

S Oswald King & Martyr Oswestry

1888 Register



Cover

- A hardbacked notebook (18 x 22.5 x 2 cm) has been recovered from a vestry safe which provides interesting information about ringing in Oswestry towards the end of the nineteenth century and in the early twentieth century.
- Being in a poor condition, it was photographed and returned for conserving.
- The pages and inserts are shown on the following slides.

Patience! Perseverance! Practice! Punctuality!

Register

of Attendances, Subscriptions,
Fees and Fines to be kept by
the Master and the Treasurer.

January 1888.



The Gwystry Society of Voluntary Change Ringers.

At a meeting held in the Vestry on Monday evening 16th Jan'y 1888. present the Vicar (the Rev Canon Howell Jones) and the Chari and Churchwarden Griffiths Whitfield, and the following members, viz Edward Jones, Ambrose Jones, W. H. Jones, J. A. Jones, P. Cooper, David Roberts, George Jenkins, Jonathan Morris, J. B. Bembow, John Edwards and Thomas Pugh, after an address from the Vicar it was unanimously resolved, that Hy Owen and Charles Parry cease to be members of the Society that Edward Jones be Master and Ambrose Jones Treasurer, that Frederick Jones be a 'Free Member' and that the Master and Treasurer keep a Register of attendances and an account of Fees fines and Subscriptions and that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Edward Jones (Master) for his untiring zeal & energy in promoting the Society and teaching the younger members.

(O Howell Jones.

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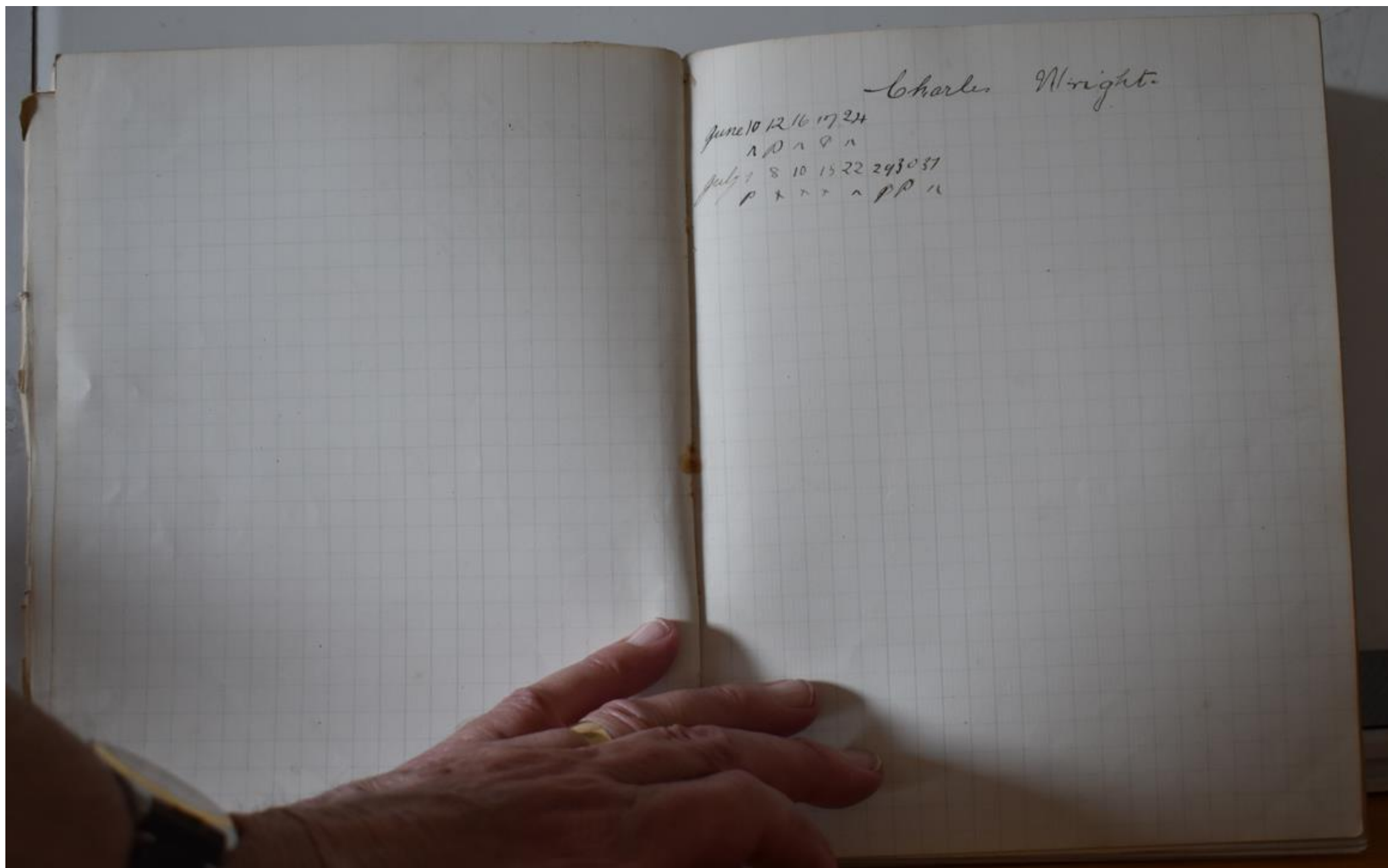
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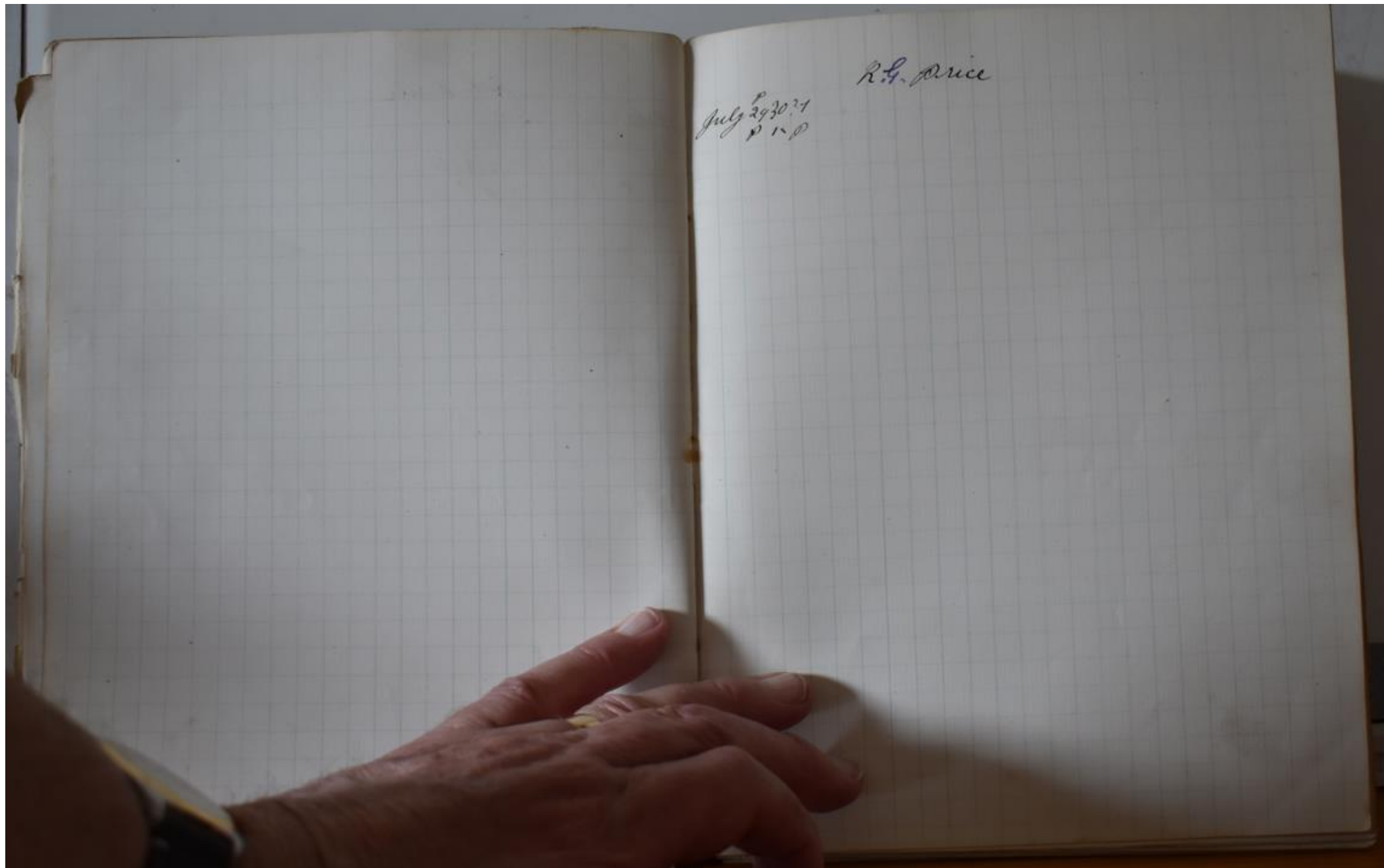
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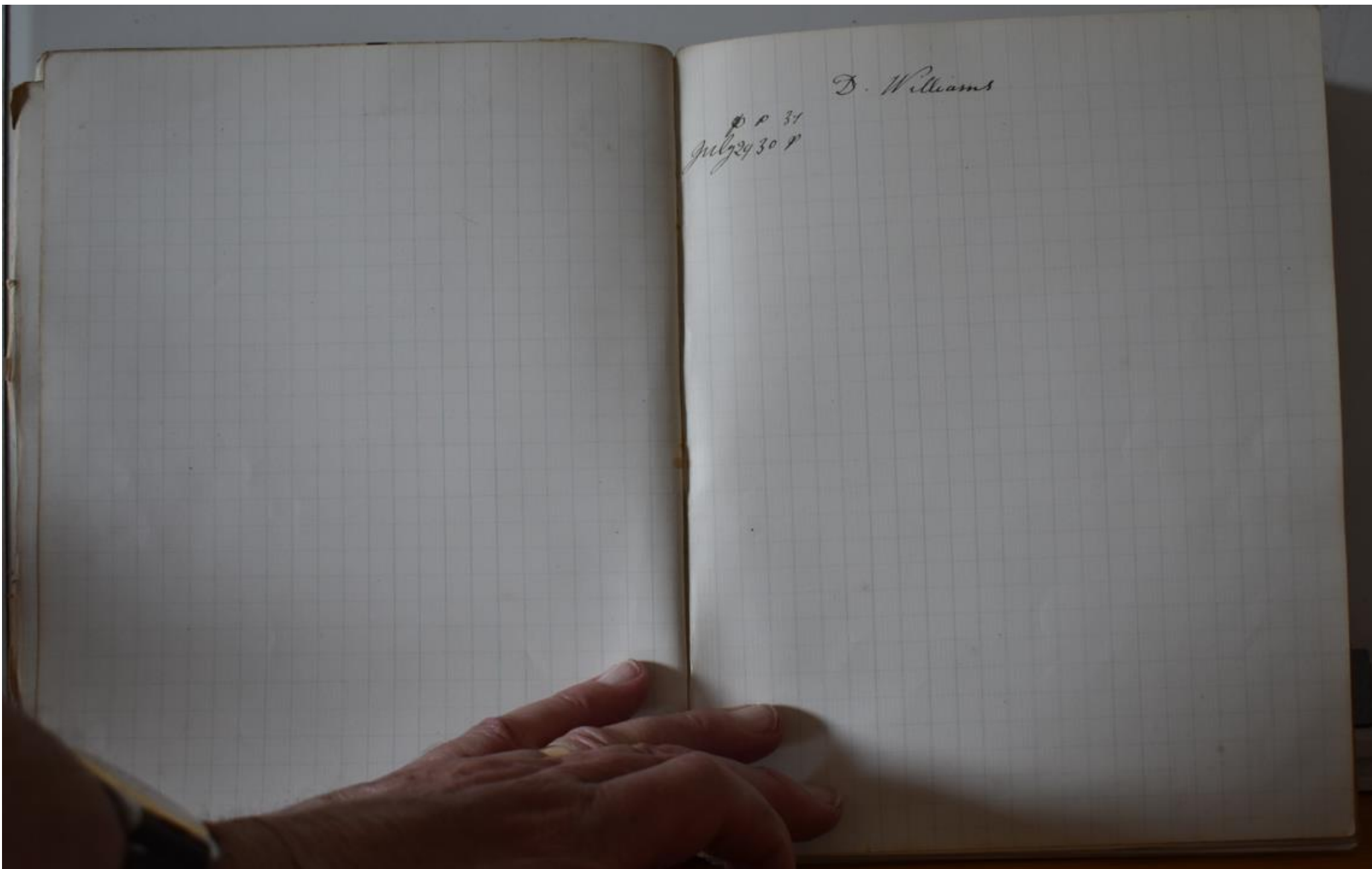
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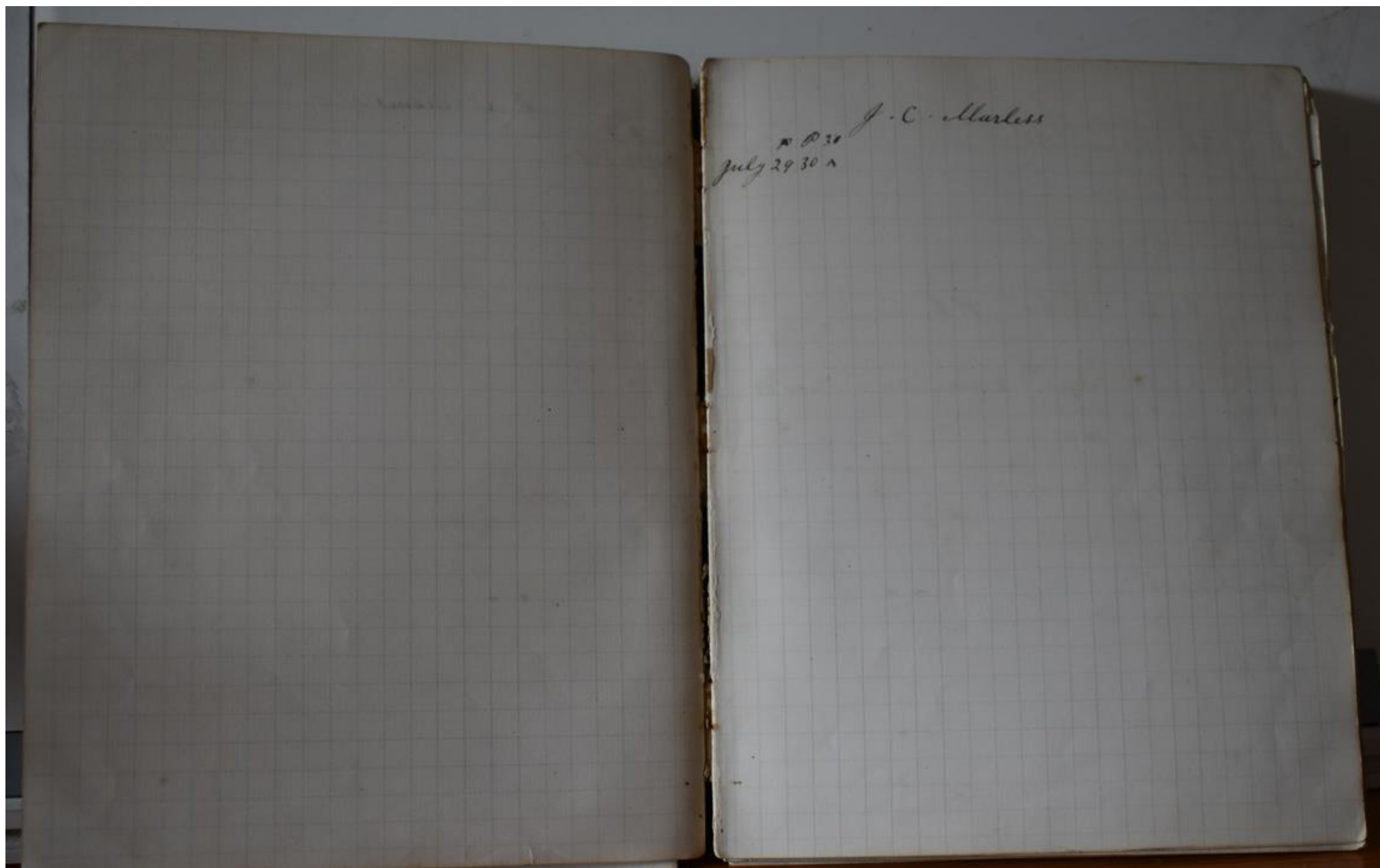
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List of Books Lent

Taken Out on

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1 J.R.W. July 21 -
M.J. July 21 -

2 Morris July 21

3 Evans July 25 Sept 1st P.C. Nov 24

4 Goderich July 25 Sept 1st H. Owen. Sep. 30. Nov 28
A.H. Sep 1 Sep 20
W.H. J. Sep 20 Sep 30

5 Davies July 25
E. Jones Feb 4

6 A.I. July 28 Aug. 30
E.J. Aug. 30
T. Goderich Sep 20.

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1888

On Monday the 20th August 1888 the first Annual Meeting of the Members of the Society was held, in the Belfry, the Vicar (in the Chair) and Churchwarden Griffiths Whitfield also being present.

The Treasurer presented his account of receipts and payments which was examined and passed.

The total receipts derived from members contributions and visitors donations &c. amounted to £3¹⁰ 13⁶ 11 and the payments £10¹⁰ 15⁶ 8⁴ leaving a balance in hand of £2¹⁰ 18¹ 2⁷ 10 number of members on books being 44.

Edward Jones was unanimously re-elected Master and the Vicar thanked him most heartily for the good work he had done during the past year.

Ambrose Jones having left the town W. H. Jones was unanimously elected Treasurer.

W. H. Hitches

Vicar.

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1889.

On Tuesday, the 9th July, 1889 the second Annual meeting of the Society was held in the Refry. Present the Vicar in the Chair, Churchwarden John Evans and Messrs Ed Jones, W H Jones, William Hendrick, G Whitfield, Davies, Godrich, & J Morris, Allen, and Evans. The minutes of the first annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer presented his statement of receipts and payments which were examined and passed.

The subscriptions and donations amounted to £6. 15. 2 and the balance from last year £2. 10. 5¹/₂ making the total receipts £9. 5. 7¹/₂.

The payments included, Trip to Llanwrtyd £2. 8. 10 Sundries £4. 11¹/₂ and subscriptions refunded to members on the termination of their membership viz Rowland Morris 3/6 Ed Jones 3/6 J B Reuben 3/6 J Williams 3/6 G Morris 2/6 R G Price 3/6 G Jenkins 4/6 J Hughes 4/6 = £7. 10. total payments £4. 1. 0¹/₂ leaving a balance in hand of £5. 4. 7.

The rules were revised and each of them unanimously agreed to and signed by all present.

The following ^{officers} were unanimously elected viz Mr G Whitfield Master, Mr Edward Jones, Conductor and Mr W H Jones Treasurer.

The Vicar expressed his high appreciation of the zeal energy and self-denial displayed by Mr Ed Jones and thanked him and the members for the services rendered by them during the past year.

It was decided to arrange a trip to Dolgelly on 29th July instant
W. H. Hetcher
Chairman

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Paris. Oct 20 1889
Harlech Oct 20th 1889

Visited the Belfry Oct 20, 1889. My impressions
were entirely those recorded on the opposite page
F. J. West.

So thankful to find our 'Brethren' Bellringers are going 'onwards',
I trust they are going 'upwards' as well - 'onwards' and 'upwards'
all will be well. W. Howell Evans. Oct. 20. 1889.

Visited the Belfry & was much pleased
with it.

Alfred J. Blencowe
Canon Resident of the Cathedral
Ca. Harlech.

Visited the Belfry and was greatly struck &
pleased with the thoroughly worthy condition of everything.
In nothing has our church progress been much
more marked in recent years than in the work
of our Belfry & in the admirable spirit of our
Ringers.

McClure & Scott
organ of St. Mary's, Highfield &
Archdeacon of Shrewsbury.

Nov 27. 1889.

July 21. 1889.

Visited the Belfry and was much
pleased with all I saw

A. G. Asaph.

September 1 1889

Visited the belfry and was much pleased with
the excellent going, as well as with the order
and neatness of everything.

