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## BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION TO MR. CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

An event of a quiet but impressive nature, took place at Sheffield on Saturday last, when an illuminated address was presented to Mr. C. H. Hattersley at the Cathedral House in honour of his seventieth birthday, which was attained on September 12th last.

It was at first intended that the event should be celebrated in the way beloved by Englishman, and particularly so by any community of brotherhood, i.e., in the form of a dinner and general rejoicing, but owing to the crisis in which the nation is at present suffering considerable anxiety, it was the wish of Mr. Hattersley, after consultation with those responsible for the inauguration, that all proceedings of manifestation should be postponed *sin die*. However the address had been completed before the outbreak of hostilities, and Mr. Hattersley was prevailed upon to quietly accept the work of art in token of regard and good feeling prevalent amongst the ringers in the city and districts of Sheffield, and also of profound admiration for the services so nobly rendered to the cause and welfare of the Science and Art of Change-Ringing.

Consequently the proceedings, although of a quiet nature, did not suffer by any want of appreciation on the part of his many friends and admirers, and upwards of sixty were present at the Cathedral House to do honour to the occasion.

The chair was taken by Mr. A. Hughes, Principal of the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, founders of the Cathedral bells, and amongst the company present were the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Ven. H. Gresford Jones), Mrs. Jones, the Rev. C. Marshall (Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, and President of the Yorkshire Association); Mr. C. Glenn (Hon. General Secretary of the Yorkshire Association); Mr. J. A. Cockey (Hon. Secretary of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association); Mr. W. Davies (Liverpool); Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley); Mr. D. Brearley (Bolsterstone); Mr. W. Biggin (Norton); Mr. A. Hague and Miss W. Hague (Rotherham); and others.

A fitting opening was made by a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells by Miss W. Hague, Messrs. A. Hague C. Glenn, J. Thorpe, and W. Allwood, after which the Chairman sought to justify his position by explaining that his visit to Sheffield that day had brought forth a hearty appeal to take charge of the meeting, and he felt proud to be called upon to do so. He stated in occupying that position, he was representing a large number of London ringers who were all admirers of what Mr. Hattersley had done for ringing in general, and he was voicing their expressions of good feeling when he offered Mr. Hattersley hearty congratulations on attaining his seventieth birthday.

Letters of apology were read from Messrs. W. Gifford, W. Whittaker, W. W. Worthington, G. Bolland, J. W. Taylor and Sir Arthur Heywood, the latter explaining he was compelled to be elsewhere to look after the affairs of his eight sons and sons-in-law, who were away doing duty in their country's cause.

The Chairman then called upon the Archdeacon to make the presentation.

In doing so, the Archdeacon stated he recognised personally he was in the presence of a noble brotherhood, and warmly welcomed that remarkable assembly from the district. In speaking of the character of the man, one could form an opinion from the manner of the man, and he had the greatest pleasure in looking upon Mr. Hattersley as one of his many friends and workers in the Church; whose kindly heart and geniality has kept the standard of ringing high, and promoted a just cause by paying strict attention to all little details connected with the Art. It was those strict little things that made the great Associations of which the ringers are so proud, and also drew prosperity to their cult. In making that presentation they were honouring a brother in service to their cause, and he was delighted to be associated with the tower and the ringers. In wishing Mr. Hattersley a long life to a noble cause, he was expressing a feeling of universal admiration to himself as a ringer, and also a tribute of respect to a noble Art.

In offering thanks Mr. Hattersley said he had the confidence of his colleagues in this matter, and he wished to emphasise his gratefulness for their happy thought in asking the Archdeacon to be present that evening, whose presence added dignity to the occasion. He considered there was great pleasure in giving pleasure, but in accepting the emblem offered him he should regard this as the greatest pleasure of his life. He paid a great tribute to the clergy, some of whom were very clever ringers and took keen interest in the advancement of the Art, and it was by their association that ringers were now looked upon as real Churchworkers. With regard to the Science, he would like to put it under five different headings, viz.: Ringing, Conducting, Composing, Proving, and the In and-out-of-course ,all of which could be governed by close application and study, but the latter was by far the most difficult to comprehend. Many ringers satisfied themselves with the ringing and conducting, but a conductor should always pay attention to the other elements to become thoroughly efficient, and help to raise the standard even higher than it already obtained. Without a knowledge of all the branches, a conductor merely evolved into what he termed a "bob-caller." Speaking of the early days of prize-ringing, he thought this has been a means of creating good striking, and he was pleased to add this had been maintained up to the present day. He was thankful to Providence that he had been spared to assist in the advancement of the Art, and although the body was weaker, his mind was as active as ever, and he took just the same interest in ringing matters as ever. He thanked them all for the most beautiful emblem, which he should always prize as one of the greatest treasures of his life, and added that when the time came he would die happy in the reflection of the good feeling they had expressed to him that evening.

