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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1916.

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 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

The preliminary notice of the Central Council meeting at Whitsun has been issued to the members, and, as resolved upon by the Standing Committee last year, the venue is to be Gloucester, which was chosen on account of the fact that, the meeting being one of more than ordinary importance, that city is much more central and convenient to reach than Plymouth, which was selected by the Council two years ago. When the Standing Committee exercised their discretion—wisely, we think—to change the place of meeting, there was doubtless a hope that, before the time arrived for the gathering to be held, the war would be over, or, at least, that the end would be well in sight. The meeting, originally fixed for Plymouth, was abandoned on account of the "pressure of the war and its accompanying burdens," which, it was thought, would make the likelihood of the attendance of a reasonable number of members at so distant a place as Plymouth very remote.

If that was the case last year, have the conditions improved this? The war is still the overburdening preoccupation; the stress is greater than ever, men have less time to give to minor affairs, and, not least important from the point of view of the various associations who have to meet the expenses, the cost of travelling has increased by fifty per cent. We imagine the Standing Committee have taken all this into consideration, or at least will do so before finally convening the meeting. Would ringing suffer seriously if the meeting were postponed for another year? We think not. On the other hand, it would be to the best advantage of the Central Council if a meeting of the importance that its next promises to be were attended by a full complement of members. The prevailing conditions are such as will prevent anything but a limited attendance, and apart from the fact that several members are actually serving with the forces, and a great many others are engaged on work of national importance, and could not give up the necessary time to attend the gathering, some of those associations whose funds are at this time by no means too plentiful, will not be over-anxious to send their representatives, when the distance, as it is in many cases, is so great.

It is because the business of the next meeting of the Council is important—it may have a considerable bearing on the future of the Council itself—that the question of meeting under present circumstances ought seriously to be considered. As long as the Standing Committee are available to deal with any matters of emergency as they arise—and as they did, we believe, in the question which we strenuously advocated recently—the Council would not suffer by postponing its business until it can meet under

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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.

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happier and more normal conditions. It would be a thousand pities if the next meeting of the Council were not fully representative, and it seems to us that unless there is a change of existing circumstances at an unexpectedly near date, it is more than likely that the attendance would be far below the average. The matter is one which, of course, rests with the Standing Committee, who, it must be presumed, will carefully weigh the pros and cons.

SIX BELL PEAL.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 14, 1917, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three of Grandsire each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

HARRY GOULD	*Treble*	EDMUND ROBBINS	4
JAMES HEMMING	2	ARTHUR JORDAN	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3	FREDERICK JORDAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK JORDAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Pte William Tayler, a member of the local band, who has fallen in France. The peal preceded a memorial service in the Parish Church.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

From St. Saviour's, Walthamstow:—
Spr. C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary Middlesex Association, Royal Engineers, Railway Transport, now at Longmore Camp, Hants.

From Irthlingborough, Northants:—
A.-M. J. Hubert Horn, Royal Naval Air Service, now at Crystal Palace.

From Framlingham, Suffolk:—
Pte W. E. Maulden, A.S.C., M.T., now at Grove Park.

THE LATE MR. A. W. GRIMES.

The interment of the late Mr. A. W. Grimes, whose death has evoked much sympathy among his large circle of friends, took place at Debenham Cemetery. The principal mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Grimes (father and mother), Mr. and Mrs. Sage (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Burch, Miss A. Grimes, and Miss C. Grimes (sisters). Owing to the fact that Debenham is 14 miles distant from Ipswich, and a difficult place to reach, there were no ringers present at the funeral, for most of the local men are away in the army, but among the many nice wreaths that were sent was a beautiful one from members of the College Youths and friends.

