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### METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

That wonderful compilation of statistics, the Analysis which we published a fortnight ago, will have been studied with interest by our readers, and we hope that the immensity of work which it represents will have been fully appreciated. The details, so carefully collected and so accurately collated, are the labour of more than a year, and the Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to those members of the Committee who undertook the task. It is an exacting business and one which, in normal peal ringing years, calls for a great sacrifice of time and effort. Mr. Arthur King's death is an immeasurable loss, and what it really means to the Committee only those who have shared in the work can judge.

Two points occur in connection with the Committee's analysis and report to which we think we may refer. One was raised by a correspondent this week in connection with the points allotted to Double Norwich Maximus. Are the points allocated to peals on the higher numbers commensurate with the value given for peals on the lower numbers? Speaking generally, we think the twelve bell methods are certainly not too highly rated, compared with the ten and eight bell methods, for, the method apart, it is a well recognised fact that twelve bell ringing is a different 'ropesight' to ten or eight and more difficult to acquire. It might be well if, in the light of the most recent experience, the points allotted were reviewed, and in reviewing them, the opinions of ringers of the widest experience obtained. The present scale was fixed after years of experimenting in values, and it ought not hurriedly to be upset; but there does seem room for a certain amount of revision.

The second point to which we would refer is the naming of the Minor methods. We do not know what induced the Committee to resort to the names of flowers for one section. Perhaps it is that we have already some flower names for old Treble Bob methods; but to further perpetuate this class of title is hardly likely, in our view, to add to the already poor reputation of the Exercise in the choice of name for its methods. What will be the comment of an already mystified public when they read that their local ringers have distinguished themselves by ringing their first extent of Geranium Treble Bob! Such names are neither euphonious nor apt. Admittedly there is a difficulty in selecting a class of names which will not clash with the indiscriminate nomenclature which has gone before, and perhaps the Committee fell back upon flowers as being picturesque as well as being authorised by precedent. There were, however, the alternatives of rivers or mountains, or the far more numerous and still unused county

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and place names which might have been utilised, to say nothing of other groups which would have sounded less like the nursery. We agree with the Committee that some central authority should be appointed to control nomenclature in future, and so prevent difficulties arising which may extend beyond Minor methods. We also venture the hope that the new authority, if it comes into being, will aim at something different to such things as flowers in the names of methods. Such titles are not dignified.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANCES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. Treble	CHARLES GARDINER ... .. 7
FRANK COE ... .. 2	*JOHN W. JONES ... .. 8
*MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 3	*SYDNEY HICKS ... .. 9
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4	ALFRED HAMES ... .. 10
JOSEPH DYKE ... .. 5	JOHN BALLENGER ... .. 11
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6	CHARLES BARNFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. Treble	*ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... .. 6
*CHARLES RUSH ... .. 2	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
*CHARLES BAILEY ... .. 3	*FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 8
CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 9
CLAYTON PARNELL ... .. 5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

First peal of plain ten by all except ringer of tenor. \* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	FRANK HOPGOOD ... .. 7
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 8
JAMES HUNT ... .. 4	FRED WILFORD ... .. 9
HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 5	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. PATES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDRAM ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Six Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,176 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

ASA WILD ... .. Treble	SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5
FRANK LAWTON ... .. 2	HERBERT BARLOW ... .. 6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... .. 3	BEN THORPE ... .. 7
SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH ... .. 4	CHARLES E. PLATT ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES E. PLATT.

NORTH STONHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

PERCY W. CAVE ... .. Treble	*CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 5
REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN... 6
*GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

SCOTLAND.  
GLASGOW, LANARKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

*JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	*ALBERT E. WREAKS ... .. 5
*ROBERT J. G. THOM ... 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 6
*THOMAS O'HARA ... .. 3	†WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 7
*EDWARD ASTLEY ... .. 4	†NOEL NORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Umpire: CHARLES WILLINGALE.

Rung with the Seage's apparatus affixed, after meeting short for Grandsire Triples, in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V, and as a birthday compliment to Noel North. \* First peal of Minor. † First peal. This was the first peal on the bells, in the county and of Minor in Scotland.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(St. Peter's Society.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALBERT D. CULLUM ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT... .. 7
JOSEPH HANDS ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

\* Rung as a birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, Henry Simmonds, on the eve of the tenorman's 22nd birthday, and the 35th anniversary of the 6th man's wedding day.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Two Hours,  
At the Church of St. Helen,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lb.

HARRY LEWIS ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 7
JOHN HAYES ... .. 4	JOHN W. DAVIES... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	ALFRED SMITH ... .. 5
CHARLES T. P. BRICE... .. 2	JAMES BOUGHTON ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	*EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 7
HERBERT PIERCY... .. 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK W. RADFORD... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 4	EDWARD RADDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung at the request of the Rector in honour of the King's Birthday.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Edith,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

TOM ATKINS ... .. Treble	BERT RIDGWAY ... .. 5
CHARLES W. BRIGGS ... .. 2	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 6
*ARTHUR WATERS ... .. 3	FRED COTTON ... .. 7
CHARLES W. WEBB... .. 4	†EDWIN RHEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the King's Birthday, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Briggs, wife of ringer of 2nd bell.

BECKENHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 5
REGINALD BROUGH ... .. 2	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6
WALTER SMITH ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... 4	FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CLAUDE UNDERWOOD ... Treble	FREDK. J. HERBERT ... .. 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 6
*ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 3	WALTER MALINS ... .. 7
†WILLIAM TAYLER ... .. 4	*GEORGE HERBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and tenor belong to the local band, the rest are from St. Andrew's, Rugby.

STAFFORD.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD  
On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM G. CURTIS... .. Treble	FREDERICK V. HAGGIS ... 5
WILLIAM C. WILSON ... .. 2	JOHN WARRILOW ... .. 6
*WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. 7
*GEORGE BOOTH ... .. 4	†JOHN R. SPENCER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of King George V. The whole of the ringers are members of the local band.

**PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 3, 1922, in Three Hours,*

*At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... ..	...Treble	ALFRED SMITH ... ..	5
ROBERT HARDY ... ..	2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..	6
BEN S. THOMPSON ... ..	3	GEORGE MAYERS... ..	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... ..	4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**SWEFFLING, SUFFOLK.**

**THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	4
*JOHN GARRETT ... ..	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... ..	5
HARRY HALL ... ..	3	JOHN HALL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

**STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, May 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*REV. G. R. M. ELLWOOD...Treble	WILLIAM H. YOUNG ... ..	4
*PERCY H. YOUNG ... ..	JAMES P. HYETT ... ..	5
EDGAR R. JONES ... ..	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood.

**EMBERTON, BUCKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

*On Monday, June 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars', Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

HARRY SEAR... ..	...Treble	HARRY GAYTON ... ..	4
CHARLES MORTIMER ... ..	2	ERNEST G. MYNARD ... ..	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ..	3	WILLIAM FREEMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

**BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

*On Monday, June 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS... ..	...Treble	*SAM WHITE ... ..	4
*TOM ATKINS ... ..	2	*FREDERICK E. WILSON ... ..	5
CHARLES H. BRIGGS... ..	3	FRED COTTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss S. S. Grundy, of Bitteswell, and Mr. E. Killpack, of Dunton Bassett, the bride having been connected with the choir and Sunday schools for many years. \* First peal of Minor.

**NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — On Tuesday, May 9th, in the ringing chamber, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, 1,056 changes of Grandsire Cinques, on handbells: H. E. Smith 1-2, C. J. Sedgley 3-4, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 5-6, W. P. Garrett 7-8, F. C. Lambert 9-10, F. J. Tillet 11-12.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.**

**THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.**

(ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Sunday, May 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

*At the Residence of Mr. J. LEVITT, 13, MUSTON STREET,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

JAMES LEVITT ... ..	1-2	FRANK LEVITT ... ..	5-6
ARTHUR E. MOORE ... ..	3-4	*FREDERICK SALTER ... ..	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire: FRANK L. HUNT.

Witness: W. RICKWOOD.

\* First peal 'double handed.' Arranged for Mr. Frederick Salter, who hails from Thetford, Norfolk.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, May 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

This is a new peal and is now tapped for the first time.

**LONDON.**

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**

*On Friday, June 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,*

*At 17, RICHMOND AVENUE, WILLESDEN GREEN, N.W.,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY... ..	5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... ..	3-4	*CERIL V. EBBERSON ... ..	7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: HARRY KILBY.

