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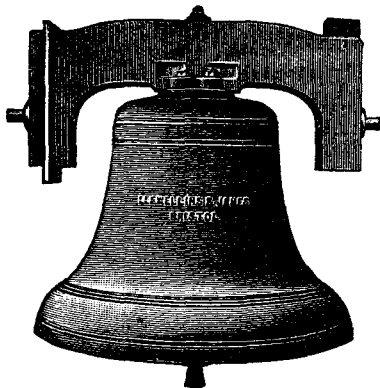
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Elmley Castle on Saturday week, when there were ringers present from Evesham, Bengeworth, Bretforton, Hampton, Hinton, Fladbury, Toddington, Madresfield, etc. Service was held in the Church at 4.30 p.m. The Rev. J. H. F. Peile (Archdeacon of Warwick) read the lesson, and the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler gave an excellent and instructive address on the words "May their service in the belfry ever be a means of drawing them nearer to one another and to Thee." A collection was taken at this service in aid of the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund, which realised 13s. 2½d.

Tea was provided by the Vicar in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting which followed the Archdeacon presided. It was decided, owing to the national crisis, to cancel the quarterly peal and united practice meeting. Toddington was selected as the place to hold the next quarterly meeting. The officers for this branch for the ensuing year were all re-elected, viz.: H. Middleton (ringing master), J. Hemming (Secretary and Treasurer), and F. Jordan (on the Central Committee). The following resolution was submitted to the meeting and unanimously adopted: "The members of this Association, now in meeting assembled, extend their heartiest congratulations and appreciation to their brother members who are now serving their King and country, and while wishing them a safe and victorious return, desire to place on record the following member's names: Lieut. B. M. Eyres Monsell, R.N., M.P.; Frank Moss, Evesham; Thomas Middleton, Bengeworth, Evesham; H. Grove, Hompton; Albert Colley, Childswickham; Robert Aston, Church Lench; Henry Hall, Toddington; Victor Taylor and Frank Irish, Fladbury; William Read, Joseph Guise, William Ireland, and William Taylor, Cropthorne."

Votes of thanks were accorded the Archdeacon for presiding at the meeting; to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for providing tea for the visitors; to Miss Head for her services at the organ; and to the ladies who waited on the visitors at tea.

The Archdeacon and the Vicar briefly replied, and the meeting closed with the singing of "God save the King."

WESTERN BRANCH.

The last quarterly meeting for the year was held at Madresfield, on Saturday last. On the arrival of the first six, the bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal, and several touches were rung till service time—4 o'clock—at which the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Williams, gave a very stirring address.

After more ringing an adjournment was made to the Recreation Room, Madresfield Court where they thoroughly enjoyed a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Countess Beauchamp. In the absence of Earl Beauchamp, through business engagements, the Rector presided over the meeting which followed, about thirty-eight

members being present. After the usual preliminary business meeting it was decided (if favourable news from the seat of war should arrive) to attempt the quarterly peal at Madresfield, C. Camm to be conductor. The next meeting was fixed for Hallow, on February 13th, 1915. Mr. C. Camm, of Upton-on-Severn, was appointed Branch Master, R. G. Knowles re-elected Secretary, and W. C. Jones Central Committee Representative. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Page for his services as Branch Master since the formation of Branches.

Mr. Page, replying, thought it right that the office should go round, but would be quite willing to take an active part in the work.

On a member going round with the "hat" the sum of eleven shillings was collected for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. After the usual vote of thanks the meeting closed. A move was then made to the Church for more ringing, where everyone had a pull, touches being rung in various methods, which included Grandsire Doubles and London Surprise Minor.

This is the first meeting held at Madresfield, and was greatly appreciated by the inhabitants, who, although sharing the national sorrow, like to be cheered by the bells ringing.

WARMINSTER BELLS.

On Thursday evening, a band of ringers visited Warminster, for the purpose of trying the bells previous to the opening, which is due to take place on November 8th. The bells have been rehung in a new iron frame by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and it was at his invitation that ringers came from Trowbridge and Midsomer Norton, just for his own satisfaction, as Mr. Bowell expressed it. If the "go" and handiness of the bells are any criterion, the well-known bellhanger is to be congratulated on a splendid piece of work. Not only that, to the uninitiated, it appears marvellous, in the comparatively small tower, that such a heavy peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) can be hung on the level, and at the same time present a good circle of ropes. The Trowbridge contingent, supplemented from the barracks in the person of Pte. Willshire, of Chippenham, arrived in all the luxury of a landau. The two representatives of Midsomer Norton came on push bikes (it was chiefly push, by the way) after 17 miles of uphill and downpour.

