens of
St. Andrew's Church,
CHEDDAR, Som.

Dear Sirs,

I have much pleasure in informing you that the Change Ringers who visited your Tower on Saturday, June 6th, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were perfectly satisfied with the "go" and tone of the Bells, and that the whole of the work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner.

I should like to add that I went on the top of the Tower while the Bells were ringing and found the movement of the Tower very little.

I also had a good look over the New Bell Frame and Bells, and am of opinion that Messrs. Llewellyns and James have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARRIS,
Hon. Local Sec. of the Axbridge Deanery Branch.

THE LIBERTY,
WELLS, Somerset,
Maundy Thursday, April 24th, 1914.

To the Vicar and Churchwardens of
St. Andrew's Church,
CHEDDAR, Som.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with your request, I visited the foundry of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, on Friday, April 3rd, and heard the Peal of Bells shortly to be rung in your Tower.

First of all, the Bells were heard at close quarters, and what struck me at once was the difference between the tone of the New Bells and the Old ones, although the scale of the Peal was in perfect tune, yet the fundamental tone of the New Bells was very much more clear and decided than that of the Old Bells, the new Bells being in perfect tune with themselves, and the old ones not being so, the reason of this being that the New Bells have been tuned on the modern Simpson principle in which the overtones blend with the fundamental, and it is, of course, impossible to apply this principle to the old Bells unless they are recast.

The Bells were afterwards heard from some distance away, and it was at once evident how cleverly the New Bells have been made to match the Old ones, the scale of the Peal was in perfect tune, and the objectionable features mentioned above had quite disappeared; therefore, as far as it is possible to judge from hearing the Bells in a Foundry, one seems justified in saying that the difference between the New and the Old Bells will not be noticed to any great extent.

When the Bells are heard from the Cheddar Tower, it is undoubtedly a fine Peal of Bells, and I would like in conclusion to congratulate Messrs. Llewellyns and James, on their skilful work, and the Parish of Cheddar on their possession of such a fine Peal.

(Signed) T. H. DAVIES,
Organist of Wells Cathedral.

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RINGERS AND THE WAR.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President of the Central Council, writing from Dovelys, Rocester, Staffs., under date of August 15th, says: "Your leader is capital, and equally the action of the Chester Guild. There should be no ringing at present, unless for church services, practices, weddings, funerals, or other needful occasions. We shall see by the attitude of the Exercise whether they can unselfishly take up the patriotic position in regard to these responsibilities. Very fine if they will."

OXFORD GUILD MASTER'S ADVICE.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in response to our request for his views on the attitude of ringers in the present crisis, writes:—

I consider that the leading article in your issue of August 14th well represents what all ringers must be feeling at this most serious time.

I do not feel that I can improve upon those words, but having said this I will, at your suggestion, endeavour to state more particularly what should now be our attitude with regard to ringing.

I think that the present is a very great opportunity for strengthening the position that bell ringing holds in our national life, and so we should not ring when the message of the bells might be wrongly interpreted by the outside public. It seems to me that this would inevitably be the case if peals were rung; therefore, even if we *wish* to ring peals, I think we should deny ourselves in this respect.

As to Guild meetings, when it is the custom to ring touches during a good part of the day care should be taken to give good notice locally of such meetings, and the ringing should be confined to a space of, let us say, one hour before the service (a special feature of which should be intercessory prayer).

The ringing for Sunday services should, of course, go on as usual, as well as the ringing on the recognised practice night, for then the bells are expected by the people, and, I think, will be welcomed. The same would apply to the greater festivals of the Church.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

WITH THE COLOURS.

A suggestion has come from Mr. W. T. Elson, of 5, Warwick Road, Earl's Court, that we should publish a list of ringers who are serving their country in the Navy or Army in the War. He writes: "It has occurred to me that it might be of general interest if you could publish a list of those of our brother strings at the front, and keep the Exercise posted as far as possible with their doings and welfare."

