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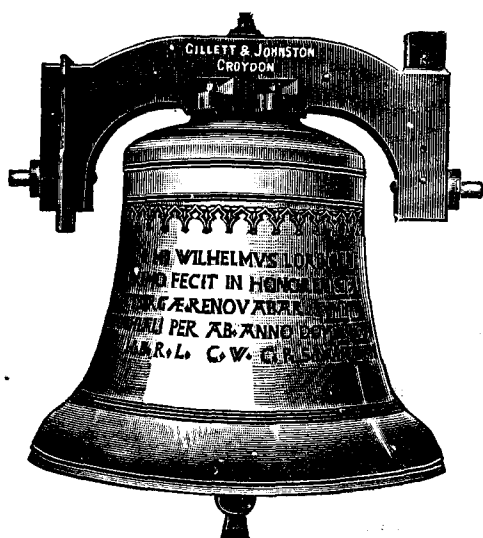
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Hallow, on Saturday, February 13th, and despite the very unfavourable weather, quite a good number attended. Service was held in Church at 4 o'clock, at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Kershaw, gave an excellent address. Tea was provided by Mrs. Whealey Lea, in the Workman's Club Room, a hearty vote of thanks being given her for her catering; thanks were also accorded to all who assisted in waiting and making the necessary arrangements.

At the meeting, which was held immediately after tea, with the Vicar presiding, six new members were elected. It was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Hallow, Mr. A. Winterton to be conductor, and the next meeting to be held at Martley on June 19th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Organist, and local Secretary, Mr. A. Winterton, were passed with applause. The bells were kept going before the service and after the meeting, several touches being rung in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Keni Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, some of the members ringing their first touch on eight bells. A pleasant and satisfactory evening was spent, though the weather might easily have been better.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th, under very unfavourable conditions, but despite the inclement weather upwards of twenty put in an appearance from Evesham, Hampton, Bretforton, Fladbury, Hinton and Childswickham. Service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Warner) gave an excellent and instructive address. After service, tea, which had been kindly provided by the parishioners, was served at the Vicarage. The Vicar and the Rev. E. Bateman (Vicar of Stanway) joined the ringers at the tea tables.

A business meeting followed, at which the Rev. W. A. Warner presided. The Chairman and the Vicar of Stanway were unanimously elected honorary members of the Association, as were also two performing members. It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Toddington, with Mr. F. Joanson as conductor. It was also decided to arrange a united practice meeting at Evesham, with the Rev. Dr. Walker's approval, some time in April. The Secretary explained he had received an invitation from the Vicar of Pershore (the Rev. A. H. Phelps) to hold the summer meeting of this Branch at Pershore. This invitation was accepted with acclamation, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the thanks of the members to the Vicar. As several members have joined the colours since the last meeting it was resolved to open a roll of honour in the minute book. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Shawcross, of Bretforton, in her recent bereavement. Upon the proposition of Mr. F. Johnson, votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding, to the donors of the tea, to the ladies

for looking after their wants, and to the choir and organist for attending at the service. These votes of thanks were carried with loud applause, the Vicar briefly replied, and the meeting closed. Handbells were then brought into use, and an hour of harmony prevailed, the Johnson family of Hinton giving tunes, etc., and two courses of Bob Major were rung by Miss E. M. Johnson, 1-2; J. L. Johnson (conductor), 3-4; F. J. Johnson, 5-6; J. Hemming, 7-8. A move was afterwards made to the tower, where some short touches were brought round, and afterwards the ringers made for home through a drizzling rain, which did not damp the spirits of the visitors.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BATH BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch of the above Association was held on Tuesday week in the Abbey Church House, Bath. Prebendary S. A. Boyd (Rector of Bath), presided over a good attendance, and he was supported by the Rev. C. Hylton Stewart (vice-chairman), and Mr. W. J. Prescott (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The Hon. Secretary read the annual report which stated that three ringers at the commencement of hostilities recognised that it would be inappropriate to ring merry peals when so many families would be plunged into mourning. Two of their hon. members, and two performing members were included in the roll of honour, viz., Messrs. C. T. Foxcroft, H. Barker-Hanlo, L. P. Smith (St. Andrew's), and J. H. Merrett (St. Saviour's). The membership had been increased during the year by 3 honorary and 10 performing members. They had lost through death two of their members, viz., Messrs. W. Simmons (St. James's), and P. Pitman (Bathford). The annual meeting of the whole of the Association was held in Bath in July, and proved the most successful meeting in the history of the Association. The total numbers was 120. At that meeting a presentation of a gold albert was made to himself (Mr. Prescott), for the services he had rendered, for which he tendered his very hearty thanks. He trusted that when they met again, they would have accomplished the pleasing duty of ringing out the message of "Peace and goodwill toward men."

