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Spliced methods have added a good deal of interest to ringing for those who have taken up this advanced practice. It has not yet been very generally adopted, but those enterprising bands who have by this means added the spice of variety—and intricacy—to their ringing, have found it a fascinating pastime. Hitherto, however, spliced method ringing has been largely confined to Minor, chiefly because investigation has been among the six-bell methods. It is true that spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major is now rung fairly frequently, and that one or two peals have been rung in which Plain Bob, Double Bob and Little Bob have been united, but these, we believe, are the limits which have been reached outside the scope of Minor.

Mr. Joseph W. Parker's article in our last issue, however, is an entirely new departure, and is, as far as we are aware, the first successful attempt to unite odd bell methods, which from their nature are extremely difficult to treat in this manner. Mr. Parker's 'discoveries'—as he prefers to term them—open up a new vista of progress in the science. Even a casual glance at the diagrams which we printed reveals what a marked advance has been achieved beyond the customary 'rut,' and we learn that combinations of Stedman and Erin, or Erin and Quick-six, provide 'an unlimited number of remarkable extents of Triples.' These composite Triples provide a new outlet for the enterprise of ringers who are capable of ringing Stedman, and will also prove a test for the capacity of the best among the Exercise. If there is any drawback to the methods which Mr. Parker published with his article, it is in the length of their course, but we doubt if this is really worth consideration; for they do not reach quite to the length of a course of Treble Bob Major.

We believe there are a considerable number of Stedman ringers who will welcome the development which Mr. Parker has introduced to the Exercise, and who will be glad to break into the new ground which he has provided. And in commending this new form of odd-bell ringing to the study of our readers, we cannot conclude without a reference to the genius of the man who has brought this thing within the realm of 'practical politics.' In his modesty Mr. Parker claims no credit for the interesting work which these composite methods contain. It may be literally true that Mr. Parker only 'discovered' the combinations which he has constructed into true peals, but the patient and persevering investigation which must have been necessary before a perfect 5040 of Triples was

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obtained is only equalled by the skill with which order and symmetry have been evolved out of what to the ordinary man would have appeared utter chaos. It may be that the Exercise will not quickly take to this new development in odd bell ringing, although we believe it will make an appeal to those enterprising spirits who, in the past, have been restricted by the limitations which bound them, but whether Composite Triples is rung or not, ringers with an understanding of the difficulties involved in the task, will acknowledge the skill which the 'discoverer' has shown in reaching 'a new land.'

TEN BELL PEALS.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM NEWTON, SEN. ... Treble	* THOMAS HENCHER ... 6
* WILLIAM L. NEWTON ... 2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
JAMES W. NEWTON, JUN. ... 3	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 8
ALFRED E. BACON ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... 9
REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Three generations of the Newton family took part in the peal. Mr. W. Newton, the grandfather, has been connected with the church and belfry for over 50 years. The ringers congratulate them upon this event, and hope the family may have the pleasure of continuing their connection with the church and belfry for many years to come.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE ... Treble	WILLIAM HUNTER ... 6
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	FREDERICK WADE ... 7
* WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 3	† JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 8
FREDERICK TYLER ... 4	GEORGE TREW ... 9
GILBERT PEARCE ... 5	ISAAC LONG ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal, † First of Royal. This peal was arranged as a wedding and birthday compliment to R. Marsh and T. James respectively. Difficulties prevented a peal being rung at Mangotsfield, where they both belong, on that day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	* ALFRED G. HILL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	HERBERT E. ADELEY ... 7
* FREDERICK A. COLBY ... 4	COL. SGT. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	HARRY GOODWIN ... 5
HARRY BAKER ... 2	* FRANK TERRY ... 6
GEORGE BELL ... 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... 7
GEORGE NEWMAN ... 4	LEWIS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major.

STAND, WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK BERRY Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
FRED GRUNDY 3	MARK MORRIS 7
GEORGE H. SHUKER 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

M. Morris was elected a member of the Lancashire Association before starting, and thanks are due to him for standing in, when the band had met short for Kent Treble Bob Major.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, BROOKFIELD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	ROBERT DAVIES 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
FREDERICK PAGE 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
HARRY CHAPMAN 4	THOMAS JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
*THOMAS BUTLER 2	*THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	*LEWIS J. EVANS 7
JOHN HAYES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
*ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
*GEORGE BAILEY 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Guildford Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to Agnes M. Bailey, daughter of the conductor.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY GREENWOOD Treble	*WILLIAM HORAN 5
MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 2	*FRANK FIELDEN 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
JOHN NASH 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells by lady ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer upon attaining his 50th birthday, also rung on the wedding anniversaries of the ringers of the 4th and 6th. The band desire to tender their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. Greenwood for their hospitality after the peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to Cross Stone, the 7th and tenor to Todmorden Parish Church, and the rest to the local band.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINUS.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
HERBERT E. AUDESLEY ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal in the method by all the band, except the ringers of 5th and 8th.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER FARROW Treble	BEN. S. THOMPSON 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	†FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
JAMES FLEETY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and Miss Saunders, eldest daughter of the tenor ringer.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
HARRY BAKER 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 3	*TRAYTON BOOTH 7
†FRANK PATTENDEN 4	WILLIAM H. HOAD Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † Elected a non-resident life member. Mr. W. H. Hoad has now rung all the bells in the tower to a peal. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and after a Confirmation service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
SIDNEY HILLIER 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
HORACE TAYLOR 4	FRED HAYES Tenor

Conducted by W. FARLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master David Hanbury-Tracey, grandson of the donor of the bells. The ringers were entertained to tea at the Castle Hotel, after the peal, by the kindness of General Palmer.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD CONHEAD Treble	JOHN BOOTH... .. 5
FRED RIGBY 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
† FRED BLACKLIDGE 4	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Booth.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK 5
FRANK A. TURNER 2	LAURENCE POULSON 6
FREDERICK L. LEES 3	FREDERICK A. POULSON 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
First peal in the method by the 3rd and 6th ringers.

STAFFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. Treble	† WILLIAM G. CURTIS... .. 5
JOHN WARRLOW 2	JAMES L. HAYWARD... .. 6
* JOSEPH L. STANIER 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER 4	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy and respect to the late Mr. Frank James, of Penkridge, the Staffordshire centenarian; also the Rev. W. E. O. Stevens, Vicar of Marsden, Stafford, who was accidentally killed by a motor.

NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE LAW Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 5
GEORGE J. WINTER 2	JOHN C. ACOCK 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	JOHN HOPE... .. 7
* WILLIAM CLAYTON 4	† WALTER PEACHEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Ringers of 4th and 6th are local men.

SOWTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(JUBILEE PEAL.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	FRED HUCKEY 5
* WILLIAM REEKS 2	WILLIAM HOWE... .. 6
JOHN OKE 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
* ROBERT STAMP 4	* CHARLES SANDFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.
* First peal. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 6th are from Exeter, 5th from Ottery St. Mary, the rest belong to the local band. On the completion of the peal the Rector congratulated the ringers and entertained them to tea. Rung on the 4th anniversary of the induction of the Rector.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.
ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

BRO. ARTHUR JACKSON Kirkdale Lodge	No. 1756 Treble
BRO. GEORGE HUNT Dominion Lodge	No. 4289 2
BRO. CLAUDE I. DAVIES Lancastrian Lodge	No. 3631 3
BRO. JOHN R. TAYLOR Coppull Lodge	No. 4232 4
BRO. JAMES R. GRIFFIN Emulation Lodge	No. 1505 5
BRO. WILLIAM TAYLOR Coppull Lodge	No. 4232 6
BRO. JOHN WILKINSON Mariners Lodge	No. 249 7
BRO. JOSEPH E. SYKES Kilwinning Lodge	No. 5 Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.
Rung to welcome Dr. David as Bishop of Liverpool.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

* FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... .. Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
CHARLES WATERMAN 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
JOHN BURLS 3	GEORGE MORRAD 7
† JOSEPH BARRETT 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRED M. MITCHELL.
* First peal of Major, and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Mitchell. The ringer of the 4th was elected a non-resident life member of the above association before starting for the peal.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

* THOMAS W. GRICE Treble	HARRY N. WAY... .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN... .. 2	JAMES W. LEONARD... .. 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GEORGE POUND 4	* WILLIAM J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

* CYRIL WINWOOD Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
† SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3	† ALFRED ROWLEY 7
REUBEN HALL 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. † 99th peal.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	* CHARLES H. WEBB 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRINS 4	* SAMUEL COE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (No. 6).
Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Canon James to the village after an absence of 47 years.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, March 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;Tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	ROBERT A. FARDON ... 5
HENRY A. FOLKARD ... 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 6
*J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 7
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Major.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 30, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Treble	WALTER RUFFLES ... 5
*EDWARD G. GRINDALL ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4
JOHN BURLS ... 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... 5
HARRY ARGENT ... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all, and on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. John H. Cheesman has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., president of the band.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES NUNN ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSE ... 4
EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD ... 5
ALPHAUS BERRY ... 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Nunn on his 70th birthday. It was the 100th peal upon the six bells.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR,

Consisting of three 720's College Single, and four 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JIM HURREL ... Treble	RALPH BEARD ... 4
FRANK GORRINGE ... 2	*EDMUND CROWTHER ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT-SMITH.

Rung on the occasion of the Induction of the Rev. Ernest Cannon, M.A., by the Bishop of Rochester and Archdeacon Tait, which took place on the previous day. * First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

*LEONARD WILLIAMS ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 2	*EDWARD FROSSELL ... 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

DAVID READ ... Treble	FRANK RUFFLES ... 4
WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 2	PERCY POTTER ... 5
WALTER RUFFLES ... 3	HARRY HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Double Court and Single Court.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY ... Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... 4
REGINALD S. OLDBAM ... 2	JOSEPH LONDON ... 5
WILLIAM NEAL ... 3	GEORGE H. WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. L. F. Pigott. * First peal in seven methods by ringers of the 2nd. Also his first extents of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6.	Tenor G 18.
R. ALDER GOFTON ... 1-2	THOMAS GOFTON ... 5-6
JOSEPH GOFTON ... 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGIATE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	*GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. Umpire: EDWARD WHITEHEAD.
* First of Triples 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes, 1

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor, size 18 in G.
JOHN FOSTER ... 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4	GEORGE FETTER ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the North Farm,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor G 18.

JAMES E. GOFTON ... 1-2 | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5-6
 JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 3-4 | R. ALDER GOFTON ... 7-8
 RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Gofton.

PUDSEY SURPRISE.

METHOD PRACTISED AT LEICESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of Pudsey Surprise Major rung at Bolsover on March 15th, we rang several touches of Major and two courses of Royal in this method at St. Martin's, Leicester, in 1921, and for want of a name we called it 'Loughborough,' but dropped it in preference to Princess Mary. Mr. J. Carter ultimately published it in 1922, I think, in 'The Ringing World.' Although we do not wish to claim authorship ourselves, who were undoubtedly the first to ring it, we do claim that the one who first published the method has the right to claim it as his. Therefore, this method should have been published as belonging to Mr. Carter. We also hold that the company who rang the first 5,000 of it have the right to name it as they wish, in spite of the fact that it had been rung three years ago as Loughborough, but unfortunately we never published it. The fact of its having accidentally turned out to be the reverse of Yorkshire does not alter the case at all.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Arthur Craven will kindly look in 'The Ringing World' of December 28th, 1919, he will see Pudsey Surprise, No. 23.

I may add that I composed some peals to be rung in Birmingham at that time.—Yours truly,

JOHN CARTER.

5274 STEDMAN CATERS.

By E. HIMS.

A composition of Stedman Caters off the beaten track is the following:—

231456	4	15	16
456123*			
432561	—	—	S
436251	—	—	
425361	—	—	
426531	—	—	
453261	—	—	
456321	—	—	
412365	—	—	
416235	—	—	
423165	—	—	
426315	—	—	
451362	—	—	
456132	—	—	
413562	—	—	
416352	—	—	
435162	—	—	
436512	—	—	
421563	—	—	
426153	—	—	
415263	—	—	
416523	—	—	
452163	—	—	
456213	—	—	
431265	—	—	
436125	—	—	

Last 24 courses repeated, adding calls in last course, 14, S17, 20, 21. Contains 4, 6, 8, 10 in the middle, and 6th behind the 9th every alternate course in the titmums throughout.

* Produced by S4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLASHING OF DIVISIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at East Grinstead on Saturday week. The tower was opened at 2.30, when over forty were present, and, after a brief inspection of the bells and tower, ringing commenced. At 4.15 the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Youard) entered the ringing chamber to dedicate a tablet placed on the wall to record the ringing of a peal of

Grandsire Triples on November 10th, 1923, being the first peal rung on the bells by the local branch since 1843. The following is the inscription:—

'This stone commemorates the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band on November 10th, 1923, in 3 hrs. 25 mins.: T. M. Potter 1, G. Hewitt 2, H. Coomber 3, J. Wren 4, G. F. Tizzard 5, N. E. Hope 6, T. Tullett 7, S. W. Chesson 8. Conducted by Jos. Wren, W. W. Youard, Vicar. Previous peal by local band, December 21st, 1843.'

Afterwards the Vicar conducted a short service in church, and gave a very interesting address, a collection being taken for the benevolent fund.

The company then proceeded to tea, which had been provided in a very generous manner, and at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being in the chair. The following new members were elected: H. Burton, S. Ford, E. Piper and O. Wood (Seaford); C. Stephenson (Cuckfield); P. Dadsweil (Buxted); H. J. Stoner (Balcombe), and E. J. Oliver (Coleman's Hatch). B. Collison (Tunbridge Wells) and G. Tomsett (Guildford) were also elected non-resident members.

The election of the following was confirmed: G. Faulkner (Barking, Essex), Cyril Pease (Chelmsford), W. J. Kemp (Clifton), J. E. Davis (Walworth), F. M. Mitchell (Gravesend), W. Richardson (Long Eaton, Derbyshire), A. E. Sharman (Dunstable, Beds), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex), C. C. Mayne (Boaconsfield, Bucks), W. Mead (Clun, Salop), J. C. Truss (Marlow, Bucks). All these visited the county last autumn, and it is hoped they have pleasant memories of the time spent in Sussex.

The divisional hon. secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) and committee of advice were re-elected, and Messrs. O. Sippotts (Crawley), J. A. Hart (Cuckfield) and J. Wren (East Grinstead) were elected as the representatives of the division on the general committee.