Arrived at the tower, the bells were raised and 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. Hector, of Trowbridge. Other touches followed, including two courses of Bob Major and 224 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Messrs. Dyke and Chivers respectively. The extreme noise in the tower is unavoidable in a low central tower.

The local ringers expressed their entire satisfaction with the exception of one, who wanted a brake on his bell. It "went" too easily for him. After a very pleasant evening, the party broke up and went their several ways. It is rumoured that one section did not get home until Friday morning. It is quite likely.

THE FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

It is not generally known that the method of Cambridge Surprise, as we find it to day, has deviated from its original. Some very ancient newspapers have come into my hands containing ringing accounts in the 18th century, and among them is the following, viz. :—

"Feb. 19th, 1780. On Sunday sen'night, the 'Society of London Youths' rang at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a true and complete peal of 5088 Cambridge Surprize, being the first of that composition ever compleated—the time, three hours and twenty-six minutes. From the abstruse mode of Composition and the peculiarity of the striking, the above peal is esteemed by all connoisseurs who are masters of that Art, to be the most intricate performance ever done since the Art was invented and as such rivals both ancient and modern, and renders the performers candidates for the Temple of Fame."

For the satisfaction of all real judges of the Art within the circuit of this paper, we give the following specimen of the intricate mode of the composition of the above peal.

ONE LEAD AND A BOB OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

12345678	28647513	75813426
	82465731	75814362
21436587	84256713	57183426
12463857	48527631	51784362
21648375	84256731	15873426
26143857	48527613	51837246
62418375	45872631	15382764
62143857	54786213	15837246
26418375	45876123	
62481735	54781632	Bob
26847153	57486123	
28641735	75841632	15382764
82467153	57814362	13587246

Notwithstanding the footnote to the peal of being "true and compleat," neither the method nor the composition were true. It will be seen where the tenors become reversed, otherwise it is nine-tenths pure Cambridge. In the "Clavis" it states, in giving the report of the second peal of Cambridge:—

"This was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, Feb. 23, 1783, being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean (!) Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other sett of men whatever, INDEED THE SAME PEOPLE (except one) DID RING A PEAL IN THE SAME METHOD AND AT THE SAME PLACE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1780, THEY BEING THEN THE 'LONDON YOUTHS,' BUT AS THIS WAS RUNG WITH THE TENORS TOGETHER, IT PROVED FALSE ON NEW DISCOVERIES WHICH HAPPENED ABOUT THIS TIME * * * and was the cause of them ringing another peal."

Needless to say, this also proved false, and every successive peal, until Middleton produced his 5630, but the old newspaper proves what the "Clavis" does not give, i.e., that the METHOD of Cambridge was reconstructed after the first peal.

W. WILLSON.

FUNERAL OF A RINGER.

MR. WM. WAKELY (YARCOMBE).

The funeral of Mr. William Wakeley, a ringer and sexton for a great number of years, took place at the parish church of St. John the Baptist. The Vicar (Rev. Eugene James Meredith), officiated. The deceased was very much respected by all, he being of a quiet but cheery disposition, and a large and kind-hearted man. Mr. Wakely's death occurred quite suddenly, for on getting out of bed on Monday week he collapsed immediately. The deepest sympathy is being felt for the sorrowing widow and three young children, and one son grown to manhood, throughout the parish. His presence will be much missed by all church-goers. A muffled peal was rung in the evening after the funeral.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A wedding which aroused a good deal of interest locally, owing to the popularity of the contracting parties, took place in the parish church, Billingborough, on Wednesday morning, October 21st, when Mr. Arthur Andrews was married to Miss Ada Chilton, second daughter of Mr. George Chilton, of Church Farm. The bridegroom, whose campanological efforts are well-known throughout the district, has been associated with ringing for many years, and during that time he has been a prominent member of the South Lincolnshire Association. The bride, for about nine years, was on the teaching staff of the Council Schools, where she did excellent work, and upon her retirement last August, she was the recipient of a very gratifying testimonial. The nuptial knot was tied by the Vicar (Rev. C. R. T. Winckley). The bride, who was married in her travelling costume, was attended by one bridesmaid, viz., her sister, Miss Alice Chilton; while her brother (Mr. Arthur Chilton), officiated as best man. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, who were afterwards entertained at the home of the bride's parents. The newly-married pair left Billingborough by the 12.45 p.m. train for Brighton, where the honeymoon is being spent. Their future residence will be at Daventry, where the bridegroom is in business as a chemist. Many presents were received. The ringers rang merry peals on the church bells after the event.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

