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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting was held at Penkridge on Saturday last under ideal weather conditions, some sixty members attending from various towers.

Ringing began at 2.30 and continued till a late hour in the evening. In the unavoidable absence of the Ven. Archdeacon (Dr. Blakeway), the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Kempson), after giving his hearers a warm welcome, delivered a practical and inspiring address. An enjoyable tea was partaken of at the "Littleton Arms," followed by the general meeting. Upon Mr. R. Cartwright being elected to the chair, letters of apology from the Archdeacon, the ringing master, &c., were read. After the minutes of the last annual meeting were read, the Chairman moved a vote of sympathy to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Samuel Reeves (whose death occurred the previous day), which was confirmed by all present being asked to stand in silence. The Chairman gave a rough outline of the sterling qualities of the deceased, both personally and to the Society generally. He (the deceased) was one of the few who met at Lichfield in the early "eighties" to lay the foundation of the present prosperous Society; was lay secretary for 23 years; and was, up to the time of his death, a representative of the Society on the Central Council—having occupied that position for 24 years. His genial manner endeared him to many, and his absence will be greatly felt.

The Clerical Secretary (Rev. E. V. Cox) read the report on the year's working, the keynote being progress, and which showed an exceptional number of new members, together with a total of 74 peals rung. The statement of accounts was satisfactory, showing a substantial balance in hand. After a summary of the business transacted at the meeting of the Central Council, given by the Chairman, the following were elected to fill the various offices:—President, the Venerable Archdeacon of Stafford; Committee, Rev. W. Solly, Rev. J. A. Price, and Mr. W. W. Worthington; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Fisher; Hon. Secretaries, Rev. E. V. Cox and Mr. H. Knight; Hon. Treasurer, Rev. E. V. Cox; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. H. Mitchell and A. Little; representatives on the Central Council, Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. R. Cartwright and H. Knight. Three honorary and 30 ringing members were enrolled. The places fixed for subsequent quarterly meetings are Shenstone, Coseley, and Harborne, and Tettenhall for the annual.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells, to the Organist and Choir for their kind assistance at the service, to the retiring Ringing Master (Mr. G. Hughes), and to the Chairman for presiding.

OSSETT (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, a date touch of Bob Major (1914 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. *H. Clegg, H. Bretton, *N. Gee, *G. Dews, *F. Sykes, H. Gee, G. Bennett, J. Bennett. Conducted by G. Bennett. *Longest length. Longest length as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH).

A quarterly meeting was held at Welland on Saturday, June 20th.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, followed by service in Church at 4, at which the Organist and Choir boys and girls greatly helped to brighten the service. The Vicar preached an excellent sermon, though he remarked he had never had the pleasure of conducting a Ringers' service before.

The local ringers provided a splendid tea at the "Pheasant Hotel," where afterwards the meeting was held, with the Vicar presiding. The quarterly peal to be attempted at Welland, with R. G. Knowles as Conductor, and the next meeting to be held at Madresfield, with the usual votes of thanks, being all the business necessary.

Mr. E. Gibbs kindly offered his services to the local ringers, which was greatly appreciated. Welland being rather an out-of-the-way place and very inconvenient to get to, the attendance was not large, though the object of the Branches was fully justified.

The Branch Master, Mr. W. Page, in taking charge of the ringing, was very particular that each had a ring. These included rounds, some their first six-score, others their first Minor, while others more advanced rang Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bobs. The bells were nicely lowered in peal, thus making a good finish to a successful and useful meeting.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The May monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Grendon, a village somewhat inaccessible from the southern parts of the county. Owing partly to this the attendance was not up to the average, 15 members being present from Rugby, Coventry, Walsall, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Stoke Golding and Grendon. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector, after tea, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells. Touches of Sledman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The June monthly meeting was held at Coleshill last Saturday, and proved very successful. Members were present from Rugby, Stoke in Coventry, Allesley, Berkswell, Birmingham, Grendon and Coleshill. Five new members were elected and touches in the Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Wingfield-Digby) paid two visits to the belfry during the ringing and expressed great interest in the work of the Guild. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his permission to ring.

ALDERSHOT (Hants).—On Wednesday, June 17th, 710 Double Court Minor. W. Fisher, A. Croucher, G. Fisher, H. Chaffey, Alf. Croucher (conductor), Corpl. G. Gilbert. First 720 in the method on the bell, and first 720 of Double Court by all.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry branch was held at Cottenham on Saturday, June 13th.

A meat tea was provided at the "Jolly Millers," through the generosity of the Rector, who, unfortunately, was away from home. The captain of the local ringers presided in his absence, members being present from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Shelford, Sawston and the local band. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Swaffham Prior. Several new members were elected. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Several of the local men rang their first touch of Minor.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH).

The selection of Clent for the June meeting proved in every way a very successful one. Clent Church, situated at the foot of Clent Hill, amid the most beautiful surroundings, where the service was held, was attended by seventy members and friends. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. P. C. Thomas), while the organist's duties were very ably filled by one of the Clent lady ringers, Miss Thatcher. In his address the Vicar from the pulpit welcomed the Association to Clent, said how pleased he was to have them there, and spoke of the good work which could be done by ringers in their position as ringers. Continuing he remarked upon the good work which had been done during the last 20 or 30 years in belfry reform, through the efforts of associations like theirs, and said he thanked God for it. He said that the ringers were as much to the Church as the Minister, the Churchwardens, the Sidesmen and the Sunday School teacher, and he trusted they would all look upon it, not only for their own pleasure but also for the benefit and the good of the Church to which they belonged; and it was only just and right that after calling other people to Church they should join the congregation at worship. After the service a move was made to Clent Hall, the residence of the Rev. Mr. Thatcher and Misses Thatcher, where tea was partaken of on the lawn. The weather being glorious and the gardens looking their best it was a real pleasure to partake of the hospitality of Mr. and Misses Thatcher, and no one enjoyed it more than those ringers whose business is confined to workshops all the year round.

