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METHODS VERSUS STRIKING.

An interesting question is raised by the comment in the report in our last issue of the meeting of the Sheffield District Society. In the best possible spirit, our correspondent urged that more attention should be paid at such meetings to the striking of the bells, and condemned the sacrifice of good ringing to the desire to bring round touches in more difficult methods. In other reports in this issue the same matter is mentioned, and it is one to which attention may well be directed. There can be no doubt that bad ringing seriously prejudices the public against the Art, and the public must be considered in these matters as well as the ringers, even though the latter are using the bells with official permission. Continual 'banging about' in attempts to ring a method which is really beyond the capabilities of a band is to be condemned, and, if carried to extremes, may become a genuine source of annoyance to those outside who are compelled to listen. To persist in such attempts, moreover, stamps the ringers as tactless, if not selfish, as well as creating the impression of incompetence. For their own reputation's sake, therefore, bands should know when to stop experimenting.

But there are two sides to the question, even in this matter. For some ringers, district meetings form almost the only opportunity of practising a fresh method, and the most valuable part of these gatherings would be lost if those who attended them were debarred from ringing anything fresh. It is by the experience gained at district meetings that men are often able to return to their own towers and take the ringing there a step further on, or at least to quicken their interest and intensify the desire to advance themselves in the Art. To limit the Grandsire Triples man to Grandsire Triples, or to forbid the Treble Bob ringer to attempt anything a stage more advanced, at an association meeting, would not only be to discourage the individual, but would soon kill the associations themselves.

There is no real need for one extreme or the other. A tactful man, capable of judging a ringer's capacity when he sees him at the rope end, even if he had no previous knowledge of his ability, should be in charge of every belfry during a ringing meeting. He would know what to encourage and what to reject; he could quickly gauge his band and ensure that the ringing is passably good. It is, of course, a well known fact that, at the majority of district meetings, the striking leaves something to be desired. With all sorts of ringers—good, bad and indifferent—taking a turn, some of the ringing is bound to be of a poor standard, but the capable ringing master would give his attention, by helpful hints to the

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weaker brethren, to improving this important phase of the practice as much as he would endeavour to raise the standard of the methods rung. It is not easy to find the ringer with the necessary qualifications for this task, but every district ought to try to place such a man in authority for the conduct of the ringing at its meetings.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS J. HULL Treble	*SYDNEY R. GARDNER ... 6
JOHN MALYAN 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
WALTER H. L. BOCKINGHAM 3	*FRANCIS KIRK 8
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... 4	*WILLIAM SEELEY 9
*FRANCIS A. SMITH 5	*FREDERICK J. SPICER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Conley, a member of St. Peter's band, who attained the age of 90 years on September 14th, and has been attached to the band for 73 years. The ringers of 4, 5 and 9 are from Bushey, the rest are local ringers, and it is believed to be the greatest number of such to ring a peal of Stedman Caters in St. Albans.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*FRED PRICE 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 8
†GEOFFREY LEWIS 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
WILLIAM RANFORD 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 5, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BOB-MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*NELSON ELLIOTT Treble	CECIL NICE 5
BERNARD WELLS 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
REG. V. JOHNSON 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD H. SPICE Treble	STANLEY R. DOBBIE 5
GEORGE GILBERT 2	PERCY J. SPICE 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	JOHN EXELL Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Exell.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On September 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Green 1, W. Collett 2, J. Wood 3, H. Edwards 4, E. Elliot 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, A. Head 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. W. Collett, of St. Ebbs, Oxford, who was paying a visit to the parish.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	PERCY C. WILLIAMS 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	FRED E. TYLER 6
FRED W. WADE 3	HENRY T. HOWELL 7
EDWIN J. BROWN 4	RAYMOND C. SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Arranged for Mr. J. Thomas, of London.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
MRS. J. WHEWELL 2	ISAAC WHALLEY 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	THOMAS WATSON 7
WILLIAM RILEY 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH

Arranged for the 7th ringer, who hails from Dalton-in-Furness.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... Treble	HENRY TYSON 5
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
*GEORGE H. WILKINSON ... 3	ADAM DEAS 7
WILLIAM SHUCKFORD 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ROBERT EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
HERBERT RANN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
HENRY BAKER 4	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES HAZEL Treble	EDGAR HUMFREY 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	*WILLIAM SIMMONDS 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
*FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	*ERNEST W. POWELL 5
*THOMAS E. SONE 2	HENRY C. CASTLE 6
†CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 3	LEWIS NEWMAN 7
*ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Sone, wife of the treble-man and the conductor's mother.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SMITH Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
*CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
†BASIL REDGWELL 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
‡GEORGE WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal away from treble. † First peal in the method. ‡ First in the method on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and his first peal.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE A. BAKER Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
ROBERT PICKERING 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

Rung for the Dedication Festival. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON Treble	JOHN A. BREARLEY 5
ARCHIE BREARLEY 2	†ARNOLD HILL 6
*FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 3	†HAROLD WALKER 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 12, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*C. P. HEATH Treble	F. SMITH 5
G. LARGE 2	E. COOMBS 6
E. HUNT 3	H. J. TAYLOR 7
W. HEATH 4	S. R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by E. COOMBS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. Frank Forsdike, ex-churchwarden of the above church, who died on the 10th inst.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Thursday, September 9th, 720 Norfolk Surprise: C. Jennings 1, Miss K. Willers 2, W. A. Tack 3, A. E. Austin 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 12, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

FRANCIS J. LEWIS Treble	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	JOHN HOPE 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... .. 7
H. CHARLES BOND 4	M. WILLIAM MINCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

Arranged for ex-Sergt. Williams and rung on Coln Feast Sunday.

STREATHAM:

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 13, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS W. WELBOURNE Treble	JOHN LEE 5
MISS ELLEN E. HARGCASTLE 2	JOHN L. WATKINS 6
MISS FRED A. ORR 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
†ERNEST E. BISH 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. E. Hardcastle.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 6, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Double Court Bob, and 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor.

SYDNEY MOSS Treble	CHARLES F. MEE... .. 4
GEORGE W. MEE 2	EDGAR RIVERS 5
GORDON HAGGAR... .. 3	CHARLES MEE Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CHARLES H. SURRIDGE ... Treble	†REG. V. JOHNSON 4
BERNARD WELLS 2	ALFRED J. BELL 5
†CECIL NICE... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 10, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. THOMAS CLARK Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. 4
WILLIAM SHORE 2	*HAROLD BLACKER 5
JOHN OWEN 3	*HARRY PARSONS... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN S. BALL Treble	*FRANCIS BALL 4
*ALBERT E. BALL 2	JAMES HODSON 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

DAVID J. LEWIS Treble	ERNEST STITCH 4
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 2	*EDWARD PHILLIPS 5
*GWYN I. LEWIS... .. 3	†ALBERT J. PITMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Kent. † First peal of Kent Minor as conductor.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford and three of Kent.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY PARKER Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
JOHN S. ROYLE 2	G. WILLIAM BIDDOLPH ... 5
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal on the bells.

HUTTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE Treble	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... 3
JOHN C. FURLONG 2	JACK LEGGETT 4
HARRY TURNER Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1926, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 130, HARROGATE STREET, BRADFORD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON... .. 5-6
JAMES COTTERELL 3-4	H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN HAVE AN ENJOYABLE OUTING.

The fifteenth annual ringing week of the Cambridge University Guild was held this year in Cheshire, headquarters being at the Rectory, Grappenhall, just outside Warrington.

