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THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

There are a great many ringers to whom, probably, the present discussion in our columns on the question of the extension of London Surprise may appear totally uninteresting, as indeed it must be to those who have little or no knowledge of the advanced theory of ringing. The majority of the members of the Exercise are content to have methods presented to them, and to ring them if they appeal to their fancy and are within their capacity. But it must be remembered that ringers owe everything to those who spend or have spent their labour in research, and few who practise in the belfry give any heed to their indebtedness to the men, beginning with Fabian Stedman, who, for something like two and a half centuries, have gradually unravelled the mysteries of the art for the progress and enjoyment of others. These long labours, however, have not solved all the problems connected with change ringing; indeed, the inevitable mistakes and misapprehensions of principles which have from time to time been put forward and accepted generally by the Exercise for want of greater knowledge, have led to confusion which modern experts have been called upon to clear up.

An instance of this is to be found in the promulgation of a method which Shipway designated Double Norwich Royal, but which, as ringers pretty generally have known, bears no likeness to the Major. Yet, for a century, Shipway's method has been the accepted extension. Those who are acquainted with the method will agree, we think, with Mr. George Baker in the suggestion that some other name should be found for it, for there is a certain amount of agreement among the experts that something totally different is the true extension—but it has taken a hundred years to bring the Exercise to a realisation of this fact.

The position with regard to London Surprise is somewhat different, for up to the present there has been no method which is really accepted by general consent (even of the experts) as the correct extension of the Major. There is no difficulty in reconciling the fundamentals of the Minor and those of the Major, but men have striven for years to get the correct extension to ten bells. One such method rung some years ago by the College Youths was withdrawn as London Surprise Royal, and accepted as a new method which was officially designated 'Stepney.' This only helps to illustrate the complex nature of the problem which experts have set themselves to solve, and we have now arrived at another stage in the investigations when an effort is being made to settle a most interesting and long-discussed question. Our readers who have studied this subject will follow this week with interest the arguments of Mr. George Baker as to the possibilities of ob-

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taining a true extension of London Royal, and next week we shall give the Rev. E. Bankes James' ground for claiming that the method which he has evolved is not only the nearest, but the perfect extension of London from eight bells to ten. Whether the ground of his claim will be accepted by the other experts remains to be seen, and if they cannot agree, it may be necessary for the Central Council to give a ruling, as, we believe they did, in the case of 'Stepney.'

With the advance of ringing to the stage when Surprise peals on ten and twelve bells are no longer a novelty, and ringers in increasing numbers are showing themselves competent to put into practice the most complicated methods, there is a growing desire for new fields to conquer. These fields will not be open to the practical men until the experts have explored them, and for that reason, we think, it is in the best interests of the art that the arguments upon and the claims to the correct extension of London Surprise should be published, for London being the method generally accepted as the pinnacle of the ringer's ambition offers on ten bells the opportunities of new conquest. One of the questions which is not yet settled is what is really the way in which a method should be extended. Different writers claim different principles, and this will be found exemplified when Mr. Bankes James' grounds for establishing his method appear. At present, the Methods Committee of the Central Council have their work held up for want of funds to publish their collections. While they are waiting, could they not consider the laying down of some definite principles of method extension, and so carry the Exercise one stage further out of the confusion which has so long reigned in regard to many important phases of the art?

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE 6
GEORGE R. FORDON 2	A. YORK-BRAMBLE 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY 3	WILLIAM BOTTRELL 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 9
JOHN C. JAY 5	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5800 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD Treble	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	*WILLIAM T. PALMER 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, July 30th, on the occasion of a wedding, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: A. Chapman 1, R. Maynard, junr., 2, R. Maynard, senr., 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, H. T. Scarlett 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. J. Wilkins 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, J. Coleman (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 10.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3	ALFRED PYE 8
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	GEORGE B. LUCAS 9
JOHN H. WILKINS 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN FEIST Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
OLIVER SIPPETYS 2	FREDERICK PAGE 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM WATTS, SEN. 4	WILLIAM H. STENNING Tenor

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	ERNEST LINCOLN 5
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	CHARLES F. WOODS 6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. E. BASON.

This peal was arranged for ringers of treble and 4th, and contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... Treble	ALBERT WALKER 5
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 7
JOHN CLARK 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. Miss Kathleen A. Jutson's 50th peal.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND THE OLD EAST DERBY-
SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*TOM O'HARA Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*WILLIAM T. PALMER 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford.

ROBIN HOOD'S RAY, YORKSHIRE.—On handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): *Miss M. Parnaby 1-2, *Miss D. Bulman 3-4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5-6, *Miss B. Wellburn 7-8. * First quarter-peal on handbells. Also 720 Bob Minor: Miss M. Parnaby 1-2, Miss D. Bulman 3-4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5-6. Another 720 Bob Minor: G. F. Alexander (conductor) 1-2, Miss D. Bulman 3-4, Miss B. Wellburn 5-6. First 720's of Minor for the three ladies.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TOM STANCLIFFE Treble	JACK BLACKSHAW 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN 2	FRED BRADLEY 6
TOM CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED CHAMBERS 4	RICHARD STANCLIFFE Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th & 8th. All the above are service ringers and this is their first peal of Stedman.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND THE OLD EAST DERBY-
SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble	WILLIAM BURGAR 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
TOM O'HARA 3	CHARLES HAYNES 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FRUDSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*ARTHUR UNSWORTH 2	HARRY COLLYER 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT 7
CYRIL RADDON 4	CHARLES BOYERS Tenor

Conductor E. JENKINS.

* First peal in method. Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	ARTHUR MASON 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	*HAROLD W. CLARK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble, also first in the method on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*JOHN W. DAVIES 5
*FRANK FOX 2	*ARTHUR NEWELL 6
GEORGE JONES 3	*WALTER THOMAS 7
*GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method and on the bell.

BERKELEY, GLOS.—The first touch of 504 Grandsire Caters on the memorial bells at Berkeley was rung on Saturday, July 9th, by: W. A. Lewis 1, H. T. Howell 2, W. Dyer 3, F. K. Howell 4, A. Burcombe 5, F. Oakhill 6, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8, J. Parker 9, A. Carter 10.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CHARLES F. SAYER Treble	DENNISON C. HAYWARD ... 5
CHARLES HARDING 2	*EDWIN R. GOATE 6
GEORGE S. CLAYTON 3	WILLIAM LEE 7
CLAYTON PARNELL 4	†ERNEST BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal as Conductor.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
PRYCE TAYLOR 3	JOHN OLDEAM 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal on this magnificent ring, recently increased from 6 to 8 by Messrs. Taylor & Co. Ringer of treble hails from Rugby; 2nd, 5th and tenor, Leicester; 3rd and 7th. Loughboro'; 4th and 6th, Nuneaton.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	TOM TEBBUTT 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JOHN W. WOOD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Arranged for Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS NORA SHORTER Treble	*CHARLES W. COOK 5
†MISS VIOLET SHORTER 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	*GEORGE CRISP 7
YORK GREEN 4	R. LATHBURY Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD GRINDELL Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
*SIDNEY C. ROWE 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	WILLIAM C. RUNSEY 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. G. RDMSEY.

* First peal in the method. Arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor.

ST. MARY'S, CARISBROOKE, I.W.—On Thursday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: T. Scamell 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott, senr., 4, H. Phillips 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, C. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung on the occasion of a bazaar which was held in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

comprising four 720's of Plain Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, rung alternately.