At the business meeting which followed the Vicar was voted to the chair. Cradley was selected for the next meeting on September 19th. Several new members were elected, including the new Vicar of Wollaston, Rev. H. C. Wanstall. It was decided that a letter of sympathy be sent to the widow and family of Mr. S. Reeves. Mr. H. Mason, in a few well-chosen remarks, said how very much they all regretted to hear the sad news of the death of Mr. Reeves, a man whom one could look up to for advice and information when required, and ringers could look upon his life as an ideal one, both as a ringer and a Churchman. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for arranging the service and his address, and also to Mr. and Misses Thatcher for providing such a splendid tea. The Vicar, in responding, said he had enjoyed the meeting very much and commented on the heartiness of the singing at the service. Mr. Thatcher also responded for his daughters and himself and said that if they had not selected another place for the next meeting he was inclined to invite them there again. The Vicar invited all those

who could to take a walk round his garden, a privilege which was very much appreciated by those present. Ringing in various methods, including London Surprise Major, brought another successful meeting to a close.

OBITUARY.

MR. SAMUEL HAYES.

The St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers, Barking, has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Samuel Hayes, which occurred at Forest Gate on Saturday last. He was connected with the society since its formation in 1879, first as instructor and latterly as hon. member, and to him it is largely due that the present society owes its high state of efficiency. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, also helped to form the Essex Association of Change Ringers, and was one of its first members. He was also for 64 years a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and on Tuesday last a muffled peal was rung to his memory by the members at Southwark Cathedral.

A muffled peal was rung at St. Margaret's Church on Thursday evening, and similar tributes to his memory were rung at St. Mary's, Bow; All Saints', West Ham; Bocking, and St. John's, Leytonstone.

Samuel Hayes was a ringer whom the exercise can ill afford to lose. He was one of those genuine ringers of the old school that no trouble was too great to help on a young hand. Like the late George Newson, while in the prime of life he was ever ready and willing to go anywhere and to help with a touch or peal, be it in one of the simplest methods either upon a ring of five or any higher number, if it was only to help in the efficiency of anyone wishing to learn more of the art. He had also a most pleasant disposition toward one and all, and it was at all times a real pleasure to him to meet old friends, however simple might their knowledge be of the art of bell ringing. R.I.P.

B.K.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

OVER 100 YEARS AGO.

To the Editor.

A correspondent calls our attention to the fact that the following interesting paragraph relating to Dagenham appeared in the "Annual Register" for October, 1804:—

"A singular accident happened at the new church, Dagenham, Essex. The Society of Cumberland Youths were invited to open the new peal of bells, which they performed in the morning by ringing 7,008 changes of Oxford treble-bob-royal in four hours and forty-nine minutes: but in the evening Mr. Channon, master of the society, wished to oblige the inhabitants of the village with another peal, when, unfortunately, his leg got entangled in the rope, which drew him up to the next loft, and falling from thence on his head he was killed on the spot, the upper part of the skull being beat in, so that the brains oozed out through the cavities."

The above paragraph is going the round of the local press. Can any member of Cumberland Youths throw any light on the matter? Is there any record of a peal of 7,008 Treble Bob Royal? At the present time there are only six bells at Dagenham and these are dated 1804.

B. KEEBLE, Romford.

Chelmsford Cathedral Bells.

St Mary's Lodge, Chelmsford,
February 6th 1914.

Messrs John Warner and Sons, Ltd

Gentlemen,—The new peal of twelve bells installed in Chelmsford Cathedral in September last by your Firm gives the utmost satisfaction. The bells are well-tuned, the tone is mellow, and the harmonics are perfect. The ensemble effect is excellent. I consider the peal to be perfectly satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

FREDERICK R. FRYE,
Mus. B. (Cantab), F.R.C.O.,
Organist Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Dear Sirs.—We, the undersigned, representing important towers in the Essex Association of Change-Ringers, wish to place on record that we consider the new ring of twelve bells (tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lb.), in the key of C, which you have just installed at Chelmsford Cathedral, to be a triumph of musical perfection, coupled with engineering skill.

The tenor bell, which has been going perfectly since she was first dropped into her bearings and the treble bells, are extremely worthy products of your well-known Foundry.

The whole peal is exceedingly well balanced, and the tuning upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle is a vast improvement upon the old bells, whose overtones were in such a hopeless tangle.

Your new design of Independent Steel Framework fully merits the greatest praise, inasmuch as there is not the slightest movement when the bells are ringing, and, moreover, we appreciate the very great difficulty of arranging the twelve bells to hang on one level in so small an available space.

Wishing you every success in the future,

We are, dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master of the Cathedral
Guild of Change-Ringers. Secretary for
S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

WILLIAM LINCOLN,
Master for S.E. Division,
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Master of the Essex Association,
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Chelmsford Cathedral.

JAMER MOTTS,
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Eight Bells.

April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral,
In 1913 Messrs. Warner & Sons, of Spitalfields, London, E.C., recast the Peal of 10 Bells, added two new ones to make a Peal of 12, and rehung them in one tier in a new steel frame.

We have much pleasure in stating that the work was carried out to our entire satisfaction.

The tone of the bells is much admired, and the ease with which they can be rung is testified to by the ringers.

HENRY A. LAKE, Rector.

Thos. H. Waller,
Adolphus G. Maskell, } Churchwardens.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Messrs. Warner London.

Dear Sirs,—I have great pleasure in stating I am satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old peal of ten, and adding new treble and tenor to Chelmsford Cathedral.

The steel frame constructed to carry the twelve bells all on one level, is a masterpiece of work, no movement or friction whatever. The tone of the bells is beautiful, the "go" is such that a youth could ring any one of them. In short, I am of opinion our peal of twelve cannot be beaten.

Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,
Steeplekeeper and Master,
Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of Change-Ringers,
Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs.—In my opinion the twelve bells placed in the tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR EDWARDS.

66, Duke Street, Chelmsford

Messrs. Warner and Sons,—I am very pleased to say that the new ring of twelve at Chelmsford have proved such a great success. They are a magnificent peal, and I'm sure that the "go" of them from treble to tenor is most excellent, and great credit is due to the firm for the able way in which the work has been carried out.

H. RICHELL,
Deputy Master to the Cathedral Guild.

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"THE FIRST ESSEX PEAL OF CINQUES."

Sir,—The heading of the verses by "G.F.M." in this week's issue may appear somewhat misleading to change ringers generally. The majority of ringers know there was not a peal of 12 in the county until the Chelmsford peal.

The first peal of Cinques by the Essex Association was 5,002 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours 54 minutes at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, April 30th, 1892, and appeared in "Bell News" the following week. It was conducted by yours, etc.

