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A NEW THEORY.

The discussion of method construction and extension must inevitably crop up from time to time, otherwise we should have no progress in that branch of the art. It is an advanced phase in the theoretical side of ringing, and not every ringer is able to follow the involved arguments and the diversified views which are expressed. Nevertheless it is essential that those who are in a position to examine these complicated subjects should have the opportunity of putting forward their opinions, and that others should be able to criticise them. Eventually, by this means, perhaps, the Exercise will be put into possession of definite formulæ for method construction and extension, just as the researches of the past have produced certain definite lines upon which peal composers must work if the wish to grapple successfully with their task, and not grope blindly about for something which may or may not eventually turn out to be a true five thousand.

In a letter, dealing with method extension, which appears in another column, the Rev. E. S. Powell introduces a question which we do not think has ever before been dealt with in print and that is the application of the 'Q-set' in connection with method construction. This entirely new departure opens up all sorts of possibilities, and we believe it is Mr. Powell's opinion that if it can be established that methods are built upon Q-sets, as compositions are, the eventual consequences will be incalculable. Just as peal composition was systematised by Mr. W. H. Thompson's researches so will method construction be systematised. All experimental search for extensions on empirical lines will become out of date, the investigation being turned to an examination of the Q-sets. Indeed, Mr. Powell's view—and it is entitled to the utmost respect—is that all problems of method construction would be revolutionised by acceptance of the theory.

The proof of the existence of Q-sets has not yet been given, but the best argument for accepting them, as at least affording a useful working hypothesis, lies in the fact that they do actually fit in with what little is known of method construction. For example, in Mr. Powell's opinion, the Q-set theory affords a sound logical argument why the numerous productions last year, claiming to be London Royal, should not be entitled to that name. That the rivals eliminated one another was obvious, but no one has been able to explain how or why. The Q-set does so automatically. Many of those who experiment in method construction will, doubtless, disagree with Mr. Powell's contentions; but the Q-set has come upon the scene, and will deserve very close investigation before it is turned down. It opens up an avenue of really important research, to which the best minds of the Exercise should devote themselves.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6097 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	WALTER FARLEY 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
A. PADDON SMITH 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ALBERT E. NORMAN 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Edwin Barnett, sen., hails from Crayford, Kent, William H. Fussell from Slough, Walter Farley from Wells, Somerset. Further reference to this peal elsewhere.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
A. CONINGSBY-WRIGHT 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	† ERNEST MORRIS 8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	* GEORGE H. CROSS 9
PRYCE TAYLOR 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First away from treble.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. & qr. 12 lb.

* GEORGE W. HARRIS Treble	DENISON HAYWARD 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HARRY WRIGHT 7
† GEORGE CLAYTON 3	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 8
ARTHUR H. WEBBER 4	WILLIAM J. LEE 9
† EDWIN R. GOATE 5	JOHN G. W. HARWOOD Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, Sept. 3, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEEN PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	* JOHN SPARROW 6
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2	HAROLD P. BURTON 7
HENRY A. HOPKINS 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	FRANK SMITH 9
RICHARD BEVAN 5	JOHN W. CORNFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. Hopkins had not rung a peal for 27 years, and it was a 70th birthday compliment to him.

ALFRED BOWELL, CHURCH BELL FOUNDER, IPSWICH.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... ..Treble	JOHN NEAL 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	STANLEY BRAGG 8
JAMES E. GROVES 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	JOHN A. BRAGGTenor

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Further reference to this peal elsewhere.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

FRANCIS W. BONDTreble	VICTOR R. WILLIAMS... .. 6
LOUIS A. WILSON 2	SIDNEY R. HICKS... .. 7
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	H. CHARLES BOND 8
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 9
WILFRED G. COOK 5	JOHN HAYWARDTenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY. Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

The above peal and those at Watermoor and South Cerney were arranged for John J. Jefferies, of Worcester, who was on a visit to his native place.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Aug. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPAILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PRYCE TAYLORTreble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	*HORACE M. DAY 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	EDWARD READER 7
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLETenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Arranged for Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping, who was elected a member prior to starting.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM COCKINGSTreble	B. FISHER 5
H. GAYTON 2	F. J. MYNARD 6
H. STAPLETON 3	C. W. CLARKE 7
MISS E. STEELE 4	*C. WADSWORTHTenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Guy Beech, of Turvey, to Miss Upton, of Petworth, Sussex.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, Sept. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERT H. POUNTNEY... ..Treble	BERT HORTON 5
EDWARD HORTIN 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
ISAAC EVANS 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	WILLIAM E. WATHEN... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. I. Evans, an energetic church worker and member of the local band. The ringer of the treble is 15 years of age, and was congratulated by the rest of the band on the creditable way in which he rang throughout the peal. He is believed to be the youngest member to ring a peal in this method for the Society.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*THOMAS MERRITTTreble	SYDNEY HILLIER... .. 5
MRS. W. T. WITTS 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	SYDNEY J. WILTSHIRE 7
FRED LAMBETH 4	C. D. HEGINBOTHOMTenor

Conducted by SYDNEY J. WILTSHIRE.

* First peal of Triples.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. PASSMANTreble	REV. A. SIMPSON 5
*SYDNEY TUNNELL 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
*WILLIAM A. BUCKON 3	*WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 7
†JOHN C. POLLARD 4	THOMAS METCALFETenor

Composed by F. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH FOWLER... ..Treble	JESSE B. TYLER 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	FRANK MILLARD 6
SYDNEY WYATT... .. 3	PERCY MERSON 7
*ARTHUR HAYWARD 4	EDGAR BURGESSTenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

* First peal of Major.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED G. COOKTreble	SIDNEY R. HICKS... .. 5
WILLIAM C. CUSS 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
WILFRED H. HAYWARD 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4	JOHN HAYWARDTenor

Conducted by JOHN J. JEFFERIES.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM PAGETreble	THOMAS HAMLIN... .. 5
GEORGE WINES 2	GEORGE CROSS 6
HARRY PAGE... .. 3	JAMES CROSS 7
TOM PAGE 4	HENRY CRABBETenor

Conducted by JAMES CROSS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. D. Hughes, Vicar of the parish, which took place on the above date at St. John's Church, Cardiff.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
THOMAS KING 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
WILLIAM LAUD 4	SYDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

First peal as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. a qr. 26 lb.

PRICIVAL W. CAVE Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
*WALTER SCOTT, SEN. 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman, and bells from Newport, Isle of Wight.

