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St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton.

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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. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE FUTURE OF RINGING.

Recent developments have opened a serious position as to the immediate future of bell ringing. The Bishops of Peterborough and Chelmsford, according to the daily press, have addressed communications to incumbents of their dioceses suggesting that, as complaints have been made of the ringing of church bells in industrial areas at the time when Saturday night workers have retired to rest, the trouble might be overcome, either by shortening the period of ringing or by muffling the bells. It is also stated that the Ministry of Munitions favours the curtailment of ringing in munition areas. No ringer in a time of stress like the present, when so many men are striving their utmost by day and by night at a strenuous task to enable the nation to triumph in this war, will desire to do anything that will affect the efficiency of workers, and if ringing for Sunday services inflicted any hardship upon munition workers who are taking their rest, they would, we think, gladly forgo their ringing. But we do not think it is the ringing in which we are interested that is so much to blame.

Unfortunately, as a correspondent points out in a letter elsewhere, all the clanging of the shrill ting-tangs of all the churches, which on Sundays often begins early in the morning and continues at intervals throughout the day, is put down by the public in the same category as bell ringing proper, and in the effort to stop the former, the latter, if we are not careful, will be stopped as well. If this comes to pass, and the public minority who dislike bell ringing can gain an ascendancy, the future revival of ringing will be a very difficult matter. No one supposes that when peace arrives the world is going back to exactly the same conditions as before the war. Those in authority have taken a grip of many things "in the country's interests," which will not be altogether relaxed when the war is over, and lest a similar fate befall the control of bells it is time that someone began to take action in the matter in the interests of ringing and ringers.

There is obviously only one authority that can do this, and that is the Central Council which claims to represent the whole body of ringers. It will be useless to wait until the executioner's axe has fallen and be left with nothing else to do but put on sack-cloth and ashes and bemoan the fate of the Exercise. Now, if ever, is the time to be up and doing. If the Standing Committee are alive to their duties and opportunities they should act without delay. There is no need for panic, but there is need for facing the facts and taking counsel, and if anything can be

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

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Chelmsford.

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done to meet the legitimate objections to ringing at the present time and to safeguard the future the Council should do it. Influential and collective action is the only thing likely to carry weight, and, whether certain members of the Central Council may think that such work is theirs or not, they ought to realise that real and serious danger may threaten the Exercise, not only in regard to its immediate future, but for all time, and that the Council is the only body at present able to take effective steps in the interests of ringers. But next Whitsuntide may be too late.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 31, 1916, being All Hallows' Eve, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21¾ cwt., in E flat.

*HARRY WINGROVE ...	...*Treble*	†JOHN EVANS	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	6
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
†THOMAS S. SMITH	4	JAMES BLACKMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on the bells. The bells were solemnly muffled and the peal rung as a "Ringers' Requiem" for the officers, N.C.O's. and men of Buckinghamshire who have fallen in the war. Special arrangements for the attempt were made with the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Commeline, M.A., who announced it in Church the previous Sunday.

SIX BELL PEAL.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1916, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

WILLIAM HICKLING... ...	*Treble*	THOMAS H. KIRKBY... ...	4
WALTER WHITE	2	WILLIAM E. WHITE ...	5
REV. C. J. STURTON	3	THOMAS SQUIRES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Dedication and to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the restoration and augmentation of the bells, and the 60th birthday of Thomas Squires who has been a ringer at this church for 30 years. The ringers and a few friends were afterwards entertained to dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Squires and a very enjoyable evening was spent together.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 6, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE-PART.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL...	1—2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	5—6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ...	3—4	HERBERT LANGDON ...	7—8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

"OXFORD SINGLES."

Several correspondents have written pointing out the rather obvious fact that the method given last week by Pte E. Morris as "Oxford Singles" is Double Bob.

A letter on the extension of the Oxford Bob system by Mr. H. W. Fright is unavoidably held over.

CURTAILING SUNDAY RINGING.