Mr. J. T. Rew proposed, and Mr. Sam Thomas seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for coming to make the presentation, both of whom stated he was a man that every one could appeal to, and since he had taken up his residence in Sheffield he had endeared himself to all with whom he came in connection.

As the Archdeacon had previously been compelled to leave, Mrs Jones thanked the company for their very kind remarks about her husband, and said she was sorry that he could not bear the delightful words from his ringers. They both took grea interest in the work of the ringers, and it was just what they wanted when they knew their friends would come to them. It was a delight and real pleasure when they knev knew they held the confidence of their fellow workers.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who humorously remarked that apart from the pleasure Mr. Hughes would receive by attending the meeting, it would doubtless be a further pleasure to him in this time of trouble to leave the city of darkness and enter the city of light.

Mr. J. A. Cockev ably seconded the vote.

In reply, Mr. Hughes again expressed his pleasure, and hoped that on the next occasion Mr. Hattersley took part in any ringing it would be in honour of the final victory of the Allies.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Address, which had been procured by voluntary subscriptions from the ringers of the City and district of Sheffield,

had been most admirably executed by Mr. L. Berrisford, a local ringer, and was as follows :—

To Charles Henry Hattersley, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your many friends and admirers in the vicinity of Sheffield have great pleasure in asking your acceptance of this Address as a present on the attainment of your seventieth birthday, to show our appreciation of your valuable labours and investigations in the Science and Art of Change-ringing.

The science of composition has for over fifty years been your close study, and has resulted in you giving to the Exercise a considerable number of high-class peals.

"We are also pleased to place on record the great courtesy with which you have encouraged young aspirants, either as Ringers Conductors, or Composers.

"Moreover, by your geniality, kindness, and honesty of purpose, you have endeared yourself to all with whom you have been associated.

"We, therefore, on behalf of the subscribers, and your many friends present you with this token of our regard, and trust that by the grace of God, you may be spared many more years of useful and happy life.

Yours sincerely
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Mr. Hattersley's connection with ringing dates from a very early period, and he well remembers being carried by his grandfather up the steps of the Sheffield Parish Church when only four years of age, and he has been a constant visitor ever since. His earliest recollection of actual ringing was the pulling of the evening prayer bell when quite a nipper, and although he gave promise of exceptional ability at that time, he was considered too young to be enrolled a member of the Parish Church Company, but at the same time he is proud of the fact that he was old enough to be one of their own colleagues, and always took part in their prize-ringing contests of that period.

Eventually being taken into the Company in 1862, he soon took a prominent part in the conducting, and called his first peal when only 19 years of age, which was considered a clever performance at that time of day. Continuing his activities, he took up the work of composing, and we now have an endless number of peals in all methods bearing his name, many of which are of a unique character. The number of peals then rung were not nearly so numerous as at the present time, but about 200 stand to his credit, the majority being composed by himself and conducted from a working bell. Some of these peals are of historical note, but Mr. Hattersley considers the 120 course-ends peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Cheltenham, in eight hours and twenty minutes, which stood as a record for many years, was one of the best performances he ever participated in, and still ranks this as unbeatable for correct striking. There was never a serious mistake, and he relates that for a period of five hours not a single word was spoken in the way of correction. His travels have taken him great distances, and amongst his many acquaintances he values the friendship of the late Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, as one of the main features of his career. He has also been connected with the Yorkshire Association since 1879, and still holds the office of Vice President of the Southern Division. He is now the only living link between the past and present generation of Sheffield ringers, the records of the Parish Church shewing where he rang a peal with the late Robert Daft, whose records date back to 1811. His grandfather was the late William Booth, a ringer of some note, who took part in the first and last peals on the bells of the Sheffield Parish Church, and whose compositions of Treble Bob may now be seen in the last pages of Shipway. Mr. Hattersley's kindly heart and genial nature at once make friends with all whom he came into contact, and his fund of anecdotes relating to ringers and ringing are inexhaustable. It would require a special edition of "The Bell News" to give but a portion of those it has been the writer's privilege to listen to.

