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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.

THE WARGRAVE OPENING.

In our issue of July 14th we referred, under the heading of "Outsiders not Wanted," to the opening of the new peal of eight bells at the restored church at Wargrave, Berks, which were to be dedicated with the building on the 22nd of that month, and expressed regret that the Vicar and Churchwardens had intimated that ringing visitors were not wanted on that occasion. To-day we publish a letter from the Vicar (the Rev. Stephen M. Winter) in which he encloses a protest from the Wargrave ringers against what was said in our leading article and asking for an apology. While we readily insert the "protest," we must confess that we are at a loss to know for what we have to apologise. The essence of what we said in our previous article was contained in the following extract from it:—

"It is, happily, very seldom on occasions such as these that visiting ringers are debarred from sharing in the festival. As a rule, when it does happen, the explanation is to be found in a spirit of jealousy animating the local ringers, who wish to keep to themselves exclusively the pleasures of the day. In the case of Wargrave, however, we learn that it is the Vicar and Churchwardens who have intimated that visitors are not wanted. It is difficult to see what the object can be, for we should have thought at a tower so closely associated as Wargrave has been with the Oxford Guild, that neighbouring ringers would have been specially welcomed. It is not too late to withdraw the fiat that has gone forth, so that in this forthcoming festival, which has far more than a parochial interest, a great ringing organisation such as the Oxford Guild is, may take its part. In the absence of a specific reason for the step that has been taken, we can only assume that there must be some misunderstanding or misapprehension."

The resolution of protest now passed by the local band tells us that the arrangements made by the Vicar and Churchwardens "were approved by the ringers with formal resolution of thanks on July 8th, by the neighbouring ringers, who wrote in cordial terms, and by the Diocesan Guild, who were represented by invitation on the occasion and had been consulted on the subject of the bells throughout the restoration." All this we accept without question, but we do not see it has any effect whatever on what we said, for all we then expressed was regret that an organisation like the Oxford Guild could not take its share in celebrating the festival, as ringers are permitted to do on practically all such occasions. The local ringers may have been quite well satisfied and have expressed their thanks on July 8th for the arrangements made for the occasion, but presumably they were not asked to approve of what

MODERN WORK.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

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Chelmsford

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,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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had been done until the matter had not only been settled, but had also been publicly announced, for on referring to the "Wargrave Parish Magazine" for July we find this announcement: "It is hoped that an opportunity may arise before long to welcome the ringers of the Diocesan Guild to try our new peal, but the Opening Day will be regarded as a Home Festival and the belfry will not be open to Visitors for ringing." In face of this we still think we were justified in saying that outsiders were not wanted.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 14, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,
At 41, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Bob Minor,
each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ...	1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS...	4-5
WHITTINGHAM W. J. ROPER	3	CHARLES POULSON...	6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in two methods.

BREADSALL CHURCH RESTORED.

NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

On Wednesday of last week, in the presence of a large congregation, and with full Masonic ceremony, the peal of bells, two of which the Mark Masons of Derbyshire have presented to Breadsall Parish Church, Derbyshire, were dedicated. It will be remembered that the church was burnt down in 1914, and it has now been rebuilt at a cost of over £11,000. Col. W. Beadon Woodforde, V.D., J.P., of Breadsall Lodge, is one of the churchwardens, and he took a large part in raising the funds necessary for the rebuilding of the old edifice, which now looks in as good a condition as possible.

The Rev. W. G. Le Jeune, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Derbyshire, in his address, read a letter published in the "Daily Mail" on Sept. 6th from one of our soldiers, who had for many months been fighting for his country, on the ringing of bells, and who whilst lying ill in hospital said he was only too glad to hear the bells of England once more after so long an absence from home.

The bells, a peal of five, tenor 14 cwt. in F, were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and are a nice handy peal, the frame, which is of oak, being constructed to hold a peal of eight. The old bells were cast by Daniel and George Hedderly, of Nottingham, the treble and second bearing the dates 1728 and 1725 respectively, the third and fourth 1786, and tenor 1728.

Ringers from St. Andrew's, Derby, assisted by two of the Loughborough foundry representatives, opened the bells, and the "go" of them was pronounced to be very satisfactory.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a very successful meeting was held at St. Mary's, Battersea. In spite of the war and its attendant drawbacks to bell ringing, about 30 members were present from various parts of the metropolis and the provinces. The bells were set going shortly after 4 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung until 8 p.m.