We gladly fall in with the suggestion, and we shall be pleased to publish the names of all those ringers who are with the colours, both service men and reservists, and also of those who are rendering equally valuable, though perhaps less dangerous, service through having been embodied with the Territorial Force. The information which we should desire to give, and which secretaries of bands might be able to supply, is the names of their members who have been "called up," the tower to which they belong, their regiment, and present station, if known.

Among ringers who we know are doing service with the colours are:

Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.
Warrant Officer W. A. Cooke, R.N.
Lance-Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.M.L.I.
Lance-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I.
Corpl. G. Gilbert, R.E.
Musician Jarrett, R.E.
Stoker A. Playle, R.N.
Pte. P. Gibbs, King's Own.
Pte. F. Souter, Essex Regt.
Seaman C. Willshire, junr.

THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The appeal which has been made by the Prince of Wales to the public for help for those upon whom distress may fall as the result of the war has met, as we all know, with a magnificent response. Donations in hundreds and in thousands of pounds have been rolling in and, unfortunately, it is only too safe to assume that all that can be spared, and more, will be needed to alleviate those upon whom the effects of the war will fall, directly or indirectly. While, therefore, large sums are specially welcome, there is every need for the small contributions as well. It may be, however, that many among our readers may not care to send their shillings or their pence direct to Buckingham Palace. If they desire to do so, however, they may forward these contributions to us. We will acknowledge them individually in our columns and send them in bulk to the National Relief Fund. We invite every ringer to send a contribution and would suggest that a convenient way in which to do so would be for the amounts in each tower to be collected on Sunday next and forwarded to us by the local secretaries. This will save the cost of postage. Where ringers are not attached to any tower, of course, we hope they will send direct to us. We want all to embrace the privilege that is offered them of helping those that must inevitably suffer, and we feel sure we shall not appeal to our readers in vain.

JARRING PEALS.