H. A. James,
late Dean of St. Asaph.

October 18. 1889

Visited this belfry, and was glad to note
the excellent order, and resonance

W. J. Price
Vicar of Lillerbell

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1889

July 27th Marriage of Princess Louise of Wales and
Earl of Fife - Seal 2 to 4 -

Went Owen. 7 Wellings 6 W H Jones 5 E Jones & Whitfield 4 Hendrick
3 Dawes 2 A Jones Beble F. Jones.

1889

July 29th The Rev. Denham Jones and the following members
of the Society viz Messrs Whitfield, Ed Jones, W
H Jones, F Jones, A Jones, J R Wellings, ^{Mr} J
~~Hendrick~~ ^{Mr} J Dawes, J Goderich and E Evans
and W Cotton visited Dolgelly, tried the church
bells, found tenor too heavy for a ^{young} feat, of any
length, dined, ~~and~~ climbed Cadair Idris (2 to 7)
enjoyed tea very much on return, journeyed
home by 7.45 pm train. Splendid weather.

1889

Aug 1st Mr R E Hughes gave the Society an Indian
mat for the North Window recess

1889

Aug 1st } Ed Jones (Tenor) Wellings (7th) W H Jones (6th) Whitfield (5th)
Hendrick (4th) M J Morris (3rd) Goderich (2nd) F Jones (Belle)
6 pm } Went (in goes) through the plain course of Bob Triplet

Notice!

Change-Ringing.

You have all now had some insight into the theory and practice of the above and will have perceived that the Art is only to be acquired by unceasing Patience, Perseverance and Practice, there is no royal road to the Art, it must be mastered by Practice & Method, not memory, so before we proceed further I wish to put it to you plainly. Do you wish to learn the Art? If so will you apply all your might, mind & energy to the work, both in & out of the Tower? Will you attend at least two practices a week, from now to the end of April next? If not, do not begin, it will be better to continue the dull monotony of Rounds & Gais than to attempt change ringing in a half hearted and spiritless manner. St Albans
14 Sept 1889.

to Blackpool-

Ed Jones, to H Jones
Kendrick, I Davies, J Goddard
Edwards gladly accepted
trip and most thoroughly
Society begs to record a
thear for his kind
paulthener and the Revd
and general management
your subscribers.

Society (B) went by the
golden and rang several
of St. Collen.

Ringing-
bers of the Society, having
ingine hereby faithfully
actually

Ed Evans, Henry Owen, J.

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See the undersigned members of the Society, having decided to learn change ringing, hereby faithfully promise and agree to regularly and punctually attend at least two practices in each week, from this date to the end of April next, at the times and on the days to be arranged by the Master and Conductors. September 15 1889.

- 1 F. Whitfield
- 2 J. K. Williams
- 3 W. H. Jones
- 4 J. L. Goddard
- 5 W. Cotton
- 6 Ed Evans
- 7 Henry Owen
- 8 James Davies
- 9 Edward Jones

1889
Aug 13 Choir and Singers Trip to Blackpool -

Eleven members viz Whitfield, Ed Jones, W. H. Jones, J. K. Williams, A. Hendrick, J. Davies, J. Goddard, M. J. Morris, W. Cotton, and E. Evans gladly accepted the invitation to join this trip and most thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the Society begs to record a hearty vote of thanks, to the Treas. for his kind invitation, to the Rev. R. B. Faulkner and the Rest for their efficient and general management of the trip and to the generous subscribers.

1889
Aug 26 Queen's Visit to Llangollen -

All the members of the Society (B) went by the 12.40 pm excursion to Llangollen and rang several touches on the Jubilee Bells of St. Collen.

1889
Sept 15 Change Ringing -

We the undersigned members of the Society, having decided to learn change ringing, hereby faithfully promise and agree to regularly and punctually attend at least two practices in each week, from this date to the end of April next, at the times and on the days to be arranged by the Master and Conductors to observe rule 7.

Whitfield, J. K. Williams, W. H. Jones, J. L. Goddard, W. Cotton, Ed Evans, Henry Owen, James Davies.

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1889 }
Sept 22, 1889

We have each of us received of the
treas. a key of the Tower Gate (which we
acknowledge to be his property) and we
hereby undertake to deliver up the same to
him when requested so to do and in
case of loss to supply a new one.

G. Whitfield

Edward Evans

William Cotton.

W. J. Morris.

Henry Allen

Ambrose Jones

Edward Jones

Frederick Jones

J. Williams

W. H. Jones

James Dawkins

J. Goddard

1889 }

Four of the Beaumont Anglers visited us
Sept 22 } and went thro' the plough course of Bob Triples
Sunday with. Owen (8) W. H. Jones (6) Ed Jones (5) and A. Jones (4)
at 6 pm.

Oct 11. Miss Catherine Shoult gave the Society a workbox
for the roller tunnel for which we thank her most
heartily

1889 } Ambrose Jones being unable to attend practice
Nov 26 } resigned his membership and presented to the
Society his Shipwreck Campanalogia. We cordially
thank him for his past services and gift and
hope he may soon be in a position to join
us again.

1889 } The following rang at 6 a.m.
Jan 1 } (Tenor) Owen, (7) Wellings, (6) Cotton, (5) Morris,
Day } (4) W. H. Jones, (3) Davies, (2) Evans, (Treble) F. Jones,
Ed Jones conducted.

1889 } The following rang 120 Bob Doubles, in whole
Dec 29 } pulls, for afternoon service, viz
Sunday } (Tenor) Owen, (5) Cotton, (4) W. H. Jones, (3) Ed Jones,
(2) Whitfield, (Treble) Evans.

Dec 31 } The following rang after the midnight service.
1890 } (Tenor) Owen, (7) Capper, (6) Cotton, (5) Ed Jones
January 1 } (4) Rogers, (3) Morris, (2) Evans (Treble) F. Jones.

1890 } We record a hearty vote of thanks to Lord & Lady
Feb 1 } for their kind & generous hospitality on this date. When
the Choir & Singers were at Bryn-y-n-yn to supper.

1890 } The following rang 120 Bob Doubles in half pulls
March 6 } for evening service, viz
Thursday } (Tenor) Owen, (5) Cotton, (4) W. H. Jones, (3) Ed Jones, Conductor,
(2) Evans, (Treble) Rogers.

Notice

The Wreatham and Shrewsbury Change ringers advise us to master Doubles, then to proceed to Triples.

The following being able to ring the 120 in half pulls, will proceed to practise Triples on the Hand bells, namely.

Rogers
Evans
Whitfield
Morris
Ed Jones
W. H. Jones
Cotton
Owen.

The other members must avail themselves of every opportunity to practise Doubles on the Ropes.

Ed Whitfield

March 29th 1890.

Master

The above struck 160 Triples, including 40 Bells on Hand bells.

1890 }
Apr 15 }
8/69 }

Mr Rowlands, Conductor of the Wreatham Ringers kindly came over. We went through 120 Bot Doubles in half pulls and the Plain Course of Bot Triples in whole pulls. He gave us some hints and advised us how to proceed for which we thank him most heartily.

1890 }
Apr 27 }

The following rang the Plain course of Bot Triples (5 times) in half pulls for afternoon service viz.
(1) Rogers, (2) Evans, (3) Whitfield, (4) Morris, (5) E Jones, (6) W. H. Jones, (7) Cotton (Tenor) Owen.

1890

May 7th Queen's Birthday. The following rang from 2.30 to 4.30 viz. Rogers, Evans, (Whitfield) Morris, Cotton, W. H. Jones, Ed Jones, Owen, and Davies.

1890

May 25. Whit Sunday. The following rang a touch of 252 Bot Triples in half pulls for evening service viz. 1. Rogers, 2. Evans, 3. Whitfield, 4. Morris, 5. Cotton, 6. W. H. Jones, 7. Ed Jones (Conductor) and Tenor Owen.

May 26. Whit Monday. At 9.15 am we were photo^d by our Amateur Dancer Mr S. Morris at the foot of the tower thence we proceeded by 9.43 am train to Shrewsbury, the Vicar kindly accompanying us. He viewed S. Chad's and had a pull in rounds on the 12 Bells, visited some of the other churches and afterwards attended the fete sports in the Quarry. We record our hearty thanks to the Rev. E. S. Carpenter Vicar of S. Chad's and our deep regret that a serious and dangerous illness

1890 prevented Willings participating in a very pleasant and enjoyable trip. He also thank Morris for his artistic services.

July 14 - Mr W. J. Pates of Cheltenham taught us the Plan Course of Steadman's Doubles. We record our hearty thanks to him for his invaluable advice and many acts of kindness.

" 15. Hualyt Elles - Ketting. Following rang from 2 to 4.
1. Rogers. 2 Evans. 3 Whitfield (for F Jones) 4 Morris. 5 Cotton
6 W H Jones. 7 Ed Jones 8. Owen. Mr Pates also had a pull.

1890

On Thursday the 24th of July 1890 the third annual meeting of the Society was held in the Belfry. Present the Vicar in the Chair, Churchwarden Mr B Lawford and Mrs Martin and Gloriosa Edward Jones. W H Jones, Willings, Caffer, Cotton, Evans, Rogers + Lloyd.

The Minutes of the second annual meeting were read and confirmed -

The Treasurers statement of receipts and payments was examined and passed, showing a balance in hand of £9-8-0.

The rules were read and the fourth amended as to the keys of the lower gate.

Mr G Whitfield was unanimously re-elected Marker, and Mr W H Jones Treasurer also unanimously. Mr Edward Jones having

1890
July 24

intimated that he did not desire to continue the Office of Conductor. Mr. M. J. Morris was unanimously elected to the office.

The Vicar thanked the officers and members for their services during the past year and proposed a special vote of thanks to Mr Edward Jones for the good work done by him since the Commencement of the Society which was carried unanimously.

The adoption of Seages Church Bell Dumb Practice Apparatus having been discussed it was resolved (subject to the Vicar receiving a satisfactory account of the working and durability of the apparatus) to order one, the Society undertaking to provide £5, Mr Whitfield £5 in hand received from Mr. A. Wynne Corrie for Belfry purposes, Mr Whitfield himself undertaking to find a further sum of £5, the Vicar £5 and the Churchwardens £5 and a Carpenter to assist in fixing the apparatus.

Nov. 26 1891
Chairman
Messrs W. J. Reynolds and Ed Jones being present & having consented to teach Handbell Music it was unanimously decided to form a class for the Autumn & winter months.

Mr Peter Capper having been appointed foreman on a Railway in Bombay, the members wished him all possible happiness and prosperity.

A hearty vote of thanks to the President, Vice President, Subscribers & Mr W. J. Pales terminated the business of the meeting.

1890 Lloyd-Matloe-Jones Wedding.

Aug 7 } Following rang from 3 to 6. 2 Belle Rogers. 2 Evans
3 Whitfield. 4 Morris. 5 Coten, 6 W H Jones. 7 Ed Jones
Jens. Wellings.

Aug 11 Parting Seal wish Peter Capper who departs for Banbury
on the 14th inst.

Sept 2. Tried Seager's Dumb Practise apparatus

" 4-5 Diocesan Conference held at Asvestry.

" 22 Very pleasant trip to Manchester and the Handbell
ringing contest at Belle Vue gardens by all the
members, except Wellings. Edward Jones our Musical
friend kindly accompanying us.

" 28 (Sunday) Mr Woodhall, Master of the Whitchurch Ringers
rang with us for Morning and Evening service.

Oct 2. Our very excellent young Dumbler Edward Evans left Asvestry,
his apprenticeship to Mr Gensley having expired on the previous
day.

" 11. Saturday evening 6-45 to 8-15 the Whitchurch Band rang half a
peal of Grantham Triples. Conducted by Mr George Woodhall.

Oct 21 We regret to record the resignation of W H Jones our trusty Treasurer
and one of the founders of the Society.

" 24 Also of Edward Jones another of the founders and for upwards
of three years, its most indefatigable instructor and conductor.

1890

Nov 4

John Evans commenced orderly

" 12 Grandeur Triples. plain course in 'gives' at 10. 3 + 6.

" 10 } Being Mayor's Day (Alwynne Corrie Edge) the following rang from
Monday } 11.30 to 1.30 pm viz F. Jones, (2) Davies (3) Whitfield (4) A. Jones
(5) Cotton (6) Morris (7) ^{Willing} Rogers (8) Rogers.

No r//. Tuesday evening 6.30 to 8.30 Wrexham Ringers rang two
touches of Stedman Triples - also the Plain Course of Grandeur
lingues on the handbells. Some of our members also went this
the plain course of Grandeur Triples with them.

Nov 23. Mayor's Sunday. Same members rang from 12.30 to 1pm
as on 10th instant.

Dec 7. after absence of six weeks, Henry Owen delivered up his
key of the Tower Gate. I thank him for his services. W.H.

" 18. The 37 new handbells arrived from Meers & Lambank
and were used on the following day in the Victoria
Rooms at the Distribution of Prizes to the Acrobatic
Company. See Scrap for Programme.

" 25 The usual 6a.m. peal was not rung in consequence of
the death of Mrs. Lucy Evans and of illness in the neigh-
bouring houses.

" " Rogers, Willings, Morris, Cotton, A. Jones, Whitfield, Davies
and F. Jones rang at 10a.m. ^{Edwards} _{Marshall}

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On Dec. 17th, 1922. for evening service
 a quarter peal of Grand sire Triples in 47 mins.
 J. Marshall. Treble. H. J. Hughes. 5.
 R. Martin. 2. R. Evans. 6.
 H. J. Hughes. 3. R. Edwards. 7.
 G. Williams. 4. E. H. Kynaston. Tenor.
 Conducted by R. Evans.

On Sunday Feb. 4th 1923. for morning service
 a quarter peal of Grand sire Triples in 48 mins.
 J. Marshall. Treble. H. J. Hughes. 5.
 R. Evans. 2. G. Williams. 6.
 J. Hughes. 3. W. B. Kynaston. 7.
 R. Edwards. 4. E. H. Kynaston. Tenor.
 Conducted by W. B. Kynaston.

1890
 Decr 26. At 5pm the Master and members went to Beesfield
 to tea, played pieces on the new handbells. received a
 handsome donation and hearty welcome and warm praise
 for which they all beg to record their sincere thanks
 to Mr. & Mrs. Parry Jones.

Decr 31. The following rang before and after the New Year's Eve Service
 Killings, Rogers, Morris, Cotton, Edwards, Ambrose Jones, Whitfield,
 Martin, Dawes and Frederic Jones

We record a vote of thanks to Mr. D. Davies for making
 and giving us a stand for the handbells.

1891

Jan'y 23. On Tuesday (9 to 11.30 pm) the Handbellringers (8) went through
 their music at Captain Bull's and were very hospitably entertained
 by him and the ladies of the house for which they beg to record their
 hearty thanks to them

" 26. Monday - A Son and heir having been born at Wymondsey yesterday
 the Bells were rung from 1 to 2 this day at the request of Mr.
 Watkins tenants in this neighbourhood, by the following viz,
 Treble F Jones (2) Dawes, (3) Whitfield, (4) A Jones (5) Edwards
 (6) Morris (7) Cotton (Tenor) Rogers

Feb'y 13 The following struck the Plain course of Grand sire Triples on
 the handbells, 1+2 Whitfield, 3+4 Cotton, 5+6 Morris, 7+8 Rogers.

" 19. Wymondsey Son & his rejoicings - Whitfield, Morris, Cotton, Rogers. A Jones
 Edwards, & J. Jones went to Blaenllyn, rang Bob ^{single} ~~triples~~ & dines at the
 Carr Jones with the subscribers 2.30 to 9.45 pm.

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1891
March 8.

At the close of the ringing for Evening Service Lechmere was very well struck by F Jones, Davies, Cotton, A Jones, Matthews Rogers, Morris (Welling) the Master thanked Davies for his most willing and obliging services and said he was sure all the members would join in wishing him good speed happiness and prosperity in his new work at Manchester. G.W.

- 27. Good Friday. The following rang a muffled peal for the 10 a.m. service. (Tells) F Jones (2) Whitfield. (3) Martin (4) A Jones (5) Matthews (6) Edwards (7) Morris (Tenn) Welling - (Grandure Triples Plain course in goes)

March. During this month Matthews, Edwards, Martin, A Jones and Ted Jones banded to ring the Plain course of Grandure Triples in half peals on the Hand bells.

May 14. Rope Practice. The following rang the Plain course of Grandure Triples in goes without cards. (Tells) Whitfield (2) Ted Jones (3) Martin. (4) Morris. (5) Matthews. (6) Edwards (7) Rogers (Tenn) Welling.

May 7 (Ascension Day) The Earl of Dorset died in London

- 10 Sunday. The following rang a muffled peal after Evening Service. (Tells) F Jones (2) Cotton (3) Whitfield (4) A Jones (5) Matthews. (6) Morris (7) Rogers (8) Welling

- 15 Earl Dorset buried at Wiltshire. The following rang a muffled peal 12 to 1. (Tells) F Jones (2) Whitfield (3) Martin. (4) A Jones. (5) Matthews (6) Edwards. (7) Rogers (8) Welling (9) Cotton

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1891
May 15. The following got through 120 Grandere Doubles. 142 Whitfield. 304 Morris
506 Cotton.

20, 21, 22. Barnes cleaned block and paid new shaft to West Dial Hand.

22 Rope practice - We again come to "whole pulls" and "half pulls".
Ted Jones (1) Martin (3) + Edwards (4) got through plain course of
Grandere Doubles very well in whole pulls also on the following
Sunday afternoon.

25 Monday 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Queens Birthday Seal - (1) F Jones (2) Whitfield for Ted Jones
(3) Martin (4) A Jones (5) Matthews (6) Edwards (7) Rogers (8) Wellington.

27 Rope Practice - Plain course of Grandere Triples by (1) Rogers (2) John Ted Jones
(3) Martin (4) Whitfield (5) Matthews (6) Edwards (7) Morris (8) Wellington
in "whole pulls".

31 Sunday. Morris went to Mangallen in the afternoon and
rang touches of Grandere Triples for evening service, being
his first attempt beyond the Plain course on the ropes.

June 8. Handbell Practice - (1) Ted Jones (2) Whitfield (3) Martin (4) Edwards
(5) Morris (6) Cotton got through 120 Grandere Doubles.

Aug 3 Bank Holiday - Morris, Edwards, Whitfield, A Jones, Martin, Ted Jones
F Jones and late member Davies went to Abergynslaw, had a pull at
Klanadam Bells, thence to Volunteers Camp, (Rogers, Wellington, Matthe
and Ed Jones being there) where we were very hospitably entertained by
Capt Bull, to whom we rendered a hearty vote of thanks and during
the day enjoyed a very fine and pleasant trip.

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Aug 4 Richards & Thomas (Ardmillan) Wedding - The following rang from 12.15
to 1 and from 4-15 to 4.45. F Jones, Ted Jones, Martin, A Jones,
Whitfield, Edwards, Cotton & Morris,

" 16. Sunday. Plain Course of Grand sire Triples in whole pulls at
10.3 & 6. Rogers, Ted Jones, Martin, A Jones, Whitfield, Edwards,
Morris, Cotton, Wellings, & John Jones (visitor).

" 20. The following went to Shrewsbury by the 9.55 am excursion
viz Ed Jones, F Jones, A Jones, Ted Jones, Cotton, Wellings, Rogers, Morris,
Edwards, Martin and Whitfield, thence to St Albans & Lovers
where we rang the plain course of Grand sire Triples in quies
& whole pulls, and Morris, A Jones, Cotton and Wellings joined
in a bunch in half pulls with some experienced brushings.
The remainder of the day was devoted to the Floral file in
the Quarry which was very much enjoyed - We beg to
record our hearty thanks to Mr. R Taylor (GWRy) for the
very comfortable travelling accommodation provided for us.

Aug 26 Rope practice - Half pulls. The following got through the Plain Course
of Grand sire Triples - Rogers, Ted Jones, Martin, A Jones, Whitfield,
Edwards, Cotton, Morris & Wellings. Robert Evans joined in round at
his second practice.

" 30 Sunday Evening - Plain Course of Grand sire Triples in half pulls. 1 Rogers, 2 Cotton,
3 Martin, 4 A Jones, 5 Whitfield, 6 Edwards, 7 Morris, 8 Wellings.