The secretary then made a brief statement as to the work of the division, which received the approval of the members. The work of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at East Grinstead has given every satisfaction to the local branch, and to those who attended this meeting. The secretary of the Seaford branch sent the following report on the work carried out there by the same firm: 'Everything has been done most satisfactorily up to the present. The bells were recast, and 7 cwt. of metal added, making the tenor 13½ cwt. The bells are hung with iron heddstocks and self-aligning ball bearings in a splendid oak frame. . . . The 'go' of the bells is splendid, and in the key of F are very musical.'

The next meeting of the division will be held at this tower.

Attention was next called to the fact that this meeting and that of the Western Division had been fixed for the same day, and, after very outspoken criticism, the following resolution was passed: 'That this meeting strongly recommends the association to revert to the original pre-war plan of drawing up a programme of meetings for the year, in a businesslike manner, to prevent clashing.'

It was then proposed by the Master, and seconded by Mr. E. C. Merritt, 'that the secretary inscribe on the minutes a recognition of the loss sustained by the association in general, and the Central Division in particular, by the death of Mr. A. D. Mills, for over 20 years captain of the Crawley branch, and of Mr. F. Hounsell, who combined the offices of captain and secretary during the greater part of the last 40 years at Cuckfield. This being agreed to, the meeting closed, after the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address at the service, and for his kindness in providing tea.

The belfry was again visited until 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol being rung.

The towers represented were: Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, East Grinstead, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint and Lindfield. Messrs. White, Green and Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, was also present, as was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon.

All the local arrangements for this meeting were most satisfactorily carried out by the East Grinstead branch, to whom thanks are tendered. Further meetings of the Division will be held as follows: Seaford (June), Balcombe (August), and Hurstpierpoint (October).

WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of this division was held at Horsham on Saturday, March 22nd, 26 members and friends being present from the following towers: Billingshurst, Pulborough, Slinfold, Heene, West Tarring, Kirdford, Guildford, Shere, Warnham, Warminglid and Portsmouth, as well as members of the local band.

The standard methods were practised till five o'clock, when 'high tea' was partaken of at the Queen's Head Hotel.

At the business meeting, with Major Hughes D'Aeth presiding, the following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Sapp, E. Sapp, and F. Ford, of Kirdford; W. S. Ayling, Pulborough; L. Borer, West Tarring; S. Paice, Horsham; Wm. Hooper, Warnham; P. Wood, W. J. Wicks, Wm. Stemp, C. Cheal, J. Feist, F. Skinner, and T. Newman, of Billingshurst.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Mr. A. W. Groves, divisional secretary; Messrs. Deick, Lindup and Challen,

representatives on the general committee; Messrs. Charman, Burdfield and Burtenshaw, committees of advice.

Felpham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Major Hughes D'Aeth for presiding; to the Vicar of Horsham for granting the use of the bells; and to Mr. S. Paice for making the necessary arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

VARIETY IN RINGING. METHODS WORTH CONSIDERATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with pleasure I read in last week's issue the remarks of Mr. J. W. Parker, anent the lack of variety in peals of Triples. It is, I think, a matter which can well be ventilated. Undoubtedly Stedman is the 'Queen' of Triple methods, but it is not all bands who can attain to this, particularly in isolated towers, where the company have to depend almost entirely on their local and often limited resources; consequently their efforts are confined to Grandsire ringing.

I see no reason why this should be. There are other methods well worth their consideration. Oxford Bob is interesting, and not at all difficult. A choice of any of the compositions of Mr. J. Carter in the method would bring out the beauties of Union.

Court Bob Triples, with its quick working and beautiful music, is well worth ringing in any tower. I feel certain that no band who took this up would have any regrets. The many compositions of Mr. J. J. Parker in all of these methods give a wide range of choice, and no company who added them to their repertoire need be despised.

The same remarks might, in some cases, apply to Major ringing. I, for one, fully realise the difficulties an isolated company have to contend with. It is (however ambitious one may feel) almost an impossibility to attain to the higher flights, so the attention is perhaps confined to Bob Major.

May I recommend to any such a trial of College Single? They would, I am sure, find their efforts well rewarded. It is a method interesting to ring, and its musical qualities leave nothing to be desired.—Yours faithfully,

Warnham, Sussex.

WAL. CHARMAN.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, March 13th, at the Cathedral, 672 London Surprise Major: 1. Vickers 1, H. L. Pask 2, H. Marcon 3, C. McGuinness 4, G. Flintham 5, S. Wolfe 6, J. Walden 7, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 8.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

VETERAN CLERGYMAN RENEWS ACQUAINTANCE WITH BELFRY.

The first quarterly meeting for the year 1924 of the Ludlow and Church Stretton District was held at Tenbury on March 22nd, the scheduled date, March 15th, having been altered to avoid clashing with the Central Committee meeting arranged for that day at Hereford.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Winnington Ingram), the Rev. G. Sylvester conducted the Guild service, and also delivered an appropriate address. The ringers were delighted to find his enthusiasm for ringing was still very keen, for, despite the fact that he had passed the age of threescore years and ten, he ascended the steep stairway to the belfry, and rang the third up in peal, although he had not handled a bell for some 20 years. At that period he was a member of the Surrey Association.

The welcome on this occasion was equally as cordial as in December, 1922. The Vicar once again most generously provided tea. Mrs. Bernard Ashley and her daughter very kindly assisted at the tables, having previously made perfect arrangements in regard to demand and supply. Mr. Miles also favoured the Guild with his welcome service at the organ.

The business meeting was about to commence, when the Vicar unexpectedly arrived from Stourbridge, and was warmly greeted by the assembled company, amongst whom were the following: Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester, Mr. Miles, Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay (who journeyed upwards of 90 miles to attend), and the District Ringing Master (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson), together with ringers from Berrington, Bitterley, Bromfield, Ludlow, and St. Mary's, Tenbury.

The district secretary (Mr. P. Lane) read the report, and a letter from the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. G. Buchanan, of Hereford), was also read.

The Rev. Sylvester was unanimously elected as hon. member.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the day such an enjoyable one.

Practice in Grandsire and Bob Doubles was freely indulged in during the afternoon and evening, and for the service a well-struck 720 Bob Minor was rung by the following: M. W. Bott 1, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 2, P. Lane 3, Geo. Randle 4, A. R. Harrison 5, J. P. Hyett 6.

Twenty-two members managed to pack themselves into the belfry, which is a very small one.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A new peal of eight bells by Pack and Chapman, of White Chappol, London, and hung by Samuel Turner their Bellhanger,' was opened at Uppingham, Rutland, on March 25th, 1773. The opening peal (Holt's Ten Part) was rung on the bells on the same day by Nottingham ringers, conducted by William Doubleday Crofts.

Twenty-five years ago yesterday, members of the Kent County Association rang 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith, in 9 hrs. 24 mins.

The first known peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung on April 7th, 1741, by the Eastern Scholars, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London. It was a 5,600 in the Oxford Variation. Some doubt was cast upon the truth of the peal by the following satirical lines, which were given on a tablet erected to record a 5,000 in the same method rung in the following May on the same bells by the College Youths:—

'When merit's justly due, a
Little praise then serveth;
A good peal needs no frame,
A bad one none deserveth.'

Mr. Jasper Snowdon in his 'History of Treble Bob,' inclines to the opinion that the Eastern Scholars' peal was perhaps a 'bad' one rather than a false one.

