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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LECHESTER DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch of the above Guild was held at Martock on Saturday, January 16th. There was a large attendance, the following towers being represented: Taunton, Bridgwater, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Stoke-under-Ham and Martock. A service was held in the church, at which the Revs. G. G. Monck (Stoke) and C. W. Chastel de Boinville officiated. The preacher was the Rev. J. H. Burn, of Merriott. Miss Emily Hayne presided at the organ. After tea had been partaken of at the Church House the annual meeting of the branch was held, under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. G. Monck. All the officers were re-elected. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. H. Burn for his sermon, and the Rev. C. W. Chastel de Boinville for granting the use of the bells, on which several fine touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Halesowen on Saturday, January 23rd. The towers represented included Old Hill, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, Coseley, King's Norton, Smethwick, Netherton, Clent, etc. The ancient and beautiful church always forms a big attraction to ringers, as it possesses one of the finest peals of eight in the country. The visiting ringers spent much time in making good use of the bells. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, this being followed by a service in the church, when an address was given by the Rector (Rev. C. W. Wordsworth). A tea was held in the Church schools, at which about 60 persons were present. This was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rector presided, and at which several new members were elected. The Rector was appointed an honorary member of the Association. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his practical address, and also for the tea. Ringing was continued afterwards until 9 p.m.

ST. MARY'S GUILD, HARBY.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at the Rectory on Monday evening, January 11th. The accounts showed a balance of £1 9s. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Rev. E. H. Stone; Vice-president, Mr. A. W. Edwards; Captain, Mr. Herbert Moulds; Vice-captain, Mr. Samuel Swingler; Secretary, Mr. Thos. Philpots. Heartly thanks were accorded the members by the Rector for their voluntary services. At the close of the meeting some selections were played on the handbells.

DEATH OF MR. H. STOKES (WOODBURY),

FAMOUS CHURCH BELL HANGER.

Mr. Harry Stokes, of Fernlea, Woodbury, who died on Tuesday week, aged 66, was widely known throughout the West of England for the skill and success with which he hung light and medium peals, in wooden cages, and carried out hundreds of contracts. A few years ago, when the advantages of iron over wood, for heavy peals especially, were realized, Mr. Stokes applied himself to the newer method, and to-day there are numerous peals of all descriptions—light, medium and heavy—which bear testimony, by the ease with which they can be rung, to the ability and judgment he possessed. Devon and Cornwall teem with peals which Mr. Stokes hung and rehung during his lifetime, and in no instance has the work failed to stand the test of time and weather, which latter, by the way, has far more influence than many people suppose on the fittings of bells in church towers, most of which are exposed to every wind that blows and every rain storm that occurs.

He leaves a widow, one son (who was taken into partnership a few years ago and has lately been largely responsible for the execution of contracts), and two daughters, one of whom is unmarried, and resides at home, while the other is the wife of Mr. Clotworthy, of St. Marychurch. Deceased had contemplated retiring from business at Lady Day and leave the firm's affairs to his son. He was a member from the start, and some time vice-chairman of the Woodbury Parish Council, a member of the "Brent" (Topsham) Lodge of Freemasons, and trustee of the "Sidney" (Woodbury) Lodge of Oddfellows, and one of the oldest, if not actually the oldest member of it. He was a member of the Devonshire Guild, and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all connected with campanology in the West. He was a Churchman and Conservative.

The funeral took place at Woodbury on Saturday. The Rev. R. H. Neely (Vicar), and the Rev. Dr. Fullord (Woodbury) officiated. The coffin was of unpolished oak, with brass fittings, and bore the inscription:—"Harry Stokes, died 19th January, 1915, aged 69 years." The mourners were the widow, Mrs. Stokes (mother), Mr. H. Stokes (son), Mr. and Mrs. Clotworthy (daughter and son-in-law), Miss Stokes (daughter), Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Pomeroy (sisters), Mr. B. Stamp, Mr. J. T. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. F. Stanford, Mr. C. H. Stamp, and Miss Brewer. Also at the church were the Rev. M. H. Hayman (Woodbury), Colonel Macrefield, Messrs. A. W. Searle and F. Davey (representing the Devon Guild, and the St. David's Society of Ringers, Exeter).

STEDMAN CATERS (5247.)