LATE NOTICES.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, S.W.—Ringing for evensong will recommence on Sunday next, January 28th, at 6 o'clock (service at 7), and on every alternate Sunday from this date. All visitors welcome.—W. H. Hewett.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held in St. Andrew's Church Belfry, Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 1917, at 2.30 p.m. Will members whose subscriptions are in arrears please send them in; also the Roll of Honour, so that the Hon. Secretary's list can be brought up to date?—J. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard St., Derby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's Church, Newent, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. till dusk. Short service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room, provided free by the Rector. Will members who intend coming kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, January 31st?—Ex-Sergt. Joseph Williams, Acting Sec., Glen Holm, Newent, Glos.

CHURCH BELLS OF LANCASHIRE.

MR. CHEETHAM'S BOOK.

Those who were fortunate enough to secure a copy of Part I. of Mr. F. W. Cheetham's "The Church Bells of Lancashire" a year or so ago, will welcome the appearance of the second portion of the volume, which promises to be one of the most interesting of all those dealing with the antiquarian study of bells. Part II., like its predecessor, is a reprint from the "Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society," and deals with the bells in the Hundred of Salford, which includes such centres of ringing as Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham.

Mr. Cheetham's volume is much more than a catalogue of the bells to be found in the Lancashire churches. From old parish records he has unearthed many interesting facts concerning the history of the bells and the customs of the ringers, and consequently this book is as attractive to ringers, and particularly Lancashire ringers, as it is to archæologists. Mr. Cheetham, in summarising the results of his investigations, tells us that there are only two mediæval bells in the Salford Hundred—one at Bradshaw, of 14th century date, and the other at Clayton Hall, probably a late fourteenth or early fifteenth century bell. There are no church bells of the sixteenth century; but Edenfield, Holcombe, Bolton, Ringley and Great Lever Hall have bells of the seventeenth century. There are a fairly large number of eighteenth century bells, and the Rudhalls, of Gloucester, seem to have done a great deal of work in the district in this period. This, of course, was due to the fact that means of transit by water was fairly easy between the two cities. The Whitechapel Foundry also provided many bells for the Hundred of Salford during the same period.

ANCIENT RINGERS' RIVALRY.

We have only space to quote one extract from the ringing history that appears in this volume, which runs to nearly 120 pages, and it relates to the old-time rivalry between the Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham ringers. On August 6th, 1782, it is recorded, says Mr. Cheetham, that "the Ashton Youths rang a true peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., the weight of the tenor being upwards of a ton. The above peal is the only one ever yet completed in this county." A week later, "the celebrated Youths of Oldham" rang the same number of changes, in 2 hrs. 50 minutes, but the tenor bell was only about 8 cwt. The active rivalry between Ashton and Oldham seems to have begun in 1785, and only came to an end about 1830. The Oldham ringers are credited with "repeatedly, arrogantly and unprovokedly saying that the Ashton ringers were not able to ring them anywhere"; and when a deputation from Ashton waited upon Oldham they were treated with something like contempt. "Instead of entering into a proper obligation to prove the superior ability of the disputants, nothing was heard on their part but banter, scurrility and defamation." After this a challenge was issued on behalf of the "Ashton ringers to ring upon eight bells any set of ringings belonging to Oldham . . . for any sum of money not less than eight and not more than twenty guineas." The contest took place at Leeds on September 22nd, 1786, and was decided in favour of Oldham. Both the Ashton and the Oldham ringers met at the opening of the new bells at Flixton, in January, 1808, but at the close of the ringing the judges were unable to come to a decision, and the prize money was divided. The verdict satisfying nobody, a match for £40 was arranged at Flixton, and came off on June 24th, 1808, when Oldham were declared the winners. The conductor of the Ashton ringers Jonathan Wild, was charged with selling the match to the Oldham men, and so high was the state of feeling at the time that Wild left Ashton and went to live at Stockport, where he remained 26 years. The accusation seems to have been unjust, and Wild was allowed to come back to Ashton before his death. For the great contest both companies went into training. The ringers went to Flixton the day before the contest, accompanied by their supporters; and the number of visitors to the village, it is said, was so large that some had to sleep in the open-air, in carts, etc. After the Flixton match there was continual strife between the Ashton and Oldham ringers for more than 20 years, and it is said to have been carried to such a pitch that "if one of the Oldham ringers strayed to Ashton and was recognised, they ran him out of the village."