A CHANCE FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—You, in common with the rest of us, must have read an account in the daily papers last Friday under the large-type heading of "Less Bell Ringing," that the Bishop of Peterborough had given instructions to considerably curtail the ringing of church bells in his diocese on Sunday mornings (of course, it is impossible now to ring on Sunday evenings owing to the restrictions under the Defence of the Realm Act), and he follows by expressing the hope that the complaints as to ringing by the Saturday night workers, whose rest had been disturbed the next morning, might be overcome by shortening the period of ringing or by muffling the bells! It is also announced under the same heading that the Bishop of Chelmsford had taken similar action in his Diocese.

Now, sir, this is "the thin end of the wedge"—and rather a thick one at that, and it is truly amazing the amount of ignorance which obtains in high places as regards bell ringing. Here we have an instance of two distinguished Prelates deliberately going over to the common enemy of our favourite Exercise and Science!

If any earnest ringer deplores the untimely decease of the late splendid President of the Central Council at a time like this, well, I do, for it is now that we want his skilled advice and help. Times out of number I have urged at the great gatherings of ringers, and also in the ringing papers the immediate need of adopting the Boy Scouts' excellent motto—"BE PREPARED"!

I have amongst my cherished possessions the very first letters of Sir Arthur Heywood, addressed to me as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for he always took me well into his confidence, and at that time I accompanied him about a great deal when he delivered addresses and unfolded his ideas about a central body to the various societies. Being, as he was, able to look well ahead, he saw that at no distant date we should be obliged to have a recognised organisation to represent us in time of need, and his sole object in forming the Central Council was to watch over and protect our rights and privileges, and our interests in the future. Believe me, Mr. Editor, but for this one reason the Central Council would never have come into being! Now, surely some of the older members of the Exercise must recollect all this as well as I do, and I shall be glad if they will write and back me up.

Your very excellent leading articles of September 8th and October 6th on this subject, hit the right nail on the head exactly—in fact, score a "central bull" at every shot, for I can candidly say it was never Sir Arthur's intention to bring together a goodly collection of well-known gentlemen from all parts of England at great expense and inconvenience, to hear lengthy discussions as to whether we should start with 2134 or 2143, or even to begin at backstroke with 132! No. Their real duties were to have ready at hand someone who could go forward at the head of a small and influential committee so as to defend our cause at any time when ringing is likely to be seriously attacked, and also to give practical advice to the chief officers of the church as to how to act to prevent the general public complaining, as they do from time to time, by giving them less cause to do so.

To my humble thinking, the quicker the Central Council or at least its officers have a meeting the better, to at once elect the best man we know of to take Sir Arthur's place, for I should think there can be no two questions about it that the well-known ringing alderman of Birmingham is the man we want. Being an expert legal gentleman he will be well gifted with the necessary power to advise and direct as to how to approach the various church authorities with the best means of lessening and appeasing the public clamour.

I have visited nearly 900 belfries, and have frequently urged the adoption of Seage's dumb practice apparatus, ever since I met the inventor in 1879. I have certainly been his best advertisement—because all should realise that it is a splendid and useful invention—and not from any commercial gains on my part, for I have never so much as had a split lemon from him—or even a "Woodbine"!

Lastly, I am certain that a lot of complaints in the papers as to bells are the outcome of the hideous one's, two's, and three's that are kept ding-donging for an inconsiderate time before each service, to say nothing of the great annoyance in business districts on week-days from the same cause. Personally I have good reason to know of a case where a most worthy and well-meaning man—a really nice and good fellow, is employed every day for morning service at 11, and again for the 5.30, to chime eight bells with the Ellacombe hammers, embodying most futile attempts at Grandsire Triples (it is happening as I write this), so a change ringer's feelings may be better imagined than described, especially when goaded to desperation by singularly uncomplimentary remarks from the denizens of all business offices near at hand, and which are too exasperating for words! Of course, it all goes as "bell ringing" by the public! In this respect I do urge that if people want to go to church during business hours on week-days, surely in this enlightened age, a discordant din is quite unnecessary to call their attention to the fact that 11 and 5.30 have "come round"!