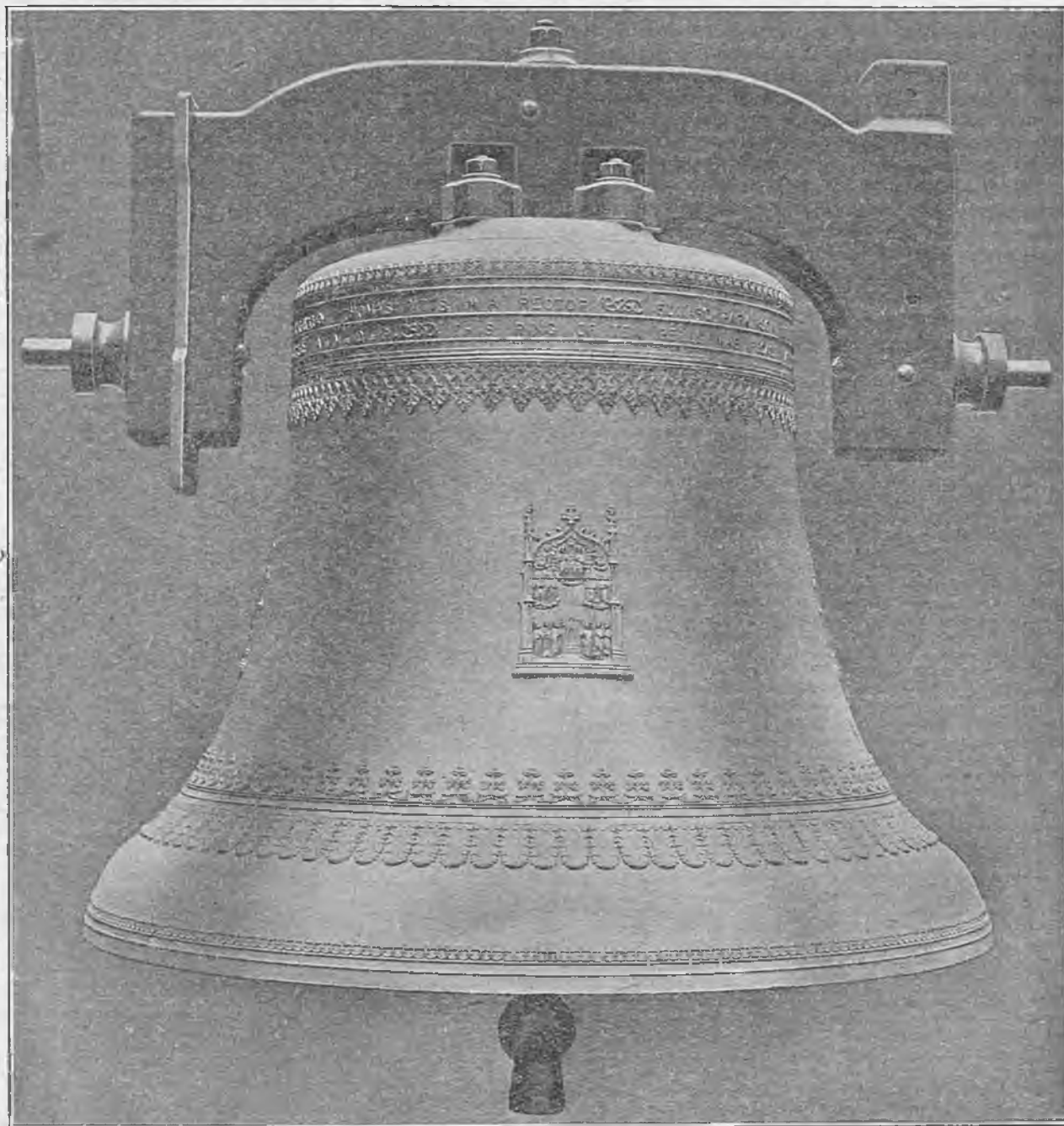
Dear Sir.—There is a false ring in the letter criticising the action of the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, Vicar of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, who alone is really responsible as to when and for what purpose his bells should be rung. I quote from memory: Dr. Creighton, late Bishop of London, died on a Sunday; the next day, Monday, a half-muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. James', Clerkenwell. The late King Edward died on Friday, May 6th; the next day, Saturday, a deeply muffled peal was rung to his memory at St. Giles, Cripplegate. Both these peals are specially mentioned in a report. I am of the opinion that neither would have been attempted if the vicar of each church had been as well balanced as the good Vicar of King's Lynn, but perhaps it would be kinder to say that they were both too busy to enquire what was right. To me it seems a sorrowing pity that the ringers could not practice a little self-denial and regard for the parishioners.—Yours truly,

C. F. WINNEY.

WOBURN RINGERS' OUTING.

For their annual outing, the St. Mary's company, Woburn, visited Portsmouth, the expense of the excursion being kindly defrayed by the Duke of Bedford. The morning was devoted to trip to the Isle of Wight, and later the visitors were able to go aboard the old "Victory," to inspect the Dockyard—the sight of the ships and the works being a most interesting experience—and to go over one of the armoured cruisers. Part of the day was also spent on Southsea beach, and the outing was much enjoyed.

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THE BELLS OF FAMOUS CHURCHES.

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With regard to the early history of the bells of St. Sepulchre's Church we find that at the Dissolution the six larger bells of St. Bartholomew's Priory were brought here, and the five smaller ones were taken to St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, where they still are. They were cast by Thomas Bullesdon early in the sixteenth century.



ST. SEPULCHRE'S, SNOW HILL.

In the inventory of Edward VIth's reign we find, "one great bell called barnard castell, that servythe the clock, with syxe other bells in one Ryng, and one santes bell."

In 1708 we find in the *New View of London* the following record with regard to St. Sepulchre's bells: "In which ower there are 10 Tuneable Bells, which make a pleasant armony when rung in Peal; they chime at the hours of

4, 8, and 12, daily, and wherewith may be rung 3,628,800 changes."

These bells appear to have been recast into the present peal of ten in 1739 by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry, several having since been recast at the White-chapel foundry by Thomas Mears, senior, and Thomas Mears, junior.

The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:

Treble.

THOMAS MEARS & SON OF LONDON FECIT 1807.

Second.

1739.

Third.