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

On Friday, Sept. 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Deritend,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
JOHN NEAL 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN Treble	†JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
TOM STANCLIFFE 2	JOHN WATSON 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED RIGBY 4	*WALTER BLACKLEDGE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector of Chorley (the Rev. Canon Willoughby C. Allen), who is taking over similar duties at Soham Toney. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th hail from Blackburn, the rest are local men.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	SYDNEY T. HOLT 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 6
ROBERT A. FARDON 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
GEOFFERY J. HEMMING 4	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Specially arranged for Mr. Robert A. Fardon, of London, who was proposed as a member of the Association previous to starting. Grand-sire was rung after an attempt for Stedman had come to grief.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 6
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
WALTER MALINS 4	JOHN W. CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by C. H. MATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*EDWARD CARTER Treble	†THOMAS HUTCHINSON 5
†RICHARD A. HECKTON 2	JOSEPH BAILEY 6
ALBERT JOYCE 3	RICHARD DRAGE 7
†CHARLES GEARY 4	*FREDERICK J. GUY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.'

PLYMPTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Maurice,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 5
*HAROLD ASHTON 2	WARREN S. HORN BROOK 6
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 3	WILLIAM RICHARDS 7
HARRY BURNER 4	SYDNEY SYMONS Tenor

Conducted by WARREN S. HORN BROOK.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	*HERBERT WAKELAM 5
JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
JOHN J. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	†LOUIS SWIFT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication festival. * First peal of Stedman. † First peal. The band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perry after the peal.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD FERNYHOUGH Treble	THOMAS BIRCH 5
WILLIAM GRICE 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
GEORGE BLOOR 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
ERNEST LONDON 4	*SAMUEL FERNYHOUGH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Police Inspector Nadin, who was a sidesman at St. Luke's Church and a member of the church council; also to Mr. J. Johnson, late secretary of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. The treble, 5th and tenor are local ringers. * First peal.

TODMORDEN.—At the Unitarian Church, on Wednesday evening, August 30th, 1,408 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: J. Richards 1, L. Holroyd 2, W. Horan (longest touch) 3, W. Rhodes 4, F. Fielden 5, J. Nash 6, W. Crabtree 7, H. Davenport (conductor) 8. Arranged for W. Rhodes, who hails from Birstall, Yorks.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 3	HERBERT WOOD ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HERBERT ADDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by E. BARNETT, JUN.
This was the conductor's 210th peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 6
GEORGE CLEAL ... 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by C. HATTBRSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Major 'inside,' age 14. First Surprise peal on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Sept. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob & Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Arranged for W. C. Dowding to enable him to ring his first peal in seven methods.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Sept. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

JOHN J. BEVAN ... Treble	JOHN CLARK ... 4
JOHN GWYNNE ... 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung to oblige Mr. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, who was visiting Bridstow, also as a birthday compliment to J. Gwynne.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS ... Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Arranged for Mr. R. G. Knowles.

MINEHEAD.—On Friday, Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Atkins 1, W. R. Hoyle 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, J. Pugsley 4, F. Dale 5, S. Mason 6, J. T. Dyke 7, W. Male 8.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED G. COOK ... Treble	H. CHARLES BOND ... 4
FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... 2	SIDNEY R. HICKS ... 5
WILLIAM C. CUSS ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

LEIGH-UPON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. PAIN ... Treble	*WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
GERALD GRIFFIN ... 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5
ALBERT E. B. HEAL ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Minor on the bells. The band was entertained after the peal by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, whose kindness was much appreciated.

OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Eight different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

STANLEY G. HARLOW ... Treble	*CHARLES WADSWORTH ... 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	*HARRY SMITH ... 4
HENRY STAPLETON ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Doubles.

FOXTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*STANLEY RICHARDSON ... Treble	FRED WALLINGTON ... 4
WALTER WALLINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM HECTOR ... 5
P.C. WALTER ROBINSON ... 3	*WILLIAM MEADOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HECTOR.

* First peal. The ringer of the 3rd was proposed a member of the M.C.A. before starting.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN GARRATT ... 2	GEORGE LEE ... 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Aug. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	C. W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, Sept. 7, 1922, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten different callings, as arranged in Snowdon's book. Tenor size 12 in F.

WILLIAM WASE 1—2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3—4
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5—6

Non-conducted. Witness: WILLIAM R. EVANS.

This is the first 'non-conducted' peal for the Hereford Guild, in the diocese, or in the county of Shropshire. The ringers are also members of the Salop Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Sept. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. SWANN 1—2 | ALBERT WALKER 7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3—4 | JAMES E. GROVES 9—10
ALBERT E. NORMAN 5—6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Sept. 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5424 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

This is a new composition and is now tapped for the first time.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, 1922, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores with ten different callings as arranged in Snowdon's book. Tenor size 10 in B flat.

JOHN PERRY 1—2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3—4
*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5—6

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Umpire: THOMAS PERRY.

* First peal 'in hand.' This peal and the peal of Stedman on tower bells, were specially arranged whilst Miss Minnie V. Pardo (cousin of Mr. John Perry) was on holiday at Brewod; also during a week-end visit by Messrs. Rodenhurst and Saunders. The handbell peal was rung in the conductor's grounds amidst beautiful scenery and surroundings.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Aldershot on Saturday last, and was attended by ringers from Farnham, Godalming, Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas), Sandhurst, Shere, Worplesdon, and members of the local company. The bells were available at three o'clock, and were kept going in various methods till five, when a service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Ireland). The address was given by the Rev. A. Partridge, of St. Augustine's, North Town, Aldershot. The Guild service was used, and Miss Benham presided at the organ.

A substantial tea was generously provided in the Church Room by the Vicar, who presided, a company of about 35 being present. The Vicar welcomed the ringers, and expressed his great pleasure in seeing so good a number there, and gave a general invitation to hold meetings there as often as it could be arranged.

A business meeting followed, presided over by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden). One compounding member and four probationers were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, and for providing the tea, to the Rev. A. Partridge for his excellent address, to Miss Benham for playing the organ, and to the lady ringers who assisted with the tea.

A move was then made for the belfry, when further ringing was indulged in till nine o'clock.

PEALS THAT ARE RUNG

AND WHO SHOULD PROVE THEM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Good Mistress Peppery did come upon me yestere'en studying a ponderous tome by one Master Benjamin Thackrah, wherein is published a composition of Treble Bob Major ye footnote to which declares ye peal 'false in every course,' and ye goode woman did enquire of me why I did bother with false peals when I did possess so many ye truth of which was known.

So I did explain that as ringers were curious creatures and did ring firstly for their own pleasure; and, secondly, to give others pleasure; and lastly to give trouble to as many as had not ye ear for goode musick, and as we rung to please ourselves, we could just as well ring what we liked, if it were false.

Whereat ye good woman did enquire if there was not a rule laid down by ye goode Council which did prohibit us from doing so, upon which I had to explain that, in my humble opinion, the rule did not prohibit us from ringing a false peal if it did tickle our fancy so to do, but did prohibit us from foisting ye peal onto ye annals of ringing as a true peal. I did hasten to assure ye good woman that I had more than a little sympathy with ye goode Councilors on ye subject, though I did not belong to ye circle.