## KINGSCLIFFE, NORTHANTS.

### Restoration of All Saints Church Bells.

Kingscliffe (anciently called Clive), was formerly the chief town of the east Bailiwick of the Rockingham Forest, and the parish contains a chalybeate spring, similar to that of Tunbridge Wells. The church of All Saints is a cruciform building, with a central tower containing five bells. The condition of these bells, together with the fittings and framework, was so extremely bad that it became necessary to have them completely restored on modern lines. This work was entrusted to Messrs. John Warner, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E., and one of their new pattern all steel independent, frames constructed for six bells has now been erected. The five bells, based upon a tenor bell weighing 11 cwt., have been re-tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and fitted with cast-iron headstocks, and all the most modern fittings. The work has been carried out in a highly satisfactory manner, and the inhabitants of Kingscliffe are delighted with the greatly improved tone of their old bells. Funds are now being raised for the addition of a new treble bell, and it is expected that it will not be long before sufficient money is available.

The inscriptions cast upon the bells are as follows :—

Treble.—"Ihon Nebon Esq Gave; Henry Penn Made Me 1714."

2nd.—"Mistris Maria Hartleie Widdo Cast This Bell 1619. Wult Ivocati Tanci Electi, 1619. Richard Bardon Nicholas Baiti Gardian."

3rd.—"T. Mears of London, Fecit. 1832. Archdeacon Bouney Rector. F. Law P. Howes (Churchwardens."

4th.—"William Keywood. Hari Thorpe. 1598."

Tenor.—'I.H.S. Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Deo Nuserere Mei Tho. Eayre. A.D. 1739."

All the bells have been fitted with the Warner Patent Self Aligning, Self Lubricating, Oil Bath and Oil Ring bearings, and in consequence the "go" of the bells could not be better.

The opening of the bells took place upon the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Amherst Orlebar, who was the leading spirit in instituting the scheme of restoration of the bells.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Southwark.—On Sunday, October 11th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, for Harvest Festival Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. T. Walker, F. V. Martin, C. H. Hughes, H. T. Gowlett, W. Ayres, H. W. Hibbert, T. H. Taffender (conductor), F. Jones.

Sutton-on-Hull.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). A. Rodmell, T. Goodin, J. S. Calvert, G. Bayston, H. Rodmell, A. E. West (conductor). Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

## WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

### By J. Armiger Trollope.

The following is a illustration of the limitations of the capacity of a Method to extend; and I want to point out that these illustrations I have used are typical. I have not given them because the Methods are in themselves of any outstanding interest or value, but because they represent large groups of Methods, and what is true of them is similarly true of many hundreds of others on all numbers.

The following is a Method comparatively simple in con-

struction, and just one of those which from the regular arrangement of the Places might be expected to extend without any difficulty.

| | |
|---|---|
| 12345678 | 23465187 |
| 21435768 | 32641578 |
| 12347586 | 36245187 |
| 21437856 | |
| | 63425817 |
| 24138765 | 64328571 |
| 42318675 | 46235817 |
| 24136857 | 42638571 |
| 42316587 | |
| | 24365871 |
| 24361578 | |

The Constructional Shunts consist of the maximum number of Regular Court Shunts, and the two Extremes at half-way and end. The effect on the coursing order is that the working bells are put backward once less than the number of Working bells, i.e. six times in Major, giving the Lead-end 4263857. The equivalent for ten bells would be eight times, and the Lead-end 426385079.

These Constructional Shunts are the Shunts of Double Oxford, and in Treble Bob will give Double Oxford with every row written out twice.

| | |
|---|---|
| 12345678 | 1234567890 |
| 21436587 | 2143658709 |
| 12345678 | 1234567890 |
| 21436587 | 2143658709 |
| ——A1 | ——A1 |
| 24135678 | 24135678 90 |
| 42316587 | 42316587 09 |
| 24135678 | 2413567890 |
| 42316587 | 4231658709 |
| A2— —B1 | A2— —B1 |
| 24361578 | 2436157890 |
| 42635187 | 4263518709 |
| 24361578 | 2436157890 |
| 42635187 | 4263518709 |
| B2—— | B2—— —C1 |
| 24365817 | 2436581790 |
| 42638571 | 4263857109 |
| 24365817 | 2436581790 |
| 42638571 | 4263857109 |
| Ex —— | C2 —— |
| 24365871 | 2436587019 |
| | 4263850791 |
| | 2436587019 |
| | 4263850791 |
| | Ex—— |
| | 2436587091 |

As a result of these Constrnctional Shunts you have in each half lead of the Major four bells above the Treble that dodge continuously for eight changes, and four bells that do the same thing below the Treble. Substitute Reverse Hunting Courses for these dodgings, and you have the Method.

| | |
|---|---|
| 5678 | 5678 |
| 6587 | 5768 |
| 5678 | 7586 |
| 6587 | 7856 |
| 5678 | 8765 |
| 6587 | 8675 |
| 5678 | 6857 |
| 6587 | 6587 |

This Additional Shunt is exactly the same one as is used in Forward, Erin and Barnsbury, to clear the falseness.