The funeral took place at Ramsbottom Cemetery on Monday week of Mr. Milton Hartley, of Alfred Street, who died on the 15th inst. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. J. Lewis, Vicar of St. Paul's. Mr. Hartley, who was 37 years of age, leaves a widow and two daughters. He was a bellringer at St. Paul's Church, and a muffled peal was rung on Sunday.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

As we saw last week, there are four stages in the evolution of Superlative Surprise Major. They are—

A—a course of six divisions, consisting of two Huuts (the 4th and 5th), and six Working Bells (1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8).

B—Two Extremes, made one at the middle, and the other at the end of this Course.

C—The doubling of certain rows to give the Treble a regular Treble Bob hunt.

D—The shifting certain Places to the alternative positions caused by C, so as to remove falseness.

Every one of these operations is one that is not tied down by its nature to any particular number of bells, and therefore there is no *prima facie* reason why the same conditions should not be reproduced on a higher number than eight, giving Methods with the same construction as Superlative Surprise Major.

Take each step at a time, and first the six-division Course.

(A) 12345678
21436587
12463578
21645387
26145837

Five times repeated.

The above is the foundation course on eight bells, and

it will easily be seen that it is one of a fairly numerous group, of which the following are further examples.

(B) 12345678	(C) 12345678
21436587	21436587
24163857	24135678
42618375	42316587
42163857	42361857
(D) 12345678	
21436587	
12346857	
21438675	
24183675	

In (b) the 2nd is the Hunt.

In (c) the 2nd and 3rd are Hunts.

In (d) the 6th and 7th are Hunts.

It will be interesting to compare these Hunts to the Slow Bell in Oxford and Kent, and also to the Place-making at a Court Shunt.

When (a) is applied to ten bells, there are three possible variations. The Hunts may remain 4-5 as in the Major, or they may become the 6th and 7th, or the 4th and 7th. We then get—

(E) 1234567890
2143658709
1246357890
2164538709
2614583079
(F) 1234567890
2143658709
1234685790
2143867509
2418367059
(G) 1234567890
2143658709
1246385790
2164837509
2614387059

Any one of e, f or g is a valid extension of the foundation course, but when we come to the second step in the construction we find that neither of these has all the bells in the same Coursing Order at the half way, and therefore the Extreme cannot be added. The reason for this is that in the Major the Hunts are the two middle bells in rounds, but in neither version of the Royal do the Hunts occupy that position. 5-6 are the two middle bells, and they cannot be used together as hunts. Therefore the Superlative Construction will not run on ten bells.

On twelve bells 6-7 are the middle bells in rounds, and they can be used as Hunts.

1234567890ET
2143658709TE
1234685790ET
2143867509TE
241836705T9E

At the half-way the bells come up—

TOE89674523I
TE098765432I

and therefore an Extreme can be added giving instead—

TOE89674523I
OT8E6947253I

and another Extreme can be added at the end. We have now an Alliance method similar to the one given last week.

The next step is to double sufficient rows to give the Treble a Treble Bob hunt.

1234567890ET	1234567890ET
2143658709TE	2143658709TE
1234685790ET	1234685790ET
2143867509TE	2143867509TE
241836705T9E	241836705T9E
42816307T5E9	42816307T5E9
241850375T9E	241860375T9E
42810673T5E9	42810673T5E9
4820167T3E59	4820167T3E59
840261T7E395	840261T7E395
4820167T3E59	4820167T3E59
840261T7E395	840261T7E395
48206T173E59	48206T173E59

Finally make Additional Shunts by moving 7ths Place in the eighth change to a whole pull later, and omitting the adjoining Places on 6-7, and you get—

1234567890ET	TOE8967452I3
2143658709TE	OT8E9764253I
1234685790ET	TOE8794652I3
2143867509TE	TE0784956I23
241836705T9E	ET7048591632
42817306T5E9	TE 745896123
241870365T9E	ET7054981632
42810763T5E9	TE0745918362
482017365T9E	ET7054193826
84027163T5E9	ET7504 18362
4820176T3E59	7E5T40193826
840271T6E395	ET7541098362
48207T163E59	7E5T14903826
8402T761E395	ET7541930286
804T27163L59	7E5T14332068
08T47261E395	75EIT4930286
804T276E1935	57IE4T3 2068
08T472E69I53	75E143T90286
804T7E26I935	57IE349T2068
08T4E7629I53	5173E942T608
OT8E467925I3	15379E246T80
TOE86497523I	517392E4T608
OT8E694725I3	1537294E6T80
TOE89674523I	157392E4T608
OT8E6947253I	