\* First peal in hand and first attempt.

**LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, June 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

*At Station Buildings,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

in seven methods: eight each of April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob, seven Original, five Grandsire, four College Single and 2 Stedman.

PERCY LANE... ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... ..	3-4
REGINALD HARRISON... ..	5-6		

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

First peal in 7 methods by all, also for the Guild and in the County 'in hand.'

**RINGING IN SCOTLAND.**

On Saturday, May 20th, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, after an attempt for a peal at St. James' Leith, 1,136 Bob Major: G. Mann 1, E. Astley 2, W. C. S. Heathcote 3, C. Cleveland Ellis 4, T. O'Hara 5, J. Holman 6, A. E. Wrecks 7, J. E. Sykes (conductor) 8. The attempt for a peal was abandoned on account of the very bad 'go' of the 5th.

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on May 24th, 480 each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: J. Holman 1, T. O'Hara 2, E. Astley 3, A. E. Wrecks 4, J. E. Sykes 5, W. N. Ashby 6. The tenor man had never seen a bell rope previous to April 30th last, and rang the covering bell with no assistance, and struck exceedingly well; and, what is more to the point, put the bell in its place.

**ALFRED BOWELL,  
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,  
IPSWICH.**



## BRISTOL—AN ANALYSIS.

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

In continuing our examination of the construction of a 'lead,' as it appears in a 'method,' we shall find it convenient to express our discoveries in diagrammatic form, thus:—

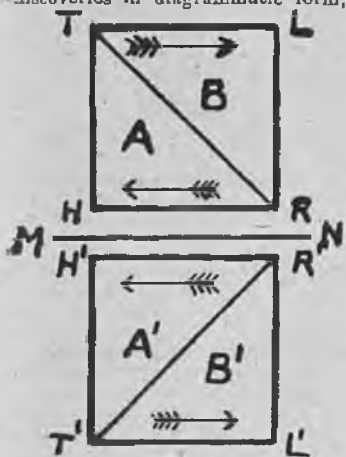


FIG. 1.

The 'last half-block' should be the 'reflection' of the first half-block. That is to say, if we take a pencil and trace out, by means of lines, the path of each unit (or bell) in the block T L L' T', we shall derive a sort of pattern of threads; and this pattern (hereinafter referred to as 'the design') will be found to be symmetrical about the line M N in the diagram; in other words, if the diagram be folded along the line M N, so that T' L' falls along T L, then every portion of the design in the last half-block T' L' R' H, will exactly fit over every corresponding bit of the design in the first half-block T L R H; from which it may easily be seen that a half-block is sufficient to fix the design of any method. Indeed, further investigation will reveal the fact that with methods of a certain character, a smaller division than the half-block (the quarter-block, in fact) is sufficient to fix their design. In proceeding towards this consideration, however, we have one further observation to make; and, since the half-blocks are similar, we will confine our attention to one; the first half-block. The path of the 'exempt unit' (or treble bell) diagonally across the half-block may be regarded as dividing it into 'below' and 'above' portions; marked as A and B respectively, in the first half-block; and as A' and B' respectively in the last half-block. The disposition of similarity of design should be noted; similar portions of the work being segregated above and below the treble's path; and extending from front to rear at the 'parting' of the blocks; and from rear to front at the parting of the half-blocks. All so-called 'single' methods have this characteristic, which plays a most vital part in the matter of extension.

Now, these portions A and B may, or may not, be similar in design. To determine this factor we must examine carefully the disposition of the component parts of the design about the diagonal line T R. Let us take the first half-block (T L R H) of our diagram, and divide it, by means of dotted lines, into four portions as in Fig 2 above.

The horizontal line E F divides the half-block into 1st and 2nd quarter-blocks; and the vertical line X Y divides the whole block into 'fore' and 'aft' parts.

The point O, where the Treble's path actually meets the crossing of these dividing lines should be specially noted in passing, since it demands very special attention in the matter of extension on all numbers which divide into two odd halves—e.g., 10=5+5; 14=7+7. Now, if the 'below' and 'above' portions (T H R and L T) be similar in design, the disposition of similarity will be found to be as indicated by the parallel system of lettering in Fig. 2; i.e., the fore-part of the first quarter-

block (C/D), corresponds with the after-part of the 2nd quarter-block (O/D); and the after-part of the first quarter-block (P') corresponds with the fore-part of the second quarter-block. From which it will be seen that if we regard the quarter blocks as capable of being spun round upon the vertical axis X Y; then, by revolving the 2nd quarter-block through 180 degrees (or half a circle), C'D' will

come to rest immediately beneath O/D; and P' beneath P'; whence, by folding the lower part, or 2nd quarter-block (along the quarter-block dividing line E F) over on to the upper part or first-quarter-block E F L T, we shall find that every bit of design in the lower part will fit exactly over every corresponding bit of design in the upper part. Hence, in the case of methods in which we find symmetry about the diagonal line T R, a quarter-block is quite sufficient to fix the design of the method. Such methods are known to us as double methods.

A reference to Fig. 2 will remind us of the fact that the design in the fore-part T X Y H corresponds exactly with the design in the after-part R Y X L; and thus, obviously, the work of each 'part' extends inwards for correspondingly equal distances from the sides (T H and R L) of the half-block. (Note that there is possibility of intermingling of 'fore' and 'after' work, nevertheless.) All double methods have this characteristic, which plays a most vital part in the matter of extension.

There is one further sub-division of the 'block,' to which we shall refer—the action. In plain methods the section will consist of two rows of symbols (or changes); and in Treble Bob methods, of four; the section being defined by the position of the exempt 'unit' (or Treble bell) among the other units (or working bells), as it moves through each successive pair of places from 'lead' to 'lie,' and from 'lie' to 'lead,' in the block. Thus we can fix the position of every bit of design of a method, relatively to the place occupied by the Treble bell; at every step of its path through half-block, quarter-block, or section.

We are now in a position to apply our conclusions in a practical fashion—to the method of Bristol. Since this is a Treble Bob method, each 'section' will consist of four rows of symbols (changes). An examination of a 'block' in this method at once reveals the fact that it is a 'double' method; and thus, as we have already determined, 'the work of the fore and after parts will extend inwards from both front and rear to an equal degree.' In the case of Bristol, however, we are at once struck with a most remarkable and vital fact, namely, that the extension inwards, of the 'fore' and 'after' work in this double method, does NOT involve intermingling of the work. That is, a unit in the throes of its fore-work never finds itself amongst any of the after-work units (or bells), and vice versa. Hence we call these portions, in Bristol, 'Front Work' and 'Back Work' respectively. Further examination of the Bristol block reveals the fact that the 'Front Work' is linked to the 'Back Work' (and vice versa) by means of a portion (extending right across the block), which may be known as the Transition Work. With these essential characteristics before us, we have now to determine whether the example of 'Bristol' originally given to us (Bristol Major—T.B.) is, in itself an already extended form of some more elementary expression of permutation, on these principles; or whether, with the basic form of Bristol in the Major, with a Treble Bob hunt, there are diminutions or reductions—even with a plain-hunt treble bell.

When this matter has been settled, we shall be in a position to proceed with question of extension of the method from the Major to the Royal; and from the Royal to the Maximus.

(To be continued.)

## A DISPUTED CLAIM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If your correspondent who sent the report of the peal of Cambridge Royal at Loughborough will refer to 'Bell News,' August 17th, 1907, he will find that a peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung at Loughborough on August 5th, 1907, in 3 hours and 22 minutes in which I took part.—Yours truly,

W. PYE.

## DEATH OF A HERTFORDSHIRE WORTHY.

AN OCTOGENARIAN RINGER.

There passed to rest on Wednesday, May 3rd, in his 84th year, Mr. John Dennis, of Park Lodge, Knebworth, who had been a member of the Hertford County Association for many years. His love for bells and bell ringing was inspiring, and no less for the ringers themselves, for he was a man who found happiness in serving others, and it delighted him always to prepare the bells for any peal band. The writer recalls the words of the late Mr. Bert Prewett, who described him affectionately as 'dear old Dennis.' These words sum up the man, and would form a pleasing epitaph to his departed memory. Thank God, that whilst there are still those who do great exploits, there are also others who in their day and generation 'abide by the stuff,' and equally do His bidding, adding sweetness to those around by the sincerity of their lives. Such was the life of our departed friend.

For well-nigh half a century he had been an employe on the estate of Lord Lytton, and was greatly respected by the family.