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Sept 7 Monday. Choir & Ringers Trip to Chester & Eaton Hall.
On one of the brightest and loveliest days of the year, F Jones, A Jones, Ted Jones, Rogers, Whitfield Martin, Edwards and R Evans joined this trip to the Ancient City, viewed the Cathedral, walked to, dined at the City Hall, steamed up the River to Eaton Hall, took tea at Eccleston Ferry House, returned to Chester by Road and River, leaving by the 8pm train and arriving home 9.30 pm. We record our hearty thanks to the Rev R B Faulkner for so ably and genially organising and conducting a very pleasant trip.

13 Sunday 10.30 am Tenor Clapper broke in the hinges. Repaired by Taylor & Son.

27 Sunday 10.30 to 10.45 am. 42 Touch on hand bells by (1) Rogers (2) Ted Jones (3) Martin (4) W & Jones (5) Whitfield (6) Edwards (7) Morris (Tenor) Wellings.

29 5pm to 7pm Welshpool Ringers were here and rang touches of Minor and Triples conducted by Bratton.

30 Rope Practices - Plain Course and 42 Touch in half peals by Rogers, Ted Jones, Martin, W & Jones, Whitfield, Edwards, Morris, Cotton & Wellings, and R Evans got through the Plain Course of Doubles.

Oct Annual cleaning postponed from July in expectation of the arrival of the Post-Office Hook the new Vest.

Tuesday 13 Took up mowing. Thursday 15, Painting & colouring. Friday ditto Monday 19, Hammering. Tuesday ditto, Wednesday ditto, Thursday 22, Touching up & lining.

Friday 23, Cleaning & varnishing floor boards. Saturday 24 - Mowing put down.
Our special thanks are due to our artistic members J R Wellings & R Martin for the expert and skill displayed by them in executing the painting, colouring & varnishing and

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Oct 24 to R Evans for assisting them, also to Mr Wm Jones Banks for paint and colour given and pots and brushes lent and kindly to our member J Rogers for taking up and putting down the matting.

Nov 3. We thank Mr Parry-Jones for eight tickets given to the Musical Handbell Ringers for the Royal Handbell Ringers Concert this evening. The Llanishem Ringers called here on their way back from Walspool and Morris sang a touch of 350 with them on Seago Apparatus.

9 Prince of Wales 50th Birthday - The following rang from 8.30 to 9.30 on (Bell) F Jones, (2) Whitfield, (3) Cotton, (4) A Jones (5) Martin (6) Edwards (7) Rogers (Tenor) Wellings.

Mayor's Day - Mr Corrie re-elected - The following rang from 12.30 to 1.30. (Bell) A Jones (2) Ted Jones (3) Cotton (4) Whitfield (5) Martin (6) W Jones (7) Rogers (Tenor) Wellings.

Nov 9-10 + 12 Rang eight for Anniversary services (postponed).

12 Plain Service - Double-handed. 11-2 Ted Jones - 3-4 Whitfield 5-6 Morris 7-8 Cotton.

22. Mayor's Sunday. The following rang after Morning Service, (1) F Jones (2) Ted Jones (3) Cotton (4) Morris (5) Whitfield (6) W Jones (7) Rogers (8) Wellings

Dec 2. Wednesday. The Rev Basil Hook was insured by proxy of the Rev J Redfern.

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On Thursday the 26th day of November 1891 the postponed Annual Meeting of the Society (M^s) was held in the Belfry.

Present. The Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly (Assistant Curate) in the Chair; Churchwarden W^m Martin; Whitfield, M^r J. Morris, J. Rogers, W. H. Jones, Edward Jones, Ted Jones and R. Evans.

The Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Annual Statement of receipts and payments was examined and passed the balance in hand being £3-11-8.

The Rules were read and revised, the chief alterations being, the abolition of fasts fixing 31st of August as the close of the year and September as the month for holding the Annual Meeting.

The following were unanimously elected Officers, viz. Whitfield Martin, M^r J. Morris, Conductor & W. H. Jones.

The Chairman after referring to the regretted absence of the Vicar (The Rev. Cecil Hook) in Egypt thanked the Members of the Society for their services during the past year and wished them all possible happiness & prosperity during the ensuing year.

On the motion of Messrs Whitfield & W. Martin a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Edward Jones for his very excellent work in the Handbell Music department.

Mr Churchwarden Martin also took the opportunity of thanking Messrs Helling and R. Martin for the very effective painting, decorating & varnishing recently done by them on the Belfry, in which Mr Weatherly joined on behalf of the Vicar. and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

Cecil Hook Chairman on 23/11/91

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Dec. 25. Jonas morning 6.15 to 7 a.m. The following sang, Table F Jones (2) A Jones
(3) Whitfield for Matthews (4) W. H. Jones (5) Martin (6) Edwards (7) Fother for
Mellings absent, Tenor Rogers.

" We record hearty thanks to Mr & Mrs Corrie for their warm appreciation
of the progress made by the Handbellringers and to Mrs Corrie for
her kind sympathy and generosity in undertaking to defray
the cost of twelve additional Handbells viz Nos 25 & 25 1/2 25 3/4 26 A
24 A# 23 B. 1 C# 7 D 7 A# 6 E 5 F 5 1/2 F# 1 1/2 G.

" 26 Also to Mr & Mrs Garry Jones for their generous hospitality in
entertaining all the members on the 26th inst and to many
other kind friends.

" 27 On Sunday afternoon morning service Mr Corrie (Mayor) visited
the Belfry which he admired very much & paid his offering
by dropping a sovereign into the Donation Box.

" 31. Muffled Peal 10.30 to 11.15 pm. Table Morris (2) Whitfield (3) W. H. Jones
(4) Edwards (5) Rogers Tenor Mellings.
12.15 to 12.30 Open Peal Table F Jones (2) J. Jones (3) Evans (4) W. H. Jones
(5) Martin (6) Edwards (7) Rogers for A Jones Tenor Mellings.

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Jan 7. Park Hall, Oswestry 7th Jan 1892. Dear Mr Whitfield, I have
much pleasure in enclosing cheque for £7.13.0 for the twelve
handbells to be added to your set. These bells I gave to you as
promised in recognition of the great success which had
attended the care & expense & attention you have bestowed
upon the Oswestry Handbell Ringers and of your promise
to endeavour to maintain an efficient Band of Performers.

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2nd Sunday in Lent: March 13. 1892.

Visited the belfry & sang a few verses of Grandin Triples before the services. I hope it may not be long before Bell News Records a peal here with out outside assistance. With Leary's apparatus for practice there should be no difficulty about this.

Cyril C. Child.

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Send very much thanks with the progress made by your proteges and congratulate you & them heartily

Yours truly

Alwynne Corrie.

Jan 10. Lady Harlech having died early this morning (Sunday) the Bells (6) were muffled.

" 14 Lady Harlech was buried at Llanthym. Muffled Peal 1 to 2. Tenor Melling (7th) Rogers (6th) W H Jones & Edwards (5) (Whitfield) (4) Martin & Ted Jones (3) Cotton.

" " The Duke of Clarence and Avondale dies about 9 am.

" 17 Sunday. Muffled Peal

" 20 Duke's funeral. Memorial Service 3 pm. Muffled Peal 2 to 3. Tenor John Jones for Melling (7) Rogers (6) W H Jones and Edwards (5) (Whitfield) (4) Martin & A Jones (3) R Evans & Jones tolled from 3.30 to 4.45.

" " New Hand Bells arrived from Meers & Hamblent.

Mar 15 Letter from Rev J Hughes, Nottingham asking us to form a Branch of the Hereford Guild, Belshpool to be the Centre and J & Braddon local Inspectors.

" 14 Replied asking for further particulars &c

" 15 Mr E Denison Taylor called and viewed the Belfry

" " Collins joined as Honorary Member, has an hour's practice on the 6th and on Thursday 17th tolled for service.

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Nov 16. Practice. Matthews got through Plain Course ^{Twiles} in half pulls on the Ropes and R Evans got through Plain Course & Doubles on Handbells double handed (7+2) and on Ropes in half pulls.

" 20. Sunday. W H Jones, Ted Jones and R Evans got thro' Sea Score on handbells. (Grand Score)

" 23 Wednesday Practice. Ted Jones (1) and R Evans (3) got thro' Plain Course of Grand Score Twiles on Ropes in half pulls.

Apr 10. Sunday at 3pm. 120 Grand Score Doubles in half pulls, (Treble) Cotton, (2) Ted Jones, (3) Morris, (4) W H Jones, (5) Whitfield (Tenor) Rogers. R.B. first attempt in the open.

John Jones rang the Tenor in half pulls at 6 pm, & R Evans the 5th

" 11 Rope Practice. Edwards got through the Sea Score in half pulls and R Evans took the Treble half-way.

John Jones kindly rang the Tenor in the absence of Willings and ^{W.H.} Rogers, arrived

" 13 Rope practice. R Evans took the Treble through the Sea Score in half pulls.

" 15 Good Friday. 120 Grand Score Doubles in whole pulls for 10 ^{pm} service. (Treble) R Evans, (2) Ted Jones, (3) Morris (4) W H Jones (5) Whitfield (Tenor) A Jones.

" The same also rang 120 in half pulls for 6-30 service.

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Apr 19. Eggs Evans Lloyd & Minnie's Mother's Wedding.
3.15 to 4 + 5.45 to 6.15. The following sang. (1) A. Jones (2) Ted Jones (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Martin (6) Morris (7) Rogers (Tenor) Helling - Susan's & Plain Course of Grandsons Tripled in half pulled. Shares of Whitfield & Morris did edd. Krum. Matthews of Edwards of Evans 2/6 + 3/6

25. On Handbills 168 Tenors (1) Evans (2) Ted Jones (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Morris. Bot (all) (6) Edwards 7 1/8 Rogers.

27 The above with John Jones at Tenor. got through 168 on the ropes. Martin took the 3rd thro' the sea score on the ropes.

26 Canon W. Horrell Evans. Susan & Abby L. died (see scrapbook)

30 Memorial Service at Cemetery 2 pm. Tenor talked from 1.30 to 2 pm. Mr. Muffler Deals 2.45 to 3.45. Plain Course in whole pulled. (1) Rogers (2) Ted Jones (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Martin (6) Edwards (7) W. H. Jones Tenor. Helling's Sea Score in whole pulled. (1) Evans (2) Ted Jones (3) Cotton (4) Edwards (5) Whitfield (Tenor) Rogers.

May 1. Sunday. Muffler Deals at 10. 3 + 6. Plain Course & Duplex and Sea Score in whole pulled.

22 Collins had his first pull in the open Sunday afternoon. 30 Doubles, Grandsons in goal.

May 2. 3rd 1892.

W. J. Brocklebank.

The Bank

70 Bedford Street South
London

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May 24

Lucien's Birthday. Deal 6:30 to 7 p.m. Stem Course and part of 168. Fells A Jones & Rogers, (2) Morris & Seaford, (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Martin, (6) Edwards (7) Rogers & Morris (Tenor) Wellings
7 to 7:30 p.m. Muffled Deal for Mr. Seaford buried this day. La Secor in whole pulled. (Fells) Rogers (2) Seaford (3) Morris (4) Edwards (5) Whitfield (Tenor) Wellings.

June 5 Whitsunday, Morning. 168 Grandstand Triples. (1) Evans (2) Seaford (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Morris Conductor. (6) Edwards (7) Rogers, (8) Wellings.

" 6 Whitmonday. Splendid weather, bright & hot, & very much enjoyed by F Jones, A Jones, Seaford, W Jones, Rogers, Cotton, Martin, Morris, Edwards, Evans and Whitfield who went to Chester by 7.25 a.m. train, thence to Eccleston by steam boat (9.30), sang the scores, returning to Chester by road and lives, where the remainder of the day was spent very pleasantly.
The old organ of this Church is now in Eccleston Church.

" 9 Thursday, Our new Organ the Rev. Cecil Hook being expected to arrive by the 6.42 p.m. train, the following sang a psalm of welcome from 6.30 to 7.15 p.m. viz. A Jones, Seaford, A Evans, Morris, Cotton, Martin, Edwards, Rogers, Wellings and Whitfield.

" 12 Trinity Sunday. 6.15 p.m. Mr. Hook came up and thanked the members for ringing him in, and spoke a few words about bells & bellringing and promised to subscribe £2-0-0 as President of the Society.

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June 15. Handbell Practice. Six Score franchise Doubles
(1) Collings (2) Morris (3) Evans (4) Whitfield (5) T. D. Rogers.

19 Ambrose Jones rang the Telle through Six Scores of franchise Doubles for afternoon service.

23 Thursday, 9 to 10.15 pm. The following had a try at Stedman Doubles on Handbells and got through the Plain Course.
(1) Ted Jones (2) R. Evans (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Morris (6) W. H. Jones.

26 Sunday 2 to 3 Collings took the 14th through the Plain Course of Stedman Doubles on Handbells.

The Vicar, the Rev. Cecil Stook, read the 39 articles this afternoon.

29 Collings rang the Telle in half pulls through the Plain Course of franchise Doubles. Rope practice.

July 3. Sunday for afternoon service. 168 Triples. (1) Evans (2) Ted Jones (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Martin (6) Edwards (7) Morris (8) Rogers.
For evening service the same Doubles. (1) Evans (2) Ted Jones (3) Whitfield (4) Morris (5) Martin (6) W. H. Jones (7) Rogers (8) Collings.

11 Practice. Plain Course of Stedman Doubles on Ropes by
(1) Ted Jones (2) Evans (3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Morris (6) Collings

13} Leeds (All Souls) Choir visited at Westrup. Sung Sacra
14} music in Church (Kedy evening 7.30 (i.e.) afterwards visited
Befry during the singing & a great welcome.

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July 19. An Hand bells 120 Sledman Doubles. (1) J. Jones (2) Evans
(3) Whitfield (4) Cotton (5) Morris (6) Edwards.

" 24 Sunday. Mr Hook honoured us with a visit during the
morning for morning service.

" 26 Mr R. B. Male sent to Mr Whitfield a new flag for
the Tower to be first used on Friday July 29th on the
occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the
new Municipal Buildings.

" 29. 8.30 a.m. Mr Weatherly hoisted the new flag. GW at the
same time playing God Save the Queen on the bells.

" " Foundation stone of new Municipal Buildings was laid by
Mr Corrie Mayor. The following rang from 1 to 2.30.
(1) J. Jones (2) A. Jones (3) Evans (4) Whitfield (5) Marsh (6) Edwards
(7) W. H. Jones (8) Cotton. Other members in rank and procession.

" 31 Five members being in Camp and GW and Marsh
away there was chiming only on Sunday.

Aug 7 Sunday. Collings rang in 8 in good.

" 8 Practice. Collings rang the second in half peals, through
Plain Course of Grandioso Triplets.

" 16 Thomas Rogers resigned.

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17/7/49 Sunday J. M. Smith Littlewell E. Conn.

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Aug 18. Trip to Shrewsbury and the Floral Fete, the following went
Cotton, Martin, Matthews, W. H. Jones, A. Jones, F. Jones, J. E. Jones, Morris,
Evans, Whitfield.

Sept 5 Monday. Choir & Ringers Trip, to New Brighton and Liverpool.
Fine day, much enjoyed by. Collins, Cotton, A. Jones, Ted Jones, F. Jones,
Matthews, Edwards, Evans, Martin, W. H. Jones. We record our
heartly thanks to the Vicar and subscribers. Also to the Rev. A.
G. M. Green for his kind and able management of the Trip.

" 12 J. Rogers had his Lever King returned to him & attended
practice in the evening

" 18 Collins left Sunday, ~~with us~~. He is in the evening with
us as a parting peal. We regret his departure & wish him
happiness & prosperity.

22 Thursday Evening. 8.30 to 9. Deal at request of Mr J. J.
Lloyd Williams Head Master of The Grammar School to
celebrate the success of E. J. Davies, one of his pupils
in winning the Porvis Exhibition. (1) Evans (2) Ted Jones
(3) Whitfield for Matthews (4) W. H. Jones (5) Martin, (6) Morris
for Edwards (7) Rogers (8) Williams.

26 Very pleasant Trip to Manchester & Hand Bell Contest
at Belle Vue Gardens G. Morris, W. H. Jones, Rogers, Whitfield,
Cotton, Evans, Matthews, Martin, A. Jones. Greatly magnificent

Sept 30 Hand Bell cleaned & oiled by J. Ellis & D. Davies

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1892. Annual Meeting

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Sept 23

The fifth Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Belfry.

Present. The Vicar (The Rev Cecil Hook) Churchwarden A Taylor, J Whitfield, W H Jones, M J Morris, Rogers, Evans, Lea Jones, Bellamy, Matthews, Cotton, & R. Martin.

The Minutes of the fourth Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's Annual statement of receipts and payments was examined and passed, the balance in hand being £8.12.6

The Rules were discussed and signed by the Vicar. The Master, Treasurer and Conductor were unanimously re-elected.

The Vicar thanked the members for their service, referred to the high ministerial nature of the work done in calling parishioners to church and hoped the members would live and lead a life in harmony with the duties which they through the Bells reminded others.

Cecil Hook.

Michaelmas Day 1893.

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October 9 John Thomas Junior elected a member of the Society.
 11 Had his first pull at the bush

October 20 Morris went to Kiangollen and rang a date bunch with
 the local Band. See News 30 Jan'y 1892 for bunch

30 Sunday. Frederick Jones rang Treble in half pulled through
 the Plain course of Grandfire Tupples at 10 a.m. (from 23 Dec)

Nov 9. Wednesday. Mr. Corne' recaptured Mayon Deal 6.30 to 7.30
 by: (1) F Jones (2) A Jones (3) Ted Jones (4) Whitfield (5) Evans
 (6) Cotton (7) Rogers (8) Wellings. Plain Course in half pulled.

Telephone put up by J. Evans.

" 27 Mayon Sunday. The following rang after morning service.
 (1) F Jones (2) Ted Jones (3) Martin (4) With Jones (5) Morris (6) Edwards
 (7) Morris (8) Wellings.

Dec 3. Saturday 7 to 8 pm. Deal to celebrate birth of Lewis, son of
 yesterday. (1) F Jones (2) Ted Jones (3) Whitfield (4) A Jones
 (5) Martin (6) Morris (7) Rogers (8) Wellings.

Christmas (Sunday) 6.15 am. (1) F Jones (2) A Jones (3) Martin (4) Whitfield (Edwards)
 (5) Evans (6) With Jones (7) Rogers (8) Wellings.

26. Christmas Day - Bright & Frosty - thoroughly enjoyed by F Jones & Jones Ted
 Jones With Jones, Wellings Rogers, Edwards & Whitfield who
 went to church by 10.25 train. Rang there from 11.45 to 1 pm

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26, dined at the Fand Hotel, walked thence to Gaborwen, arriving home by train 4 pm. We received our thanks to the treat of Blink and to the hostess Joseph Roberts.

" 29 Thursday. D. Davies called for 7.30 pm services.

31 11.15 to 11.50 pm muffled Deal - 12 to 12.15 Open Deal.
J. Jones, Ted Jones, Morris, Martin, W. H. Jones, Evans, Edwards, Rogers, Williams, Whitfield. Rev. Am. W. Bretherton came up and wished us a happy new year.

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Jan 1

D. Davies rang Treble, also 2nd this plain course of Grandsons Doubles.

" 5 Larmer Treble and D. Davies 2nd on Hand bells this plain course of Grandsons Tripled

" 8 D. Davies rang Treble on Hand bells this 120 Doubles

" 12 Whitfield, Morris, J. Jones and J. Jones met the Kangollen Ringers at Ellesmere and rang the plain course of Grandsons Tripled and Morris joined the Kangollensters in an attempt for Holt's Ten Part but the bells were too heavy for them although rehung in Dec last by hammers. Better luck next time Morris.

J. Jones was a Ringer at Ellesmere 25 years ago. This was the first change ringing on the bells since they were rehung.

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Jan 17

Practice - Jarman and Davis scrambled through 30 Doubles on ropes in half pulls. On 24th Jan I struck doubles very well.

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Practice - We went through the Blaw bawce of Grandsire Minor several times and found the leading rather puzzling.

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Whitfield. Morris & Rogers went by 3.30 pm train to Llangollen and had a touch of Doubles and Triples and at 5.25 Morris (5th) joined the local Band in a try for Holts Ten Part Peal which was successfully brought round in 2 hours and 56 minutes. We record our hearty congratulations to Morris and thanks to the Llangollen ringers for their kindness and assistance.