The longest peal on record, the 40,320 Bob Major at Leeds, Kent, rung by thirteen men, was commenced on April 7th, 1761, and completed on April 8th.

On April 7th, 1801, a peal of 5,220 Court Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch.

April 8th is the anniversary of the 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major rung at Knebworth, Herts, in 7 hrs. 18 mins., in the year 1912, by the Hertford County Association.

During the contest in connection with the Halifax and District Association at Lowmoor on Saturday, it was stated that Mr. John Garforth, of Dewsbury, had passed away on the previous day. At the subsequent meeting a vote of condolence was passed with his family, but, happily, the rumour of his death was unfounded, although Mr. Garforth is very ill.

We notice that the Yorkshire Association is to hold a meeting at Beverley on Easter Monday. As a reminder to our readers this will provide a great chance for ringers in general to visit this historical town with its two fine old churches and two magnificent peals of ten, both by Taylor. To have a pull at both churches and then take a walk on the Westwood and listen to the bells is something to be remembered, especially if 'Great John,' the Bourdon bell, of 7 tons, is being rung at the same time as the peal at the Minster. Beverley is an ideal place for a week-end, having a good motor service to the outlying districts.

It is pleasing to record another peal by a band of Freemasons. This was rung at Garston, under the auspices of the Lancashire Association, on Saturday. The first Masons' peal was rung at St. Clement Dances by the College Youths.

Two peals in one day were a great rarity 170 years ago, but John Holt took part in a peal of 5,800 Double Bob Major and a peal of 5,040 of Bob Major at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on April 9th, 1751.

SAMUEL THURSTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with interest and pleasure that I read the article on the late Samuel Thurston, which appeared this week in 'The Ringing World.' I cannot, however, understand how it was reported that Mr. Thurston was bedridden for some time before his death. It has always been explained to me that this famous ringer died suddenly on a Sunday morning, after partaking of a heavy supper, consisting of eels, at a public-house somewhere in the neighbourhood of St. Michael at Coslany. The suddenness of Mr. Thurston's death will be understood when I state that on the morning he died a parishioner called at his house, requesting that the 'passing' bell might be rung for a relation that had died the previous night, only to be informed that Thurston was dead himself.

In your issue of 'The Ringing World,' dated 22nd May, 1914, appeared a copy of a painting which was supposed to have been of Samuel Thurston. This was, I believe, forwarded to you by Mr. G. P. Burton, both he and I are of the opinion now that this is really a painting of a Norwich musician.

I have in my possession a copy (photograph) of the painting of Thurston standing in the belfry at St. Peter Mancroft, with a rope in one hand and a MS. in the other, the latter inscribed 'The Art of Ringing Made Easy.' I am under the impression I am the only one to have such a copy in Norwich.—Yours sincerely, GEO. H. CROSS.

[There is not much doubt that Thurston died suddenly, and the statement that he was able to hear the bells by means of an ear-horn while lying bedridden would seem to be a contradiction, although this appears in the biographical details from which we took our extracts.—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE FIRST PEAL OF TREBLE TEN.

The anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Royal, which occurs next week, makes interesting two of the peal boards hung in the steeple of St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, London, where the Eastern Scholars achieved this first performance.



ST. SEPULCHRE'S CHURCH, SNOW HILL.

SOCIETY OF EASTERN SCHOLARS.

On Tuesday, April 7th, 1741, was rung in this Steeple
A Compleat Peal of Five Thousand Two Hundred
OXFORD TRIPLE BOB, 10th.

The performers:

JOSEPH DICKENSON Treble	WILLIAM ROMAN... .. 6th
JOHN SHARPE 2nd	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7th
WILLIAM SIMMS 3rd	THOMAS BENNET... .. 8th
WILLIAM LOVELL 4th	P. MAINWARING (call'd bobs) 9th
JOHN BLAKE... .. 5th	R. WINDLESBOROUGH... .. Tenor

This is the first compleat peal of 5,000 Oxford Triple Bob ten in that was ever rung, and completed in 3 hrs. 57 mins.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 30th, 1741, the above Society rang

5000 Changes of UNION BOB ROYAL

in 3 hours 46 minutes.

SAMUEL LEE Treble	JOSEPH GRIFFITHS 6th
JABEZ STEPHENSON 2nd	RICHARD SPICER 7th
JOHN DEARMOR 3rd	SAMUEL JEACOCKE 8th
WILLIAM RICHARD 4th	ROBERT MOBBS 9th
BENJAMIN ANNABLE 5th	JOHN TREVELL 10th

When merit's justly due a little praise than serveth,
A good peal needs no fame, a bad one none deserveth.

Probably the first 'ring' of bells which hung in St. Sepulchre's tower comprised six bells brought from St. Bartholomew's Priory at the Dissolution. They were cast by Thomas Bullesdon early in the sixteenth century.

There were 'ten tuneable bells, which made a pleasant harmony when rung in peal,' in the tower in the year 1708; but these appear to have been recast into the present peal of ten in 1739 by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry, and several of them were later recast at different times at Whitechapel. The ninth bears the inscription: 'Samuel Knight cast us all and Robert Catlin made the frame and hung us all, 1739.'

The tenor at this church used to be rung on the day condemned prisoners at Newgate were executed, a bequest for the purpose have been left in 1605 by one Robert Dowe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday last a meeting of the Nottingham district was held at Trowel and Stanton-by-Dale. Arrangements had been made to meet at Trowel at 2 p.m., and the Vicar (the Rev. Guest Williams) kindly allowed an hour's ringing on this unique peal of six. The bells are frightfully out of tune, but nevertheless the ringing was enjoyed by those present, if only for the novelty of hearing them. At 3 p.m. about 40 ringers and friends paid an extremely interesting visit to the Stanton Iron Works, Mr. John Branson, an official, kindly conducting the party through the various departments. The visitors were much interested in all they saw, from the large engine rooms and furnaces, where the molten iron ore was being transferred from the furnace to the sanded beds to be cast into large blocks of pig iron, to the departments where the metal was melted and cast into pipes of various sizes and lengths, and also tested to stand pressure, etc. Then the party inspected the recently added plant called the Hume Pipe Plant, from which is made a new form of concrete pipe of all sizes and lengths. The visitors spent about two hours in the works, and the tour was greatly enjoyed by all. The works are among the largest of the kind in this country.

The party then made their way to Stanton-by-Dale to the music of this musical ring of six bells, and to enjoy a bounteous tea which had been arranged for by Messrs. George and Gobey, of Ilkeston. By this time the number had increased to between 40 and 50 ringers and friends.

Mr. Albert Coppock, vice-president, presided, supported by Messrs. F. Blood (local hon. secretary), W. E. White and W. A. Janes (committee), the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston), Mrs. Coppock, Mrs. E. C. Gobey and Miss Ida Thompson, etc., and representatives from the following towers: Beeston, Bulwell, Basford, Breaston, Cotgrave, Ilkeston, Daybrook, Southwell Cathedral, Greasley, St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham. A bountiful tea had been provided by the host of the Chequers Inn, to which full justice was done, and thoroughly enjoyed, after the busy afternoon.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the vice-president.

One ringing member was elected from Greasley, and the Rev. A. P. Sharpe, of Ilkeston, as an hon. member. Mr. Sharpe is a very warm friend of the ringers.