The funeral took place on Saturday, May 6th, at St. Mary's Church, and was largely attended, among those present being the Dowager Countess of Lytton, Mrs. Rainey, Messrs. Bateman, Ferris, Grace, Nash, Lawrence, and many others. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. C. C. Lambert. By a coincidence the Hitchin band had arranged for a peal of Double Norwich, so the bells were muffled, but to the regret of all, after nearly three hours' ringing, a shift course brought the bells to stand. To the members of the family is extended a finger's sympathy.

G. W. C.

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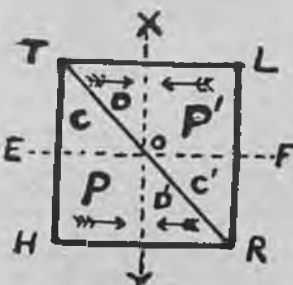


FIG. 2.

'First half-block.'

### LONG PEAL AT OLDHAM.

W. Harrison's 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday week, was the longest length on the bells, and it is believed to be about 90 years since a peal of this length was rung in Oldham. The peal was rung for the jubilee of the dedication of the church, 'go' being called at 8.30 a.m. The first part end came up in 2 hrs. 4 mins.; the second part was rung in 2 hrs. 2 mins., and the last part 2 hrs. 4 mins., the bells coming round at 2.40 p.m.

The ringers were warmly congratulated at the finish of the peal, and were afterwards entertained to dinner by the descendants of the donor of the bells (the late Mr. James Mellodew). The band heartily thanked their hosts for the hospitality. Four of the ringers (Messrs. A. Wild, F. Lawton, H. Barlow and C. E. Platt) belonged to Moorside, and the others were Messrs. I. Schofield, St. Mark's, Glodwick; S. Butterworth, St. Mary's, Oldham; S. Holt, St. Leonard's, Middleton; and B. Thorp, St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

### WEATHER BEATS RINGERS.

On Empire Day, May 24th, a company of ringers of the district, assisted by the esteemed Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), met at High Wycombe in an attempt for Stedman Cinques. In spite of the tropical weather which prevailed, the ringers, favoured with excellent going bells and one of the most spacious and cool ringing chambers in the kingdom, had great hopes of a successful peal; but, alas! in the 8th course it became evident the elements were getting the better of at least one of the men on the heavy end, and in response to a distress signal the bells were called home true at 1,306 changes in one hour: J. Hayes (conductor) 1, J. Gransbury 2, G. Twitchen 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, R. Coles 5, J. C. Truss 6, F. Boreham 7, J. Evans 8, F. W. Boxell 9, E. R. Coles 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, J. W. Wilkins 12.

### PRESENTATION.

At Eardisland, Hereford, on May 27th, a combined practice was held, when ringing took place in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles and Bob Minor.

A presentation was made to Mr. J. Preece, of Staunton-on-Arrow, of a silver inkstand, in the shape of a church bell, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss O. M. Powell. It was subscribed to by his ringing friends of the Hereford Guild, thirteen towers being included in the list of subscribers. The inkstand bore the following inscription: 'Hereford Diocesan Guild. Presented to Mr. J. Preece, May 11th, 1922.'

Mr. Preece has been captain of the band at Staunton and in honour of the wedding on May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, A. Talbot (conductor) 3, J. Stirtion 4, F. Lane 5, J. Miles 6.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western district was held on Saturday, May 27th, at Chester-le-Street, when upwards of 30 ringers were present. Ringing went on from 3 to 8.30 p.m., with an interval for tea, which, kindly arranged by the lady ringers, was served in the Institute. The touches included Cambridge Surprise, Stedman, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and various other methods. The ringers hailed from Whitley Bay, North Shields, Newcastle, Gateshead, Consett, Tanfield and Chester.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**HAWKHURST, KENT.**—On Saturday, June 3rd, the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. A. Penfold 1, H. Baker 2, W. H. Lambert 3, L. Honess 4, R. T. Lambert 5, G. Kenward 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batchup 8.

**KIMBOLTON.**—On May 20th, for practice, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor: J. Fox 1, F. Jaine 2, A. Tomkins 3, A. Owens 4, C. Jaine 5, A. Talbot (conductor) 6. First 720 by 1, 4 and 5. Also 360 of Bob Minor.

**EASTBOURNE.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Ascension Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. D. Smith 1, A. K. Gower 2, G. H. Howse 3, A. C. Fankhurst 4, G. W. Stokes 5, J. Sharp 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, B. Hobbs 8.

**KINGSLAND.**—On May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Davies 1, C. Law 2, E. Jaine 3, J. Jones 4, A. Talbot (conductor) 5, D. Hammond 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. Hammond, who was 84 years of age on the following day.

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### RE-DEDICATION OF LONGHOPE BELLS.

REPLY TO THE ALLEGED COMPLAINT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 28th ult. was published a letter from Mr. J. Williams, hon. secretary, Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, accusing the 'Barnwood men' of grave discourtesy. As hon. secretary to the Barnwood Ringers, I am in a position to state, that they did not apply for and obtain permission to open the bells of Longhope on the day of re-dedication; therefore, your correspondent's aspersions, however justified, have been cast upon the wrong company. Knowing this, we had intended not to rush into print on the matter, but a letter sent later to our captain asking for the facts, warrants a little effort. I think in vindication of those so accused. I did attend Longhope myself, but as a member of another company, and although not responsible for any arrangements, I think I may safely state the facts, without being accused of 'butting in,' and keeping strictly to facts which, unfortunately, Mr. Williams failed to do.

I was informed, as far back as December, 1921, that the Longhope ringers would be pleased if we would go down to open their bells (incidentally, one of the 'offenders' happens to be a former member of Longhope band). Further communications in similar terms followed in January, March and April, 1922, from the Vicar and another prominent gentleman of Longhope, together with a kind invitation to tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. on the 19th April, the day of re-dedication. Arrived there, the bells were raised after tea, three minutes before service which commenced at 7 p.m., were rung for two minutes during service, and the service ended at 8.20 p.m. The opening band then rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and lowered the bells at 8.55 p.m., which left no time to spare to catch the last train (9.30) for home.

Now for Mr. Williams' demeanour at Longhope. He evidently forgot to mention that he had applied for permission to open the bells, but was told that another band had been engaged previously. This obviously nettled him, as he gave out the impression of having come expressly to cause trouble, for soon after arrival he turned and said to one of our band, 'What business have you chaps got here? I shall want to know something about this.' In fact, he was so aggressive that his manner led one of the Longhope ringers to remark, 'If that is the Association, we're better without it.' Had Mr. Williams been in a better frame of mind, he would probably have remembered things more clearly, as I challenge his statement that a waiting band of anxious ringers entered the tower. I was in the tower the whole of the 35 minutes the bells were rung, and with the exception of one or two Longhope men (not change ringers yet) no other band entered the tower, and although I saw several men peering in, they may have been but interested villagers, as they never attempted to enter. Also, the Longhope men have invited us to pay another visit at Whitsun, and with Mr. Williams' kind permission, we intend accepting their invitation, unless he knows a band that has more right to go there. With apologies for encroaching on your space to such an extent, I am, Sir, yours truly,

ALFRED E. WAITE.

Hon. Secretary, Barnwood Ringers.

### MR. HARRY WITHERS IN TORONTO.

GATHERING OF ENGLISH RINGERS.

By PETER LAFLIN.

The ringers scattered about in Toronto are not likely to forget the occasion when Mr. Harry Withers, of England, in general, and Selly Oak, in particular, came to open the new carillon at the Metropolitan Methodist Church in this city. Mr. Withers officially opened this splendid instrument at 10.30 on April 2nd, and at that time and at 12.30, and thereafter every evening from 7 to 8, he played to an audience of thousands at a time, the side streets being literally crammed with motor-cars belonging to people from a distance, all come to hear this masterly performer on bells. The audiences were delighted with favourite hymns, old songs, and popular melodies, sometimes played simply, and again with such a wealth of harmony as to make even ringers, who knew previously of Harry Withers' powers, to wonder; what shall we say, then, of the thousands whose only previous knowledge of bells was the City Hall clock chimings?

At this point one cannot help congratulating the founders of the peal on the purity of tone in this carillon, coupled with the wish that they had hung an octave of them for change ringing.

However, the change ringers were not disappointed. Five or six of them mustered at each performance to give Mr. Withers as near as real ringers' welcome as we could, and, behold, we were rewarded, for almost the first thing on these bells was a course of Erin Caters, well and, we believe, truly tapped on the back ten. This Mr. Withers repeated on another occasion.