Preb. Boyd, in moving the adoption of the report, paid a tribute to the devotion of the Secretary to his duties, remarking that the Secretaryship could not have been in better hands. He hoped it would not be long before they would be ringing in a long and lasting peace.

Mr. N. Wake seconded, and the report was adopted.

Preb. S. A. Boyd and the Rev. C. Hylton Stewart were re-elected Chairman and Vice-chairman respectively.

Preb. Boyd having expressed his appreciation of the honour of the appointment, the Rev. C. Hylton Stewart observed that although they had not been able to ring out peace so far as this war was concerned, they had been able to ring out peace and goodwill to those who wanted to shut their mouths. The Association had met their

objectors in a considerate manner, and fully recognised all their objections.

Mr. W. J. Prescott was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and was also appointed a member of the General Committee of the Diocesan Association. Miss Gladys Grant, Messrs. Arthur Clark, Stephen White and William White were appointed performing members, and the Rev. W. R. C. King and Mrs. King, and Miss A. Watson hon. members.

A letter was read from Mr. E. E. Burgess, Hon. Secretary of the Portishead Branch, stating that they had another record to add to the Association, a band of ladies at Portishead having rung a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was the first peal ever rung by a band of local ladies, and it was suggested that they should mark its performance either by placing a peal board in the tower, or by giving each member of the band a silver badge. Either a small collection should be made for the purpose or the money should be given out of the Association funds.

Preb. Boyd remarked that this was a remarkable achievement, particularly as the ladies had been drawn from a small area.

It was agreed to make a grant of 10s. towards the erection of a peal board. In regard to the rest of the balance in hand, it was decided to give a donation of 10s. to the Prince of Wales's Fund, and 10s. to the local Belgian Relief Fund. It was decided not to hold the monthly meetings.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Vice-chairman closed the meeting.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

A largely attended quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Finedon, about 40 members being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Burton Latimer, Higham Ferrers, Isham, Earls Barton, Rothwell, Bedford, Kettering and Northampton, as well as the Finedon ringers. By the kind permission of the Vicar the bells were at liberty during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung during the day were London, Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman. Tea was served in the Stor Hall, and a short business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar. Others present included the Rev. C. Owen, Miss E. Steele, and Mr. F. Wilford (General Secretary). It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Earls Barton. Two new members were elected. It was hoped to compile a roll of honour of the members of the Association who had answered the call of the country, for insertion in the annual report. The response of the members had been very good indeed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

The Vicar suitably replied.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, of West Bromwich, has removed from 20, Bull Street to 57, Dartmouth Street,

CONDUCTOR'S NAME SUPPLIED.

The name of the conductor of the peal rung at the Abbey Church (R.C.) Erdington, on the 13th inst., recorded in our last week's issue, was Bernard W. Witchell.

UNVEILING A PEAL BOARD.

St. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.

On Saturday, February 20th, the ceremony of unveiling a peal-board was performed in the tower of the above Church, by Mr. A. E. Pridmore, senior churchwarden, accompanied by his two brothers.

The board, a handsome piece of workmanship, was erected by the generosity of the Rector, the Rev. Hudson Shaw, M.A., and churchwardens, to perpetuate a peal of 5040 Stedman Triples (Thurstans' four-part), rung on the eve of St. Thomas, 1913, in 3 hrs. and 8 mins., by the undermentioned members of the London County Association (late the St. James' Society), the ringer of the treble being then only 16 years of age.