This is the only twelve-bell Method that is the equivalent of Superlative Surprise Major. From the point of Construction it is the one and only valid extension, but although it contains every bit of the work of the Major and in its proper order, I do not think it ought to be called Superlative Maximus. And since this ought not, then *a fortiori* no method ought. We must be content with Superlative as an eight-bell Method, and not seek for ten and twelve bell extensions which do not exist.

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HEPTONSTALL DIAMOND JUBILEE.

IMPOSING SERVICE.

Heptonstall's thousand years have witnessed many anniversaries, but none more fittingly celebrated, nor more interesting than the diamond jubilee of the "new" church. While other places mark jubilees, Heptonstall has passed its centuries. Time, the ever-rolling stream, might bear its sons away, but in Heptonstall the sons of the hills have left many a monument. The ancient past and modern time are symbolised in the churchyard, the one by the bare, battered tower of the ruined church; the other by the village Cathedral pinnacles of the new. But now the child-church has matured to 60 years, and celebration-loving man must not let this unique day pass as other days. There are parallels in national affairs as in local. When the new church of St. Thomas-a-Becket was consecrated, 60 years ago, the nation's thoughts were directed to the Crimea. The very day before the service, the Six Hundred had ridden into the Valley of Death. Now, the nation is again at war for the preservation of human liberty; now, as then, prayers ascend for victory to be given our arms; now, as then, Heptonstall sons are fighting for home and country; now, a broader and deeper Valley of Death is being traversed by mighty armies.

Glorious peals shook the tower, and resounded about the hills—happy auguries of what shall be heard when Victory and Peace come—as all climbed to the high town. Had the day's early promise of clearness and sun kept on, it would have been ideal, but the encircling mist seemed to shut the world, to better for concentration on the ceremonies, but cold for the participants. The church's consecration, and even its origin, and certainly its decoration (witness the Masonic window, and symbols in the chancel roof), owing much to local Freemasonry, led the Vicar to invite the Freemasons to help in the diamond jubilee. Representatives from all the lodges in Halifax ancient parish attended in large numbers. The Prince Lodge (Hebden Bridge, No. 307), members of which with Masonic honours laid a foundation stone, took the lead among other brethren on Saturday. Of this lodge the leading officers were: W.M. Bro. G. B. Wright; senior warden, Bro. J. D. Ingham; and junior warden, Bro. E. J. Wellens; Bro. G. Kershaw, Master of ceremonies, formed the imposing procession from school to church.

During the singing of the recessional hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," the Masonic brethren followed the clergy in procession, and the bells again rolled out a psalm of joy.

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 CHANGESE

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 subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

THE ILLEGITIMACY OF STEDMAN.

SIR,—Mr. Dains has misunderstood my argument, and his misunderstanding is due to a little piece of technical wording which perhaps I ought to have avoided. The single dodging principle is called the Treble Bob principle merely because in it all the bells do the same work as the treble does in Treble Bob methods. Forward is produced from the principle in which all the bells make a single dodge in every position; that is, the single dodging principle; similarly, Duffield is produced from the double dodging principle, and Barnsbury from the triple dodging principle. I had no intention of saying that Forward, Duffield, and Barnsbury were Treble Bob; nothing was farther from my thoughts.

Some haziness seems to surround Mr. Dains' distinction between methods and principles. A "method" has a fixed hunt (or hunts): a "principle" has not. Therefore, to say that a principle is not Treble Bob because the Treble deviates from the Treble Bob hunt in the second division is useless. A legitimate principle cannot be Treble Bob: nothing but a method can be that. But legitimate principles are produced from Treble Bob principles (i.e. all bells dodging principles) and strictly speaking in no other way. This I have proved.

Mr. Dains has evidently not understood Mr. Trollope's articles during the past ten months. If he had he would know why the method-builder cannot use his own sweet will and fancy in the matter of Plain Bob lead-ends. Over Grandsire I have only a question to ask him: "Are Double Norwich Court Bob Caters and Oxford Bob Triples the same methods as Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Oxford Bob Minor respectively?"