On ten bells, because of the increased number, you have six bells that dodge for eight changes and four that dodge for twelve changes. A Reverse Hunting Course on six bells would take twelve changes, and therefore cannot be used while a Reverse Hunting Course on four bells takes only eight changes, and therefore is not big enough to clear all the falseness.

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

When you get to twelve bells you will find that the Constructional Shunts leave four bells dodging for sixteen changes; therefore you could replace the dodging with two complete Hunting courses and so clear all the falseness.

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|---|---|
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | 9 0 E T |
| 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 | 9 E 0 T |
| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | E 9 T 0 |
| 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 | E T 9 0 |
| 2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8 | T E 0 9 |
| 4 2 3 1 6 5 8 7 | T 0 E 9 |
| 2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8 | 0 T 9 E |
| 4 2 3 1 6 5 8 7 | 0 9 T E |
| 2 4 3 6 1 5 7 8 | 9 0 E T |
| 2 3 4 6 5 1 8 7 | 9 E 0 T |
| 3 2 6 4 1 5 7 8 | E 9 T 0 |
| 3 6 2 4 5 1 8 7 | E T 9 0 |
| 6 3 4 2 5 8 1 7 | T E 0 9 |
| 6 4 3 2 8 5 7 1 | T 0 E 9 |
| 4 6 2 3 5 8 1 7 | 0 T 9 E |
| 4 2 6 3 8 5 7 1 | 0 9 T E |
| 2 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 | 1 9 E T |
| 2 3 4 6 8 5 0 7 | 9 1 T E |
| 3 2 6 4 5 8 7 0 | 1 9 E T |
| 3 6 2 4 8 5 0 7 | 9 1 T E |
| 6 3 4 2 5 8 7 0 | 9 T 1 E |
| 6 4 3 2 8 5 0 7 | T 9 E 1 |
| 4 6 2 3 5 8 7 0 | 9 T 1 E |
| 4 2 6 3 8 5 0 7 | T 9 E 1 |
| 2 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 | 9 T E 1 |

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# The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1914.


## THE PRINCE OF WALES' FUND.

We have been requested to publish the following letter from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

5th October 1914.

On the 6th August I appealed to the Nation to assist me in founding a National Fund to prevent and alleviate military and civil distress arising in consequence of the War. To-day, after the lapse of exactly two months, I am happy to say that the Fund has reached the splendid total of three million pounds. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking once more the many thousands of generous subscribers who have helped me to achieve this grand result.

I have delegated the responsibility of administering the Fund to the Executive Committee which I have appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister, and I count upon the Committee to see that assistance in emergency cases is adequate, and given with as little delay as circumstances permit. I trust that the portion of the Fund which is to be applied in relief of civil distress, may as far as possible, flow into productive channels such as assisting schemes for male and female employment and perhaps industrial training; for it is as repugnant to me, as it must be to the recipients, that assistance should be distributed only in the form of doles. What men most want is work, and what the young people need is training.

The sum which has already been raised is magnificent, and I am confident that the generous British public will continue to do their utmost to alleviate the distress which war inevitably brings in its train. EDWARD.

## The Provinces.

### COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Edward G. Bowyer.. | ..Treble | Thomas J. Elton .. .. | 5 |
| Benjamin Gough.. .. .. | 2 | Jesse Screen.. .. .. .. | 6 |
| Edgar Marlow .. .. .. | 3 | Christopher Wallater .. | 7 |
| Thomas E. Griffiths.. .. | 4 | William E. Cooper .. | ..Tenor |

Composed by George Hughes, and Conducted by C. Wallater.

Mr. T. E. Griffiths, who belongs to Sedgley, was elected a member of the Stafford Society previous to starting; and E. G. Bowyer, who hails from Penn, was elected a member of the Dudley Guild; it was his first attempt for a peal of Major. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, at the special request of the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., an hon. member of the above Society and Guild. The band represents eight different towers belonging to the Archdeaconry.