MYSTERY OF ORIGIN OF A BELL.

Is there anyone among our readers who can help Mr. Cheetham to trace the origin of the heaviest of the three bells at St. James', Heywood? The church was built in 1838, but this bell is one by Abraham Rudhall, date 1749. Mr. Cheetham suggests it ought to be possible to discover from whence this bell came from the names of the churchwardens, for it is thus inscribed: "Wm. Swan, Ino. Sharples, Imo. Millor, Robt. Dickson, churchwardens, 1749." It also bears Rudhall's initials.

Mr. Cheetham's volume is a deeply interesting one, far removed from the dry-bones style which one usually associates with the treatment of antiquarian subjects. But those who wish to secure a copy should do so at once, as there are only 50 on sale. They can be obtained from the author, 54, Sussex Road, Southport, post free 2s. 9d.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Miss C. N. Jarrett 1, E. H. Spice 2, J. W. Unwin 3, W. E. Spice 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH SUSPENDS MONTHLY MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held on Saturday week, at St. Mary's, Marlborough. For various reasons the attendance was not large, but an instructive and enjoyable time was spent by those who were able to be present. The six bells were available at 3 p.m., and were kept going till 5 p.m. The members then adjourned to the Angel Temperance Hotel for tea, which was provided by Host Brown in an excellent manner.

The usual Guild service was dispensed with, but after tea the Rev. A. E. G. Peters used the Guild Collect and other prayers, and after reading the names of the members of the Guild who are on active service with H.M. Forces, prayer was offered for their protection and safe return.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Chairman of the Branch (the Rev. A. E. G. Peters). — The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Seward C. Archer) read the report for 1916, which showed that nine meetings had been held during the year. All the affiliated towers on last year's list had been retained, and one more tower (Ludgershall) added. The membership of the branch had increased from 44 to 61, and 25 members were now on active service with H.M. Forces. — The balance sheet showed a balance on the right side.

The report and balance sheet were both considered satisfactory, and were unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman and secretary for their work on behalf of the branch, and they were unanimously re-elected to office for 1917.

After discussion, it was decided to discontinue the monthly meetings, owing to present circumstances caused by the war, and to leave the date of the next meeting to the discretion of the chairman and secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Another very successful meeting of the above London County Association was held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday week, ringers attending from all parts of the Metropolis. The fine peal of ten bells were kept going in various methods from 3 to 5 p.m., and at 6.30 p.m. a business meeting presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) was held at the Stirling Castle, Church Street.—One new member (Mr. G. Dawson, of Leytonstone) was elected.

Sympathetic references to the death of Mr. A. W. Grimes, a highly esteemed member, were made by several who knew him well, a letter of condolence having been sent to his relatives by the hon. sec. immediately on the receipt of the sad news of his demise.

It was also decided that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to the representatives of the late Mr. F. Watson, of Walthamstow, an old and respected member of the Association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. Giles' for the use of the bells, also to the steeplekeeper (Mr. H. Flower) for the admirable arrangements made by him for this visit.

The annual meeting is to be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th, and particulars will appear in the "Ringing World" in due course.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to songs and handbell ringing, the vocalists including Messrs. J. Milner, W. G. Matthews, S. Andrews, A. Riley and T. Walker. Mr. Richardson and Mr. J. Chapman kindly presided at the piano.