On Wednesday evening, April 5th, Mr. Withers tapped us a course of Double Norwich Major on the back eight. As the tenor is 4 tons in A, it sounded noble, but almost too low to believe. What a pity to have to tap it!

The following ringers met Mr. Withers and spent two or three evenings with him, some of us brushing up our handbell practice a bit: Messrs. C. F. White (late Worcestershire), Fryer (Worcestershire), Boylin (Selly Oak), E. N. Howard (Kent), P. Laffin (Norwich and Ipswich), H. J. Burgess (Herts).

The ringing included 180 Bob Minor, a course of Grandsire Triples (several times), 120 of Grandsire Doubles, which was repeated at a party given in Mr. Withers' honour by an interested gentleman, on Wednesday, April 5th. These touches were performed on a set of handbells, produced by Mr. Chas. F. White, who is living just out of Toronto, and had procured a set of 25 (in chromatic scale) to while away his spare time.

At time of writing I am glad to say that Mr. Withers has been engaged to remain one more week by the donor of the bells, Mr. C. D. Massey. Apparently he is not alone in his desire to hear more bell music, for thousands were again listening for their favourite tunes on Saturday, after it became known that Mr. Withers had not left the city.

The letter is unduly long, but ringing sadly needs a boost in Canada. The papers have published columns on the subject of this carillon, and Mr. Withers' photo is known to all, and the founders have their share of the credit. Now, please, let bell founders in general do their best to persuade church authorities in Canada to hang at least one peal for ringing somewhere in Toronto, and not to lay too much stress on carillons, remembering that if the change ringers of England had never exerted themselves, there would not be too much bell founding going on.

We could get a start here now with the whole city awake to bell music if we had only one peal to practise on. We intend as it is to get some handbell practice as we are able, for it was noticeable last week that our efforts to ring in hand were not marked by perfection's wand. I doubt if Mr. Withers himself could say what Messrs. Laffin and White were doing at times. However, we did our best after being out of practice for some years.

As the wives accompanied us on these ringing expeditions and displayed quite a lot of enthusiasm, we should have no trouble in getting recruits, and, in conclusion, let me say that any ringer thinking of trying his luck in Toronto or near by, is asked to make the fact known either through 'The Ringing World' or direct to P. Laffin, 45, Innes Avenue, Toronto, as a direct effort is being made to locate ringers in this city, and get them together a bit more, possibly for handbell practice to keep alive the old spirit which exists between ringers, and which would die in any other company.

## NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.

### FORTHCOMING ATTEMPT ON THE TREBLE BOB RECORD.

On Whit Saturday, June 10th, 1922, eight members of the Lancashire Association will start for Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's 18,240 of Kent Treble Bob Major at the Parish Church, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, starting at 8 a.m.

## HEREFORD GUILD.

Staunton-on-Wye is an interesting parish of 2,376 acres situated on the main road between Hereford-Hay, on an eminence overlooking the Valley of the Wye. The view from the churchyard is extensive and very beautiful. The church, which seats 200, is dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, and is built in the Transitional style, with a fine square western tower and spire, containing a ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.), which were repaired and rehung in 1873, during the incumbency of the late Canon Phillott, who was Rector of Staunton for 35 years. The registers date from 1677.

The ringing room contains a well-written peal board recording some change ringing performed on the bells in 1876, soon after they were restored—possibly the first extent of Minor in the county, viz., a 720 Kent Treble Bob, and one of Grandsire, the band being Cheltenham ringers, including a youngster of those days—Mr. G. H. Phillott—who rang the 4th, and, no doubt, had coaxed the remainder of the band to visit his father's church.

On a bright May day, in 1922, another gathering took place at Staunton, when some 22 members of the Clifford district of the Hereford Diocesan Guild assembled in response to Secretary Hyett's notice. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m., with an interesting address by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. M. Ellwood, M.A. and a tea on the front lawn of the New House, served by Mrs. Jones and daughters, were much appreciated by those present.

The Vicar, who is also a practical ringer, took the chair at the business meeting, at which several new hands and two honorary members were elected. The place of next meeting was decided upon viz., Clifford, in mid-August.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, and Minor and Doubles rung, the following towers having representatives of the rope; Burghill, Madley, Clifford, Aimley, Allensmore, Bredwardine, Kinnersley and Staunton-on-Wye.

Needless to add, the Vicar and organist, Mrs. Jones and family, were all thanked, on behalf of the Clifford district members, for kindnesses given, and at nine o'clock the stack of twenty cycles were free-wheeling to a lower level and homewards.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal rung in America. On June 9th, 1850, a band of College Youths rang Holt's ten-part in 3 hrs. 15 mins., at Philadelphia, Henry Haley being the conductor.

On June 15th, 1851, the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells was rung. This was at the Osborn Arms, Henage Street, London, the band being John Cox, George Ferris, William Cooter, Mat. Wood and James Dwight. This band except John Cox, rang the first peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, in 1854, and, with Cox and Haley, the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the same year.

Mr. George Pullinger, who rang his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday week, lost his right arm in the war. Although thus handicapped, he is a splendid striker, and long draught does not trouble him.

## SKILGATE CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

The five bells at the fine old Norman Church of St. John's, Skilgate Taunton, have just been restored, the 2nd recast and a new treble added by Messrs. Aggett, of Chagford. The tenor is a fine-toned bell, cast by the Purdue family, and the 4th and 3rd are dated 1609 and 1612 respectively. The recast 2nd was a Roger Sampson bell. The new treble makes the ring into a fine musical peal of six. The bells have all been hung on the most modern fittings, with massive iron frames on steel joists, the bells turning on Messrs. Aggett's patent adjustable bearings.

## YE PASSING SHOW.

AMUSING COMMENTS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

BY 'ONCE A BEGINNER.'

Good Mistress Peppery did catch me moping midst a pile of recent issues of a well-known weekly: circulation, alas! a long way short of a million, owing, no doubt, to the penurious straits to which its hapless readers are reduced, that they e'en borrow mine; at which the good Mistress Peppery doth wax wroth with me. I would that she did exhaust her spleen on the borrowers, who do pay nothing; not on my poor defenceless pate, but of that more anon.

She did berate me soundly, and did liken my face to wet week in harvest, and did demand to know for why I did look so mournful; and when I did explain in my most lucid manner that I had been at the study of Euclid, ye good Dame did with much vigour suggest that 'twould be better were I placed in some institution for ye curing of strained mentalities. But I did reason with enforced patience with ye good woman, and did explain that ye good and learned Mr. Euclid must have known more about ye noble art than she did wot of: as he did say in his good axioms that 'things that are equal to ye same thing are equal to one another,' whereat she did laugh heartily at what she did call my poor excuses, and did say that she never hoped to make me see reason and did tell me that as a spouse I was like ye famed egg of ye curate, 'only good in parts.'

But I did point out to her that the 'R.W.' showed plainly that ye writers therein knew ye good Euclid to be in ye right, as in ye recent issues each had shown that he himself was ye one of sense and probity, and ye other man was wrong, though ye other man in his writings did say ye self and same thing; whereat good Mistress Peppery did ask how that could be, when a black cat has white whiskers ye puss could not then be black, and I thereon had to go over ye ground a second time to explain to ye perverse woman that if A did ring a peal of ye method known as Double St. Peter Mancroft of the length of 5,874 changes and turn ye tenor bell into ye changes of ye weight of 27 cwt., and if B did ring a peal of ye same intricate method of ye length of 5,701 changes and turn in ye massive tenor of ye weight of 17 cwt., then ye good Mr. B did claim to have done that which ye good Mr. A had not ye abilities to compass, and that ye hapless A had lost. And, moreover, that if ye good Mr. Y did come and ring a peal of ye grand method concocted by ye good Mr. Fabian of St. Benet's of ye length of 6,009 changes, and did turn in ye tenor behind of ye weight of 30 cwt., then both ye good Mr. 27 cwt. and ye good Mr. 17 cwt. had done ye arduous task of ye dodging of ye heavy weights for naught, and ye good Mr. Y had won ye race by a length, having rung into ye next street. And when ye good Mistress Peppery did ask me to explain my vapourings I did show her how the part can sometimes be greater than ye whole, and that did I multiply ye three feats by ye mystic numeral of three ye result would be ye same as to ye ability; whereon ye good woman did ask me to explain to her where all ye water did come from when ye tide did come up, and did get wroth with me when I did say to her, 'Wait till after Whitsun Tuesday and we shall all have ye answer good and plenty.'