The last two course-ends of this composition, in our last issue, should read 312465, not 312456.

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NEW BELLS AT IDLE, YORKS.

The peal of bells installed at the Parish Church at the expense of Mrs. Horner, of Caton, a native of Idle, were rung for the first time on New Year's Eve. There are eight bells, and together they weigh three tons, the largest drawing 15 cwt. The bells were offered to the Church towards the end of 1913, through the late Mr. Edwin Thornton, of Dobreyd, who was asked to ascertain whether the tower was strong enough to carry them. A committee, consisting of Messrs. M. Kellott, J. O. Hobson (then warden), Councilor J. Carnett, J. Turner, F. Dawson, Hiram Lee, H. Foster, H. Thornton, Wiffrid Glover and F. Skirrow was appointed to go thoroughly into the matter, and ultimately it was found that the structure was sufficiently strong for the purpose. The order was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and those capable of judging declare that the bells are a credit to the founders. The inscription on the bells is "Idle Parish Church, 1914; donor, Mrs. Horner; Rev. W. Marshall, Vicar; W. Barton, H. Thornton, wardens."

The opening peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung by the Calverley Parish Church company, which comprised Messrs. Sam Wheatley, Walter Popplewell, Sidney Keighley, Walter Stanhope, Harold Wheatley, Wilfred Lee, Charles Pratt, Fred Waller. Mr. Willie Stanhope (nephew of Mr. Walter Stanhope), also took part. Mr. C. Pratt, who conducted, has been a change-ringer at Calverley for thirty-six years. When Mr. Pratt was a junior member of the company they won three prizes (two for sets of eight and one for a set of six) at Liversedge, Almondbury, and New Mills, near Huddersfield. Since he became leader they have won a number of prizes. He had the honour of taking out the only Calverley team of eight ringers who have won a first prize. That was obtained at Queensbury four years ago, and five of the set rang in the opening peal at Idle, namely Mr. Pratt himself, Messrs. W. Popplewell, S. Keighley, and Walter Stanhope. Mr. Pratt was one of the band who rang the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for the Yorkshire Association. That was at Drighlington a good many years ago. He has rung every bell in the Calverley tower for a peal of 5000 and upwards. Most of the Idle contingent took part in the ringing after the opening peal. These consist of Messrs. Harry Foster (conductor), Willie Feather, Ben Bottomley, Gordon Potter, Tom Hill, and Wilfred Clapham. Most people were out of doors for the occasion, and there was an exceptionally large congregation at the watch-night service, at which an appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. F. J. T. Stock (curate-in-charge of St. John's). The Calverley company rang the bells again on Sunday evening.

The worshippers at St. John's Church are desirous of securing the bell which has been removed from the Parish Church, consequent on the installation there of the new ring presented by Mrs. Horner. When Messrs. Taylor and Co. tendered for the bells they allowed £15 for the old ones. Many people, however, are strongly opposed to the bell being taken out of the parish. It has been used at the Parish Church ever since the edifice was opened in 1828.

CURDRIDGE.—For evening service on Sunday, January 17th, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Jope, R. Elcock, W. J. Ryves, A. Pook, Andrew Mears, Alfred Mears (conductor). This is believed to be the first 720 in the method on the bells.

OBITUARY.

MR. M. CLARK (Durham).

The death has occurred at Durham of Mr. Matthew Clark, at the age of 85 years, the oldest bellringer, freeman and Oddfellow in the district. Born in 1830 he was appointed a bellringer at Durham Cathedral in 1849, and held that position until four years ago. He was a Bedesman of Durham Cathedral, a member of the Masons' Company of Freeman, the oldest member of the Rose of Durham Lodge of Oddfellows, and for a quarter of a century he was secretary of the Durham Joiners' Society.

MR. HENRY WAITE.

Exceptionally sudden and most unexpected was the death recently of a well-known Uxbridge ringer, Mr. Henry Waite. He was apparently in his usual health when he left home for St. Andrew's Vicarage. He had not been there very long before he dropped dead in the kitchen. His death will be a great loss to St. Andrew's parish, with which he was connected for nearly twenty years. Hailing from Reading, and aged about 48 years, he was known as a man of the highest and most reliable character, one, perhaps, of a few words but nevertheless shrewd. He was the essence of courtesy to a large circle of friends at the Church, where he has always been given the highest respect and regard. In addition to being sexton he was the Captain of the St. Andrew's ringers, and as a member of the Middlesex Association was known throughout the whole of the county. The deepest sympathy will be extended to his widow and four children in their bereavement.

