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PRESENTATION TO MR. JAMES GEORGE.

INTERESTING DETAILS OF HIS CAREER.

Mr James George, of Rugby, known throughout the Exercise as "Rugby George," who retired from the service of the Loudon and North-Western Railway Company on the 31st July last, had perhaps as varied a career as any in the service, and a brief sketch of his many changes will be of interest to his friends. He was first employed as Junior Goods Clerk at Harrow on December 7th, 1869, where he remained till June 28th, 1871, when he was removed to Wolverton in a similar capacity. He remained only a short time there, and on February 1st, the following year, he was transferred to the Telegraph Department at the same station. Within a month he was removed to Leighton, and after only three weeks there, we find him on March 26th, 1872, appointed Clerk-in-charge of the telegraph office at Tring. There he remained until July 1st, 1878, when he was transferred to Broad Street as Clerk-in-charge of the Cartage Telegraph Department. On August 1879, he entered the Station Master's office at Euston, and on April 1st, 1881, went to Aylesbury as Booking-Clerk, but on April 21st of the same year he was appointed collector in the Estate Department at Rugby, where he remained until his retirement.

In recent years he has been well-known in the Midland district, and more particularly at Wolverton, where the Company own a lot of cottage and other property, also a public market, and where, in consequence, his duties frequently took him, and in one way or another we might almost say he came in contact with practically the whole population of this flourishing little town, and the neighbouring village of Stantonbury. In such places as these his genial smile will no doubt be greatly missed.

His duties were frequently arduous, but he applied himself to them most assiduously, and in the somewhat unenviable role of Collector, in which he is most remembered, he was highly successful.

In private life he has one hobby, that of change-ringing on steeple and handbells, and in this exercise he has reached such perfection as few attain, so much so that to emulate "Mr. James George, of Rugby," is about the height of any change-ringer's ambition throughout the British Isles. He remains just as keen upon ringing as ever, and hopes to do many more doughty deeds in the future.

PRESENTATION.

On the 26th September, a little ceremony took place in the Estate Office at Rugby. Mr. Hatley, his late chief, in a few well-chosen words, in which he thanked Mr. George for the assistance he had always received from him, and briefly referred to the excellence of his work as Collector, presented to him a travelling bag, which had been subscribed for by past and present members of the staff of the Estate Office at Rugby.

A few remarks were also made by the chief clerk, Mr. Parsons, Mr. George's successor, Mr. Barnwell, and other members of the staff.

Mr. George, who was deeply affected, suitably re-

plied, and said he should always look upon the time served with Mr. Hatley and his other friends in the Estate Office as the happiest days of his life, and the present they had given him would be greatly treasured, both for its usefulness and as a constant pleasant reminder of those times.

In conclusion, we might say that Mr. George has been blessed with almost uniformly good health, which still, at the age of 60 years, remains excellent, and we trust he may have many years before him to enjoy his well-earned rest and retirement.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Although the attendance was not so large as usual, the quarterly meeting of the above, held at Llantrisant, on Saturday, the 3rd inst., proved a most pleasant and successful one. Prior to the business part of the meeting the bells were raised, and various methods rung. At 4.30 the Vicar of the parish took the chair, and commenced by welcoming the Association to his parish, and commented upon the good work which was being done.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed, and Instructors reports were received, which shewed satisfactory progress.

The place for the next quarterly meeting were deferred until the annual meeting, which takes place at Llandaff on Boxing Day, December 26th. Several new members were elected, and subscriptions paid in, which brought the meeting to a close.

The Vicar next very kindly invited all present to the Church Room, where the ladies of the parish were waiting with an excellent meat tea. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded both the Vicar and the ladies for their hospitality.

One of the Hon. Secs.—the Rev. Connop L. Price—was unable to be present, he being away doing duty as Chaplain to the Territorials now in camp at Northampton.

RINGERS' FAREWELL PEAL AT TAUNTON.