An interesting announcement was made during the evening by Mr. Flower, to the effect that he had received a notice from the police, stating that the restrictions on bell ringing, under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, had been removed, and that ringing could now be carried on until 9 p.m.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Kettering District of the Central Northants Association was held at Burton Latimer on Saturday week, about 34 members being present from Northampton, Kettering, Rothwell, Isham, Barton, Orlingbury, Finedon, Wellingboro', Irthlingboro', Sharnbrook, and the local tower. A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. L. Richardson). Tea was provided at the Coffee House, presided over by the Rector, supported by the Rev. J. E. Atkins, of Isham. At the meeting which followed, Orlingbury was chosen for the next meeting. R. Twelvetree was elected a ringing member. Congratulation having been sent to Pte A. J. Knight, one of the Kettering ringers, 8th Northants Regiment, on his winning the D.C.M., his reply was read with much pleasure.—The district secretary was requested to write to Lieut. E. M. Atkins, R.E., wishing him a speedy recovery, he being still under treatment for wounds received nearly a year ago.

No tower bell ringing was done after tea owing to restrictions, but handbell ringing was much enjoyed.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and to the local ringers brought to a close one of the best meetings held by the district.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER KILLED.

Pte William Taylor, one of the band at Cropthorne, Worcestershire, has been killed in France. On Sunday week a memorial service was held in the Parish Church, and was preceded by a muffled 5040 of Minor.

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RINGING AFTER DUSK.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM REGULATIONS MODIFIED IN SOME AREAS.

It will be seen from the report of the meeting of the London County Association, published in another column, that the announcement was made that at Camberwell the Defence of the Realm regulations with regard to the ringing of church bells after dusk, have been so modified as to permit ringing to take place in the evenings up to 9 p.m.

At the moment of writing this concession does not seem to be general, but we have ascertained that in several London districts, under the Metropolitan Police, an intimation of the modification of the order has been conveyed to the various church authorities, and on Sunday the bells were going more or less generally for evening services. Indeed, a report appears elsewhere in this issue of a half-muffled quarter-peal rung at Woolwich on Sunday evening in memory of the victims of Friday's munitions disaster. We understand, too, that practice has now been arranged to take place at Barnes on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.

The curious part of the matter, however, is that there seems to have been no general notification of the change, and as late as last Monday the City of London police had not been made acquainted with the modification, although in the surrounding Metropolitan area ringing up to 9 p.m. was permissible.

We would advise our readers, before ringing their church bells after dusk, to inquire from their local police authorities whether the modification of the regulations has been officially conveyed to them.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The usual preliminary notice of the annual meeting of the Central Council, which is to to be held at Gloucester on Whitsun Tuesday, May 29th, has been issued by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. C. D. P. Davies). Notices of motion, etc., should be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than April 28th.

DEATH OF MR. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION'S THIRD RECENT LOSS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, which occurred at Clifton, on January 8th, after an illness which prevented his taking part in any ringing for some years. Mr. Boutflower had filled the office of honorary treasurer to the St. Stephen's Guild (Bristol) from the formation of the present company in 1894, and took a very active part in all its works, seldom missing a practice or Sunday service ringing, until illness compelled him to abandon ringing altogether.

He was a past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol and Bath and Wells Associations, and also filled the honorary secretaryship of the former Association for several years, until obliged to retire through ill-health. He had rung peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and one of Double Norwich Major.

In civil life Mr. Boutflower had also been very active, having been a member of the Bristol Town Council and Board of Guardians, being chairman of the latter for several years. He was very highly respected in the city, and his loss will be felt by all who were privileged to be associated with him.

Mr. Boutflower's death makes the third sad loss the Gloucester and Bristol Association has sustained within a few months, the other two being Mr. F. E. Ward (a former hon. treasurer), and his successor, the Rev. H. A. Cockey.

KING'S CLIFFE TENOR FUND.