RINGERS' SUPPER AND ANNUAL MEETING AT CURDRIDGE.

The annual supper given to the ringers by the Vicar and Mrs. Hills took place at the Vicarage on Friday evening, January 15th. Unfortunately illness prevented two from attending, whilst a third was away serving King and country. Messrs. D. Duncan and J. Barker (churchwardens) were present, and all thoroughly enjoyed the good old Christmas fare provided.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting. The Captain, Mr. Andrew Mears, gave a brief review of the Guild during the past year. The attendances had been very satisfactory, and two had not missed once. They had rung 86 504s of Grandsire Triples, and advances been made in Bob Major and Minor.

Mr. Duncan reported a slight decrease in subscriptions, but after fines had been paid and another donation from the president, a satisfactory share-out was arranged.

ERRATA.

In the report of the 1008 Grandsire Triples rung at Bishop Ryder's on Intercession Day, the concluding sentence stated that it was rung as a tribute of respect to Sergeant S. Handley. It should have read "to Sergeant S. C. Wellings, of the 3rd Worcestershire Regiment." Sergeant Wellings was one of the tallest men in the regiment, standing 6 ft. 4 in. in his stockings.

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LIVERSEDGE CHURCH BELLS.

TO BE OVERHAULED.

In connection with the Parish Church, a very successful congregational tea, meeting, and entertainment took place at the Millbridge National School on Saturday, January 16th. Some years ago, similar gatherings were held annually at Christmas, but the Sunday School "annuals" appear to have taken their place during the past few years. Saturday's event was exceedingly well attended, and the proceedings were of a very happy character, and we understand that it is now intended to hold the gathering annually as in former years.

In the course of an interesting speech, the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Evers) explained why the church bells were not being rung as usual. The bells and the various fittings, he said, had been in use quite a hundred years, and the framework and clappers were now in a dangerous condition. An expert had reported to them to this effect and had also told them that the bells ought not to be rung until certain repairs had been carried out. The estimate for a new steel framework, new clappers, the doing up of the bells and the fittings generally amounted to about £300, and it was proposed to raise this money by subscription. Referring to the war, the Vicar expressed satisfaction that the Spen Valley was placed in such a favourable position.

RINGERS' SUPPERS.

FLADBURY.

At the invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Lawson the members of the choirs, with the ringers, churchwardens and sidesmen of Wyre, Throckmorton, Moor, and Fladbury churches assembled at the Rectory on Thursday week. Owing to the prevalence of illness in the parishes several of the members were missing, and apologies were tendered for their absence. After a very generous repast the members spent a most pleasant evening, being entertained by Miss and Mrs. Lawson. The Rector interested the party by relating some of his early reminiscences. Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. Malin, Gibbs, Sheppard, Haines, Rimell, and Sayers.

Mr. Gibbs, on behalf of all present, thanked the Rector and Mrs. and Miss Lawson for their very kind entertainment, assuring them that all had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

In reply, the Rector said the pleasure was mutual, and attributed much to the ladies for their share in ensuring such a pleasant evening. He expressed the hope that this would be the first of many such happy meetings.

After singing the National Anthem the party dispersed.

ASHBY FOLVILLE.

The members of St. Mary's Church choir and ringers assembled at the New Hall on Monday, January 18th, and partook of a supper, kindly provided by Mrs. H. H. Smith-Carlington. Mr. E. J. Riley presided, in the absence of the Vicar in London. The toasts included "The Vicar and Churchwardens," and "Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Carlington." Singing, games and dancing followed.

KIBWORTH.

The Parish Church choir and the ringers were entertained at the Rectory by the Rector, the Rev. E.-S. B. Fletcher, M.A., and a most enjoyable time was spent.

