

ing across to the other end? The question is more easily asked than answered: yet as the evidence of a lengthened continuance of a Celtic remnant in Saxon days becomes stronger, and as the old idea of their complete extermination becomes weakened, the question may be worth the asking and fuller historical research may in time give the answer. Meanwhile we may consider how far our present knowledge of the history accords with such a theory.

*(To be continued.)*

## The Church Bells of Berkshire and their Inscriptions.

The following notes on the Bells of Berkshire and their inscriptions will not be without interest to Antiquaries. No work has yet appeared on this subject, and these notes may prepare the way for a complete collection.

### EAST LOCKINGE.

- (1) I. W. Praised be thy name O Lorde that hast sent.  
1578.

The initials I.W. may stand for John Wallis, a bell-founder in Salisbury in 1581.

- (2) W: Taylor. Oxford. Fecit. 1851. ✠

This bell was re-cast from an earlier one, which was cracked.

- (3) God be our spyd in our begynnyng. W. T.

The only initials corresponding to these are W. Tosier (1723), but this is clearly of earlier date. This bell has no cannons cast on it, but is bolted to the stock by simple bolts passed through holes in the crown of the bell.

- ✠ Robt. Wells, Aldbourne, Fecit. 1793.  
Sanctus Bell. Rob. and Jo. Wells, Aldbourne.

### ADDINGTON CHURCH.

This ring of six bells was re-cast in 1855 from three old ones.  
John Taylor and Sons, Loughborough, late of Oxford,  
founders, 1855 ✠ F. S. MDCCCXLVI.

Rev. Ralph Barnes, Vicar.

E. Clarke, }  
R. Vernon, } Churchwardens.

WEST HENDRED CHURCH.

- (1) Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London.  
Glory to God, on earth peace ; Christmas, 1889.

- (2) Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Foundry, London.  
V. R. Jubilee, 1887. C. F. Hayden, Vicar.

- (3) Love God. 1660.

- (4) Mears and Stainbank, Foundry, London.  
Robert John Price, Churchwarden ; F. White,  
bell-hanger, Appleton.

The name of Jesus Our Lord be blessed.

This was re-cast.

- (5) Prayes ye the Lord. 1623. E. K.

The initials E. K. stand for one of the Knights of Reading,  
who cast there 1587—1690.

- (6) Francis Hopkins and Rice Terrell, Churchwardens.  
R. Wells, Aldbourne, fecit MDCCLXX.

EAST HENDRED.

- (1) W. K. S. C. W. Samuel Knight made me. My name  
the Bee.

- (2) Sancta Anna. O. J. A.U. R.O.N.O.N. J.C.

- (3) Feare God. 1647.

- (4) Henry Knight made me. 1674.

- (5) J. Bagley. 1746.

Thomas Ellaway, }  
John Clement, } Churchwardens.

- (6) J. Taylor, Oxford, Fecit, 1853.

Rev. E. Wapshare, Rector.

Rev. E. Hussey, Curate.

W. Allen and C. Robey, Churchwardens.

A curious tradition exists at Lockinge. If a bell be taken down  
and not re-hung within the year, another parish can claim it. It is  
said that the Ardington people once came by night and stole one of  
the bells. Certainly, in Lockinge Church tower there exist marks  
of the brasses where another bell once hung.

W. H. HALLAM.