On Sept. 27, for evening service, eight members of the St. James' Guild rang at that Church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. H. J. Poole, T. Doble, J. Matthews, W. S. Doble, F. Millard, G. Yendall, J. Maddock, W. Tarr. Conducted by J. Maddock. This was rung as a farewell touch with Private W. S. Doble, of the A Company P.A.S.L.I., who is leaving for India, his brother-ringers wishing him a safe voyage and every success. Three members of St. James's ringers are now giving their services to their King and country—Sergt. W. Gillard, Private W. Sowden Doble, and Private H. Bosley, A Company, 5th Battalion, P.A.S.L.I., all under orders to sail for India.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 4th, for Harvest Festival Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. W. G. Coveney, T. E. Eades, S. R. Garner, A. Biggs, G. Beeby, E. E. Bridges, H. Baker, G. Coveney.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the Pro-Cathedral of our Lady of the Holy Rosary, on August 6th, when the Rev. Father O. Boyle, O.M.I., unveiled the peal tablet to commemorate the first peal ever rung in the Dominion of Canada, a little over three years ago. All the ringers of that memorable occasion were present except the ringer of the 3rd, F. M. Bressey, who is on his way with his Regiment, the 72nd Highlanders of Canada, to Europe; W. R. Warner, of the 5th, and R. J. Carrier of the 7th, being also absent.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Rev. Father said he hoped soon to be amongst them again to unveil another tablet to commemorate the ringing of a peal at the conclusion of peace.

This tower has lost four of its ringers who have joined their Regiments, and a full band is now the exception.

The following is the inscription on the tablet.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.

On Monday, July 1st, A.D. 1911.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Was rung on the bells of the Church of

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY,

In Two Hours and Fifty Nine Minutes,

By the following Members of the above Association.

Weight of Tenor 15 cwt.

Alfred C. Limpus ... Treble	William R. Warner	5.
Windsor, Eng.	South Weald, Eng.	
George W. Foster... 2.	Matthew C. Bennett	6.
Borden, Eng.	Burbage, Eng.	
Frank M. Bressey... 3.	Reginald J. Carrier...	7.
Wanstead, Eng.	Bedford, Eng.	
Gilbert Pearce ... 4.	Farrington Jones ... Tenor	
Bristol, Eng.	Wolverhampton, Eng.	

This peal was Conducted by George W. Foster.

The composition being Holt's Original.

Rung to commemorate the Coronation of

King George V,

and is the first peal ever rung in the Dominion of Canada.

Most Rev. Augustine Dentenwill, O.M.I., Archbishop.

Rev. Father Welsh, O.M.I., Rector.

This tablet was unveiled on the 1st July, 1914.

Most Reverend Timothy Casey, present Archbishop.

Alfred C. Limpus, Ringing Master.

Present Rector, Rev. Father O. Boyle, O.M.I.

"Ring out wild bells" seems to have been the order of the day at St. Budeaux on Sunday. If the bells were not wild, in all probability the ringers were, a little later, when their ringing was finished. The cause of the joy bells was a report that "Kaiser Bill" had been captured by the Russians, an event of such joyful augury that the ringers of St. Budeaux, who are nothing if not loyal and patriotic, immediately started a merry tintinnabulation to communicate the tidings to the whole neighbourhood. Unfortunately the ringers had been misinformed, but everyone will hope that their joy peal was only a little premature. At any rate, they had a good practice, and produced some pleasant music, which they will soon, we hope, have the satisfaction of repeating with better reason for it.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

We saw the week before last that if you want to extend a Method which contains Additional Shunts you must reproduce these Shunts, but that there will probably be more than one position on the higher numbers which is the equivalent of the original position on the lower number of bells. That is so, even in the case of Kent Treble Bob. We are so used to the ordinary extension of this Method, and it seems so very obvious that it probably has occurred to very few people that the Method might be extended in a different manner, and that we might have the following as Kent Treble Bob Major.

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

Musically such a version would not be good as what we are used to, but it would have the advantage of getting rid of one bell lying four bells in 4's at the Bob.

Or again the Additional Shunt in Forward is made in 3 4 on all numbers, and therefore the Method is a perfectly double one on six bells, but on no other number.

You could make the Royal as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
2	1	4	3	5	6	8	7	0	9
1	2	4	3	5	6	7	8	9	0
2	1	4	3	6	5	8	7	0	9
2	4	1	6	3	5	7	8	0	9

Such an extension would, from some points, of view be nearer to Forward Minor than the accepted version, though musically the latter is to be preferred.

We now come to cases where the number of the Additional Shunts must be increased in the extensions, and we may illustrate this by Albion Treble Bob. In this Method you have a 2-bell Additional Shunt in every section to clear the falseness of the Treble Bob Principle.

The Principle.

Albion T.B.

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

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

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

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
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When you extend this to a larger number of bells, the one thing certain is that you must have one Additional Shunt in each section, because each section naturally contains repetition of rows, and the sole duty of the Additional Shunts is to remove that falseness. But where you are to

put the Additional Shunts is not so obvious. You could reproduce them on ten bells in 3-4 and 5-6 as in the Major, or in 3-4 and 7-8 which would be equivalent positions.