F. G. NEWMAN.

28, Esther Road, Leytonstone,
June 21st, 1914.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

On Tuesday, June 16th, a very interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of the above historical Church, that of dedicating a tablet recording the first peal on the bells, viz.: 5,040 changes of Bob Minor, rung on March 14th, and duly recorded in the Ringing Press. The Bishop of Buckingham, attended by the Vicar (the Ven. W. Upton Wooler) and the Rev. R. Townsend (Curate), beside the Churchwardens, Ida Conyers Fraser and William Alfred Day, and many other ladies and gentlemen interested, including the local ringers, assembled in the belfry. The Bishop requested the Lady Churchwarden to unveil the tablet, and then proceeded with the dedication service. This completed, Mr. J. W. Wilkins, the conductor of the peal, said on behalf of the band he wished first to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for presenting the record, as the peal, owing to the bad go of the bells, was accomplished with much difficulty and only at the third attempt. They were grateful for this due recognition. Then they all knew how well their kind Bishop supported ringers and ringing and how he worked for securing the magnificent peal of 12 in his late parish. Mr. Wilkins would like to suggest to the Venerable Vicar and Churchwardens the hope that the six bells might shortly be re-hung and two trebles added to complete the octave. These remarks were endorsed by Mr. R. Coles. The Bishop returned thanks and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present. Whilst in the belfry a 360 of Bob Minor was rung by the band that rang the peal, much to the pleasure of those assembled, and the local ringers were also assisted in touches of Doubles.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Wednesday, June 17th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Parker, F. Radley, S. Sargent, W. Moore, H. Redgwell, A. Shufflebotham (conductor), W. Grimwade, L. W. Crow. Also 704 Bob Major. J. Parker, F. Radley, S. Sargent E. Newman, H. Redgwell, A. Shufflebotham, W. Keeble (conductor), L. W. Crow. The above were rung half muffled, out of respect for the late Samuel Hayes, who was buried in Bocking Cemetery on the above date.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

We have seen that the way Methods which have a Hunt or Hunts and Working Bells are produced is by Constructional Shunts, and we have further seen that besides these there is another kind of Shunt which I called Additional Shunts. The difference between these Shunts is only one of use, essentially they are all alike. They all

consist either of Complete Hunting Courses on all or some of the bells or of Complete Dodging Movements on all or some of the bells. The difference is simply that in the Constructional Shunts the Treble takes part, while the Additional Shunts do not affect her at all. Every bit of work that exists in any Method, legitimate or illegitimate, regular or irregular, is a part of one or other of these kinds of Shunts.

I have given illustrations of the Constructional Shunts applied to the Plain Principle; I now come to the Treble Bob principle. This latter consists of three changes of forward hunting and one of backward hunting by all the bells repeated till the bells come round. That is every bell does the same thing that the Treble only does in Kent or Superlative. The result is that the principle is false; you get every two rows twice over. That has led some people to say that there is no such thing as a Treble Bob Principle and that Treble Bob Methods, like Plain Methods, are all produced from the Plain Principle. Against that there is only this to be said, that the Treble Bob Principle, though false, does most certainly exist, and though you can obtain every Method from the Plain Principle you will find it a most complicated process unless you make use of the Treble Bob Principle as an intermediate step. It must never be forgotten that all this use of Primary Principles is only a reference of the Complete Methods to the two fundamental laws on which alone all Change Ringing is based.

There are three kinds of Constructional Shunts that can be used in the Plain Principle; the same three can also be used in the Treble Bob Principle and give the same results.

Take the following example:—Double Norwich Major is produced from the Plain Principle by four Regular Court Shunts in each lead, and consequently has the Coursing Order of the working bells put backward four times, giving the first lead—end 8674523. Apply this to the Treble Bob Principle and you get

The Principle.	The Constructional Shunts.
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24163857	-----A1
42618375	24135678
24163857	42316587
42618375	24135678
46281735	42316587
64827153	A2-----B1
46281735	24361578
64827153	42635187
68472513	24361578
86745231	42635187
68472513	B2-----
86745231	24365817
87654321	42638571
	24365817
	42638571
	46283751

These Shunts give everything you want for producing the lead-ends and the proper number of leads, but they do nothing to remove the falseness of the Primary Principle. For that you must use Additional Shunts, and there are a great many ways in which you can do so, giving a very large number of Surprise Methods, some good and some

bad. I will give one or two of the more obvious ones. Every one of the Additional Shunts we shall use consists of a complete Hunting Course on some of the bells or a complete dodging movement on some of the bells.

NORFOLK S	MARSHAM S.	RINGLAND S.	DRNHAM S.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 4 6 3 8 5 7
2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	2 1 4 3 5 6 7 8	2 1 6 4 8 3 7 5
2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8	2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8	2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8	2 6 1 4 8 7 5 3
4 2 3 1 5 6 7 8	4 2 3 1 5 6 7 8	4 2 3 1 5 6 7 8	6 2 4 1 8 3 7 5
2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8	2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8	2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8	2 6 1 4 8 7 3 5
4 2 3 1 5 6 7 8	4 2 3 1 5 6 7 8	4 2 3 1 5 6 7 8	6 2 4 1 7 8 5 3
2 4 3 6 1 5 7 8	2 4 3 6 1 5 7 8	2 4 3 6 1 5 7 8	2 6 4 7 1 8 3 5
4 2 6 3 1 5 7 8	4 2 6 3 1 5 7 8	4 2 6 3 1 5 7 8	6 2 7 4 8 1 5 3
2 4 6 3 1 5 7 8	2 4 6 3 1 5 7 8	2 4 6 3 1 5 7 8	6 7 2 4 1 8 3 5
4 2 3 6 5 1 7 8	4 2 3 6 5 1 7 8	4 2 3 6 5 1 7 8	7 6 4 2 8 1 5 3
2 4 6 3 5 8 1 7	2 4 6 3 5 8 1 7	2 4 6 3 5 8 1 7	7 6 2 4 8 5 1 3
4 2 3 6 8 5 7 1	4 2 3 6 8 5 7 1	4 2 3 6 8 5 7 1	6 7 4 2 5 8 3 1
2 4 3 6 5 8 1 7	2 4 3 6 5 8 1 7	2 4 3 6 5 8 1 7	6 4 7 2 8 5 1 3
4 2 6 3 8 5 7 1	4 2 6 3 8 5 7 1	4 2 6 3 8 5 7 1	4 6 2 7 5 8 3 1
4 6 2 8 3 7 5 1	4 6 2 8 3 7 5 1	4 6 2 8 3 7 5 1	4 2 6 5 7 3 8 1

The last of these four is not so obviously founded on the Constructional Shunts, but actually was produced in a similar manner to Birmingham Bob and Canterbury Bob, which I explained in my article of April 11th. I do not give these as particularly good Methods, but as illustrations.