S + K + 1739.

Fourth.

S. K. 1739.

Fifth.

S + K + 1739.

Sixth.

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON, 1804. S.S.S.S.

Seventh.

T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1830.

Eighth.

1739.

Ninth.

SAMUEL KNIGHT CAST US ALL AND ROBERT CATLIN MADE THE FRAME AND HUNG US ALL 1739 000 [coins] † † S S S
[In this inscription the letters M, N and U are all from the lower alphabet, the rest being all capitals.]

Tenor.

T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT. JOSEPH HEARN, THOS. HENRY FENTON AND CHARLES THOS. DUPREE CHURCHWARDENS. RECAST 1830.

The tenor is 56½ inches in diameter.

Among the tablets in the belfry we may notice the following, recording two peals rung about the middle of the 18th century:—

"SOCIETY OF EASTERN SCHOLARS.—On Tuesday, April 7th, 1741, was rung in this Steeple a compleat peal of five thousand two hundred OXFORD TRIPL.E BOB, 10 in. The performers:

Jos. DICKINSON	<i>Treble</i>	WM. ROMAN	6th
JOHN SHARPE	2nd	WM. PHILLIPS	7th
WM. SIMMS	3rd	THOS. BENNETT	8th
WM. LOVELL	4th	P. MAINWARING (call'd bobs)	9th
JOHN BLAKE	5th	R. WINDLESBOROUGH	<i>Tenor</i>

This is the first compleat peal of 5000 Oxford Treble Bob ten in that was ever rung, and compleated in 3 hrs. 57 mins."

"ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. On Saturday, May 30th, 1741, the above Society rang 5000 changes of UNION BOB ROYAL in 3 hours 46 minutes. The performers were:

SAML. LEE	<i>Treble</i>	JOS. GRIFFITHS	6th
JABEZ STEPHENSON	2nd	RICH'D. SPICER	7th
JOHN DEARMOR	3rd	SAML. JEACOCKE	8th
WM. PICKARD	4th	ROBT. MOBBS	9th
BENJN. ANNABLE	5th	JOHN TRENELL	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. SPICER.

When merit's justly due a little praise then serveth:

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth."

Another peal board records 5111 Grandsire Caters, rung by the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths, December 10th, 1793.

Another 5056 Stedman Caters, rung by the St. James' Society, January 24th, 1857.

In 1605 Robert Dowe left £50 for ringing the greatest bell in the church on the day the condemned prisoners are executed, and for other services for ever concerning such condemned prisoners. The "other" services consisted in the clerk ringing a handbell under the window of the condemned prisoner's cell, and repeating an admonitory rhyme on the night before the execution, and also repeating the same in front of the church and presenting the prisoner with a nosegay of flowers on his way to execution. This handbell is roughly cast and of peculiar shape, somewhat like an alpine hat. It is still preserved in the church.

The old "toll-bell," which was used in Newgate gaol, was sold to Madame Tussaud's exhibition when the gaol was demolished. It is inscribed, "Ye people all who hear me ring: Be faithful to your God and king.—Pack & Chapman of London fecit, 1775."

A SUSSEX GATHERING.

HENFIELD BELLS ON TRIAL.

With a view to giving the members of the Sussex Association the opportunity of trying the recently restored bells at Henfield, a special meeting was held on August Bank Holiday by the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald J. Lea, R.D.). A goodly number of members were thus brought together, and the proceedings were altogether enjoyable, the wish being expressed that more meetings of this kind could be arranged. The visitors were delighted with the tone and "go" of the new bells, and the methods rung and brought into rounds during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. At tea in the parish room the whole party were the guests of the Vicar and Mrs. Lea, among those present being: The Rev. A. Congreve Pridgeon (Vicar of Steyning), the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee (Rector of Twineham), Messrs. J. Welch, J. A. Minchin, A. E. Baker, J. Ward and W. Markwell (sidesman), W. Stenning (of Hurst), T. Burtenshaw, H. Sampson, R. Nonkes, B. Challen (Shoreham), C. Holman, A. Gasson, senr., A. Gasson, junr. (Balcombe), H. C. Ingle, W. Hillman, J. W. Groves (Heene), J. Burdfield, H. Wood, R. Wood (Billingshurst), O. Sippetts, A. Rose (Crawley), W. Vincent, T. Gasson, T. Davey, C. Starley, A. Absalom (Bolney), G. Tompsett, H. Tompsett (Lindfield), G. Gatland, J. Smart (Steyning), A. D. Stone, Keith Hart, A. Gravett, R. Stredwick, G. Smart, J. T. Rickman (St. Peter's, Brighton), T. Adams (Shipley), C. Hughes (London), and A. Baigent, E. Lish, A. Vallier, and G. Payne of the local band.