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 4
MISS NORA E. SHORTER 2	EDWARD FINCH 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	FREDERICK NUNN Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. Arranged for Miss Shorter, who was on a visit to Cambridge.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON Treble	FRANK ROWLINSON 4
PHYLLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH GRAINGER 5
JOHN ROWLINSON 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT 4, HILLS VIEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*CHARLES E. PATTEN 1—2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3—4	MISS V. SHORTER 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Witness: MISS NORA E. SHORTER

* First peal on handbells and first attempt.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, August 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes, IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER 1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5—6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3—4	JAMES E. GROVES 7—8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 9—10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Referee: GEO. F. YENDELL.

First peal as conductor on handbells, also first peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

St. Ives Parish Church, Huntingdonshire, which was badly damaged during the war by an aeroplane crashing into the tower, has now been restored, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank now have in hand the rehanging of the bells, which are also to be tuned.

The Whitechapel Foundry have also in hand a new peal of eight for Bushey Heath, Herts. The tenor will be a 12 cwt. bell.

Owing to illness near the church, the Slimbridge monthly meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association did not take place on July 30th, but it is proposed to go there on August 27th.

A band of beginners are receiving instruction at Carisbrooke from Mr. Chambers, of Newport, and with the help of the Newport ringers it is hoped that in time there will be a revival of the interest in ringing which existed over a century ago in this Isle of Wight parish—records of which are in the hands of local ringers to-day, in the shape of 'Chronicles of Ringers,' in which all touches and peals were recorded in handwriting, the like of which one seldom sees to-day.

There is one industry important to the ringer which is not often thought of, but which is as essential as that of the bell founder; it is that of the bell rope maker. Bells will last for centuries, but ropes wear out in time. The return to normal ringing since the war has revived the rope-making industry, and among the busy manufacturers are Messrs. John Astley and Sons.

As an example, it may be mentioned that they have in hand at the moment sets of ropes for Berwick St. John, Salisbury (6), Wakefield (6), Rotherham (10), Darlaston and Preston, among others.

THE LOWESTOFT MEETING.**A CORRECTION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Association at Lowestoft, the words, 'he wanted the meeting to be impartial in the matter,' have by some error crept into the middle of a sentence, thus making nonsense of what I said. You correctly report me as having said, 'The clergy had no sympathy with the formation of a County Association, but . . . there was a strong feeling among them, that a Diocesan Association should be formed.' I went on to point out that if the Association acted wisely they could draw in the 50 or so of the clergy, who had answered my circular. But as probably none of these were interested in change ringing it would mean that the Association would have tried to attract round ringers, more than it had succeeded in doing in the past. I explained that in what I was then saying, on the question of round ringers. I wanted to be quite impartial, and did not want to attempt to sway the meeting one way or the other, but I did think they ought to make up their minds whether they wanted more round ringers to join or not.

Those who referred to it were in favour of getting round ringers to join, but most of the speakers referred to the replies of the clergy in such a way as to show that they did not want to have them interfering in a matter they did not understand. If the question had been one of change ringing I can see the point; but as it was a matter of organisation, a matter in which many of the clergy excel, the argument is not so convincing.

At ringers' meetings one is constantly hearing the complaint that the clergy take no interest in them. But if we are going to snub the clergy in this way when they do attempt to take an interest, it is our own fault if they hold aloof. We ought to make up our minds—(1) Whether we want our organisation to be merely technical societies: in which case we ought always to drop the word Diocesan, and make it clear to the clergy that we do not want their help unless they are change ringers (in which case, too, your suggestion that the Ely Diocesan Guild should be now consulted, is in order); or (2) Whether we want to be organised on Diocesan lines. In the latter case, as West Suffolk is now outside the Ely Diocese, we should have no ground for consulting them.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—There are two points raised in your article in 'The Ringing World' of the 12th inst., which are likely to lead to misconception, and to which, as secretary of the Norwich and Ipswich Association I feel it my duty to call your attention. The points I refer to are as follows, viz.: 'Where the consideration for the Ely Diocesan Association comes in'; and 'That we may lay ourselves open to the accusation of robbing the Ely Diocesan Association.'

Now, Sir, I should like to point out that by reason of the ringers of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury having thrown off their allegiance with the Ely Diocesan Association and established an Association of their own, and that the latter have accepted their action as an accomplished fact. You will realise that an entirely new outlook has arisen respecting our position in relation to the Ely Diocesan Association. Being independent of either Associations, should the Suffolk County Association entertain the proposal of amalgamation with our Association, I fail to see how any reasonable person conversant with what has taken place, since the division of the Dioceses, could accuse our Association of lack of consideration or of robbing the Ely Diocesan Association of territory which they have relinquished in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury.

ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Secretary,
Norwich and Ipswich Association.

August 14th, 1921.

A CALL FOR NEW SYSTEMS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It was whilst stationed at Great Totham, Essex, with the 2/9th Battalion Hrs. The Royal Scots, that I made my personal acquaintance with the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the then Vicar of that parish, whose retirement from the secretaryship of the Essex Association was announced in 'The Ringing World' of the 5th inst. I was then a very raw recruit as regards ringing, only able to manage rounds and call changes. As an expression of gratitude for his help and encouragement in ringing matters, I have named the enclosed method 'Great Totham.'

There are signs here and there that sooner or later a call will be made by six bell ringers for fresh fields of ringing activity, and for new systems of method ringing. All the Surprise Minor methods in the C.C. Collection have been rung, and those of the other classes in the Collection which have not been rung, are becoming a gradually diminishing quantity.

It has occurred to me that one way of meeting the call is by giving the treble another kind of work than those well known, and I have ventured to work this out in the

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method herewith. Criticisms and remarks on the prediction and method are invited, and the judgment of our expert method builders on the soundness of the extension embodied in the method submitted will be very welcome.—Yours very truly,

JOHN P. FIDLER.

Hazel Grove,
Stockport.

THE EXTENSION OF DOUBLE NORWICH.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—When I attended the Central Council meeting at Northampton last year I had the pleasure of Mr. H. W. Wilde's company, and amongst our many interesting conversations we discussed the extension of Double Norwich to ten and twelve bells, both agreeing that the methods hitherto known as Double Norwich Royal and Maximus given in Shipway should certainly be called by some other name, as there was very little of the Double Norwich method about them. Mr. Wilde then gave me a lead of what he considered to be a perfect extension of Double Norwich to twelve bells. These figures I now have, and they are identical—row for row—with those given by Mr. George Baker in 'The Ringing World' of July 29th. Mr. Wilde also explained that the extension to Royal, though equally perfect, would unfortunately only run three leads.—Yours, etc.,

Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We have noted the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Essex Association on the question of recording peals tapped on handbells. Why the Association has decided not to book the peals is not at all clear to us.

We assume that the main object of the Association is to promote the art of campanology, and we fear that the passing of the above resolution is not a step in that direction. We doubt if 95 per cent. of the ringers present at the meeting ever gave the matter serious consideration, and of those that did we would like to ask on what grounds they considered that these peals should not be booked?

Mr. A. T. Morris has now tapped several peals in three methods, and his chief difficulty is to get ringers capable of umpiring them. Mr. Olave Broyd, of Castle Hedingham (who has tapped peals), and Mr. T. Mannering, of Maidstone, umpired peals for Mr. Morris last week, and it would be interesting to have the opinions of these gentlemen on the performances.

We feel that Mr. Morris is only one of the pioneers of the vogue of peal tapping, and that it is bound to spread. We note that the one peal already booked is to remain as an 'interesting performance'—it might almost read 'Freakish performance,' as this is what appears to have been in the minds of the ringers present at the meeting. We feel that before the question of the booking, or not booking of peals tapped on handbells was gone into, the Peal Committee of the Association should arrange to witness a peal being tapped, and present a report on the performance.