In a similar way any combination of Constructional Shunts that will produce a Method from the Plain Principle will run on the Treble Bob Principle, but in practically every case you must have Additional Shunts to clear the falseness. I will give two further illustrations of Methods produced by Slow Work Shunts. The first has a 3-bell Slow Work Shunt, the second a 5-bell Slow Work Shunt. Oxford and Kent will supply illustrations of Methods with 1-bell Slow Work Shunts.

3-BELL SLOW WORK SHUNT DISS DELIGHT.

12345678	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
21436587	2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
12345678	1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8
21436587	2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
24163857	2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
42618375	4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5
24163857	2 4 1 6 8 3 5 7
42618375	4 2 6 1 3 8 7 5
24681735	3 4 6 3 1 7 8 5
42867153	4 2 3 6 7 1 5 8
24861735	2 4 3 6 1 7 8 5
42687153	4 2 6 3 7 1 5 8
24678513	2 4 6 7 3 5 1 8
42765831	4 2 7 6 5 3 8 1
24768513	2 4 7 6 3 5 1 8
42675831	4 2 6 7 5 3 8 1
46257381	4 6 2 5 7 8 3 1
64523718	6 4 5 2 8 7 1 3
46527381	4 6 5 2 7 8 3 1
64253718	6 4 2 5 8 7 1 3
46235178	4 6 2 8 5 1 7 3
64321587	6 4 8 2 1 5 3 7
46325178	4 6 8 2 5 1 7 3
64231587	6 4 2 8 1 5 3 7
46213857	4 6 2 1 8 3 5 7
64128375	6 4 1 2 3 8 7 5
46213857	4 6 2 1 3 8 5 7
64128375	6 4 1 2 8 3 7 5
61482735	6 1 4 8 2 7 3 5
16847253	1 6 4 8 7 2 5 3
61482735	6 1 8 4 2 7 3 5
16847253	1 6 8 4 7 2 5 3
18674523	1 8 6 7 4 5 2 3

2, 4, 6 are the Slow Work bells.

5-BELL SLOW WORK SHUNT.

12345678
21436587
12345678
21436587
24163857
42618375
24163857
42618375
46281735
64827153
46281735
64827153
46287513
64825731
46285713
64827531
68472351
86743215
68473251
86742315
68472135
86741253
68472135
86741253
78164523
78165432
87614523
78165432
71856342
17583624
71856342
17583624
15738264

2, 4, 6, 8, 7 are the Slow Work bells.

Fakenham Exercise.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 3 4 5 6 7 8
1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7
4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5
2 4 1 6 8 3 5 7
4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5
4 6 2 8 1 7 3 5
6 4 8 2 7 1 5 3
6 8 4 2 1 7 3 5
8 6 2 4 7 1 5 3
6 8 4 2 7 5 1 3
6 4 8 2 5 7 3 1
4 6 2 8 5 7 1 3
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8 6 7 4 1 2 5 3
8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3
7 8 1 6 4 5 3 2
8 7 6 1 5 4 2 3
7 8 1 6 5 4 3 2
7 1 8 5 6 3 4 2
1 7 8 5 3 6 2 4
7 1 5 8 6 3 4 2
1 7 5 8 3 6 2 4
1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1914

CRICKET MATCH

between the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths will be played at Mitcham Green, on Saturday, July 18th, at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the "Queen's Head," Mitcham Green, at 7 o'clock. All wishing to partake kindly advise by July 11, to Albert A. Hughes, 34, Whitechapel Road, London, E. Social evening afterwards. All welcome. The Social Meeting will be held, quite irrespective of the weather.

5043 STEDMAN CATERS

By HENRY DAINS.

231456 4 5 16

512436*

215634 - -

214536 - -

412635 - -

415236 - -

315642 - -

312546 - -

213645 - -

215346 - -

512643 - -

513246 - -

Four times repeat calling of last six courses, using single for bob at 5 in the second following part, and produce course-end 315246, from which the following calling brings up 214365879. Rounds next change as usual.

315246 5 16

315462†

312564 -

314265 -

413562 -

412365 -

415362 8

412563 -

413265 -

314562 -

312465 -

213564 -

214365 -

* 1, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 158.

† By calls 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

Thomas King Treble	Charles F. White 5
Richard N. Runham 2	Edgar Wightman 6
Charles Lee 3	William T. Powell 7
James W. Trappitt 4	James Hunt Tenor

Composed and Conducted by James Hunt.

*First peal with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 6-scores of Plain Bob, twelve of Canterbury Pleasure, and twenty-two of Grandsire, nineteen different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

Thomas Vaughan* Treble	John H. Rackham 4
Edgar R. Jones 2	Sidney T. Rackham 5
James P. Hyett 3	Ivor Domant Tenor

Conducted by S. T. Rackham.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. The ringers wish to heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Great House, for entertaining them to tea after the peal

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

James Orford Treble	Clayton Parnell 4
Edwin G. Pipe 2	George Orford 5
W. Stanley Clark 3	George B. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by George Orford.

The ringer of the treble was proposed a member of the Association before attempting the peal. First peal on six bells by the ringers of the and and tenor. This is the first peal on these bells for over ten years. This peal was arranged and rung half muffled in sympathy with the relatives, and as a tribute of respect to the six Boy Scouts drowned in the River Waveney, at Somerleyton, on Whit Monday, under distressing circumstances.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

Henry Briggs Treble	George Wood 4
Eric Ellis (age 16) 2	John Garratt 5
Henry Wright 3	W. Hyde Inglesant Tenor

Conducted by W. Hyde Inglesant.

First peal on the bells. The band, through the medium of this journal, wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. E. J. Sing) for granting permission to use the bells. Messrs. Ellis, Wright and Garratt hail from Sappcote; Briggs from Stanton; Wood from Sharnford; the conductor from Broughton Astley.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5306 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs

Gordon Checketts Treble	George Hayward 6
William Shilvock 2	William Smith* 7
Thomas Albott 3	John Smith 8
Samuel Grove 4	John Withers 9
Robert Matthews 5	Alfred Giles Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. Hayward.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Western Division, First Meeting).