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### TUESDAY'S MEETING AT LINCOLN.

The 29th annual meeting of the Central Council (the second session of the eleventh Council) was held in the historic Chapter House at Lincoln Cathedral on Tuesday, when 56 members were present as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. A. A. Hughes.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan.—Mr. J. Hunt.  
Bedfordshire.—Mr. A. E. Sharman.  
Chester Diocesan.—Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. W. Bibby.  
Central Northants.—Messrs. E. M. Atkins, D. J. Nichols and F. Wilford.  
Ely Diocesan.—Mr. T. R. Dennis.  
Gloucester and Bristol.—Mr. W. A. Cave.  
Kent County.—Rev. F. J. O. Holmore, Messrs. E. Barnett, senr., and T. Groombridge.  
Ladies' Guild.—Miss E. K. Parker.  
Lancashire.—Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee and Mr. W. E. Wilson.  
Lincoln Diocesan.—Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. G. Chester and R. Richardson, and J. W. Seamer.  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan.—Mr. J. W. Jones.  
London County.—Mr. B. A. Young.  
Middlesex County.—Mr. C. T. Coles.  
Midland Counties.—Alderman R. B. Chambers, Messrs. J. Griffin, Pryce Taylor and W. Willson.  
North Notis.—Mr. H. Haigh.  
Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.—Messrs. G. P. Burton, A. L. Coleman and A. E. Reeves.  
Oxford Diocesan.—Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hoppood and J. Evans.  
Peterborough and districts.—Mr. R. Narborough.  
Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. J. Parker.  
St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.—Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.  
Salisbury Diocesan.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Major Hughes D'Aeth, Mr. T. H. Beams.  
Surrey.—Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean.  
Warwickshire.—Mr. H. Argyle.  
Winchester.—Mr. G. Williams.  
Worcestershire.—Messrs. A. E. Parsons and W. Short.  
Yorkshire.—Rev. C. O. Marshall.  
Honorary Members.—Revs. E. W. Carpenter and C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. H. Chapman, J. George, J. W. Parker and H. W. Wilde.

The chair was taken by the President (Canon Coleridge), who opened the proceedings with prayer.

The Dean of Lincoln then extended a welcome to the Council. He remarked that it was a critical time for them in Lincoln, for they were hard up, and one of their towers was in danger. As ringers they would sympathise with the authorities, because, he believed he was right in saying, the very creation of a tower was due to the development of bell ringing. If it had not been for the Christian art in which they were all particularly interested they might never have had any towers. In that cathedral, the first chapel he had the pleasure of helping to restore had been called the Ringers' Chapel, and they would find upon its walls the names of the captains of the ringers from the time when ringing developed, down to the days of the Civil War, when many of their fine old windows and beautiful brasses were destroyed. The record of the names was continued from 1913, when the chapel was restored. He hoped they would be satisfied that it had been taken out of the category of a lumber room, and had been restored for Christian worship. The Lincolnshire ringers had in mind the idea of perpetuating those of their number who had fallen in the war by adding to the peal at the Cathedral, which had been recast in his (the Dean's) time. The only thing he would now like to recast was 'Great Tom,' which, he was told, was out of tune with itself. He offered the Council a hearty welcome to Lincoln.

The President expressed the Council's thanks for the welcome given to them, and for his kindness in placing the Chapter House at their disposal.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. Boughey, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. R. A. Daniel, W. R. Small, P. J. Johnson, W. J. Nevard, A. Paddon Smith, W. Lawrence, J. R. Sharman, G. Bolland, A. Roberts, W. T. Cockerill, C. Edwards, W. Shepherd and W. Storey.

The President explained that owing to an important engagement in London he would have to leave early, much to his regret, as he had not missed a meeting since the Council was formed.

It was resolved that Ald. J. S. Pritchett (who is Recorder of Lincoln) should take the chair on the president's departure, and the President humorously remarked that he felt sure that if the Recorder had known he was to preside, he would have come in his silk stockings and full bottom wig (laughter).

The President made reference to the loss which the Council had sustained by the death of Mr. A. T. King, and the members expressed their sympathy with the widow and relatives by rising in silence.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. E. A. Young) presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with £75 10s. 6d. in hand, and that affiliation fees amounted to £12 2s. 6d., interest on stock to £4 5s. 8d., and sale of publications to £2 13s. 8d. The expenditure was £17 6s. 8d., leaving £2 10s. in hand, and a balance at bank of £74 10s.

In reply to Alderman Pritchett it was stated that there was in addition £100 invested.

The Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) reported that during the twelve months 469 copies of publications had been sold, against 419 in the previous year. The profits on the sales were £2 13s. 8d., against £3 17s. 9d., but the reduced profit was due to the increased cost of advertising. With regard to the library, it grew slowly, and he now had the records of ringing news from 1871 to the present date, with the exception of five years—1901, 1902 and 1906 to 1909.

Mr. Chapman said Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, had all the 'Bell News' from the beginning, which he would be willing to give to the library, and the offer of the copies to complete the collection was accepted with thanks.

The Rev. A. H. Boughey, Mr. H. Chapman, Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson were re-elected hon. members, and it was resolved not to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. T. King.

Mr. H. W. Wilde made a report for the Peal Collection Committee, stating that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was engaged in the proof and checking of peals of Treble Bob with tenors parted.

It was intimated that the typed copies of the Collection of Treble Bob peals were available for loan to any ringer on applying to the Librarian, and paying postage.

Mr. W. Willson presented a report for the Literature and Press Committee, stating that they were on the alert for any Bill inimical to the interests of ringers which might be introduced into Parliament, and that the committee were prepared to give their assistance to any company where any local attempt was made to suppress change ringing.—The report was adopted.

With Alderman Pritchett in the chair, the Council proceeded to the consideration of the Method Committee's report, made by the Rev. H. Law James, who stated that they had been waiting since 1913 for their work to be published, and suggested that in view of estimates they had received, they might be rewarded for their work by having the collection of Plain Major methods published.

On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, it was resolved that the printing of these methods be proceeded with.

It was also decided to leave to the committee the responsibility of naming the methods or otherwise.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter presented the Peals Analysis Committee's report, already published in our columns, and this was adopted, Mr. J. W. Parker being added to the committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. King.

On the report of the Towers and Bellries Committee, the Council confirmed the co-optation of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who presented the report (already published), and paid a tribute to the splendid work of Mr. E. H. Lewis in connection with the negotiations with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings.

The report of the Records Committee was presented by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and accepted. The question of the publication of the schedule of performances was left over until next year.

Alderman Chambers moved a resolution, that it is desirable to establish in the area of each ringing association a Bell Restoration Fund, from which grants may be made for the restoration of any rings of bells within the area when local funds are insufficient to meet the cost.

A suggestion made by the Chairman that the motion be made to read, 'the county and diocesan associations be asked to consider the possibility of establishing in their respective areas such a fund was accepted by the mover, and in this form the motion was carried.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies called attention to certain references in Snowdon's 'Grandsire' to Holt's ten-part and six-part peals of Grandsire Triples, and produced figures to contradict the assertion that in each case the two halves of these peals began at the same place.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, it was resolved that a card of instructions on the care and use of bells suitable for hanging in a tower be drawn up, the assistance of Messrs. C. Johnston, F. Taylor and A. A. Hughes being sought in the matter.

Another motion by the Rev. H. Drake, that every tower should be officially affiliated to some one society and only one, was defeated by a large majority.