# 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

*To the Editor.*

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

### THE ILLEGITIMACY OF STEDMAN.

SIR,—Few sciences owe more to any one man than change-ringing owes to Mr. Trollope. His discoveries are infinitely more valuable than the discovery of Treble Bob, inconceivable though change-ringing without it may seem to us now. Away back in the ages, somebody showed us Grandsire; after him Fabian Stedman showed us Principles; still later, a much greater man showed us Treble Bob; but Mr. Trollope has shown us change-ringing. His investigations are among the most brilliant and penetrating pieces ef logic that have ever been published in a technical paper, and the amount of time and trouble that he has ungrudgingly sacrificed to bring the science nearer perfection has undoubtedly gained him the respect and admiration of the whole Exercise. But he seems to have missed one or two points that make all the difference between his theory showing definitely what is and what is not, and merely explaining already existing and accepted facts. I shall venture, therefore, to substantiate my conclusions of a fortnight ago, taking small credit to myself for them, for I owe most of my logical knowledge of change-ringing to Mr. Trollope.

In the first place, none of the fundamental laws, nor any of my deductions from them are arbitrary. I not only deduce the whole science from the fundamental laws, but I deduce the laws themselves from the definition of change-ringing. There may, of course, be some difference of opinion as to what this definition is, but I think the following is correct:—"Change-ringing is the science of producing the full n changes on n bells in such a manner that at the finish we may be sure all the changes have been produced." From this, I deduce, primarily, the law that the bells must at the finish return to the row from which they started, and the law of truth. From the law of truth I deduce that no bell can change places except with the bell next to it, and the laws of symmetry and continual movement. I will not tresspass on your space to give all the steps of the argument now—it would be greatly preferable if everyone would work them out for himself—but I will do so if it is desired after a month or two. From these laws come constructional shunts and all that I said before.

The other point I wish to make is that all you can deduce from these laws is change-ringing, and all you cannot deduce from them is not change-ringing, and is therefore illegitimate. One of the things that you cannot deduce from them is irregular lead-ends. You can get at Additional shunts from the laws in two ways. The most important is that some Constructional shunts break the law of continual movement, and so, if you would use these in method construction, you must introduce something into them to cause them to comply with this law. Immediately the effect of the Constructional shunt ceases, the need for the Additional shunt ceases too. Constructional shunts lie wholly within the lead, and as Additional shunts are variations introduced into them these almost must lie wholly within the lead. The other use of Additional shunts is to clear the falseness of Treble Bob principles, but as all divisions of Treble Bob principles lie wholly within the lead, Additional Shunts for this purpose must also do so. Therefore all methods must have Plain Bob lead-ends.

Mr. Baker has again endeavoured to show that Stedman is produced by bobs from Reverse Original, and therefore, he argues, Stedman is legitimate. I showed last week that Stedman cannot he produced from a Principle with less than twelve changes to the division, whereas Reverse Original has only two. Therefore Stedman is not produced by bobs from Reverse Original, and therefore, by the converse of Mr. Baker's argument, it is illegitimate.

Mr. Carter's explanation is tautological. If I misunderstood his first letter, which seems to be the case, I must confess that I am no nearer his meaning now. The proof that Grandsire Triples is the correct extension of Plain Bob Minor to seven bells, and Plain Bob Major the correct extension of Grandsire Triples to 8 bells, I leave to someone else, as it is beside my subject. "Union" is illegitimate, firstly because it is asymmetrical, and secondly, because it has an irregular lead-end. (Nothing said about Lead-Heads.). Yours etc.,

H. W. FRIGHT.

### BOB MAJOR LEAD-ENDS.

SIR,—How long will it be before Mr. Trollope ceases to attribute his mistakes to other people? In this week's "Bell News" he attributes to me a mistake about Bob Major lead-ends, which he says used to be his, and still is mine, and also Mr. Fright's. Mr. Trollope no doubt imagined that his imperfect idea was the same as mine, because he always imagines that no one else can ever see any further than himself, and it will be a good thing when he gets rid of this false opinion.

Every Method must have Bob Major Lead Ends, and this is a natural law; but they are not necessarily in the same position as what we call the Lead End in practical ringing.

Rounds is the Lead Head in Bob Major.

Rounds is the Lead End in Grandsire.

Rounds is neither Lead Head or Lead End in reverse methods, etc. Yours, etc.