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BRACKET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

John Cooper Treble	Albert Jagger 5
John Edmondson 2	Robert W. Jennison 6
John Lawson 3	John Hall 7
Thomas Bancroft 4	Smith Murgatroyd Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and Conducted by Thomas Bancroft.

This peal has been rung to take the place of the one rung at Heptonstall on May 2nd, the composition being false. The notification of this fact was published in "The Bell News" July 13th, 1912, but was unfortunately overlooked. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Lightcliffe; the rest from Keighley. The peal was rung for the first time, and has all the 6-5s and 5-6s.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frederick W. Richardson Treble	David Wright 5
Edwin F. Pike 2	William J. Jeffries 6
Richard N. Runham 3	William Hewett 7
Walter Smith* 4	Thomas Groombridge, sen. Tenor

Composed by Fred. J. Pitstow, and Conducted by Thos. Groombridge

* First Surprise peal, also first on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Frank Smith Treble	Victor Bennett 5
Charles Pallen 2	Edgar Hamfrey 6
William E. Napper 3	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn 7
Albert E. Reeves 4	William Hutton Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn.

First peal by treble man. Rung to commemorate the Festival of Dorchester Missionary College, also a 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

BECLES.—On June 10th, for practice at St. Michael's Church, 304 Grandsire Caters. T. Holmes, H. Reynolds, E. Pipe, C. Parnell, W. Clark, G. Baxter, R. Goate, E. Etheridge, H. Ling, (conductor), R. Rush. For practice on June 17th, 504 Grandsire Caters. T. Holmes, H. Reynolds, E. Pipe, C. Parnell, W. Clark, R. Spaulding, R. Goate, G. Baxter, H. Ling (conductor), R. Rush.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

Alfred James, sen. . . . Treble	Reginald Brongh 5
Isaac Emery 2	Walter Smith 6
Hubert J. Blackwell 3	George Durling 7
Ernest Tigwell 4	Edwin Barnett, sen. . . . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. Barnett, sen.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to E. Tigwell, on his 21st birthday, and is his first peal of Double Norwich.

POTTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

William Compton* . . . Treble	Sydney J. Coleman . . . 4
George W. Inskip . . . 2	George D. Coleman . . . 5
Alfred O. Bailey* . . . 3	Edmund C. Chasty . . . Tenor

Conducted by George D. Coleman.

*First peal in seven methods, and rung at first attempt.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES,

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Sidney W. Pilgrim . . . Treble	George Abliitt 5
Rev. William C. Pearson* 2	George Bennett 6
George Farnish 3	Thomas W. Last 7
Leslie C. Wightman* . . . 4	George Whiting Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett, sen., and Conducted by T. W. Last.

*First peal in this method; also first in this method upon the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

Ernest Morris Treble	Harry O. White 5
Ernest Bartram* 2	R. Henry Bartram 6
Charles E. Joynes* 3	Josiah Morris 7
Frederick H. Dexter . . . 4	Charles H. Fowler Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter, and Conducted by Charles H. Fowler.

*First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th belong to Melton Mowbray, 3rd and 5th to Rugby, the remainder to Leicester.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob, twelve of Canterbury Pleasure, twenty of Grandsire, twenty-two different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

Ivor Doman* Treble	James P. Hyett 4
John H. Rackham 2	Edgar R. Jones 5
Sidney T. Rackham 3	Thomas Vaghan Tenor

Conducted by E. R. Jones.

*First peal away from the tenor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rackham for kindly inviting them to tea after the peal.

LEYTONSTONE.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Newcastle, Canterbury, Lincoln, London, and York. Tenor 14 cwt.

Alfred Prior Treble	William H. Theobald . . . 4
George A. Black 2	William Miller 5
Harry Torble 3	John Moule Tenor

Conducted by W. Miller.

All the above methods are Class IV. This peal was rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to our old friend and brother, Samuel Hayes, who died on June 13th, aged 75 years.

CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley York and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Thomas W. Gilmonr . . Treble	Rev. A. T. Beeston . . . 4
John Wilkinson . . . 2	Herbert H. Barker . . . 5
George R. Newton . . . 3	Henry Fyles Tenor

Conducted by Herbert H. Barker.

Rung in celebration of the King's birthday. First Surprise Minor peal for the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells.

WALTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley and York. Tenor 9 cwt.

James W. Bell Treble	Rev. A. T. Beeston . . . 4
John Wilkinson 2	Herbert H. Barker . . . 5
Henry Fyles 3	James Martin Tenor

Conducted by James Martin.

Rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales's birthday.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

William Turner* . . . Treble	E. Maurice Atkins . . . 6
Thomas R. Hensher . . . 2	George Bennett† . . . 7
James Moorhouse . . . 3	Fred Cockell 8
George Hiosley 4	John W. Moorhouse . . . 9
George Hunt† 5	Walter Peaker Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Thos. R. Hensher.

*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. First peal away from the tenor by ringer of 8th.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST HARLING.—On June 21st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Mears, H. Haylett, A. Newson, O. Bulbran, J. Cunningham, F. C. Burrows (conductor).

KENNINGHALL.—On June 21st, for afternoon Service, 448 Bob Major. W. Mears, O. Bullman, F. Mapes, H. Haylett, A. Newson, J. Cunningham, S. Gaskin, F. C. Burrows (conductor).

WINFARTHING.—On June 21st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Elsie, W. Mears, F. Mapes, H. Haylett, S. Gaskin, F. C. Burrows (conductor).

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Tuesday, June 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation of Thnrstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

Algernon P. G. Stone..	Treble	John H. Benstead ..	..	5
John H. Swinfield ..	2	Edward I. Stone ..	..	6
Charles Sanders ..	3	Joseph Griffin ..	..	7
William C. Wakley ..	4	Albert P. Wadley ..	..	Tenor

Conducted by J. Griffin.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled, in token of respect to the late Dr. A. B. Plant, organist of St. Paul's from its foundation in 1874, who was interred on the above date.

Handbell Peals.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Residence of the Rev. B. H. T. Drake, in Cambridge Road,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

In the Kent Variation,

William D. James ..	1-2	George D. Coleman ..	5-6
Sydney J. Coleman ..	3-4	Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake	7-8

Composed by J. Reeves, and Conducted by W. D. James.

First handbell peal in Sandy.

CHEDDAR.