We shall be glad to have the candid opinions of the members who were responsible for the above resolution being passed as to why they arrived at the conclusion that they should not be booked. It appears to us that it is not possible for a ringer, however experienced, to be capable of expressing an opinion on the merits (or otherwise) of peal tapping until he has witnessed one being tapped and has given the matter some serious thought.—We remain, your faithfully,

T. H. BERNARD, Captain.
G. C. R. TAYLER, Secretary.
St. Nicholas Band, Harwich.

PRIZE RINGING CONTESTS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your issue of August 12th, appears an account of a ringing contest held in Ecclesfield, in Yorkshire, for the first time (it is stated) since 1874. I express no opinion upon such contests, whether or no they are creditable or profitable; for I have never seen one, nor have they (I am glad to say) ever been a recognised feature of change ringing in districts with which I am familiar. But I remember that, when I first became interested in the cause of belfry reform some 35 years ago, these ringing contests were spoken of as an old abuse from which the Exercise should purge itself. The clergy were warned, by earnest pioneers of the cause, not to allow their church bells to be used in this way; and I was under the impression that the custom had become discredited with the prevalence of higher views of the uses of church bells and of the ringers' office.

I should be glad to hear whether this Ecclesfield contest is an exceptional 'hark-back' to older times, or a sign of an undesirable revival; also what is to be said in favour of such practices.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON

(Late Master of the Essex Association).

Albany Hotel, Hastings.

A MEETING AWHEEL.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEMBERS' BANK HOLIDAY ITINERARY.

The district gathering of members of the above somewhat remote division of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place on the first day of the month, and if not quite so well attended as some previous assemblies, it was none the less enjoyable. The weather was ideal for cycling and ringing, and the tower bells silently awaited the eager hands that were to come and 'turn them upside down.' Two towers—Esher and East Molesey—not yet affiliated with the Guild, will, it is hoped, as a result of the meeting, no longer remain out of the fold. The visitors much appreciated the kind attention of the steeplekeepers and the respective clergy at Walton and Hersham, where the veterans, Mr. B. Wickens and Mr. J. Emery, met the members with keys and ropes in readiness. Whilst making the tour of the four towers, many other holiday makers were to be met with all 'going it' by road, rail and river—the usual crowds to be found in the near neighbourhood of the great city of London—and, let us hope, the sound of the bells added joy to their outing, for August Bank Holiday only comes once a year, be it remembered.

The ringing during the day was confined to the four standard methods, and all the 'touches' were short ones, and sweet, the bob callers clearing their characters for 'gourmandising.' The Kent and Bucks party scored four new towers. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd took part in the ringing at Hersham, and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington were in evidence with their 5,000 mile tandem, which is now a familiar machine at many towers between Land's End and John o' Groats. One lady member was ringing a 'ring' which betokened an engagement of a day old. Mr. 'Tenor' Shepherd, of Swindon, came up at Esher and embraced the J.H. cover bell. There are other little niceties of the craft of ringing which space forbids me to enumerate, but I have mentioned enough to show that other fascinating hobbies can be pursued when once a ringer has placed his foot upon the first 'ring' of the ladder; especially 'some' ladders which readers have met with occasionally.

Altogether 21 towers were represented by the company, and the genial secretary went home, to hear the 'owls hoot mere,' well content with his day's work for the Winchester Guild, in a large district difficult to manage.

At the Parish Church, East Molesey, the Rev. Le Masurier, M.A., conducted the Guild's form of service, and the favourite hymn was sung. The reverend gentleman, in his address, without note or text, referred to the appeal to one's memory created by the sounds of church bells, when the days of our youth and early friends and associations were vividly recalled. Thoughts crowd upon one by some chance sound from the tower, be it in busy city or town, or the quiet country village, and with such thoughts come the reminder of Him who made all things.

Tea, set out on the lawn of East Molesey House, the residence of Captain De Saumarez, was an enjoyable one, with the Vicar presiding, and surrounded with fine specimens of garden shrubs and trees, and the River Mole at the end of the lawn flowing on its way to the Thames. Here can be seen a huge weeping ash, some 150ft. in circumference, the outer boughs touching the ground, the bole representing the pole, leaving a space around resembling the interior of a bell tent. The mulberries were fully ripe, and fingers were made crimson by taking a handful with leave.

There was a little business to be done, as well as revelling, when Messrs. Hult, Brown and Halls were elected performing members, Mr. A. D. Barker a compounding member, and the Rev. Le Masurier an honorary member of the Guild. A peal of 12 handbells were laid out on the grass, and soon several suburban tune players got them going 'four-in-hand' in popular airs, much to the delight of Capt. and Miss De Saumarez, who were on the terrace with friends, and were agreeably surprised to find the 'Blue Bells of Scotland' at East Molesey, and that the gentleman on the tenors—poor fingers!—brought 'Ring the Bell, Watchman,' from the shades of Greenwich.

Thanks to Capt. De Saumarez were voted; to the Vicar for his four-fold help that afternoon; and to Mr. J. Brooks (local captain) for his kind arrangements for the Guild's visit.

The tower ringing ceased at 9 p.m., Messrs. A. V. Marsh, H. J. Chaffey, W. Henley, W. Shorter, W. J. Hollett, J. Howes, E. Holman, S. Woods and G. Miles, taking part therein, with the Misses Gudgin and Bateman.

W. H. F.

BRIERLEY HILL RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 6th, the ringers of Brierley Hill, Staffs, 14 in all, visited Bridgnorth for their annual outing. Starting from their own tower at 1.30, they had a most enjoyable run via Enville and Four Ashes, and arrived at Low Town at 2.30. After wandering round the town, and a long pull up to High Town, and satisfying the inner-man, the party were met at St. Leonard's Church by Mr. J. Overton and a few of the local ringers at 5.30. The bells were soon raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Major were rung until 6.45. Leaving at 7.30, a call was made at Claverley, where a howling match between two of the members was watched with interest, and home was reached at 9.30, after a very enjoyable half-day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Bridgnorth and the local men

for the use of the bells and getting everything ready, and for the welcome extended to them.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

ANNUAL OUTING.

The annual outing of the St. Stephen's (Bristol) Guild took place on Bank Holiday, when Newport and Cardiff were visited, the original intention of visiting London having been cancelled owing to the coal strike having interfered with the railway facilities. The party included the Rev. E. B. James, Mr. T. King (Bath), and Mr. J. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), who arrived in Newport at 10 o'clock, and were met by that enthusiastic ringer, Mr. J. W. Jones, who conducted them to All Saints', where touches of Double Norwich, London Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. The ancient and interesting Church of St. Woolos was then visited, and Stedman Caters, Clifton Surprise Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on the beautiful ten bells. The 'go' of these bells is perfect. Leaving Newport at 12.30, the party had dinner at Cardiff, and then visited Llandaff, where touches of Stedman Caters, Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on the Cathedral bells, the local ringers joining in the Stedman Caters. Returning to Cardiff in the evening, St. John's Church was visited, and Clifton Surprise Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung. The thanks of the party, who had a most enjoyable outing, are due to Mr. Jones for the arrangements made, and for the pleasure of this company during the day, and to the clergy for the use of their respective bells, and the steeplekeepers for the trouble taken. Regret was felt at the absence of Mr. R. J. Wilkins, through illness, and Mr. J. Tyler on account of illness in his family.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' TRIP TO PICKERING.

A party of Yorkshire ringers were again indebted to Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, for generously organising a successful and pleasant trip on August 6th, when Mr. J. W. and Masters Gerald and Malcolm Moorhouse, and Miss O. Lumley, cycled from Leeds. Mr and Mrs. Cotterell travelled by motor-cycle from Bradford to Pickering. The party was met by Miss Phyllis Gibson, and a visit was made to the tower, where a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, followed by touches of Stedman and Double Norwich, on handbells.—The Vicar, who gave the party a hearty welcome, invited them to spend a short time in the Vicarage garden and sample the fruit, while even-song was in progress. Afterwards ringing was resumed, with a touch of Kent Minor, and was followed by a capital tea, served in the Castle Hotel. The Castle was then visited, and the tennis courts and bowling greens called forth much admiration.