He mentions Odd-Bell Treble Bob. Though he does not make his position clear, I gather that he does not believe that Surfleet and Mytholmroyd are Treble Bob Caters, or that Surfleet on seven is Treble Bob Triples. I thought I had established that weeks ago. I cannot recapitulate in "The Bell News," but perhaps the future may bring forth something more detailed than could be attempted in the form of a controversy.

I rather resent his representing me as blindly following other people. In both cases I have been convinced that I have taken the right line, but I have only written after careful study, and if I have adopted the terms coined by others, it is only because I saw no need to change them. Mr. Dains will find that in those cases where I thought I was right in disagreeing with the theory I accepted as a whole, I have not hesitated to say so.

Mr. Baker's continued insistence on Single Proof reminds me of the so-called Single Entry System of Book-keeping. Strictly speaking, it is not a proof at all, any more than that system is book-keeping, for the law of truth is only one of the laws that must be observed in method construction, and to prove a method true is only one step towards proving it legitimate, and not by any means the whole proof, as he contends.

I agree with Mr. Carter that after this is over we had better sing "Auld Lang Syne." In fact, we shall be well able to. Nobody will be more pleased than myself to see the end of this controversy, but we must have it universally admitted that Stedman is illegitimate before we leave off. If the matter is again left, as it too often has been before, controversies are bound to arise from time to time, when someone, feeling the truth burning within him, as did Jeremiah, speaks out. This present one has now reached the unfortunate point that so many do, when the disputants cannot refrain from personalities. This usually leads to an indecisive break off, and the truth is as far away as ever. On the other hand, once let the illegitimacy of Stedman be accepted, and there need be little more disputing in these pages. The acceptance would mean the recognition of the whole logical development of the science from the definition, which can be treated as exactly

and in the same incontestable manner as Geometry.

I think it would be a very good idea if this development was drawn up in book form, under the title of "Theoretical Change-ringing," with the definition and a list of the technical terms required to begin with, and the discussion divided into propositions, each point having a separate proposition, until the subject had been worked up from the definition to the proof of the solutions of the most complicated problems at present known.

Freed by this from all differences due to personal opinion, we should be able to devote our attention to the unravelling of the baffling problems of composition, etc., and we could sing the "Auld Lang Syne" with sincerity. It was with this aim in view that I, thinking the moment opportune, started what I hoped would be the last controversy over Stedman, and I still think I shall not be disappointed.

Yours, etc.

H. W. FRIGHT.

PROOF OF METHODS.

SIR,—May I ask Mr. George Baker (through your columns), whether he will consider the utility of giving to the Exercise the benefit of his experience on the above? There are very few—if any—better able than Mr. Baker to give lucidly the system of proving methods, so as to make it understood by your readers. It is a subject as yet untouched in print, even by method-builders, and I think would have as far-reaching an effect on method construction as the exposition of the "In-and-Out-of-Course" by Jasper Snowden, had on composition. If Mr. Baker should decide to do this, he will be conferring a real benefit to the Art.

Yours, etc.

4, Keythorpe Street, Leicester.

W. WILLSON.

SIR,—Through the medium of your columns, I should like to ask Mr. George Baker if he will re-consider his intention of retiring. During the lull in active campanology, and the consequent decrease in the quantity of "copy," it would be the most opportune moment for him to give the Exercise the benefit of his experience in Method proving, which will be greatly appreciated by all who take an active interest in Method building. The services to the Exercise of such a man as Mr. Baker must not be lost.

Yours, etc.

33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham.

ALBERT COPPOCK.

IS GRANDSIRE LEGITIMATE?

SIR,—The answer to Mr. Carter's first question is that you can do it at any lead in the touch you like, and the answer to his second is to be found on page 25 in the C.C. Collection of Peals, Section I., substituting ordinary Grandsire Singles for the two H there shown, and ringing the reverse course backwards between them; so that again I say Grandsire is legitimate, and is the same method as Plain Bob, which the ancients, who knew where they got it from, always called Grandsire Bob.

Yours, etc.

H. LAW JAMES.

THE YORKSHIRE HANDBELL RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

Following the quarterly meeting of the above held at the Old Hat Hotel, Huddersfield, a "smoker" was held, and proved very successful. The arrangements were made by the President (Mr. J. D. Priestley) and Mr. J. H. Ellis (the local representatives of the Association). A quartette party, consisting of Messrs. J. E. Walker, E. Pogson, L. Hanson, and J. F. Roberts (all of Crosland Moor), contributed several items very artistically, and duets by Messrs. F. Raven and S. Evans were also well received. Songs were also acceptably sung by Messrs. J. D. Priestley, S. Evans, F. Raven, J. F. Roberts, L. Hanson, E. Pogson, and H. Clayton (Golcar), and musical monologues also by Mr. Priestley. Mr. George Horsfall was an able accompanist.