Frederick V. Martin ... Treble	Thomas H. Taffender... 5
Thomas Walker 2	Richard N. Runham ... 6
Christopher H. Hughes ... 3	Arthur D. Barker ... 7
Arthur Jones 4	T. Groombridge, Jun. Tenor.

Tenor 20 cwt.

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

Mr. Churchwarden Pridmore, who by the way is a staunch friend of the ringers, thanked the band for ringing the peal, and expressed his great pleasure at being present. He assured the company that they could rely on his support in every way where ringing was concerned, and the bells which had hung silent for so long must change their ways, and be heard more frequently in the future.

At the conclusion of the ceremony touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung by the band with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the father of Mr. Pridmore, who, it is to be regretted, died somewhat suddenly a few days previously.

The vacancy caused by the unavoidable absence of Mr. Groombridge, jun., was kindly filled by the courtesy of Mr. W. A. Alps, Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert, and Mr. W. J. Nelder (a local member).

The thanks of the band were tendered by Mr. Walker to the Rector and Churchwardens for their kindness in erecting the board; also to Mr. Pridmore and his brothers for attending, especially under the sad circumstances.

ARLESEY CHURCH BELLS.

An adjourned meeting re rehanging the Church bells has been held, Mr. J. Howard Carter presiding. Mr. F. Levitt said the committee had been somewhat successful; the village had been divided into sections, and £16 3s. 9d. had been subscribed. Other subscriptions were coming in. The Chairman said the promises and the cards realised at the last meeting £23 15s., making the total nearly £40. Mr. Lawrance proposed that Messrs. Webb and Bennett be asked for an estimate for the work, and this was carried. It was decided to carry out the work of rehanging the bells as soon as the balance has been collected. Mr. J. Howard Carter paid a high tribute to one of his former servants, Mr. W. Hansford, now head gardener to Mrs. Waterton, The Bury, who is leaving England in March for Victoria, Australia, to take up land in the Irrigated district of the Goulbourne Valley.

Nearly £14 was raised by a Sale of Work at Dorrington near Sleaford, for funds for the new Church bells.

The bellringers of Stoke Poges, Bucks., have handed £3 10s., that is the half of the sum subscribed for them by the residents at Christmas, to the British Red Cross Society.

DEDICATION OF CLANDON BELLS.

On Sunday week the new tower and bells of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, at West Clandon, Surrey, were dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford at a special service, in the presence of a large congregation. It will be remembered that the tower and bells were destroyed by fire in the autumn of 1913. The bells are in the key of E natural, and the weights are:—

Treble	...	...	...	6	1	24
2nd	...	...	...	7	2	25
3rd	...	...	...	8	2	8
4th	...	...	...	9	3	23
5th	...	...	...	12	2	18
Tenor	...	...	...	17	0	0

Total weight 62 cwt 1 qr. 14 lbs.

The bells have been fitted with iron headstocks, and hung in a new frame of best seasoned English oak, constructed to carry two additional bells, which it is hoped will shortly be put in to complete the octave. The bells which were in the tower at the time of its destruction, were cast in 1741 at the Whitechapel Foundry, now occupied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and to that firm was given the task of casting the new ring. This they have accomplished to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The inscription on the tenor is: "Thomas Lester made us 1741. Mears and Stainbank remade us, 1914, after the fire of October, 1913. G. F. Dalton, Rector. Thomas Goacher, Arthur H. Wood, churchwardens. I believe in the life everlasting." The Bishop gave an address, in which he referred to the occasion for which they were gathered together and to the number of years during which the church had been in existence. At the conclusion of the service his Lordship, with the clergy, churchwardens and ringers, proceeded to the belfry, where a short dedicatory service was held, and his lordship presented to the ringers a book in which to keep their records, in which he signed his name, as a memento of his visit. A short touch was then rung.