The superstitious seekers of coincidences may find contentment in the fact that thirteen members were present, thirteen towers were visited, and all the peal attempts ended in failure. This in no way prevented the week being a great success, and the splendid programme which had been arranged by the host, Rev. C. A. Clements, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The ringing was of a higher standard than usual, and the methods rung during the week in the tower and on handbells included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Norwich Court, Double Norwich, Cambridge Court, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, and Grandsire Cinques.

Although no peals were rung, the Guild can look back with satisfaction on some of its performances, perhaps the three best of which were: A touch of London Surprise Major by: Rev. R. H. Whitford (Pembroke) 1, F. E. Haynes (St. Catherine's) 2, J. T. Rickman (Jesus) 3, E. M. Atkins (St. Catherine's) 4, W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's) 5, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trinity) 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity) 7, Rev. H. Law James (Calus) (conductor) 8; a course of Cambridge, 'in hand,' by: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trinity) 1-2, E. M. Atkins (St. Catherine's) 3-4, W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's) 5-6, Rev. H. Law James (Calus) 7-8; and 769 Grandsire Cinques, at Macclesfield, by: Rev. H. Law James (Calus) (conductor) 1, J. T. Rickman (Jesus) 2, Rev. R. H. Whitford (Pembroke) 3, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trinity) 4, W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's) 5, Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trinity) 6, Canon H. J. Elsee (St. John's) 7, E. M. Atkins (St. Catherine's) 8, F. E. Haynes (St. Catherine's) 9, S. H. Wood (Magdalen) 10, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trinity) 11, Rev. C. A. Clements (St. Catherine's) 12. This was the first touch of Cinques that the Guild has rung.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

FAIRFORD RINGERS IN OXFORDSHIRE.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Fairford, Glos., held their annual outing on Saturday, September 4th. The party left by car at 8.10 a.m. and proceeded to Hook Norton, where the bells were soon swinging to Grandsire Triples, the Rector, the Ven. M. Beardshaw, taking the treble to a plain course of Triples for the first time. Bloxham was the next objective, with its very high spire with eight bells, the first six only being available for ringing, as the two heavy bells cause too much vibration to the tower, the tenor 28 cwt. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Canterbury Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. The journey was then resumed, and Banbury reached at 12.45. Here an excellent hot lunch was partaken at the Elephant and Castle Hotel, kindly arranged by Mr. Tandy, one of the local ringers. Afterwards the tower was visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The interior of the church was very much admired by the party, who then disbanded, returning later very heavily laden with Banbury cakes. Adderbury was the next stop. This is a fine old church, but the arrangement of the chimies and clock in the centre of the ringing chamber, and the fact that the tenor rope comes down between treble and 2nd, rather upset the ringers, who were some time before they could get a touch of Grandsire Triples round. Tea was then taken at the Red Lion Hotel. Great Tew was afterwards visited, with its lovely peal of eight rehung in 1925 by Mears and Stainbank. Here the party overstayed the allotted time, ringing Grandsire Triples and playing tunes on the chimies. Tea Field was the next stop, and, on a nice peal of six, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung. Then last, but not least, Bampton was reached one hour and thirty minutes late—too late to ring, but Mr. Tanner had kindly arranged a nice supper, which was very much appreciated. Fairford was reached at 11.10 p.m. Thanks are tendered to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and to all ringing friends who met the party on the tour and so helped to make the day such a success.

IN GLORIOUS DEVON.

St. Thomas' (Exeter) ringers' outing took place on Saturday, September 4th. The party, numbering eleven, journeyed by motor-car through lovely scenery, on a beautiful day, visited and rang at Huntsham, Oakford, Bampton and Dulverton. Some excellent ringing of Grandsire and Stedman Triples was done, and all the rings of bells were found to be in first-class order.

A VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

On Monday, August 9th, the North Wingfield Parish Church ringers went on their annual outing. According to a pre-arranged plan, the places to be visited were the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, and the Parish Church, Melton Mowbray. The party included two lady ringers, Miss Dorothy Tarlton and Miss Doris Dilks of the local band, and four ringers of the Morton Parish Church company.

At Loughborough Mr. Pryce Taylor had very kindly arranged for the ringers to make a tour of the foundry. On arriving, the party were taken in charge by an official, who discharged his duty as guide in a very efficient manner. He explained the different processes through which bells and their fittings have to pass before being ready for their destination, and the ringers had a most interesting and enjoyable time. Carillons were in course of preparation for U.S.A. and Holland. One large bell, for which the mould was being prepared, was to weigh ten tons. Two peals which interested the ringers most were a new peal of eight for Creswell, Derbyshire, and one of six for Eyam, the latter having since been delivered and rehung. It was the peal for Creswell that attracted the attention of the ringers most. They were in a row mouth upwards in the tuning shop, where they had just been tuned. The tenor is about 14½ cwt., and the beautiful tone of this peal was demonstrated by the guide. The ringers left the tuning shop feeling quite envious of Creswell people who are to possess such a fine peal, but as these bells will not be many miles away when hung in the tower the band are looking forward to sampling their musical qualities in the near future. Afterwards the campanile was visited, and the light but musical peal of ten bells were tried. Much amusement was caused by the difficulty experienced in handling these light bells, and the ladies took much persuading before they would try their skill. Bob Major was brought round on the back eight, and some well-struck Kent Minor on the front six. This ended the tour of the foundry. The ringers extend their special thanks to the guide for the way in which he conducted the party and made their visit so enjoyable and interesting. After leaving the foundry, a visit was paid to the War Memorial Campanile, with its now famous carillon. The party were disappointed to find it was closed until 2 p.m., as by this time a start had to be made for St. Margaret's, Leicester. They had, therefore, to be satisfied with a view of the exterior. After lunch, the journey was continued to St. Margaret's. Here Mr. J. Morris was waiting to welcome them and conduct them to the spacious belfry with its fine peal of twelve. Although the ringers could not man the twelve for change-ringing, some Kent Major and Stedman Triples were rung on the back eight. The twelve were then set going in rounds and Queens, in which the lady ringers took part. At Mel-

ton Mowbray, after enjoying a good tea, the ringers made their way to the church, and were welcomed by Mr. Bartram and two other local ringers. After pulling up the bells, Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples were brought round. An attempt was made for Stedman's Caters, but this refused to go. After leaving Melton, the party had a splendid run home.

The company wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. P. Taylor for making such admirable arrangements for their tour of the foundry, Mr. J. Morris and fellow-ringers of St. Margaret's who were present to welcome them, and Mr. Bartram and the two other ringers of Melton Mowbray who gave them a welcome there, and also the Vicars of St. Margaret's and Melton Mowbray for the use of the bells.

LADIES HOLD THE FORT.

On the re-organisation of the ringers of All Saints', Harrow Weald, in January, a mixed band was formed under a new instructor. The ladies having made good progress and become quite efficient in handling the bells without the instructor, six male members availed themselves of the opportunity on Sunday, August 22nd (no other day being convenient for all to get together) of a trip to Oxford and Reading. Leaving Harrow Weald at 7.55 a.m. on a 'Sunbeam' car, a most enjoyable ride was experienced through very pretty country by way of Watford, Berkhamstead, Tring, Aylesbury and Thame, reaching Oxford at 10 a.m. Here they were met by Mr. W. Harris, who promptly escorted them to St. Ebbe's Church, where the bells were raised and rung for morning service. The tone and 'go' of this little peal left nothing to be desired, and the weight just suited the party, this being their first ringing experience away from their own tower.

The remainder of the morning was spent in exploring the famous old city under the guidance of Mr. Harris. The Thames from Foley Bridge, Carfax Tower, Martyrs' Memorial, the Sheldonian Theatre and St. Mary's Church were amongst the items of interest brought to their notice. After an excellent lunch at the Oriel Cafe, they were taken round Magdalen College, All Souls' Chapel and Christ Church Cathedral. This more than exhausted the time at their disposal, and hurried tracks had to be made for the car to start for Reading.