At which ye goode ladye did exclaim, 'Peppery, if you were elected to serve on the noble Council your reputation is such that you would be asked to apply for the "Campanological Chiltern Hundreds" long before your term had flown one session.' Ye goode woman must know me, not wisely, but too well. So I did e'en explain that my sympathies were with ye Council of ye wise ones, because of ye letters from ye gentlemen who would e'en throw all ye labour of proving peals onto ye Committees of ye Council, ye reason being that some few rotaries of ye noble art having rung false peals, and these said false peals having been published in ye reports of sundry Associations, ye said reports did lose prestige by handing down to posterity a record which was not wholly true. So ye several gentlemen did try to fix ye work on to shoulders which were not entitled to bear ye said work of proving all ye peals rung. Whereat goode Mistress Peppery did demand to know what ye Committees of ye said Associations were doing to allow false peals to appear in yeer reports, and that each member of each Association should, in her opinion, do his little best to lighten ye labour of ye Council. That ye peals which are rung are first sent to ye Chief Scribes of ye Guilds and then allowed to be published in yeer Reports is not ye fault of ye Council, neither could ye Council alter ye fact, is obvious, ye Composers of ye peals should not be compelled to publish yeer peals before they are rung, but ye Committees of ye Associations should be held responsible for ye truth of yeer reports. It is possible for a peal to be proved, first, by ye composer, second, by ye bob caller, third, by ye Committee of ye Association that it is rung under, and, fourthly, by ye Committee of ye Council, and still false peals escape notice.

At which ye goode woman did say that she could see that one such as I could neither end nor mend it; but the Council, 'twas certain, had enough to do without any more, that is, if all its members were fully employed. If they are not, perhaps some of them would volunteer the work of collecting ye file of all peals in all methods to put before ye final Committees of ye Council, one man to take one method.

ONCE A BEGINNER.

STEDMAN TRIPLES WITH FOUR-BOB SETS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. A. J. Pitman's inquiry, I composed peals of Stedman Triples with 4-bob sets only and two singles, in 1906. The peal which he publishes was first rung in the October of that year, and was published in the 'Bell News' of December 22nd, 1906.

The bob blocks are exactly similar, the only difference in the two compositions being the placing of the single.—Yours faithfully,
Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

NOT FOR GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Being unaware at the time of the rule as to the election of new members to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, two handbell peals, rung at Bristol on August 15th and 16th, were published under the heading of the Association when we were not entitled to do so. The peals can, however, be credited to the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Yours, etc.,
A. H. PULLING.

BISHOP STORTFORD.—On Thursday, August 31st, at St. Michael's Church, Bishop Stortford, 1,575 Stedman Caters: H. J. Tucker 1, F. Bird 2, W. T. Prior 3, W. Prior 4, H. Dew 5, T. Jordan 6, E. J. Pitstow 7, T. Watts 8, F. Dench (conductor) 9, W. T. Ayre 10.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at 45, High Street, on handbells, 1,488 Bob Major: F. J. Pitstow 1—2, A. E. Pitstow 3—4, A. T. Ayre (conductor) 5—6, F. Dench 7—8.

ILKESTON RINGERS' FIRST OUTING.**HOW 'KEEP SMILING' SAVED THE SITUATION.**

Ilkeston ringers' outing was arranged for Saturday, Sept. 2nd, but on September 1st two of the band felt something like a conductor when he has missed a hot in the last course of a peal, for one of the motors which had been engaged had got out of control. Every other car in the district seemed to be engaged, and it was not until 7 p.m. that these two ringers found 'Keep Smiling' standing in the garage. After telling a good tale they managed to secure her service, and then it was the turn of hunters to smile, but on condition they arrived home at 8.30 instead of 9.30, as the car had yet to fetch a party home afterwards. Ringers, to the number of 24, met at the time stated on the 2nd, not knowing the previous trouble, and started on a trip through the Leicestershire Hills, calling at Loughborough, where, by the kind permission of Messrs. Taylor and Co., they paid a visit to the bell foundry, the inspection being most interesting, and much appreciated by all. After viewing the several peals in the tuning and fitting shops, the ringers found their way to the foundry tower, where Stedman was on the programme. Forward and Kent were also brought round. Permission could not be granted for a pull at the Parish Church, as Cambridge Royal was in progress. But here the party were quite content to hear this most noble peal of ten being well struck, while the ladies, who had wandered off, were hunted up. Then the party made their way on through the Leicestershire forests and hills, the trip to Hugglescote being very much enjoyed by all except 'The Queen of the Valley' and 'Keep Smiling,' which got very well warmed. Hugglescote was reached a few minutes behind time, but not too late for the long course which was waiting for them at the Castle Inn. Here they were met by Mr. E. W. Rands. After dinner the ringers made their way to the tower, the bells being up ready. Here a most amusing incident happened when the man at the seventh rope thought he was on the treble, and after his 'Look to, treble's gone,' the bells went off 76543218. However, the mistake was soon righted, and a nice touch of Stedman was tapped off, also a course of Plain Bob. Ashby-de-la-Zouch was the next objective, but owing to 'Keep Smiling' being anxious to reach home only a course of Stedman and a short touch of Treble Bob, besides ringing up and down in peal, was accomplished. These are a very fine peal, with nice ropes, which spring a lot. After thanking the local ringers for meeting them and making arrangements, the visitors made their way towards home, reaching Ilkeston at 8.50, safe and sound. This was the first outing of the kind for this party, who are looking forward to the next, and they wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing a success.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. James's remarks on the demerits of Lancashire Surprise Major, may I ask him if there is not more fault to be found with our rather cramped ideas of all the essentials which are necessary to form a really first-class method? There is no doubt that Lancashire is, as I stated, the twin to Bristol. If one looks at the following illustration, he will find that one is practically the reverse of the other in each quarter lead, which, in a double method gives the whole of the work (the second quarter lead is a reverse of the first), which brings to treble to the whole pull behind, the full treble lead being completed with repeating the work backwards.

LANCASHIRE.

1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3	5 7 6 8
1 2 3 4	7 5 8 6
2 1 4 3	7 8 5 6
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2 4 1 3	8 7 6 5
4 2 3 1	7 8 5 6
2 4 1 3	7 5 8 6
4 2 3 1	5 7 6 8
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2 4 3 5	1 7 8 6

BRISTOL.

1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3	6 5 8 7
1 2 3 4	6 8 5 7
2 1 4 3	8 6 7 5
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2 4 1 3	6 8 5 7
4 2 3 1	6 5 8 7
2 4 1 3	5 6 7 8
4 2 3 1	5 7 6 8
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2 4 3 5	1 7 8 6

I have made no claim that it is in any way superior to Bristol, personally I prefer the latter, but, if we must really find fault, that method also has its faults, as there is a certain monotony in the sameness of the positions right throughout a peal, which is increased somewhat with the use of the lengthening lead.

In Lancashire we have a greater variety of positions turn up, and, as in Superlative, a few might not be particularly musical. The bulk of them are exceptionally so, and give an especial charm in their variety.