A business meeting was subsequently held at the "Raven," the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) presiding.—Mr. Eric S. Truscott, of Lancaster Gate, W., was unanimously elected a member of the Association.—A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was passed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. Foster Pegg) for the use of the bells, also to the members of the local band for their kind assistance in making matters run smoothly.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to apply for a tower in the N.W. district for the next meeting, particulars of which will appear in the notice columns of "The Ringing World," in due course.

Handbell ringing occupied the remainder of the evening until "Time please" brought yet another enjoyable reunion to a close.

THE LATE SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S WILL.

Among the wills recently proved was that of the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, third Bart., aged 67, of Dove Leys, Rochester, Staffs. Duffield Bank, Derby, and Claremont, near Manchester, High Sheriff of Derbyshire, 1899, and a magistrate for Derbyshire and Staffordshire, the estate being sworn at £88,029 (net personalty £77,586).

THE OPENING OF WARGRAVE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our attention was not called to your leader of July 14th, 1916, until a long time had elapsed. The first full meeting of the belfry since that date was held yesterday, and by resolution, proposed by the foreman, and carried nem. con., I was requested to send you the enclosed protest.

We are all closely connected with the Oxford Diocesan Guild and anxious to show the most cordial hospitality to its members upon all proper occasions. I, therefore, hope that you will give the same prominence to this protest and to your apology as you gave to the original article.—Faithfully yours,

STEPHEN M. WINTER

Wargrave Vicarage, Sept. 7th, 1916.

"OUTSIDERS NOT WANTED."

The Wargrave ringers desire to record their protest against a leading article in "The Ringing World" of July 14th, 1916, which in their opinion gave a false impression of the relations existing between the belfry and the Vicar and churchwardens, and a totally false account of the attitude taken towards the Diocesan Guild and the neighbouring belfries on the occasion of the consecration of the Wargrave Parish Church.

The arrangements made by the Vicar and churchwardens were approved by the ringers with formal resolution of thanks, on July 8th, by the neighbouring ringers, who wrote in cordial teams, and by the Diocesan Guild, who were represented by invitation on the occasion, and had been consulted on the subject of the bells throughout the restoration.

The Wargrave ringers do not know the source from which "The Ringing World" was misinformed, but as the arrangements made were acceptable to all concerned it seems unnecessary to explain them further, in order to show that the lamentations of the editorial were misplaced.

[Reference to this matter will be found in our Editorial.—Ed. 'R.W.']

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Middleton on Saturday last, members being present from Crompton, Heywood, Middleton, Milnrow, Newhey, Oldham, Todmorden, Pendleton, Crewe and Worsley. The ringing commenced with 504 Stedman Triples, followed by two courses of Kent Treble Bob and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by: H. Davenport 1. W. H. Shaker 2. W. Crabtree 3. S. Stott 4. R. D. Langford 5. E. Schofield 6. J. Ridyard (conductor) 7. S. Holt 8. Touches were also rung of Plain Bob and Oxford Major, and Grandsire Triples. On the whole, the ringing was good, though it would tend to improve matters generally if the 6th were attended to, as it is a very "false-struck" bell.

The business meeting was held in the Museum at the "Ring of Bells," where there are many curious and interesting exhibits to attract the attention of the visitor. There are a few pictures made up of butterflies, including one of Middleton Church. Napoleon crossing the Alps, the Duke of Wellington standing beside his horse, "Dignity and Impudence," etc. There is also an oil painting representing the raking of the moon out of the canal, and underneath is the inscription: "Its' theer si' thi' rake it eawt mon."

The chair at the meeting was taken by Mr. Joseph Ridyard, and the little business to be done was gone through in a short time.

Two new members were elected, and Mr. Langford, of Crewe, was made a non-resident member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitworth, on October 7th.

It was unfortunate that the secretary of the branch, Mr. T. K. Driver, was ill in bed, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be well and about again.