Arriving at the biscuit town just half an hour behind scheduled time, they were very kindly entertained to tea by Miss Goodship, who severely scolded them for 'keeping the pot waiting.' Unfortunately, owing to the late arrival, tea had to be somewhat hurried, as the visitors were due at St. Giles' Church at 5.30 p.m. Here the bells were heavier than any previously handled by the majority, and, taken somewhat unawares, they made a very poor show at the commencement. With a second start, however, there was a considerable improvement, and the experience was thoroughly appreciated by all. After some twenty minutes of call changes, the ropes were taken over by the local ringers, and it was an education to the visiting novices to watch and to listen to the finely struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by some Double Norwich Major which, unfortunately, came to grief. At 7.30 the car was again requisitioned, and a start made for home, which was reached by 9.45 p.m., everyone having had a most enjoyable day. The first outing of the 'All Saints' Guild' will be long remembered. Thanks are due to Mr. Harris for placing so much of his time at the party's disposal, to Miss Goodship for entertaining them to tea, and to Mr. A. W. Osborne for giving them the opportunity of ringing on the bells of St. Giles'.

AN ESSEX EXCURSION.

The Maldon ringers' outing took place on September 11th. The party, numbering about twenty, left Maldon soon after 8 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop being at Great Bentley, which was reached at about 9.30, where they were met in the churchyard by a jackdaw, which seemed overjoyed to welcome them. After a good ring on this light peal of eight, the company left for Tendring. At this pretty little church they found a ring of six bells, which were soon going to various methods. After a light lunch this quiet spot was left with regret. Harwich was reached a little earlier than expected, so a move was made to the waterside. Two or three members were particularly interested in the train ferry, and were to be seen wandering round this and other nearby vessels for quite a considerable time. Afterwards a few touches were brought round on the eight bells, and tracks were then made for Mistley. An excellent tea was awaiting the party at the Thorn Hotel. After a most satisfying meal, a walk through fields brought the company to the church, which is charmingly situated for ringing. Some good touches were brought round on this musical six, the melodious sounds floating down to those who were outside in the calm of the setting sun. These bells, it may be mentioned, are shortly to be rehung. The last stop was at St. Peter's, Colchester, where all enjoyed ringing on a grand ring of eight. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a very pleasant day. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and those who met them at the various towers.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Wednesday, August 25th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Stokes 1, I. Bilby 2, J. Francis 3, W. West 4, W. Baxter 5, C. F. Andrews (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. Wiltshire, wife of one of the local band.

NOTES BY THE WAY.
MORE ABOUT PRIZE RINGING.
BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

But prize ringing had its good points as well as its bad. The matches were, as a rule, carried out in a proper sportsmanlike manner. In itself, and apart from the betting and the excessive drinking, and the fact that the venue was a church, there is nothing objectionable about a competition between ringers. And prize ringing did do one thing. It discouraged slovenliness, it promoted keenness, and it put the highest premium in good striking. And good striking, though not everything, is a very important thing in ringing. What those ringers did was, in our eyes, a poor thing, but they did it well, better, you may be quite sure, than any of us could do it. If we were to pick as good a band as we could, I do not think we should stand much chance of winning a prize for raising, ringing round, and falling, in competition with the old Devon prize ringers. Here is a further quotation from Mr. Du Boulay Hill's paper: 'The zeal in practice beforehand, the marvellous accuracy of the performances, such as they are, would astonish many change ringers, and give many a wholesome lesson in the finish and care that can be bestowed upon the very best sound of the ceasing bells. Popular they are, too, for they produce that which pleases the popular ear far more than the ragged performances which pass muster under the name of change ringing.'

Now you will wonder why, if prize meetings had so many objectionable features, they were ever begun, or, if begun, why they were permitted to continue. The clergy are the sole custodians of the bells. They alone can say whether they shall be rung or not. Why, then, did they allow these prize meetings? I am going to try and answer that question presently. Meanwhile, there is the fact that, for more than a century, prize ringing was not only allowed, but encouraged and arranged by church authorities. We saw that it was so at Plixton in 1808, and though, as years went on, it is pretty certain that the clergy merely tolerated what they really did not approve, the real opposition to prize ringing came from within the Exercise, and not from without; from the men who were responsible for the formation of our great territorial associations, which have done so much for ringing and ringers during these last fifty years.

The general attitude of the clergy and especially of the older parsons is well illustrated by an incident which happened in 1882. In that year a prize ringing meeting was held at Crediton in Devon, and this is the notice of it which appeared in 'The North Devon Herald':— 'Crediton Ringing Competition. There was capital competition for the ringing prizes at Crediton on Monday, which resulted in Alphington bearing off the first prize of £5, St. Thomas the second of £3, and Paignton the third of £2. The ringers in Northtawton, Ide and Pilton also contended. The triers were Mr. S. Wilson, of Crediton, Mr. Southcott, of Thorverton, and Mr. Moas, of Exeter. The Rev. Prebendary Smith distributed the prizes after a dinner at the King's Arms Inn.'

Apparently this was an ordinary prize meeting, such as had been held scores and hundred of times before, and none of those who took part considered that they had done anything they should not have done. But the Devonshire Guild thought differently, or perhaps we should say that the men who had recently founded the Guild and who were controlling it thought differently.

They knew that prize ringing was the one great obstacle in the way of those things for which the Guild stood—belfry reform, the raising of the status of ringers and the promotion of change ringing. At the annual meeting the following resolution was passed: 'The members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers cannot allow their annual meeting to take place without formally recording their very great regret that a prize ringing match should lately have been held at Crediton with the full approval of the Vicar, one of the Prebendaries of Exeter Cathedral; and they wish earnestly to impress on all persons connected with the Church in the diocese that infinite harm is done by such meetings.' This was proposed by the President, C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., and seconded by G. F. Coleridge, Esq. The last is a very unfamiliar title to a very familiar name.

The Vicar of Crediton's reply to this is the interesting thing. He decidedly did not like being told that his support of prize ringing was wrong. 'Is there anything debasing,' he asked, 'in the fact that sets of orderly and well conducted ringers vied with each other as to who should ring the best peal?' He protested 'against the proceedings, which were from first to last conducted in as orderly a way as possible, being characterised as a scandal.' He declared that he 'did not recognise the authority of a self-constituted body like The Devonshire Guild of Ringers to administer a rebuke to me as to my conduct in matters relating to my own parish, the surrounding circumstances being utterly unknown to them.' And then, having worked off his pique, he made some very significant admissions. He had 'consented' to the meeting, but he had not 'approved' of it. He was 'more sinned against than sinning.' He was 'quite sure that if I had refused my consent to the ringing match, though it had not my full approval, I should at once have alienated the ringers, and lost whatever hold upon them I may have gained. In a parish like Crediton a reformation of this kind cannot be carried with a high hand, and perhaps the Guild of Devonshire Ringers may see a consideration that their most laudable object is not so likely to recommend itself to the parochial clergy generally if they treat all who cannot at once see their way to adopting their rules in the belfries of their churches as they have treated me.'