Regarding Mr. James's remarks on my reference to Bristol Royal, and his assertion that there is no such thing, and never will be, I must say we differ much. My extension is a perfect and true one; Mr. James's is not, and I can point out why, but as I am sure other gentlemen will take the matter up, I will leave the task in the hands of some better exponent with the pen.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

This is our 600th number, and it is, perhaps, not uninteresting to note that every front page article that has appeared has been written by the Editor.

Week by week, in good health or in bad, this task has been accomplished without a break from the first number to the present.

In such a long series, it would have been impossible to please all our readers all the time, much less have we expected everyone to agree with all the opinions which have been expressed. But what we have tried to do has been to give our readers something to think about and talk over.

In this we hope we have succeeded, and if we have done that much the labour has certainly not been in vain.

The first peal rung by the Society of St. Martin's Youths was rung at St. Philips', Birmingham, on Sept. 16th, 1755. It was a peal of Bob Major.

On Sept. 17th, 1896, the 11,328 London Surprise Major (then the longest in the method) was run at Drayton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson was Vicar for so many years.

The London County Association's outing, arranged for last Saturday, had to be cancelled at the last moment.

We record another good performance this week on the part of a youthful ringer, Walter F. Whitehead, having, at the age of 14, rung his first peal of Superlative Surprise on an 'inside' bell, at Market Harborough.

The bells of All Saints' Maldon, Essex, which have recently been recast, two trebles added, and fixed in a steel frame by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Barking on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, at 8 p.m.

With reference to the peal of Double Norwich at Isleworth, mentioned in this column last week, Mr. T. Beadle sends us the information that the bells were reopened on October 25th, 1903, so that Mr. J. E. Davis' peal there in 1906 has prior claim to being the first peal in the method after the rehangings of the bells.

The bells were cast by Lester and Pack in 1767, and bear quaint inscriptions typical of those in fashion at the time. On the sixth, for instance, is the couplet:—

Ye Ringers all that prize your health and happiness.

Be Sober, Merry, Wise, and you'll the same possess.

While the sixth informs us that 'Musick is Medicine to the Mind.'

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter writes explaining the inscription on some of the bells at New College, Oxford, to which reference was made in this column last week. The words, which should be 'Manners makyth man,' are the motto of William of Wykeham's two colleges at Oxford and Winchester.

Mr. George C. Collins, the Kent cricketer, who was the only bowler to take ten wickets in an innings in a county match this year, is a member of the Kent Association, being a ringing member of the Milton-next-Gravesend band, and has, so far, rung four peals of 5,040. All ringers offer their congratulations.

The peal at Cullompton, Devon, recorded last week, was not the first peal on the bells, as stated in the footnote, but the first peal in the method. The weight of the tenor is 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4lb., and not 22 cwt.

WEDDING BELLS.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the peal of Stedman Caters at Solihull, were specially arranged and rung as complimentary peals to Miss Louisa Phyllis Bratton, eldest daughter of Mr. T. J. Bratton, late of Shrewsbury, on her marriage to Mr. Herbert Stanley, of Edgbaston, Birmingham the ceremony taking place on September 6th at St. Augustine's Church, Edgbaston. The reception was held at the George Hotel, Solihull. The bands tender their thanks to Mr. T. J. Bratton, who kindly provided refreshments after each peal.

HELPFUL VISITORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I entirely agree with the remarks of the Rev. M. Kelly in your last issue regarding the help which could be given to bands by ringers staying in a town or village for a short time. But there is a point which must also be borne in mind which he does not mention. I refer to the silent help given to bands by those who, from time to time, visit various towers while on holiday. There are many bands who have derived great benefit out of these silent visits from ringers who are anxious to help others in the art, and many a ringer in both town and country will testify to the painstaking efforts on the part of these voluntary helpers. These visits are not usually heard of in your paper, but the Exercise is greatly indebted to those who visit these towers, wherever help is needed, and who do not seek any reward excepting the satisfaction of knowing that some good may possibly result.—Yours faithfully,

W. SHEPHERD.

THE Q-SETS OF METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was at one time a well recognised practice of certain advocates when they had no case to blackguard the attorney on the opposite side. Mr. Bramble adopts the more amusing plan of laughing him out of court. Both methods have certain obvious disadvantages, the latter especially when the laughter is so boisterous as in this case that no breath is left to answer the question whether B in my last letter is a true extension of A. If Mr. Bramble thinks he has answered it I would point out that classification is not the same thing as construction.

In one point I am in full agreement with him. What is needed is construction and not purely destructive criticism, and the former I will endeavour to give. Where I join issue with him is his opinion 'that the whole fabric of the science of ringing rests upon one or two arbitrary conventions.' That it is a contradiction in terms to use the word science in this connection need not be pressed at the moment.

Sixty years ago had you asked a typical expert of the period how Holt's original was produced, and what laws governed the introduction of the bobs and singles, he would doubtless have said something to the effect that 'for the production of our permutations or changes there are no fixed laws.' He would have laughed out of court any idea of obtaining 5,040's of Grandsire Triples other than by trial and error, i.e., composition was simply experimental—similar, in fact, to our present experts' practice in extension of methods. Had anyone been rash enough to suggest to that Mid-Victorian expert that a logical or scientific mind found it difficult to conceive how a 5,040 (i.e., an extent) could just grow like Topsy, he would have received the contemptuous retort that ringing is not a real science like chemistry. And that answer would doubtless have received popular assent, because the effort to get down to the basis of things and explore the mysterious and unknown paths of pure reason involves, detached thought and the readiness to scrap prejudices, both of which are repugnant to the ordinary mind.

Thanks to the researches of Thompson and others, it is now universally recognised that the calls used in the production of round blocks and extents are inevitably related together in groups to which Thompson gave the name of q-sets. These q-sets dominate the composition so absolutely that on the one side it is impossible to obtain a true extent if you introduce calls contrary to their dictates, and, on the other, once the treatment of the various q-sets is determined, the composition is evolved mechanically and without further effort.

There is a close analogy between an extent and a plain course. The extent is the full number of changes in the method obtained by means of bobs and singles. The plain course is the full number of changes obtainable in accordance with the laws under which the method is produced. And just as the bobs and singles employed to obtain an extent are not independent, but are grouped together in q-sets, so it is universally recognised that the operations which produce the plain course from the principle on which it is based must at least produce something of symmetry. The law that a plain course must consist of as many divisions as there are working bells, and that each of these divisions must be alike is a recognition of this supremely important fact. Or to put it in another form as the calls by which the extent is produced are governed by certain q-sets, so also must there be q-sets concerned just as vitally in the construction of the method itself. This application of q-sets to method construction fits in with all we know of the subject, and appears to be inevitable, although up to the present it has totally escaped general recognition. That a simple analytical proof of their existence is so far not available is not surprising.

If the fact be accepted, what is the consequence? Each method, whether it be Plain Bob or London Surprise, has its own q-sets, and in a very real sense the method can be said to consist of its own special q-sets. Thus it follows that if you can discover the q-sets that belong to any particular method, the production of that method on any number of bells becomes from that moment a merely mechanical piece of work.