The church of St. Andrew, Cheddar, was, on June 2nd filled with a good congregation, on the occasion of the dedication of the new bells which have been placed in the tower by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol. The Bishop of Taunton performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rural Dean and other clergy. The opening prayers having been said the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens, &c., proceeded to the tower where the special hymn "High o'er the land our bells" was sung, and the dedicatory prayers offered. The bells were then chimed and the procession returned to the church during the singing of Psalm cxxii. The address was based on the text: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power."

At the conclusion of the dedication service a peal was rung by a team of ringers from the district.

The bells have probably hung in their present position over 150 years; and even this must have been a rearrangement of the old frame and fittings, much of which bears traces of being centuries older; and since that time very slight repairs have been effected.

The following is a brief account of them:

Treble, No. 1, added in 1884, 6½ cwt.; "Praise God." James Coleman, Vicar.

No. 2, A.D. 1618, weight 8 cwt. "Geeve Thanks. W.B.A.I."

No. 3, no date, certainly cast before the Reformation (i.e. 1536); may have been as early as 1400; has the letter M five times repeated. Probably dedicated to B.V. Mary.

No. 4, A.D. 1673. "W.R.I.B.G.W.T.P." Weight about 12 cwt.

No. 5, A.D. 1864. R. A'Court Beadon, Vicar. Weight about 16 cwt.

Tenor; cast in 1759 by the famous Chew Stoke founder, T. Billie, and is described as of remarkably fine tone; weight about 24 cwt.; note D. "Hark how I call to

come to the House of God and Kingdom of His Son. James Hawkins and Thomas Yeep, Churchwardens."

It was necessary to move the whole of the existing frame and fittings, and substitute entirely new work throughout of iron and steel, including headstocks, and it was determined to increase the peal of six to an octave. The six bells had done good service—they had rung for the crownings and requiems of monarchs, for the endings of wars, for joyful and sorrowful events. The dust of ages and the corroding hand of Time had settled upon them, and at last there came the day when it was dangerous to ring them any longer. That was in the Autumn of 1913, and at Christmastide and New Year many people missed the music of the bells. An examination of the tower was made by an expert—Mr. J. B. Hesse—and he counselled the immediate cessation of ringing, which advice was followed. Messrs. Ford and Sons, of Cheddar, were successful in securing the contract for staying and strengthening the tower, and the work has been completed in the good workmanlike manner for which this house is noted.

Now the bells have been re-installed, and they will send forth their message in tuneful measure far beyond the precincts of the village. It speaks well for Cheddar people—not only Cheddar Church of England people—that the cost of the whole work has been practically raised. The appeal was not confined to Churchpeople, it went broadcast, and the response came from all sects and classes, including the wealthy man's big cheque and the widow's mite. The greatest praise is due to Dr. R. W. Statham and Mr. Geo. R. Hill for the splendid manner in which they have carried out the secretarial duties connected with the scheme, and also to the Church Bells Committee, which has spared no pains to ensure the success of their labours—and the best of success has attended them. Of course the Vicar, the Rev. Wm. Yorke-Fauset, and the Rev. Geo. Wheeler (Curate) have been heart and soul in the movement, and it is largely owing to their enthusiasm and warm-hearted efforts that this great measure of success has been reaped.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Ltd., of Castle Green, Bristol, a firm famous for its bell-work, were entrusted with the task of doing the necessary work, and they made a good job of it—as was natural for such a firm. The bells were, in the first place, taken from their resting-place, and on January 12th were removed to Bristol. Here it was found necessary to re-cast the first four bells, and send all the others to the foundry to be tuned.

It is estimated that the cost, including a new floor and re-fixing clock and chiming arrangements, will be over £300, and the present deficit is about £75.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James have adopted the latest modern methods of tuning their bells, namely, on the principle initiated by the late Canon Simpson.

The weights and dates of the bells are now as follows:

- 1 Treble (new bell), 1614, Note D, weight 5cwt. 3qrs. 5lbs.
- 2 New bell, 1914, Note C sharp, weight 6cwt. 1qr. 9lbs.
- 3 "Praise God," 1884, Note B, weight 7cwt. 0qr. 21lbs.
- 4 "Geeve Thanks," 1618, Note A, wt. 9cwt. 3qrs. 5lbs.
- 5 Pre-Reformation—No date, Note G, weight 10cwt. 3qrs. 9lbs.
- 6 1673, re-cast 1914, Note F sharp, wt. 12cwt. 1qr. 24lb.
- 7 1864, Note E, weight 15cwt. 1qr. 12lbs.
- 8 Tenor, 1759, Note D, weight 23cwt. 0qrs. 23lbs.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Thursday, June 18th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. F. Cooper (conductor), A. Speller, D. H. Newman, P. Timson, A. Achfield, H. Allen, W. Lincoln, R. Warner. Longest length by ringer of 3rd.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, June 7th, two 1208 Grandsire Doubles. J. Keeble, B. Keeble, Mrs Keeble. Also 60 Grandsire Doubles. A. Keeble, W. Keeble, B. Keeble, J. Keeble. Rung on the 45th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION FROM THE PRIMARY PRINCIPLES.

By GEORGE BAKER.

Three weeks have purposely been allowed to elapse since the last papers appeared on the above subject, to give our readers and the opposition the opportunity of criticising, but except for the following half-hearted admission from Mr. Trollope last week—"I do not care overmuch about insisting on Bob Major lead-ends themselves";—the last four papers have received neither praise nor condemnation.

Whether the opposition ultimately admit defeat or otherwise, it will be well for our readers to know that there is no Method, Principle or System, at present discovered, nor can there ever be in the future (unless a new system of numeration is invented) that cannot be explained by the new ideas.

In adopting the latter we have no need to weary our brains with elaborate explanations regarding method construction, nothing can be more simple when once we know the rules.

The only point that needs emphasising is the question of Symmetry, and while we are dealing with Plain Methods—i.e., Methods with one or more plain hunts—the following rules are safe guides to legitimate productions:—

- (1) Bobs made at the FIRST DIVISION in the Quick Primary Principle—Original Major—must be duplicated at the SEVENTH DIVISION.
- (2) Bobs made at the SECOND DIVISION must be duplicated at the SIXTH DIVISION.
- (3) Bobs made at the THIRD DIVISION must be duplicated at the FIFTH DIVISION.
- (4) At the fourth Division when the Treble is lying full behind, 3rds or 5ths place bobs, or a 7ths place extreme can be made.
- (5) At the eighth division when the Treble is leading her whole pull, a 2nds place extreme, 4ths or 6ths place bobs are perfectly legitimate.