This letter gives us a very good idea of the obstacles our early reformers had to contend with, and also of the general attitude of the clergy of the time towards ringers and ringing. For the sake of peace and quiet they shut their eyes; they allowed things that they really disapproved of, and they let matters slide. A few, indeed, did do something to improve matters, and there were cases where a service was held in the church and an address given to the ringers. And there were cases where parsons did try a root and branch reform, but these appear to have been sometimes the reverse of successful. The following letter appeared in the 'Church Times,' signed by the Rev. C. W. Molony, Rector of West Worlington, North Devon:—

'We are exposed to the greatest outrages on the part of the bell-ringers here, aided by associates from the neighbouring parishes. All this is owing to my having endeavoured to put a stop to the bell-ringing during what is called Revel Week, which occurs yearly in the early part of August. My reason for so doing was that during that week there is such a great amount of drunkenness, even on the part of some of those ringing the church bells. The belfry key, however, was taken from the door, and a strong barricade which I had placed inside the door was broken through and the bells were set pealing. I then got a new lock and put to the door, and have since kept the key myself. I then drew up a set of plain and easy rules, which,

however, they refused to sign, and they insisted on having the key in their power and ringing whenever they liked. They threatened to do something dreadful. The first thing they did was to come at night and steal a number of chickens, pulling down the wire fencing and a number of posts and wringing off the heads of some of the chickens on their way back. Since then my wife and daughters have had large stones thrown at them from the public-houses, one of which came quite close to their heads, and from that time we have been yelled at very often when we have been out by one or other of these men or their associates. We were alarmed on Monday by a cry of fire, and on rushing out found 100 feet of building, consisting of coach-house, two stables and a large cow house in sheets of flame. With the greatest difficulty we got out everything except one fine cow which was already burned to death in the stall which blazed like a furnace. The yard was soon filled with villagers and others, and by incessant hard work and through God's great mercy the flames were kept from the house. The outbuildings, being thatched, caused the fire to spread most rapidly. Since that awful night the police have been trying to trace the deed home to the perpetrators of it. Although a constable is sent here every night from a large village three miles off to be on guard till the following morning, yet until the criminals are arrested our lives are not safe, as they still threaten the most horrible things, and declared this is only the beginning.

It is possible that the ringers might have had something to say on their side. Anyhow, it was never proved that they were responsible for the outrages, and, though there was a Police Court sequel, it only resulted in a man being bound over to keep the peace for using threatening language against the Rector in a public-house. And even he, it seems, was not a ringer.

Since writing the above I have received from Mr. G. W. Moss a letter enclosing a couple of extracts from an old monthly newspaper called the 'New Monthly Magazine and Universal Register.' The date is 1819.

June 1st. 'For the Silver Cup, which is to be rung for at Hurst, Berkshire, on the 24th inst., there will be no less than six sets allowed to ring. No person residing at Hurst to be an umpire.'

July 1st. 'A ringing match took place at Hurst, Berkshire, for a silver cup and six beaver hats by six sets of

ringers. The cup was won in great style by the Reading Youths and the hats by the Mortimer Youths. The ringing in general was performed in the best manner and a great number of people attended.'

These extracts are interesting, because they show that prize ringing meetings were at that time held over a wider area than is generally thought. I should be glad if any one else who has any records of any such competitions will send them to me. At present I have no trace of any in the London district or in the Eastern Counties, in both of which there were energetic bands of change ringers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Westerham in glorious weather, and the opportunity of visiting this old-time town, with its fine peal of bells, was taken advantage of by nearly forty members, including several from the Lewisham district. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and it would have been more enjoyable if more attention had been paid to the striking and thus allowed the full effect of the bells to be heard.

The usual service was held, and in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Boyd) was conducted by Rev. F. G. Popham, Rector of Tatsfield, who also gave an excellent address. The organist (Mr. Ellis) very kindly came specially from Bromley to preside at the organ, and the service was very bright throughout. An *al fresco* tea was partaken of at the George and Dragon Hotel, and although more members had turned up than were anticipated, extra tables were speedily laid, and an excellent tea was provided.

The Rev. F. G. Popham having to leave immediately after, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for kindly coming to conduct the service.—In reply, the reverend gentleman said that he had been very much interested during the afternoon, and he hoped that whenever the members held another meeting at Westerham, they would give him an opportunity of meeting them again.

The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, presiding. Four new members were elected.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Ellis for his services at the organ, and to Mr. G. B. Selby, the local secretary, for the most excellent arrangements made, concluded the meeting, and the members then adjourned to the tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. Conley, who has been attached to the band at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, for the long period of 73 years, celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday. In honour of the event a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Peter's Church on Saturday.

More than one well-known ringer has this year made Paris the centre for his holiday. Has it been the blandishments of 'Uncle Joe,' who has been sojourning in the gay city quite a while, that have induced these travellers to risk their lives on the Channel?

The new bells at St. Michael's Church, Southampton, which were cast and had to be kept at the Croydon foundry for a long time, owing to the condition of the tower, have now been erected, and will be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on Thursday, September 30th.

With three men on the tenor and two on the 9th, the first peal on the new bells at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, was rung on September 19th, 1775. The peal was conducted by W. D. Crofts, and one of the men who rang the tenor was James Coppock, of Nottingham, whose great-grandson, Mr. Albert Coppock, is one of the active leaders in Nottingham ringing circles to-day.

Thirty years ago to-day, the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang the then record peal of London Surprise Major, 11,328 changes. This was at the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's church at Drayton, and was conducted by the late J. W. Washbrook.

Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, who died on August 27th, 1912, was born exactly one hundred years ago next Wednesday. He sprang from Huguenot stock, his grandfather, Francois Du Bois, a silk weaver in Lyons, being driven out of France. He settled in Spitalfields and changed his name to Wood. He became interested in ringing, rang over 70 peals, died, and was buried at Bethnal Green in 1784. Matt. Wood's peals numbered 380.

Mrs. A. H. Pulling has so far recovered from the motoring accident, which befell her and her husband on the opening day of the Somerset tour, as to be able to return to her home at Guildford. We are pleased to say she is still progressing favourably.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

IPSWICH SOCIETY RING THE FIRST COURSE.

For the first time in the annals of change-ringing a course of Superlative Surprise Maximus has been rung. This was accomplished on Sunday evening, September 12th, for Divine service, by St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, when 528 changes were rung in 25 minutes at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich: S. W. Kinsey 1, P. May 2, H. C. Gillingham 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, W. P. Garrett 5, A. A. Fleming 6, G. A. Fleming 7, H. R. Roper 8, C. A. Catchpole 9, W. Wood 10, G. E. Symonds 11, F. J. Tillet 12.

The society hope one day to complete a peal in this method, but something of its difficulty may be realised by the fact that in five months they have had 34 practices before ringing a plain course.

THE TRINITY YOUTHS' PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I may be able to throw some light on the question of the Trinity Youths' Peal Book. Some years ago I was in the tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, with the late Mr. William Weatherstone, and said, 'Billy, do you keep any records of your ringing, etc.?' He replied, 'I did once, but unfortunately they got destroyed. Burnt, and not by fair means,' he added. I could see that he was upset, and did not press him further, so, no doubt, if the peal book was in his possession at the time, it went with the rest of his papers.—Yours faithfully,

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SPLICED-METHOD PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At pretty frequent intervals an account of a 'spliced' peal appears in 'The Ringing World.' Whether they can be truly described as spliced is another matter. I have given this question a certain amount of study, and I am of the opinion that the method must be changed once or more within the course. The Norbury band set the fashion in a grand way by ringing five different methods in each of the seven 720's they rang to complete their peal. It is a performance that will take a bit of beating. The peal of Triples rung recently by our friends in Wales, Grandire and Oxford Bob, ringing Grandire when 2nd is in the hunt and Oxford Bob when 7th is in the hunt, requires the ringers to be on the alert to note when either of these bells are called into that position.