I must not take more space now in justifying the statement that the number of true extensions of a method is infinite. Suffice it to say that the words were used advisedly, and the term infinite in its strict mathematical significance.—Yours, etc.,

Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

E. S. POWELL.

REV. MAITLAND KELLY'S 80th BIRTHDAY.

At 8 a.m. on August 21st, the bell ringers of Kelly, Devon, rang two touches of Grandsire Doubles, in honour of the 80th birthday of the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devon Guild, and a member of the Central Council. Mr. Kelly went out himself to the belfry, and rang with them another touch.

Afterwards the whole band were entertained in the house with light refreshment.

EXTENSION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is altogether useless trying to argue about extension unless you know what extension really is. Men take a method, analyse it, find out what they consider its important features, and then try and reproduce them as closely as they can on a higher number of bells. They treat each method on its own, and without reference to other methods, and for all the arguments they give us, their style of working is purely experimental. What one man thinks the important features of a method, another man will hotly dispute, and naturally no two men arrive at the same result. The selfsame man will one minute gravely tell us something as an important truth, and the next minute something the direct opposite.

A few months ago Mr. Bankes James, writing about London Surprise, told us that there are two kinds of extension, 'Oxford Extension' and 'Cambridge Extension,' and the first is altogether wrong and inadmissible. Last week, writing about another method, he calmly throws this all overboard, and gives us an 'Oxford Extension' as true Bristol Surprise Maximus. It won't do. If there is such a thing at all as extension there must be one law, one rule, for all methods alike. And there is such a law, based on the fundamental nature of ringing itself, which will give you impartially correct extensions, and differentiate sharply between what is a method and what is not.

To understand it you must study what a 'q-set' is, and also realise that the only relationship between the variations of a method on different numbers is that of a mathematical progression. Every true extension is a true progression, not only of the number of bells and the lead ends, but also of every bit of work, and of every individual row.

But it does not follow that every true extension of a method is entitled to be called by the same name as the original.—Yours truly,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, W.

QUICK SIX TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When I produced this method I had no idea that it had already been obtained, and I congratulate Mr. J. W. Parker on having discovered it so long ago.

With the hope, however, that it will be taken up by the Exercise, and with your kind permission for a further exposition, I have rearranged my peal to suit the form adopted by Mr. Parker, which has regular division heads, also to simplify the calling of same. I have also a 5,040 containing the minimum number of Holt's Singles (46), which will be found below.

By the way, peals or touches can also be arranged by using pairs of Stedman singles instead of bobs.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. FITMAN.

5,040 (Bobs in pairs).			5,040 (Holt's Singles).		
1234567	1534276		1234567	2nd 3rd 5th divisions	
3652471	1	5217634	6	416523	H H
1675324	3	1362745	1	543216	H H
1475236	7	7251346	2	354162	H H H
3152746	4	7651432	7	312564	H
2516734	5	2635714	3	534612	H H
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The figures to the right indicate the divisions in which pairs of bobs are called.

Holt's Single to be added in last division of 3rd and 6th parts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Brookfield on Saturday, Sept. 9th, and was poorly attended, it being 5.30 before ringing commenced with a touch of Grandsire Triples for one of the local ringers. Other ringers then arrived, and Stedman was rung after this, but owing to other business some of the members had to leave early. This left the company short-handed, so the business meeting was held.

Flexton was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Further ringing afterwards took place. No doubt the bad going of the bells was responsible for the poor attendance. The ring is much in need of repair.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Merthyr on Saturday last, and proved one of the best gatherings of the Association. The bells, a fine ring of eight, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were available during the afternoon, and were rung in the standard methods. Service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. I. Richards Pugh, who had the assistance of one of the curates, the organist and surpliced choir. The address was most appropriate. Ringers attended from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Penarth, Humbery, Pontypridd, Caerphilly, Bedwas, Whitechurch, Aboravon, Pentre, Aberdare, Brecon, Llanelli, etc.

Immediately following the service, tea was served in the School-room, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, at which the customary business was transacted, including reception of instructors' reports, election of new members, etc., at the close of which the usual vote of thanks was accorded all concerned for their kindness.

The Hon. Secretary, before the meeting broke up, pointed out to the Rector that the ringing chamber was not quite in keeping with the beautiful church and vestry, and suggested that it be made to appear more like these parts.—The Rector, in reply, said he wished to make no apology. He was quite sure all that had been said was quite correct, and although he had been there eighteen months they had and were spending several thousands of pounds on the other church in the parish, but as this was a matter which he considered twenty-five pounds would put right, he promised that if the Association would again visit Merthyr, say in three months' time, it would be found that all was in order.

The next meeting is to be at Abergavenny.

MIDDLESEX RINGERS IN BUCKS.

On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, the ringers at St. Stephen's West Ealing, Middlesex (strengthened by several ringing friends from London) held their annual outing, and spent an enjoyable day, visiting several towers in Bucks. A start was made at 9 a.m. from Ealing by charabanc to Farnham Royal, Burnham, Beaconsfield and Slough. Farnham Royal was reached at 10.25, and the party were met by Mr. J. J. Parker, who escorted them to the tower, and soon the bells were pealing out merrily to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples for about 40 minutes. On arrival at Burnham information was received that ringing could not take place then on account of a funeral, but Mr. G. Alder promised the company a pull later in the day, so, after a short stay for oiling, a move was made for Beaconsfield. Here Mr. R. Buckland, who had made arrangements for lunch, met the party, and conducted them to the Plough Inn, where a splendid spread was waiting, and to which justice was done. After resting awhile from their 'labours,' the company made their way to the tower of St. Mary and All Saints' Church, and the bells were set going to well-struck touches in various methods for about an hour. Afterwards the car was turned towards Slough (via Burnham for a few touches). On arrival at Slough the first order was tea, which was ready at Mr. Lidstone's Restaurant. After having satisfied the inner man, the party made their way to the tower of St. Mary's, and were welcomed by Mr. G. T. Leader. Some well-struck touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung here. As this was the last call it took a little longer to oil up, etc., but at 8.40 p.m. the car glided away from Slough on its way back, Ealing being reached at 9 p.m.

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the various churches visited for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal, and also the various leaders for their welcome and for having everything ready. It is worthy of mention that as the day advanced so the standard of ringing improved, and the last touch of the day (Double Norwich) was considered by all to be the best. It may be interesting to some brother ringers to know that during the day four of the party were initiated into the Solemn Order of Tom Tits by the Deputy Grand Master.