H. LAW JAMES.

### PROOFS OF METHODS.

SIR,—Before Mr. Baker goes back to his "well-earned" retirement will he kindly say how Stedman Doubles can be "produced from the Slow Primary Principles by two slow and three quick 3rds place bobs," because the statement, like the similar one about London Surprise, is not true. Yours etc.,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

### BELL RINGING.

SIR,—Twice lately on very still evenings I have been cheered by the ringing of bells on Tuesday evenings. I think they must be from Perranwell. Anyhow, they are good and sweet to hear these sad times, and I should like the ringers to know that their efforts are appreciated, and their cheerful message of hope is received with gratitude even so far away as this. All our church towers which are lucky enough to possess peals of bells would do well to use them now to cheer all us up.

Yours etc.,

Chacewater Vicarage. J. GILBERT.
October 7th, 1914.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

*To the Editor.*

SIR,—What Mr. Carter means by saying that Grandsire Triples will not reverse true to itself like Stedman, I cannot understand. Here is the firat lead of the course, which, being repeated four times, runs round, and contains exactly the same rows as a course of Grandsire Triples and this is bound to be so, because it is the same method as Plain Bob.

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

Moreover you can ring Holt's Ten-Part with two ordinary Singles half way and at the end by knowing this: Ring half the Ten Part and call an ordinary Single, which gives you 1324567. Then call a bob immediately giving 3125476 and bob the same Q sets as in the second half of Holt's peal. Make the bobs when the treble leaves the lead, and 3rd place whenever the treble comes to lead with another ordinary single at the end, and you will find that the rows in the second half peal are the same as in Holt's second half peal in reverse order, except that the first lead comes at the end

Yours etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

## PRESENTATION TO REV. C. C. COX.

SIR,—May I crave the favour of a little space in your columns to express my warm thanks to the members of the Warwickshire Guild for their very handsome gift to me on my departure from the county. I should like to have had the opportunity of thanking all who subscribed to it in person, but must ask those whom I did not see last Saturday to accept this my heartfelt appreciation of their kindness. The Standard Lamp is a welcome addition to my household effects, and it will always be inestimably precious to me as the reminder of many happy years spent in close touch with the ringers and ringing affairs of Warwickshire. I would prefer all to think that I am saying "au revoir" rather than "good bye," and can assure them that my interest in the Guild and my prayers for its welfare and progress will not diminish, whatever my surroundings. Thanking you for this courtesy.

Yours etc.

The Parsonage, Shottery, C. CAREW COX.
Stratford-on-Avon, October 12th, 1914.

## THE ANTIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS, BRISTOL.

At the meeting held of the above Society, held at St. Stephen's Vestry for the purpose of electing Master and Wardens for the ensuing year, in accordance with time-honoured custom, it was unanimously agreed that in the absence of many of the members and friends at the war, the present Master and Wardens be asked to continue in office for another year, and that the usual banquet on November 17th should not be held this year. The society will go to church on Sunday, November 15th. The Master (Mr. Harry G. Vassall), will make his collection on behalf of the tower restoration in due course. The Wardens are Mr. J. G. Dennehy and Mr. V. A. Hillman.

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## CROWLAND RINGERS ON STRIKE.

RECTOR VETOES A MUFFLED PEAL.

Quite a sensation was created in the town of Crowland on Sunday last, when it became known that the Crowland Abbey Church bellringers were on strike.

The difference arose out of a request for a muffled peal to be rung on the Abbey Church bells for the late captain of the ringers, Mr. Percy Cherrington, whose sad death took piece on Saturday afternoon last.

It is an old custom at Crowland to ring a muffled peal on the Abbey Church bells on the death of any one of its bell ringers, but on this occasion permission was refused by the Rector, Rev. S. C. Calver.

As a consequenoe the bell ringers, to the number of five (the only exception being that of the verger), refused to ring the bells at a service on Sunday afternoon, and on Sunday evening there was only the verger (Mr. A. Holland) ringing,

We understand that the Rector has consented to a muffled peal at the funeral of Mr. Cherringtou.

### 5360 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

| 23456 | M | 6 | in | out | 5 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54326 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 43526 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 25346 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 53246 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 32546 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 4523 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 5243 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 3425 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 4235 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 2345 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |

### 5760 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By the same Author.

| 23456 | M | 6 | in | out | 5 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54326 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 43526 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 35426 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 52436 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 24536 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 45236 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 3254 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 2534 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 5324 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 3425 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 4235 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| 2345 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |

Believed to be the first peals ever composed in the method with the 6th at home every course-end. Will run to Maximus, calling 8ths for 6ths and 9ths for 7ths.