N.B.—In the Slow Primary Principle these rules have to be slightly varied, because of the reversing, but for the time being we need not bother our heads about this.

Of the foregoing rules the FIRST THREE are the most important with regard to Symmetry, and when properly observed, the young aspirant need never be afraid that his plain Major method will be false, even if Singles are used.

The non-observance of these rules will result in nearly every instance in the production of methods that are very false, when Singles are used in the composition of peals.

Asymmetrical methods such as "Yorkshire Court Bob Major," and even a seemingly symmetrical method such as "Waterloo Major" infringe the three important rules, and suffer in consequence from the fact that they are very false when Singles are made use of.

I am not going to say that "Waterloo Major" is

"illegitimate," "mongrel" or "bastard," for the method at least has the saving grace of a symmetrical diagram, which "Yorkshire Court Bob Major" has not, but the fact remains that the laws of symmetry have been infringed, and consequently the method "Waterloo Major" will only produce one half of the number of changes that it otherwise would have done.

In the last paper our illustrations consisted of Methods produced from Original Major by the use of one and two bobs respectively.

On this occasion our illustrations will be methods produced by the use of three bobs.

ORIGINAL MAJOR.

1—7—8	12345678
Q 6ths Q 6ths Q 4ths produces	12378564
2—6—8	12345678
Q 6ths Q 6ths Q 6ths produces	16527384
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
Q 6ths	24163857
24163578	42618375
42615387	Q 6ths
46251837	46281357
64528173	64823175
65482713	68432715
56847231	86347251
58674321	83674521
85763412	38765412
87536142	37856142
78351624	73581624
73815264	Q 6ths
37182546	75318642
Q 6ths	57136824
31728564	51763284
13275846	15672348
Q 4ths	Q 4ths
12378564	16527384

The first method given above will be recognised as an illustration given in the previous paper, plus a quick 4ths place bob when the treble is leading.

Here again we have a method with three plain hunts and five working bells—in coursing order—which is also a five-part touch of Original Major.

The second method, produced by three 6ths place bobs, is "London Court Bob Major," as given in Shipway. The Author of the latter method, whoever he may have been, could not have known anything of Original Major, for I believe I am correct in saying that our old friend, Mr. H. Dains, was the first to discover the possibility of Original Major being used as a Principle for the production of touches and peals.

In any case, without knowing it, the Author of London Court Bob Major, produced a seven-part touch of Original Major by the use of three orthodox 6ths place bobs, which no one can truthfully say is illegitimate, and the most that can be urged against the use of this touch of Original Major, as a Method, is the fact that the tenors are parted by bobs at three out of seven lead-ends.

Our next illustration will be a method which has been published twice previously in "The Bell News."

Readers will, I hope, pardon the repetition when they learn that this was the method which gave rise to the

new ideas, and for this reason I propose illustrating the method in both Quick and Slow Primary Principles. The following is the calling in the Quick Primary Principle:—

ORIGINAL MAJOR.

2 ——— 4 ——— 6	12345678
Q 6ths Q 3rds Q 6hs produces	13527486
Quick	Slow
12345678	12345678
21436587	
24163857	13254768
42618375	31527486
Q 6ths	35172846
46281357	53718264
64823175	— Slow 6ths
68432715	57381246
86347251	75832164
Q 3rds	78523614
68374521	87256341
86735412	— Slow 3rds
87653142	78265431
78561324	87624513
Q 6ths	86742153
75816342	68471235
57183624	— Slow 6ths
51738264	64817253
15372846	46182735
	41628375
13527486	14263857

In the next paper the illustrations will consist of Methods produced from Original Major by the use of four and five bobs respectively.

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By HENRY DAINS.

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314652

413256

416352

412653

214356

216453

612354

614253

613452

Twice repeat the calling of last eleven courses, except the first course of last part, which call 2 3s, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, producing 21436587x90, and rounds at hand next change.

* Produced by bobs at 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17.

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24536	2	2	2
24365	2	2	1
62453	2	2	2
25634	2	2	
32546	2	2	2
54326		1	1
23456		2	2

This peal in nine courses has the 6th four-course ends home, also the 6-4 and 6-5 course ends, and is without the 2nd in 6th place at the course ends.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

The Towcester and District Association held its coming-of-age festival at Wicken, just over 100 being present. The President (the Rev. W. H. Barry) occupied the chair. The election of the officers was confirmed, but the Rev. W. H. Barry intimated that he would have to resign the presidency owing to his removal to Rutland, but he hoped to serve to the end of the year. Twelve new members were elected. Dinner was afterwards served in the Schoolroom. After the loyal toast, the Chairman remarked that he had received no written invitation for next year's festival, whereupon the Rev. Gore-Browne said he would only be too pleased that it should be held at Leckhampstead if no other invitation on the other side of Towcester could be secured. This was agreed to.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Tuesday, June 16th, to celebrate the wedding of Miss Grafe, eldest daughter of the deputy Mayor, to Mr. Rankin, the following touches—588, 336 and 288 Stedman Triples—were rung. E. Coles jun., K. Coles, sen., G. White, E. Markham, S. Goodchild, C. Smith B. Page, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor). The 588 was the longest touch by E. Coles jun., who shows great promise of a successful ringer.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, June 18th, for practice at St. Michael's Church, 560 Bob Major. W. Rickett F. Bird, P. C. Springham, H. M. White H. J. Tucker (conductor), P. Springham, W. Wilkinson H. Dew. Also 644 Oxford Bob Triples. W. Rickett F. Bird (conductor), P. C. Springham, H. M. White, H. Dew, W. W. Tucker, P. Springham H. J. Tucker.

LUTON (Beds).—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, on the occasion of the first visit of the Bishop of St. Albans to Luton as Bishop of Herts. and Beds, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 49 mins. J. Rookwood, W. Payne, B. Wilson, G. Newson, T. Kendall, C. Wing H. Walker, A. King (conductor)

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The "Husbands' Boat," the popularity of which needs no questioning, starts on Saturday, July 4th, and will continue throughout the season. The 15-day circular tickets by the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, down by boat and back by rail, the demand for which is still growing with the public, has again been arranged. The steamers have received their usual annual overhaul, and again appear before the public in that attractive condition which instils a wish to take a sea trip.