The ringers, choir, members of the C.E.M.S., and others were afterwards entertained to tea, on the invitation of the Rector and churchwardens, at the residence of Mr. A. H. Wood (churchwarden). The Bishop was also present. Returning to the tower after tea, half-muffled touches were rung in memory of the late Mr. G. Bone, a much respected inhabitant of the village, and of Private Charles Rump (late a member of the choir of the church), of The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), who was killed in action just before Christmas.

The ringers present during the day were: Messrs. J. J. Jones (hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild), A. H. Pulling and C. Haselden (Guildford), H. L. Garfath (Croydon), S. Lawrence (representing the founders, the head of the firm, Mr. Arthur Hughes, being detained by civic duties in London), and the following members of the local company: Private W. Day (17th Lancers), Messrs. F. Bennett, J. Goacher, F. Day, H. Blackman, and H. Neish. All who have tried the bells express the opinion that the tone and "go" of them is most satisfactory.

OBITUARY.

MR. ALFRED CHAPMAN (STISTED).

Early this month Mr. Alfred Chapman, who was 60 years of age, died suddenly. He was a veteran bell-ringer and chorist at the Parish Church. At the funeral the Rector (Rev. J. T. Hodgson), officiated, and there was a large number of parishioners present. Floral tributes were received from Major and Mrs. Montefiore, Mr. and Mrs. F. May, the ringers, members of the choir, and the Institute and others. In his sermon on the Sunday afternoon following the funeral the Rector made feeling allusion to the loss the village and the church had sustained by the death of Mr. Chaplin, who, he said, was always regular in his attendance at the ringing, which he conducted, and also in the choir. For morning and afternoon service the bells were rung half-muffled by

members of the local company and ringing friends from Coggeshall, Bocking, and Braintree. The deceased was a member of the Essex Association.

MR. JAS. RAMSDEN.

The death has just occurred of one of the oldest bell-ringers in the country in the person of Mr. Jas. Ramsden, of Union Street, Runcorn, at the age of 88. So far back as 1847, Mr. Ramsden rung in the belfry of the old Runcorn Parish Church, which was demolished a year or two later. He was well-known amongst the fraternity of campanologists, having rung at Manchester Cathedral, Bolton, Wigan, Warrington, and in other Lancashire towns. For 60 years he resided in the one house in Union Street, Runcorn. He was a prominent Oddfellow.

MR. WILLIAM RAVEN (AMBLESIDE).

The above ringer, of 7, Gale Terrace, Ambleside, died on Monday night, February 15th, at the age of 78. After his marriage Mr. Raven entered the service of Mr. T. Bennett, carrier, as bookkeeper, and remained in the employ of the firm until his last illness, a period of over 55 years. He was a native of Ambleside, and his connection with the carrying business brought him into contact with a large number of people whose respect he earned and kept. He was one of the band of ringers who rang the first Sunday touch in St. Mary's belfry, and he was a sidesman of St. Mary's Church as well as for the Sunday afternoon service at the old church, St. Anne's, which he regularly attended. Mrs. Raven died in May, 1912.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL.

The members of the Parish Church Choir, the ringers, and other churchworkers and friends have recently enjoyed their usual festivities. About thirty sat down to an excellent hot supper which was provided by Mr. H. Court. In addition to the choir and ringers, the guests included the Rev. W. J. Margetts, Messrs. J. C. Nicklin, E. Roberson, J. Baldwyn, T. J. Kimpton, J. Pearson, W. Vernon, C. K. Nicklin, W. H. Baldwyn, F. Smith, J. Bouchier, and officials of the church.

After the repast the healths of his Majesty the King and the Allied Forces were heartily drunk.

During intervals songs were rendered by Messrs. Smith, C. K. Nicklin, H. J. Ellis, F. Tandy, H. Clements, R. Davis, C. Moore, J. Bouchier, and A. S. Somerville. Mrs. J. C. Nicklin ably assisted at the piano. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

NORTH HILL, BEDS.

On the 10th inst., the out-door employees and the ringers were entertained to supper at the "Crown Hotel," by Mr. J. C. Thompson, in honour of his daughter's marriage. A very pleasant evening was spent. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. F. Wilkins. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson was proposed by Mr. E. Leggett, and drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. W. Brunt presided at the piano. Cheers for the bride and bridegroom, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and the singing of the National Anthem brought an enjoyable party to a close.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1915.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

BELL STRING ACRE.