A vote of thanks to the church authorities brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On August 8th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Wilson (Allesley) 1. O. J. Hunt 2. H. J. Balcome 3. H. G. Kettle (Allesley) 4. J. Herron 5. W. J. Smith 6. J. H. White (conductor) 7. W. Clements 8. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Clements, father and mother of the ringer of the tenor. The ringers were afterwards entertained.—On Saturday, August 12th, the members of the Allesley and Stoke-in-Coventry Societies met at Allesley for combined practice when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Minor, including 720 in the last-named method, were rung.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 20th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins.: F. Rainbird 1. G. R. Pye (conductor) 2. G. F. Margetson 3. H. F. Dawkins 4. W. Pye 5. W. Watson 6. Also 360 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Watson: R. Vyse 1. F. Rainbird 2. G. R. Pye 3. E. J. Butler 4. H. F. Dawkins 5. W. Watson 6. The bells are always available on Sunday, 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. (until sunset) to members of E.A.C.R. and other Associations.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. George (conductor) 1. J. L. Wells 2. A. E. Norman (longest touch) 3. A. T. Scrivens 4. W. Kent 5. J. B. Collett 6. W. H. George (Bastleigh) 7. S. Coley 8.

ORGANISATION DURING THE WAR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I like the idea of "Bob Major" in the advice he gives on ringers' opportunities and grumblers amongst members of the Exercise. Self-help is one of the first laws of nature. What we want, as your leading article says, is to organise, especially in times like these. No Association or Society is going to make the ringer; he has to fight for himself. One of the main things is in having a good steeplekeeper—there are some, and there are others. Truly, there are those who have been dubbed "Jacks-in-office." Aye, some of them can be there too long, for instead of helping they become stumbling blocks. My experience is that there are some very illiterate, sour-tempered individuals who fill this position; they seem to think the bells belong to them, and that all visitors are nothing more than interlopers. It is surprising to find the number of ringers that exist, even in these days, who never get any further forward. How often do we hear the remark, "I don't get my living by ringing." But where there is £ s. d. attached to it, then it assumes a different aspect altogether. I put these people in the same category as the average "conscientious objector," or those who have recently found that they have a conscience! We have to read between the lines, so to speak, in our association with each other; men have different ways of giving expression to the views they hold. This reminds me of a lad from the Emerald Isle who, after his first voyage to England, was asked by his mother what he thought of England. "All right," was the reply, "but what I cannot understand is that they copper-bottom the tops of their houses with sheet lead." But his mother understood. Also another who said that "the first time he went up a ladder he went down a well," a kind of retrograde movement, slightly out of course. The greatest evil one has to face is illiteracy (generally speaking). It is no good whatever trying to explain ringing matters to people of this class, it often ends in abuse, notwithstanding Forster's Education Act (introduced about the year 1870), and the Amendment Act which followed. It is all very well to be "hail fellow well met" at the local Drum and Monkey, but we want to eliminate from our vocabularies a lot of that under-current which exists amongst us. I think it was Lord Francis Bacon who said, "Nothing equals the secret enmity with which dull men regard an intellect above their comprehension." But there are many who will go on in the same old way, grumbling and growling in the "dog-in-the-manger" style, and to such I would say, "Gather ye rosebuds whilst ye may, but beware of the thorns."—Yours, etc., A. J. P.

KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

The following further subscriptions towards recasting the tenor bell at King's Cliffe have been received: Mrs. Sharpe, King's Cliffe, 1s.; St. Thomas' company, Pendleton, 5s.; "A Scotch Ringer," 1s., making a total of £11 13s. Contributions towards the balance of the £38 required should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

LATE NOTICES.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wembdon on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, will be available from 6 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Secretary.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Tower open, 3.30—7.30, and 8—9 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Secretary, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral (St. Phillip's), Birmingham, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—H. Kettle, Allesley, Coventry.

RUMNEY.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Augustine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: John H. Pacey (aged 15) 1. Fred Hannington 2. James Thompson 3. George Gullidge 4. Miss Ethel M. Pacey (conductor) 5. Henry Pacey 6. First quarter-peal for all except the ringers of the fifth and sixth. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who was shortly leaving the band to join the colours.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT WOKING.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday at Woking, that Woking which is a relic of antiquity and not that blotch upon the fair landscape of heather-clad common and pine wood which has sprung up round about the railway station, and which the traveller sees as he passes along the South-Western Railway. The original Woking was a manor belonging to an ancient King, and once stood within the confines of Windsor Great Forest, and it is in that original Woking that the Winchester Guild ringers and numerous other friends, including several in the fashionable wear of the day—khaki—foregathered on Saturday. In the square tower there is a peal of six bells, the tenor of which is about a ton. Some of them came originally from William Eldridge's foundry at Chertsey, a few miles distant, which flourished in the 17th century. These bells were cast in 1684, but there have been various restorations and recastings since that time. But even before 1684 there were five bells in the tower, for in the return of church goods in Edward VI.'s reign we find recorded:—