To ring a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, then a quarter of Double Oxford or Plain Bob, then repeat the dose—well, there is not much in it, and it is not worth making a fuss about. One good thing has taken place—that is, that these peals have now no points' value, seeing that the Central Council have dropped the points business.—Yours, etc.,

J. HUNT.

SOMETHING NEW FOR BOB MAJOR RINGERS.

'LITTLE' METHODS WITH THE TREBLE BEHIND.

By J. S. GOLDSMITH.

In recent years there has been a growing practice of ringing what have become known as 'Little' methods, that is to say, Major methods in which the treble hunts only up to fourth's place and back to lead, instead of going right through to eighth's place. It began in its application to the Plain Bob method, and it has since been extended to others. While it has given a spice of variety and an added interest to the ringing by introducing more frequent dodging, it has also become sufficiently 'recognised' to lead to the inclusion of 'Little' variations of a number of methods in the forthcoming 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' which is to be published by the Central Council.

To some ringers, however, there has always seemed a blemish to a 'Little' method, inasmuch as one of the bells—the treble—never gets above fourth's place. That, in their opinion, detracts from its value, and not a few ringers have deliberately set themselves against the practice of 'Little' methods for that reason. This attitude led the writer to look into the possibility of finding a method incorporating the principles of Little Bob, but with the treble working through all the places. The simplest form which evolved itself was one which is a combination of Little Bob and what is really Little Reverse Bob. Investigation gave some interesting results. Here is a lead of each:

Little Bob.	Little Reverse Bob.
12345678	87654321
21436587	78563412
24163857	75836142
42618375	57381624
46213857	75831264
64128375	57382146
61482735	53728416
16847253	35274861
16482735	53728461

The joining of the two methods, obviously, is by letting the treble step from 4th's into 5th's going up, and from 5th's into 4th's going down. If this were done every time, the result would, of course, be merely Double Bob, and to bring it out of this category, therefore, it is necessary to allow the treble to remain both in front and behind for a series of leads.

If the changes are picked out, it will be found that a block of three leads (divided at the point where the treble crosses in 4-5, or 5-4), with the treble either in front or behind, reunites the rows with the treble in the opposite section exactly at the point at which they were broken. Thus, if in the above illustration of Little Bob the treble were to continue its progress up behind from the row 42618375, remain behind for three leads, and then return to the front, the first row with the treble in 4th's on the way down would be 46213857—the row which would have been produced had the treble made 4th's instead of going behind.

The advantage of adopting a three-lead plan of splicing is, therefore, manifest, for it enables the complete course of Little Bob to be rung, plus the additional leads of Little Reverse Bob. Two three-lead blocks of the latter can be inserted, with three leads of Little Bob between, so that in the two blocks of Little Reverse Bob six consecutive leads are obtained, while all the seven leads of Little Bob appear in their natural sequence. Similarly, one may have, if one chooses, the seven leads of Little Reverse Bob, with six leads of Little Bob spliced in, in two three-lead blocks.

The rows are all Bob Major rows, but it does not appear to be possible to splice into one course the whole of the changes of a course of Bob Major. One lead of Little Bob or Little Reverse Bob has to be sacrificed, and the consequence is that the length of a course containing a maximum of the two methods without bobs is 104 changes.

This, however, can be reduced in length in various ways, and a course of 80 changes, for instance, can be had by splicing in only one three-lead block of Little Reverse Bob. An interesting contraction is also a course of 24 changes, which is got by having two leads with the treble behind and one in front (by which it is possible to have a bob at W., M., and H.) or one behind and two in front. In view of the fact that if full courses only are used, 49 are required for a peal, making the minimum length 5,096 changes, these contracted courses can have their use.

Peals with bobs made only when the treble is in front can be got with ease, on the same lines as Bob Major composition, and peals are, of course, also obtainable with bobs when the treble is behind, or both in front and behind. If an equal or an approximately equal number of changes of each method should be desired in a peal, alternative courses may be rung—that is to say, one with seven leads of Little Bob and six of Little Reverse Bob, and the other with six of Little Bob and seven of Little Reverse Bob.

If doubled bobs are to be used all through it is necessary that the first section of Little Reverse Bob in the course should be rung from the fifth change after each course-end, otherwise the equivalent of the 'Wrong' with the treble behind is cut out. The positions of the bells in alternative courses, at the relative 'lead ends' in front and behind, are shown in the following:

	12345678	12345678
W. (Reverse)	68472531	68472531
M. (Reverse)	75836241	76836241
	32547681	32547681
	16482735	46283751
	17856342	17856342
W.	13527486	13527486
M.	14263857	14263857
H. (Reverse)	87654321	87654321
	53728461	53728461
	24365871	24365871
	18674523	18674523
	15738264	15738264
H.	12345678	12345678

The effect of a bob 'Before' in Little Bob differs in some respects from a bob 'Before' in Plain Bob. It produces the same course-end transposition (35264), but whereas in Plain Bob Major the bob is called at the next following lead to that in which the tenors appear on the front, thus:

17856342
— 17864523

in Little Bob the bob is called three leads after 78 appear on the front, consequently such a bob extends the course by three leads, as against one lead in Plain Bob. This extension of three leads in the Little Bob, when spliced, enables three further leads of Little Reverse Bob to be introduced, if desired, and the course can thus be composed of 19 leads, or 152 changes. But if the bob is called in the Little Reverse Bob only (at the lead immediately following the 'Middle'), the course is cut to 48 changes. The bob, however, can be doubled (i.e., called both behind and in front), and the length of the course is then 96 changes.

There are also other elaborations of courses with bobs 'Before' which the reader who is interested may work out for himself.

There is nothing in the arrangement which any ringer of Bob Major should not be able to ring, but the change from method to method is such that considerable concentration by the treble man would be necessary and quick perception and constant alertness on the part of the 'inside' men would also be required, while a peal, especially if rung with the above courses alternately, would present an interesting task. A feature of these alternative courses is that they may be substituted one for the other indiscriminately.

Various other 'Little' methods can be spliced together on similar lines, but enough has here been said to show that, even by the use of Plain Bob only, peals of considerable complexity could be evolved. The writer's one desire is to offer ringers of plain methods another way to break from the 'rut,' while the system also offers a fresh phase of ringing to others who are more advanced and may be looking for something by way of a change.

Here is a peal of Little Bob and Little Reverse Bob, introducing a short course and with doubled bobs at x throughout the remainder—that is to say, where 'Wrong' appears a bob must be called both when the treble is behind, at the equivalent of the first lead (see figures given above) and again at the ordinary 'Wrong' lead with the treble in front. Similarly, the bobs at 'Middle' and 'Home' must be doubled.

W. M. H.	23456	5,016.	W. M. H.	23546
—	64235		x	x 45326
x	x 42635		x	x 65423
x	x 36245		x	x 56324
x	x 62345		x	x 63524
x	x 43265		x	x 25364
x	x 32465		x	x 53264
			x	x 32564

Then call the 18 courses, commencing at †.

The Single is called in each half at the last H. in the course, marked (S).

The first course * is as follows:

12345678	
— 68475321	W. (Reverse)
— 73825461	M. (Reverse)
— 16423578	H.

The calling of the seven courses commencing at † can be substituted in the first half for the calling of the six courses commencing at *. The length is then 5,200 changes.

A peal with both single and double bobs is given below, the single bobs at W., M. and B. being called in the Reverse, and the bobs H. in the Little Bob.

W. M. B. H. 23456				5,483.	W. J. B. H. 34562			
x	x	32654			—	—	—	25346
	x	26354						32546
	x	63254						53246
x	x	52364			—	x	x	35642
	x	23564						35426
	x	35264						43526
—	—	42563						54326
	—	54263			x	x	54623 (S)	
—	—	32465				—	—	54236
	—	43265						25436
	—	32465			x	x	52634	
—	—	53462				—	—	52346
	—	45362						35246
	—	34562						23546

Repeated. The Single is called at the last H, in the course marked (S), and the peal is reduced to 5072 by omitting the braced bobs at H, in each half.