23 Rev. J. B. Seaton first lesson on the 5th
25 do second able to manage bell alone.

29 Sunday afternoon - Davis rang Treble in half pulls through 30 Grandsire Doubles and 20 this 60 Doubles & 20

Feb 2 Thursday for service. Davis (1) & Jarman (2) rang 30 Doubles in half pulls.

5 Sunday. Mr. George Hoodhall (Liverpool) rang with us three times and impressed upon us the old old story of open leads.

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CHANCE RINGING AT THE OAKWORTH PARISH CHURCH.—On Thursday a band of ringers, comprising four from Westgate, one from Whit-church, and Messrs M. J. Morris, T. J. Jones and T. Rogers, of Oswestry, started for a peal of 5,049 grandioso triplets (Holt's Six Part), conducted by Mr Bratton, of Welshpool, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing about 2,700 changes, in 2 hours and 15 minutes. The funeral of Band-master A. Knight happening to fall on this day and the loud ringers and some of the visitors being hoarse, the bells were muffled. We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr Morris on his record peal of 5,049 changes at Llangoollen, also on the progress made by our ringers under his instruction, the visitors being very warm in their praise of the striking of Messrs Rogers and Jones. An excellent meat tea at the Coach and Dogs concluded a very pleasant day.

Rogers was very steady at the Tenor and the striking throughout was very good.

Ted Jones's longest Tenor previous to this being only 768; he was warmly congratulated by Mr Wright & the other visitors.

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Feb 8

Davies rang the chime through the same course of grandioso Triples on ropes in half peals.

" 12 Davies rang sherd as above on Sunday for morning service.

" 14 EV rang 168. 350 + 568 at Llangoollen.

" 14 Prichard Davies rang the Treble this 120 Doubled

" 16 Handbell practice Davies rang 2nd and Jammie 3rd this 120 Grandioso Doubled

" 23 Thursday for Evening service. 120 Grandioso Doubled.
(1) Davies (first time open) (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Morris
(5) Rogers (6) John Jones (visitors)

" Rogers rang 2. 3 & 4 on Handbells this 120

Mar 7 Rope practice - 108 Touch of Minor. (1) Evans (2) Ted Jones
(3) Morris (4) W. H. Jones (5) Whitfield (6) Rogers. Davies also at Treble.

" 8 Rope practice Davies rang Treble this 168 Triples

" 9 at 3.44 (1) Ted Jones (2) Maddox (3) Wright (4) Morris (5) Jones
(6) Barnes (7) Bratton (Conductor) + Rogers (Tenor) started for Holt's six part Peal but the Conductor called stand at 6 in consequence of a change of course. The bells were muffled it being the funeral of Bratton's a simple 3760 changes

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Mar 12 Sunday. Morning Davis rang 168 for morning service. Fells, and for afternoon service (1) Evans, (2) Ted Jones (3) Whitfield (4) W.H. Jones (5) Martin (6) Edwards (7) Morris + Rogers (Senior) Rang 336. Dr for Evening service. Morris at 6th instead of Edwards

" 14 Handbell practice - 168 Touch, (dis. Singles) (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) W.H. Jones (5) D. Davies (6) Morris (7+8) Rogers. This is Davis's first attempt in a Touch on an inside Bell.

" 21 Rope practice. 168 Touch, dis. Singles by (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) W.H. Jones (5) Morris (6) Edwards (7) Rogers (8) bellhops.

23 Bell at close of Confirmation Service 8 to 30. (1) F Jones + Evans (2) Whitfield + Ted Jones - (3) Evans + Whitfield. (4) W.H. Jones (5) Morris (6) Edwards (7) Rogers (8) Martin + Willing. Plan Gura + 336

" Handbell Practice 168. Touches. 3 Bells. + 6 singles. (1) Jarnan (2) Whitfield (3) Evans (4) W.H. Jones (5) Davies (6) Morris (7+8) Rogers.

29 Martin got this 168 (dis. Singles) on the ropes.

Apr 3. Easter Monday. Weather magnificent. Rogers, W.H. Jones, Matthews, A Jones, Ted Jones, Edwards, Martin, Evans, Jarnan, Davies and Whitfield went to Whitchurch by 8.40 am train, met Morris there and rang some touches then Jones & Wright also with us. Morris (3) + Rogers, Junior, joined some of the local and Crave rangors in an attempt for Holt-Ten-Past which

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WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

The Chester Diocesan Guild and The Hereford Guild.

On Monday, April 3rd, 1893, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HORN'S TEN-PART.

TENOR II CWT. IN E FLAT.

WILLIAM BARRON	 Treble.	JOHN GIBSON	 3.
GEORGE WRIGHT	 2.	GEORGE HARRIS	 6.
MORRIS J. MORRIS	 2.	RICHARD T. HOLLAND	 7.
RICHARD LANSBORN	 4.	*THOMAS ROGERS	 Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WRIGHT.

*First paid. Ring on the occasion of Miss Emily Langford's wedding, sister of the organist at the old hall, and daughter of Mr. Frank Langford, one of the local ringers. Messrs. Morris and Rogers had been organists, Langford, Harrington and Holling from 1870; the new being to the local ringers.

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of ten handbells by Mr. R. S. Story, and a set of shirt studs and sleeve links and a diamond pin by other friends. The idea of originating this presentation seemed to arise spontaneously from several ringers, and was most heartily responded to by those to whom it was mentioned. The members who subscribed were those only who were personal friends of the recipient, the list of names numbering some twenty-five or twenty-six.

At a suitable moment in the evening the chairman called upon Mr. R. S. Story to make the presentation, which it was satisfactory to note came as surprise to Mr. Routledge. Mr. Story explained to the meeting at the outset that the presentation came only from a few friends, who felt that some acknowledgement of the debt they owed Mr. Routledge, was more than due to him, and that the list of subscribers included those who came in personal contact with him, those many members of the Association whose first 5000, or whose ringing education was due to his kindness and energy. It is well known in the north that he has devoted an immense amount of time and labour to the advancement of the Durham and

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April 3

was successfully brought round in 3 hours & 5 minutes.

The other members tramped to Igthfield and rang some six scores and were very kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. R. B. Faulkner and Mrs. Faulkner, which was followed by some Grandsire Doubles and Triples on the Handbells - All again met at Whitchurch Station and arrived home at 7.45 pm having spent a very pleasant day.

9 Sunday Evening. 168 Six Singles. (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) W. H. Jones (5) Martin (6) Morris (7) Rogers (8) Williams - first time open - also 168 with seventh home 3 times.

10 W. H. Jones, Treasurer, delivered up account. Books and balance of cash he having decided to seek employment in Manchester.

10 Mr. George Woodhall came to reside and work in City for a time. Practice in the evening - Dances got through six Singles 168 on 5th on ropes and we got this five Bobs in the first part of Stoll's Ten Part (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Martin (5) Morris (6) Woodhall (7) Rogers (8) Edwards.

11 Crown & Jones Wedding - 2.30 to 4.30. (1) Evans & Davies (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Morris (5) Martin (6) Edwards (7) Rogers (8) Williams

16 Sunday afternoon. On Handbells. First part of Stoll's Ten Part (518) (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Morris (4) W. H. Jones (5) Davies (6) Woodhall (Conductor) 7 & 8 Rogers.

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Apr 18. Rope practice. First part of Holt's Tent. (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) W.H. Jones (5) Davies (6) Woodhall (7) Morris (8) Willings

" 20. Grandstand on hand bells (1+2) Evans (3+4) Ted Jones (5+6) Morris (7+8) Woodhall (9+10) Whitfield

" 24. New Ropes adjusted and fixed. Practice. STB Trench (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Davies (5) Woodhall (6) W.H. Jones (7) Morris (8) Edwards

" 27 Thursday for Evening Service. First part of Holt's Tent. (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Davies (5) Woodhall (6) W.H. Jones (7) Morris (8) Rogers. At four months today Davies had his first pull in the open when he pulled for service.

May 4 Duke of York & Princess Mary Bethshel Deal by the request of Mr. Corrie. May or 8.30 to 9.30 pm after evening service. (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Davies (5) Woodhall (6) W.H. Jones (7) Morris (8) Willings.

May 11 At Llansgollen. (1) Evans (4) Davies (5) Woodhall (7) Morris (Conductor) to the third part of Holt's Sea Port Deal about

LLANSYGOLLEN.—On Thursday, the members of the St. Oswald's Society of Bellringers had their outing to Llansgollen. The party left Oswestry by the 12.57 train, and reached Llansgollen in time for a long day's enjoyment. Proceeding to the Parish Church, they gave the inhabitants of the pretty town a sample of their campanological skill, and after some refreshments, the members indulged in walks to the celebrated spots in the Vale.

" 15 Rope practice. First part of Holt's Sea Port Deal. (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Davies (5) Woodhall (6) W.H. Jones (7) Morris (Conductor) (8) Willings.

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BELL RINGING. - On Saturday week the Oswestry Society of Bellringers rang a peal of grand sire triples, 5040 changes, on the bells of the parish church, in two hours and fifty-nine minutes. The ringers were Messrs Robert Evans, Edward Jones, James Booth, David Davies, George Woodhall, William H. Jones, Morris J. Morris, and Thomas Rogers. Mr M. J. Morris was the conductor. It is 100 years since such triples have been rung in Oswestry.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 20th, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes:

HOLY'S SIX-PART.			TENOR 16 CWT. IN F.		
ROBERT EVANS	Treble		GEORGE WOODHALL	5.	
EDWARD JONES	2.		WILLIAM H. JONES	6.	
JAMES BOOTH*	3.		MORRIS J. MORRIS	7.	
DAVID DAVIES	4.		THOMAS ROGERS	Tenor.	

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS

*First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal by the ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6. Great credit is due to D. Davies, as it is less than five months since he first pulled a bell.

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May 16 James Booth of Liverpool arrived. Rope practice. Evans (1) Jones (2) Booth (3) Davies (4) Woodhall (5) W.H. Jones (6) Morris (7) Conductor Rogers rang into second part of Holts Six Part about 1000 changes.

17 Booth started to work at W.H. Jones. Builders.

18 Rope practice. Plain Course of Bob Major. Evans (1) JW (2) Ted Jones (3) Davies (4) Woodhall (5) W.H. Jones (6) Morris (7) Booth (8).

20 Saturday Evening 6-6 to G.S. Holts Six Part Peal. Robert Evans (1) Edward Jones (2) James Booth (3) David Davies (4) George Woodhall (5) W.H. Jones (6) Morris & Morris (7) Thomas Rogers (8). Bravo all, but Bravissimo Morris & Morris for conducting and D. Davies for ringing a peal so soon, he only having tolled a bell for the first time on 29 Decr. 1892 ^{at this} and his first 30 of Grandsire Doubles on Sunday afternoon 29th of Jan'y 1893.

21 Whitsunday. Rang the Plain Course of Bob Major for afternoon service.

22 Whitsunday. Weather splendid. Trip to Dolgelly by Cambrian. Left Oswestry 7.30 arrived at 1. Return journey 6.20 to 1.30. The following went 1 R Evans 2 Ted Jones 3 J Booth 4 D Davies 5 G Woodhall 6 W.H. Jones 7 M J Morris 8 Wellings 9 A Jones 10 J Rogers 11 J H Matthews 12 R Edward 13 R Martin 14 JW. The first eight tried for Holts Six Part. Morris conducting but came round at the end of the third part the third and fourth having changed course.

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Rev. H. C. Courtney May 24/43. - arrived

July 18th 1893 departed

He rang a peal at Stangollen with M. J. Morris & June 13th

1893

May 24. Queen's Birthday. Ringing from 7 to 7.45 am. (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Davies (5) Martin (6) W. H. Jones (7) Morris (8) Edwards.

" " Vicars Return - Ringing from 6.45 to 7.45 pm. (1) Evans (2) Whitfield (3) Ted Jones (4) Davies (5) Martin (6) Rev. H. C. Courtney (7) J. Booth (8) Rogers. No. 8 came up and thanked Ringers.

" 27 J. Booth returned to Liverpool.

June 10 Saturday. The following started for Davies' variation of Holt. Ten Part. 1 & Evans 2 Ted Jones 3 & Davies 4 M. J. Morris. Conductor 5 Charles. Eccleston, 6 W. H. Jones. 7 J. Davies. Stangollen Tenor J. R. Williams, but shortly after the half-way Single was passed the Conductor called stand in consequence of a change of course.

All the Company (16) including the Rev. H. C. Courtney, who had a very pleasant sea at the Coast & Days.

" 11 Sunday. Morris having left Messrs R. R. Hughes and this being his last Sunday with us he delivered up his Inverkey. At the close of the evening ringing the Master expressed his deep regret at losing so good a member and very warmly thanked him for his untiring zeal, patience and energy in promoting change ringing at Oswestry.

12 Rope practice. Robert Evans rang 350 on inside bell. It on behalf of the Churchwardens and members presented Morris with a Gold abbot chain.

LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13th, 1893,
IN TWO HOURS & MINUTES.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

..... 5,040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF HOLTS TEN PART. TENOR, 17 CWT.

Thomas Williams	Treble	Rev. H. C. Courtney	5
Arthur Rhys James	2	Thomas Davies	6
James Davies	3	John W. Davies	7
Morris J. Morris	4	John W. Roberts	Tenor

Conducted by M. J. Morris.

This is the First Peal by J. W. Roberts, and First on a Ring Bell by A. R. James.
Rev. H. C. Courtney and M. J. Morris had from Oswestry.

LLANGOLLEN, NORTH WALES.

ON SATURDAY, JULY 10th, 1893,
IN THREE HOURS.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

..... 5,040 CHANGES;

HOLTS FIVE PART. TENOR, 11 CWT.

Thomas Williams	Treble	Thomas Davies	5
J. W. Davies	2	M. J. Morris (bottom)	6
A. R. James	3	C. Price (bottom)	7
James Davies	4	J. R. Wellings (bottom)	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. Davies.

FIRST PEAL BY J. R. WELLINGS, OSWESTRY.

Llangollen: W. Williams, Printer.

1893

June 13. Morris and the Rev. H. C. Courtney rang at Davis variation of Holts Ten Part at Llangollen in 2 hrs 55 mins. with the local band - Morris conductor.

" 20 Queen's Accession. Peal by order of the Vicar. 8 to 9 pm.
1 Edwards. 2. Ted Jones 3 Evans 4 Davies 5 Whistfield
6 W. Jones 7 Rogers 8 Wellings.

" 25 Sunday - Rang muffled all services in token of the nation's sorrow for the men (about 400) who went down in H.M.S. Victoria on Thursday last in the Mediterranean.

July 2 Sunday. W. Morris tolled first time

July 6 Thursday. Marriage of Duke of York Princess Mary. Ringing from 2 to 3 and 5 to 6. (1) Edwards R. (2) Whistfield. 3 Ted Jones (4) Davies (5) Marthi (6) W. Jones (7) Rogers (8) H. Courtney (9) Wellings -

" 12 Practice. W. Morris rang Treble on Hunt Bells this 120

" 15 Saturday. Wellings rang the Tenor at Llangollen through Holts five part Peal conducted by Mr Davies (2) by 6 Price and Mr J. Morris rang the 7 & 6 respectively.

" 23 Mr J. Morris rang with us for morning and evening service.

26 W. Morris rang second in half pulls this 30 Grand Doubles on the ropes. (first time)

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Aug 6 Sunday afternoon. W Morris rang the 2nd in 30 Doubles. Volunteers started by 8:20 am train for Aldershot.
7 Barnes wiped out block and fixed new winding line for the chiming weights

" 22 Rope practice. Jarnan rang the Treble thro 120 Doubles, 168 Triples 3 Bobs, and 168 Triples six Singles,

27 Sunday afternoon. Jarnan rang the Treble thro two 120°
First called from 5th by GW and second from 3rd by D D Auld.

" 29 Inglis-Graser Wedding. Rang from 12 to 4 (1) Jarnan (2) Whitfield
(3) Evans (4) Davies (5) Martin (6) W. Jones (7) Rogers (8) Edwards

31 Short and Bellmenger's Trip to Southport. Weather dull to rain in the morning
Left Bamburgh Station 7 am arrived at Southport 11 am. Started back 7 am
arrived home 11:30. The following went viz F Jones at Jones W. Jones, Rogers
R Edwards, Martin, Evans, Matheson, Davies, Jarnan, G Edwards
to Morris and Whitfield, and enjoyed a very pleasant outing. We
beg to record our thanks to the subscribers and to the Treas in
particular for his special pecuniary contribution also to the Red 3B
Section for arranging and conducting the trip.

Sep 11/5 Annual cleaning. Martin varnished border. + Mr MacLardy gave us for
the Belfry a large framed Photo of the late Larion Howell Evans.

" 17 Sunday afternoon. Jarnan rang the 2nd thro three 120°
24 do do do rang the 3rd in plain course of triple

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1893
Sept 26 Practice. W Morris rang Fiddle on ropes this two his scores

28 Thursday Evening Service. + Welsh Harvest Thanksgiving - Morris rang Fiddle
this two his scores. and Jorman the second do.

1893 Annual Meeting.

Sept
29

The 28th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Belfry
Present. The Vicar (The Rev Cecil Hook) The Rev J B Seaton + Churchwarden
Messrs. G. Whitfield, W H Jones, J. Jones R. Martin, R. Edwards,
D David, J Rogers, R Evans, H Jorman and J W Morris
The minutes of the fifth annual meeting were read and
confirmed.

The Treasurers annual statement of receipts + payments
was examined and passed the balance in hand being £2.15.6
G. Whitfield, W H Jones and D David were respectively
unanimously elected, Master, Treasurer and Conductor.

The Vicar thanked the members for their services and
hoped they would continue to bear in mind his remarks
at the previous meeting as to the sacredness of the work
devolving upon them, he also referred to the Real Record
that evening put up and to the loss sustained by the
Society in the departure of Mr J. Morris and expressed a
hope that his successor (D David) would worthily
fill the vacancy. The Vicar also wished a cordial
vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes to Mr
Maclary for the enlarged photograph of the late Canon
Howell Evans presented by him to be hung in the
Belfry.

(Carbrook. Sept 29/94)

1893
Oct 3 Rope practice. Jaman rang the 7th thro' 112 and 112 Triples.

6 Rope practice - J. W. Morris rang the 3rd thro' plain course of trip and Jaman the sixth thro' 168 Triples. Doubles

8 Jaman rang the sixth thro' 168 Touch (Six Singles) for morning service.

10 Rope Practice. J. W. Morris rang the second thro' two Six Scores of Doubles

15 Sunday - Dedication Festival, Greater Bishop of Peterborough. (Brighton) St Oswald and Livingstone. Jaman rang 7th thro' 168 and into 3rd part of 5th Touch.

19 Daughters of Jairus, Cantata. 6.15. 5th Touch. (1) Martin (2) Whitfield (3) Davies, Conductor, (4) W. H. Jones (5) Evans (6) Ted Jones (7) Rogers (Tenor) R. Edwards.

Nov 1 Ted Jones having failed to attend according to promise + being one short for ropes the following rang 112. 168 (Six Singles) + 336 (12 Bobs. 2 runs + 11 runs) Touches of Kenner's Triples on the hand bells. (1) J. W. Morris, (2) Whitfield (3) W. H. Jones (4) Davies Conductor, (5) R. Martin (6) R. Edwards, J. Rogers (7 + 8).

6 Municipal Banding opened and water turned on by the Earl of Davis. Peal from 1.15 to 2.15. (1) Jaman (2) Whitfield (3) W. H. Jones (4) Davies, Conductor, (5) Martin (6) Evans (7) Rogers (8) Edwards.

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RESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR OF OSWESTRY.

A meeting of the committee of the Town Council was held for Saturday in the Court House, Oswestry, to elect chairman. Mr Alderman George Jones was unanimously elected chairman of the General Purposes Committee, which consists of the members of the Council. Subsequently a meeting of the Markets Committee was held, when three members voted for Mr E. Bennett Smith's re-election and three for Alderman Fletcher Rogers's election; there was a compromise. Mr Smith then stated that he intended to resign the office of Mayor, handed to the Town Clerk a cheque for £50, the fine for vacating office, and left the room. The General Purposes Committee subsequently unanimously passed a resolution expressing confidence in the Mayor and regretting his action, and trusting that he would reconsider the step which he had intended to take. An adjourned meeting of the Markets Committee was held in the same place yesterday, when it was stated that Alderman Fletcher Rogers had no knowledge that he was to be nominated, and that he would not accept the office if elected. Mr Smith was then re-elected chairman nem con.; Mr Porter abstaining from voting. It is hoped and believed that Mr Smith will now withdraw his resignation, but he had come to no decision on the subject yesterday.