1 2 3 4 | 5 6 | 7 8 9 0
 2 1 4 3 | 5 6 | 8 7 0 9
 1 2 3 4 | 6 5 | 7 8 9 0
 2 1 4 3 | 6 5 | 8 7 0 9

1 2 3 4 5 6 | 7 8 | 9 0
 2 1 4 3 6 5 | 7 8 | 0 9
 1 2 3 4 5 6 | 8 7 | 9 0
 2 1 4 3 6 5 | 8 7 | 0 9

2 4 1 6 | 3 8 | 5 0 7 9
 4 2 6 1 | 3 8 | 0 5 9 7
 2 4 1 6 | 8 3 | 5 0 7 9
 4 2 6 1 | 8 3 | 0 5 9 7

2 4 1 6 3 8 | 5 0 | 7 9
 4 2 6 1 8 3 | 5 0 | 9 7
 2 4 1 6 3 8 | 5 0 | 7 9
 4 2 6 1 8 3 | 5 0 | 9 7

4 6 | 2 8 | 1 0 3 9 5 7
 6 4 | 2 8 | 0 1 9 3 7 5
 4 6 | 8 2 | 1 0 3 9 5 7
 6 4 | 8 2 | 0 1 9 3 7 5

4 6 | 2 8 | 1 0 | 3 9 | 5 7
 6 4 | 2 8 | 0 1 | 3 9 | 7 5
 4 6 | 8 2 | 1 0 | 9 3 | 5 7
 6 4 | 8 2 | 0 1 | 9 3 | 7 5

6 8 | 4 0 | 2 9 1 7 3 5
 8 6 | 4 0 | 9 2 7 1 5 3
 6 8 | 0 4 | 2 9 1 7 3 5
 8 6 | 0 4 | 9 2 7 1 5 3

6 8 | 4 0 | 2 9 1 7 3 5
 8 6 | 4 0 | 9 2 7 1 5 3
 6 8 | 0 4 | 2 9 1 7 3 5
 8 6 | 0 4 | 9 2 7 1 5 3

8 0 | 6 9 | 4 7 2 5 1 3
 0 8 | 6 9 | 7 4 5 2 3 1
 8 0 | 9 6 | 4 7 2 5 1 3
 0 8 | 9 6 | 7 4 5 2 3 1

8 0 | 6 9 | 4 7 2 5 1 3
 0 8 | 6 9 | 7 4 5 2 3 1
 8 0 | 9 6 | 4 7 2 5 1 3
 0 8 | 9 6 | 7 4 5 2 3 1

0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

The way, then, to extend any Method, is first find out what are its Constructional Shunts. When you have done that you will have no difficulty in applying them to the higher numbers. Then take the Additional Shunts, and a comparison of the extended Constructional Shunts with the original will soon show the different places where the former may be made. The following is an example of the correct extension of a fairly complex Method.

1.—The Constructional Shunts.

12345678
 -----A1
 21354768
 12537486
 21354768
 -----B1
 23157486
 -----C1
 32517846
 A2---
 32158764
 23517846
 B2---
 32571486
 C1---
 35274168
 53721486

1234567890
 -----A1
 2135476980
 1253749608
 2135476980
 -----B1
 2315749608
 -----C1
 3251794068
 A2---
 3215970486
 2351794068
 B2---
 3257149608
 C1---
 3527416980
 5372149608

D { 35274168
 53724618
 35276481
 53726418
 35274681
 32547861

D { 3527416980
 5372461890
 3527648109
 5372641890
 3527468109
 3372486019
 3527840691
 5372846019
 3527480691
 3254708961

D is a 5-bell Slow Work Shunt.