A touch of Grandsire was rung for morning service on the following day: Miss O. L. Lumley 1, Miss Simpson 2, Miss P. Gibson 3, Malcolm Moorhouse 4, Gerald Moorhouse 5, Jas. Cotterell 6, J. W. Moorhouse 7, J. Dobson 8. The Vicar conducted the party round the historic church, and described its many interesting features. A start was made at 2.45 p.m. to Scarborough by cycle, and a full band of visitors rang Kent Trouble Bob Major and Stedman Triples for evening service. On Monday, the party prepared for their return ride, after ringing a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters on handbells: Miss O. L. Lumley 1—2, J. Cotterell 3—4, G. Moorhouse 5—6, J. W. Moorhouse 7—8, M. Moorhouse 9—10.

A TRIP TO LLANDUDNO.

The annual outing of the St. Mark's, Worsley, company, took place on July 21st, the party, including wives and friends, travelling by charabanc to Llandudno. The journey was made via Chester, Hawarden, etc., and was everything that could be wished for, the scenery being magnificent. Arriving at the destination just after 11 a.m., the party had an excellent repast at the Dorothy Cafe, and then set out to see the sights, the Great Orme, the Marine Drive, the Invalids' Walk, and the Happy Valley being visited. After tea, the ringers made their way to the Parish Church for some ringing. They were met by two of the local men, who welcomed them and made everything pleasant. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung, a visitor from Doncaster, who was on holiday at Llandudno, taking part. The Worsley ringers tender their best thanks to the Vicar, wardens and ringers for their kindness, and the enjoyable outing is one that will be remembered.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A capital meeting of the North-East Branch of the Guild was held at Huntsham on Saturday, July 30th, when ringers were present from Bampton, Calverleigh, Chipstable, Exeter, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham, Ilminster, Sowton, Taunton, Tiverton and Washfield. By the kindness of Colonel Acland Troyte, the Court grounds were thrown open to the visitors, who much appreciated this thoughtfulness. It was mentioned during the afternoon that most of the ringers in the West owed their initiation into the art to the present colonel's father, who would have rejoiced at such a gathering.

After service in church, tea was provided in the Court at quite a nominal charge, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Colonel and Mrs. Acland Troyte for their generosity.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Calverleigh in September.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the bells.

CHATHAM RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday, August 6th, the ringers of Chatham Parish Church, accompanied by two ringers from Frindsbury, went on a tour through the 'Garden of England.' A full programme had been arranged, so an early start had to be made, Headcorn being reached at 8.30 a.m. Here Mr. Hodgkin met the trippers, and the bells were soon going to the tune of Grandsire Triples. Touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were also brought round, and then the party left for Tenterden. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Major were rung on this fine peal of eight, and the bells were lowered in peal just in time to hear the clock chimes to the tune of 'The Last Rose of Summer.' After partaking of a sumptuous meal, supplied by the proprietor of the Woolpack Hotel, the party made tracks for Wye, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich were rung. Chilham was the next place of call, and here Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. At Ospringe, the last place of call, the visitors arrived half an hour late, in spite of the efforts of the driver, but justice was done to a fine tea at the Ship Inn. Afterwards they were met at the tower by the captain of the local band, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully accomplished. Chatham was eventually reached safely at 10 p.m., thus bringing to an end a most successful outing, the first since 1914. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the incumbents at the several towers, and also to the local ringers for the way in which they were received.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the above society was held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 30th, and ringers were present from Leeds Parish Church, and the local company. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and Mr. O. Lawson, in the absence of the chairman, presided at the business meeting.

LOSS TO BOURNEMOUTH DISTRICT.

Ringings in the Bournemouth district has received a heavy blow by the deaths of Mr. C. W. Goodenough, of St. Peter's band, and Mr. R. Wheeler, an old ringer of St. James', Poole, both of whom have recently passed away. On Tuesday, August 2nd, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. James', Poole, as a token of respect, by: H. G. Thompson 1, I. Davies 2, H. Baverstock 3, A. G. Rose 4, W. Allen 5, H. James 6, P. W. Townsend (conductor) 7, P. Davis 8.

85: 64: 46: 43.**A REMARKABLE EVENT.**

August 8th marked a red-letter day in the life of Mr. Joseph Rayner, of 54, Gee Street, London, E.C.1, the much respected steeple-keeper of St. Andrew's Church, Holborn. He was married on August 8th, 1857, and August 8th, 1921, was the anniversary of 64 years of married life. He had also been associated with St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, for 46 years, and a College Youth for 43 years. In the evening of the 8th instant, eight members of the College Youths, in 49 minutes, rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), at St. Andrew's, Holborn, in honour of this remarkable event, which is the first quarter-peal upon these bells since the rehanging. The band were, Messrs. C. F. Winney 1, C. S. Burden 2, T. Walker 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, W. S. Langdon 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, H. Langdon 7, A. Joyce 8. Mr. Tom Langdon was also present.—Mr. Alps, 'in a few words,' expressed the heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rayner, on behalf of the ringers present, and he also felt certain that the College Youths as a whole joined with them in this expression of best wishes for their future.—Mr. Rayner thanked his brother ringers for their good wishes so kindly expressed. Although he is 85 years of age, he is still a youth, and appears to be proud of it, judging by the hearty welcomes extended to the College Youths at all times.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held on August Bank Holiday at All Saints', Freshwater. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and was enjoyed by visitors from Portsea, Croydon, and the local ringers, besides Guild members from Newport, Ryde, Brading, Carisbrooke, Whitwell and Ventnor. A short service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes (Rector), who expressed the pleasure it gave him to be able to speak to the ringers assembled in his church. Ringing, to his mind, was symbolised by three words: Music, Method, and Mirth. He hoped they would endeavour always to create music by the method, so necessary to good ringing, and so spread the feeling of mirth among those who listened to their efforts.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Vicar.—The next meeting was fixed for All Saints' (8 bells), Ryde, in November.—Instruction was arranged for the Freshwater ringers, who are a young band.

Tea was partaken of at Gillings' Restaurant, 20 sitting down.

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RECAST PEAL, DEDICATED.

On Saturday afternoon, August 6th, the Right Rev. Dr. Perowne, Lord Bishop of Bradford, dedicated the new peal of eight bells at Skipton Parish Church, Yorks, in the presence of a large congregation. The service commenced with the processional hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' and was followed by shortened evening prayer, with Psalm and special lesson, to the end of the Third Collect.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Christ is our cornerstone,' the Bishop, clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the act of dedication took place. Mr. A. Randerson (churchwarden) asked the Bishop to dedicate the bells, and several prayers followed. His Lordship then performed the ceremony in the following words: 'To the glory of God, and for the service of His Church, we do now solemnly set apart and dedicate the bells in this tower in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Amen.' He communicated with a bell rope to the ringing chamber, and the local company set the bells going for the first time in rounds for three minutes.

During this time the procession returned to the chancel. The Bishop then preached from Proverbs viii. 4: 'Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.' Dealing mainly with the civil and religious uses to which bells were put, he described that day as one of great importance to the members of the church. Bells, Dr. Perowne said, were a call to worship. He was thankful that that day had been marked in the revised prayer-book by the restoration of the festival of the Transfiguration, and it was very striking that upon that day also the Skipton Parish Church bells should have been dedicated.