On Christmas-day the St. Oswald Hand-bell Ringers descended from their lofty abode in the Old Church tower, and dispensed sweet music from their beautiful peal of bells.

This little band of campanologists, consisting, as it does, of the regular church bellringers, deserves the encouragement of their fellow-townspople, for doubtless it is owing to this and similar means that the present bellringers are so much superior to the somewhat rowdy set that occupied the old steeple in former times.

SIMILAR praise cannot, however, be accorded to the bands of itinerant carol singers who disturb the rest of quiet people at the most untimely hours with their hideous cacophony.

THE irregular and slovenly way in which many of these midnight howlers hurry over their task shows very clearly that their aim is money rather than melody.

We are glad to note the revival of the ancient practice of carol-singing in our churches on Christmas day. Many of these old carols are very quaint and beautiful, and contribute greatly to the heartiness of the service.

WHILE we rejoice at the revival of one good old custom, we have to regret the apparent dropping of another.

How many of us, at midnight on Sunday last, missed the familiar sound of the Church-bells which used always to "ring out the old, ring in the new!"

Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 1890. - The St. Oswald Hand-bell Ringers visited the House, and gave all the inmates a musical treat.

And the children of the House were very much amused. The first part of the programme was concluded by a selection of "Carols for the House," by the St. Oswald Hand-bell Ringers, who, under their formation have secured a high reputation.

1893
Jan 9. Peal for Banns of Wedd. Broughay (52). 8.30 to 9.00am. Got through banns of 6.30. Banns
Rogers (1) Whitfield (2) W. H. Jones (3) Martin (4) Davis Conductor (5) Edwards
Evans (7) Bellings (8) - Note 112 Smith indicated that he did not wish
the Bell for him as Mayor. Note 113 he resigned the office of Mayor.

19 Sunday morning? H. Morris rang the bell the 2nd time 120 Bells, and
in the evening the bell the 3rd time several Bells of Triples.

Feet! Smoked! Music and Song!

29 Choir and Bellringers (13) Supper at the Vicarage. He read
a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr Hook for
their generous hospitality and a very pleasant evening.

Dec 10 Sunday morning. 5th Triples. Edwards (1) Ted Jones (2) Martin (3) Davis
(Conductor) (4) Evans (5) W. H. Jones (6) Rogers (7) Bellings (8)

13 Block fixed in ringing room.

6 M. J. Morris rang his first Peal, at Brookfield Church, Gorton
of Table Bob Major 5088 Chancel.

25. Sunday morning - 6.15 to 6.45am. (1) J. Jones + J. H. Morris (2) Whitfield
(3) W. H. Jones (4) J. Davis (Conductor) (5) Ted Jones (6) Edwards. (7)
Evans (8) Bellings.

31 Sunday. 8.15 to 9pm. Muffled Peal for 1890 year. J. Jones + J. H. Morris
(2) Whitfield + J. H. Morris. (3) Martin. (4) Davis. (5) W. H. Jones + Ted Jones
(6) Evans + Edwards. (7) Rogers. (8) Edwards + Bellings.

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CAMPANOLOGY.—On Shrove Tuesday, at the request of Mr and Mrs Wynne Corrie, the St. Oswald Handbell Ringers, with their full peal of bells, attended at Park Hall and played the following selections:—1, Glorious Apollo; 2, Schottische (Mignonette); 3, Bells of Aberdovey; 4, Cambria (Welsh air); 5, Waltz (Old Time); 6, Country dance (Plough boy); 7, Caller Herring; 8, Polka (The Bell); 9, Auld Lang Syne; 10, "God save the Queen."—At the close of the programme the performers were warmly congratulated and entertained to a sumptuous supper. In the course of the evening Mr Corrie intimated that it would give him great pleasure to assist in getting up a concert and to provide a carriage for the conveyance of the Ringers and their bells to a neighbouring town. It was also arranged that they should play at Park Hall during the M.C.C. match.

1897
Jan 10

The Morris ring 112 and 112 Touches of Triples

- 31 Practice. Open 7.00 Triples by. 1) Bidegarra, 2) Whitfield, 3) Martin
(4) Darg. Conductor 5) W.H. Jones 6) Evans, 7) Rogers 8) Wellings.
Feb 14 Practice. 4 Peal Cambridge Triples. (from both one part)
time 47 min. Trott R Edwards. 2 Edward Jones 3 R
*Martin. 4 D Davies. 5 W.H. Jones. 6 W.H. Jones (Cond)
7 *R Evans. Tenor. 8 R Wellings.
x longest touch. x. longest on a hot bell.

- 24 Saturday at Langollen Martin (3), Davies (4) & Edward Jones
with local men attempted Hollis 5 part Peal but broke
down after ringing about 147 minutes

- 27 Practice. Morris ring 3rd time 350 Touches. W.H. Conductor.

- Mar 6 Practice, 672 Touch. 12. 6.7. Jarman (1) 2.5 Jones (2) Martin (3) Edwards (4)
W.H. Jones (5) Davies. Conductor (6) Evans. 7) Wellings. 8.

- " 8 Confirmation day. For Evening Service 6.30 to 7. The above 672
the ringers also as above except to Morris at Belle instead of Jarman

- " 12. Practice, Ropes, Quarters Peal, 445 minutes. Some trouble
W.H. Morris 1 W.H. Jones 5
Ed Jones 2 D Davies 6
R. Martin 3 R Evans 7
R Edwards 4 J. Rogers 8

Conducted by D Davies

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1894
Mar 15

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CONGREGATION.—The members of the Oswestry Society of Bellringers on Saturday, through the kindness of their Master (Mr Griffith, Whitfield), visited Llangollen, and got through a peal of grand-alien triples (variation of Holt's 10 part) in three hours and one minute. The following composed the band: 1. W. Morris, 2. R. Martin, 3. E. L. Jones, 4. D. Davies, 5. Wm. Jones, 6. R. Edwards, 7. R. Evans, 8. J. R. Wellings. The conductor was D. Davies. Credit is due to them as it is the first peal for 1st 2nd and 6th, first peal for 7th with Rob Bell, and first peal as conductor for 4th.—The ringers take this opportunity of heartily thanking their worthy master for his kindness in entertaining them, and also wish to thank their brother ringers at Llangollen for making suitable arrangements.

LLANGOLLEN.—THE OSWESTRY SOCIETY.

On SATURDAY, APRIL 7th, 1894,
IN THREE HOURS AND ONE MINUTE,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A Peal of Grandsire Triples,
5,040 CHANGES.
A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN PART. TENOR, 11 CWT.

W. Morris	-	Treble	W. H. Jones	-	5
Richard Martin	-	2	Richard Edwards	-	6
Edward Jones	-	3	Robert Evans	-	7
David Davies	-	4	J. R. Wellings	-	Tenor

Conducted by D. Davies.

First Peal by Nos. 1, 2, and 6. * First Peal as Conductor.

1894
Nov 18 Sunday morning. 532 Grandson Triples. W Morris (1) Jarman (2) Martin (3)
Davies (4) W H Jones (5) Ted Jones (6) M J Morris (7) Conductor
Wellings (8) - M J Morris rang a peal of Grandson Cakes
at Ashton under Lyne. on the 19th March.

23 Good Friday. 7.15 to 10. Huffed his Score. Whole Bells. Evans the Morris
Ted Jones (2) Davies (3) W H Jones (4) Whitfield (5) Wellings (6)

25 Sunday morning - Part 1 & 2 of Holts Ten Part varied. W Morris (1)
Ted Jones (2) Griffiths of Chester (3) Davies. Conductor (4) W H
Jones (5) Edwards (6) Evans (7) Wellings (8) (1036)

26 Easter Monday. The following attempted a variation of Holts
Ten part but broke down soon after passing the midway
Single. W Morris (1) R Martin (2) Ted Jones (3) D Davies Conductor
W H Jones (5) R Edwards (6) R Evans (7) J R Wellings (8)

At 7 At Langollen. A variation of Holts Ten Part. 50th changed
Tenor 17 Cwt.

W Morris	1	W H Jones	5
R Martin	2	R Edwards	6
Ted Jones	3	R Evans	7
D Davies. Conductor		J R Wellings	8

First Peal for Nos 1, 2 & 6. First Peal at Conductor. * First Peal on a Bell.

8 Sunday for morning service. Quoted Peal. Morris 1. Jarman 2. Martin 3.
Edwards 4. W H Jones 5. Davies. Conductor 6. R Evans 7. Wellings 8.



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OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

On SATURDAY, APRIL 28th, 1894,

IN TWO HOURS AND FIFTY-NINE MINUTES.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A Peal of Grandsire Triples,

..... 5,040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

TENOR 16 CWT.

W. Morris	-	-	Treble	W. H. Jones	-	-	5
D. Davies	-	-	2	R. Edwards	-	-	6
R. Martin	-	-	3	R. Evans	-	-	7
Ed. Jones	-	-	4	J. R. Wellings	-	-	Tenor

Conducted by D. Davies.

FIRST PEAL SINCE 1781, BY A PURELY LOCAL BAND.

COMPANION. — On Saturday, the Oswestry Society of Bellringers met with the intention of ringing a peal of grandsire triples. At 5.30 p.m. they mustered in the Old Church tower, and at 5.35 they pulled off. At 8.54 they came into rounds after accomplishing the long-expected peal in 2 hours 59 minutes. The feat is one of which they may well feel proud, as the last peal rung by a local band was rung on May 10th, 1581, and consisted upwards of three hours. The master, Mr G. Whitfield, heartily congratulated them on their success, and, with his usual kindness, entertained them at the Coach and Dogs. The following composed the band:—W. Morris 1, D. Davies 2, R. Martin 3, R. Jones 4, W. H. Jones 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Evans 7, J. R. Wellings tenor. Conductor, D. Davies. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev G. Hook) for the use of the bells, and Mr Whitfield for his kindness.

1894
Apr 12

Tom Rogers sent his key of the gate to G.W. by R Evans.

14 Saturday. The following attempted Holt's Ten Part but broke down after ringing one hour and thirty five minutes. W Morris (Treble) D Davies (Conductor) (2) R Martin (3) Ed Jones (4) W H Jones (5) R Edwards (6) R Evans (7) J R Wellings (Tenor)

17 Tuesday. Rope practice - 180 Bob Minor. Morris 1 (Whitfield (2) Martin 3 Conductor Ed Jones (4) W H Jones (5) Evans (6) Wellings Tenor.

28 Saturday. Holt's Ten Part. 2 hrs 59 minutes.

W Morris	Treble	W H Jones	5
D Davies	2	R Edwards	6
R Jones Martin	3	R Evans	7
Ed Jones	4	J R Wellings	8

May 13 Sunday morning. 180 Bob Minor. W Morris (1) Whitfield (2) Conductor Davies (3) W H Jones (4) Ted Jones (5) M J Morris (6). Evening service. 532 Grandsire Triples. W Morris (1) M J Morris (2) Conductor (3) Davies (4) W H Jones (5) Ted Jones (6) Evans (7) Wellings Tenor.

14 Wed Monday. 8.40 am. Lament (1) M J Morris (2) Martin (3) Davies (4) Ted Jones (5) Edwards (6) Evans (7) Wellings (Tenor) started for 6 P Davies 10 Part but broke down after ringing 1 hr 15 min. Sounding very good.

Group taken by MacLardy.

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1844

May 23

George Davis first rope practice on the 4th

24

Thursday. tolled 6th for Evening Service

- " June Birthday 12.30 to 1.30. W Morris (1) Jarnan (2) Martin (3)
David (4) J. Jones (5) W. H. Jones (6) R Evans (7) Wellings (8) Prakes.

June 1 John Deple barwright and Mary Lively bands married at Frodsham. Ringing 9.15 to 10.15. W Morris (1) D Davis. Conductor (2) Jarnan (3) Whitfield (4) J. Jones (5) W. H. Jones (6) R Evans (7) R Edwards (Devo) - 532 Trench. Queens Trench. 40.

- 9 Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Trip to London by W. H. Jones, J. Jones, E Jones
- 10 D Davis, R Edwards, R Martin, H Jarnan, R Evans, W Morris and
- 11 Whitfield. Left Newcastle 12.50 am arrived at Paddington 6.45. Return 6.40 pm arrived 1.30. Wellings & J. Jones at home for Sunday chime & tolling.

- " 19 Prakes. George Davis rang Peble this 20 Prakes & Doves on the ropes & this 120 on Hand bells. Grandson.

- " 24 Sunday afternoon - George Davis several 30 Grandsons Doubles for afternoon service

- " 25 Monday. Duke & Duchess of York son & heir born 10 pm Saturday 25th
Peal 5.45 to 7 pm. J. Jones, Morris, Whitfield, Jarnan, D Davis, Conductor, Martin, W. H. Jones, J. Jones & Evans. Tenor.

- 26 Rope practice. Rami Guse & 224 Bob Major on ropes. Morris (1) Whitfield (2) Jarnan (3) D Davis (4) J. Jones (5) W. H. Jones (6) J. Jones (7) Evans (8).
George Davis rang Peble on Hand bells this 120 Bob Doubles

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July 10. Wellings rang the seventh time the plain course of Bob Major
at Rope practice

- 15 Sunday 10 am. 532 Grandfire Triples. Meadows (Elmore) 1
D. Davies. Conductor. (2) W Morris (3) Whitfield (4) Ted Jones (5)
Edwards (6) W H Jones (7) Wellings. Tenor. longest Touch for
Morris at inside Bell.
- 17 Rope practice. George Davies rang the Triple this 120
Grandfire Doubles and plain course of Grandfire Triples.
Band also rang 80 Touch 5 Bobs of Bob Major.
- 19 Handbellringers at Park Hall. Ted Jones, D. Davies, Marklew, Sarmen
Wellings and Morris & Morris vice Rhans.
- 23 Singers & Choir Boys Trip to Aberystwith. Rev J B Seaton in
charge. The following went. A Jones, F Jones, T. Jones, D. Davies
George Davies, R Marklew, R Edwards, W Morris, R Rhans & W.
Arrived 11.45. Dined at Smiths, walked to St. Andrew's rang
several touches & Geo Davies 30 Doubles. Tea at 5 pm
left 8 pm arrived home 11 pm. Very pleasant day.
We record thanks to the Vicar, Mr Seaton & to the Librarian.

24 360 of Bob Minor on Handbells.

25 Miss L Jones Gushworth & married
in London. Peal 1 to 2. Morris, Sarmen, Marklew, D. Davies.
Ted Jones, W H Jones, R Rhans, Wellings.

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Aug 9. Le Bumbow first lesson on the fowls.

" 11 Ed Williams & Douglas wife & children after marriage. Post 6.45 to 8 pm. Jarnan (1) Whitfield (2) Martin (3) & Davis (4) Cuddeboes, W. H. Jones (5) Edwards (6) Tet Jones (7) Wellings (8) Jones.

" 12 Afternoon service. George Davis rang Table this several 30. one 60. & one 120. of Grange's Doubles.

" 16. David Davis departed for Morthor to work there. We regret the loss of an intelligent and regular member.

" 18 Jarnan (1) Edwards (3) Martin (4) Jones with school children & Grace in attempt to make Ten Darts but broke down for part 9.

25 Saturday. Whitfield, Tet Jones, W. H. Jones, Roberts, to Morris & Edwards & George Davis went to church by 3.30 and rang several 100 scores of Grange's Doubles and courses of Bot Morris. Tea at Hand Hotel. Home 7.30.

Sept 1. Saturday. J. S. Wilde arrived. 8 to 9.30 Rope practice. Bot Major. 336.

2. Sunday 336 B.M. for services. 3rd Monday 2464 of B.M. 336 + 224 B.M.

4th Tuesday. 2. 464 of B.M. 5th Wed. Several cross Touches with J. S. Wilde.

his Brother & J. Bradley in - Thursday 6th Wilde, Bradley, Bot Evans went to Langollen. Tuesday 4th Tet Jones calls 360 of Bot Morris at Hand Hotel.

Friday 7th. Jarnan (1) & Bot Evans (4) in 720 of Bot Morris at Welshpool with. J. Wilde 2. Bradley 3. Bratton & J. H. B. Cuddeboes

Rope practice Friday 7th - 1264 Bot Major. J. Wilde 1. J. Bradley 2. Morris

3. Martin 4. Tet Jones 5. Edwards 6. W. H. Jones 7. J. Wilde 8. Jones

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DATE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR.

By JAMES S. WILDE, Hyde.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 6 5 7
3 4 1 6 3 5 7
4 2 1 3 6 5 7
4 1 6 3 5 7
1 4 6 3 5 7
1 4 2 6 3 5 7 W M H

4 2 3 5 6
3 5 4 2 6
2 5 2 4 3 6

- 5 2 3 6 4
3 5 6 4
- 3 5 6 4

4 5 2 3 6
2 4 5 1 6
- 4 3 5 2 6

- 4 3 6 5
2 4 3 6 5
3 2 4 6 5

5 4 3 2 6
3 2 5 4 6
5 3 2 4 6

5 5 2 4 6
3 4 2 5 6
2 3 4 5 6

This touch contains the 6th six times wrong and its extent right. The 1st and 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end. The dashes to the left of the courses-end (—, —) indicate bobs at 5th's and 4th's and before respectively.

CAMPANULOGY.—On Wednesday the Bellringers of St Oswald's (Parish) Church met in the Bellry with the intention of ringing a peal of "Bob Major" consisting of 5,008 changes. They succeeded in bringing the peal into rounds in three hours one minute, which was a most creditable performance considering that the ringers had only learnt the method within the last fortnight, under the able tuition of Mr J. S. Wilde, of Hyde, who is on a short visit to Cheshire. The Vicar, the Rev Cecil Hook, and Mr G. Whitfield, the Master, heartily congratulated them upon their success. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the Master at the Coach and Dogs. The following composed the band: R. Evans, 1; H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3; R. Martin, 4; E. Jones, 5; B. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; J. S. Wilde, 8 (conductor). The thanks of the Bellringers are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr G. Whitfield for his kindness.

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Sept 8. 12.30 Bob Major (Open). Evans 1, Jarman 2, Morris 3, Martin 4, Ted Jones 5, Edwards 6, W. H. Jones 7, J. S. Wilde 8, Tenor, Conductor.

" 9 Sunday Morning Service. 11.58 Bob Major standing as above.

" " afternoon Service. 7.20 Bob Minor in 28 minutes. W. Morris 1, R. Martin 2, Ted Jones 3, R. Edwards 4, W. H. Jones 5, J. S. Wilde, Tenor, Conductor. First Peal of Minor by all except J. S. W.

10 Monday. 1894 Peal Touch Bob Major in 1 hr 10 min standing as above.

11 Tuesday. Ted Jones called 560 of Bob Major.

12 Wednesday. 5.57 to 8.58. 5008 of Bob Major. late Wm Harrison Peal.

Robert Evans 1	Ed Jones 5
First Peal - H. Jarman 2	R. Edwards 6
First inside Wm Morris 3	W. H. Jones 7
R. Martin 4	J. S. Wilde 8 Conductor. Hails from Hyde.

First Peal of Major 5 in the method by all except J. S. Wilde. and probably the first Peal of Major on the Bells.

14 Day. Rope. 7.20 Bob Minor. Morris 1, Whitfield 2, Ted Jones 3, Edwards 4, Evans 5, J. S. Wilde Conductor 6.

15. Saturday. Rope. 7.20 Bob Minor. George Davis 1, Whitfield 2, Morris 3, W. H. Jones 4, Evans 5, J. S. Wilde. Conductor 6.

" The pangs of shivering and George Davis presented J. S. Wilde with a chain Tea Service.

16 Sunday Morning 5.60 Bob Major. Evans 1, Jarman 2, Morris 3, Whitfield 4, Ted Jones Conductor 5, Edwards 6, W. H. Jones 7, J. S. Wilde 8.

" afternoon. 7.20 Bob Minor. Jarman 1, Ted Jones Conductor 2, Martin 3, Edwards 4, W. H. Jones 5, Wilde 6.