P. E. C.

NEWPORT RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers at All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., held their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Journeying by charabanc, they first visited Llangibby, where hangs a ring of eight in good going order. After various touches, it was 'right away' for Monmouth, where they found the genial veteran Councillor Tom Jones waiting for them. The bells were raised, and several touches rung. This was followed by lunch, and after a short stay, a move was made to St. Briavel's, where there is a good going eight. This tower stands well on the top of a hill, overlooking the famous Wye Valley. After ringing, Chepstow was the next and last tower on the programme. On the way from St. Briavel's to Chepstow a halt was made on the top of the cliff immediately above the famous horseshoe base in the River Wye—a sight never to be forgotten. The bells of Chepstow Parish Church were soon afterwards off to the tune of Stedman Triples, which concluded the ringing for the day. Opportunity is now taken to thank those at the different churches for their kindness.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GRESFORD.**

The half-yearly meeting of the above Association was held at Gresford, where there are eight bells, on Saturday, September 2nd, about 30 members being present from Gresford, Buckley, Wrexham, Rhyl, Portmadoc, Oswestry, Chester, Eccleston, Pulford and Ellesmere (Salop). Owing to a misunderstanding, the minute book and agenda did not arrive for the meeting, so, with the exception of the proposal of four new life members, no business was done.

The Master proposed that the business portion of the meeting be postponed until the annual meeting at Llandudno, on Whit Monday next. This was agreed to, most of the members being anxious to get back to the tower.

The bells were kept going to touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire, and a proposal for Double Norwich after tea.

An excellent and substantial tea was provided in the School Room, to which ample justice was done.—Mr. A. J. Hughes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the provider of the repast, and the motion was received with applause.—Mr. Hughes told the gathering that on several previous meetings of the kind at Gresford the Association had always been warmly welcomed and indulged, but he thought that the spread of which they had just partaken eclipsed all previous ones.—The Vicar of Gresford, in reply, said that he was really afraid he was unable to say quite who were the providers of the tea, but he had no doubt Mr. G. Williams, who was one of the oldest members in the Association, and who had discreetly left the room, was the chief person responsible. He (the Vicar) would always be very pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Gresford; and he solicited the opportunity of receiving the Association at an annual meeting.

The service was well attended, the Vicar officiating. The organist, after service, voluntarily gave the members a treat with an appropriate organ recital. The Vicar piloted the historians round the church, fully explaining the numerous details of interesting history which are associated with Gresford Church.

The Wrexham ringers, with one exception, were absent, indulging in a week's holiday at Blackpool, the contention being that the meeting was to be the second week in September, and not the second of the month.—The Hon. Secretary, who sent a representative, was away on holiday in the Isle of Man. Nevertheless the meeting was very enjoyable, and a distinct success. The best thanks of the Association are due to Mr. George Williams, the veteran of Gresford, for having everything prepared, and to the Vicar for conducting the service and extending such a hearty welcome. The vice-president (the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Glanada, Bangor) was unavoidably absent.

TRIP THOUGH HANTS & WILTS.

On Saturday, September 2nd, the North Stoneham ringers had their annual outing, travelling by charabanc, under the very able conductorship of Mr. George Williams. Several towers in Hants and Wilts were visited. East Tytherley (with its fine ring of eight, by Taylor and Co.) was the first tower. Here the party were joined by Mr. J. H. Shepherd of Swindon, who unfortunately had to leave early in order to attend a meeting at Gillingham, Dorset. The party afterwards proceeded to St. Martin's, Salisbury, and enjoyed ringing on the fine old peal. Proceeding to Downton, a splendid tea was partaken of at the Rectory, very generously provided by the Rector of North Stoneham, and his brother, the Rector of Downton. After tea a visit was paid to the tower, with its heavy ring of six (tenor 25 cwt.), by Mears. The last place of call was Sherfield English, with its very musical light ring of eight by Taylors. Home was reached about 10 p.m., all agreeing that a very enjoyable day had been spent. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Doubles, Bob and Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The best thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and other friends who kindly assisted.

RINGING AT SOUTHPORT.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—I was staying in Southport a few weeks ago, not far from Emmanuel Church, which possesses a ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. I made inquiries as to what ringing was done at that tower and the practice night, hoping that I might have heard the bells, or possibly have taken a rope.

As far as I could make out, in consequence of the objection to the noise on the part of a few persons who live near the church, these fine bells are seldom or never rung; and my informant added, that the objectors threatened, if they were rung, to get 'an injunction from the town authorities to stop the nuisance.' Perhaps the local ringers may be able to throw light on the situation, but it seems a pity that these bells should be silent.—Yours, etc.,

Rho. K.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 10th, for morning service, at the Cathedral, Chichester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. A. Burnett (St. Thomas', Portsmouth) 7, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, F. Tomkins 3, A. D. Rowe 4, C. Wilson 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, W. Scaife (St. Thomas', Portsmouth) 8.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. A. Mitchell 1, J. Burles 2, G. R. Ambrose 3, G. Morrad 4, A. F. Shelton 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Also a bob course of Cambridge Surprise, 240 Kent Treble Bob and 120 College Single, in which H. Argent, A. Bates and J. Couchman took part. Eight members of Milton-next-Gravesend cycled out to this tower.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 10th, for service, at St. Peter's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. E. Mackie (longest length) 1, W. C. Parker 2, Miss L. Stevens 3, Miss N. Stevens 4, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 5, — Smith 6, J. Crocker 7, — Smith 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples (all singles): J. Crocker 1, Miss N. Stevens 2, Miss L. Stevens 3, W. C. Parker 4, — Smith 5, J. H. Preston (conductor) 6, J. B. Hessey 7, — Smith 8. The Messrs. Smith hail from Basingstoke.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Feast Sunday, Sept. 10th, for early service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (with 15 bobs): A. Baxter 1, R. C. Loveday (conductor) 2, W. J. Gilbert 3, L. Wyman 4, A. Smart 5, J. R. Mairs 6. Also 560 Woodbine: L. Wyman 1, W. J. Gilbert 2, J. R. Mairs 3, A. Smart 4, A. Bellamy 5, J. Hewson 6. Conducted by R. C. Loveday. For morning service, 360 Kent, conducted by F. Chapman. Also 360 Woodbine and 360 Bob Minor 120 Stedman Doubles: R. C. Loveday 1, W. J. Gilbert 2, A. Smart 3, L. Wyman 4, J. R. Mairs (conductor) 5, C. Letts 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. C. Loveday (conductor) 1, W. J. Gilbert 2, L. Wyman 3, A. Smart 4, J. R. Mairs 5, A. Bellamy 6. Also 360 Oxford Single Bob.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: W. Gosling 1, L. Manuering 2, L. Newman 3, L. Head 4, J. Shorter 5, H. Sone (conductor) 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor: H. Sone (conductor) 1, L. Newman 2, J. Shorter 3, G. Pound 4, L. Head 5, L. Manuering 6. First 720 of Canterbury by ringers of 2 and 4.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Andrews 1, F. C. Perrin 2, W. G. Darlington 3, W. Warner 4, J. Thomas (conductor) 5, H. Goodenough 6, G. Maxim 7, J. Littlechild 8. Arranged for Mr. H. Goodenough, of St. Albans.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Sept. 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, T. A. Easterby 2, J. Crowder 3, H. G. Norgate 4, E. J. Pannett 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

STOKE POGES.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, at the Church of St. Giles, for harvest festival, 720 Kent Treble Minor: J. Bateman 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, A. Bateman 4, W. Bateman 5, W. Henley 6. First in method by J. Bateman, and first away from treble by A. Bateman. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Batten 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, J. J. Parker (conductor) 3, A. Bateman 4, W. Henley 5, A. D. Barker 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On September 3rd, for evening service, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, E. Martin 2, Miss E. M. Burnett 3, W. C. Parker 4, P. Giles 5, P. Cook 6, H. Aitken 7, W. Scaife 8. Arranged for Mr. Parker, of Staines, who was on a holiday.