There is an interesting story in connection with the ringing of the Curfew at Burgh. This old practice has for long been customary in this little town. Some years ago an acre of land was given by the captain of a vessel to purchase a siken rope for the tenor bell in Burgh Church, as one dark night he had been preserved from shipwreck by hearing the sound of the Curfew bell. This piece of land is situated on the Station Road, and goes by the name of "Bell String Acre." What it lets at for a year is given to the ringers.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

The bellringers of the Abbey Church had their annual supper at the Music Hall. The Vicar (Rev. A. J. Phelps), presided. Others present included the bellringers, the churchwardens of St. Andrew's Church (Messrs. A. C. Goddard and D. E. Tower). Afterwards the evening was spent in music. A fine selection was given by the ringers on the handbells.

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 CINQUEUS, 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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WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

ODD AND EVEN-BELL METHODS (*Continued*).

It would be quite easy to go on indefinitely giving illustrations of odd and even-bell variations, but the object of these chapters is to explain what Change Ringing really is, not to publish a lot of "new" Methods. The point is that the same Shunts will always simultaneously produce an odd and an even-bell variation, and that here you have a general law to which there is no qualification and no exception. It applies equally to all Methods on the Plain Principle, good and bad, symmetrical and irregular, legitimate and illegitimate. We come now to the second point. These variations are not only the same Method in construction, but they are the same Method in actual practice; that is they can be rung by the same rules, just as we ring Stedman Caters by the same rules as Stedman Triples, or Kent Royal by the same rules as Kent Major. I must remind the readers of what I have already pointed out, that this does not mean that every rule by which you ring one variation is directly applicable to the other. That is not so in the cases I have just mentioned. You might say, for instance, that the rule for making a bob in Stedman Triples is for the bell that is dodging in 4-5 up to make 5ths, and then dodges 4-5 down, causing an extra dodge on the bells in 6-7. That would be a perfectly correct rule for Triples, but you could not apply it without adaptation to Caters. And yet the rule for the bob-making of Stedman Caters is exactly the same as the rule for the bob-making of Stedman Triples. In the same way the rule for ringing Double Norwich Caters is exactly the same as the rule for ringing Double Norwich Major, but you must adapt the wording of it to the higher number.

Suppose you have learnt a Method on an even number of bells with one plain hunting treble, and you want to ring it on an odd number of bells with a treble and bell-in-the-hunt, there are two things you must remember. I am assuming that you start as usual from rounds, and that, as usual, the Coursing Order of the bells is even downward and odd upward. That will mean that, whereas in the even-bell variation Rounds will be a lead-head, in the odd-bell variation Rounds will be a lead-end.

1. The first thing to remember is that all work done below the treble is exactly the same in every respect in both variations. All Place-making, dodging, snapping and hunting in the even-bell variation will be done in the same order, in the same positions, and in the same way (hand-stroke or back-stroke) in the odd-bell variation.

We will illustrate this by a couple of Methods. From the nature of the case the number of Methods in which all the work (except plain hunting) is below the treble is very small. Their construction is limited to the Slow Work Shunts and the Extreme at the parting of the half leads. The other Extreme and the Court Shunts are not available* and very few Additional Shunts can work. The simplest of all these Methods is Reverse Bob, which is produced by the Extreme at the half lead, and which on odd bells becomes Reverse Grandsire. We have already seen that the rule for ringing these two is exactly the same. The next Method is an extension of the Minor Method which is given in "Standard Methods" under the not very happy title of College Single Reverse. Its construction

is a 2-bell Slow Work Shunt, without any Additional Shunts.

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There is only one good way of studying the work of a Method, and that is by drawing out a Skeleton Course. If you will do that you will see that the work of the bells is the same in each of the above. The Method is one of the simplest that it is possible to get. In each case above the treble all the bells plain hunt. Below the treble 3rds place (backstroke) is made, followed by hunting up, except when the treble (treble or bell-in-the-hunt in Caters) is below. The two bells left on the lead by the treble (treble and bell-in-the-hunt in Caters) have a 5-pull dodge till the treble returns. Compare the work of a bell in each variation, say the Seventh.