The Vice-President proposed, and Mr. W. C. Hunt seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. J. F. George and E. C. Gobey, and Mr. Branson, for arranging the tour of the works, and for tea.—This being put to the meeting, was unanimously carried, Mr. Gobey replying.

Mr. W. E. White next proposed a vote of thanks to the two Vicars for kindly placing the towers at the service of the ringers during the afternoon and evening, and expressed regret that neither of those gentlemen was present with the party at tea.—Mr. W. Taylor seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The place of the next meeting was then discussed.—Long Eaton was proposed by Mr. Hale, and Southwell by Mr. W. White. On being put to the meeting, Southwell received 19 votes and Long Eaton five. Southwell was, therefore, selected, and the meeting will be held on May 3rd.

This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the tower, the bells being kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS. A SUGGESTED 'NOTICE OF MOTION.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is it not probable that, in their desire to ensure that something shall be done to secure a desirable change in the names of some of the Minor methods, the Leytonstone Association will confuse the issue by submitting alternative suggestions to a number of associations in order to ascertain their views? This course, it seems to me, is most likely to lead to divergent opinions, with the result that the framing of any resolution to put before the Central Council will be a most difficult matter. Moreover, there is little time, before the notice of motion must be sent in to the secretary, for ascertaining the views of others. What I should like to suggest to the Leytonstone Association, if they will not deem me impertinent for so doing, is that they should find a member of the Council—and no one could do it better than the Master of their own association, if he could find time to attend the meeting in London—who would hand in a notice of motion in the following terms: 'To call attention to the nomenclature employed in the Central Council's Collection of Minor methods, and to move a resolution.' This would ensure the subject getting on to the agenda, without for the moment committing the proposer to the terms of his ultimate motion, and would give more time to collect the views of other associations, and frame the resolution. It should not be overlooked that notice of motion has to be given before April 26th.

I should like to add that I agree with much that has been written in your columns with regard to the names given to some of these methods. I would suggest that only 'geographical' names should be applied. This would retain the counties, cities, towns, villages and lakes within the category, but get rid of such titles as those chosen from the garden. I realise the difficulties which would be met with, if the change went beyond the names bestowed by the Analysis Committee, but I do not know that these are insuperable. Some of those who object to altering the old names, have the idea that it would involve, in principle, an attack upon the ancient titles of Grandsire, Bob, Stedman, and the like. But I would submit that these names are in no way affected by the suggestion. They are in the same class as 'Treble Bob,' and it is only the prefix, which describes the variety of Treble Bob or Delight, or Exercise, that it is sought to change.

But if there is among ringers a general desire to retain old titles, a change of names given to methods prior to the Central Council's Committee's report need not be stressed. If we cannot alter the nomenclature of the past, let us, however, concentrate our attention on preventing lapses into absurdity in the present and the future.

The Analysis Committee at no time sought the opinion of ringers as to the type of name they should give to methods, and they can hardly claim that they had a mandate to do exactly as they pleased without criticism from the Council. During the months which have elapsed since their report was submitted, I dare say reflection has shown that their choice was not in every case a happy one, and I anticipate that, when next the Council meet, they will be ready to reconsider the whole question.—Yours truly,

H. WALLIS.

A SUGGESTED CLASSIFICATION OF NAMES.

Dear Sir,—As an old member of the Leytonstone band, may I offer a word in support of their appeal to the Exercise to revise the names of the Minor methods.

Seeing that ringing is so closely connected with church work, I would suggest that a good plan would be as follows:—

- (a) That Surprise methods be named after our Cathedral cities.
- (b) That Treble Bob methods be named after the old Abbeys.
- (c) That Plain methods be named after minsters or noted churches.

Where methods already bear a name appropriate to the above classification that name be retained.

There should be no difficulty in securing the three signatures of delegates, and to frame a motion on this or similar lines in time for the next conference.

I trust the idea may materialise.—Yours truly,

T. HERVEY BEAMS.

'THE BLACKSMITH'S MAGAT.'

Dear Sir,—I have read in your issues of recent date the various discussions on 'Names,' and can't resist just weighing up the 'for and against' of the case. After all, what's in a name? Were Goode Mistress Peppery consulted I have no doubt she would declare, after reading the evidence, that it appeared to be the makings of a 'rust clarse scrap' among the many Campanians who hold opinions as to what a name should be. On paper it is merely a row of ornate hieroglyphics or something that looks as though a spider had run wet-foot over the manuscript; that all depends on the calligraphy of the gentleman addressing our good Editor. In grammar it is, I believe, a noun, as to whether it is proper, common or abstract, depends entirely on the point of view of the—shall we be grammatical, and call him the 'first person or person speaking'? He, of course, is liable, like public opinion, to change his mind. Names of great per-

sons have fallen into disfavour. A certain city in Russia, once Petrograd, changed to Petersburg, and has been Leningrad. During the late war streets in English towns had their names changed, and, dare I whisper it? our royal family is now known as Windsor not Wettin. Names of methods may do the same. It will be impossible to suit the palate of the whole Exercise. The euphonics will have their line of argument, the sentimentalists theirs, the patriots have views on the subject, the clerical party have a voice in the matter. An argument was recently advanced against Lancashire on the score of euphony, the patriots had their say, and won. A certain method was called Immanuel, and a certain cleric advanced an argument against it, though I believe more than one good soul has gone to his rest with that name, and I never remember hearing that his mother had been rebuked by the parson for voicing that name at the hapless infant's baptism. I believe that after a person has once received a name a lot of legal formalities have to be gone through before that name can be changed, however foolish that name may appear, and most names have good reasons for their bestowal. And it is not the province of any committee to take away any name once it has the seal of 'copyright.' I have before me as I write a vellum book once the property of and written by one Thos. Old, in the years 1720—1784. It contains a score of methods on five bells, and after the methods Evening Contentment and the Blacksmith's Magat appears the entry: 'On Sunday, Jan. ye 4th, 1734, the bells were raised, lowered and fished (P) and sundry six-scores rung by the following'—then follow the names. Those names would furnish material for a first-class argument as to their fitness, not to mention ridicule from the Press and uninitiated B.P.; and what name has caused more ridicule in the Press than Grandsire Triples? But when all is said, the right to call one's offspring what you like is undeniable.

We have a new name now before us: Pudsey to wit; what will the euphonics say to that? Pudsey is a very thriving town between Leeds and Bradford (the Yorkshire, Leeds and Bradford, if you please, Mr. Editor, some folk are sticklers for precision). It stands on a hill (Pudsey, not precision) and commands a fine view of the countryside, and its really fine tower contains a ring of eight bells. Local wit says that a certain worthy habitant of tender heart did put his pig on the wall to see the band go by. There is no doubt that sentiment was the prime factor in deciding on 'Pudsey' as the name of a good method. Local wit (of sorts) and euphony were not thought of. And were there a ring of six in a certain little village on the Island of Anglesey, hard by the Menai Bridge, the ringers there would have a perfect right in law to call a method by the name of that village. Whether or not the Editor would welcome many pearls of it I dare not surmise. But in a nutshell, our Council had no right to sanction the bestowal of new names on methods already named, and they were ill advised to bestow greengrocery titles, but in all our arguments we must bear in mind that a name is only a symbol whereby one is known among one's fellows. 'Tis merely that which differentiates the one from the other.—Yours truly,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

NUMBERS OBJECTED TO.

Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. George Dawson in most of his arguments, but I must take exception to one, viz. that all names be abolished, and that methods be known by numbers only. It might answer in time, but, like the Scot, 'I hae me doots.' There are plenty of good names that can be used, either after counties or cities. All others I would sweep away, including Trinity Sunday and Easter Sunday. What is wanted is a system of naming that can be understood even by a

SIMPLE SIMON.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, March 15th. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and was kept going until 9 o'clock with the exception of a small break for tea and meeting. The Rector of Newchurch kindly provided a 'hot pot,' which was thoroughly enjoyed, and for which he was most heartily thanked.

Five new members were admitted to the association. The touches rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Bob Major, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford, Stedman and Double Norwich.

A vote of thanks to the church officers and to the ringers brought the meeting to a close.

Every tower in the branch was represented, besides Church Kirk and Burnley.

A RINGER FOR FORTY YEARS.

For over forty years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Shaw, Newbury, Berks, Mr. J. Owen has recently passed away, and on Saturday evening, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect: T. Curtis (Beedon) 1, C. Poole (Newbury) 2, E. Crocker (Newbury) 3, S. Quintin (Newbury) 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5.

BISHOP AND BULKINGTON BELLS.

A COVENTRY COMMENT.

It is refreshing after some of the extraordinary effusions relating to bells and ringing which appear in the newspapers, to read an informed and reasoned article such as that which appeared in 'The Coventry Standard' on March 22nd. The occasion for the comment was the address of the Bishop of Coventry given at the dedication of the bells at Bulkington, Warwickshire, to which we referred in our last issue. The Bishop's address was an inspiring one, and we take the liberty of reproducing here the 'Coventry Standard's' leading article on the subject.

We are very pleased to be able to report fully the admirable address which was given by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on the occasion of the dedication of the reconstructed peal of bells in Bulkington Church tower. The parishioners of Bulkington have worked hard and given generously for this object, and its completion—as far as present proposals go—is a matter upon which they are to be profoundly congratulated. One of the points made by the Bishop had relation to the continuity of the bells. Out of remote ages the present bells of Bulkington have come. There are some, possibly many, older bells than these; but they suffice as an illustration. Out of the ages which are past their music has descended to the villagers—a goodly heritage; into the ages which are come their music has been projected by the restoration as it were. Doubtless the thought occurred to some on Saturday, in the inimitable language of the poet, "And so 'twill be when we are gone. These tuneful bells will still ring on." It was an affecting point. His Lordship also dwelt on the common love of the people for bells, and the cosmopolitan character of the appeal of bells. "Around our systematic life," he said, "the bells play their part. They ring on our wedding day; they ring as our soul passes across the river to the undiscovered country; they ring here to the young when we lay our weary bodies in the dust, leaving them behind while our souls seek a fresh tent from the hand of God. In all the great moments of life, at the wedding, at the funeral of father, of mother, and of child, now filled with joy, now deep in sympathy, we hear our bells; but most of all we hear them as they speak to us of the worship of God."

His lordship, too, made some grateful references to the ringers of the bells and to bell ringers in general. He spoke of them as Christian helpers, and reminded his hearers that Bunyan himself was a ringer. There is much to be thankful for to-day in the fact that bell ringing is done more in the spirit of Bunyan himself than in the graceless spirit of so many of his contemporaries—those who gave him occasion for heart-searching in respect of his own connection with this immediate matter—and of many of the ringers of former generations. They, chiefly, were with the Church, but not of it; they sought the gratification of exhibiting their own skill and indulging in a pleasurable occupation; the thought that they were Christian helpers was a stranger to the multitude of them. Associations like the Warwickshire Guild of Bell Ringers have been responsible for much of the change. They are essentially reverent institutions; they recognise the inherent character of the work which their members do, and insist on the cultivation of a proper spirit for the doing of it. And the attitude of the clergy towards the belfry and its occupants—from Bishops downwards—has had much to do with the change, too. Dr. Yeatman-Biggs, while he was our Diocesan, spoke highly of the work of the Warwickshire Guild, and illustrated the new attitude of the clergy. "Anyone who was as old as he was," he said, "could remember how the belfry was the place where many things happened that were not seemly. It was a hidden place, where things could go on which could not go on in the open. The bell ringers were often chosen from by no means the best of men, and it used to be a kind of idea that the bell ringer did not go to church. But if bell ringers called people to church and then did not go and worship God themselves they could not be said to practise what they preached, and they would not command the same amount of respect as the men who called and then went. The Warwickshire Guild of Bell Ringers was supposed to help the ringers to live up to the standard which they proclaimed. There was no body of men that he had more sympathy for in his Diocese than that large body of men doing God's work in His Church, many of them for no money at all, but simply because they wanted to do something for Him." The present Bishop advanced a point beyond this. What Dr. Yeatman-Biggs saw in part he sees more fully—he recognises the advance which has been made in right directions even within the few years which intervene between the time of the utterances of Dr. Yeatman-Biggs and his own time—that is to-day.

Many of the clergy, as we have said, take a much greater interest in this phase of Church work. When the Rev. A. R. F. Hyslop was Rector of Stoke he suggested a movement in his own parish which might well be taken, both there and in other parishes, too. He was desirous of forming a Guild of Bell Ringers, for the uplifting of the occupation itself and of those who take part in it. Mr. Hyslop in this, as in some other matters, solicited the help of our correspondent, "Spectator in Warwickshire," who knows something of the art of ringing, and he wrote, after speaking of the fascination

of the pursuit: "The boys and girls who may join the Rector's Band of Ringers at Stoke will find it so, I am sure; they will find it an occupation which will not only bring them infinite pleasure, but will teach them—if they are willing to be taught—habits of punctuality and instant precision which will be of great service in their walk of life, whatever it may be. A boy or a girl without a due sense of the value of precision will never make a bell ringer; if he or she have the quality in embryo, as it were, ringing will cultivate and encourage the growth of it, and if its lessons be truly learnt the learner's part in life will be played with a greater sense of the responsibility of the individual, not only to his immediate co-workers, but to the whole of the community." Membership of such a Guild is, as it were, the stone flung into the water, or as the radiator for wireless; it has ever-widening circles. We hope that all Churchpeople will read the Bishop's address, and that at all churches with bells the spirit of it will be fully active, and that the suggestion of Mr. Hyslop for Stoke will yet be adopted there, and at Bulkington, and that it will spread to other parishes. The little Guilds would be branches of the greater Guilds, and thus the good work would be increased and extended."

DEVON GUILD'S JUBILEE.

The Devon Guild has just celebrated its jubilee, for it was on March 21st, 1874, at a meeting in St. Paul's Schoolroom, Exeter, that the Guild was formed. Mr. W. J. Southwood, the present hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch, was one of those present at the meeting.

St. Sidwell's band, Exeter, visited Thorverton, Devon, on Saturday, March 22nd, and attempted a peal of Stedman Triples to celebrate the jubilee, but the peal came to grief after ringing 2,500 changes.

A jubilee peal was, however, rung at Sowton.

WIGAN BRANCH OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' draw the attention of the chief officials of the Lancashire Association to the demise of the above branch. The secretary resigned over a month ago, and apparently no successor has been appointed, or is in contemplation.