5008 BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

23456	W	B	H
52364	-	-	-
3526			-
2356			-
5623	-	-	
2563			-
6253			-
5362	-	-	
6532			-
3265	-	-	
6325			-
42563	5/4		
42635		-	-
6423			-
2643			-
4326	-	-	
2436			-
3246			-
4632	-	-	
3462			-
6234	-	-	
3624			-
45236	5/4	-	
2453			-
5324	-		-
2534			-
3254			-
5432	-	-	
3542			-
4352			-
5243	-	-	
4325	S	-	
2435			-
3245			-

The two first parts are equal in the calling, except bob the wrong being omitted in first course of second part. Has the 6-4s and 6-5s. Repeat last twelve courses, calling bob the wrong for 5/4.

KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By SAMUEL WOOD.

5184.

23456	M	W	H
62534	2B	I	2
54326	1A	I	2
42356	1X		
53246	1X		2
34256	1X		
52436	1X		2
23456	1X		

A. 4ths and In; B, Bob Before; X, Bobs at 5th, 8th and 11th leads.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1915.

The Provinces.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch).

On Thursday, January 21, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Ernest E. Barber Treble	Frederick Stanton 4
William Niblett 2	Charles Camm 5
Ernest Gibbs 3	Robert G. Knowles Tenor

Conducted by Charles Camm.

This is the first quarterly peal for the Branch, and first peal by C. Camm since his appointment as Branch Master; also his first peal as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.
(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society).

On Saturday, January 23, 1915, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Chas. Bower Treble	Joseph Mellor 7
Thomas Jakeman 2	Berjamin Gill 8
Samuel Wood 3	Joseph Ridyard 9
Tom Wilde 4	Frederick Page 10
Benjamin Thorp 5	Harry Chapman 11
Chas. Broadbent 6	Arthur E. Pegler Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Samuel Wood.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Wood. The figures of this peal will be found on another page.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch).

On Sunday, January 24, 1915, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720s of Plain Bob, and two of Grandsire, each called differently.

John C. Perkins Treble	James Hemming 4
Thomas Hands 2	Frederick J. Johnson 5
Joseph D. Johnson 3	Frederick Jordan Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

*First peal of Minor. Rung in the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Shawcross, who had held the incumbency for the past 25 years, and was interred in the parish churchyard on the previous Wednesday. He was also a member of the above Association.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Bertram Prewett 1-2	William Shepherd 7-8
George R. Fye 3-4	James Hunt 9-10
Ernest Pye 5-6	Alfred W. Grimes 11-12

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by George R. Fye.

Umpire—B. S. Thompson.

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

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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 CANGS

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.

SIR,—Mr. Baker has told us several times that because the internal proof of Grandsire is different from that of Plain Bob, therefore they are not the same Method. The original will not stand a minute's testing. The internal proof of Grandsire Caters is different from that of Grandsire Triples, and yet they are the same Method. The internal proof of Oxford and Kent Minor is different from that of Oxford and Kent Major, and yet they are the same Methods. Similarly the internal proof of Grandsire is different from the internal proof of Plain Bob, and yet they are the same Method. Proof of Methods has absolutely nothing to do with the question.

Secondly, Mr. Baker seems to argue that the first row of the second lead of a Major Method must be the sixteenth from rounds. It need not be anything of the sort. Rounds may be a lead-head as it usually is in Plain Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich, etc.; or it may be a lead-end as it usually is in Grandsire, Double Norwich Caters, Oxford Bob Triples, etc.; or it may be neither, as it often is in Grandsire.

Thirdly, Bob Triples and Grandsire Major are illegitimate, solely because they have a bell lying still for more than two consecutive blows. The rule may be arbitrary, but is wholesome.

Fourthly—If Mr. Baker says he got the term "Extreme" from Shipway and not from me, I shall of course take his word, but I do not think he will say so. I know the word is old, though obsolete, and I adopted it because I had an idea without taking any particular trouble to verify it, that I was reproducing the real meaning of the old term. My note still stands.

Fourthly, Mr. Baker talks about the "new" arrangement of Grandsire, etc. There is nothing new about making the sixth and seventh the hunts instead of 1-2, and nothing to be gained by doing so. In fact there is almost everything against it. See Method Report and a letter I wrote to "The Bell News" as far back as August 15th, 1896.

Yours etc., J. A. TROLLOPE

Enfield Town, Middlesex.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT KELLY, DEVON.