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Sep. 16 Sunday Evening. 560 B.O.B. Maps. H. Hilde 1. Sarran 2. Morris 3. Martin 4.
Jed Jones 5. Edwards 6. W. H. Jones 7. Evans 8.

17 S. Hilde left Oakes for Hyde.

18 S. Field Ashe deceased. Muffled Bell 9.30 to 10.30.
Morris 1. (Whitfield) 2. Sarran 3. Martin 4. Jed Jones 5. Edwards 6.
W. H. Jones 7. Evans 8. Tenor.

25, Tuesday. Holcroft & Thomas, Lady at Trinity. Singing
12 to 1. H. Jones 1. (Whitfield) 2. Morris 3. Martin 4. Jed Jones 5.
Edwards 6. W. H. Jones 7. Evans 8.

29 J. R. Helling's retired and gave up his key.
The Board followed by him recording the Bell of 28th April was
put up in the Bellry. We record our thanks to him
for his very excellent work thereon and for his many
years regular attendance in the Bellry.

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Annual Meeting

Sep 29

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Belfry. Present - The Vicar (The Rev Cecil Nash), Twisford, W. H. Jones, F. Jones, Edward Jones, Richard Edwards, Richard Marsh, Robert Evans, H. Morris, H. Sarnau, and George Davies.

The minutes of the sixth annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurers statement of receipts and payments was examined and passed the balance in hand being £6. 8. 10.

Messrs Twisford, W. Morris and Edward Jones were respectively unanimously elected Master, Treasurer, and Conductor.

It was agreed that the following words be added to Rule eleven viz "Any proposed alteration of these rules must be posted in the Belfry on or before the 31st of Aug

The Vicar referring to the work of the past year congratulated the Society on its success. One Deal at Beaupollen and two in their Belfry. These were no mean accomplishments for a comparatively young body of Amateurs. He also alluded to the losses in the past year, especially the departure (to Methven) of Mr D. Davies who had proved himself so capable an organ and conductor. Referring to another matter the Vicar took occasion to say that as Vicar of the Parish he took pride in the good name of the Society. It had a good name for steadiness and they had as a body given proof of their determination to keep it up. However useful a Ringers might be, they would not have him among them unless worthy also in other ways. The Vicar regretted the loss of Mr Walling

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DEAR SIR,

THE EARLE'S INN, WELSHPOOL,
September 26th, 1904.

TRIPING TOUR IN SHROPSHIRE AND NORTH WALES FROM OCTOBER 6th
TO OCTOBER 12th, 1904.

I beg to hand you full particulars of above tour and if there should be the slightest uncertainty with regard to you being able to attend, please let me know at your earliest convenience, and oblige,
Yours faithfully,

T. J. BRATTON.

THE BAND.

MR. J. CARTER, BIRMINGHAM.
MR. W. R. SMALL, TIVERTON.
MR. H. MASON, OLD HILL.
MR. W. H. FURNESS, SHREWSBURY.
MR. J. E. GROVES, WOLVERHAMPTON.
MR. G. CHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
MR. J. GEORGE, READING.
MR. T. J. BRATTON, WELSHPOOL.
MR. T. W. CHAPMAN, NORWICH.
MR. J. S. PRITCHETT, KINGSTON.
MR. R. CARTWRIGHT, WIMBORNE.
MR. T. HORTON, WEST BROMWICH.

MR. CHAPMAN will join the Band at Wellington, on Saturday, October 6th, by train due there at 9.57 p.m.

MR. PRITCHETT will join on Tuesday morning, October 10th, at Whitby, on Wednesday, October 11th.
MR. R. CARTWRIGHT, will join at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, October 12th.

DAY.	DATE.	MEETING.	WEIGHT OF TOUR.	TIME WE CAN START.	MEETING.	CONDUCTOR.	REMARKS.
Saturday	Oct. 6	Wellington	10 Cwt.	11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Granville Triples	T. J. Bratton	Meet at Parish Church, Wellington, on Saturday, October 6th, at 4.30 p.m. prompt.
Sunday	Oct. 7	Chesham	10 Cwt.	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Granville Triples	J. Carter	Meet at Parish Church, Wellington, on Sunday, October 7th, at 10.30 a.m. prompt.
Monday	Oct. 8	Market Drayton	20 "	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Granville Triples	J. Carter	Leave Shrewsbury by train at 12 noon for Church Stretton (13 miles); arrive at 2 p.m. for night meeting at 8 p.m. for the night.
Tuesday	Oct. 9	Whitchurch	24 "	9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Granville Triples	J. Carter	Leave Shrewsbury by train at 9 a.m. for Market Drayton (20 miles); leave there at 5 p.m. for Whitchurch (12 miles) for the night.
Wednesday	Oct. 10	Wrexham	28 "	10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Granville Triples	J. Carter	Leave Whitchurch at 3 p.m. for Wrexham (8 miles); leave there at 5 p.m. for the night.
Thursday	Oct. 11	Langollen	18 "	8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Granville Triples	J. Carter	Leave Wrexham at 9 p.m. for Langollen (2 p.m. for the night).
Friday	Oct. 12	Wolpools	16 "	5.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Granville Triples	J. Carter	Leave Langollen at 2 p.m. for Wolpools (12 miles) for the night.
Saturday	Oct. 13	Shrewsbury	43 "	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	Granville Triples	J. Carter	Leave Wolpools at 2.30 p.m. for Shrewsbury (12 miles) for the night.

The above programme will be subject to alteration should circumstances require it. The majority of the Band are in favour of the peas being credited to the Midland Counties Association, but two of the Band think they should be credited to the Staffordshire, as the Midland Counties have already had a week's tour credited to them.

REMARKS.

I have received an invitation from the Vicar of Oswestry, the Rev. Canon, Hook and O. Wynn, Esq., Solicitor, Oswestry, to accept their hospitality at the Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. I have also received an invitation to view Messrs. J. F. Edwards & Co.'s Factory, at Wrexham, and have obtained special permission to view Porth Cwelly and Garden at Wrexham. The drive from Wrexham to Langollen is only 12 miles, but is allowing for first-class hotel of Langollen, and complete some of the finest scenery in North Wales. The estimated maximum cost of the tour will be about £20, that is allowing for first-class hotel accommodation. I also expect that the Band will be entertained at other places on the tour with a view to publishing an account in one of the daily illustrated papers. Please acknowledge receipt of this circular per return to Mr. J. Gorton, 28, Bath Street, Rugby.

1904. Annual Meeting Continued

W. J. Bratton

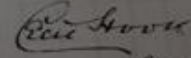
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1894. Annual Meeting Continued

who had long and honourably served the Belfry.

Allusion was also made by Mr Hook to the capital occasion
 to London which had been enjoyed by the members at so small
 a cost - with regard to this and to other matters he had to
 congratulate them on having such a Master as Mr Fiffith
 Whitfield - The excellent balance sheet was also remarked
 upon and the retiring Treasurer Mr W H Jones was warmly
 thanked for his long and faithful services. The Pres. concluded
 his address by forcibly stating the great value he placed on
 the important work of the Society of Bell Ringers of the Brevety
 Parish Church.



Chairman Nov 13/94

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Oct 2 Before Belle Bab Morris was attacked on Handbells and the Plain
 Course got through by. Whitfield 1. Martin 2. Morris 3. Evans 4.
 W H Jones 5. H Jones & Edwards 6.

Monday. Pines. Plain Course of Before J. B. Morris. Whitfield 1. Martin and
 Norman 2. Morris 3. W H Jones & Evans 4. W H Jones 5. Edwards 6.

9 O. J. B. Major. Plain Course on Handbells.
 W H Jones and learned to pull the bell.

11. Thure day. Brattons Tonnies Band visited Brevety and attempted a Deal
 of Kent Belle Bab Major but it did not come round. 4 and 6 having changed
 Course. Rowland bartholomew 1. 2 3 4
 H Patchell 5 6 7 8
 Bratton, Charles & George stood out.

1894
ad 16. Tuesday for Evening Service. There 120^s of Oxford Belle Bob Morris. Whitfield 1
Jarmar 2. Martin 3. Evans 4. El Jones 5. Edwards 6.

17 do Wednesday. Morris instead of Jarmar
19 do Friday do. Striking very good

21 Sunday. Ringing at 9. 10. 30. 2. 3.15, and 6. W. Jones did not
favour us with his company during this day nor ~~possibly~~ preceding
week. Sunday 28th away. Sunday 29th & 30th not away.

26 Worton 120 Grandson Doubles on Hand bells. Belle

30 George Davis rang 2nd time 120 Grandson Doubles on Rope.

Dec 11 Worton covered 30 Doubles Sunday morning and afternoon.

13 W. Jones sent in his key of the Tower Gate by E. Edwards.

18 120 Grandson Doubles. Whitfield 1-2. El Jones 3-4. Morris 5-6.

20 Plain Course Bob Morris. Whitfield 1-2. El Jones 3-4. Evans 5-6

20 George Davis rang 5th Rope, this Plain Course of Grandson Triples

25 W. Morris's frequent hands over. £7. 17. 4 balance in hand, he
leaving for good off on 27th inst.

Dec 11 Worton Binger's key, Quarter Peal and several rounds Plain Course.

16 Worton W. rang Junior behind 120 Doubles for afternoon service.

25 At 6.40 a.m. 350 Grandson Triples. Jarmar 1. Whitfield 2. & Davis 3.
Morris 4. El Jones 5. Edwards 6. W. Jones 7. Evans 8.
at 10 a.m. 30th as above conducted by Mr. J. M.

CAMPANUS.—Yesterday week the Wrexham
Society of Change Ringers paid a visit to the parish
church, and by the kindness of Mr Griffith Whitfield
everything was found in readiness for their recep-
tion. During the afternoon several touches of grand-
son triples were rung, and afterwards tea was pro-
vided at the Church and Dogs. At six o'clock a start
was made to get through a quarter peal of Grandson
triples consisting of 1,200 changes, which was
brought to a successful issue. The ringers were
Messrs H. Jones, T. Cathers, F. Rowlands, T.
Newell, T. Roberts, J. Ellis, and J. Kendrick. Mr
J. Ellis conducted. Thanks were given to Mr G.
Whitfield, the Rev. Carl Hoek, the Rev. L. Wynne
Jones, and the Rev. Canon Fletcher.

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Our old friends the Bell-ringers of St. Oswald's paid us their annual visit during Christmas week, with their charming peal of handbells. Though now reduced to four in number, the players made up for the deficiency by their dexterous manipulation of the sweet-toned bells.

We regret that we cannot accord similar praise to the numerous bands of itinerant carol-singers which have lately perambulated the town at the most unseasonable hours.

Carol singing seems to be degenerating year by year. With very few exceptions, this Christmas the most wretched attempts at singing hackneyed tunes have evidently been used as a mere cloak for begging from house to house.

1894
Dec 31. Muffled Peal 11 to 11:30 pm. Open 12:20 to 12:45 pm.
A Jones 7 Jones Geo Davies, D Davies, Whitfield, Martin, Jarman,
Ted Jones, R Evans, Edwards & Boston

1895
July 15. Practice. D Davies, his first 120 of O. J. B. Dmori on the ropes.
" " Plain Course of Grandsons' Eaters on Handbells.
Whitfield 1-2, Martin 3-4, Ted Jones 5-6, D Davies 7, Jarman 8 and
Edwards 9-10. First attempt at Eaters by all except G.W.

22 On Handbells 60 Shedman Doubles. Martin 1, Evans 2, Whitfield 3,
D Davies & Edwards 4, Ted Jones 5-6.

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29 120 Shedman Doubles on Handbells and 60 on Ropes.

July 14 William Allen & Edith Willis marriage 8:30 am. Peal 6:15 to 7:15 pm.
168 Grandsons Triples and 252 Bob Triples & D Davies 1, Whitfield 2,
Gardner 3, Jarman 4, Martin 5, Evans 6, D Davies 7, Ted Jones 8.

19 We record our hearty thanks to Mr & Mrs Cook for their kind
hospitality this evening at the National Schools. Present 2 Jones, A Jones, Ted
Jones, D Davies & Martin, R Evans, D Jarman, D Davies, W. Martin & G.W.

27 Muffled Peal for William Thomas Roper maker buried this day
7 to 8. J Jones & A Jones (2), Jarman 3, Martin 4, D Davies 5, R Edwards 6,
Ted Jones 7, Boston 8.

May 24 Ascension Day Ringing 12:30 to 1:30. D Davies 1, Whitfield 2,
Jarman 3, Martin 4, Evans 5, D Davies 6, Ted Jones 7, Edwards 8.

1895

July 18

Geoff home Vaughan return. 6.15 to 7.15 pm. G. Davis 1. G. H. 2. Jarmen 3.
Martin 4. D. Davis 5. Edwards 6. Ed Jones 7. Worton 8.

Aug 2. Friday night. Saturday. Sunday. Monday & Tuesday.

3 Trip to London by 4 Jones. 2 Edwards. R. Martin
4 Ed Jones. H. Jarmen. D. Davis. George Davis. W. Worton
5 and G. Whitfield - left Ainsty by Cambridge 9.35
6 pm arrived at Euston 6.45 am. Returned Tuesday
night 8.50 arrived home 3.30 am. There and back
in through Saloon very kindly provided by
the company for which we record our
heartily thanks to Mr W. H. Gough Passenger Super.
Places visited. The Great Wheel. Abbey. St. Mary's
for morning service. Zoo. Imperial Institute.
Crystal Palace. Madame T. T. St. Pauls
including a pull at Great Paul.
Thanks to them and subscribers.

Aug 12 Return of Dr. H. J. Jenson (Warr) from Honeymoon
Bringing from 2.45 to 3.50. 4 Jones 1. Jarmen 2.
Edwards 3. Martin 4. Whitfield 5. D. Davis 6. Ed Jones
7. and Worton 8.

" 15 Given Rogers & Hadding at Ipswich. Aug 13
from 3.10 to 4.10. G. Davis 1. Jarmen 2. Martin 3. D. Davis 4.
Whitfield 5. D. Davis 6. Ed Jones 7. Edwards 8.

1895

Nov 13. The Eighth Annual meeting of the Society was held in the Belfry - Present the Vicar (The Rev. C. Hook) G. Whitfield, Edward Jones, R. Edwards, R. Markus, W. Morris, D. Davies, G. Davies, H. Jarmen and W. Norton

The minutes of the ~~sixth~~ seventh annual meeting were read and confirmed

The statement of receipts and payments was examined and passed the balance in hand being £11-9-0

Messrs Whitfield, W. Morris and Ed Jones were respectively unanimously elected Treasurers, Conductors.

The Vicar thanked the members for their services and hoped they would endeavour to ^{cultivate} maintain a kindly feeling of Brotherhood towards each other and so help to smooth over the rough angles and gaps whenever they may occur.

Chas. Jarmen Secy

1895 Nov 17 Sunday. Our very kind friend and benefactress Mrs H Venables having died in her 81st year on the 12th inst. the singing at 10. 3 & 6 was muffled.

18 Mrs Venables funeral at 11. Muffled bell from 11.15 to 12.15

G. Davies 1. Whitfield 2 Jarmen 3 Morris 4. Markus 5. D. Davies 6 Edwards 7. Norton 8.

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BELL RINGING.—On Wednesday, the Parish Church bell ringers rang a half peal, 2,223 changes, of Stedman's triples, in honour of the marriage of Princess Maud. On Saturday, the ringers, assisted by Mr J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford, completed the very creditable performance of ringing the Thurstons' peal of Stedman's triples, consisting of 2,241 changes. The time taken was three hours and three minutes. This is probably the first peal in Stedman's method that has been rung on the Parish Church Bells. The system is much more difficult, and intricate than the grand-axe triples, and is also more musical. The completion of the 1st is a performance upon which the ringers may congratulate themselves. The following took the bells.—George Davies (6), (treble), Edward Jones (2), William Morris (3), Richard Martin (4), Harry Jarman (5), David Edwards (6), J. W. Washbrook, conductor (7), and H. Edwards (tenor). The members were subsequently entertained to luncheon by the master, Mr Griffiths Whitfield.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
On Saturday, July 25, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
THURSTONS' REVERSED. Tenor 16 CWT.

GEORGE DAVIES Treble.	HARRY JARMAN 5.
EDWARD JONES 2.	DAVID DAVIES 6.
WILLIAM MORRIS 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
RICHARD MARTIN 4.	RICHARD EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

"The Bells of St. Oswald's Tower," quaintly described in Prince's History of Oswestry (1815) as "eight harmonious bells, upon which is a set of ill-measured chimcs," have never, until recent years, been so handled as to show forth to the full their melodious qualities. SHORTLY after the restoration of the Church it was felt that the "ringers," so few then as the "singers," needed proper supervision, consequently the "steeples," as well as the "choir stalls," became an object of clerical solicitude, the result being that at the present time, thanks to the interest shown in this department of Church work by Mr. Griffiths Whitfield, St. Oswald's possesses a well-organised and intelligent band of bell ringers that would do credit to any church in the land.

1896

July 23

252 Stedman.—Ed Davies 1. Ed Jones 2. Jarman 3. Martin 4. Whitfield 5. Ed Davies Conductor 6. Edwards 7. Washbrook.

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Singles for Deal tomorrow.—Also 504 Stedman Ed Davies 1. Ed Jones 2. Washbrook 3. Martin 4. Jarman 5. Ed Davies 6. H. Davies. Langollen 7. Wotton 8.

25

Thurston's Reversed.—5040 Stedman Triples. Ed Davies 1. Ed Jones 2. Morris 3. R. Martin 4. H. Jarman 5. Ed Davies 6. W. Washbrook Conductor 7. R. Edwards Tenor 3 & 3ma. W. Washbrook returned to Oxford by 5.43 pm. R. Edwards took the Tenor to enable Morris to stand in.

July 31

Annual Trip by F. Jones R. Edwards R. Martin J. Jones

Aug 1

H. Jarman. A. Davies G. Davies W. Wotton J. Hughes &

2

G. Whitfield.—Bangor head quarters. Ascended Sandon.

3

Inspected Ingham Bridge.—Bang for Service on Sunday.

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Railed to Llandudno on Monday and some of the Band thence to Lpool by the Eagle. Very pleasant outing. Splendid weather. We record our thanks to the Rev Lewis Jones Mr J. Morris. Gayton & others.

Aug 30

Ed Davies of Pool Road elected member.

Sep 23

Longest Peal. Peal 7 to 8 pm. H. Hughes 1. W. Morris 2. G. Davies 3. R. Martin 4. H. Jarman 5. Ed Jones. Conductor 6. Ed Davies 7. Tom Rogers 8 for Wotton out of Fozon. Ed Davies at Bangor ringing Peal of Bob Major. G. W. Jones.

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Nov 22 1896

OSWESTRY PARISH CHURCH

The National Anthem.

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

God, hear our nation's prayer,
Safe in Thy loving care,
Guard Thou our Queen,
Till her work finished be,
Then take her, Lord, to Thee,
And in eternity
God save the Queen. Amen.

1896

Oct 21 Prachae. 120 Kent J. B. Morris on Ropes. Hughes 1. W. Morris 2.
R. Martin 3. Ted Jones 4. R. Edwards 5. D. Davies 6.
Thomas Hampson started to learn to pull a bell.

" 22 We record our hearty thanks to Mr. Macclardy for
a large framed Photograph of the Red Beil Hook
presented by him to the Belfry. F.W.

" 23 Prachae on Hand bells. 720 Kent J. B. Morris
Saman 1. Morris 2. Martin 3. Ted Jones 4. Edwards 5.
D. Davies. G. Davies 6.

Nov 9 Mayors Day. (Thomas Edwards Rope Slip) Ringing. 12456
145. Hughes 1. G. Davies 2. S. Jarmen 3. Martin 4. Ted Jones 5
D. Davies 6. R. Edwards 7. W. Worton 8. A. L. Whitfield 5.

" " D. Davies (Rope) managed 30 Doubles on ropes.
18 do + Hampson do

" 22 Mayors Sunday (H. Edwards) after morning service. Hughes 1.
G. Davies 2. S. Jarmen 3. Martin 4. Ted Jones 5. D. Davies 6.
Edwards 7. Worton 8.

" 26 Parker Leighton Mayonty - Ringing 9 to 9.30 - 12.30 to 1.30
16.30 to 7.30. Hughes. G. Davies. S. Jarmen. Martin. Whitfield.
D. Davies. Ted Jones. Edwards. Worton.