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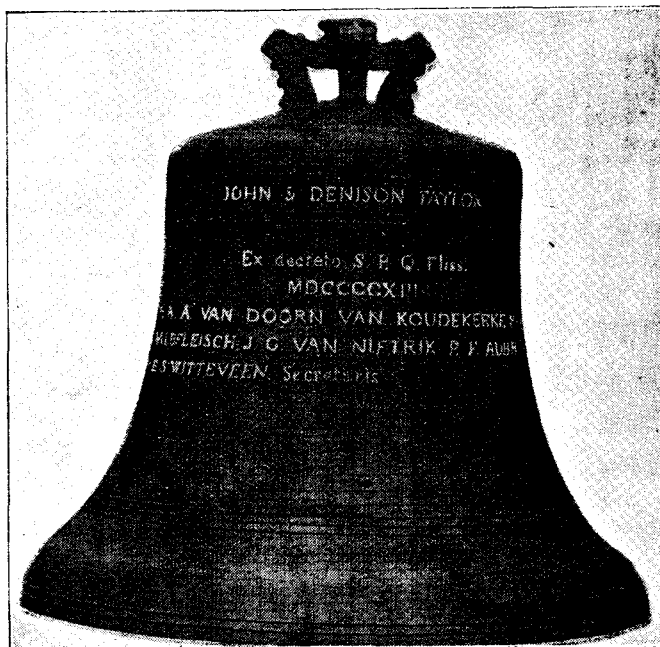
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William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each to those members who inform me not later than July 1st of their intention to be present. Short service at 6 o'clock, with address by the Vicar. Prebendary F. W. Joyce. Members and friends cordially invited.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, June 27th. A motor bus will leave Trent Bridge at 2.30 for Colston; return fare 1s. 6d. (if 20 passengers). Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 5. Will those intending being present for tea and who wish to travel in the bus, communicate with me not later than the 24th inst.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnorow on Saturday, June 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

The Essex Association—South-Western Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Bovinger on Saturday, July 4th. Bells available at 3.30. Cyclists meet at Epping Parish Church at 3.30. Train leaves Liverpool Street at 3.35. Brake will leave Epping Station at 4.30, if sufficient members let me know by Monday, June 29th. Tea will take place at the Church Room at 6d., at 5.30.

H. Rumens, Dist. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained-glass window, presented by Mr. William Rock Small, to the memory of his late beloved wife. All members are invited to attend. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton. H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—A special service will be held in St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday, July 4th, at 4 o'clock, the occasion being the unveiling of a stained glass window presented by Mr. W. Rock Small to the memory of his late beloved wife. As Ringing-Master of the above Guild, I earnestly invite all members of the Guild to attend that service, and thereby show our respect to our esteemed Treasurer, and by our presence cheer him in his trouble. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 o'clock.

S. Spittle.

6, Great Hill, Dudley.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 4th. Dinner at Messrs. Fort's, Milsom Street, at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Service at the Abbey at 4 p.m. The following towers are open for ringing: St. Mary's, Bathwick, Tiverton, St. Andrew's, St. Matthew's, Bathford, Batheaston, all day; the Abbey from 12 to 1 p.m., and from 5 to 6 p.m.

Taunton.

E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Inkberrow, on Saturday July 11th. Service at 5 p.m.: business meeting after. The Rev. Canon and Mrs. Burton have kindly promised to provide tea for those who send me their names by Wednesday, July 8th.

29, Church Bank.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.,

Hampton, Evesham.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern Division.—Bye-meeting at Gestingthorpe, July 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at the School at 5.15 to all those giving notice to G. Pannell, Gestingthorpe, not later than July 8th.

B. Redgewell, Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, July 11th. Service at 5.15. Tea, 6d. each, and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly send word by first post, July 8th.

County Offices,

Henry F. Cooper, Dis. Sec.,

Chelmsford.

Kent County Association—Maidstone Branch.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, on July 11th. Belfry open at 3.0 p.m.

Kenneth U. Mumford.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, July 11th. Service at St. Mary's, at 4.45 p.m. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.0 p.m. Tea at "The Globe" Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please send notice by July 6th. The towers of St. Nicholas (8), and St. Mary (10) will be open for ringing from 3.0 to 4.45 p.m., and St. Mary's again after the meeting.

Rev. C. C. Cox,

Shottery.

Surrey Association.—Central District.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at East Molesey, on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open from 3.0 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rev. E. G. Ireland, in the Vicarage garden, at 5. Business meeting after. Members in the Western District, and from neighbouring towers will be heartily welcomed.

Bell Foundry,

Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

Croydon.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will take place at Slough on Saturday, July 18th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30: preacher, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham. Dinner at 12.30 in St. Mary's Church Institute; to be followed by the Annual Business Meeting. Dinner tickets, at 2s. 3d. each, will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Saturday, July 11th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner; but members failing to send for tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door, and have no refund.

5, Fatherson Road,

Albert E. Reeves,

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Guild Secretary.

Saffron Walden.—On Saturday, June 27th, augmentation of peal of 8 bells to 12. Dedication of four new bells at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broxbourne, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury, and intermediate stations by any train. Free luncheon at 1 p.m. and tea will be provided for all ringers who give notice of attending to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, June 23rd. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.

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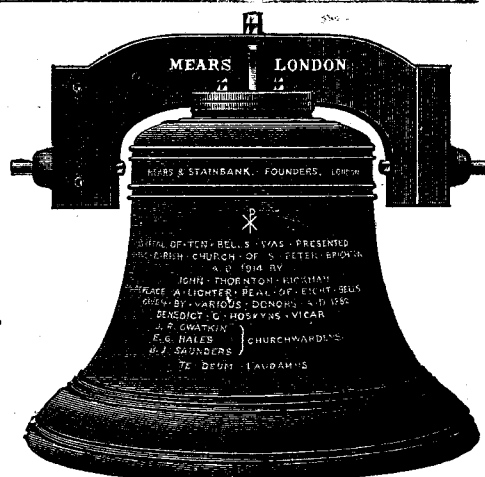
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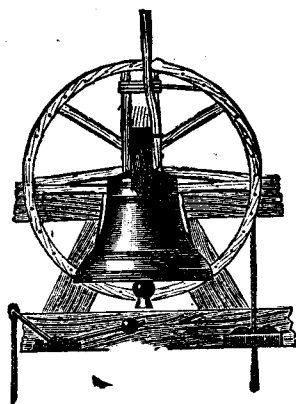
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