An interesting gathering took place at Kelly House on January 21st, when the Rev. Maitland Kelly entertained to supper the past and present ringers of the parish. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells of their parish church, and also in Devon, by men of the county. Two of the original band besides Mr. Kelly were present—Messrs. John and Edwin Yole. Among the guests were Mr. John Trelawny, son of the late Colonel H. R. Trelawny, who 50 years ago trained a band of scientific change-ringers at Colstock, Cornwall, one of whom, Mr. William Johns, who now resides at Kelly, was present. After supper an adjournment was made to the tower, and a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a band composed of the following: J. Yole, Rev. Maitland Kelly (conductor), A. Johns, W. Johns, J. Johns, E. Yole. The performance was a creditable one, considering that some of those who took part in it had not for many years handled a rope.

NEW MILL CHURCH BELLS.

The jubilee of the sweet-toned bells in the tower of Christ Church, New Mill, was worthily celebrated on a recent Saturday, and aroused much interest in the village. Ringers from Huddersfield, Kirkheaton, Kirkburton, Meltham, Armitage Bridge, and Holmfirth reinforced the local ringers, and merry touches were rung from the tower from 9.30 a.m. till 6.30 p.m., and it was evident that the old ringers enjoyed the feast of ringing. Two ringers who took part in the opening of the bells fifty years ago—Messrs. Pickering (Kirkburton), and R. Stead (Huddersfield)—had lived to take part in the jubilee, but, unfortunately, a third—Mr. John Rhodes, of Wigan (a veteran Holmfirth ringer)—was unable to attend, and wrote expressing his regret. The ringers were entertained at a tea and social, which were held in the schoolroom in the evening. The Vicar (Rev. Robert Warburton), presided, and made a congratulatory speech. The New Mill ringers were each presented with a silver match box as a memento of the day, the gift of Mr. Edwin Brook, of Woodfield. Mr. W. Rowley, the oldest ringer in the district, was the recipient of a pipe; and Mr. Jas. Haigh, of Holmfirth, an enthusiastic ringer, who has trained many bands of young ringers, also received a suitable gift from Mr. Arthur Lockwood, a former churchwarden.

A musical programme included recitals by Mr. Jas. Haigh, and songs by Miss Ainley, Messrs. Joseph H. Bailey, Percy Bailey, and others. Mrs. E. Taylor was the accompanist, and also played for dancing.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

ODD AND EVEN BELL METHODS (*Continued*).

Whether or not ringers in general recognise that Plain Bob and Grandsire are the same Method, does not matter very much. The question is only of interest to those who wish to understand what Method Construction is, and therefore what Change-Ringing really is. So long as ringing continues, we shall probably go on treating these as two distinct Methods. But the truth that lies behind the matter is of very considerable importance to the ordinary practical ringer, and is, as I have said, going to be of great use in the future.

Every Six-bell Method with a plain hunting treble can be turned into a Seven-bell Method by simply adding a bell in the hunt.

Every Seven-bell Method with a plain hunting treble and bell in the hunt, can be turned into a Six-bell Method by dropping out the bell in the hunt.