The £17, which is now needed to complete the fund for the restoration of the tenor bell at King's Cliffe, is a sum that ought to be well within the power of ringers of this country to raise by Easter, if all who have not already done so, will put their shoulders to the wheel and send along their mites straight away. The recasting, as our readers know, is to cost £38, and £21 of this amount have been raised principally through the contributions of members of the Exercise who, happy in the possession of their own bells in ringing order, have sympathised with the good folk of King's Cliffe, who, after spending nearly £200 on the bells a couple of years or so ago, had the misfortune to crack their tenor. It is now hoped to have the damage made good by Easter, and we feel sure that ringers, who have had such a large and happy share in raising the amount already subscribed, will see to it that no debt remains when the new bell is dedicated. The sum of 2s. has been received from Miss M. A. Cooke, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, and further contributions should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

THE MUNITION FACTORY DISASTER.

On Sunday last, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, Woolwich, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the victims of the terrible disaster of Friday night in East London: W. W. Horsley 1, F. J. Cullum, junr., 2, W. Watchorne 3, B. Thorpe (conductor) 4, H. Beckford 5, J. Sykes 6, W. Aldridge 7, H. McCabe 8.

IRISH BELLS AND RINGING SOCIETIES.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.

By C. MURRAY.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is known to people living outside Ireland chiefly from the famous Dean Swift's connection with it. To ringers it is known as the only church in Ireland containing a ring of twelve bells.

In the year 1895 the present society of ringers was started under the presidency of Mr. R. R. Cherry, LL.D., who, as is well known, became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, a position which he recently resigned on the ground of ill-health. For many years before this the bells had been rung by a paid band for evening service on Sundays. For morning service sometimes a bell was tolled, at other times the bells, eight in number, were chimed. When the new society was founded the bells were not in good going order, and after a short time their condition became so bad that rehanging at least was imperative. As, however, their tone left something to be desired, it was thought that an effort ought to be made to have them recast. Old associations rendered the breaking up of the bells distasteful to many people. It was, therefore, decided to try to obtain a new set, and for this purpose a committee was formed, having as chairman Dean Jellett, who was very enthusiastic in the matter. The labours of the committee did not last long, for Lord Iveagh generously offered to provide a new peal. The work was given to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the peal was dedicated on the 20th August, 1897.

The tenor is in C and weighs 45 cwt. The inscriptions, selected by Dean Jellett, with their translations, are :—

Treble. SURSUM CORDA (Lift up your hearts).
II. VENITE ADOREMUS ET PROCIDAMUS (O come, let us worship and fall down).
III. TE LAUDAMUS (We praise Thee).
IV. TIBI BENEDICIMUS (We bless Thee).
V. TE ADORAMUS (We worship Thee).
VI. TE GLORIFICAMUS (We glorify Thee).
VII. PER SINGULOS DIES BENEDICIMUS TE (Day by day we magnify Thee).
VIII. OMNIS SPIRITUS LAUDET DOMINUM (Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord).
IX. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the highest).
Tenor. AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM (To the greater glory of God) This peal of ten bells was erected at the expense of Edward Cecil, Baron Iveagh, K.P., A.D. 1897. Henry Jellett, Dean. John Taylor and Company, Loughborough, Founders.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.

There is also a half-tone bell, which is in B flat, and is inscribed: "God save the Queen, 1897." The hanging of this and the addition of another treble would give a light eight, with the seventh as tenor. To provide this, the President of the Society added two trebles, and had the B flat bell hung, thus providing the light octave so useful for practice, and also changing the ring of ten into one of twelve. Each of the new bells bears the inscription: "The gift of Richard R. Cherry, 1909."

Of the former ring of eight, two, the third and the tenor, are used for calling worshippers to the week-day services, the remainder stand in a room of the tower. The inscriptions on these old bells are:—

Treble. DVRET: ILLAESA: AD: PRECES: EXCITANS: VSQVE: AD: SONITVM: SVPEMAE: TVBAE * 1724 *
(May it last, uninjured calling to prayers till the sound of the last trumpet. 1724.)
II. * * IVLY: THE: I: ANNO: DOMI: 1670: GIDEON: DELAYNE: SAMVEL: HOLT: *
III. ROBERTVS BRADY, VIRGER, 1670. W.P.R.P.I.P.
IV. AN NO DO MI NI, 1670. W.P.R.P.I.P.
(Note.—There is a scroll between each two pairs of letters of Anno Domini, and in the case of Nos. 3, 4 and 7, there is a bell between each of the initials after the date.)