For those who require something simpler, a peal is appended which can be called with the bobs only in the Little Bob method throughout the peal:

W. M. H. 23456				5,096.
—	—	—	—	42635
—	—	—	—	34625
—	—	—	—	62345
—	—	—	—	36245
—	—	—	—	23645
—	—	—	—	56234
—	—	—	—	25634
—	—	—	—	62345
—	—	—	—	53624
—	—	—	—	65324
—	—	—	—	32654
—	—	—	—	63254
—	—	—	—	26354
—	—	—	—	35264
—	—	—	—	23564
—	—	—	—	52364

Repeat the last 11 courses three times, substituting Single for Bob W. and omitting the M. in the first course of the first and third repetitions.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

The Burton-on-Trent district of the above association held a successful meeting at the historical Parish Church of St. Helen, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday week. There was a good muster of members from Burton, Seales, Measham, Uttoxeter, Hugglescote, Nuneaton, and Loughborough, in addition to many of the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, and several beginners had a pull in rounds, etc.

Glorious weather prevailed, and an excellent tea was provided on the Vicarage lawn, by kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. F. Andrewes).

The usual business meeting took place after tea, at which five new members were elected, including the Vicar, and the October meeting was fixed for Newhall.

On behalf of those present, Mr. J. H. Swinfield thanked the Vicar for his kind invitation, and the latter suitably replied and welcomed the visitors.

After evensong, further ringing was indulged in, the bells being eventually lowered about 8 o'clock, after a very pleasant and successful meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE MEETING.

On Saturday, September 4th, a monthly practice of the Wimborne branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at the fine church situated in Bryanston Park, near Blandford, Dorset. The weather was splendid, and the motor-coach trip to the scene of action was very much enjoyed by members from Bournemouth, Poole, Wimborne and Ringwood. On arriving at the church, the fine ring of six, with a 19 cwt. tenor and all in excellent running condition, were soon set going to well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, while Cambridge Minor was also practised. During the afternoon, the Rev. Gundry, Master of the Salisbury Guild, walked from Shroton, which was a good performance on his part after his recent long illness. That North Dorset enthusiast, Mr. W. Shute, with another enthusiast from Mere (Wilts), rode from Buckhorn on his motor-cycle. At five o'clock a good tea was enjoyed by the members in a hall close to the church, after which the Rev. C. A. Philips expressed, on behalf of himself and the members present, the pleasure it gave all to see the Master well enough to be among them again. After this a move was made to the belfry for a short time. It was then arranged to visit Blandford, where hangs a good peal of eight, but suffering badly from frame weakness. However, a very enjoyable hour was spent here, and some really good touches in the four standard methods were brought round.

BELLS AND BROADCASTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Being the originator of the resolution passed at the Central Council meeting held at Chester last year, relative to the broadcasting of bells, I fully endorse the contents of the letter from 'Out of Course' and your leading article in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated September 3rd.

Since the resolution was passed there has been a greater amount of change-ringing broadcast, but with varying degrees of excellence. It is common knowledge that the B.B.C. do not allow an instrumentalist to appear before the microphone just because he or she possesses a good instrument; the performers have to prove their capabilities as exponents of the instruments. It would appear that the B.B.C. do not put this principle into practice where change-ringing is concerned; they seem to take it for granted that because a church possesses a good ring of bells it has a good company of ringers also.

The suggestion that a committee be formed to co-operate with the B.B.C. in this matter is a timely one, and such a committee would have opportunities of creating a much greater interest in our art and of setting a very high standard of ringing, particularly the 'striking' part of the performance.

It is an acknowledged fact that broadcasting has had a very marked effect on the music trade and created a demand for that which is best; it also allows the student of music to follow the works of their favourite composers and at the same time learn how to interpret the various works. If the B.B.C. did not give of the best in this respect, they would, like many peal attempts, come to an untimely end; therefore, if they continue to 'send over' indifferent ringing, there is a grave possibility of complaints being sent in which may have a detrimental effect upon ringing in general. If only the best ringing is broadcast, the students of campanology will have a standard set for them, and, in addition to this, it may cause local ringers to look to their laurels, especially when their ringing is compared with the radio ringing. It is certainly small encouragement for a stony band to take up half-pull ringing after hearing some of the ringing we have been treated to, especially when they pride themselves on their striking. Further comment at present is unnecessary.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Old Woking Parish Church on Saturday, when there was a good attendance from neighbouring towers. The Vicar (Rev. G. Askwith) conducted the service, and gave an address. Afterwards he presided over the tea and meeting held in the Parish Hall, supported by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., churchwarden, who is also a ringer, the district Ringing Master (Mr. C. Hazelden), and the district secretary (Mr. E. Raddon).

Several new members were elected, and a discussion took place as to holding combined practices in the district.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and the ringers returned to the tower, where the six bells (with tenor of 20 cwt.) were kept going throughout the evening. The methods ranged from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Admiral Walker took part in some of the Doubles.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks branch was held at Chicheley on Saturday, September 4th, when the attendance was very satisfactory, and a most enjoyable meeting was held. After three days of continual rain, the weather was gloriously fine, which accounted for the attendance being fairly well representative, members attending from the following towers: Bletchley, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Olney, Shenley, Stony Stratford, Stoke Goldington, and the local tower. The bells, a fine peal of six, were kept going from 2.30 p.m. until the service. The Vicar of Chicheley (Rev. V. I. Easson) had arranged for the attendance of the choir, and the Guild form of service was used. The Rev. C. W. Fulmer, of Clifton Reynes, gave a short address, which was very much appreciated. At tea, the members were the guests of the Vicar, who most heartily welcomed the branch to Chicheley.

The secretary (Mr. W. Sear) announced that there was no special business to be brought forward, but he would like to tell the meeting how pleased he was that the attendance was so good, seeing that they were right on the outside of the branch area. It showed that this part of the branch was still interested in the Oxford Guild, and he hoped they would continue to be so. He would, in the near future, visit them again in the hope of getting still another tower in union with the North Bucks Branch.—The chairman, the Rev. L. Moxon, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chicheley for giving the branch such a hearty welcome. This was suitably responded to.—Mr. W. Sear moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. W. Fulmer for the address at the service, and in reply the Rev. C. W. Fulmer extended an invitation to the branch to visit Clifton Reynes to enrol his tower and ringers.—This brought a very happy meeting to a close.

Further ringing then took place, the methods rung during the afternoon ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

RINGERS' CRICKET MATCH.

BATH VERSUS BRISTOL.

At Corston, near Bath, on Saturday, September 4th, a very interesting cricket match between Bath and Bristol ringers resulted in a narrow victory for the Bath ringers by four runs.

Bristol batted first, having won the toss, and opened with county style. Very few runs were made, however, and after a loss of four wickets the versatile Bristol United Guilds' jester was called upon to stop the rot. This he very successfully did, but it is not quite certain whether it was due to his skill in batting or by disarming the opposition with his witty tongue and a tight belt. Age creeps on, and so in consequence a good deal of time was lost by having to wait for the batsmen to regain their wind. Mr. Thomas made a useful fifteen. The Bristol side, who made 47, was composed of: Messrs. Newman (Coalpit Heath), Payne (St. Werburgh's), Marsh (Mangotsfield), Durbin (St. Thomas'), Parker (St. Matthew's), Thomas (Clifton), Davis (Stoke Bishop), Burnard (St. Stephen's), Way, jun. (St. James'), Browning (unattached), William (St. Philip's), and Braven (St. Luke's).