At the close of the repast, the Vicar, who presided, gave the members a hearty welcome to Henfield, and fittingly referred to the national crisis that had been sprung upon the country. At the conclusion of the Vicar's remarks, the National Anthem was sung.—Mr. Rickman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Lea for their kindness in providing them with such a splendid tea, and also for allowing them the use of the beautiful peal of bells for the purpose of the meeting.—The motion having been carried, pipe and song were enjoyed, and afterwards a special service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the lessons being read by the Rev. A. Congreve Pridgeon, and the address, a very practical discourse, given by the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee, based on Neh. iv, 18, "And he that sounded the trumpet was by me."

THE CHURCH'S TRUMPETERS.

In the story of Nehemiah, he said, they had a most wonderful lesson for the whole body of bell ringers of the Church of England. Could they not see that in the figure of Nehemiah they had a representation of the three orders, Bishops, Priests and Deacons? As Nehemiah strove against every opposition to construct the defences round the sacred city of Jerusalem, so the clergy were striving against the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to build up a great wall round the enclosure of God. Could they not as ringers also see themselves in the trumpeter, who stood by Nehemiah? He it was who called the people close to Nehemiah, so that a united front might be made against the invading foe. The Prayer Book said that before a service, the curata that ministereth shall cause a bell to toll to call the people together to him for prayer and worship. Was that not like the trumpeter in the Bible story? Surely it was, only, in the place of the trumpet, they had a bell, and there in that parish, instead of the monotonous tolling of a single bell, they had eight beautiful bells. In other parishes it might be that they had ten, six or even the modest five, but be the number what it may, the position was not changed. They as a body of ringers stood by the clergy, and they called the isolated units together to make a strong unity of prayer and worship, and a bold and determined front against the forces of evil.

Then, again, could they not see how close they stood to the clergy in

their capacity as ringers, and how necessary it was that there should be a bond of sympathy between them; that there should be a unity of purpose, and a common interest? Could they not see that their office ranked with that of the choristers and the organist? They were a part of the Church's machinery and organisation. They might feel sometimes that there was not much sympathy meted out towards them. Some there were who did not appreciate the music of the bells; others there were who might appreciate them, but forgot the ringers. But they went on ringing and doing their duty. He knew that in some towers there was a lack of sympathy between the incumbent and the ringers. But whose fault was this? Probably theirs. They could cultivate that sympathetic feeling if they tried. When they went back to their towers they should not be angry or discouraged if their efforts were not receiving the recognition they looked for. If there was not that sympathetic feeling in expression let them cultivate it. Then, again, they would see how absolutely necessary it was that the ringers should be members of the Church of England. How could they be in full sympathy with the clergy, unless they were fellow worshippers, with those they called to worship? They could not imagine Nehemiah's trumpeter going off, after he had summoned the people together, and yet, sad to relate, when the ringing was done, the ringers sometimes disappeared by a side staircase, and left the church altogether. Why? Because there was a lack of full sympathy with the clergy and church. On his holidays he went into a church and found two pews roped off in the north aisle and labelled: "These seats are reserved for the ringers." In that church there was full sympathy between clergy and ringers. He knew they got hot and tired with their labours in belfry. Only on the previous morning he rang with his ringers for morning service. There were only five of them, for they had only five bells. He came down from the ringing floor hot, and with the perspiration standing upon his brow, but he mopped it away, and of those five ringers one (himself) conducted the service, three sang in the choir, and one was in the congregation. Their office as ringers brought them into the closest contact with the clergy, and was on the same high level as the office of the choirman and the organist. There should, therefore, be a splendidly sympathetic and high tone in the ringing loft, a sympathy that would bring them, when the ringing was done, down to the body of worshippers which they had called together, a sympathy that would keep them in the closest union with their Church and with their God.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S LOSS.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF ST. ALBANS.