It seems to me that this youngest of our branches never got really on its feet, though, no doubt, the odds against it were very great. There is a large area in the Wigan, Ormskirk and Southport districts where change ringing is at a very low ebb, and where 'The Ringing World' is practically unknown. It would need a really good secretary and some equally good friends to work this district up, and perhaps headquarters will now take up the matter.—Yours faithfully,

Walton-le-Dale.

E. R. MARTIN.

RINGING ROYAL FOR 'THREE GENERATIONS.'

Long peals are in the air, and he would be a bold man who could ring the extent of Royal; but the writer got the following notice on the 22nd: "Joe, you have got to be at Stockton on the 25th, at 6 p.m., to ring Kent Royal for three generations!" Having lungs as big as a blacksmith's bellows he went, but was pleased to discover that the peal was really an event of importance in local ringing circles; and though a record—not a long peal—an event which seldom occurs in the great ringing centres, and is almost unknown in the Northland. It was specially arranged to enable Mr. William Newton, the genial custodian of Stockton bells, to ring a 'Three Generation' peal with his son and grandson, and (keep it dark!) he told the writer to keep in training, as he had a great-grandson coming along. The peal was a great success, in spite of the fact that some thrifty churchgoer thought that too much electricity was being used, and switched off the lights on two occasions, "just for economy's sake"? But there are such things as memories and coursing orders, and all's well that ends as well as the last course of a peal like that. Congratulations to the three generations, especially the sprightly 70-year-old veteran; congratulations to the second ringer on his first of Treble Ten; congratulations to Alf. Bacon, for it was his 'fifty' (not out); and congratulations to Tom Hensher on scoring his first Treble Ten, after attempts covering a period of 25 years. It was the first of Royal in Stockton tower for 15 years, and we hope to help Mr. Newton with the Four Generation job.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STINCHCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: E. Whittard 1, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 2, G. Prout 3, A. Burcombe 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, J. L. Smith 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Burcombe, junr. (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Burcombe, senr. (conductor) 2, H. W. Fussell 3, E. Hayward 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, F. Hawkins 6. Rung for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble.

ASHFORD, KENT. On Sunday, March 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, (1,260 changes): T. Tabrett 1, Miss Thomas 2, H. C. Castle 3, A. C. Kay 4, P. Page 5, C. W. Everett (conductor) 6, E. Powell 7, H. Parkes 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, March 30th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 640 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. W. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, H. E. Hammond 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

ERTH.—On Sunday evening, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at the Parish Church, in 47 mins.: L. Cullum 1, W. Axtell 2, F. Axtell 3, F. J. Cullum, senr., 4, E. Hoft 5, J. Morton (conductor) 6, A. Morton 7, O. Robinson 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples: E. Easton 1, R. H. Boddington 2, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 3, S. D. Breeze 4, R. Holloway 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, J. W. Fruin 7, W. Atkinson 8.—On Thursday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Robt. Fardon 1, S. D. Breeze 2, Miss P. Moss (conductor) 3, F. Goodfellow 4, W. Sparrow 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, J. W. Fruin 7, W. Atkinson 8. Rung for J. W. Fruin's birthday.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE.—On Sunday evening, March 23rd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 630 Grandsire Triples was rung in 22 mins.: J. Taylor 1, J. H. Haydock (Ramsbottom) 2, S. Lord 3, L. Taylor 4, O. Eastwood 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

ROCK FERRY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, for evensong, in 24 mins., 720 Bob Minor: F. Banton 1, P. Amos 2, R. Fitzsimmons 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells by a local band.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, in 56 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. T. Evans (conductor) 3, J. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, H. T. Hughes 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

GREEN'S NORTON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Oxford Bob Minor, in 44 mins.: A. Mausfield 1, J. W. Haynes (first quarter in the method) 2, J. M. Gray 3, A. Booth 4, G. F. Lucas 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. H. Lloyd 1, F. Bradley 2, G. W. West 3, H. R. Cobbin 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. A. Salter 6, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 7, A. R. Leader 8. First quarter of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 3rd. Also first quarter in the method as conductor.

TONBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Aylward 1, L. E. Last 2, C. Cooke 3, J. Medhurst 4, J. R. Denton 5, H. Harrington 6, W. Steed 7, Jas. Draper 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—For afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, 480 Bob Minor and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, T. Crane 4, W. Kerrison 5, A. H. Took 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Floyd 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Golding (conductor) 7, J. Floyd, junr., 8.

EDGBASTON.—At the Old Church, on March 16th, in 25 mins., 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Withers 1, A. Morgan 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, R. Russell 5, W. Cartwright (conductor) 6.—On March 30th, in 25 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob: R. Russell 1, A. Morgan 2, J. Withers, junr., 3, G. Gigott 4, H. Withers (conductor) 5, J. Withers, senr., 6.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. H. Humphrey 1, P. S. Thompson 2, Miss Humbercrofts 3, E. Jennings 4, A. Hobden 5, H. Rann 6, A. Reid (conductor) 7, W. Jenner 8.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Allin, junr., 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, E. R. Partridge (first away in treble) 3, R. Huskinson 4, W. Jack 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Allin, junr., 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskinson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, W. Jack 5, G. Allin (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.—Also, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Partridge 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskinson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, W. Jack 5, G. Allin (conductor) 6.

A RINGERS' 'STRIKE.'

DISPUTE WITH VICAR AT WINSHILL.

It was reported on Saturday that the ringers at Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, had resigned as a protest against the Vicar's refusal to allow them to ring muffled for two parishioners who have passed away.

Worshippers on Sunday were summoned to church as usual, however, for the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Price, after meeting with many refusals, secured volunteers.

The dispute between the Vicar and the bell ringers has been in progress for six months. It arose from the Vicar's refusal to allow a muffled peal to be rung when a popular parishioner, who attended another church, and whose family are Nonconformist, died.

Later, the Vicar declined to allow a mourning peal for a man who had been a member of the choir for 30 years, but had recently severed his connection with it.

The men say that they resent these refusals, and are dissatisfied about the withdrawal of their old privilege to ring wedding or mourning peals for members of their families.

The strikers say they would rather do the work voluntarily (their pay is £15 a year between eight) than have to ask frequently for the Vicar's permission to ring the bells.

The Vicar declines to make a statement for publication, but it is understood that he regrets the attitude of the ringers in seeking powers to ring the bells without his permission, as the bells are his property for the time being.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Merrow and Clandon, on Saturday last, the attendance being very good. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and touches in various Minor and Doubles methods were brought round. A service was held in Merrow Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Polliser David), who also gave an excellent address. The Guild form of service was used, and Miss Margaret Simmonds presided at the organ.

A capital tea was provided at the Village Hall, presided over by the Rector. After tea a short business meeting was held, at which one new member was elected.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the church and bells, and for conducting the service, and to Miss M. Simmonds for so kindly acting as organist.

After some touches on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden, Messrs. Radford and Melville, and Major J. H. B. Hesse, the members dispersed, some to again visit Merrow belfry, but the majority wended their way to Clandon to ring on the fine peal of six there.

A district meeting was also held recently at Haslemere, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have lately installed a beautiful peal of eight bells which were available during afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. W. Wragge) conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. O. S. Walford. A short address was given by the Rector. After tea a short business meeting was held, the Rev. O. S. Walford presiding.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) gave a summary of the ringing performances during the quarter.

Four probationers, two full members, one honorary and one compounding member were elected.