EAKRING, NOTTS.

The choir and ringers of this parish passed a very agreeable evening on Wednesday last. Mr. and Mrs. J. Mawer, of Ley Fields, being desirous of showing their appreciation of the efforts of the above on the occasion of the marriage of their only daughter a short time since, invited the whole of the choir, ringers, and their relatives to tea. After a sumptuous repast the evening was spent in music and games of various kinds, which were indulged in until a late hour. The proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mawer, which was fittingly proposed by the Rev. M. P. Maturin, and musical honours were given to the host and hostess and the happy pair. The singing of the National Anthem concluded an evening's enjoyment, which will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE CHURCH BELLS.

The work in connection with the renovation of the bells of St. Anne's church, has now been completed. Under the contract the six old bells were to be renovated and rehung, and two new bells added, together with new iron framework and fittings. Trial rings have been conducted, but it has been considered best to postpone the dedication of the bells until after peace is declared.

UPCERNE, DORSET.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

On Sunday evening the Archdeacon of Dorset dedicated the new ring of six bells recently placed in the tower of the Church by Colonel J. Mount-Batten, C.B., H.M. Lieutenant for Dorset, in memory of members of his family. The authorised form of service was used, at the conclusion of Evensong, and the Archdeacon gave a most instructive address on the lessons conveyed by the use of church bells. The tower was included in the dedication, as no record can be found of any such ceremony taking place after the rebuilding by Colonel Batten's father over 40 years ago. The flags of the Allies have also been placed in the Church—a memorial for future generations of the Titanic struggle now taking place.

DEATH OF A CROYDON RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Brooker, sen. who for so many years had been a ringer at St. Peter's Church, Croydon. The interment took place at Mitcham Road Cemetery on Thursday, October 22nd. The first part of the service was held at St. Peter's. In the evening eight of his brother ringers met at the Church and rang the whole pull and stand 57 times, denoting the age of deceased, also 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect. The ringers were: W. Gammon, G. Dean, J. Burt (conductor), A. Clark, A. F. Jones, C. Kitchen, F. Hermon, J. Calcutt.

At Dersingham, a village on the King's Norfolk estate, nearly 100 parishioners have now enlisted. The church bells can no longer be rung, because five out of the six ringers are away on military duty.

BEQUESTS TO BELLRINGERS.

Mr. William Henry Barneyby, J.P., D.L., of Longworth, Hereford, who died on July 6th, aged 71 years, son of the late Mr. J. Barneyby, M.P., left £5 5s. to each of the bellringers at Bredenbury Parish Church, not exceeding eight in number, who have been recognised in the belfry as bellringers for six months prior to his death.

Mr. William Gibson, of 112, Regent Street, W., and of Donegall Place, Belfast, and of Villa Lisnacrieve, Cannes, France, chairman of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths' Company (Limited), who died on November 1st last, aged 74 years, left £1000 upon trust to provide a peal of bells for the proposed new Belfast Cathedral.

HALF-MUFFLED BELLS.

TOLL FOR THE FALLEN AT FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.

For the Feast of All Saints on Saturday and Sunday night it is proposed to ring Shoreditch Church bells half-muffled for those fallen in the war.

The ringing will be done by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, which comprises about 1000 members, many of whom are serving with the Colours.

Shoreditch Church has one of the best peals of twelve bells in London, and have only recently been rehung.

In consequence of the war, the parish church, Alton, Hants., has lost six bellringers, and an equal number of men from the choir. The Vicar appeals for others to come forward and take their places. Ringers are asked to communicate with Mr. R. Applegath, and the choristers with Mr. Norris Thrower, the organist of the church.