After the service, ringing was continued for the remainder of the day by the Gargrave, Kildwick, and Keighley companies (who had been invited to the dedication ceremony), and also by the local company the touches including 500 of Grandsire Triples, and various lengths of Treble Bob.

The Rev. C. M. Edgar, of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, was very much interested in the new peal, and expressed delight with the tone of the bells, as did the Bishop, Archdeacon Cook, and the church officials. Many people were outside the church to hear them started, despite the fact that the weather was bad at the time.

The recast peal weighs over 80 cwt., and the tenor in D flat weighs 22 cwt. 1 qr. It is the very latest production from the Loughborough foundry, and that speaks for itself. Hung in a new frame, with ball bearings, and tuned on Canon Simpson's principle, the sweetness of the tone was favourably commented upon by many parishioners, and all the ringers. The firm was represented by Mr. Pryce Taylor, who took part in several touches on the opening day, and also rang for service on the following day.

SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Suffolk Association took place at Sudbury, on August 1st. Ringing commenced at St. Peter's at 10 o'clock, under the conductorship of Mr. F. Borrett, of Pulham Market, from thence to St. Gregory and then to All Saints'. The whole three peals of eight were going at the same time, and the ringing was kept up at intervals till 4 p.m., when an adjournment was made to All Saints' Schoolroom for business. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. — Stole. Mr. Fredk. E. Wheeler, senr., churchwarden, presided.—Mr. Wheeler said he was sorry the Vicar had to leave home. He was pleased that he was at liberty and able to preside, and to welcome the ringers to Sudbury.—The Secretary made a suggestion for the re-naming of the new association, and Mr. D. Elliott proposed, and Mr. A. Scott seconded, that the name be altered to 'The Suffolk Diocesan Association.' This was put to the meeting, and was carried unanimously. New members elected were: H. Lister, K. Whittell, J. Whittell and P. W. Whittell, of Bildeston; J. Euston and A. Proctor, Great Finborough; D. Elliott, Great Henny; Mr. F. E. Wheeler, hon. member; Mr. R. Whiting, Pulham Market, life member, non-resident; F. Claydon, Earls Colne; A. Saunders, Greenstead Green; A. Maxim, Foxearth; E. Beckwith, Coggeshall; W. Elliott, Kelvedon; A. Catterwell, Little Horkesley. Mr. F. Turner was elected auditor. Hadleigh was selected for the next meeting, to be held in September.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Wheeler for presiding; also to the Vicar of All Saints'; Canon J. J. Jones for the use of the bells of St. Gregory and St. Peter's. Methods rung during the day was Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Superlative. Towers represented were: Cathedral Church, Bury St. Edmunds; Lavenham, Fornham All Saints, Long Melford, Glemsford, Thornham Magna, Ipswich, Pulham Market, Norfolk; Foxearth, Great Henny, Great Tey, Kelvedon, Colchester, Little Horkesley, Essex.—At the close of the tower bell ringing, Mr. Bowell and son rang a course each of Double Norwich Major, Double Oxford Minor and Stedman Doubles.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, on Aug. 9th, 240 Grandsire Doubles: H. Skinner 1, F. Smith 2, E. Clapp 3, F. Dark 4, W. Stuart 5, W. Davey 6, W. Hooper 7. It is some years ago since this band has done any change ringing, but they are now meeting regularly.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION. THE EXTENSION OF LONDON SURPRISE.

By GEORGE BAKER.

I illustrated in 'The Ringing World' of July 29th the fact that Double Norwich Royal is not a method, it is a three-part touch. This article should prove conclusively that London Surprise Royal and Maximus are touches also.

If we use absolutely the same kind of shunts in the construction of London Royal and Maximus, as are used in London Surprise Minor and Major we obtain the following leads:

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5271394068	5271394068TO
5217930486	5217930486TO
2571394068	2571394068TO
5273149608	5273149608TO
5723416980	5723416980OT
7532149608	7532149608TO
7352416980	7352416980OT
3725461890	3725461890ET
3274568109	3274568109ET
2347651890	2347651890ET
2436758109	2436758109ET
4263578019	4263578019ET
4625387091	4625387091ET
6452830719	6452830719ET
6548203791	6548203791ET
5684023971	5684023971ET
5860432917	5860432917ET
8506349271	8506349271ET
8053694217	8053694217ET
0835964127	0835964127ET
0389561472	0389561472ET
3098654127	3098654127ET
3906851472	3906851472ET
9360815742	9360815742ET
963017524	963017524ET
6903815742	6903815742ET
6093187524	6093187524ET
0591378254	0591378254ET
6019732845	6019732845ET
9091378254	9091378254ET
0619732845	0619732845ET
0169378254	0169378254ET
1063987524	1063987524ET
0136895742	0136895742ET
1036659472	1036659472ET
1083564927	1083564927ET

By transposition we shall find that London Royal is a seven-part touch, and is not in Plain Bob coursing order; London Maximus is a five-part touch, with Grandsire coursing order.

As I mentioned in connection with Double Norwich Royal, it may be possible to obtain peals from these touches, but as methods London Surprise Royal and Maximus do not exist.

If our mutual friend Mr. Trollope will compare the following method with London Surprise Minor, and also with his supposed London Surprise extensions on the higher numbers, he will find he has not extended London Surprise Major as he thought, but he has extended an entirely different method, of which London Surprise Minor is the infant, the Major is here, and he is the author of the Royal and Maximus.

MAJOR.

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24578613
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24765813
42675183
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London Surprise Minor and Major both have equal numbers of odd and even changes; the Rev. E. B. James' method of Royal does not conform to that rule, as each lead contains 24 odd changes, and 16 even changes, which of itself is sufficient proof the construction is not the same as London Surprise, and, furthermore, the Minor of Mr. James' method has five false course ends, and is, therefore, useless; on eight bells the same construction produces a method with the non-coursing lead head of 14258367.

The latter circumstance is by no means unusual, there are other methods in which the Minor and Royal have coursing order lead heads, but Major produced by the same shunts have non-coursing lead heads.

BURES BELLS RESTORED.

The restoration of the bells at Bures, Suffolk, has just been completed by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and a large company of ringers, representing about twenty towers, were present at the reopening. Three of the bells have been recast, and the whole ring of six have been rehung with steel headstocks. The 3rd bears an inscription showing that the recasting and rehanging were done in memory of Mr. Alan Pettitt, who was churchwarden for 40 years, and connected with Bures Church in many capacities for the whole of his life. Great satisfaction was expressed by visiting ringers with the results of Mr. Bowell's work, the tone of the new bells and the 'go' of the whole peal being excellent. The tenor is 21 cwt. The ringing on the occasion of the opening included 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and touches of Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

In place of the old cracked ring of five, Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has done a great deal of work in Kent, is providing a new peal of six at Smarden in that county. He is also engaged in the restoration of two other Kentish peals, viz., at Staplehurst and Aylesford, at each of which places there is a ring of eight.