Several touches on handbells were brought round, after which some of the members returned to the tower, where further ringing was indulged in, the ringers expressing themselves highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

THE FALSE PEAL AT WYE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the company who rang the false peal at Wye, I wish to thank Mr. G. Billenness for his apology for giving me the figures of the same.

I think it a pity that it turned out false, as three of the band should have had their first peal on that day, one of whom has now not rung one, and it was also my first as conductor. For my part I now consider the matter closed.—Yours truly, HARRY PARKES.

THORVERTON.—On Tuesday, March 25th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., as a welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. — Shaw), who had returned from a nursing home: J. H. Gill 1, W. Lethbridge 2, F. J. Milford 3, H. Pook 4, H. Corry 5, J. Ridler 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, R. B. Ford 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Tuesday, March 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, at the Cathedral, in 55 mins.: T. Dick 1, W. Falconer 2, J. H. Blake 3, P. Page 4, G. Marshall 5, W. Ticehurst (longest length as conductor) 6, M. Heffers 7, F. Arthur 8. This touch was arranged for Mr. P. Page, a visitor from Ashford, Kent.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637. — Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on April 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. — H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — A meeting will be held on April 5th at the church of All Saints, Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed. — C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the above association will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by a committee meeting at 6.30 p.m. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for April: Bishopsgate, Monday, 7th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 6th, 10 a.m., Monday, 14th, *6.30 p.m., Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting to follow. — J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual General Committee Meeting. — This meeting will be held in Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.15 p.m. — R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Norwood Green, near Heston, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual, but kindly let me know by the 8th those intending to be present. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS. — A joint monthly meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, April 12th. A hearty invitation is offered to members of each association. As Crofton is a rural district, application for tea tickets must be made before April 10th to Mr. Stead, Churchwarden, Crofton, near Wakefield. — C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. This meeting is at the invitation of the Rector, and tea will be provided to all those who notify Mr. J. Townsend, Rose Cottage, Milton, not later than Wednesday, April 9th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me by April 7th. — P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12th, at Midsomer Norton. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers desiring tea should inform me. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District. — A meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. — R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey, near Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested. — W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Pleasley on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. Number to be sent to Mr. T. Brookes, 5, Crow Yard, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield, by Wednesday, April 16th. Meeting afterwards. — H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Beverley on Easter Monday, April 21st. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 12 noon, while the famous ten at Beverley Minster will be available throughout the day. All applications for tea (for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made) must reach Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than first post, Tuesday, April 15th. Further details on circulars. — P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at the Abbey House, Bury, on Easter Monday. 11.30, Service in the Cathedral, with sermon by the Bishop. 12, Committee meeting. 12.30, General meeting. 1.30, Dinner at the 'Golden Fleece,' at 3s., if sufficient names are sent me by April 14th. 4.30, Tea, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Farmiloe, free to all sending me their names.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, Corbin House, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Members free. Meeting, Church Room, 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing all day. A short service will be held at 12 o'clock noon, conducted by the Rev. H. Robson, M.A., Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay. Dinner will be provided at the Victoria Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 3s. Those intending to be at dinner must notify the secretary not later than Tuesday, April 15th, or will not be provided for.—J. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—St. Peter's Church, Tiverton.—Ringers' Festival, Easter Monday, April 21st. The belfry will be open from 11 a.m. Ringers' service 3 p.m. Tea from 3.30 in the Church House, price 1s. each. All ringers will be welcome. Those wishing to ring and requiring tea must send in their names to Mr. Richard Grater, 14, Park Street, Tiverton, before Tuesday, April 16th. P.S.—Please will bands intending to be present state the time of their arrival at Tiverton?

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's the Great (8) and the Church of our Lady (8). Service at Great St. Mary's at 12. Address by the Rev. H. B. Woolley. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting and election of officers, at 1 p.m. Notices of motion to be sent to the secretary, who will be glad if district secretaries will let him know how many members from their branches may be expected.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Nottingham. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) and St. Peter's (10) from 10 to 11.45 a.m. The committee will meet at 11.15 a.m. in the large vestry at St. Mary's Church. There will be a service at 12 noon (prompt) in St. Mary's Church. The address will be by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield. A luncheon has been arranged for ticket-holders at 12.45 p.m. at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road. Tickets: Members 2s., non-members 2s. 9d. each, to be ordered not later than the 17th April from Mr. F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. The general meeting of members will be held at the Albert Hotel at 1.45 p.m. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Basford will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. There will be a smoking concert at the Albert Hotel at 7 p.m. Artistes: The Welbeck Quartette and others.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Dean, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, April 16th? Subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—A. J. Trappitt, Dis. Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m., Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 5.30, followed by business meeting. All those wishing to be present please let me know not later than the 22nd.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MORETON CORBET.—The opening of the peal of 6 bells, which has been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., will take place on Wednesday, April 9th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Pigot, Rector.

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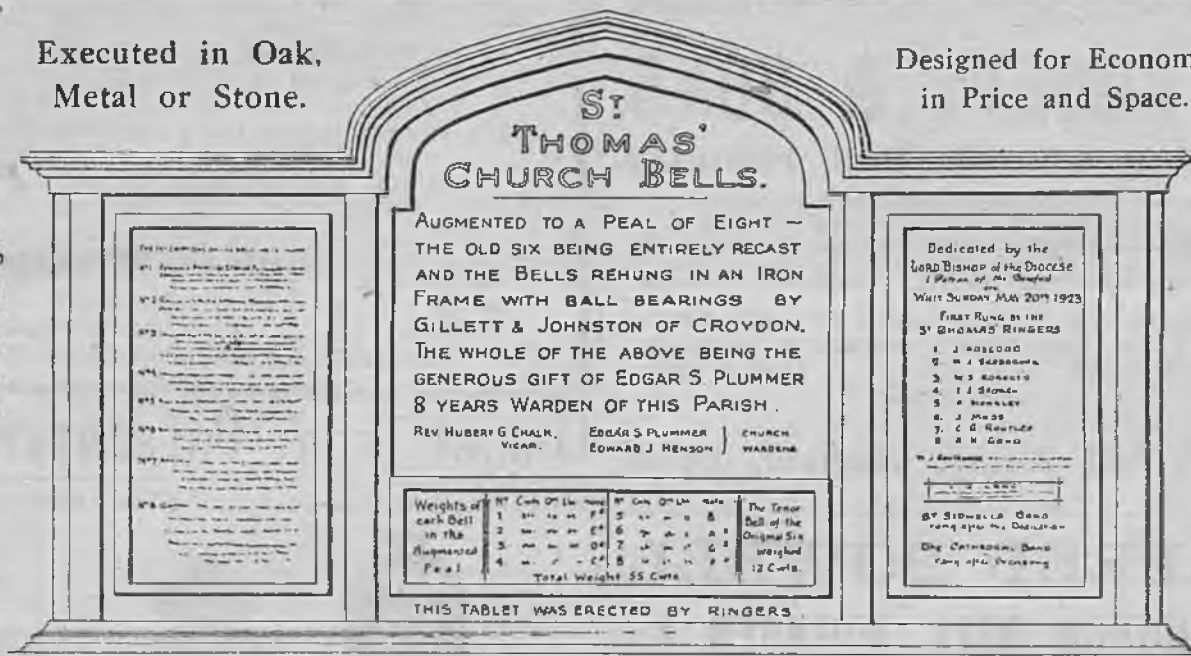
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