V. SPES MEA IN DEO. B.L.G. 1864. JAMES MURPHY, DUBLINII, FECIT.

(My hope is in God. Benjamin Lee Guinness, 1864. James Murphy, Dublin, made me.)

VI. Same as V.

VII. FEARE GOD AND HONNOR THE KING FOR OBEDIENCE IS A VERTVOVS THING AN NO DO MI NI. 1670. W.P.R.P.I.P

(There is a double fleurs-de-lys on each side of the words on this bell, except on each side of the "A" where a single one is used.)

RECAST A.D. 1809. REVD. JAMES VERSCHOYLE LL.D., DEAN AND THE REV THOMAS CRADOCK, LL.B., PREB. OF ST. AUDOEN, PROCTOR. CAST BY JAMES WELLS, ALDBOURN, WILTSHIRE, AND REHUNG UNDER THE DIRECTION OF FRANCIS JOHNSTON ARCHITECT DUBLIN, IN THE 50TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF KING GEORGE III.

Tenor. * * * * A: D: 1670: RDMO: IN: XTO: PAT: MICH: D: ARCH: DVB: ET: TOT: HIB: D: CANC: NECNON: R: V: THO: SEELD: SS: TH: PROF: * * * * * HVIVS: ECCL: DECANO: ET: R: V: TO: PARRY: EIVSD: PRÆCEN: ET: PROCVRANTE: HAS: CAMPANAS: * * * FVDIT: C: PVRDVE: CVM: SOCIIS.

(A.D. 1670, when the Most Reverend Father in Christ Michael was Lord Archbishop of Dublin and Lord Chancellor of the whole of Ireland, and also when the Rev. Thomas Seele, Professor of Sacred Theology, was Dean of this Church, and the Rev. Thomas Parry was Precentor and Proctor of the same. William Purdue and Company cast these bells.)

The letters B. L. G. on the 5th and 6th are the initials of Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness, who restored the Cathedral in 1864. The records state that these bells, which were recast, formerly had the following inscriptions:—

V. HENRY PARIS MADE ME WITH GOOD SOVND TO BE FIFT IN EIGHT, WHEN ALL RING ROVND AT THE CHARGE OF DEAN LINDSEY, OF ST. PATRICK'S. 1695

VI. AN: DOM: 1670: IOHANNES: DODSON: IOHANNES: PREENE: NON: CLAMANS: SED: AMANS: IN: AVRE: DEI:

(Not noisy, but pleasing in the ear of God.)

It is a pity that the old inscriptions were not placed on the recast bells.

The Rev. John Parry, whose name is found on the tenor, was also Dean of Christ Church, and it was through his untiring efforts that six new bells were cast by the Purdues for Christ Church, and eight for St. Patrick's. It is interesting to note that the bells were made from old disused guns which Dean Parry obtained by means of a King's letter. The letters, with representations of bells between them, are the initials of the founders, William, Roger and John Purdue. John Purdue does not seem to have come to Dublin.

Associated with William and Roger Purdue were William and Tobias Covey, who apparently had charge of the making of the frames and the hanging of the bells, though at a later period Tobias Covey came alone to Ireland, and cast bells in different places.

In addition to these bells a new bell for the carillon clock was cast for Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness. It has the same inscription as the 5th and 6th. There is also a very small bell which may be the bell referred to in old records as being in the little belfry.