Item v gret bells in the stepull
Item iiij littell small bells
Item a saunce bell

According to an old tradition one of the bells was taken at the Dissolution to the tower from Newark Abbey, the desolate ruins of which stand near by. Whatever may have been the quality of the ancient bells, the present six are indifferent. On Saturday they were turned to a variety of methods, by the thirty or more ringers who put in an appearance, six scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor being rung.

The Vicar of Woking (the Rev. G. Askwith) presided at the tea and meeting, and was supported by the Rev. W. W. S. Fleet.—The Vicar welcomed the Guild, remarking that while that was the first occasion on which they had visited Woking since he came to the parish, he hoped it would not be the last.

The business to be transacted was chiefly formal, but Mr. R. Whittington said that in conjunction with Mr. Hazelden he had endeavoured to arrange a programme of combined practices for the next few months, for the towers on the south side of the district. The arrangements at present made were as follow: Oct. 7th, Cranleigh; 21st, Bramley; November 4th, Cranleigh; 18th, Godalming; December 2nd, Cranleigh; 16th, Woking, all from three o'clock till dusk. They had wondered whether it would be possible for someone else to arrange similar meetings on the other side of the district.—Mr. C. Edwards (Farnham) thought this was hardly possible, for if they were to jump about from one tower to another they would not do any ringing at all. At present they were meeting for practice every Saturday at Farnham. The programme put forward by Mr. Whittington was accepted, and it was agreed to advertise it in "The Ringing World."

The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the service, which was afterwards held in the church, and which was much appreciated by all present. Further ringing was subsequently indulged in till dusk.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT PRACTICE.

On Saturday evening a combined practice for the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild was held at Chobham, an isolated tower, about 3½ miles from the nearest railway station. Nevertheless sufficient ringers, including three ladies, turned up on wheel to practice Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob, and thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Grundy) for the use of the bells. The visitors were disappointed not to meet those of the local band that the war has not claimed.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Upper Cam on Saturday last, when most of the branch towers were represented, and there were visitors from the Stroud and Bristol branches. The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and several touches of Grandsire, Bob Minor and Stedman were brought round before tea. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Roberts) was on holiday, but very thoughtfully made arrangements for the ringers to have tea at the "Welcome" Tavern.

A business meeting followed, at which Stinchcombe was selected for the next meeting, on October 7th.—Two new members were elected.—Mr. H. W. Fussell proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be sent to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for providing such an excellent tea, the motion, needless to say, being carried unanimously. Touches on handbells, kindly lent by Mr. A. Burcombe, and more ringing on tower bells concluded a very pleasant meeting.

MR. A. W. GRIMES' ILLNESS.

We are glad to be able to say that the latest reports of the condition of Mr. A. W. Grimes, who is lying ill in Ipswich Hospital, is that the doctors think he has had a turn for the better, and is progressing every day. His many friends will be very pleased at the news.

BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, SHEFFIELD.

Until the year 1868 the steeple contained a peal of ten bells only, but in that year two trebles were given by Mr. Henry Wilson, of Sharrow. The inscriptions at the present time, writes Mr. J. R. Jerram, are as follows:—

Treble and Second.

ROBERT STAINBANK FOUNDER, LONDON, 1868.

Third.

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1809.

Fourth.

OUR VOICES SHALL WITH JOYFUL SOUND MAKE HILLS
AND VALLEYS ECHO ROUND. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON
FECIT 1798.

Fifth and Eleventh. [ditto] 1804.

There have been bells in the tower from the year 1557 onwards. In 1687 the Town Trustees paid £10 to the Church Burgesses in settlement of the latter's account with Thomas Palmer, bellfounder. In the same year, Bagley, the bellfounder, was paid £1 "for coming over about ye Bells." In 1689 the Cutlers' Company paid Humphrey Wilkinson £48 15s. for a new bell, and in 1690 they paid £16 18s. 6d. for recasting the same, with additional metal. In 1695 the Church Burgesses paid Samuel Smith, of York, £6 10s. 11d. for recasting the third, forth and fifth bells.