By the death of Dr. Lawrance, Rector and Dean of St. Albans, the Herts Association has lost a staunch friend and supporter. It was at his house in 1884 that the Association was first started; he had ever since been one of its most loyal members, and in 1913 he filled the office of president. At his funeral on Saturday the Association was represented by the President (Canon Papillon) and the treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), the secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) being away on a holiday. The bells at many Hertfordshire churches have since been rung muffled or half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the Dean's memory.

TO OUR READERS.

It will be noticed that we have this week reduced the number of pages in "The Ringing World." In common with other publications, we are compelled to do this by the necessity for conserving the stock of paper. Our own supply is sufficient for present needs, but the outbreak of war puts an end to all contracts and nothing has felt the pinch in this direction more than the paper trade. A very large percentage of the raw material used in the manufacture of paper comes to this country via the Baltic Sea, which, of course, for the present is closed to commerce, with the result that manufacturers in this country are unable to guarantee deliveries of the finished article, even at much enhanced prices. Many weekly periodicals have, as a matter of fact, already temporarily suspended publication, while the effects upon the great dailies, to say nothing of the smaller fry, have been very obvious. We feel, therefore, that we are only taking a safe line to secure continuity of publication, in somewhat curtailing the size of our issues and, under the exceptional circumstances, we crave the indulgence of our readers. We can assure them that we shall revert to our original size at the earliest possible moment.