Dec 10 Rev. Ogilby accepted Living of Oswestry. Ringing 12.45 to 1.15. Hughes
G. Davies. S. Jarmen. Martin. Whitfield. D. Davies. Ted Jones. Edwards.
Worton.

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Dec

13 Sunday. Hampson first 60 Doubles at 10.30

20 do D Davis (Pool Rd) do 3 pm

19 New land to Strickins was left fixed by W. Marshall & his brother

25. James Morning 5.30 to 6 am. 7 pm. Dorman. DeForest. Martin. Whitfield
& Davis. R. Edwards. W. Horton.

31 Muffled. 11 to 11.30 - Shant 12 + Dorman & Thomas 3 minutes

July 1 12.20 to 12.30 - 168 to 7 pm. Edwards. Martin. DeForest. Davis
& Davis. Dorman & W. Horton. Whitfield.

13 Braden. Hampson. 60 Doubles on ropes + 120 on Handbills.

20 Hampson 120 on ropes.

24 Sunday afternoon. Hampson 120 on ropes.

27 Pool Davis 120 on ropes.

31 Sunday morning. Davis (Pool Rd) 6.30, 60 + 120 Doubles.

July 3 Hampson & Pool Davis. Table also plain course of Triples.

7 Hampson Table in Plain Course of Triples for morning service.
Pool Davis do do afternoon

16 Ground floor of Belfry since unrolled.

17 Arrival of Mrs. Vear. Rev. C. H. Norman. Ogilvy. Ringing 6.12 to 7.30 pm
7 pm. Hughes. Dorman. Martin. DeForest. Whitfield & Davis. Edwards.
Keston. Rev. C. H. Norman came up during singing in the "old out + new" in

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THE NEW VICAR OF OSWESTRY.

The Rev. Norman Ogilvy, at present rector of Hanbury, near Birmingham, has accepted the living of Oswestry. The newly-appointed vicar, the Rev. Charles William Norman Ogilvy, is the son of Sir Charles William Norman Ogilvy, Bart., by Lady Jane Elizabeth, daughter of the sixteenth Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire. He was born in 1839, and educated at Trinity College, Glenside, and Christ Church, Oxford. Third Class Lit. Hum., B.A. 1864; M.A. 1866. He was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol in 1864, and Priest by the Bishop of Oxford in 1867. Curate of Barton-le-Street, Berkshire, 1868-70; Rector of Hanbury, Warwick, 1870-75; Rector of Hanbury, Warwick, 1875-79. He married, in 1870, Hon. Emily Parnell, daughter of the Hon. and Rev. M. J. G. Parnell, and sister to the Hon. and Rev. M. J. G. Parnell, Vicar of New Windsor and to the late Henry Parnell, Esq., M.P. for the County of Warwick. Besides his parochial work, he has been much engaged in conducting Parochial Missions. The Rev. W. D. Williams, in Thursday, and on Sunday, at the morning service, and subsequently a large number of the living of Hanbury. According to the value of £1,065, and net £505, while in of the year of the living of Oswestry is £627, the gross £725. The new Vicar is expected to come and take up his residence in Oswestry about the middle of February next.



The Rev C. W. NORMAN OGILVY was instituted and inducted to the living of Oswestry, to the presence of an immense congregation, on Thursday, when the Bishop of St. Asaph delivered an address. On Sunday evening Mr OGILVY preached to another very large congregation, and his sermon will produce an excellent impression. He expressed a hope that he should enjoy here, as he had enjoyed elsewhere, the friendship of those who did not belong to his own communion, and he added that some of his greatest friends were members of other Churches. Mr OGILVY, we are sure, will receive a warm and courteous welcome from all the townsmen of Oswestry, to whatever creed they belong.

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Feb. Rev. C. W. Norman Ogilvy Instituted & Inducted. Prayers 18 5.30 to 6 + 7.15 to 7.45. Same Prayers as yesterday.

21. Sunday Morning. 8.45 Rev. C. W. Norman Ogilvy came up & addressed few words to Prayers. thanked them for singing on his arrival & said Prayers.

Mar 21 Wm Morris singing with us for morning service. Harvest Silverdale.

Apr 16 Good Friday. 9.30 to 10 am. Muffled. Hughes 1. James 2. Jeffries 3. Martin 4. Whitfield 5. D. Davis 6. Edwards 7. Worton 8. 7 p.m. & Harpison also up. Worton tolled 11.45 to 12.

18 Sunday Mrs W. H. G. Knever dies this afternoon, few days ill.

19 Easter Monday D. Davis and Mrs Price married. Rang 10 to 10.30 Hughes 1. James 2. G. Davis 3. Martin 4. Whitfield 5. Ed. Jones (Reverend) 6. Edwards 7. Worton 8.

May 6 May Procession. Prayers 12.30 to 1.45 Hughes 1. G. Davis 2. Jeffries 3. Martin 4. Whitfield 5. D. Davis 6. Edwards 7. Worton 8.

June 8 To A. B. Blakes + wife home 8.45 to 9.45 from Hughes 1. G. Davis 2. James 3. D.

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1897

May 10

The ninth Annual meeting of the Society was held in the Belfry. Present The Vicar (Rev Norman Ogilvy) Grolinsfield, R Edwards, D Davis, Ed Jones, W Worton, G Davis, J Hughes, J Jones and J Hampson

The minutes of the eighth Annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The statement of receipts and payments was examined and passed the balance in hand being £12.11.6

Mr Grolinsfield was elected Master and Treasurer and Messrs Ed Jones and D Davis were elected Joint Conductors

The Vicar decided to dispense with the usual 15 minutes, ringing at 3 to enable the members to have the full afternoon free, also warmly praised and thanked the members for their very efficient service & hoped he would have the pleasure of presiding at many similar meetings.

The Vicar then on behalf of the members presented to D Davis a china tea service subscribed for by them as a token of friendship on the occasion of his marriage & D Davis heartily thanked them.

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IN THE CHURCH TOWER.
 Merry peals were rung on the bells of the parish church from early morning. Beginning at 9.4 a.m. the ringers went through Holt's six part peal of grandsire triples of 5.250 changes, finishing at 12. The ringers were Messrs John Hughes (solo), George Davies 2, Edward Jones 3, Harry Jarmen 4, Richard Martin 5, Richard Edwards 6, David Davies and Wm. Worton tenor, conductor. Afterwards the ringers, accompanied by Mr Churchwarden E. Moore, Gardiner and Mrs Gardner, Mr Griffith Whitfield, master, and Mr ~~James~~ Jones, concert players, mounted the tower top, and there, in lovely breezes and sunshine, beneath a new and flowing Union Jack, sang the National Anthem, and gave royal and loyal cheers for the Queen. Afterwards Mr Whitfield entertained the ringers to lunch at the Coach and Dogs, after which the bells of the Queen were rung, and the National Anthem sung.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
 (THE OSWESTRY SOCIETY.)
 On Thursday, June 21, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
 HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 CWT.

JOHN HUGHES*	Table.	RICHARD MARTIN	5.
GEORGE DAVIES	2.	RICHARD EDWARDS	6.
EDWARD JONES	3.	DAVID DAVIES	7.
HARRY JARMAN	4.	WILLIAM WORTON	Tenor.

 Conducted by D. DAVIES.
 *First peal. Rang on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

1897
 May 16. *Hampson* Peal in 168 + 336 for Morning Service.

- 24 *Queen's Birthday*. Hughes 1. G Davies 2 Jarmen 3 Martin 4
 Geo Jones 5 D Davies 6 Conductor Edwards 7 Worton 8. 90.
 30 Morning Service. Hughes 3rd in 168 + 336 Grandsire Triples.

June 6 *Whitsunday*. One of *Wrexham* Ringers rang Peal at 10.
Hampson do in 350. Mr A Thomas. *Casbrian* Ry. *St. John* Martin
 introduced by Mr J R Berry. He rang 12. Double on *Wrexham* bells.

8. 8.45 to 9.45. At 10.30 *Blackie* Ringers rang Peal. 10.30
 Hughes 1. G Davies 2 Jarmen 3 Martin 4 Whitfield 5. Geo Jones 6
 D Davies 7. Edwards 8. *Wrexham* line.

- 20 *Queen's Accession*. Sunday. Ringing at 10.2.30 6 + 8.

22 *National Holiday*. Ringing 10 to 12. 1.30 6.2.45 7.6.7.30
 Worton. D Davies. Edwards. Whitfield. Martin. G Davies. Jarmen
 Hughes. *Hampson*. Geo Jones away with house.
 Sang National Anthem on Jones Top. Charles Jones
 accompanying on Cornet. G Davies. Worton.

24 *Diamond Jubilee* Peal. 9.44 to 12. Holt's Six Part
 Hughes 1. Geo Davies 2 Geo Jones 3 H Jarmen 4 R Martin 5
 R Edwards 6 D Davies Conductor 7 Worton 8.

July 2. *Wrexham* Diamond Jubilee. R Edwards, R Martin, H Jarmen, D
 Davies, H Worton, Geo Jones, Hughes, Whitfield. These all ring ropes
 at intervals. Sent by 8.5 am. some at home 9. Took over am ropes.
 See splendid bells by A R 1746, but want exchanging bells.

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HENRY WELLESLEY HOWE.

The funeral of the late Bishop of WAKEFIELD took place on Thursday, in the burial ground at Whittington, where he was laid to rest by the side of his wife. There was a large attendance of relations, friends, and old parishioners and neighbours, and Lord W. Cecil, who was present on behalf of the QUEEN, laid on the coffin a wreath as "a mark of trust esteem and regard" from her MAJESTY. Many tales are told of the popularity of the Bishop in East London, where he won the respect of all classes, including the lowest, to whom he was ever ready to hold out a helping hand, to lift them to something better and higher. He was a man who left a fragrant memory behind wherever his lot was cast. He is remembered with lively affection in his old parish of Whittington, just as he is remembered in East London, and in Wakefield he won his way by the force of his high character and his single-minded zeal. He was one of the best of bishops.

Hilda Orchard. Porters Head, Som. 20-8-22

1897
July 20-31
Aug 1-23
Annual Trip. R Edwards. R Martin. Ted Jones. H Jarmen. R Davis arrived in London 11.15. Hughes & G. Whitfield left by 5.43 pm for R arrived in London 11.15. Returned by 4.45 pm from Paddington splendid weather. Watson returned on previous day. his mother all r sinking fast. O'Brien very much improved by all.

- Tom Rogers chimed & tolled on Sunday
- 10 Tuesday. Bishop William Walpole Howe (Wakefield) died in Ireland
 - 12 Burial at Whittington 4 pm.
 - " 6.30 to 7.15 pm muffled Peal. Hughes 1. G Davis 2. H Jarmen 3. R Martin 4. Ed Jones 5. R Davis 6. R Edwards 7. W Watson 8.
 - 15 Sunday morning. Headmaster Ellsmore rang Tenor.

23 Choir & Ringers Trip to Lford & New Brighton

Oct 14 Harvest Thanksgiving. 6.45 to 7.30. Watson. Edwards. R Davis. H. Hughes. Ed Jones. Jarmen. Hughes. Martin. Hampson.

Nov 9. J. Aylmer Lewis, elected Mayor. Ringing 12.30 to 1.30. Hampson 1. George Davis 2. Hughes 3. R Martin 4. Ted Jones 5. R Davis 6. R Edwards 7. Martin 8. Jarmen away. at Llangedwyn. St Annwell.

14 Sunday Evening. George Davis said he would not come up any more as he did not like the way he had been treated.

28 Mayor Sunday. 10 to 10.45. No Ringing after service. Hilda Orchard. Hampson 1. Jarmen 2. Hughes 3. Martin 4. Ed Jones 5. R Davis 6. Edwards 7. Martin 8.

8th April 1923.
On Sunday evening at 5.30 for (Even Song)

Table. 1. Marshall. 2. R. Martin. 3. I. Hughes. 4. H. Co. Hughes.
5. H. Herman. 6. R. Evans (conductor). 7. R. Edwards.
Jesse A. Kynaster.

25. 5:30 + 10:30 a.m. F Jones, Lorman, Hughes, Martin, DeJong, & Davies
Edwards, Martin, Schott & Pingle.

1898

27 Julcher Funeral, Kniffles Peel Worin, Edwards Ejores, Martin
Kniffles Flora. Sorman & Davis on sick list.

July 9 Bought 30 shovels and ropes for practice

20 So Sunday morning

Feb 9 1890 Douglas on Reposeon Better Practice
13 1890 Do Sunday morning

13 20
Apr 8 Good Friday 9.30 to 10. Present J Jones, R Edwards, R Martin,
T J Jones, J Jones, D James, W L Hughes, H Humphreys, M Hughes,
H Hildesfeld, H Hildesfeld, H Hildesfeld, H Hildesfeld, H Hildesfeld,
in anticipation of his wedding next

1898
Apr 11 Wrote Lucy Morris Wedg. Ring 10 to 11. Prayers at wedding breakfast
9th Edwards, Martin, Jepson, J. J. Jones, Hughes, D. Davies, Chapman
May 19 Ascension Day Lord Ewart Gladstone died 5 a.m. aged 88

22 Sunday Muffled Ringing at 10 to 6

24 Queen's Birthday Ring 12:30 to 1:30. Hampton, J. J. Jones, Hughes,
Martin, Jones, D. Davies, Edwards, Weston, G. W.

28 Gladstone Memorial Service. Edwards telling 11:30 to 12
before service.

Sep 11 Muffled Ringing for Miss Mary Jane Whitefield who died
yesterday after a long and painful illness. Also muffled ringing
by members of the Society, at Llanidloes, before and after her funeral,
for which her mother, sister and brother lay to record their heart
felt thanks

" 18 W. P. Davies elected a member.

Nov 6 Sunday. Muffled Ringing for Colonel Richard Lloyd who died
in London on the 4th inst after undergoing an operation

9 1st Organist Lewis re-elected May 01. Ringing 12:30 to 1:30
J. Jones, Hampton, Hughes, Martin, J. J. Jones, Edwards, Weston

10 Colonel Lloyd's funeral. Muffled Ringing 2:30 to 3:45
Same as on 9th except J. Jones

First Lady Ringer
H. N. Lidbetter (Isleworth Minder)
TO Osham. July 21/18

Rang here Aug 15th & 18th 1926
Fine peal & good ringing bells.
Conducted 1/4 Grandsons Aug 30th for evening service
E. M. Sawratt. Portsmouth. Nant. (St. Thomas & Bichels)

(His) C. Farew for Vicar of Lyne Regis, Dorset rang
here Sunday August 17th and conducted a quarter
peal Grandsons Triples (45 minutes) on Thursday
evening August 21st 1930. a very pleasant
belfry and welcome much appreciated.

Mary Lidbetter - All Saints Isleworth Minder 29/4/35.
Doris Lidbetter All Saints Isleworth Minder 28/4/35
Attempted to peal Grandsons Triples 1/6
as conductor. Fine peal of bells
29/4/36. Second attempt for 1/6 as conductor successful
(45 mins)

1098
Dec 5th George Cobley Funeral Muffled Ringing 120 to 245. Notes. E. M. Sawratt
& Jones. Martin. Jarman, Hughes Hampshire.

Tuesday Evening, April 19th 1922.

A. J. Hughes & E. H. Hymaston rang their first
quarter peal of Grandsons Triples on the occasion
of the Diamond Wedding of Mr & Mrs Thomas Hughes
Lanford, Dorset.
A. J. Hughes, father, also rang in the same quarter
peal.

A. J. Hughes.
April 1922

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On North Wallis Tour Sep^r 1930.

The following Ringers were welcomed to this tower on Sunday Sep 28th 1930 & off for morning service at St Oswalds Ch. after belfry prayers by the Vicar.

Triplets of Graubone & Stedman Triplets were rung with the members of the local band

W. H. Fussell	Slough
G. R. Pye	Romford Essex
E. Rodenburst	Widmet Satop
W. Kenby	Farnham Royal Bucks
G. Martin	Maidenhead Berks

Harold Hughes

K. Evans

G. Williams

E. H. Wynaston.

Oswestry

St Oswalds Oswestry

On Sat. Sep. 27th 1930 a peal of Stedman Triplets rung in this tower in 2 hrs. 58 min. Throstles 'Four-part' conducted by G. Pye.

W. H. Fussell....1	Slough
G. Martin....2	Maidenhead
John Evans....3	King's Head on
J. H. Ridings....4	Crem
G. R. Pye....5	Romford
G. Lindoff....6	Dublin
E. v. Rodenburst. 7	Koduct
W. Hawley. Tenor	Farnham Royal.

A very handsome ringing chamber, an enjoyable belfry to practice the art in. Thanks to the Vicar & Warden for their kind reception.

The quick ringing was made to enable the visitors to catch the 1.55 train to Ebbw Vale.

H. F. Adisle - 1/4 peal Graubone Triplets - greatly obliged to the Company.

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Oswestry Advertiser March 29th 1933

OSWESTRY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

MAYOR'S APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

£150 NEEDED.

The Mayor of Oswestry (Councillor J. H. Profit) is, through to-day's "Advertiser," appealing for £150 to repair the framework, etc., of the bells of Oswestry Parish Church. Since the mishap to the tenor bell two Sundays ago the bells have been silent. The framework, etc., was much in need of repair before the break-down, as much as that at the end of last December an estimate for carrying out the repairs was obtained from Messrs John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The need for immediate repair having become imperative, the contract has been given to Messrs Taylor and they began work on Monday morning of this week.

New gudgeons will be provided with self-aligning ball bearings, British made, with a double ball race of large size bells in specially-made bearings which are totally enclosed to exclude all dirt and grit. They are lubricant-sealing and do not require re-lubricating with oil except once every twelve years or so. The estimate provides for many other repairs, including repairs to the 7th and tenor wheels and the provision of entirely new wrought iron wheel stays throughout the peal. The chiming apparatus, which has not been overhauled for 50 years, will be thoroughly repaired, the whole at a total cost of £150 5s.

The Mayor's appeal is as follows:—
OSWESTRY CHURCH BELLS.

During the past ten days Oswestry people have had a sense of something missing. No clock striking the hour! No chimes at the quarters! No bells weekday or Sunday!

The bells of our Parish Church are among the most precious possessions of our town and neighbourhood. They rank among the finest toned bells in the county and now they are silent.

While the bells were being rung for morning service on Sunday, March 19th, a steel pin of the 4th bell snapped; the bell fell into its frame and miraculously escaped damage. It might so easily have cracked through the roof of the ringing

chamber on to the heads of the ringers; it might have brought another bell with it in its fall.

For some time past a "knocking" has warned the ringers that the bell-machinery needed attention. Last December, John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the famous bell-founders, were requested to examine the bells and to report. Their recommendations and tender were considered by the Church Council at their January meeting. But with all that the parish has on hand, notably the building of the new infant school, the better hearing of the new infant school, the £1,000 deficiency on last year's Church accounts—it seemed necessary that this matter should be postponed for a while. Now it is clear that the work must be done without delay.

And this is not a matter for Oswestry Parish Church people alone. There is no doubt that they will do their share. But the townspeople as a whole are concerned in this; and indeed hosts of people who live beyond the boundaries of the town.

For the Old Church Bells sound far and wide. "A pleasant sound to hear." And the clock is listened for by hundreds of townspeople and visitors, daily, hourly, several Oswestry workshops state, on their returns to the Board of Trade, that they time the working hours of their employees from Oswestry Church clock. Therefore, I appeal to all to take their share and to give generously so that the necessary £150 may be raised within a few weeks.

Subscriptions, large or small, should be sent to Mr. W. R. Broughall, Westminster Bank, who has willingly consented to act as treasurer of the Bells Fund, because he feels strongly that it is a town's affair. Subscriptions may also be given to the Church officers, who will pass them on to Mr. Broughall.

J. H. PROFIT,
Mayor of Oswestry.

The list of subscribers will be published week by week in the "Advertiser" until the necessary amount has been raised.

OSWESTRY CHURCH BELLS.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO MAYOR'S APPEAL.

Another £100 Needed.

The appeal made by the Mayor of Oswestry in last week's "Advertiser" for £150 to put the bells of Oswestry Parish Church in ringing order has already met with a generous response. As will be seen from the list of donations given below the sum of £100, more than a third of the amount required, was subscribed up till noon yesterday. One donation of £1 was received from "An Old Chorister" in London, a pleasant reminder to the church people of Oswestry that he has not forgotten his old Parish Church.