An adjournment was then made for tea, after which the Rev. C. C. Parker welcomed those present, and hoped that the cricket match would be made an annual fixture.

Mr. Prescott proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. C. Parker, Preb. Vaughan, of Newton St. Loe, and the ladies who had helped to make the tea arrangements so successfully.

A move was then made to the playing field for the Bath ringers to bat. Their innings proved very interesting, especially when the burly men tried to cover the wicket with themselves as well as the bat; as a consequence leg-before was given.

The Bristol fielders were original, one in particular turning somersaults to catch. (He will hear about this when his wife washes his laundry next week!) The Bath ringers hit up 51, and thus proved winners by the close margin of four runs, the team being: Messrs. Prescott, sen., Harding, King, Blackmore, Angell, Trevy, White, Adam, Prescott, jun., Davis, Hapgood, and Hill.

A tug-of-war resulted in two wins for Bristol and one for Bath. Bristol team: Messrs. W. Parker, A. Parker, E. Guise, H. Way, J. Jeffries, P. C. Williams, U. Braven, W. H. Thomas. Bath team: Messrs. Prescott, sen., King, Harding, Prescott, jun., H. Davies, Smith, Hallett, H. J. Davis.

A skittle match will take place in Bristol in a short time, and these events will cement much firmer the friendship existing between the ringers of two neighbouring cities.

SPliced BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

5,086 by A. J. PITMAN.

The following is the composition of the novel peal rung recently at Bridgend:

Bob Major.		Grandsire Triples.	
2345678	W H	32517884	
45836	— —	23156748	
34256	— —	21365478	Bob
53246	— —	12365748	
24536	— —	13265478	
32546	— —		
54326	— —	643275	3
25546	— —		
42356	— —	756324	2
35426	— —	437256	1
43526	— —	234675	5
52436	— —	632547	5
43256	S —	756432	1
25436	— —	637524	3
42536	— —		
54236	— —	246753	2
23546	— —	742365	5
52346	— —		
34526	— —	657234	2
53426	— —	426357	1
45326	— —	324765	5
24356	— —	723546	5
35246	— —	657423	1
*3265478	—M—	726534	3
		457326	1
		457326	3
		B 746352	
		527634	2
		625473	5
		A 657342	
		236457	1

* Produced by ringing the last four changes Grandsire Triples as follows.

Repeat calling as from 3265478, finishing the peal by calling singles instead of last two bobs.

This composition contains 2,572 changes of Bob Major and 2,524 changes Grandsire Triples. It was rung at Bridgend on September 1st, 1926, by the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and was the first peal rung in which Major and Triples have been spliced.

SHIPWAY'S FALLACIES.

By GEORGE BAKER.

There is no need to labour the point that one-hunt constructions have no relationship to two-hunt constructions; this fact can be proved every time by the round blocks and half-way transposition rows; but before passing on to another subject it will be interesting to readers of these articles to examine the following methods, both of which Shipway describes as Double Oxford Bob Triples (see pages 53 and 176 of Reprint). With regard to the second method, Shipway calls particular attention to the fact 'that it has only one hunt, and that the lead-head is the same in Caters and Cinques.'

Of course, the truth is that neither method is Double Oxford Bob Triples, and the second of the two is not even a double method, so once more Shipway is at fault in his diagnosis.

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1234567	1234567
2135476	2135476
2314567	2314567
3241576	3241576
3425167	3245167
4352617	3254617
3456271	2345671
4365721	3254761
3456712	2345716
4365172	3254176
3461527	2351467
4316257	3215478
4132675	3124567
1423657	1325476

1246375 1352746

When proved by reciprocal proof, No. 1 has nine false rows to the first lead, and No. 2 has but one, the lead-end. There are no two-hunt constructions, so far as I can find out, that have not a counterpart from the lowest number of bells that will produce the construction. Even the method that is known as Double Norwich Caters has a counterpart, a single construction on eight bells as follow:

Major.	Caters.
12345678	123456789
21436587	214365879
24163857	241638597
42613587	426135879
46231857	462318597
64328157	643281579
46382517	463825197
64835271	648352917
46385721	463859271
	648395721

When proved by reciprocal proof, the Major has eleven false rows to each lead, the Caters has thirteen false rows to each lead.

A method that is symmetrical within the lead will never have but one false row, the lead-end, when proved by reciprocal proof.
(To be continued.)

DEVON GUILD.

The North-East Branch of the Devon Guild held their quarterly meeting at Washfield on Saturday last, about forty ringers being present from Bickleigh, Bradninch, Calverleigh, Huntsham, Silverton, Stoodleigh, Tiverton and Washfield, and visitors came from Sidmouth, Trull, Chipstable and Tallaton.

Charles Kelland and Thomas J. Bowerman (both of Huntsham) qualified for certificates.

Messrs. Arscott and Snell worked untiringly to see that everyone should get their fair share of the use of the bells. The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. Thompson), and Miss Snell presided at the organ.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Arscott, Mrs. Snell and Miss Britton.

In the absence of the Rev. E. Barton, the Rev. F. Carter took the chair at the subsequent meeting. The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, December 11th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Letters of regret for non-attendance at the meeting were received from the Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. Laver (president and secretary of the Devon Guild), the Rev. E. Barton, and the Rev. J. E. F. Molineux.

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Woodley and Mr. Flew in going back to Calverleigh during the evening, the two visitors from Tallaton and two from Sidmouth much enjoyed a ring on that delightful little peal of six.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Paignton, Devon, in 49 mins. on Tuesday, the 7th inst., on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. L. W. Weatherburn, M.A. (priest-in-charge), of St. Andrew's Church, and Miss T. H. Biddle: F. Allwood 1, D. Green 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. E. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8.

FOR THE BEGINNERS.

CONDUCTING.—BY GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Having briefly explained, by a few simple hints, the way in which the young conductor can call Doubles, I come now to Bob Minor. Here again the beginner at conducting will most likely ring the observation bell, which, in most of the touches or 720's, is undisturbed from the work of the plain course. This will be the tenor in the 720 known pretty well by all as 'the old original,' and one way of remembering how to call it is to call a bob every time the 6th dodges behind without the 5th, and the third time 5-6 come together behind call a single. This, repeated, gives the 720. In other terms, call the tenor W. H. W., five times repeated, adding single at 3rd and 6th part ends.

I presume our young conductor has made himself acquainted with the meaning W. H. W. If not, perhaps it would be as well to explain that 'W.' means called 'wrong,' that is, when dodging in 5-6 up after passing treble in 3-4 going up; 'H.' means called 'home,' that is when dodging in 5-6 down after passing the treble in 4-5 up. The 'home' position is actually the position at which the 6th arrives at the plain course end.

As a compliment to R. Gillings, on his 13th birthday, 360 Grandsire Doubles were rung at Kimpton, Herts, on September 10th. In the band, also, was J. Gillings, his brother, whose age is 15, and G. Cain, another thirteen-year-old boy. R. Gillings 1, G. Cain 2, J. Gillings 3, T. Caun 4, H. Anstee 5, H. Fellows 6.

On Sunday, August 22nd, the band at St. Mary's, Mortimer, Berks, rang their first touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, a 288: E. Barrett 1, F. Ham 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, A. Ham 5, H. Punter 6, G. Parsons 7, E. Holloway (conductor) 8.—On Wednesday, August 25th, for practice, 576 in the same method: E. Barrett 1, F. Ham 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, C. Osler 5, A. Ham 6, G. Parsons 7, E. Holloway (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all excepting the conductor.