2.—The Method.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8	2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8 0
1 2 5 3 4 7 8 6	1 2 5 3 4 7 9 6 0 8
2 1 3 5 7 4 6 8	2 1 3 5 7 4 6 9 8 0
2 3 1 5 4 7 8 6	2 3 1 5 4 7 9 6 0 8
3 2 5 1 4 8 7 6	3 2 5 1 4 9 7 0 6 8
3 2 1 5 8 4 6 7	3 2 1 5 9 4 0 7 8 6
2 3 5 1 4 8 7 6	2 3 5 1 4 9 7 0 6 8
3 2 5 4 1 7 8 6	3 2 5 4 1 7 9 6 0 8
3 5 2 4 7 1 6 8	3 5 2 4 7 1 6 9 8 0
5 3 4 2 1 7 8 6	5 3 4 2 1 7 9 6 0 8
3 5 4 2 7 1 6 8	3 5 4 2 7 1 6 9 8 0
5 3 2 4 7 6 1 8	5 3 2 4 7 6 1 8 9 0
3 5 2 4 6 7 8 1	3 5 2 4 6 7 8 1 0 9
5 3 4 2 6 7 1 8	5 3 4 2 6 7 1 8 9 0
3 5 2 4 7 6 8 1	3 5 2 4 7 6 8 1 0 9
3 2 5 7 4 8 6 1	3 2 5 7 4 8 6 0 1 9
2 3 7 5 8 4 1 6	2 3 7 5 8 4 1 6 9 1
3 2 5 7 8 4 6 1	3 2 5 7 8 4 6 0 1 9
2 3 5 7 4 8 1 6	2 3 5 7 4 8 1 6 9 1
3 2 7 5 4 1 8 6	3 2 7 5 4 1 8 6 9 1
2 3 7 5 1 4 6 8	2 3 7 5 1 4 6 8 9 1
3 2 5 7 4 1 8 6	3 2 5 7 4 1 8 6 9 1
3 5 2 7 1 4 6 8	3 5 2 7 1 4 6 8 9 1
5 3 2 1 7 6 4 8	5 3 2 1 7 6 4 8 9 1
3 5 1 2 6 7 8 4	3 5 1 2 6 7 8 4 9 1
3 5 2 1 7 6 4 8	3 5 2 1 7 6 4 8 9 1
5 3 1 2 7 4 6 8	5 3 1 2 7 4 6 8 9 1
5 1 3 2 4 7 8 6	5 1 3 2 4 7 8 6 9 1
1 5 2 3 7 4 6 8	1 5 2 3 7 4 6 8 9 1
5 1 3 2 7 4 8 6	5 1 3 2 7 4 8 6 9 1
1 5 3 7 2 8 4 6	1 5 3 7 2 8 4 6 9 1
1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4	1 5 7 3 8 2 6 4 9 1

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23456	M	W	H
64235	-	-	-
2643	-	-	-
4326	-	-	-
2436	-	-	-
3246	-	-	-
4632	-	-	-
3462	-	-	-
6234	-	-	-
3624	-	-	-
3264	-	s	-
6324	-	-	-
2634	-	-	-
3426	-	-	-
2346	-	-	-

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1914.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.**

John Joyce Treble	Ernest A. Murgatroyd* .. 5
Baldwin Norfolk 2	Thomas B. Kendall 6
Ernest H. Simpson* 3	Bernal E. Howe 7
Percy J. Johnson 4	Joseph Broadley Tenor

Conducted by Thomas B. Kendall.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. J. Charlesworth, a late sidesman.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(The Wirksworth Society).

On Monday, October 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

Frederick Turner Treble	John Wardman 5
Rev. A. T. Beeston 2	George Bowmer 6
William Fox 3	Benjamin Greatorex 7
Frederick Johnson 4	Brian Hilditch Tenor

Conducted by Benjamin Greatorex.

Handbell Peals.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, September 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

George R. Pye 1 2	William Pye 5-6
Ernest Pye 3-4	Alfred W. Grimes 7-8
George H. Cross 9-10.	

Composed by James George, and Conducted by William Pye.

Umpire—B. S. Thompson. G. H. Cross, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Norwich.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,

(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, October 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Thomas's Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.**

Joseph Pigott* 1-2	Robert Matthews* 5-6
William Short.. .. 3-4	John Bass* 7-8

Conducted by R. Matthews.

Umpires—W. A. Pugh and G. Popwell. *First peal on handbells First by the branch, and was rung at the first attempt for a peal and only the second time of meeting.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

Since the ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 28½ cwt., in the key of C) were dedicated on Monday, November 3rd, 1913, the following peals have been rung:—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29th. 1913. in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES

(First peal on the bells after restoration.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13th. 1913. in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES

Rung to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the firm of John Warner and Sons.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914 in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES

(First peal of Bob Maximus by the Kent County Association.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES

In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells, March 27th. 1784.
(First peal of Royal since the restoration of the bells.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 1st, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD

On Saturday, July 11th, 1914. in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

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Correspondence

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

A PROOF THAT STEDMAN IS ILLEGITIMATE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—The controversy that has arisen with reference to Stedman Twelves has decided me to prove my statement, made on September 26th, that Principles should not be regarded as produced from the plain Principle, but that the correct way to regard them is as variations of Primary Principles; and so to prove that a Stedman division, consisting of one complete quick six and one complete slow six, or vice versa, is indivisible.