Now to remedy all this and put ourselves on the safe side — I do not think the cost would be much—I would most respectfully advise the Central Council trying to see their way clear to adopt something like this: Let them officially approach the authorities at, say, 100 towers in the country (the greatest offenders, so far as peal ringing is concerned, and where most complaints are received) with recommendations to shutter-up the louvre boards, or even brick up the opening inside to within a short distance of the top. This will effectively stop the reverberating clang complained of by those near at hand, and cause the sound to travel to greater distances, besides converting the tower into a much sweeter musical box. If the different authorities say they will comply with this recommendation, well and good; but if not, then the only alternative is to get them to kindly provide the material—at no great cost—and there are amongst us plenty of architects, stonemasons, bricklayers, carpenters and others, who I know would at once freely give their services for an hour or two on summer evenings to carry out the work themselves! I know of instances where this has been done with successful results. If funds are needed, surely there are many of us who would willingly give a donation or even an annual subscription of a guinea for such an object. Anyhow, try it, as early action must be taken for the sake of ourselves, our friends, the church authorities, and the public feeling; and above all, for the sake of the unknown enthusiasts who will follow on after it has pleased the Great Spirit of All to call us.—Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

A PRESS COMMENT.

The "Daily News" of last Friday had the following comment on the subject:—

"The announcement that the Ministry of Munitions favours the curtailment of the ringing of church bells in munition areas because they disturb the rest of night workers will find sympathy far outside these areas, and especially in London. Nothing of a religious nature is involved in the objection to long spells of bell ringing. A Roman Catholic acquaintance tells me that one of the worries of his life is the ringing of the Angelus close to his abode every morning at six o'clock. It never fails to wake him, and it adds neither to his piety nor serenity of temper. As a fact, it is a mistake to associate the introduction of church bells solely with summoning people to worship. It is said that Pope John IX., about 900, ordered bells to be used in churches in order that the ringing might afford a protection against thunder and lightning! Now the case is reversed, as they are silenced as protection against Zeppelins."

DEATH OF RUMNEY RINGER.

News has been received in Rumney, near Cardiff, that one of the local band, Pte Dan L. Morgan, of the South Wales Borderers, has died of wounds sustained in the fighting near Salonica on the 23rd Oct. Pte Morgan joined the Rumney band when the bells were rehung seven years ago. He had been a faithful ringer, and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow members. He joined the colours at the outbreak of the war, and had seen fighting in France before being transferred to the Salonica front.

SUSSEX RINGER KILLED.

We regret to record the death of Lance-Corpl. John Daughtrey, of Storrington, Pulborough, Sussex. Early in September, 1914, he answered his country's call, and in June, 1915, went to France. He was recommended for the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty during the advance on the Somme front on the 14th and 15th July, and received his ribbon and parchment a few days before his death. Lance-Corporal Daughtrey, with his three brothers and father, were the bellringers of Storrington Parish Church. The deceased was an enthusiastic ringer, and when off duty at Storrington would cycle over to Pulborough for the service ringing, and was making splendid progress in Minor and Triple methods. He was a member of the Sussex County Association, and much regret is felt at his death.

His widow has received the following letter from the Captain of his company, dated Oct. 1st: "Dear Mrs. Daughtrey,—I am very sorry to have to write to tell you that your husband, Lance-Corpl. J. Daughtrey, was killed to-day whilst out with a working party in the newly captured German lines. I cannot tell you how sorry the company is to lose him, and we all extend our heartfelt sympathy to you in your loss. Your husband has done remarkably well during his stay in the army. His work was always very thorough and efficient, and his gallantry in his first battle earned for him his military medal, and none deserved it more, and we are all very proud of him. I am glad to say his death was absolutely instantaneous, and we buried him where he fell. A cross will be erected to-morrow, bearing his name and regiment. I am sure you will be proud your husband has given his life for you and his country, even if your grief is hard to bear. With deep sympathy, yours sincerely,

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REV. C. W. O. JENKYN'S GALLANTRY.

OXFORD GUILD MASTER WINS MILITARY CROSS.