WEST EALING.—For evening service at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, October 11th (Harvest Festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. C. Edwards, J. A. Trollope, J. Hunnisett, G. Spencer, C. R. Walker, V. Holloway, J. R. Mackman (conductor), W. Lawrence.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—Recently, at Holy Trinity Parish Church on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 719, Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, T. Stockdale, C. Jackson (conductor), M. Hedges, E. Cutsforth, J. Highfield, J. Hodds, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain. Also 377 in the same method. A. Ringer (Hartlepool), T. Stockdale, C. Jackson, M. Hedges, G. F. Williams, J. Highfield, J. Hodds, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain. Recently, 900 Bob Royal. C. Jackson, G. Dowling, G. T. Miller, M. Hedges, H. Rodmell, J. Highfield, J. Hodds, T. Morton, L. Rodmell, G. F. Williams (conducior).

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, October 4th for Men's Service in the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. J. Brooks, G. A. Ransom (conductor), G. Miles, H. C. Chandler, C. J. Walker, H. Beadle, A. Harding, H. Brooks. 6 and 8 covering.

SWINDON (Wilts).—At Christ Church, on Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 336 Double Norwich. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, J. H. Odey, D. Jackson, O. Norman, C. J. Gardiner, Lance-Corporal J. W. Washbrook. Also 504 Stedman Triples. O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, J. H. Odey, D. Jackson, R. W. Hyner, Lance-Corporal J. W. Washbrook, C. J. Gardiner, O. Norman. These touches were conducted by Lance-Corporal Washbrook, of the North Staffordshire Regiment. For evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. A. Lawrence, J. H. Odey, R. W. Hyner, Lance-Corporal J. W. Washbrook, D. Jackson, H. W. L. Wells, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner (conductor).

BARNES.—On October 11th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 44 mins. M. Jacobs, H. Barrett, S. Collins, R. Mackrill, H. Cook, J. Kent, E. Castle, C. Hunt (conductor). A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Wilmott, H. Barrett, M. Jacobs, H. Cook, E. Castle, H Croak, C. Hunt (conductor), F. Skinner.

## NOTED BELLRINGER DEAD.

The death has occurred at Bacup of Mr. John Henry Barnes, who was leader of the band of bellringers attached to Christ Church, Bacup. He had been a ringer for upwards of a quarter of a century, and was known all over Lancashire as a tutor.

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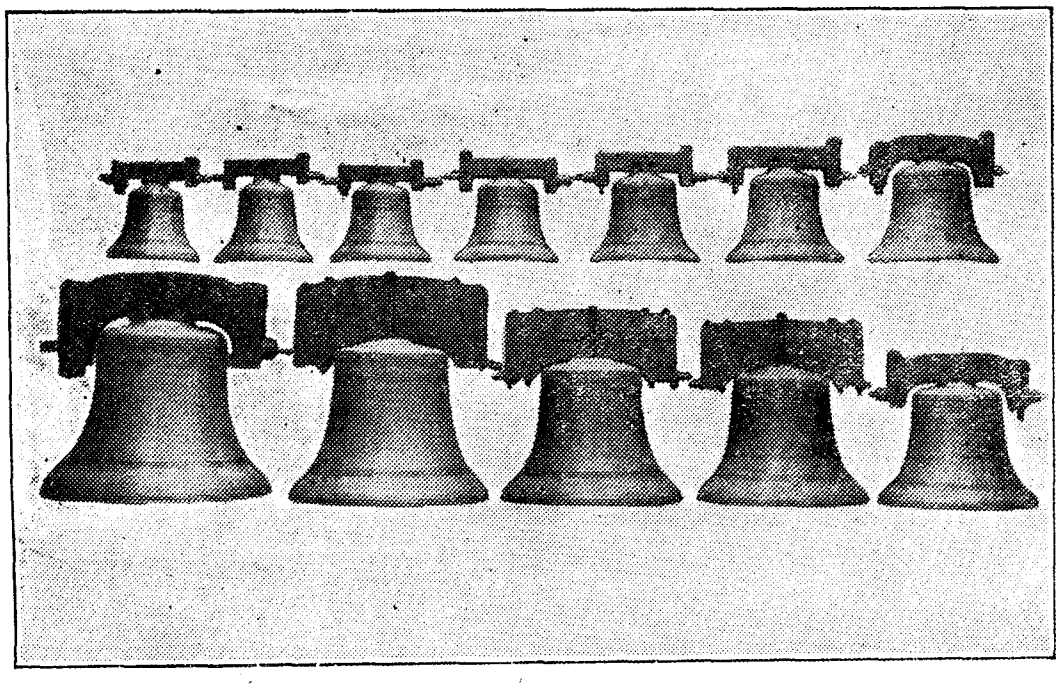

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## Notices.