1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

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23456

62354	7 in and out at 2
35264	7 in and out at 2
23564	9-3
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32465	8-9
43265	9-3
24365	9-3
34562	8-9
53462	9-3
45362	9-3
25364 s	8-9
42563	9-3 s
325476	9 in and out at 2

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, for many years Secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, has removed to Symondsburry, near Bridport, Dorset. The loss of his services to Warwickshire will be a gain to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Mr. W. J. Prescott, Local Secretary (Bath Deanery), to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has removed to Fern Cottage, Southdown, Tiverton, Bath.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DOVER (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church, 784 Bob Major. A. Saywell, C. R. Millway, A. Roberts, E. Potter, R. Stevens, H. Whitehead, H. C. Saywell, C. Turner. Mr. E. Potter, who conducted, is now over 71 years of age.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, October 4th, for Harvest Festival at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the Original, in 43 mins. R. Fosdyke, F. Bacon, A. G. Bennington, T. A. Easterby, W. J. Jeffries, J. Law, E. B. Crowder (conductor), C. H. Macklin.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, October 25th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots, 1263 Stedman Caters. A. Cutmore, W. E. Garrard (conductor), W. J. Daubuey, C. Charge, J. A. Trollope, P. L. Miles, A. V. Selby, W. A. Garrard, J. R. Mackman, J. H. Collins.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. A. Mann, jun., A. Mann, sen., W. H. Corbett, G. A. Cook, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, R. Kendall (conductor), R. Etherington. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev.

E. W. Northey, who was buried on the above date at Epsom Cemetery.

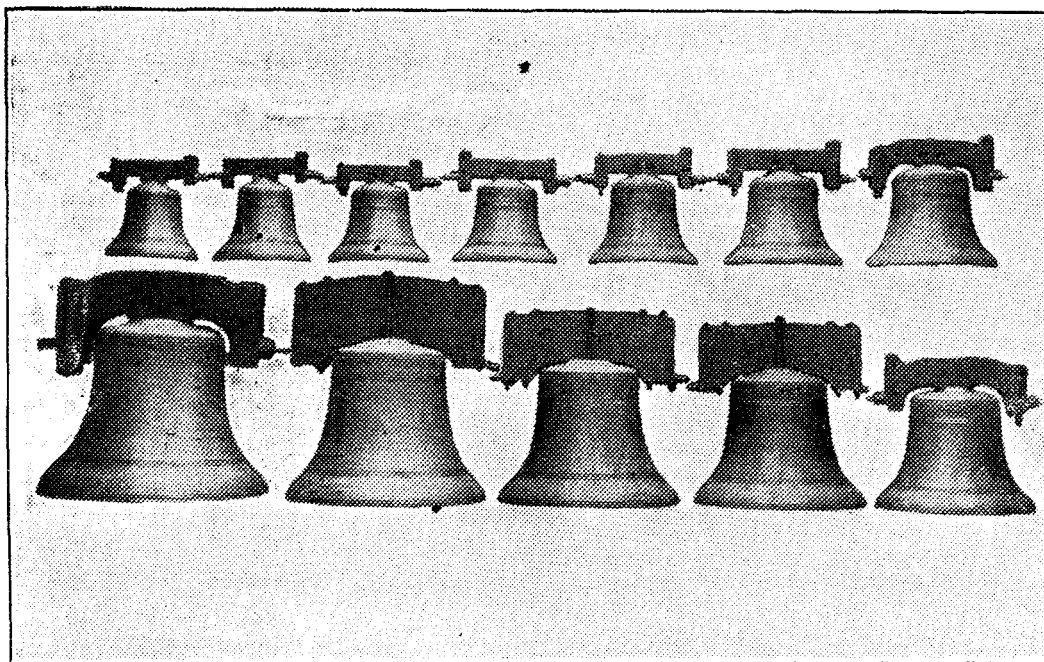
HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, October 25th, at St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. J. Barry, R. W. Green, H. Franks, A. Hart, H. Brooks, G. Charge, J. Cornford (conductor), A. Turner. Rung in honour of the 63rd birthday of the ringer of the treble.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.—On August 3rd, 2520 Grandsire Triples. S. Coley, W. E. Stratford, F. E. Davies, H. E. Gillett, A. Scrivens, R. Hall, W. Large (conductor), W. Stratford.

WEST EALING.—For evening service at St. Stephen's church, on Sunday, October 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Edwards, G. Harbour, Miss E. Jones, J. Hunnisett, J. Haines. W. Lawrence (conductor), C. R. Walker, V. Holloway.

In Parkham (North Devon) churchyard on Sunday, October 18th, the interment took place of Mr. James Pennington, for upwards of twenty years sanitary inspector for Bideford Rural District Council, the Rev. S. A. Hensley (Rector) officiating. Muffled peals were rung on the church bells after the service.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—In order that the ringing of Church bells after dusk may not be a possible assistance to the enemy's Air-craft in locating our Cathedrals and Churches, it has been decided that the usual practices be suspended. Meetings for business, handbell ringing, and social intercourse will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m., and each fortnight until further notice.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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. 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.