For the above information I am indebted to Mr. J. Eyre Poppleton's Notes on the "Bells of West Riding." He also gives the inscriptions on the former peal of eight cast by Daniel Hedderly, of Nottingham, copied from Leader's *Old Sheffield*, which were as follows:—

Treble. Deo Opt.



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER, SHEFFIELD.

Sixth.

G. MEARS, FOUNDER, LONDON, 1858.

Seventh.

THE BRIDE AND GROOM WE GREET—IN HOLY WEDLOCK
JOINED—OUR SOUNDS ARE EMBLEMS SWEET—OF PEACE AND
LOVE COMBINED.—THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1798.

Eighth.

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON, FOUNDER. 1836.

Ninth [ditto] 1804.

Tenth.

THE REV. JAS. WILKINSON, VICAR MR. JOHN GREAVES
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JAMES WHEAT, SIMON ANDREW, SAMUEL STAINFORTH, JOHN
RAWSON, JOHN GREAVES, DR. WAINWRIGHT, DR. YOUNG,
JOHN KENYON, JOHN FRANCIS YOUNG, BURGESSES. ANNO
DOMINI 1804. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.

Weight of the tenor 41 cwt., note C.

Second. Venite exultemus.

Third.

Fraternitas nostra est concordia. Refectum 1745. Donum Societatis
Cultriariorum Anno Domini 1688. John Spooner Master Cutler 1745.
[Arms of the Cutlers' Company.]

Fourth.

Donum Gilberti Comitiss Salop, et Marie Uxoris 1606. Refectum
1745. Hec olim meminisse juvabat 1745.

Fifth.

In terra pax. A.—M.A. Daniel Hedderly made us eight in 1745.

Sixth.

Gloria Deo in excelsis. 1745.

Seventh.

Et ergo homines benevolentia. Daniel Hedderly made us eight

Tenor.

Finis coronat opus. Thomas Waterhouse Capital Burgess 1745.

Ting-tang.

1588. I.H.S. G + H.

From these inscriptions it appears that the third bell was originally given by the Cutlers' Company, and the fourth by the Earl of Shrewsbury, both being recast by Hedderly in 1745. The sanctus bell, called by the ringers "Tommy Tinker," bears the shield of Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield.

There have been periods in the history of ringing when the men of Sheffield have been absolutely in the front rank, and at the dawn of the 19th century they were unquestionably no mean company. With only one peal of bells there were two sets of ringers, the "ins" and the "outs." St. Peter's Youths were the former and St. Peter's Independent Youths were the latter. There were changes, of course, and at different times certain members of the "outs" can be found ringing with the "ins," so that it is difficult to draw a dividing line between the two. While the "ins" were able to satisfy their peal ringing aspirations on tower bells, the "outs" turned their attention to handbells, and it was probably the rivalry between the two companies that provided those wonderful handbell performances of a century ago. Mr. Sam Thomas has kindly supplied us with copies of the oldest of the peal boards in the tower, and in themselves they give something of the history of the bells. The first was a peal of Union Treble Bob, which is now known as the Oxford variation, on the eight bells that hung in the tower in 1785. A centenary peal was conducted by Mr. Thomas Hattersley. The second is a peal on the same bells, of which the tenor weighed 33 cwt. It was noteworthy as being a peal of Cambridge Surprise, and although the late Mr. Jasper Snowden pointed it out as false, Middleton's 5,600 being the extent, this does not detract from the merits of the performance of the ringers. The late Mr. C. H. Hattersley once saw a manuscript relating to the peal, which showed it to be conducted by George Wilde, and, as he rang the 2nd, that in itself was a unique achievement in the annals of ringing of that day. The third peal was on the short-lived peal of ten (tenor 30 cwt.), cast in 1798, and opened in 1799. The fourth record was a peal on the 1804 ten.

On Tuesday evening ye 8th of March, 1785, was rung at this Church 5120 changes of Union Treble Bob (eight in) in three hours and 52 mins., without a false stroke, by the following persons only, viz.:—

Joseph Trickett	1	John Hill	5
George Wilde	2	Charles Fletcher	6
William Lee	3	Samuel Dutton	7
Richard Owen	4	Thomas Babb	8

On Monday, the 5th day of November, 1787, was rung on eight bells at this Church a peal of 6048 changes of that most intricate method called Cambridge Surprise, in 4 hours 18 mins., by the following persons, viz.:—

R. Owen	Treble	Charles Fletcher	5
Geo. Wilde	2	Jno. Hill	6
Saml. Willey	3	Saml. Dutton	7
Wm. Lee	4	Thomas Babb	8

The weight of the tenor 33 cwt.