I showed in my last article that Constructional Shunts are the only means by which a course of the Primary Principle (i.e. a lead) can be extended beyond that length, and, as there can be no Constructional Shunts in Principles, it follows that the length of the course of a Principle must be equal to the length of the course of the Primary Principle from which it is produced. Therefore Forward must be regarded as produced from the Treble Bob Principle, Barnsbury from the triple dodging principle, Leek from the four-pull dodging principle. This would seem to show that Stedman is produced from the five-pull dodging principle; but this is not the case. The division of Stedman is a variation of a division consisting of two divisions of the double dodging principle; such a double division giving a course of twice the length of the ordinary principle. I give the whole plain course of the principle on five bells in order that my meaning may be perfectly understood.

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45231	24153	12345
42513	21435	13254
45231	24153	12345
42513	21435	13254
45231	24153	12345
54321	42513	
53412	45231	
54321	42513	
53412	45231	
54321	42513	
53412	45231	
35142	54321	
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31524	53412	

It is by this means, and this means only, that principles can be obtained with a plain course of greater length than the course of the Primary Principle from which they are derived.

The division of a Treble Bob principle cannot be split, for, as I pointed out on September 26th, if you do this you make an arbitrary division instead of a natural one, by splitting the division in the midst of its work. The bells do their work in one position, and pass on, and obviously the dividing line falls where they change. And again, the Treble Bob principles being merely the plain principle written out more than once, we have the following:

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
	12345678
	21436587

This example should show without further words what the natural division of the Treble Bob principle is, and why it is

nothing else. Stedman being produced from two natural Treble Bob divisions, by making an additional shunt in each, the normal division of Stedman, which is one quick six and one slow six, or vice versa, must not be split. As this division is not symmetrical, Stedman is illegitimate

This completes my proof, and I will now sum up my evidence. Stedman is illegitimate because:—

- 1.—The same additional shunt is not used in every division of the principle from which it is produced.
- 2.—It has not a symmetrical division.
- 3.—It has not got the bells in Coursing Order at the division-end.

It is usually more difficult to prove a negative than a positive, yet here we have three separate and distinct proofs of one negative. This should show that the proposition is a true one, for it is always possible to find more than one proof of a truth. I shall now leave the matter, but I venture to hope that the Exercise in general, and the Legitimate Methods Committee of the Central Council in particular, will give it their serious consideration.

Yours, etc.
H. W. FRIGHT.

PROOFS OF METHODS.

SIR,—After last week's article entitled "What is a Legitimate Method," there is not much need for me to reply to Mr. Fright, but nevertheless I am willing to oblige.

The gentleman mentioned requires further proof of my assertion that the Stedman Principle is perfectly legitimate.

As a preliminary your correspondent may be interested to learn that all Plain Methods, Treble Bob Methods, Surprise Methods, Principles and Systems, can be proved in the same way that Plain Bob is proved, and if the Bobs, or Bobs and Extremes have been properly duplicated in the first lead or division, there will never be more than one false row disclosed by this particular proof.

This kind of proof I call Single proof. It is the only proof needed for methods that have a plain hunting treble and the necessity for using it only arises when the bobs have not been properly duplicated in the first lead, or when, as in Grandsire Triples, there is only one bob used in the construction of the method.

Court Bob Minor is produced by two 4ths place bobs made in the quick primary principle when the treble is passing through 2-3 up and down, and the method has the coursing order lead-end of 135264.

On the higher numbers, two 4ths place bobs made in the 8, 10, and 12 bell quick primary principles—with the Treble in the same relative positions as in Minor—will not produce coursing order, BUT THE METHOD; SINGLE PROOF; AND THE DIAGRAM IS PRECISELY THE SAME IN EACH INSTANCE AS IN MINOR, plus the extra bells.

Stedman Doubles is produced from the slow primary principles by TWO SLOW and THREE QUICK 3rds place bobs, and it has the coursing order row of 53412 at the 13th change.

On the higher numbers the same bobs made in the 7, 9 and 11 bell slow primary principles will not produce coursing order, BUT THE METHOD, SINGLE PROOF, AND THE DIAGRAM IS PRECISELY THE SAME IN EACH INSTANCE, plus the extra bells.

I am debating now in my own mind, whether there is any need to write those promised articles on Method Proving, or whether I shall now sing my Nunc Dimittis and go back to my retirement, which I think I have well earned.

Yours, etc.
GEORGE BAKER.