R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec.
2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, November 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.
33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 7th. The Annual Service will be held in St. Mary's church at 4 p.m. Preacher—the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A. Tea at Brett's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Free to all members who inform me of their coming by Wednesday, November 4th. Visitors 1s. each.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.
North Street, Guildford.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, November 7th. Bells available from 4. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Southampton on Saturday, November 14th. Tea at 5.15 in the Deanery School Rooms. and Business Meeting after. Only handbells available. Members requiring tea will oblige by letting me know by November 11th.

Jas. W. Elkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.
20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, November 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.
135, Salts Street, Shaw.

EAST KILDONAN, WINNIPEG.**BLESSING OF CHURCH BELLS.**

At St. Alphonsus Church, Munroe Avenue, East Kildonan, the new bell, donated to the church by J. B. Fortier, was blessed by the Rev. Father Brick, of Toronto, provincial of the Redemptorist order. The sermon of the occasion was preached by the Rev. Father McPhail, one of the most noted missionaries and preachers of the order. The young parish which was only founded a few months ago, is making satisfactory progress, but the work on the new church has had to be held over for a while, and will not likely allow of the church being ready for occupancy this winter.

INVERARAY.

The bell of the old Parish Church School, which was hung on a tree in the school garden, and was laid aside when the present Grammar School was built, has now been placed by the School Board on the wall of the school, enclosed for preservation in a strong wooden box. No one now knows where this bell came from, but it is known that it did duty for over a hundred years in calling by its sharp jingle the Inveraray scholars of former days to their tasks. It was on the recommendation of Rev. J. F. Dawson, parish minister of Inveraray, that the bell has been placed where it is now.

LEICESTER RINGERS' OUTING.

The Leicester (St. Mark's) Ringers recently paid a visit to Nottingham. They also went to Beeston and had an hour's ringing, the methods including Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London. After tea a couple of hours ringing occupied the hands of the party, now reinforced by the local men, and Mr. A. Ward, of Derby. Afterwards a smoking concert was arranged at the Denman Hotel, the artistes being the Welbeck quartette, of which Mr. Coppock is a member. Plenty of handbells formed another means of enjoyment, and, with two of the silent peal of Cinques band to assist, the quality of the ringing was first class. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Coppock for arranging the trip, everything working with clockwork accuracy.

A memorial service was held on October 21st in Middleham Church at the same time as the interment in Berkshire of the late Mrs. Gordon Fowler, of Springhurst, Berkshire, formerly of Middleham. Mrs. Fowler, who died from injuries received in a motor accident near her home was most hospitable and charitable, and, although living so far from Middleham, the place of her birth, her benefactions to the village were many and constant. The Rev. W. Kerr-Smith, Vicar of Catterick, and the Rev. E. Orde-Powlett, Rector of Wensley, officiated at the service. Before the service a muffled peal was rung on the new bells, to which Mrs. Gordon Fowler and the Topham family were the principal donors.

The new band of ringers at Thorne, Doncaster, rang for service for the first time on Thursday, October 8th, and will continue now every Sunday. They are to be congratulated on making themselves so efficient, which speaks well for their tutor.

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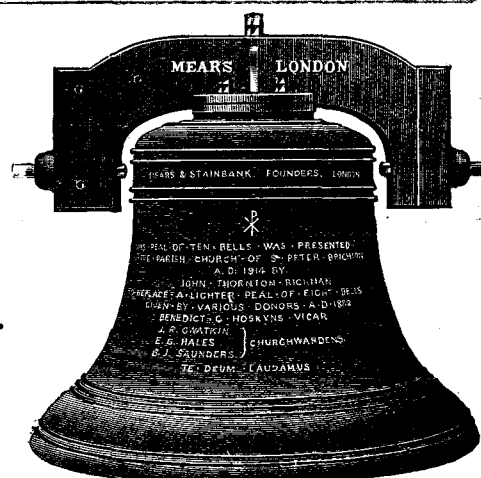
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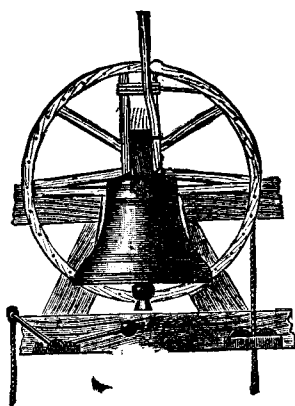
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