Of all the decorations which have been bestowed during the war, none will have given greater pleasure or satisfaction to ringers than that announced in the "London Gazette" last week, viz., the Military Cross bestowed upon the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The brief announcement stated:—

"Rev. Cyril Walford Osborn Jenkyn, Army Chaplains' Dept. — When one of the batteries was heavily shelled, he went at once under shell-fire and assisted the medical officer with the wounded. On another occasion he did fine and gallant work under fire."

This is all that Mr. Jenkyn's friends in England have learned of the details of the work which has gained well-merited reward, but those who know the Master of the Oxford Guild can readily picture the eagerness with which, regardless of personal risk, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn would throw himself into the work of succouring the wounded. It is typical of the man, and, wherever the subject has been mentioned, the first comment has been, "Just what he would do." And in that remark is contained all the admiration which ringers have for the head of the Oxford Guild.

THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

No ringing society was ever favoured with a man more splendidly fitted to occupy its chief administrative post than the Oxford Guild with the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn as Master. As enthusiastic for the art, as he is skilful in the manipulation of a bell or the ringing of a method, he has won the hearts of the members by his tact, his thoughtfulness, his thoroughness and his capacity. In forwarding the aims and the work of the Guild he has never spared himself, and time and distance have been obstacles of which he has always made light.

And the spirit in which he worked at home has, with its infinitely greater scope, pervaded all his work among the soldiers who are fighting in France. It is clergy of his type who appeal so strongly to the men who are facing death every hour—every minute; the manly parson, without cant, without side; whose spoken word brings a message of hope and whose example is an inspiration.

Mr. Jenkyn went to France about 18 months ago, and has done some splendid work among the troops. That he would be willing to share their perils all who know him were fully aware, and ringers will rejoice that such conspicuous bravery should have been so happily recognised.

KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

The following further amounts have been received: Mr. Barnes, Stockport, 2s. 6d.; Durham and Newcastle Association, £1 10s. 6d.; Mr. F. Atkinson, Wragby, Yorks, 2s. 6d.; Mr. John Flint, Chesterfield, 7s. 6d.; "Once a Beginner," Talke o' th' Hill, 4s. Total, £15 4s. 6d. Contributions should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

THE LATE MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY.

MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT SHEFFIELD.

Saturday, November 4th, 1916, will be long remembered by the representative gathering of ringers who thronged the Sheffield Cathedral belfry to do honour to the memory of their old friend and comrade, Mr. Charles H. Hattersley, by unveiling a peal board and book case.

One feels that this little ceremony and the setting up of this memorial mark an epoch, not merely in the annals of Sheffield, but in those of the whole Exercise; for gathered within this bookcase are manuscripts of almost priceless value, relating to a great number of methods, and representing a very large portion of the leisure time of a busy life. In addition there is a complete series, or very nearly so (bound and unbound) of the "Bell News" and several volumes of "Church Bells," along with our present trusty friend the "Ringing World," also a goodly company of works on change ringing, commencing with the "Clavis" down to the latest, viz., "Stedman," amply sufficient to satisfy the seeker after knowledge of the scientific side of change ringing, and a splendid nucleus on which to build up a really useful ringers' library, which has, indeed, already been commenced, Mr. David Brearley having asked to be allowed to present the books left by his brother, Mr. Arthur Brearley. Needless to say the offer has been accepted.

The bookcase and board are of polished mahogany. The former, which is 4ft. 4½in. by 3ft., enclosed by glazed doors, bears the words: "The Charles Henry Hattersley Library, 1916." The memorial peal board which surmounts it is 4ft. 9in. by 5ft. 6in., and in the centre panel contains the record of the muffled peal rung on the occasion of Mr. Hattersley's funeral. This inscription is as follows: "The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. In Memoriam. On Tuesday, October 26th, 1915, was rung in this tower a peal of Stedman Cinques (5019 changes), in three hours and forty-seven minutes: John Holman 1, George Holmes 2, William Lomas 3, Clement Glenn 4, William Burgar 5, James Evinson 6, Harry Williams 7, George O. Dixon 8, Leonard Charlesworth 9, Albert A. Hughes 10, Sam Thomas 11, James George 12. Composed and conducted by William Lomas. This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers, as a tribute to the memory of Charles Henry Hattersley, one of the foremost ringers of his generation, who was associated with this tower over fifty years, and who died October 21st, 1915, aged 71. H. Gresford Jones, M.A., Archdeacon, Vicar; H. H. Williams, A. Cattell, churchwardens." The side panels provide space for the names of "Past ringers of this tower," and the list already contains the following: Henry Lomas, Thomas Whaley, Robert Heald, Vincent Bradbury, George Wilson, George Potter, John Heald, Samuel Nadin, Charles Steer, William Booth, Jonathan Sandford, Charles Bower, John Lomas, Joseph Mulligan, Thomas Hattersley, Charles Rowsan, Edward Woodward, William Bailes, Joseph Atkin, Arthur Brearley, John Mulligan.