MR. FRIGHT'S ARTICLES ON STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Fright has done me the compliment of understanding my arguments, and I appreciate that more than anything. He has gone further. He has tested the thing for himself, and having found it sound, has added his own investigations. With almost everything he says I agree. In many cases he has re-stated my own results, published and unpublished, better than I have done. But neither I, nor anyone else, would be likely to agree with all the conclusions he has drawn. As I have already pointed out there is a sharp distinction to be made between what belongs to the sphere of pure mathematics, and what is after all a matter of expediency and largely opinion, and the two do so overlap that they are not so easily separated as one would think. I gave last week a list of the various laws that govern Method Construction. All of them are based on pure mathematics, but it does not follow that some of them are not arbitrary. I will confine myself to one only, that of Bob Major Lead Ends. There are two views that have been held about this. One is (and that used to be mine, and still is Mr. Fright's and Mr. James'), that these Lead Ends are the result of natural law, and therefore you must have them in every legitimate method. The other (which is Sir Arthur Heywood's and Mr. Davies'), is that these are only one set out of scores, all of which are presumably as good as they are, and some, in certain cases are even better. Neither view is true, but while the first is mainly true, the second is wholly false. The truth is that these are the "natural" lead-ends of every Method and no others can take their places. But it is also true that only by arbitrary rule can you say that every Method must exhibit its natural lead-ends. This is more evident still when we consider that the lead-end itself is an arbitrary division. The lead itself is a logical necessity, but strictly speaking there is no justification for saying that such and such a row and that only must be the lead-end. Any sixteen consecutive rows, for instance in a course of Bob Major, is a lead. It is only when you introduce the Law of Symmetry which is not a fundamental law, that you can say that the lead-end must be between the hand-stroke and back-stroke of the Treble's whole pull. Additional Shunts must be used, I do not think that there is any reason why they should be restricted, as Mr. Fright seems to think they should be. The whole question comes to this: You must admit that Bob Major Leads are the natural Lead Ends of every Method, but are you justified in saying that never on any account must an Additional Shunt be made partly in one lead and partly in another? I think that the experience of the whole history of the Exercise does justify us in saying that this rule is a good and a wholesome one, but it does not follow so inevitably from the fundamental nature of change-ringing as I at first thought. It stands exactly on the same footing as the law of Symmetry and the law of continual movement,* and is just as much and just as little arbitrary as the Law of Truth. There is something just a little amusing about those people who talk as if the Law of Symmetry were an axiom so self evident that it is not worth while even considering whether it is axiomatic or not, and at the same time deride the Law of Bob Major Lead Ends as if it were a self evident absurdity. "Arbitrary"! they say. The word is sufficient. I think I may say (and I have no intention in any way of being offensive in saying so) that those people who deride the Law of Bob Major Lead Ends do so because they do not understand it. First let us understand what it is and what it means. You can then go further and decide whether it is necessary to make it compulsory in all cases. At present it is the law of the Exercise, so far as anything can be, not only because of the Method Report but also because the Council refused to alter it by about as big a majority as it refused to alter the name of Stedman Triples. Many people forget this.

Do I make my point clear? The truth on which Bob Major Lead Ends are based is absolutely mathematically true, but it is not equally true that that truth must reveal itself at just those particular rows we call the Lead Ends.

Yours, etc.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

*This is not a fundamental law as Mr. Fright seems to think.

SIR—Referring to Mr. Fright's letter in your last week's issue, he therein says "Division Heads" and "Lead Ends" prove nothing. If that is the case why is "Union" called illegitimate, and why do all the good methods contain those coursing orders? What is better than the 13542 order?

He asks why I dislike Reverse Grandsire. I beg to say that I never mentioned a word about Reverse Grandsire, since it is the same as ordinary Grandsire, having the shunting change six changes from rounds instead of the first change, so as to get the place-making behind instead of at the front. What I really said was "Grandsire does not reverse true of itself," which means that the changes do not reverse true in Grandsire, while they do in Stedman, making it perfectly legitimate, and Plain Bob does likewise.

Grandsire is a distinct method from Plain Bob because it has an extra hunt bell, All methods are not true. What about "Grandsire Major," "Bob Triples," etc.

Yours etc.,

JOHN CARTER.

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EDGBASTON (Birmingham).—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 720 Stedman Minor. H. Withers (conductor), J. Dowler, T. Collinson, T. J. Bratton, W. Ikin (first 720 in the method) by E. T. Allaway. Also 420 Double Oxford Minor. J. Dowler, W. Bryant, T. Collinson, J. Eaton, E. T. Allaway, H. Withers (conductor).