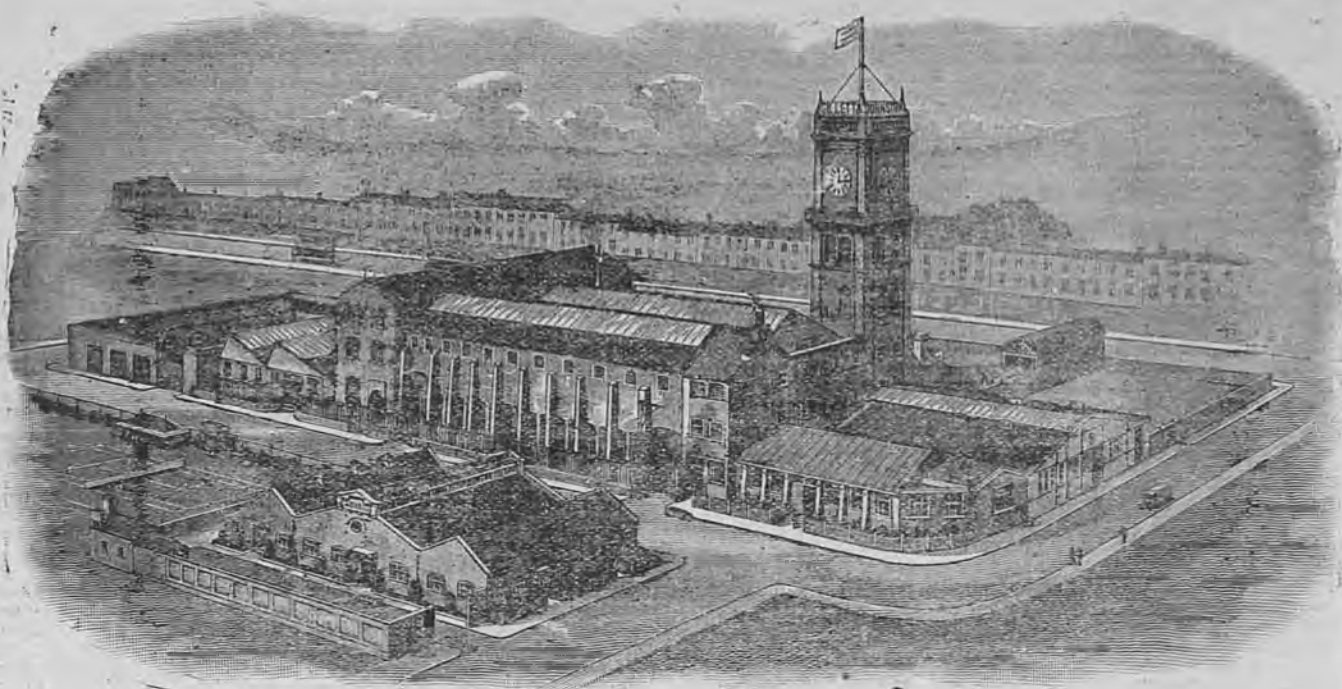
Other restorations upon which he is engaged are: Baldock, Herts (6), Finchingfield, Essex (8), Braintree, Essex (8), and Spaldwick, Hunts (6).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10th, a combined practice was held at Putney, and was attended by members from Chelsea, Battersea, Hammersmith, Kilburn, Chipping Barnet, and the local band. Grand-sire, Stedman and Double Norwich were the methods rung, and, incidentally, much good work was done both individually and collectively. The handy ring of good-going bells, the river (with its burden of boats of various sorts) flowing peacefully by, the splendid view up river, with Harrow Church in the far distance, contributed to make quite a pleasant evening. It is hoped that many who know not Putney and its beauty, will get acquainted with it at the next combined practice, which will be duly announced.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting for August of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday, the 7th, at Hamer; 28 members representing the following towers were present: Oldham, Glodwick, East Crompton, Middleton, Milnrow, Shore, Todmorden Parish Church, Croxstones, Miles Platting, Hamer, Pendleton and Hepstonstall. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and was continued until about 9 o'clock, the methods rung being Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. S. Stott afterwards presided over the business meeting, at which it was decided that the next monthly meeting should be held at Middleton on September 10th.—Messrs. A. Hoyle and J. Silverwood (of Hamer), together with Mr. E. Procter (of Shore), were elected performing members of the association.

A very satisfactory report of the meeting held at Trinity Church, Bolton, was given by the Rochdale Branch representative, and was accepted by the meeting.

After Mr. T. K. Driver had been unanimously nominated as branch secretary for the next two years, the following nominations were made for the Lancashire Association, the annual meeting of which takes place on September 24th, at Todmorden Parish Church: Mr. J. Schofield (of Glodwick) as vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks as ringing secretary; Messrs. A. Barnes and S. Greenhalgh as auditors.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hamer for the use of the tower and bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, brought this successful and harmonious meeting to a conclusion.

THE EXTENSION OF LONDON SURPRISE.

From eight bells to all numbers, odd and even, up to infinity. Above the treble.

1. On eight bells second's place is made at the parting of the leads. On all numbers make second's place at the parting of the leads.

2. On eight bells a place is made at every cross section, next the treble's path, except when she passes into the hindmost dodging position.

On all bells make a place at every cross section next the treble's path, except when she passes into the hindmost dodging position.

3. On eight bells, when the treble is dodging in 1-2, the six hindmost bells plain hunt backwards.

On all even numbers, when the treble is dodging in 1-2, make the six hindmost bells plain hunt backwards.

On all odd numbers, when the treble is dodging in 2-3, make the six hindmost bells plain hunt backwards.

Below the treble.

4. On eight bells a place is made next the treble's path at every cross section.

On all numbers make a place next the treble's path at every cross section.

5. On eight bells fourth's place from behind is made at the half-lead end.

On all numbers make fourth's place from behind at the half-lead end.

6. On eight bells, Oxford places are made in every section next the treble's path until she passes into the hindmost dodging position but one.

On all numbers make Oxford places in every section next the treble's path until she passes into the hindmost dodging position but one.

7. On eight bells, when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position but one, the four bells immediately below her plain hunt backwards.

On all numbers when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position but one, make the four bells immediately below plain hunt backwards.

8. On eight bells, when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position, the six bells immediately below plain hunt backwards.

On all numbers, when the treble is in the hindmost dodging position, make the six bells immediately below plain hunt backwards.

This gives the first half-lead. The second half is the same thing backwards.

The lead end on all even numbers is the same, i.e., 4263857 on eight, 426385079 on ten, 4263850719 on twelve, etc. The work of the bells on eight is retained on all even numbers in the same order, and without any alteration whatever. Additions consist of extra dodging, as in Kent, Double Oxford, and the rest. The odd bell variations differ from the even bell variations in the way that all odd bell variations must differ from even bell variations.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Saturday July 30th, in honour of the Patronal Festival, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. White 1, J. Mason 2, E. Milam 3, W. J. Paice 4, J. Nash 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6. Longest length on the bells by a local band.

TANWORTH, STAFFS.—At 13, Ludgate Street, on Saturday, July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on handbells, in 37 mins.: H. I. Dakin 1-2, S. G. Chaplin (conductor) 3-4, E. J. Jeffries 5-6. E. J. Jeffries has only been practising a few weeks on handbells.

MIDDLESEX RINGERS IN KENT.

On Saturday, August 13th, the band of ringers at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, Middlesex, spent an enjoyable day in Kent.

Leaving Ealing at 7 a.m., for Northfleet (via Charing Cross, where they were joined by Messrs. C. F. Winney and A. A. Hughes), which was reached at 9 a.m., the first tower to be visited was Swanscombe (8). Here Messrs. W. Hooper, G. Hayes and F. Hayes were waiting, and the bells were soon going to touches of Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major for about 40 minutes.

A move was then made for Northfleet (8); here again touches of Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round.