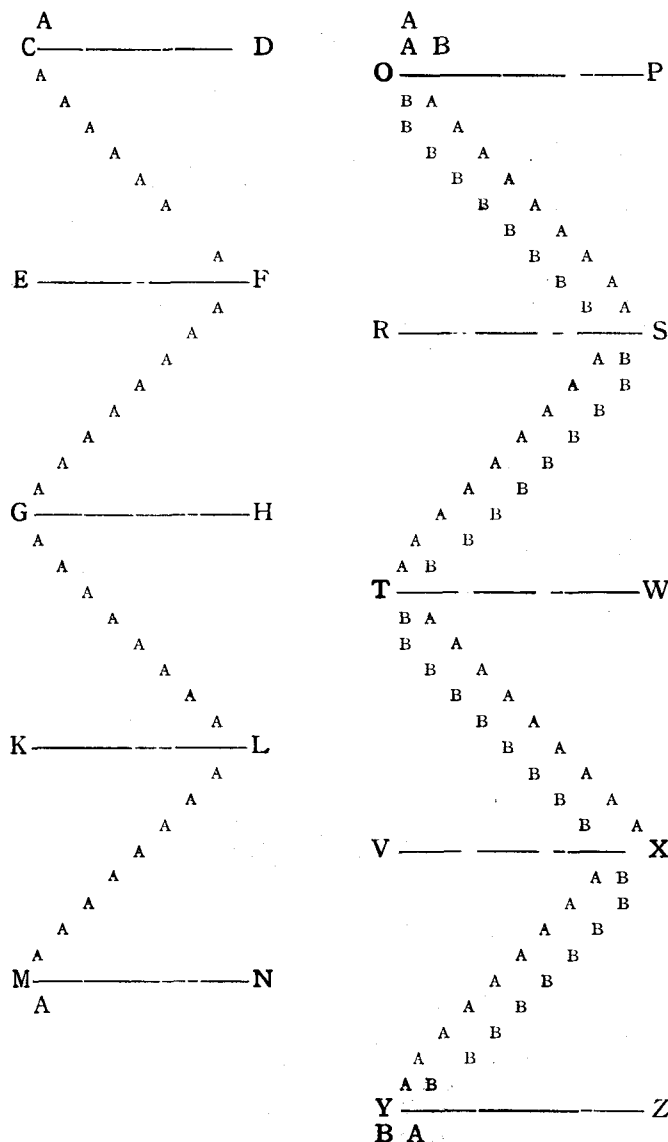
Every Eight-bell Method with a plain hunting treble can be turned into a Nine-bell Method by simply adding a bell in the hunt.

Every Nine-bell Method with plain hunting treble and bell in the hunt, can be turned into an Eight-bell Method by dropping the bell in the hunt.

Similarly every Even-bell Method with a Plain hunting treble can be turned into an Odd-bell Method; and every Odd-bell Method into an Even-bell Method.

Thus every Method in the Plain Principle has two variations, one even and the other odd, and these two variations are not only produced by exactly the same construction, but they contain exactly the same work; every single place, every single dodge, every bit of hunting, in one is reproduced in the other in the same way and the

same order; so that a man who has learnt to ring one variation can go and ring the other by the same rule, just as you can learn Stedman on seven bells, and go and ring it on nine bells by the same rule. This surely is a fact of practical utility, for if once it is realised that you can learn a Method as Major and ring it as Caters, a large number of most interesting nine-bell Methods are brought within the reach of first-class bands.



The first of the above diagrams shews the path of the treble in a couple of leads of any Method on the Plain Principle; the second shews the treble and bell in the hunt in a nine-bell Method. You will notice that these paths form with the the horizontal lines symmetrical figures in each case, and that the two hunts in the second case are equal and complementary to each other. The horizontal lines represent the parting of the leads and half leads, and must be drawn where they are, because no other position will give a symmetrical arrangement.

This will solve the difficulty many people seem to find about the symmetry of Grandsire. If you make the parting of the leads between the two blows of the trebles whole pull in front, of course the Method is not symmetrical, and a little thought will show that it could not possibly be

symmetrical, but if you make the parting where in fact it does come, then the Method is perfectly symmetrical.

Every half lead consists of a perfect square, and the paths of the hunts run diagonally from corner to corner, cutting it into two equal triangles the whole lead consisting of four triangles of equal size, and the path of the hunt being the base of each triangle.

The squares in the case of the nine-bell Method are larger than those of the eight-bell Method, the former being nine bells each way, and the latter eight bells each way; but owing to there being two hunts in one case, the triangles are all the same size. Thus the triangle C D F is equal, and in all respects similar to the triangle O P S; the triangle E F G is equal to the triangle R S T, and so on. Therefore the actual space that you have to fill in with Working Bells is the same in size and shape, both in the eight-bell and in the nine-bell Methods.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION TO A RINGER

On Wednesday evening, January 20th, at the annual dinner of the choir and Guild of ringers of Chatteris Parish Church, the Rev. H. F. Bagshaw, in his after dinner speech, referred in glowing terms to the splendid record of the Captain of the Guild, Mr. David Crashley, who for fifty years had rung in the belfry of the Parish Church. Mrs. Bagshaw then presented Mr. Crashley with a beautiful silver rose bowl, and a small illuminated address. Mr. Crashley had no idea of the gift in store. In his reply he thanked the Vicar for his extremely kind words, which he hoped he deserved. He thanked Mrs. Bagshaw for taking part in that presentation, and he thanked his brother-ringers for this beautiful token of their love. His fifty years service he gave gladly, and whatever years God was pleased to give him in future, he hoped to spend in further grateful service to God and His Church. He loved his Church: he loved the bells; and his greatest pleasure in life was in doing whatever humble service lay in his power.