ISHAM (Northants).—On Friday, September 25th, to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector (Rev. E. J. Atkins and Mrs. Atkins), 720 of Woodbine. R. T. Buswell, W. C. Lewis, F. Talbutt, W. T. Wilson, J. Farby, G. A. Blaxley (conductor). Many friends of Mr. E. M. Atkins will be pleased to know that he has received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, and is for the present at Chatham. Before leaving Isham a 720 of Ipswich Surprise Minor was rung. W. T. Wilson, W. C. Lewis, F. Talbutt, G. A. Blaxley, E. J. Chapman, E. M. Atkins (conductor). Before leaving the church, Mr Atkins was congratulated by all of the Isham ringers, who at the same time wished him every success in his new sphere.

SEELY OAK (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 4th for Evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Dowler, J. Dowler, E. Boylin, H. Withers (conductor), T. Collinson, J. Eaton, W. Ikin, H. Parkes. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Collinson, a son of the ringer of the 5th, who is serving his Country at the Front with the Army Service Corps.

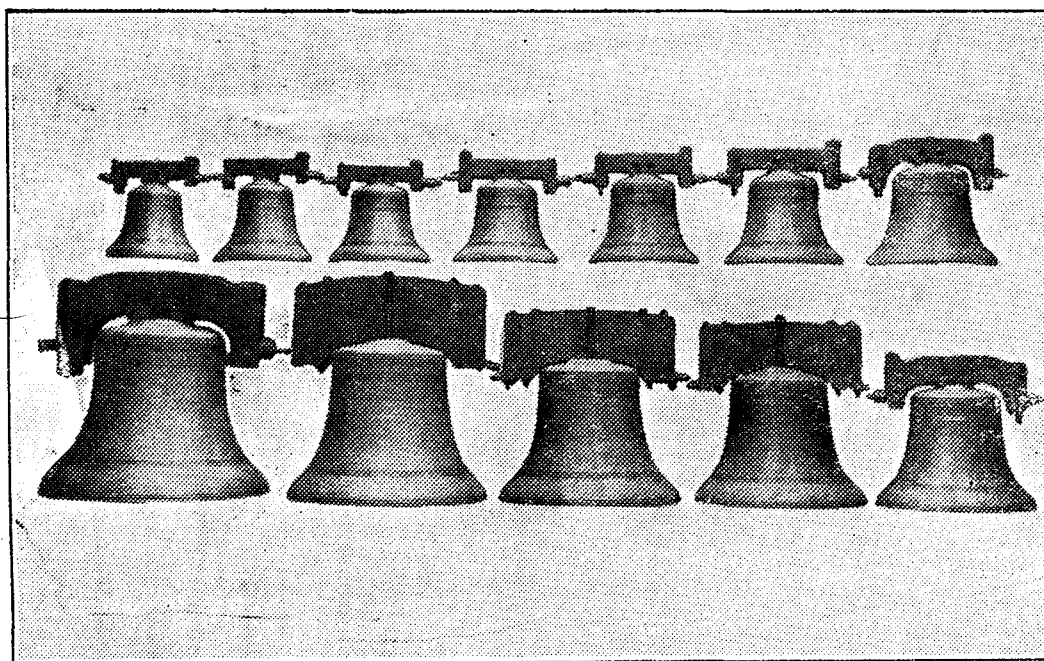
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Thursday, October 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. G. Darlington, G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, G. Radley (conductor), W. Saban, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, G. B. Lucas (conductor), H. G. Rowe, W. Irous, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, O. Twist. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Start (first quarter-peal), W. G. Darlington, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe (conductor), D. Tucker, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. The above quarter-peals were rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTON.—On Friday, October 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. R. H. Boddington, H. Holloway, W. Phillips, T. Haines, J. W. Fruin, R. Holloway (conductor), V. Holloway, T. Smith. For morning service on Sunday, October 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. J. R. Mackman, W. Phillips, W. A. Garrard, P. Miles, W. Lawrence, R. Holloway, W. E. Garrard (conductor), J. W. Fruin.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; St. Mary-le Bow, Cheapside, on the 13th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society) established 1824—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 1914 at St. Mary, Islington, Tower open for ringing from 4.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at The King's Head. All ringers welcome.

L. Porter, Hon. Sec.

1. Canonbury Mansions, N.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, October 10th. The tower will be open at 3.0 p.m. Service at 5.0 p.m., followed by tea, which will be kindly provided by the Vicar.

Rev. K. W. Mumford, Dis. Sec.

22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting in Schoolroom at 7 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A Special General Meeting will be held at Christ Church Rooms, Union Street, Coventry, on Saturday, October 10th, at 4.15 p.m. prompt. Important business.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, October 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Elmley Castle, on Saturday, October 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Tea and business meeting to follow. A good muster is desired, as branch officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available for service, and further ringing will be decided at the meeting.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

29, Church Bank Hampton, Evesham.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern Division.—Annual district meeting at Ardleigh, October 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service with an address at 4.30. Tea at The Lion at 5.15, 6d. each to all giving notice not later than October 20th.