COLLEGE MAJOR.

1. Hunt up and whole behind.
2. Third's (backstroke) & back.
3. Whole pull behind.
4. Thirds and back.
5. Turn the treble from behind. Whole pull.
6. Lead a whole pull right, and five-pull dodge in 1-2 up.
8. Whole pull behind.
9. Thirds and back.
10. Whole pull behind.
11. Thirds and back.
12. Whole pull behind.
13. Five-pull dodge in 1-2 down. Lead a whole pull.
14. Whole pull behind.
15. Thirds and back.

COLLEGE CATERS.

1. Hunt up and whole pull behind.
2. Third's (backstroke) & back.
3. Whole pull behind.
4. Thirds and back.
5. Turn the bell-in-the-hunt from behind. Whole pull.
7. Lead a whole pull right, and five-pull dodge in 1-2 right.
8. Whole pull behind.
9. Thirds and back.
10. Whole pull behind.
11. Thirds and back.
12. Whole pull behind.
13. Five-pull dodge in 1-2. Lead a whole pull.
14. Whole pull behind.
15. Thirds and back.

The whole work of the Method is very regular and easy, and it is well within the reach of any ordinary band. I believe that it has been rung in one or two places on eight bells, and at Ealing we practised it on handbells and

* That is if you exclude those Methods produced by the Reverse Court Shunts which have their lead-end when the treble is behind.

possibly would have rung a peal had it not been for the War. For several reasons, including the absence of dodging behind and the five-pull dodge in front it has not the makings of a popular Method, but it is quite worth the attention of a band who like to ring something now and then out of the ordinary rut. Should anyone think of taking it up I would advise the use of a Fourths Place bob at the lead-end for Major, and a Grandsire Bob for Caters; and on nine bells look out for internal falseness.

The next illustration is very similar to the last; it is pretty well as easy to ring, and in some respects is a better Method. You get a three-pull dodge instead of a five-pull dodge, and you get dodging in 3-4 as well as in 1-2. The construction is a four-bell Slow Work Shunt without any Additional Shunts.

CHINGFORD MAJOR.

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The best bobs for this Method are the same as for College Major and Caters, and both Methods give exceptional opportunities for composition.

RINGING AT BATTLE.

Troops have been billeted here a week at a time, and after several promises Sergt. Wait, of the Welsh Fusiliers, rung for morning service on a recent Sunday. And on Sunday, February 14th, Private D. O. Morgan (South Wales Borderers) also took part in the ringing for morning and evening services. In the morning 168 Grandsire Triples was well struck. Private D. O. Morgan, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; Frank Mathis, 3; Percy Carter, 4; W. H. Eldridge, 5; J. Sindén, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; C. T. Dennis, 8. Percy Carter is a veteran home on leave from Faversham.

A new bell as recently been presented to St. George's Church, Barnsley, by a churchman who wishes to remain anonymous. The bell has the following Latin inscription upon it: "Carolus, 1914, Deo Gratias," the English of which is, "Charles, 1914, thanks be to God."

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DEATH AND FUNERAL OF A RINGER IN U.S.A.

Early in the present year there passed away at Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Ernest C. Hunt, a native of Kidderminster, England. The deceased gentleman, whilst in England, was associated with St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, where he was a member of the band of ringers, and was much respected. Some eight years ago he went out to the States, and was employed as a carpet passer in a large factory. In March, 1912, he sustained severe injuries by falling down an elevator shaft, as a result of which his right leg had to be amputated. He was also seriously hurt internally, and from which he never recovered. Latterly he had carried on a tobacco and candy store. Mr. Hunt was 42 years of age, and leaves a widow and two sons. The funeral took place at Philadelphia, when a very impressive service was held, being attended by a large number of deceased's fellow townsmen. There was a very profuse array of flowers.