THE CEREMONY.

Archdeacon H. Gresford Jones presided over the short but dignified and impressive service, opening with suitable prayers.

Mr. Sam Thomas explained in a few words the reason why they should honour their departed friend, and the Archdeacon then asked Mrs. C. H. Hattersley kindly to perform the unveiling ceremony. Having exposed the memorial, Mrs. Hattersley added to a graceful act a few well-chosen words, thanking all concerned for the great honour done to her dear husband's memory.

Mr. Harry Hattersley (son) asked the Archdeacon, on behalf of his mother and the cathedral ringers, to "accept and dedicate this bookcase and tablet to the honour and glory of God."

The Archdeacon, in complying on his own and the churchwardens' behalf, gave expression of their thanks, concurring in all that had been said as to why so fitting a testimony should be paid to the memory of Mr. Hattersley, and remarking on the great honour in having it placed in what was probably one of the oldest rooms in Sheffield, viz., the belfry.

To Mr. George Holmes fell the pleasing duty of proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hattersley, who, in addition to giving up all Mr. Hattersley's ringing literature, has borne the expense of the bookcase, and assisted in every possible way, collecting and preserving the various manuscripts, etc. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor, President of the Midland Counties Association, who, in his accustomed felicitous manner, said how pleased he was to have the privilege of being present, and spoke as an old and close personal friend of Mr. Hattersley.

Mr. J. T. Rew, in proposing that the thanks of the whole company be given the Archdeacon, mentioned the cordial relations which existed between the ringers and the Vicar and churchwardens, who were at all times "approachable."—The Archdeacon, having replied, closed the proceedings with the Benediction.

A REPRESENTATIVE COMPANY.

Mr. Harry Hattersley invited the whole company to take tea with him at Pichard's Cafe, the great majority, between 50 and 60, sitting down to an excellent "knife and fork" repast. A few friends afterwards, on Mrs. Hattersley's invitation, gathered in the dining-room at 38, Dover Road (the scene of not a few such little gatherings), where the recalling of a few reminiscences soon brought train time for the visitors.

In addition to the Cathedral ringers and their good ladies, and representatives of other Sheffield towers, the proceedings were honoured with the presence of the Revs. W. P. Wright and H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake (in khaki), Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hattersley, Mr. Churchwarden H. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. James George ((representing St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. E. H. Lewis (Frodsham), Mr. D. Brearley (Bolsterstone), Mr. L. Brightman (Rotherham), Messrs. C. D. Potter and G. S. Tyas (Barnsley), Mr. Sam Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), Mr. H. Smith (Hunslet), Messrs. R. W. Jennison and Smith Murgatroyd (Keighley), Mr. C. Glenn (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. B. A. Knights and Mr. W. Nuttall (Chesterfield), Mr. S. Smith (Anston), Mr. H. Beardsley (Ilkeston), etc. Letters of apology were received from Mr. Lawrence Hattersley (military duties), Mr. W. Rock Small (Tipton), Mr. John Carter (Birmingham), Mr. William Whitaker (Leeds) and Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), while the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Yorkshire Association, telegraphed his regrets for not having been able to come.

When more settled times are reached it may be thought fit, as a suitable national memorial, to publish a collection of Mr. Hattersley's peals in book form.

THE LATE MR. A. A. JOHNSTON.

HIS INTERESTING CAREER.