The Street, Rayne.

B. Redgewell, Dis. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E. on Saturday, October 24th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Services and address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector), at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Kingswood Hall, provided by the Rector for those who send their names to me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 20th. Business meeting to follow.

T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, October 24th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp, in the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. As this is the meeting for the election of officers, it is

hoped a good number will attend. The bells will be available for ringing. All who attend must send their names to me by the Wednesday previous. R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec. Madresfield, Malvern.

PRESENTATION.

The presentation to Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq., will take place at the Cathedral Church House, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 10th, 1914, at 6.45 p.m. The Venerable Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. H. Gresford Jones) will make the presentation. The Cathedral Church House is in St. James' Street, close to the Cathedral. All ringers are heartily welcome.

Frank Willey, Sec.

110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

BELL-RINGER HONOURED.

Mr. William Weatherstone, of 30, Ilderton Road, Rotherhithe, a well-known ringer, died on September 17th at the age of 73, and his remains were interred at Nunhead Cemetery on Tuesday last week, several of his brother-ringers being present. Wreaths were sent by the ringers of St. Nicholas, Deptford, St. John, Lewisham High-road, St. Mary's, Lewisham, etc., and the handbells were rung over the grave by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The bells of St. Nicholas, Deptford, St. Giles, Camberwell, and St. Dunstan-in-the-East, E.C., were rung muffled in the evening, and on the following evening eight members of the Kent County Association rang a complete half-muffled peal on the bells of St. John's, Lewisham High-road. The ringers were Messrs J. Hurrell, A. G. Bennington, T. Easterby, W. H. Daynes, W. J. Jeffries, E. B. Crowder, F. W. Richardson, and Joseph Law. The peal was conducted by Mr. Frederick W. Richardson, and occupied 2 hrs. 51 mins. The ringers at St. Giles, Camberwell, were—H. W. Flower, sen., H. Flower, jun., J. Lewis, H. Burton, W. H. Smith, G. Harman, E. Gibbs, H. H. Peter, L. Rayfield, and H. Dare. H. W. Flower, sen., conducted. A 168 of Grandsire Triples was also rung. H. W. Flower, sen., H. Burton, C. H. Hughes, E. Gibbs, W. Martin, J. H. Taffender, H. Dare, A. S. Pettett. J. H. Taffender conducted.

ANNUAL COLLEGE YOUTHS DINNER.

In consequence of the war, the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths for this year has been abandoned.

Handbell Ringers will be pleased to learn that Mr. Wm. Gordon has included in his stock arrangements of the National Anthems of the Allied Countries. They are suitably arranged for bands of various strengths. Particular in advertisement on page 11 of this issue.

CHELMSFORD.—Sunday being the anniversary of the opening of St. Mary Cathedral bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1260 changes, was rung for evening service in 50 mins. J. Ridgwell, A. Whight, D. H. Newman, H. Halford (5th Gloucester Regiment), P. C. Timson, H. F. Cooper (5th Essex Regiment), A. Acfield, H. Allen, H. Richell, I. Poulton. First quarter-peal of Caters by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, and tenor.

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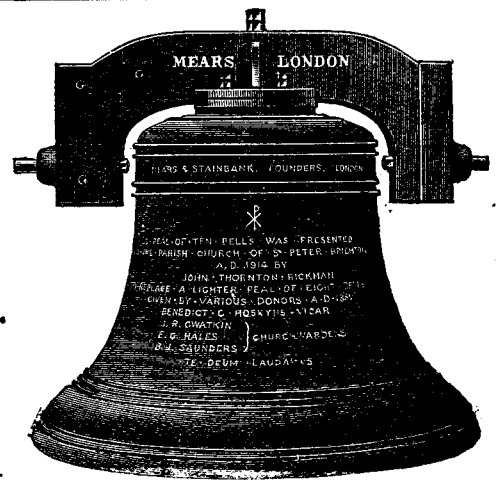
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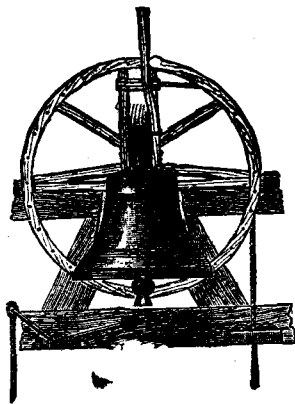
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