EDGBASTON.—At the Old Church, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: A. Morgan 1, C. H. Simkin 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, R. Russell 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.

CHEDDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles): F. C. Lambert (conductor) 1, F. Peck 2, T. Crane 3, J. Howard 4, W. Kerrison 5, A. H. Took 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: W. Warren 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Howard 4, T. Crane 5, A. H. Took 6.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: A. Brookland 1, O. J. Tricker 2, A. Price 3, J. Chave 4, F. G. Goddard 5, A. Harding 6, A. Diserens (composer and conductor) 7, D. G. Archen 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening Sept. 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Dyer 1, Henry Hale 2, W. Dyer (conductor) 3, H. V. Robinson 4, Fred Handoll 5, A. Handoll 6. First 720 Kent on the bells by a local band, and first 720 Kent by ringers of 1 and 2.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: S. Hoare 1, E. Jones 2, J. R. Picton 3, Rev.

C. F. Averst 4, E. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Niblett 1, W. Ranford 2, E. D. Barber 3, J. Bayliss (longest length) 4, H. Chance 5, H. T. Knowles 6, C. Camm (first in the method as conductor) 7, A. Richings 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for evening service, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 55 mins.: J. Griffith (age 14) 1, J. B. Lilley (age 14) 2, G. Byolin 3, R. G. Knowles 4, R. Pole 5, D. J. Boucher 6, T. Pritchard 7, G. Jones 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, J. Evans 10. Composed by A. Knights. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells: also by 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10. Arranged for Mr. R. G. Knowles, and rung in honour of Mr. J. Evans' 55th birthday.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Sunday, the 2nd September, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 540 Doubles, 180 Stedman, 120 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire: C. S. Burden 1, F. Cooke 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. Oliver 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archdeacon Watkins, of Durham Cathedral, who was for many years patron of the living. Also on Sunday, Sept. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Atkinson 1, F. Cooke 2, W. Cooke 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6; and for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Cooke 1, F. Atkinson 2, W. Cooke 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, August 27th, for evensong, 588 Stedman Triples: G. Williams 1, O. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, — Callagan 5, C. J. Fray 6, W. T. Tucker 7, E. Dumper 8.

RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

We regret to announce the death, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Thomas Wallis, of Edenbridge, who expired suddenly at Chiddingstone Church, on Saturday week, while on an outing with the members of his band.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

TWO PEALS BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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Repeat the last three courses.
three times.

Rung at Surfleet Aug. 19th, 1922

Repeat the last 5 courses.
Rung at Surfleet Jan. 7th, 1922.

J.F. RUN TO EARTH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last issue but one, reference was made to a mysterious ringer whose initials are J. F., and again this week the question is asked, Who's J. F.?

My attention was focussed on this query because I think I have run J. F. to earth (I ought to have been a detective instead of a potter. It is quite evident I have missed my vocation).

If I have the right man, he organised an outing from Bolsover last June to Alton, Staffs, where I had the good fortune to witness his organising powers (he is a veritable Kitchener), through the kind offices of a very dear old friend of mine, Mr. T. Bettison, of Mansfield Woodhouse, who, in your correspondent's racy description of 'A Day in the Midlands' is referred to as 'The Veteran.' Now this J. F. is a mortal terror to a ringer who lolls about half-heartedly—in fact, is as hard as his name. No, not bell-metal, but another substance of which we use a vast quantity in the pottery trade, namely, 'Flint.' There, I've done it, and I may as well go the whole distance.—Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, I have been amongst ringers whose apathy in the belfry makes one positively ill to see them. Now this isn't J. F. this time. On the contrary, you can fairly see his enthusiasm bubbling over, and it permeates the whole atmosphere wherever he happens to be, and carries everything along with it. I say it is very refreshing to meet a ringer of this type. More power to his elbow, and may his like never decrease is the sincere wish of
Milton, Staffs.

J. E. WHEELDON.

WINDSOR PARISH CHURCH RINGERS.**AN OUTING IN SURREY.**

The members of the Windsor Parish Church Association held their annual outing on Saturday, September 2nd, when a most enjoyable day was spent in a tour by charabanc in the Surrey hills.

A start was made from the Parish Church about 8.30 a.m., the ringers being accompanied by Churchwardens Burns and Bartlett. The first stop was at the Church of St. Lawrence, Chobham, where the party was welcomed by the Vicar and the steeplekeeper. Ringing took place from 9.30 to 10.15, some very musical touches being rung to the delight of the inhabitants. A start was then made for Guildford, but the party had not proceeded very far before a halt was made for refreshments at Worplesdon Corner, where some excellent photographs of the excursionists were taken by Messrs. Burns and Stilwell. At Guildford the party was met by Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby and Mr. C. Hazelden, the well-known Guildford ringers. The company inspected Holy Trinity Church, which contains many famous tombs, etc. A move was then made for the tower, where some excellent ringing was indulged in. Touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples were rung in fine style and the band were heartily congratulated by the local ringers upon the excellent striking. The next objective was Rammore, near Dorking. The road from Guildford to Rammore is noted for the splendid views of the countryside, and the hills are remarkable. For a time it was in doubt if it was possible for the motor to negotiate the miniature mountains, but it responded in fine style to the relief of the passengers. Magnificent views were obtained to the delight of all.

Rammore was reached soon after 1.30 p.m., and luncheon was partaken of at the Post Office Tea Rooms, an excellent spread being provided by the steeplekeeper (Mr. Tom Smith), the menu including rabbit pies and salad, apple tarts, etc.

After luncheon, Mr. Churchwarden Burns proposed the toast of the steeplekeeper, Mr. Thomas Smith, stating how pleased he was to be with the ringers that day, and expressing his appreciation of the ringers of the Parish Church. Continuing, Mr. Burns stated he was sure the Rector (the Rev. Hamilton) would have been delighted to have been with them, but unfortunately it was impossible this year, but they hoped to have the pleasure of his company next year. Mr. Bartlett, in a few well-chosen words, also expressed his thanks to the ringers, and hoped to be with them on many future outings. In replying to the toast, Mr. Smith expressed his thanks for the kindly way in which the toast had been received. He recalled how, for over one hundred years, only the very elementary stages of ringing had been taking place at the Parish Church, but two years ago campanology was taken up seriously. The present band was formed, and since that time the greatest possible progress had been attained. Not only was it a surprise for Windsor, but they now had the name of being one of the finest bands of Sunday ringers in the county, not particularly for the methods rung, but for their excellent striking. Only that morning he had been informed that the band was the best that had visited the district, and it was very gratifying to him to know that their progress had been so noticeable. He welcomed the churchwardens there that day, and thanked them for the interest they had shown in the ringing. He hoped that the same interest might still be continued, so that the band might make further progress. Continuing, Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Stilwell, the very popular conductor, through whose efforts ringing had made such advancement in Windsor, also all the ringers who had so ably supported him during the year.