The following biography of the late Mr. A. A. Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, will be read with interest by ringers, many of whom will learn for the first time of the interesting and varied career which the deceased gentleman had had. The article is taken from a Croydon contemporary.

British scientific industry, says the writer, suffers a severe loss, and

THE LATE MR. A. A. JOHNSTON.

Croydon is greatly the poorer, by the sudden and much lamented death of Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston. As head of the famous firm of clockmakers and bellfounders, which has planted the name of Croydon in practically every country in the world, Mr. Johnston enjoyed the proud knowledge of having taken a big hand in maintaining the supremacy of British workmanship the globe over, so far as the horo-

logical and campanological industries are concerned. As a citizen of Croydon he was full of good works, and in the public life of the borough had a place and influence won by qualities commanding universal respect. By a large heart, broad sympathies, sagacious judgment, irrepressible optimism, ready wit, transparent sincerity of thought and purpose, and an approachability that was no different as between highest and humblest, he gained the affectionate regard of all whom he numbered as friends or acquaintances.

The deceased was a native of Beverley. He spent most of his early days with his uncle, the late Mr. Arthur Anderson, M.P., founder of the P. and O. and the Union Steamship companies, and first Chairman of the Crystal Palace Company. Mr. Anderson lived at The Grove, Norwood, and fifty years ago gave his neighbours the building on Knight's Hill, known now as the Norwood Technical Institute. Mr. Anderson had a famous yacht, "The Eothen," which, after his death, became the first "Sunbeam" of the Brassey family. Nephew accompanied uncle in many delightful trips abroad, even as far as the Fiji Islands. As a lad, the deceased entered the P. and O. Office, but on the death of his uncle bought a partnership in the firm of Gillett and Bland (established in 1844 by Mr. W. Gillett). Clocks only were then made, but after Mr. Johnston's advent in 1877 bell founding was added to the business. Upon the death of Mr. Gillett Mr. Johnston became sole proprietor. "Gillett's Clock," as it is commonly called, has been a great public benefit, except for a few years when, owing to a dispute with the Assessment Committee, its hands were taken off. Mr. Johnston thought it hard to be penalised in doing his neighbours a good turn, for a world-wide business stood in no need of local advertising. However, the district awoke one day to the pleasant surprise of seeing the hands once more faithfully recording the time on the 10½-foot dials.

FAMOUS CLOCKS AND BELLS.

The firm, which entirely remodelled the works in 1905, was never content with anything but the best workmanship. Thus certain details of clocks are still finished by hand, and piece work was abolished long ago because of the danger of inferior work slipping through. Government contracts largely make up the history of the business. Post Office, Admiralty and War Office, India Office, and Crown Agents, have been, and are, regular customers. Clocks and bells bearing Croydon's name were erected at the London Law Courts, Toronto City Hall, Sydney Town Hall, Caracas Cathedral, the Dominion Houses of Parliament at Ottawa, and at the Rangoon Courts of Justice. Even Nazareth and Jerusalem have their Croydon-made clocks. Indeed, the inscription on dial plates of "Gillett and Johnston, Croydon," is one upon which the sun never sets.

The Toronto clock, erected in 1902, was the largest order received for 20 years. It is the biggest striking clock in the New World. The contract was secured in the face of the keenest international—especially American—competition. Canada decided on a British firm, which reduced the tenderers to four, and "we won by a short neck," as Mr. Johnston used to say. The casting of the 5½ ton hour bell was a great event in the works, and Whitehorse Road still remembers its triumphal send-off. When Croydon people wanted a clock for a royal present they went to this firm. Our Town Hall clock and bells came from the same factory. Some of the metal used was from old bells of Eddystone Lighthouse melted down. Even Germany in the past has sent its orders to Croydon, and thus admitted British horological supremacy. The firm can turn out anything in the clock way—for royal palaces or stable, able to stand arctic cold or tropical heat, with dials from 20 feet to a few inches in diameter. The commemorative clocks they have set up all over the world are legion. A long chapter could be written on the firm's part in the development of carillons and of bell-tuning. A Gillett and Johnston carillon machine controls the 21 tunes of the bells of the Royal Exchange. What better praise of Croydon-made bells could be given than that from a Canadian, referring to Gillett and Johnston's chimes just installed in Montreal, "They reminded me of the mellow-toned and silvery peals one hears in the cathedrals and old churches at home."