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Repeat last twelve courses. Call the first bob at 6.

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(St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury).

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, February 5th, at St. Chad's Church, a course of Stedman Cinques. C. R. Lilley, G. Scarratt, G. Byolin, J. Tudor, W. Brooks, G. Jones, E. R. T. Corbett, W. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, E. M. Atkins, A. E. Fullick, H. Jones. First course of Stedman Cinques on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the treble and 10th. 180 Bob Royal. G. Scarratt, G. Byolin, W. Brooks, G. Jones, E. R. T. Corbett, W. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, E. V. Rodenburst, A. E. Fullick, C. R. Lilley (conductor). 315 Stedman Caters. G. Byolin (conductor), G. Scarratt, W. Brooks, J. Tudor, E. R. T. Corbett, W. J. Taylor, G. Jones, A. E. Fullick, E. M. Atkins, W. R. Stockdale. On February 12th. 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Tudor, C. R. Lilley (conductor), G. Scarratt, W. Brooks, E. R. T. Corbett, W. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, E. V. Rodenburst (first touch of Caters with a bob bell), A. E. Fullick, H. Jones. Also 208 as above with C. R. Lilley, 1; J. Tudor, 2. 160 Bob Major. J. Tudor, W. Brooks, E. R. T. Corbett, W. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, E. V. Rodenburst. A. E. Fullick, C. R. Lilley (conductor). 210 Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. B. Beckwith, W. Brooks, W. R. Stockdale, W. J. Taylor (conductor), G. Scarratt, E. V. Rodenburst, A. E. Fullick, H. Jones. On Sunday, Feb. 14th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Tudor, G. Scarratt, W. J. Taylor, W. Brooks, W. R. Stockdale, A. E. Fullick, C. R. Lilley (con-

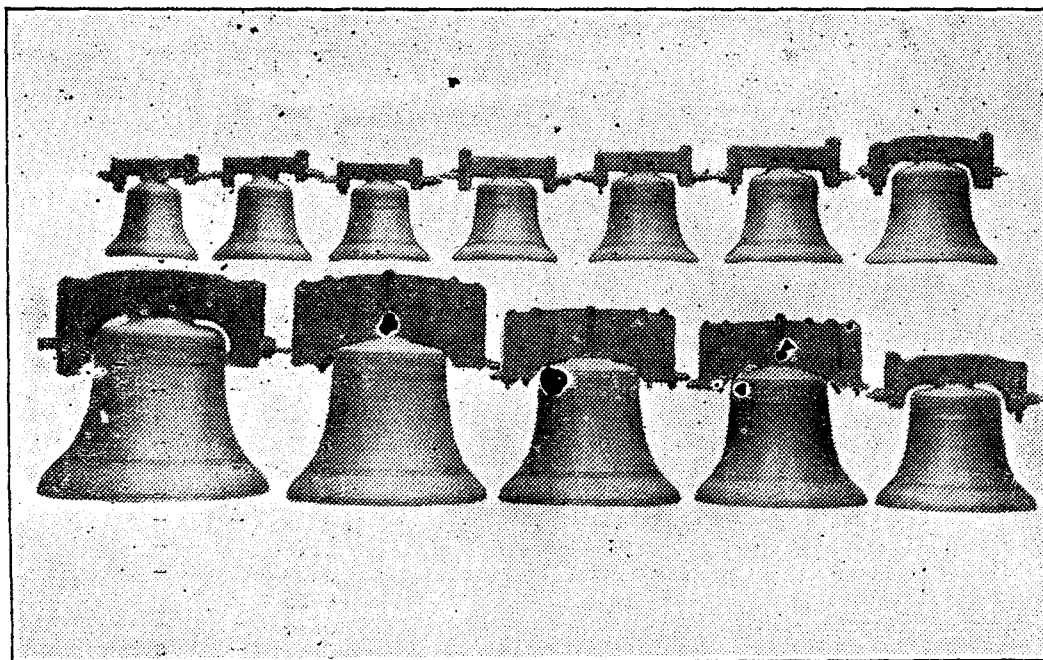
ductor), G. Jones. Also 350 Grandsire Triples, 315 Stedman Caters, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major.