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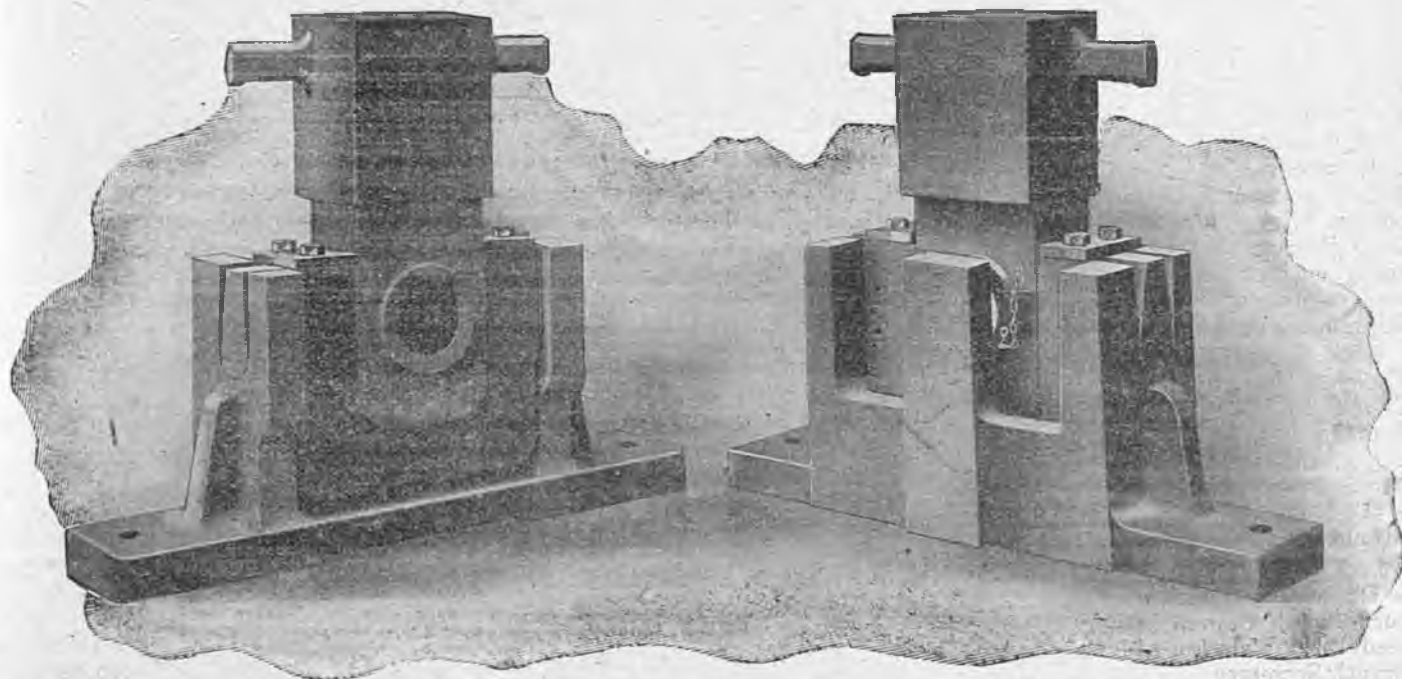
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th inst., at 7.30 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Kingswinford (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3.30.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 104, Borneo Street, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting in connection with the above will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 30 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 till 5 p.m., and 5.30 till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Arthur Hague, Hon. District Secretary, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Willenhall. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. A. M. Pratt (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, August 25th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Epping Parish Church (St. John's) on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3.30, service at 5 p.m. Tea, 6d. per head, at 5.45, followed by business meeting, in the Parish Room. Notice for tea should reach me by Wednesday, 26th inst.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, 29th August, 1914. Bells available from 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at Thornhill Arms, 7.30 p.m.—E. Mann, Hon. Secretary *pro tem*.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, Divisional Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Will all members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at once, and oblige J. H. Haydock, Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart Hotel at 5.30, 6d. to members who inform me by September 2nd of their intention to be present. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available from noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingley on Saturday, 5th September. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 9d. per head at Assembly Rooms 5 p.m., to all giving notice to W. Foster, 3, Chestnut Street, Crossflatts, Bingley, not later than 2nd prox. Trams leave Bradford (Forster Square) every 10 minutes after noon, fare 3½d.—P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-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 the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On account of the war the meeting of the Tonbridge District, which was to have been held at Penshurst to-morrow (Saturday) is postponed.—W. Latter, District Honorary Secretary.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, COMMEMORATION DINNER.—Owing to the crisis on the continent this festival is indefinitely postponed. The general meeting of the Committee and Sheffield Ringers will be held, as previously arranged, on Saturday, August 29th, at the Yorkshireman's Arms, Burgess Street, Sheffield, at 8.30 p.m.—F. Willey, Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to the present National crisis the Central Committee request that all meetings of the Guild should be deferred.—George Williams, Hon. General Secretary, West End, Southampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The meeting arranged for Battle is postponed indefinitely.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Secretary.

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EVENTS POSTPONED.

The war is causing the abandonment of various ringers' gatherings. The meeting of the Herts Association, which was to have been held last Saturday, at Tring, was abandoned, as is also the meeting of the Kent Association at Penshurst fixed for to-morrow. The dinner at Sheffield on September 12th, in celebration of the 70th birthday of Mr. C. H. Hattersley, is indefinitely postponed.

The Central Northants meeting, called for last Saturday at Titchworth, was cancelled.

The Warwickshire Guild meeting, arranged for Stoke Golding to-morrow, has been postponed, and the Central Committee of the Winchester Guild have issued, a request that all meetings of the Guild should be deferred at present.

The meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association at Battle has been indefinitely postponed.

HERE AND THERE.

VERY NICE, TOO!

Mr. James George, who recently retired from the service of the London and North Western Railway Company, has been enjoying a holiday in the north. The last we heard of him was from John o' Groat's. He had previously visited Liverpool, Carlisle, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Edinburgh, Perth, Inverness, Thurso and Wick. He has been amongst some splendid scenery, but, latterly, no bells.

MESHAU BELLS.

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