Mr. A. Abrams, as the one who was longest associated with Mr. Crashley, spoke of the tone and reverence of the Guild as being in a great measure due to the patience and example of Mr. Crashley. Since he had been in the Guild Mr. Crashley had taught 50 learners.

Mr. F. Rowlinson, as Secretary of the Ely Association, voiced the congratulations of the Association. He believed all owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Crashley, not only for his patience and zeal, but also for the splendid example of personal life. He thought it was owing to that example that all his ringers were not only glad to join him in the belfry, but gladly followed him from the belfry into the church to join in service to God.

The inscription on the address was as follows:

"1864-1914.

This address and the accompanying Rose Bowl, were presented to Mr. David Crashley on the completion of 50 years loving service in the belfry of the Parish Church of Chatteris by his friends the Clergy, Wardens, and Ringers. Jan. 20th, 1915. Laborare est Orare."

BIRMINGHAM.—For evening service at Bishop Ryder's church on Sunday, January 24th, on the occasion of the unveiling by Sir John Holder of a tablet to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. J. Phelps Gardiner, D.D., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. S. Coley, W. Stratford, E. Large, A. T. Scrivens (composer and conductor), G. A. Taylor, W. H. Carrod, J. Porter. S. Price.

ST. HELEN'S, WORCESTER.

It may not be generally known that St. Helen's Church at Worcester, possesses a peal of eight bel's, which were cast in the time of Queen Anne, the inscriptions on which record the victories gained in that reign as follows:—

1. **BLenheim.**

First is my note, and Blenheim is my name;
For Blenheim's story will be first in fame.

2. **BARCELONA.**

Let me relate how Louis did bemoan
His grandson Philip's flight from Barcelon.

3. **RAMILLIES.**

Deluged in blood, I, Ramillies, advance
Britannia's glory on the fall of France.

4. **MENIN.**

Let Menin on my sides engraven be;
And Flanders freed from Celtic slavery.

5. **TURIN.**

When in harmonious peal I roundly go,
Think on Turin, and triumph on the Po.

6. **EUGENE.**

With joy I bear illustrious Eugene's name;
Favourite of fortune and the boast of fame.

7. **MARLBOROUGH.**

But I, for pride, the greater Marlborough bear;
Terror of tyrants, and the soul of war.