STEPNEY.—On Sunday, February 14th, for Divine Service in the evening at the Church of St. Dunstan, 1257 Grandsire Caters. H. Springall (conductor), W. Tanner, E. Gibbs, T. Langdon, R. Green, A. Peck, J. Scholes, E. Hall, H. Langdon, J. Nichols (first quarter-peal).

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincs).—On Sunday, February 21st, after evening service, at the Church of All Saints, 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins., with 7-8 covering. F. G. Semper, F. S. W. Butler, J. C. Tinker, C. H. Baker, J. T. Ladd (conductor), H. Torr, A. H. Curtis, Private F. W. Sykes (K.O.V.L.I., Osset). The above was rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the several soldiers of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, billeted at Gainsborough, who lost their lives the Friday previous in a drowning fatality while practising pontoon building between Gainsborough and Walkerith.

SILVERDALE (Staffs).—On Monday, February 22nd, at St. Luke's Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Rhodes, P. Taylor, R. Johnson, W. Wright, T. Birch (first 504 as conductor), W. Myatt, G. Deighton J. Ferneyhough. Longest touch for the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and tenor.

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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 March 2nd, 16th, and 30th, and for handbell practice on the 11th and 25th, all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Ringing for Divine Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.

H. J. Bradley, Sec.
Parish Church, Shoreditch.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at 'Ye Olde Royal' Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon G. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date; other members and friends tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained from

A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.
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The Essex Association.—South Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Springfield, on Saturday, February 27th. Service with short address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Paynter, at 5 o'clock. Tea, 9d. each, and business meeting to follow at the Plough Inn. Bells available from 4 o'clock.

F. W. Edwards, Hon. Dist. Sec.
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The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley, on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open for ringing at 4 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas's Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland (Vicar of Dudley). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. All contributions should be paid at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.
113, Himley Road, Dudley.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Inter-Affiliation.—Will the Secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-Affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish, with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible.

J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.
Sheepteote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, March 6th next. Service at 3 p.m.

Thomas Best, Secretary.
Bletchley.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.**BELL-RINGERS' SUNDAY.**

Sunday week, at Holy Trinity Church, was set apart for the bellringers, and as usual the services were well attended. The Rev. C. B. Crowe (Vicar), preached at the morning service, whilst the Rev. R. Gillenders (Jackfield), occupied the pulpit at evensong. At the afternoon musical service the Rev. R. Gillenders gave an address. Mr. Walter Reynolds gave a good rendering of the sacred song, "King of Eternity." The anthem, "At even, ere the sun was set," was well sung by the choir. Organ solos by Mr. Wallace Wall were brilliant executions. The offertories taken were in aid of the bellringers, who receive no other remuneration for their services.

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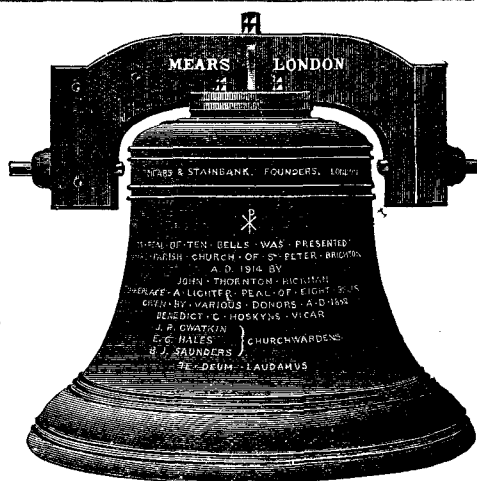
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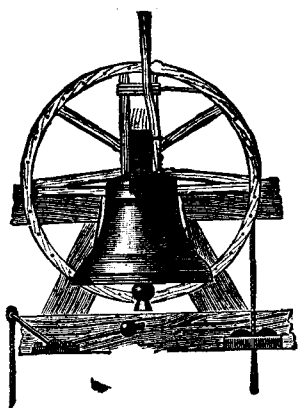
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