The next call was Old Gravesend (8), where touches of Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. After a repast, the band (who were now augmented by several members of the Milton-next-Gravesend band) made their way to the Clock Tower. At 2 p.m. a start was made for the outlying villages, the various towers being visited in the following order: Meopham (8), St. George's, Wrotham (8), St. Mary's, West Malling (8). Here a halt was called for tea. Leaving at 6 p.m., the next call was Snodland (8), and then on to Rochester Cathedral (10), by special invitation, where several members of the band took part in touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. Leaving Gravesend at 9.57 p.m., the band reached Ealing at 11.55 p.m., after spending a very enjoyable day, on the first occasion of an outing by a band of ringers from St. Stephen's. It is hoped by all that it will become an annual affair. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the incumbents of the various churches visited in so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, also the steeplekeepers in having the bells, etc., in readiness; to Mr. W. Haigh, to the ringers of Swanscombe and Milton-next-Gravesend for their company, and especially to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, secretary of the Rochester district of the Kent County Association, who made all arrangements for the towers, charabanc, lunch and tea, and hope that their enjoyment was not less than that of their brother ringers of St. Stephen's. It may be interesting to some brother ringers to know that on the journey home, the members of St. Stephen's band, with Mr. Winney, were initiated in the order of Tom Tits by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

DURHAM PRACTICE MEETINGS.

A combined practice was held at the six-bell tower at Staindrop recently, and was attended by ringers from Darlington, Hurworth and Shildon, and the local band, including the veteran, Mr. D. Shipp, who, despite his 82 years, is as keen as ever in taking part in a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The methods rung included Kent Treble Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. A 720 of Kent was rung by: H. Taylor 1, A. Coates 2, J. Newson 3, W. D. Lister 4, A. Hunter 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6.

At another practice at Gainford (6), touches of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor were rung by ringers from Darlington, Hurworth, Shildon and Staindrop, but owing to tendency of 5th bell to 'throw' the rope as the wheel was out of truth, the usual 720 could not be rung. Thanks are due to the Rectors of Staindrop and Gainford for permission to ring, and to Messrs. Shipp (Staindrop) and Henderson (Gainford) for having the bells ready. The next meeting will be held at Barnard Castle or Catterick, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

TEWKESBURY & DISTRICT GUILD.

A NEW GLOUCESTERSHIRE ORGANISATION.

A meeting of the above Guild was held at Ashchurch, on Saturday evening, July 30th, ringers being present from the various towers in the neighbourhood, including the Ringing Master and hon. secretary. During the evening, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Canterbury Doubles and Plain Bob, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, College Single and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung, some of those present making their first attempt at some of the methods. Several new members were elected, and Tirley selected for the next place of meeting, on Saturday.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought a very pleasant and instructive meeting to a close.

This is the fourth meeting of the Guild since its formation, previous meetings having been held at Twynning, Dearhurst and Forthampton. It is owing chiefly to the energies of Mr. C. W. Dyson that the above Guild was formed. On Easter Monday last a fairly representative gathering met in the belfry of Tewkesbury Abbey to discuss the advisability of forming the Guild, and it was unanimously decided to take this step, as it was thought it would fulfil a long-felt want, the object of the Guild being the promotion of change ringing and friendly intercourse between the different bands of ringers in the neighbourhood.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, the Rev. E. F. Smith, Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey; Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Dyson; and hon. secretary, Mr. F. Smith. Afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters were rung by members of the newly-formed Guild.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's, Peterborough, for morning service, on Sunday, August 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Cross, junr., 1, S. Wright 2, T. Vaughan 3, F. Dainty 4, W. Cross, senr., 5, F. Davis 6, F. Cooke (cond.) 7, R. Gamble 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Gamble 1, S. Wright 2, T. Vaughan 3, W. Cross, junr., 4, F. Davis 5, F. Dainty 6, F. Cooke (conductor) 7, W. Cross, senr., 8. For evening service, 408 Stedman Triples: V. Butler 1, Miss Pyllis Hare 2, W. Cross, senr., 3, S. Wright 4, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, F. Davis 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Stephen, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. Folkard 3, E. Harris 4, C. F. Winney 5, R. E. Newton 6, *F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, P. E. Clark 8. * First quarter-peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. Arranged as a compliment to the conductor, who was on a visit from Milton-next-Gravesend, and also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. W. Pye.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. F. Atkins (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Beecham 2, E. Rose 3, H. Grosvener 4, J. Eaton 5, S. Grove 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, L. Wallbutton 8.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by: J. Coppins 1, H. Hope 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, E. Bridges 4, A. Kedwell 5, A. Binfield 6, S. Binfield (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Cook 1, F. Cook 2, C. W. Woolley 3, J. B. Woolley 4, G. Crip 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. First extent in the method by the local band.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, August 14th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: E. Harris 1, *P. E. Clark 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Folkard 4, J. H. C. Massey 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. * First quarter-peal in the method, and first attempt. Arranged as a compliment for the ringer of the 5th, who was on a visit from Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

SOMERSET.—On Sunday, the 14th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, Evercecech, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Wilcox 1, F. Veasey 2, H. E. Webb 3, *A. W. Reed 4, *W. Osmond 5, *E. Whitehead 6, J. W. Pemberton 7, *E. Cox 8. * First quarter. Conducted by J. W. Pemberton.

ST. MARY'S, BARNES.—On Sunday, August 14th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, G. Boon 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, J. H. C. Massey (Milnrow), conductor 7, J. Willmott 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 50 mins.: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, G. C. Iles 4, J. W. Driver 5, W. S. Smith 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skevington (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method. Taken from 'The Ringing World,' August 12th, 1921, by J. Hunt.

ALDERSHOT.—Winchester Guild. — For evensong, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, on Sunday, August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, W. Denyer 3, T. Streeter 4, Alb. Croucher 5, C. Bish 6, W. Moorey 7, Fred Croucher 8. Arranged for ringers of 4th from Shere, and 6th and 7th from Godalming, the remainder being Aldershot band.

WAKEFIELD.—On Sunday, August 7th, at the Cathedral, Wakefield, for evening service, was rung a touch of Grandsire Triples, numbering 504 changes, by a portion of the Cathedral company, stationed as follows: T. Moorhouse 1, J. Moorhouse 2, W. Peaker 3, G. Heald 4, G. Hinsley 5, T. Eason 6, F. Cockell 7, W. Archer 8. The touch was conducted by Mr. James Moorhouse in a masterly manner, and was much enjoyed by the ringers. Great credit is due to the conductor, as this was practically his first attempt at calling. He was heartily congratulated by his fellow ringers on his achievement, who realise more than the general public the mental strain that is involved in keeping so many 'fuzzaks' in their proper places.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—The Gloucester and Bristol Association. — On Sunday evening, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, W. Large (conductor) 4, J. Collett 5, T. Banning 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Buttler 8. W. Large belong to Todenham. This quarter was taken from Grove's Variation of Parker's 12-Part.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1313 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789

32456978 1 4 5S
48256 1 2 3
24356 1 2 3
54326 1S
42356 2 3 4
34256 1 2 3
65432 2 3
25437698 82 3
4253 1 2 3
2354 2 3 4
3452 2 3 4
2453 1S
4352 2 3 4
32547698 2 3 4

J. Carter.

432 BOB MAJOR

2345678 W 5th In M H

2753468 *
3572468 S S
2345678 — — — —
* Bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

210 LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

2345678 B W M I H

3527468 S — — —
2753468 S — — —
3572468 S — — —
3526478 — — — —

2345678 — — — —

Each has Queen's and

Whittington's.

G. Hollis.

503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567

672453 2
346572 1
723654 2
357246 3
463725 2
574263 1
275346 5
752346 4
467235 2
674235 4
526374 1
745632 2
267345 1
742653 3
357264 2S

Round at hand next lead.

Has Queen's, Tittums and

Whittington's.

H. W. Wilde.

STEDMAN CATERS

on Short course plan.

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319.

156432879 1 2 4 5
325614 7 9 10 15 17 19 20
214365 5 7 9 10 14 15 17 19 20

231456789

439.

156432879 1 2 4 5
245613 7 9 10 17 19 20
653124 4 7 9 10 14 17 19 20
214365 7 9 10 14 17 19 20

Slow six course ends in each.