The above is the first of this method ever rung in the county.

On Monday, the 20th of May, 1799, was rung at this Church a compleat peal of 5039 changes of Grandsire Caters in 3 hours and 33 mins. by the following persons, viz.:—

Richd. Owen	1	Wm. Rowen	6
Saml. Willey	2	Jno. Morley	7
Jno. Hall	3	Saml. Dutton	8
Wm. Lee	4	Joh. Grayson	9
James Ensor	5	Wm. Heald	10

Weight of the tenor 30 cwt., called by Joseph Grayson.

On Wednesday evening, 27th November, 1811, was rung at this Church a compleat peal of Bob Major Royal, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 36 mins. This was the first true peal ever rung on these bells, performed by the following persons:—

George Beet	Treble	William Wragg	6
James Taylor	2	Jno. Woodhead	7
Robt. Walton	3	Richd. Lawton	8
John Heald	4	Robert Daff	9
John Taylor	5	Willm. Heald	10

Conducted by Jno. Woodhead.

Weight of the tenor 41 cwt.

Among the "Recollections of Mr. John Day," published some 20 years ago, a rather amusing story is told. It appears that some time in "the forties," when the Midland railway between Birmingham and Sheffield was first opened, a guard on the above railway, a well-known Birmingham ringer, having some hours at Sheffield at his disposal between taking an early train up to that town and returning to Birmingham with a later one, used sometimes to visit St. Peter's belfry and ring with the Sheffield men when there was any ringing on. But one of the clergy, zealous for "belfry reform," noticed his guard's uniform, and actually gave orders that he was not to be admitted to the belfry unless he came differently attired.

NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 16th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 6. All ringing friends welcome. The Hon. Sec. begs to remind members that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Hefton, Hounslow.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on September 26th, and for handbell practice on September 21st, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tenor 11 cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. in the school. All entries for the contest to be sent to me not later than Monday, Sept. 18th.—F. Salmons, Sec., 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, September 23rd, 1916. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at "Tea Table" Cafe, High Street, opposite the Cathedral, for which 6d. per member will be charged. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 20th.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, September 23rd. Committee meeting 4.30. General meeting 5 o'clock, both in Church Vestry. Ringing from 3 to 7.30, except during the time of meeting. Tea at Mander's Cafe, a la carte—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coseley, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3; Service in Church at 5.15, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Lamplugh, B.A.; tea (1/-) in the Schoolroom at 6. Reports are ready. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Everton on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tea provided at 5 p.m., 1/3 per head to ringers and friends, and 9d. to members who notify G. W. Stevenson, Field House, Everton, Bawtry, not later than September 19th.—H. Haigh, A. Beck, Joint Secretaries.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the North Western Division, for the election of officers, will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available from 3 till 6.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 9d. each at the Chequers Hotel, 6.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, September 20th.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—A general practice is arranged at All Saints, Worcester (10 bells) on Saturday, September 23rd, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at S. Mary's, Kidderminster, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar, Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen. Will those taking tea please let me know by Wednesday, September 20th. The election of officers for this branch takes place at this meeting. Reports can be had on application to the Secretary, E. J. Dowler, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Chester Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. till dusk; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dewsbury, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. The ring of 6 at Batley Carr will also be available. Tea in schools at 5 p.m. to all giving notice to Mr. E. A. Parker, 41, Caulms Terrace, Crackenedge, Dewsbury, not later than Tuesday, 26th inst. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Dore (8 bells), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will members please note alteration in date?—Sam Thomas, Hon. Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre, Ystrad, Rhondda Valley, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30, meeting at 4.45.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, E.C., by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. Jessop Teague), on Saturday, September 30th. Bells available from 4 to 7 sharp. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The proposed Sept. general meeting at Ilkley in connection with the William Snowdon Memorial is postponed on account of difficulty in obtaining the metal for the tablet. Members will be notified in due course when arrangements are complete.—Clement Glenn, Hon. General Secretary.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.—The bells of this church will be open for practice between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturdays during the winter months.

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