CANNON BALL IN BELFRY&WALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Noting with interest in this week's 'Ringing World' the paragraph concerning the cannon ball found at Faringdon, the following may help to solve the mystery:

'Close to the wall of the church lies the body of Mr. John Beckley, formerly surgeon to his Majesty's Navy, who, in an engagement off the West Coast of Portugal, on the 17th day of August, 1759, had his right leg shot off by a cannon ball, which is to be seen built into the church wall.

'John Beckley was born in 1680, and died in 1761. He was steward to Henry Pye, Esq., upwards of twenty years, which place of trust he discharged with the utmost fidelity.

Postcards were, and, I believe, can now be, bought in the town showing this.

The bells of this church run round the reverse way, and only stony ringing used to be practised, each man having a huge card for the particular bell he was ringing, laid on the floor, with rows of figures on it, and, as far as I could make out, when placed in position was the plain course of Stedman Triples.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. PANNETT.

Lewisham.

OPEN LEADS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, my opinion is emphatically, 'Yes, always have an open lead at handstroke on all numbers of bells.' The bells should be rung for the whole pull in regular order—123456123456, followed after every whole pull with a pause. On six bells, when ringing a 720 on the grindstone system, that is, without open leads, the bells will run round several times, instead of only producing rounds at the end, as is the case when rung with open leads. Our friends of North Notts should give the open lead preference—try it. Every one of the band, however, must be of the same mind, otherwise if open lead is kept by 3 or 4 and the other two ignore it, the ringing is spoilt.—Yours, etc.

J. HUNT.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, C. Edwards 2, J. E. Churchill 3, R. Thompson 4, E. J. Walsom 5, P. E. Clark 6, H. A. Folkard 7, H. Belcher (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Mansell and Miss Olive Edwards (youngest daughter of the ringer of the 2nd), and also of Miss Olive Walsom, niece of the ringer of the 5th.

DERBY.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,230 changes) in 48 mins.: E. Clarke 1, G. Freebrey 2, J. Foster 3, P. Tate (first as conductor) 4, H. Waterfield 5, W. Slater 6, H. Carigan (first quarter-peal) 7, J. Garner 8.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, T. G. Deal 2, E. G. Hibble 3, J. G. Nash 4, R. Lister (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. W. H. Strickland 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, H. Franks 4, E. A. Hull 5, J. G. Nash 6, C. A. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Chapman 1, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. L. Watkins 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

HESTON.—On Sunday, September 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. C. Chandler 1, C. S. Bird 2, Mark Stacey 3, A. H. Harding 4, C. I. Edwards 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, A. Harding 8.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On Sunday, September 12th, for the annual Hospital Parade, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: B. F. Calcott 1, G. H. Sentance 2, C. Rollings 3, A. G. Matthews 4, G. Heley 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6. The treble ringer is local, the rest belong to the Priory Church, Dunstable.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: J. A. Hales 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 5, J. Martin 6, F. Smith 7, S. Penfold 8. First quarter-peal by ringer of treble, and first in the method by 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: E. Lathall 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, H. E. Tompkins 3, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 4, H. C. Edwards 5, H. Liddy 6, W. F. Smith 7, R. A. Hall (first quarter) 8.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, Geo. Wiffen 2, A. Cutmore 3, G. Melbourne 4, F. Ely 5, H. T. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, for evening service, on September 5th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes, tenor 10½ cwt.), in 44 mins.: J. Hurrell 1, F. Fraser 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, H. W. Hewitt 4, E. F. Pike 5, R. Sanders 6, C. W. Roberts 7, F. Emery (conductor) 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JOINT DISTRICT MEETING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

There was a good gathering in the light and spacious belfry of St. Cuthbert's, Chester-le-Street, on Saturday week, on the occasion of a joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Every opportunity was given to learners to ring new methods, and full advantage was taken of it, so that although the 'striking' may not have been good, it is hoped the younger members went away encouraged.

After an excellent tea at the Crown Hotel, the vice-president of the Eastern District, Mr. R. L. Patterson, proposed 'The Health of the King,' and a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. R. S. Russell, of Jarrow.

A meeting of the members of the Eastern District was then held, and Mr. Russell, leader of the ringers of Christ Church, Jarrow, was elected vice-president for the coming year, and Mr. G. S. Taylor was re-elected secretary.

A move was then made for the belfry, and the very fine ring was kept going until after eight o'clock.

NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hoole on Saturday, September 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oxhey Saturday, September 25th. Bells open 4 p.m. Tea 5.30. Ringing till 8 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 30th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bigby on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea, at moderate charge, 5 p.m. Collection for Cathedral Bell Fund. Bells (6) available.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Yeldham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.15, tea after. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening for ringing. All ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to the secretary.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Clevedon, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pensnett (half-way between Dudley and Kingswinford) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. N. Edwards (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., at 5.—T. J. Stokes, Hon. Sec., 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8, tenor 13 cwt.) are available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner will this year take place at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 18th, at 6 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Ven. John Russell Darbysire, M.A., Archdeacon and Vicar of Sheffield, supported by officers of the Association. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) from 2.30 to 5.30.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at St. Mary's, Lewisham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise me as soon as possible, as exact number has to be given? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ALL SAINTS, HIGH WYCOMBE.—Bells (12) available on Saturday, September 18th, from 2.30—6. All ringers welcome. Practices, Mondays, 7.15—9 (1st Monday in month "Open").

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Apsley End, on Saturday, September 18th, 1926. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me early.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowden to-morrow (Saturday) Sept. 18th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The September meeting will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Aldate's Church on Thursday, Sept. 23rd. Ringing from 6.30. Service at 8, followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Greasley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. E. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, by Thursday, Sept. 23rd? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members requiring tea must notify Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, not later than Tuesday, 21st inst.—E. V. Rodenhurst, Assistant Hon. Sec., Hodnet, Salop.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd inst.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Please notify secretary not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st, all intending to come to tea.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silchester on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than the 18th inst.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the association will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m. Notices of attendance should be sent not later than Sept. 20th to Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Abson on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves the Centre at 2.15, picking up en route. Will those requiring a seat and taking tea kindly notify by the 21st inst.?—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Caldicot, Mon., on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Spondon on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Members will please make own arrangements for tea. This month's method for special practice is Duffield.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 5.30 to 9 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —A meeting will be held at Northallerton (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Applications for tea to hon. district secretary by first post Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Daleston Avenue, Lintorpe, Middlesbrough.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church on Saturday, Sept. 25th. All ringers welcome. Tea arranged for those who send word not later than Sept. 20th to H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, to those who send in their names to Mr. F. W. Dixon, 1, Greenshaw Terrace, Guiseley, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The new ring of eight bells at St. Michael's, Southampton, by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30th. Bells after service. All ringers welcome.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half travelling expenses will be paid to members attending. Please notify me before Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower will be opened at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Please notify me by Sept. 29th. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch (ringing only) will be held at the Church of St. Michael, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cottingham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in King Street Schoolroom, followed by business meeting. Short service at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. E. Hodgson, 268, Northgate, Cottingham, by first post Thursday, Sept. 30th. All outstanding subscriptions for year ending Sept. 30th should be paid at this meeting.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Beeston, Notts. This is Goose Fair Saturday, and cheap trips will be running to Nottingham, from whence buses run every few minutes. Bells (8) open from 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, followed by general meeting, all in School Room. Owing to difficulty in catering it is quite essential that those intending to be present at tea (1s. 10d. per head) advise Mr. W. Clifford, jun., 25, Enfield Street, Beeston, not later than Oct. 7th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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