Mr. Stilwell, in reply, said how pleased he was with the progress that had been made, and how delightful it had been to instruct such a willing band of men. When change ringing was first introduced two years ago, he was then the only conductor, but since then several had taken it up, and now he could rest assured that should at any time he be away there was always someone who could take his place. He reminded those present of the severe loss the band had sustained in the death of Mr. Charles Farr, who last year was with them on the outing, and who now had joined the great majority. No one had taken a greater interest in the band than Mr. Farr, and no greater tribute could be paid him than the fact that he died practically in harness, as it was immediately after ringing for Sunday service that he collapsed and died.

After luncheon, ringing was indulged in at the Church of St. Barnabas, Rammore, where the party was met by Mr. Churchwarden Dobson. Some excellent touches were brought round, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Weatherby, who joined the party from Guildford.

After tea a start was made for home. A halt was called at Dorking, where arrangements had been made to ring, but unfortunately, owing to being 30 minutes over the arranged time, the steeplekeeper was found to have left, and so the party continued the journey very disappointed. However, someone cheerfully suggested a halt on Cobham Common, where refreshments were partaken of, and several members went for a moonlight stroll on the heath. Windsor was reached about 10 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking all the subscribers to the fund which made this outing possible, and appreciate greatly the kindly interest shown them.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on Sept. 28th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sept. 19th; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sept. 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service, 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hawley, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: election of Secretary.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Quarterly meeting at Barcombe, near Lewes, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Tower open, 2.30. Service, 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation), 5. Business meeting to follow.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Sept. 16th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Babington), who also sends a cordial invitation to the members to take tea with him. Ringing from 3 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea at 5 o'clock to be followed by general business meeting for the election of officers, etc.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Newburn Church on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, 23, New Houses, Harperley Road, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A Monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Will members owing subscriptions for 1922 kindly let me have same at earliest convenience?—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute 5 p.m., 1/- each. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Hon. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next Monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—A good attendance is requested.—C. G. Ball, District Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kings Langley, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. District Sec., Tring.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Sept. 18th; Bishopsgate, Sept. 25th; Sundays, St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd at 4th, at 5.15 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, October 2nd, 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—A Quarterly meeting of the new Branch will be held in St. Giles' Parish Room, Oxford, on Thursday, Sept. 21st. Service in St. Giles' Church at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.—W. Harris, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The September meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, the 23rd, at St. Mark's Church, Bath. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15, followed by tea at 5 o'clock.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The First Annual Commemoration Dinner, to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association, will be held at the Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, at 6 p.m. The bells at Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8) and Christ Church, Upper Armley (8), will be available from 2 to 5 p.m. Will intending visitors desirous of ringing kindly notify me so that arrangements can be made for their reception at the various towers? Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, can be obtained from P. J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds, and application for same should be made not later than first post Monday, Sept. 18th. All ringers welcome.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thurcaston and Anstey, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at Anstey. All requiring tea inform me by Sept. 20th.—H. E. Norman, 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Please notify me on or before Sept. 18th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and A. Vaughan, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burnham, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Sept. 18th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Rd., Northampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at West Grinstead on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tower open from 2.30. Tea at The Burrell Arms at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending being present kindly advise me by Sept. 20th?—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Harworth (Bawtry Station, G.N.R.) on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 2 to 4 p.m. A meat tea, 1/6 per head, will be provided at 5 o'clock for all notifying Mrs. Revill Butcher, Harworth, Bawtry, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 20th. Short service from 6.30 to 6.50 p.m. in church. Members from kindred Associations welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Rd., Worksop.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, with address by the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, President of the Association. Tea at a charge of about 1/3 at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All who require tea please advise me early. I shall be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1922.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bickleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.45, preacher, Rev. J. F. Shaw, Vicar of Thorverton. Tea at 5.15 in the School at 1/- each. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the previous Tuesday?—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Branch Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

HALLATON, LEICESTER.—The six new bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Leicester on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers will be welcome, and tea provided at small charge to those who notify Mr. J. H. Freer, c/o Hallaton Rectory, not later than 20th inst.—E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. Thomas Parker). Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for members and visitors, but kindly drop a postcard by the 20th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Ringing at St. Mary's and St. Augustine's, Woodston, also at the Cathedral if permission can be obtained. Service at 4 o'clock at St. Augustine's. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock in Park Road Co-operative Hall to those notifying Miss Phyllis Hare, 'Church View,' Oundle Road, Woodston, Peterborough, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 19th. All gentlemen are cordially invited, this being the first ladies' meeting to be held in the Peterborough district.—Cecil Hepburn, Hon. Sec., Isham, near Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A Quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division will be held at Orsett on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at Whatmore Arms Hotel, 1/3 each; meeting to follow. Nearest station Grays. Bus to Orsett every hour. Will members and friends please notify by the 18th and oblige?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dis. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Motor bus leaves Midland station 2.20 prompt.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southwold District.—A practice meeting will be held at Wrentham on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells available 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Naunton, Hon. District Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 27th?—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available 3.30. Service 4.30. After service, tea and business meeting. Gentlemen invited. All names to be sent in not later than Tuesday, Sept. 26th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Tea will be provided at the Imperial Cafe at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 25th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A short service at 5 o'clock. Business meeting after the service.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Sec., Lower St., East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, Sept. 30th, at Wigston. The bells (two rings of 8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Committee meet at 4.30. Tea will be at 5.30, followed by general meeting, in the Church School, Wigston Magna. Will those requiring tea, which will be provided at a moderate charge, kindly advise Mr. W. H. Humberstone, 56, Burgess Street, Wigston Magna, Leicester, not later than Thursday, the 28th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Stratballan, Darley Dale.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Heckfield on Saturday, Sept. 30th (visiting Sherfield en route). Tower open after tea. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Visit Rotherwich at about 6.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Saturday, Sept. 23rd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GREASLEY.—Preliminary Notice.—The new peal at St. Mary's, Greasley, will be available for ringing on Saturday, September 30th, from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Will those who require tea please notify J. E. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, by Sept. 28th? All ringers are cordially invited.

LADIES' GUILD.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Isham, near Kettering, on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All desiring tea please notify Miss Hepburn, The Pines, Isham.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington, Road, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Service, tea and business meeting. Tunstall (6) will be open after the meet-

ing. Further particulars to follow.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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