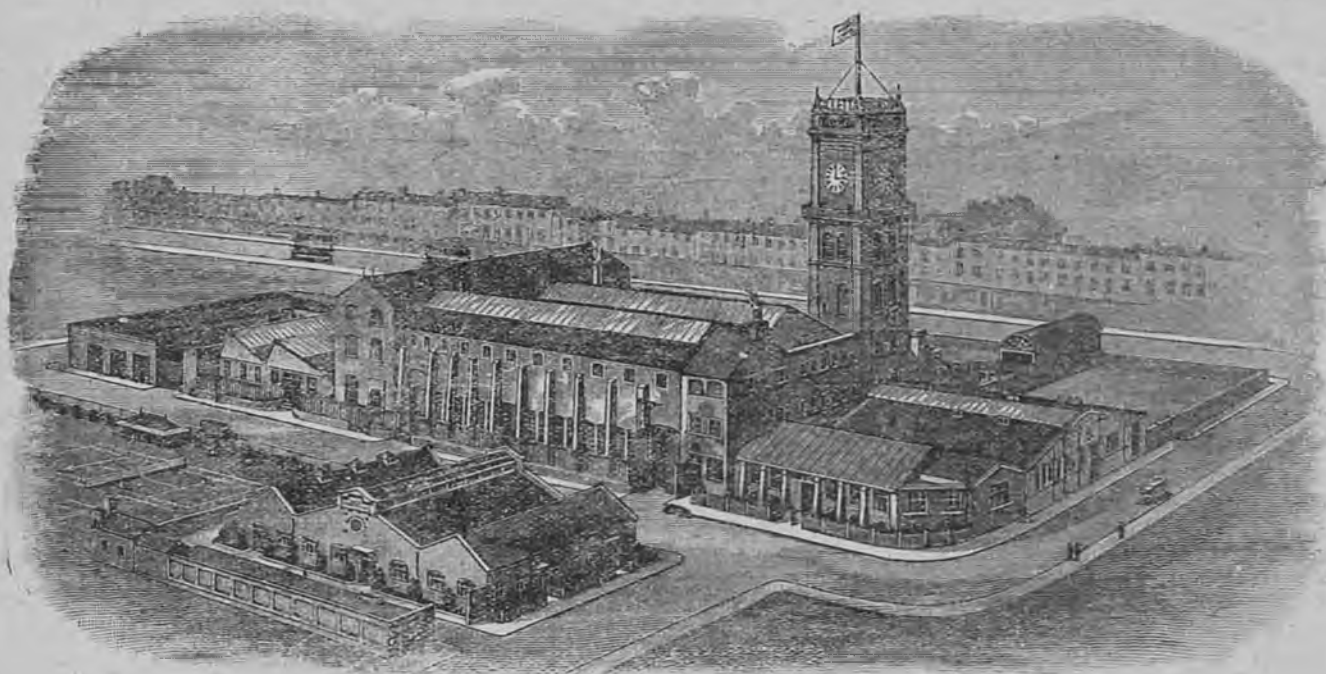
The Council discussed a motion that the Standing Committee 'consider the advisability and practicability of proving and recording all new compositions before being rung or published,' but the proposal was defeated.

It was resolved to appoint a special committee in connection with the exhibit upon campanology at the Science Museum, South Kensington, and the following were appointed: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, C. W. O. Jenkyn and E. Banks James, Messrs. E. A. Young, C. F. Johnston, A. Hughes, Pryce Taylor, and E. H. Lewis.

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## THE SUGGESTED CLEVELAND AMALGAMATION.

## HON. SECRETARY'S PROTEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I feel I must protest against the remarks contained in the last paragraph of your leading article in this issue of 'The Ringing World' of 19th May. You state therein in connection with the question of amalgamation between the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association that the latter rejected the overtures of the former. This is entirely false. The facts of the case were that representatives of the Yorkshire Association attended a meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held last year, and the matter was deferred in order that the Yorkshire Association might define the lines of each association and arrange a further meeting. The only result of this was that the Yorkshire Association decided to let the matter drop.

The facts of the case are very different to what you represent in your article and I shall be obliged if you will give as prominent a place in your paper to this correction as you have done to the original remarks. I would add that if and when the Yorkshire Association have any reasonable proposals to put forward as to amalgamation they will as usual receive the courteous consideration and attention of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Yours faithfully,

26, High Street,

North Ormesby.

T. METCALFE,

Hon. Secretary.

We readily publish Mr. Metcalfe's letter, but, in endeavouring in our article to show by an example that two associations could work amicably side by side in the same territory, we were quite unaware that we had misrepresented the position. We may be wrong, but we can see little to complain of, and our readers may judge for themselves how far our article was wide of the mark.

In our issue of November 18, 1921, was the report of a meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, held on October 22nd supplied to us by Mr. Metcalfe himself. In this report it was stated that the President and Secretary of the Yorkshire Association laid their ideas (for amalgamation) before the meeting, the suggestion being that the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association should be cut into two, one part to be called the North-East Division and the other to be called the Cleveland Division.

The Cleveland men offered strong objection to the present proposals, and no resolution was passed.

The report added that the Yorkshire Association's representatives were asked to give the proposed dividing line between the N.E. and the Cleveland Division, and when that was done the Cleveland Association would further consider the matter.

At a meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association on April 1st, it was unanimously decided that no further steps be taken to bring about amalgamation with the Yorkshire and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, but that the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association continue to work with the Cleveland Association in the spirit of friendship and goodwill which is so evident amongst its members, and to the best of their ability to further the art of change ringing in this Northern area.

Our reference on May 19th was as follows: 'The Yorkshire Association . . . made overtures for the absorption of the Cleveland Association. This proposal was rejected by the latter, and, only a few months ago, a resolution was passed at a meeting of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association to drop the amalgamation scheme and continue as friendly rivals in the promotion of the art of change ringing.'—Ed. 'R.W.'

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A resolution of which Mr. J. H. Banks (Lancashire Association) had sent late notice, was formally moved by Canon Elsee to the effect that in future no method be named after a county or county town without the consent of the principal ringing association within the area.

The motion, however, did not find favour, and was defeated.

Several places were proposed for next year's meeting, and Salisbury was eventually chosen.

On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, it was resolved to communicate officially a report of the proceedings of the Council to the affiliated associations, by sending to each a reprint of the summary appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

It was also resolved that the Roll of Honour of fallen ringers should be suitably inscribed and deposited in the library.

The last two resolutions were put forward upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

Votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and to the Chairman terminated the business.

The members afterwards inspected the Cathedral under the guidance of the Dean.

A collection during the day, in aid of the Cathedral Restoration Fund, realised nine guineas.

In the evening the visitors were the guests at tea of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and later indulged in ringing on various peals of bells in the city.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association was held at Olveston on Saturday, May 20th, about 50 members being present from Berkeley, Iron Acton, Henbury, Stoke Bishop, Mangotsfield, Slouchcombe, Almousbury, Dursley, Thornbury, Stone, Bristol and Weymouth. Several touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung before service, which was well attended, and at which the Rev. R. A. Whitford officiated.

An excellent tea followed, arrangements having been made by Mr. and Mrs. G. White.—The Master, in a few well-chosen words, moved a vote of deepest sympathy to Mr. Jesse Tyler in the sad loss of his wife, who was well known among ringers.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. K. Howell) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Fisher for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. R. A. Whitford for kindly taking the service at short notice.—A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. and Mrs. White and friends for very kindly arranging tea.

Mr. R. A. Pitcher read a letter from the Rev. Canon Fisher, wishing the members a very successful meeting, and expressing his regret at not being with them.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis Weymouth, extended the good wishes of the Salisbury Guild to the meeting, and the sentiments were reciprocated. Mr. Jennings, who is at present a patient at the Aston Court Hospital, near Bristol, being asked to convey them to his Guild.

The bells were again set going, and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich was rung.

## MR. REUBEN SANDERS' 400 PEALS.

With a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Southwark Cathedral, on May 13th, Mr. Reuben Sanders reached his 400th peal.

Stedman Triples	57
Stedman Caters	49
Stedman Cinques	38
Bristol Surprise Major	51
London Surprise	33
Superlative Surprise	45
Cambridge Surprise Major	28
Cambridge Surprise Royal	32
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	7
Treble Bob Major	14
Treble Bob Royal	7
Treble Bob Maximus	5
Grandsire Triples	16
Grandsire Caters	1
Double Norwich Major	5
Bob Major	4
Norfolk Surprise Major	3
Bob Minor	3
Grandsire Doubles	2
Total	400

## MR. R. J. DAWE'S 350 PEALS.

A recent peal of Stedman Caters at Lewes, by the Sussex County Association, was the 350th peal rung by Mr. R. J. Dawe, a list of which is appended:—

Grandsire Doubles	1
Grandsire Triples	55
Grandsire Caters	17
Bob Minor	2
Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	36
Bob Royal	8
Stedman Triples	59
Stedman Caters	19
Double Norwich Major	25
Double Norwich Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	28
Kent Treble Bob Royal	9
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Oxford Surprise Major	2
Gloucester Surprise Major	1
Westminster Surprise Major	3
Norfolk Surprise Major	2
New Cumberland Major	4
Superlative Surprise Major	31
Cambridge Surprise Major	16
Cambridge Royal	1
Bristol Surprise Major	3
London Surprise Major	21
Total	350



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**CHISLEHURST.**—On Whit Sunday, June 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: T. Phillips 1, J. Ford 2, P. Brett-Smith 3, T. Brett-Smith 4, R. S. Goodchild 5, R. Brett-Smith 6, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 7, F. Groombridge 8.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung for 7 a.m. service on Whit Sunday, by the following: C. O. Grieves 1, Miss Jukes 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mrs. Harvey 4, A. Gale 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, Miss Orchard 8.

**BALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, May 28th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, A. H. Fulwell (first quarter on an inside bell) 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. M. Stacey 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

**TRING.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 21st, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Bull 1, F. J. Reeve 2, F. Kean 3, F. O. Reeve 4, F. Waterton 5, O. Bayes 6, H. Heley 7, N. Brackley 8.

**CROSTHWATE CHURCH, KESWICK.**—For evening service, on May 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss C. Grisdale 1, F. Grisdale 2, Mrs. T. Wilson 3, Fred Hogarth 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Hogarth (conductor), 7 and 8 covering) 6. First 720 in method for ringers 1 and 3, and first attempt.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Sunday, May 7th, for evensong, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Scott, senr., 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the tenor man.

**LONDON.**—At St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Sunday, May 7th, for evensong, in 48 minutes, a quarter of Parker's 12 part peal of Grandsire Triples: \*Miss Chapman 1, Miss Hardcastle 2, Miss Orr 3, W. H. Joiner 4, J. S. Higgins 5, A. T. Smalley 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, Rev. J. H. Ensor 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**GREAT CHART, KENT.**—On Sunday, May 7th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, by J. Skinner 1, H. Wollard 2, P. S. Macey (conductor) 3, J. Rose 4, H. Parkes 5, A. Bowell 6.

**WEST HAM.**—At All Saints', on May 7th, for morning service, 575 Grandsire Caters: J. Waghorn, senr., 1, A. J. Neale 2, J. Scoles 3, G. Hayden 4, A. Prior (conductor) 5, W. J. G. Brown (Laxfield, Suffolk) 6, E. D. Smith 7, A. Baynes 8, F. C. Newman 9, J. Moule 10. Composed by J. George, and taken from 'The Ringing World.'

**PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.**—For evening service at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Lindoff (conductor) 1, G. E. Turner 2, S. Wood 3, J. Winterbottom 4, A. E. Pegler 5, S. Greenhalgh 6, H. Chapman 7, H. Greenhalgh 8.

**WATH-ON-DEARNE.**—For evening service, on Sunday, April 30th, a date touch (1,922 changes) of Treble Bob Minor, consisting of 432 Oxford, 720 each of London Scholars Pleasure and Ravstone Delight, in 1 hour 7 minutes, by the following ringers: Wm. Bramham 1, A. Panther (conductor) 2, J. W. Champion 3, H. Chamberlin 4, A. Gill 5, O. Walsh 6.

**GIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by J. W. Wilkins: F. J. Lewis 1, A. Parsons 2, W. Hayward 3, H. Lewis 4, W. G. Cook (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.—On Sunday, May 7, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. C. Cuss 4, J. Butler 5, S. R. Hicks 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. Hayward 8.

**SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1,275 changes, (taken from J. W. Washbrook's alternate tittums and handstroke home position peal), in 50 mins.: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, N. A. Tomlinson 2, G. Bester 3, W. Pickworth 4, J. E. Miller 5, W. H. Nash 6, H. Miller 7, J. T. Kentish 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, A. G. Crane 10. Arranged for Messrs. Nash and Kentish, of North Mymms, and Hatfield, respectively. It was Mr. Nash's first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Heley 1, F. Ramsey 2, Canon Baker 3, A. G. Matthews 4, F. Baldock 5, A. King 6, J. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman 8. First touch of Double Norwich by the ringers of 2, 4, 5.

**COLCHESTER (St. Peter's).**—For evening service, on St. George's Day, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: F. L. Bumpstead 1, H. T. Pye 2, W. J. Schofield 3, R. W. Stannard (conductor) 4, H. Evers 5, G. Rashbrook 6, W. Chalk 7, C. Lloyd (longest length) 8.

**COTGRAVE.**—On Sunday, April 23rd (St. George's Day), for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor: George Allhones 1, W. E. White 2, W. White 3, D. Burton 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, T. Squires 6. The first 720 in any method by the ringer of the treble.

**BARLEY, HERTS.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 College Single and 180

of Plain Bob): A. Howard 1, W. Mansfield 2, W. Sermons 3, W. Tack 4, H. Howard 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 23rd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hayes 1, A. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, H. Howard (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: N. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, W. Tack 3, H. Howard 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Sermons 1, H. Howard 2, A. Howard 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 College Single: F. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, W. Tack 3, H. Howard 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

**DUNSTABLE.**—Bedfordshire Association.—On Easter Day, for evensong, at the Priory Church, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, Canon W. W. C. Baker 2, F. Ramsey 3, G. Heley 4, F. Baldock 5, C. E. King 6, J. B. Marks 7, C. T. King 8. First quarter of Stedman by all except the ringer of 1 and 2. Also first quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

**KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.**—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 1,302 Grandsire Triples, being the first three parts of Parker's 12-part, in 45 mins.: A. E. Dollimore 1, L. A. Walker 2, J. W. Lane 3, A. E. Weedon 4, A. J. Rogers 5, R. S. Cook (conductor) 6, A. H. Hill 7, J. Hayward 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At Llandaff Cathedral, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Carter's 12-part): J. Bailey 1, J. Pitcher 2, W. Biss (conductor) 3, F. Bailey 4, T. Wood 5, J. Aldridge 6, C. O. Hobbs 7, A. Rowley 8.

**HAVANT, HANTS.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Faith's Church, 1,280 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. E. Snell 1, J. D. Harris 2, L. C. Best 3, E. Hedger 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, W. Tate 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, M. Marshall 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

**YATELEY, HANTS.**—On Easter Sunday, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Goodall 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, G. Butler (conductor) 4, H. Tice 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. J. Riddell 7, H. Benham 8.

**SAFFRON WALDEN.**—On Easter Day, for service 912 Stedman Cinques: A. E. Pitstow 1, E. A. Pitstow 2, A. F. Jance 3, L. E. Pitstow 4, R. A. Strong 5, H. Pitstow 6, G. Sparrow 7, F. J. Pitstow 8, F. Housden 9, J. F. Penning 10, F. Dench (conductor) 11, W. Parish 12. Also 378, conducted by A. E. Pitstow.

**BEACONSFIELD.**—On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: Gladys E. Bateman 1, H. Wingrove 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, J. H. Batting 4, R. Buckland 5, C. C. Mayne 6, R. H. Young 7, W. Turner 8.—On Sunday May 28th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: F. W. Buckland 1, H. Wingrove 2, Gladys E. Bateman 3, A. D. Barker (conductor) 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. H. Batting 6, J. Blackmore 7, R. Buckland 8.

**ACTON.**—St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: \*E. Easton 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, S. D. Breeze (first inside) 4, Robt. Fardon (first in method as conductor) 5, \*R. W. Coulson 6, Robt. Holloway 7, \*Capt. J. R. Mackman 8. \* First quarter in method.

**BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.**—For evening service, on April 30th, at the Church of St. James, 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 24 mins., first 720 by the local band in method: R. F. Reese 1, G. Ashby 2, Morris 3, H. Kirk 4, W. Sturman (conductor) 5, P. Hibbard 6.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. DURHAM.**—On Sunday, April 30th, for morning service, 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss A. Donnell 1, J. Anderson 2, W. F. Pattison 3, J. Selkirk 4, W. Brown 5, G. A. Ward (conductor) 6, F. Sheraton 7, G. Siddle 8.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. A. Ward 1, Miss A. Donnell (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, J. Anderson 3, J. Selkirk 4, W. Brown 5, F. Sheraton (conductor) 6.

**STRATTON ST. MARGARET'S, WILTS.**—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Woodroffe 1, Miss E. Moulden 2, T. Moulden 3, J. Tuckwell 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, W. G. Lancaster 6. First in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

**KIDDERMINSTER.**—On Sunday, April 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): N. Davies 1, G. Davies 2, T. J. Salter 3, E. J. Brooks 4, J. Woodberry 5, J. Davies 6, J. George (composer and conductor) 7, C. H. Woodberry 8.