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Eynsford. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and the members then attended service. The Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar) having been called away on the National Mission, the Rev. —. Rasleigh, of Horton Kirby, kindly took his place, and gave an address on the observance of the Lord's Day, in connection with the Mission.

The members then adjourned to the Vicarage, where a very nice tea, provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Elphinstone, awaited them, over thirty being present, Mrs. Elphinstone kindly waiting on the company, and afterwards explaining the Vicar's absence.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries presiding. — One new member was elected.—Lewisham was selected as the next quarterly meeting place on the third Saturday in January, 1917.—The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge) and District Representative (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) were re-elected to their offices.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Elphinstone, the Rev. —. Rasleigh, and the organist, brought the meeting to a hasty close, the majority having to catch the 7.44 p.m. train or wait till nearly 11 p.m.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on November 21st, for the election of officers for the coming year; also on the 16th and 30th for handbell practice.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden (8 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available from 2.30 until 5, followed by a short service. Tea (6d. to members, others 9d.) and business meeting will be held in the Parish Room, which will also be available for handbell ringing, etc., afterwards. Nearest station, Neasden (Met.), or No. 8 bus from City. Members and friends cordially invited. I shall be glad to have all outstanding subscriptions as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Room on Saturday, November 11th. Service, 5.30. Tea, 6 p.m. There will be ringing in the afternoon.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.—Also practice at Bucklebury (8 bells) first and third Saturday afternoon in the month, 3 p.m.—5 p.m. Welcome awaiting change ringers.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—A meeting of the above association will be held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. A meeting for business and social intercourse will be held on the same evening at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Ringers cordially invited. — T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th, 1916, at Winchester. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock (or earlier if desired), but the military authorities prohibit the bells being rung after sunset. Service in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5 o'clock, and the business meeting immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec., 20, Culver Rd., Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Glodwick Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 2 30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 132, Morton Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3 till dusk. Meeting to follow.—W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch,—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1916. Bells ready 2.30. Ringing to cease at dusk. Meeting as arranged.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hawley on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. in the Pavilion close to the Church. All ringing friends welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members of the Central Committee are informed that the bells at Tonbridge Church will be available for ringing at one o'clock on the date of the meeting there.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Harry Chapman has removed to 26, Kirkmanshulme Lane, Longsight, Manchester.—Mr. H. Middleton, Ringing Master of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, has removed to 40, Norton, near Evesham.—Mr. T. R Hensher's address is now Excelsior Hotel, Middlesbrough

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BIRTH.

HARDY.—On Friday, November 3rd, 1916, at 23, Hopefield Road, Leicester, the wife of Gunner T. H. Hardy, R.G.A. (France) of a son.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

Another successful practice meeting by the Guildford District took place at Cranleigh, Surrey, on Saturday, when sufficient ringers turned up to enable the four "standard" methods to be put on. Two ladies took part in the touches, Mr. G. Charman, son of the leader of the local band, rang his first touch of Grandsire Triples inside, and Mr. Melville, of Guildford, formerly of Tring, scored his first touch of Treble Bob Major. The bells are a capitally going peal of nearly a ton, placed in a steeple that would have ample room for twelve on one level. The visitors, who included two ringers from Lindfield, Sussex, much enjoyed their afternoon. When the practice is held at Cranleigh on the first Saturday in December it is hoped that a tea may be arranged. The next gathering for practice is at Godalming on November 18th.

A NEW "TENORMAN."

The following laconic message was cabled across to "somewhere in France," on Friday, to Gunner T. H. Hardy, R.G.A., of Leicester: "A son, will ring the tenor, both doing well." It will be remembered that Gunner Hardy, then district secretary of the Midland Counties Association, married Miss Lilian A. Willson, one of the band who rang in the first ladies' peal, in December last. Congratulations will be extended to Gunner Hardy and his wife on the birth of a son and heir.

The continuation of "Oxford Guild Activities" is unavoidably held over till next week.

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