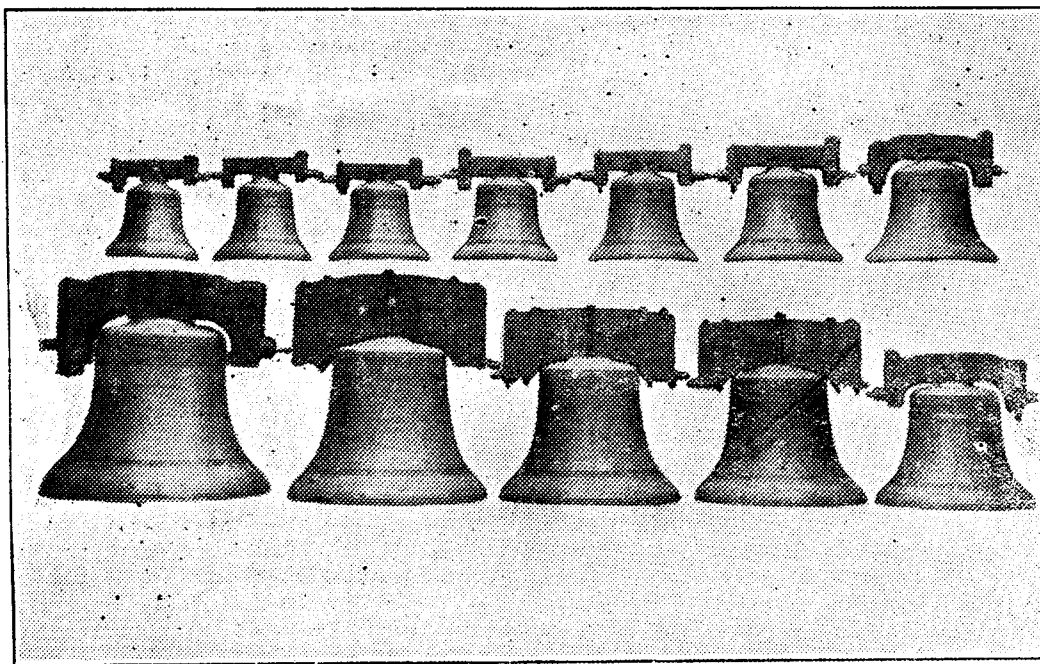
8. **QUEEN ANNE.**

The immortal praises of Queen Anne I sound.
With union blest, and all these glories crowned.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul on January 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. S. Smith. J. D. Drewitt. W. H. Joiner, J. A. Lambert (conductor). A. Carver. T. Steers. R. Grimwood, J. Currell.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, January 24th, at the Abbey Church of St. Thomas Edmund, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. B. W. Witchell, T. Ward, G. Garrison, J. Seaborn, G. Parsons, Bro. Pancras (O.S.B.) J. George. Bro. Wolston (O.S.B.) Composed and conducted by James George. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, the former being 40 years Master of Ceremonies.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business on February 2nd and 16th; for handbell practice on February 11th and 25th.

The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The quarterly general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30th. The tower of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, City, will be open for ringing from 4.45 to 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m.

T. H. Taffender, Master, for Gen. Sec.

10, Northland Street, Camberwell, S.E.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Southgate (by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow), on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at The Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock.

C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromley (S.S. Peter and Paul), on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. Canon Donald Tait, who has also promised to provide tea. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting if possible.

T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

The Midland Counties Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday, January 30th. Committee Meeting at 3.30. Tea and general meeting at 4 o'clock. The Foundry peal will be available for ringing until 6 o'clock, after that handbell ringing only.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Associations.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Pershore on Saturday, January 30th. Bells available, St. Andrew's (6), from 3 p.m. till 5.30; the Abbey (8) from 7 p.m. till 8.30.

J. Hemming Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The Annual Meeting of this District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open at 3. Committee Meeting at 4. Service in Church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the General Meeting.

W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, February 6th. Service at 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells will be rung before and after service. Tea will be provided only for those sending their names to me not later than February 1st.

Rev. P. Gordon Levy.

49, All Saints Avenue, Maidenhead.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock, prompt. Subscriptions are now due. Annual Reports 6d. each to Life Members.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Pre-Lent Meeting.—The Pre-Lent meeting this year will be held at Chester-le Street on Wednesday, February 10th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.), will be available for ringing between the hours of 3 and 9 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Church Institute (close to the church), at 5 o'clock. Tea in the same place at 5.30, tickets for which are 9d. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending being present, must please notify the Hon. Secretary by February 6th at latest, in order that adequate arrangements may be made. Geo. T. Potter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5, and business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available at 2.30 if required, also alter the meeting. Will all those who intend being present, kindly let me know by the Wednesday previous.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Warner, for those who notify me of being present, not later than the previous Wednesday. The bells (6) will be available.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw.

RINGER'S SUPPER AT POTTON, BEDS.

The ringers, the adult members of the choir, and the church officers were entertained to supper at the Vicarage. In his speech after supper the Vicar thanked the church workers for their services. He mentioned that two of the members of the choir were absent owing to the war. Percy Richardson was wounded and captured by the Germans; Bert Ginn was in training somewhere in Essex. The party drank to their health. The church bells were not rung on New Year's Eve. It was thought that this was the first time the omission had been made for forty years.

Mr. Bennett replied on behalf of the church officers, Mr. O. A. Bartle for the choir, and Mr. Inskip for the ringers.

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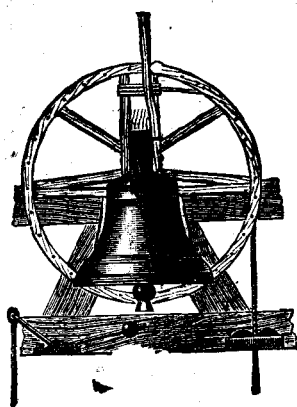
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