Less than £100 is now required and it is anticipated by the Mayor and the Vicar and churchwardens that the full amount will soon be forthcoming. Members of all denominations are showing their interest in the bells and acknowledging the usefulness of their donations to the fund.

An error in the Mayor's appeal in last week's "Advertiser" calls for correction. The Mayor stated that there was a deficit of £100 on the current year's Church accounts but "Master Printer" inadvertently, of course, put on an extra nought, thus making the deficit £1,000!

The following are the subscriptions received up to Monday, April 3rd:—
Es.—Mr. J. Hughes and family, 1 5 0
Es.—Mrs. E. H. Morris, Mrs. Morris, the Laundry, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bucken, Mr. Albert Road, Mrs. R. O. Davies, "an old chorister," Misses A. and L. Taylor and "Lady Magdalen Herbert."
The Mayor (Councillor J. H. Profit), Rev. A. R. Langford Brown, Miss E. F. Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Davies, Mr. E. Evans, Mrs. Kynaston and family, Misses M. and A. Wynne, Miss Dudd Queens Park, Miss J. Parry (Preston), Mr. and Mrs. H. Lloyd, Francis and Sons, 12 0 0
Es.—Mr. C. C. Rowe, Mr. R. S. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bailey, "Lloyd's Bank," Mr. and Mrs. Broughall, 2 2 0

Es.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Kynaston, Miss Baskin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris, Mr. J. A. Byrne, "In Memoriam," Miss Dixon, Mr. J. J. A. V. Whitaker, Mr. J. Doolan, Misses Ellen, Mount Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. P. H. Minshall, Miss F. E. Whitfield, Miss D. Hayward, Mrs. Hayward, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. "Ann," Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Mr. F. C. H. Rowse, Mr. Minshall, Miss Nicholls, Mrs. G. H. Finney, Mr. F. C. Finney, 11 0 0
Mrs. E. Brown.

1st Week subscription

Es.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. Road (Mansell Cottage), Mr. W. Williams, Mr. T. Corley, Mrs. Longway, Mr. C. Brown, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Miss Ryder, Mr. A. Hywel Jones, Mr. T. S. Elder, Mr. G. N. Skelley, Mr. A. E. Lucas, Mr. A. E. Taylor, J.P., Mr. C. Jackson, Mr. J. H. Denon, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Jones, Mr. Robt Jones, Mr. H. Rod Jones, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. E. B. Owen, Mr. Jas. Baker, Mr. E. A. Willett, Mr. T. Broad, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Lockett, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward (Western), Mr. S. Lawrence, T.P.D., Mr. J. Pugh-Jones, 8 0 0

Es.—Mrs. Harris and family, 3 0
Es.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Richards, Miss L. M. Wheeler, Mrs. Pendergast, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas, Mr. F. Davies, Miss A. H. Price, Mr. D. Evans, Mr. J. S. Pritchard, Mr. and Miss Brington, Mr. and Mrs. Hadson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, Mr. T. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Miss M. and Mrs. Clarke, Miss D. Pugh, Canon Robinson, Mrs. L. Whitfield, "Aron," Mr. G. Preece, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Foster "G.A.D.," Mrs. Dwyer, Mr. W. Thomas, Mrs. Bloomer, Mr. E. Lloyd, Mr. H. L. Fox, Councillor J. Baird, Rev. D. A. Thomas, Mr. J. Ellis Jones, Mr. W. H. W. Williams, Mr. W. K. Minshall, Mr. R. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Gough, Mr. Watkins, "Mrs. Key," Mrs. M. Jones, "J.E.B.," Mr. R. H. Jones, Mr. R. E. Williams, Mr. W. Forrester, Mr. E. Davies, Mr. H. M. Ellis, Mr. A. Griffiths, Mrs. Williams, Mr. H. Gough, Mr. W. Galloway, Mr. J. W. Taylor, Mr. Groomwich, "Latwood," Mr. W. H. Ellis, Mr. R. T. Davies, Miss L. Russell, Miss Marshall, Miss H. Davies, Mr. J. W. Keeble, Mr. R. Henry Jones, 7 15 0

Es.—Mr. S. Morris, Mr. E. C. Redman, Mrs. Corley, Mr. E. A. Kirk, Miss G. Davies, Mr. F. T. Minns, Mrs. and Miss Millett, Miss M. Davies, Mrs. Cudde, Mr. G. Tyler, Mr. Anonim, Mr. P. T. Gregory, Mrs. Dorcy, Miss D. E. Tabernish, Mr. J. A. White, Mr. W. R. Williams, "A.T.," Mrs. E. A. Davies, Mr. C. Griffiths, Mr. W. E. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Tait, Mr. J. A. Walker, Mrs. A. E. Jones, Mrs. J. Bailey, Mr. F. Giles, Mrs. V. Giles, 2 14 0
Es.—Mr. I. Hughes, Mr. J. Lawrence, 2 0

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April 19th 1933

OSWESTRY BELLS. SUCCESS OF THE MAYOR'S APPEAL.

Over £170 Realised.

The appeal made in the "Advertiser" three weeks ago by the Mayor of Oswestry (Mr. J. H. Profit) for £150 to put the bells of Oswestry Parish Church in ringing order has been so generously responded to by town people of all denominations, as well as many residents outside the borough, that up to noon yesterday (Tuesday) the subscriptions received amounted to £170 18s. 2d. Owing to the holidays the "Advertiser" is unable to print the list of subscribers for the past week but these will be given in full next week.

The Mayor yesterday expressed himself as highly pleased with the generous response to his appeal. "There is, however," he said, "an annual charge for the upkeep of the bells and other incidental expenses connected with them, and as I understand that a number of people are still desirous of contributing, I have decided to leave the fund open for another week."

CHURCH BELLS FUND.—Since the close of the Mayor's appeal for the Parish Church bells last week the following amounts have been received: To, 6d., Drew and Co., 11, Jones (King's Street), Mr. C. J. Hill (Mardi), the Minors, M. and E. Lewis (22, Park Avenue), 10s.; To, 25s. Stewart and Mr. E. Baylis (York Street), 2s. This brings the total to £170 18s. In last week's list of subscribers Mrs. M. Davies, 5s., and Irene Davies, Wilford Street, 10s., should have read Drew in both instances.

THE DOBBS CATCHPOLE SCHOOL.

OSWESTRY BELLS.

MAYOR'S FUND CLOSED.

Appeal Realises nearly £180.

The sum of £170 18s. has been received in response to the appeal by the Mayor (Mr. J. H. Profit) for £150 to restore the bells of Oswestry Parish Church to proper ringing order. Over and above the £150 required to meet the bellfounders' charges, a sum of approximately £20 is required for incidental expenses incurred in connection with the repairs. The remainder of the money subscribed will be devoted to the upkeep of the bells from time to time as required.

The "Advertiser" has received the following letter from the Mayor:—In closing the fund raised on behalf of the Oswestry Parish Bells—which I am delighted to say has raised the amount of £170 18s. 2d., I should like to express my gratitude to the friends of our beloved town—near and distant—for their kind and generous response to my appeal. Especially, I should like to thank the proprietors of the "Oswestry Advertiser" for their co-operation in giving such efficient publicity to my appeal, and for publishing the names of the subscribers. I have been assured that the balance remaining after meeting the immediate objects of the appeal will be devoted entirely to the bells expenses account.—Again thanking you one and all—I remain yours faithfully—

J. H. PROFIT.
(Mayor).

Appended is the final list of donations—

Amount already acknowledged	150 11 11
To—Lord Harlech	5 0 0
To—Parish Church Magazine Fund	3 10 0
To—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Besham (Northampton)	2 2 0
To—Major Parker Leighton, M.P. Mrs. Egerton Taitton (Gloucester)	4 0 0
To—Mr. C. Wallace Park, Messrs J. Irwin, Son, and Co., Ltd., Miss N. Lawford, Mr. Wm. Davies (Wern Lodge), Mr. E. J. Gittins	5 0 0
To—Bishop of Wakefield, Misses Wallace Park, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Arthur Lewis, Mrs. and Miss Aylmer Lewis (Frankton)	4 0 0
To, 6d.—In memory of an old bell-ringer (W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James (The Hayes), Rev. D. J. Lawrence (Ewinstown), Messrs G. Dutton and Son	2 2 0
To—Mr. B. T. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis, Mr. Ernest Baynes, Mr. R. S. Corley, Mr. C. J. Fantes (The Hollow), Mr. Theo. Whitfield, Mrs. A. Bardsley, Mr. A. H. Bardsley, Mr. Theo. Meredith, Mrs. H. P. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gregory, "An Old Contributor"	6 0 0
To, 6d.—Mr. Geo. Beaton and family	7 6

To—Messrs H. and R. Hughes

To—Mr. T. L. and Miss Mary Jones 53, York Street.
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THE BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD chatting with Sir George Armitage at Kirkstall Hall, where a garden party was held on Saturday in aid of the Bishop's Appeal Fund.

Bishop Seaton of Wakefield was one of the curators of Oswestry Parish Church during the vicarage of the Rev. Herbert Hoop who was afterwards Bishop of Exeter - on-Thames, London.

TOWN CANNOT TELL THE TIME

MISSES THE CHIMING OF PARISH CHURCH BELLS

Since Oswestry (Shropshire) Parish Church bells were damaged on March 19 the town has lost its principal time-keeper, and the mayor, Councillor J. H. Probit, has issued an appeal for a £150 repair fund.

The mayor states, "During the past few days Oswestry people have had a sense of something missing; no clock striking the hour, no chimes at the quarters, no bells week-day or Sunday."

"While the bells were being rung for morning service on Sunday, March 18, a short piece of the fourth bell snapped. The bell fell into its frame and mercifully lodged there. It might easily have crashed through the roof of the ringing chamber on to the heads of the ringers."

"The bells sound far and wide, and the clock is listened for by hundreds of townspeople. Several Oswestry work-shops state on their returns to the Board of Trade that they time the working hours of their employees from Oswestry Church clock."

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Notes. 1933.

Mr. J. Hughes was appointed Master of the Bellingers May 1933 by the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Langford Brown). Mr. Hughes served as people's Warden for 1929-30 and as Vicar's Warden for years 1930-1933. He was elected a member of the tower on Dec. 22nd 1891. The restored bells were first rung on May 18th 1933 after being set on ball bearings by J. Taylor & Co. Bell hanger & I think assisted by H. J. Hughes.

AN ODE TO OSWESTRY CHURCH TOWER.

Tall warden of a people's life
I greet thee every morning;
I find in thee companion, ripe
With solace and with warning.

Thy noble fabric set in green
Of nature's sweet adorning
A symbol true, by me is seen,
Of love that's never waning.

Week in week out from morn to night
And yet from night to morn,
Thou standest a watchman of the right
In thy foundation born.

In youth's bright hour there rang from thy tower
A revel of promise, only quenched by the shower
Of trials more wanton, but now is thy voice
A herald of hope of a loftier choice.

Companion true the whole night through
On many a bed of pain,
Thy voice pealed anew "I'm watching o'er you,
And will ring in the dawn again."

What brighter, heartier minstrel born
Than the old Church Tower on Christmas morn.
What tongues so full of love and joy,
As those the old Church Tower employ.

A people's joy is by thee expressed
In wild delirium of zest.
But oh, what harp could such soft echoes borrow
As pour from thy breast in a people's sorrow.

Heart warmer far than many, bowed
Beneath thy tower in worship proud,
Thy message as free as the winds and the sea,
To castle and cot speaks the same "Come to Me."

Thou blamest all fickle man's decrees,
His narrow creeds, his zealotries,
His partisan and party strife,
Emoluments of hate, not life.

Thy time is accurate to measure
A people's folly and a people's treasure,
For men may come and men may go
But thou standest unmoved amid weal and mid woe

Thy voice did me greet on the day of my birth,
And when 'tis my order to quit this fair earth,
What requiem so welcome, give thy voices full power,
As a merry joy peal from the old Church Tower.

E. PARSONS.

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Memoranda

The Society organized in July 1887.
Gas laid on and used in Refry 26th Sept 1887.
New Handbells (25) arrived 3rd Oct 1887.
Instructor from Breckham first visit 27 Sept 1887.
Rules printed December 1887.

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The Oswestry Society of Voluntary Change Ringers.

Objects of the Society.

- I.—To Promote the Intelligent Study and Practice of Change Ringing.
- II.—To Raise the Tone and Associations of the Belfry.
- III.—To vindicate for Ringers their Position among the Officers of the Church.

RULES.

1.—The name and objects of the Society shall be as above, and the Society shall consist of President (the Year), Vice Presidents (the Churchwardens), Master (Henry Jones), Treasurer (Andrew Jones), Fifteen Practising Members, Ten being Skilled Members, and five Probationers; also not exceeding ten Free Members, all to be Members of the Church of England.

2.—The Subscriptions shall be as follows:—Honorary Members, not less than 2s. per annum; Skilled Members, 2d. per week; Probationers, 1d. per week; and such Subscriptions and the Fines hereinafter mentioned after deducting any incidental expenses, shall be carried to a reserve fund, to defray the expenses of visits to other Belfries.

3.—Fees and Donations for ringing on special occasions shall be received by the Treasurer, and divided by him among the persons entitled thereto within a week from their receipt, but less any subscriptions and fines in arrears, also less any portion which the Skilled Members may by vote decide to carry to the reserve fund.

4.—Any person wishing to join the Society must have his name posted by a Member in the Belfry before 10 a.m. on Sunday, and must be elected by the unanimous vote of each of the Skilled Members as shall attend practice between 7.30 and 9 o'clock on the following Tuesday evening; and each probationer must be confirmed by the vote of the Skilled Members.

5.—Free Members shall be chosen on account of old age or infirmity, or in recognition of past services, and be elected by the vote of the majority of the Skilled Members on any Tuesday evening, between 7.30 and 9 o'clock, notice of the names having been posted in the Belfry before 10 a.m. on the previous Sunday, but such Free Members shall not exceed two at any session. The Skilled Members may also by the like vote cancel arrears of fees and subscriptions.

6.—A Master and Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Skilled Members. The Master shall be responsible for the observance and performance of these Rules, for order and decency in the Belfry, for the exclusion of those who are inebriated, and for the prevention of the use of tobacco, alcoholic drinks, and profane language. Any improper or disrespectful conduct, or wilful and persistent breach of these rules, shall be reported to the President, who may dismiss the offender, and any one so dismissed shall forfeit all his subscription money; also his share in all other moneys in the hands of, or due to the Treasurer, but any one leaving for a sufficient cause shall receive his proper proportion of such subscriptions and moneys.

7.—Every Practising Member shall, to his utmost endeavour, be regularly and punctually attend practice at the Tower every Tuesday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, any Member being late more than 15 minutes shall be fined 2d. and if more than half-an-hour, 2s., unless notice shall be given to the Master on leave beforehand. The Master shall on this evening as far as possible make arrangements for all singing (whether ordinary or special) required during the evening week. He shall also divide the turns in which Members are to stand out when the number willing to ring exceeds eight, endeavouring at all times to divide the ringing as equally and fairly as possible among the Members.

8.—Any Member absenting himself from practice, or Sunday ringing, or neglecting to pay his subscriptions for four weeks, without sufficient cause, shall have his name struck off the list of Members, but a week's notice by post card shall be previously given to such Member.

9.—On a vacancy occurring among the Skilled Members they shall proceed as soon as possible to fill up the same by the election of the most competent Probationers.

10.—The Bells are only to be used by Probationers in the presence and under the direction of a Skilled Member. Probationers are to have the privilege of ringing for Sunday afternoon Service if the Master shall deem them sufficiently competent.

11.—All disputes or matters affecting the Society shall as far as possible be settled by the vote of the Members, and the decision of the majority shall be binding on all parties, provided it be not contrary to these Rules, but if there shall be any dispute, or difficulty, or grievance, which cannot be thus satisfactorily settled, the same shall be stated in writing, and referred to the President for his advice and opinion thereon.

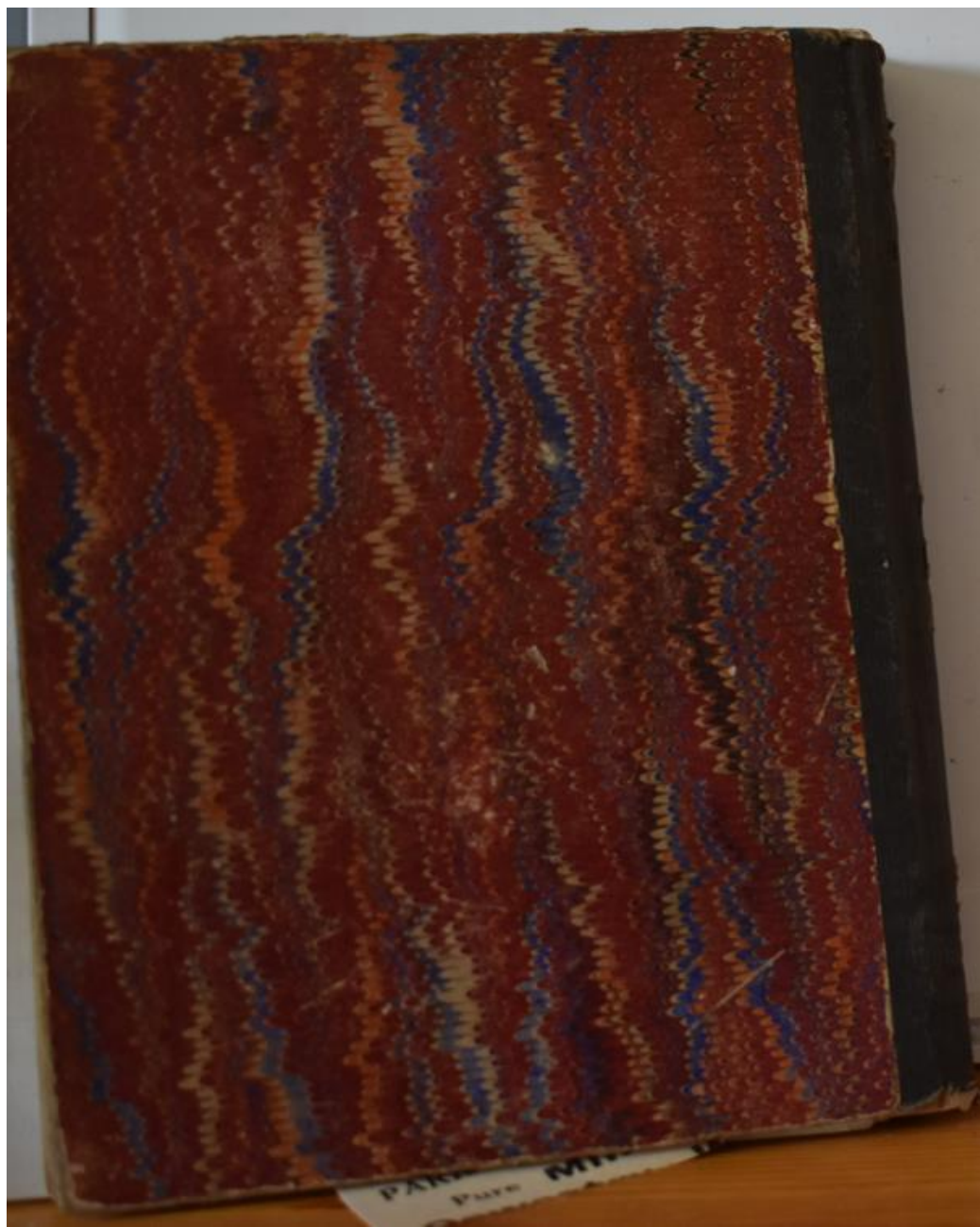
12.—The Master shall keep a register of attendance on Sundays and Tuesdays, and the Treasurer shall cause in a book all moneys received and paid on account of the Society, and take out an Annual Statement of the same.

13.—The first Annual Meeting shall be held in July next (being the Anniversary of the formation of the Society), for the election of Officers, Auditing Accounts, the Alteration of the Rules (if necessary), and for the settlement of any business requiring attention. The way of the Bells on all occasions shall be as directed by the Master.

Dundee, 1887. W. Hope, Printer and Bookbinder, 8, Belfry Street, Oswestry.

These rules were revised at the Annual Meeting held on 7 July 1907.

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