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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. 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 London County Association late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The quarterly general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24th, at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and after the business meeting which will be held in the Church Vestry at 7.30, T. H. Taffender, Master.
10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

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. Service 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.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswadtwistle on Saturday, October 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. J. Watson, Branch Sec.
33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 31st. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Parish Room, 6d. each to all who let me know of their intention of being present at tea by the Wednesday previous. A good meeting is desired, as District Officers will be elected at this meeting for the ensuing year. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.
William Watts, Div. Sec.
Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, October 31st. Service in the Cathedral at 2 p.m. Committee Meeting in Cathedral Vestry at 3 p.m. Tea at the County Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d.; Non-members 2s. Annual Meeting immediately after tea. There will be a social evening and handbells at 7 p.m. The Committee decides in view of the National Crisis that there shall be no ringing. All who intend being present please communicate not later than October 27th with R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec.
2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

## HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

It is always pleasant to place on record an instance of long service. At Harlington an old friend, none other than Robert Nichols, has passed away at the age of sixty, a ringer for forty-one years, and a leader of the local band for twenty-eight years. The last sad rites took place on Saturday, October 10th, at the church of S.S. Peter and Paul, where he had so often rung. The bells were fully muffled, and rung at the close of the ceremony by the local ringers. Subsequently the muffles were removed from one side, and the following members of the Middlesex County Association rang three 120s of Grandsire Doubles. G. Ransom, G. Spencer, H. Payne, T. Beadle, C. Tricker, A. Newman.

## SOME BELLS OF BRECONSHIRE.

CWMDU.

Inscription—
Treble.—When you me ring, I'll sweetly sing.—1719.
Second.—Prosperity to those who love good bells.—1719.
Third.—God preserve the Church and King.—1719.
Fourth.—Peace and good neighbourhood.—1719.
Fifth.—David Williams. Clerk.—1719.
Tenor.—John Williams, John Rumsey, William Watkins, Henry Meredith, Churchwardens.—1719.

This fine ring of bells was cast by Evan Evans, of Chepstow, in 1719, and are still as good as ever in spite of the wear and tear of nearly two centuries. There used to be a tradition in the parish that somehow or other the Llangorse bells got mixed up in the foundry at Chepstow with the Cwmdu bells, and that the Llangorse bells were sent by mistake to Cwmdu, and the Cwmdu bells to Llangorse. Unfortunately this pretty story is confuted by the bells themselves, the fifth bell above containing the correct name of the Vicar of Cwmdu, for the time being and the tenor bell also contains the names of the churchwardens at that time, viz., 1719. Moreover the Llangorse bells are dated 1721, and the tenor bell there records the name of John Lloyd, as Vicar, at that time.

**News bells were dedicated, and a memorial tablet in memory of the late organist of the parish church, Weston-super-Mare, was unveiled on Thursday, October 8th.**

**Handsome clergy and choir stalls, as well as a fine screen, were dedicated at St. Paul's church, Weston-super-Mare, by the Bishop of Taunton, last Sunday.**

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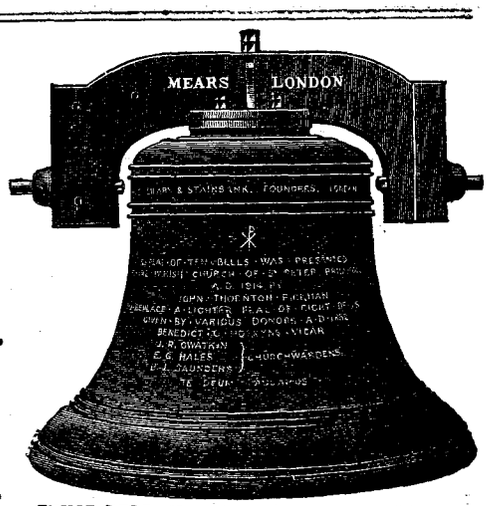
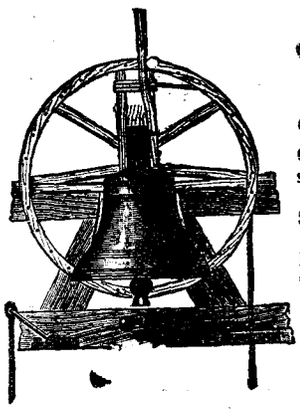



TENOR BELL, 25½ cwt., of the new ring of ten at St. Peter's, Brighton.



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