**HARWICH, ESSEX.**—Essex Association.—On Sunday, April 23rd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,008 Bob Major: J. Alderton 1, A. T. Morris 2, T. Bernards 3, A. Alderton 4, G. Thompson 5, B. Elmer 6, G. Taylor (conductor) 7, C. Ellis 8.

**DUNSTABLE.**—On Sunday, April 23rd, for evening service, 560 Bob Major: P. Ward 1, F. Baldock 2, F. Ramsey 3, G. E. King 4, G. Heley 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6, E. Harris 7, J. B. Marks 8. Also three leads of Kent Treble Bob.—Recently, for practice, 560



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****VISIT TO HISTORIC GREAT BEDWYN.**

On Saturday, May 20th, the Marlborough Branch of the above Guild held a meeting at Gt. Bedwyn, an historical but somewhat inaccessible village on the eastern borders of the county of Wilts. Although the former glory of the place has vanished—it was an ancient borough and the scene of many events of national interest—the situation is beautiful, and there are many fine old houses to attract visitors. Wulfhall was the seat of the Seymours and Henry VIII. married Lady Jane Seymour here in 1536. The King visited Wulfhall again in 1539 with his entire Court, so that there have been some stirring scenes in this old-world village.

The Church of St. Mary is a fine cruciform building of the late Norman period, and contains some interesting monuments notably to Sir Adam de Stokke and Sir John Seymour, the father of Lady Jane Seymour. But the bells were the attraction that lured the members of the Guild to this well favoured spot, as their reputation had long been known, but it has been a difficult matter to arrange a meeting there for various reasons. However, on this occasion the difficulties had been overcome, and 16 ringers assembled, the bells being kept going for many hours.

The bells, which go well, were restored by Mr. Thos. Blackburn many years ago, and are well worth a visit, as they form such a grand and historical ring. The first four were cast by Henry Knight in 1671, the glorious fifth by Perdue in 1656, and the noble tenor by Wallis in 1623, the diameter being 52 in., and the reputed weight 28 cwt., the probable weight being 23 to 25 cwt. Altogether they are an harmonious and fine toned peal with the fifth excelling. Larks, the authority on Wiltshire bells, says that for liveliness and clearness of tone they are not to be surpassed by any, and we quite agree.

Several six-courses of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were accomplished, and a 720 of Bob Minor attempted, but lost in the last part through a shift course.

E. B.

**DEVON GUILD.****PROPAGANDA WORK SUCCEEDING.**

A ringing festival of the Devonshire Guild (Exeter Branch) was held at Otterton on Saturday, May 20th. The proceedings commenced with a hearty service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi (Vicar). Tea and meeting were subsequently held on the lawn at the Vicarage, amongst those present being Mr. E. Shepherd, chairman of the branch; Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, Rev. J. B. Ball, of Littleham, and 52 members from Ottery St. Mary, Withercombe Raleigh, Littleham, Collaton Raleigh, Topham, Christow, Otterton and Exeter.

Letters were read from the President of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) and the district hon. secretary (Mr. N. J. Southwood), both regretting their inability to be present.

Seventeen new members were elected, including the Rev. Canon Boles, Newton St. Cyres; the Rev. F. Knight, Upton Pyne, and the Vicar of Withercombe Raleigh.

The Chairman ably outlined the objects of the meeting, and said that it was held principally for propaganda work, in the hope that it would be the means of spreading the art of change ringing. It was very gratifying to be able to say that the art was being taken up in the country districts with much enthusiasm.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Otterton for conducting the service and the incumbents for the use of the bells, were carried unanimously.

Some very good touches were rung on the bells at Otterton, East Budleigh and Collaton Raleigh.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary Cray, on May 6th. Some very good ringing was done in Doubles and Minor Methods up to Cambridge Surprise. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar), who also gave an address.

The members then adjourned to tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and fully enjoyed by the 24 present. Tea over, the hand-bells were produced, and a course of Grandsire Caters and one of Cinques were rung, the latter by fathers and their sons.

The business meeting followed.—The Vicar, who presided, gave the association a hearty welcome. On their last visit he said, the St. Mary Cray ringers did not belong to the association, now they had a good band all of whom were members.

Four new members were elected, and Eynsford was selected for the meeting in July.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, for his hospitality, and for presiding; also to the organist for his assistance at the service. The tower was afterwards again visited, and a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob, non-conducted, was rung.

**NOTICES.**

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**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

**ARUNDEL.**—Combined practice, Saturday, June 10th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. Clement Danes, June 12th and 26th. Wilton Road, June 19th, 7 p.m. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Near Slough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 22nd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th; \*St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m.; service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Hall (1/3 per head), followed by the business meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—Geo. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Long Ashton, near Bristol, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 4.30, followed by a short meeting. All members and friends are invited to Evensong at 6 o'clock.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset St., Kingsdown, Bristol.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Collingtree, on Saturday, June 10th.—Sidney J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

**NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Halesworth District.—A meeting will be held at Whenbaston on June 10th. Tea will be provided. Those who wish to be present please notify the Secretary, Mr. Walter Kerrison, of Wissett, or Mr. Geo. Easter, of Whenbaston. The bells will open at 2 o'clock. The bells of Bramfield Town will also be available.—W. Kerrison, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Henley District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Stretton on Saturday, June 10th, at 2 p.m. Bells at Holbrook also available.—Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, Dist. Sec., Henley Vicarage.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The Spring meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The Monthly practice has been arranged to take place at Harpenden Tower on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Guilsborough District.—The Annual meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, June 17th. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than June 10th.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 17th, by permission of the Vicar. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea for all ringers and their friends if notified by June 12th, for 5/15, at a reasonable charge, and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Colne Parish Church on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A special invitation is given to all ringers to attend this meeting to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Colne Parish Church.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weekley on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Gentlemen heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than 14th.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Kettering.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, 17th June. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than 13th June.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kebworth on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at reasonable charge to all who inform F. Staniforth, Fleckney Road, Kebworth.—H. E. Norman, Sec.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The Monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who apply before the 13th to Mr. T. Richardson, Monk Bretton, nr. Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Newbury Branch) will hold their summer meeting at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 17th. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Will intending visitors kindly notify the Hon. Sec., Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1/6 each) at 5.30 to those who notify Mr. W. H. Dale, Westgate, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by Wednesday, June 14th. The annual report will be on sale, and members are reminded that subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The Quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Skipton on June 17th, when the bells will be available all day for ringing. Tea will be at Dunford's Cafe, 9, Otley Street, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1/6 each to all who notify Mr. W. Billows, 8, Granville Street, Skipton, not later than first post Tuesday, June 13th. Full particulars on circular.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dist. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Bradford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage, near Buxton, on Saturday, June 17th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, at 6 p.m. Business meeting and ringing to follow. Will all requiring tea advise me by the 13th (latest)? All are welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The president and Mrs. Back extend a hearty invitation to all members of the Guild to visit Berkswell on Saturday, June 17th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will all members who intend making the journey kindly let me know by June 14th in order that Mrs. Back may know the number to provide for? — A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be at Appledore on Saturday, June 17th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, June 17th. Tower open from 2.30, tea at 5 o'clock. All those who intend being present kindly advise me not later than the 14th.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—By kind permission of the Dean the next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripon on June 17th. Bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 11 a.m. to 4.45 p.m., and after tea till 9 p.m. The peal of 8 at Ebnar, about a mile from Ripon Station, will be available for ringing all day. Service at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rev. C. M. Owens, Dean of Ripon. Tea at Wright's Cafe, 2s. 6d. per head. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Tingle, 31, North Street, Ripon, without fail not later than Wednesday, June 14th? The headquarters for the day will be the Cathedral Hall, where a committee meeting will be held at 4 o'clock. The secretary extends a hearty invitation to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Please notify branch secretary by June 12th.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Finchley on Thursday, June 22nd. Bells available from 7 to 9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Framlingham District.—A Practice meeting will be held at Worlingworth (8), Bedfield (6), and Earl Soham (6), June 24th. Bells available 3—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—V. E. Kerridge, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedwas on Saturday, June 24th (bells 6). Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS** (Estab. 1623).—The 299th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Tuesday, June 27th. Bells are open all day, commencing at 9 a.m. Short service at 1 o'clock in the church. All ringers are cordially invited.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Hersham, Surrey, on Saturday, 8th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5 p.m.—W. A. Woodrow, Rydens Grove, Hersham (for Hon. Sec., Geo. Miles).

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. William Pye has removed to 74, Cecil Road, Leytonstone, E.11.

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