No peals, in the technical sense in which the term is used by ringers seem to have been rung on the old bells though they were rung on famous anniversaries. On the 22nd August, 1897, an attempt at a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was made by a band of ringers brought over by Mr. Taylor for the opening of the new bells. The result of the ringing was published as a peal, but, after much controversy, it was withdrawn as being false. This gave St. Patrick's Society the opportunity of ringing the first peal on the bells. This, which was also the first peal of Grandsire Caters in Ireland, was rung on Saturday, 26th May, in 4 hours. On Saturday, January 26th, 1901, a muffled peal, in memory of Queen Victoria, was rung in 4 hrs. 10 mins. A peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung on Saturday, January 14th, 1911, in 4 hrs. 15 mins. This was the first peal on twelve bells rung outside England. On Saturday, 19th February, 1916, a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in memory of Viscountess Iveagh. Muffled peals, in memory of King Edward VII. and Dean Jellett, came to grief in the last half-hour. Other peals rung on the bells by the society are Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples, and Caters and Erin Triples.

Peals have been rung by visitors from time to time the first peal of Royal being rung by St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, in 1902. The bells are rung regularly for the services at 11.15 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. on Sundays and Christmas Day, and also for special services. Practices are held on Monday nights at 8 p.m.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for the children's service, 575 Grandsire Caters: C. Gentry (R.N.V.R.) 1, W. Newman 2, D. H. Newman (Essex Yeomanry) 3, A. Wright 4, Pte J. R. Kemp (K.O.S.B.) 5, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 6, P. Timson 7, H. Allen 8, A. E. Acfield 9, H. Richell 10. Also rung to welcome C. Gentry and D. H. Newman, who were home on a week-end leave.

NOTICES.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Rushall on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. A. T. S. Talbot), at 5.15; Tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Service, with address by Canon H. Arnott, at 5 p.m.; Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church House. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, January 27th. Ringing from 1.30 p.m. until dusk at the Bell Foundry, and at Stanford-on-Soar. Visitors to Stanford should make up their band previously and notify Mr. Harry Whittle. Committee meeting at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and general meeting for the election of auditors, etc., at 5.30 p.m., in the Coffee Rooms, Market Place.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec., Cotgrave.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Tower open 2.30 to 5. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar in the Vestry Hall at 5.30 to those who notify me by the 24th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, to-morrow, Saturday, January 27th. Bells available from 2.30 till dusk.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Sec., 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting, January 27th, 1917, at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Ringing, 2 to 5 p.m.; service, 5.15 p.m.; tea in St. Chad's Institute, 5.45 p.m.; meeting 6.30 p.m. Please reply to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, before 24th inst.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, February 3rd, 1917. Bells of both churches available until dusk; service in All Saints' Church at 4.45 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow.—H. Williams, Sec. *pro tem.*, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hythe, on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 2 o'clock till sunset. A member will be elected at this meeting to serve on a sub-committee to consider the question of a memorial to all those who will have fallen in the War and who have served in H.M. Forces. A good attendance is hoped for.—C. Tribe, Hon. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Coggeshall on February 3rd. Bells ready 2 p.m. until sunset. Tea at W. S. Mount's, 5.30, 9d. each. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than January 31st (first post). Subscriptions for 1917 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available 2.30; Divine Service 4.30; tea at the Café, 5.30; business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, February 3rd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at Glass's Restaurant to follow. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock till service time.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham, Somerset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, February 10th. Further particulars next week.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, February 10th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea for those who send me their names not later than the previous Tuesday. The bells (6) will be available till service time.—James Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch, will be held at Great Marlow, Bucks, on Saturday, February 17th, 1917. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Ringers' service at the Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at St. Peter's Schools at 5.45.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, March 10th, not as previously arranged on Feb. 3rd, owing to military restrictions as to time.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind Members that the annual subscription is now due.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield

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MARRIAGE.

COX—ROBINSON.—On Jan. 16th, at St. Barnabas', Kensington, by the Rev. G. N. Walsh, Vicar of Hammersmith, the Rev. Charles Carew Cox, of Milton Abbey, Dorset, to Margaret Elizabeth, younger daughter of P. Wynter Robinson, of 60, Holland Road, Kensington.

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