G. E. Symonds.

IN THE THAMES VALLEY.

St. Mary's Society, Putney, had an enjoyable outing to the upper reaches of the Thames. Leaving Paddington at 6.30 a.m. they made Shiplake their headquarters, and at the Plough mine host had a genial welcome and a substantial breakfast awaiting them. Afterwards they enjoyed some ringing on the bells of the Parish Church, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob being the methods. After dinner a visit was paid to Sonning, where the party were cordially received by the Vicar and invited to rest on the Vicarage lawn. Subsequently a quarter-peal of Grandsire was attempted on the Parish Church bells, but was stopped after 35 minutes by the conductor, under the erroneous impression that he had missed a bob. A stroll back along the Thames Valley to headquarters for tea was followed by a visit to Wargrave, where touches were rung on the beautiful peal of eight. On

Sunday a quarter-peal was rung for service at Shiplake, as already duly recorded, and after a leisure day the party returned home via Caversham, where, by the kindness of the Vicar and local ringers, three courses of Stedman and a touch of Grandsire were rung after service.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (Devizes Branch) was held at Bratton, on August 6th. It was not very well attended, owing, we presume, to the short notice, only 14 out of a possible 179 turning up. The following towers were represented: Warminster, Trowbridge (Devizes St. John), Westbury, Keovil, Hilperion and Midsomer Norton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**REVISED RULES.**

Irrefutable evidence that the affairs of the Sussex County Association are in the grip of a post-war revival was furnished by the unqualified success of the quarterly meeting of the Central Division held at Crawley on Saturday, August 6th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and was continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the fine old church of St. John the Baptist. During the course of an illuminating address, the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Barrett-Lennard, M.A.) outlined briefly the history of the use of bells as instruments of Christian worship from the very earliest times to the present day; and quoted some remarkable figures and facts in connection with weights and types of bells; the varying styles of architecture of campaniles; and the great names in the history of bell founding.

At the close of the service a collection was made on behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Association.

A move was then made to the Rectory, where the vista of the white-covered tea-tables on the lawns evidenced the generous interest of the incumbents of Crawley in the affairs of the association; and a truly representative company of 40 partook of the goodly fare provided. At the conclusion of the meal the necessary business of the meeting was proceeded with, the Rector being in the chair, supported by Mr. York Bramble, and the divisional secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone. In the election of new members, the Secretary proposed, for the Twineham Branch, one hon. member (the Rector), and ten ringing members: for the Bolney Branch, four ringing members.—The proposal was seconded by Mr. T. H. Messer, and carried unanimously.—Then followed the ratification of the provisional election of six non-resident members.

Under the general business item, attention was drawn to the innovations in the rules of the association, which have been revised by the sub-committee appointed for that purpose at the last annual general meeting, and which are incorporated in the latest issue of the annual report. It was pointed out that while the removal of all the old irregularities and ambiguities had resulted in the expansion of the rules, yet only one new rule (as to peals, etc.) had been added, one other being divided into two; and that nothing had been included except what absolute necessity demanded. Any constitutional innovation was, of course, subject to adoption at the next annual general meeting. Copies of the report had been circulated to all affiliated towers in the county, and it was urged, therefore, that all members should make themselves well acquainted with the rules, and discuss the question of the innovations in readiness for adoption or otherwise at the annual general meeting. Only by the practical application of a thorough working knowledge of what was really the basis of the constitution of the association could its members hope to assist their officers in maintaining the association in the front rank of ringing organisations.

It was then announced that, in accordance with Rule XIV., individual members might obtain copies of the annual report upon payment therefor, and in a few seconds the divisional secretary had sold out (at the rate of 1s. per copy) the stock he had brought with him.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. York Bramble announced that the Master of the Association, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, who had returned to Brighton to attend a prior engagement, desired to have his regret expressed at being unable to remain till the end of the day; and he (the speaker) had great pleasure, therefore, in proposing (in the absence of the Master) a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his interesting and instructive address, and also for the enjoyable tea which he had so generously provided: to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the organist and the choir for their services.—Mr. A. D. Stone seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.—The Rector, in responding, expressed the great pleasure it gave them to welcome a gathering of the association to Crawley, and hoped that the next visit would be at an early date.

Ringling at the tower was then resumed, and practice in the following methods—Bristol, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob—kept the bells going until a late hour, when the members reluctantly dispersed from what was unanimously voted a highly enjoyable meeting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Havering Atte Bower, on Saturday, August 13th, at which 20 members were present from the following towers: West Ham, Barking, Romford, Hornchurch, Loughton, Dagenham, Chigwell Row, Woodford, Leytonstone, Little Heath and Bentley, who rang touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, York and London Surprise Minor.—The Vicar welcomed the members, and arranged a short service, and presided at the meeting held in the hall near the church. He was supported by the District Master (Mr. E. Wightman). It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Bovingdon on Sept. 25th, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'—It was also decided to hold the annual district meeting at Waltham Abbey, in December.—Mr. G. Perry, of Loughton, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. H. W. Freeman was re-elected a member of the association.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and presiding concluded the meeting.

NOTICES.**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, Saturday, August 20th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wenden, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. A book on the history of Saffron Walden Bells and Bellringing, by the Rev. G. M. Burton, is now ready, price 1/-.—F. Dench, Hon. District Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, August 20th, when the new ring of ten will be open from 3 to 5, and after tea until 9. St. Margaret's, Rochester (8) and Frindsbury (8) will also be available after tea. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock at the Tea Table Cafe, High Street. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Magor on Saturday, August 20th, at 4.30. Bells (6) available.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LADIES' GUILD.—(Southern District.)—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worpleston on Saturday, August 20th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next Monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Brinklow, on Saturday, August 20th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A Monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Kirkby Mallory, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St., North Dunstable.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available at 2.30.—J. Hemming, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Biddulph, on Saturday, Aug. 20th.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent; J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12 bells). Bells available

2.30. Service at 4.30 with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. Goodacre, M.A., M.C.). Business meeting to follow.—Fred Colcough, Hon. Sec., Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Hale on August 20th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.15. Tea 5.45. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesea, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton, on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Bells (8) available early.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North St., Martock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays 7.30 p.m., St. Clement Danes, Aug. 22nd; Bishopsgate 29th; Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement's 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate 2nd and 4th. Summer outing, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Full particulars later.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 23rd, and St. Andrew, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North-East Division will be held at Great Bentley, on Saturday, August 27th. Members intending being present please notify the Master, Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Wednesday, August 24th. All ringers welcome.—H. T. Pye, Dist. Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The Annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be served in the Sandgate School, at 5 p.m., price 1/3 each. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Prior to the meeting a presentation will be made to Mr. T. Redman, of Burnley, in recognition of his long and devoted services to the branch. Will all wishing to partake of tea kindly send in their names on or before Wednesday, August 24th, to Mr. R. Hartley, 35, Prestwich Street, Burnley? All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by August 23rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, August 27th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers cordially invited.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting to be held at Calverley, August 27th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Rd., Armley, Leeds

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The Yearly Branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of officers and other important business. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The August meeting will be held at Conisborough on the 27th. Bells (8) 3 to 8 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at 1/6 per head to those who notify Mr. M. C. Fowler, 26, North Cliff Road, Conisborough, before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Beccles Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beccles on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) from 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, District Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A Special meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, August 27th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me not later than August 22nd those requiring tea.—S. J. Laurence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Wye, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Edgar Lambert, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing commencing at 2.30. A Special service in the Church at 4.30. Tea (free) to all those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, August 30th. Business meeting after tea for the election of officers, &c. Ringing again till 8 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Seend, September 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next Quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, 24th September. See later notices.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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