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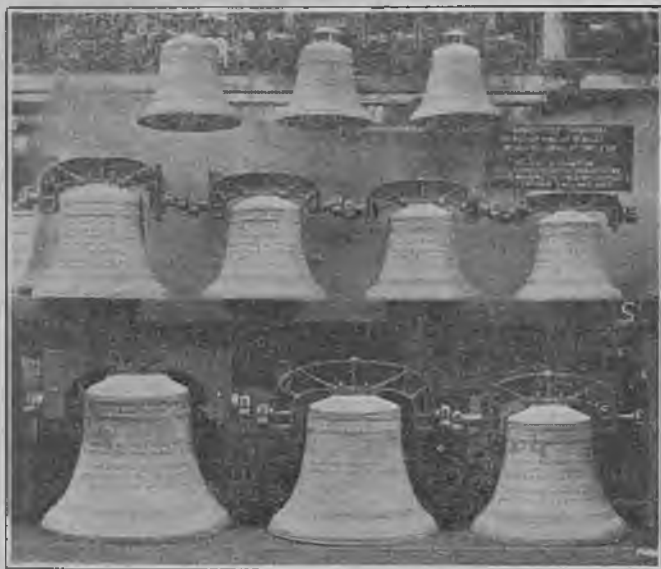
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METHOD NAMES.

New recommendations on method nomenclature, by the committee appointed by the Central Council to go into this question, are embodied in a report which appears in our columns to-day. The subject is to be considered at the Whitsuntide meeting at Ipswich, but the report makes a timely appearance, in view of the annual meetings of so many of the leading associations which will be held on Monday and in the succeeding weeks. It is hardly likely that there will be any general discussion on the report at the majority of these provincial gatherings, but ringers will be able if they so desire to express their views and so get their opinions represented to the Central Council through their delegates. Moreover, the early publication of this report will give the Council themselves ample time to digest its contents and make up their minds in regard to it.

The recommendations are in somewhat different form to those which appeared in the original report last year, but they cover practically the same ground; hence some of them will be found highly debatable. As will be seen, the committee suggest one or two primary principles in regard to method naming with a view to avoiding the muddle which has arisen in the past through a method having more than one title, or the same name being used for more than one method. In addition, they propose that for the future the use of only approved titles shall be recognised by the Council. If the Council indicate the limits within which they are prepared to give their sanction, we imagine that these points will be readily agreed to by all except those who decline to be governed by any rules, and who desire to be a law unto themselves.

Some of the remaining recommendations, however, are likely to be challenged either wholly or in part, and particularly those which relate to the changing of existing names. Had it not been for the Peals Analysis Committee's obduracy in extending the application of floral names to new methods—the science of change ringing, after all, has nothing, even remotely, to do with horticulture—the proposal for finding new titles for old methods would probably never have been made. Ringers generally would have been content to let sleeping dogs lie, but to have a further instalment of this absurd class of nomenclature—absurd, that is, for what is, after all, a mathematical science—thrust upon them naturally aroused them to opposition. The Nomenclature Committee's efforts in regard to the alterations have been directed to substituting place names, but even so objection to individual changes is bound to arise, as well as the opposition which may be expected from some quarters to the whole principle of

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interference. The early publication of the report will, however, as we have already mentioned, provide everyone with the fullest opportunity of giving mature consideration to the details, and the rank and file of the ringers will, in a large number of cases, have the chance of expressing their opinions if they wish to do so.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 8
WILLIAM PYE 3	JAMES BULLOCK 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... .. 11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 7
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 8
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	FRANCIS E. DAWE 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	JEFFREY R. GAMMON 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	THOMAS H. TAPPENDER 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6	HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 8040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JAMES SWINDLEY Treble	HARRY OVERTON 6
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HENRY W. WILDE 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	RICHARD S. HOLDING 9
EDWARD JENKINS 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise Royal in the county by the Guild, and by all the band. Rung at the second attempt, without practice, by an entirely resident band. Mr. H. F. Holding's 60th peal. Ringers of 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th and tenor belong to the local band; treble and 2nd to Chester; and 7th and 8th to Eccleston.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble	CYRIL BENNETT 5
FRANK TUFFREY 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
JACK JUDGE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT 4	ALBERT MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST RUTTER Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
*HARRY WARNE 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
*HIRZEL EDWARDS 3	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by THOMAS T. GORTON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. A. Head's 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the presentation of silver drums to the 1st Bath Essex Regiment at Chelmsford on the above date.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE MILES Treble	HARRY TURNER 5
ALBERT RAINBIRD 2	STANLEY W. BAYBUT 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*CYRIL VALENTINE Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
†MISS N. M. BIBBY 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
*HENRY C. COLLYER 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method in the county, and by the Guild with a resident band.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY RAYNER Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 7
EDWARD BROWN 4	RICHARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 23, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

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BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON... .. 3	*WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7
HARRY KILBY 4	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the association. This is the 150th peal upon these bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	THOMAS K. DRIVER 6
JAMES ARROWSMITH, SEN. ... 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
JAMES JACQUES 4	FRANK BERRY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of James Arrowsmith, senr. All the band are local men.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES/

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
*WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	WILLIAM DOWDING 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	*HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Surprise.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFT AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtud,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. WILLIAM HOLLIS... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALFRED TALBOT... .. 2	†ALFRED W. WRIGHT... .. 6
ERNEST STITCH 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN W. JONES... .. 4	WILLIAM H. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal with a bon bell. The ringers of 1st, 3rd and 7th hail from Aberavon; 2nd from Newton Nottage; 4th from Newport; the rest are local.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the (R.C.) Church of St. Marie,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	JOHN THORPE 5
SIDNEY BRIGGS 2	ROBERT HARRISON 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	PERCIVAL A. KNIGHTS ... 7
JAMES EVINSON 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 15th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Tompkins 1, C. Munt 2, C. Henley (conductor) 3, A. Brinklow 4, A. V. Good 5, H. Golding 6. Longest length by ringers of treble and 2nd, and longest length 'inside' by ringer of 4th.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25 cwt. 16 lb. in D.

ARTHUR HEAD Treble	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 3	JOHN WOOD 7
EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

ROLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
CHARLES MASON... .. 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT J. SKELT Treble	*AMOS W. CLARK... .. 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
ALBERT HARMAN... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	DANIEL COOPER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

* 100th peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 25, 1926, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At St. Beech Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
*FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Major in hand. First peal of Major in hand as conductor.

STONY STRATFORD. — On Monday, March 22nd, at St. Giles' Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: W. Clarke 1, H. Tompkins 2, H. Edwards 3, T. Tomkins 4, E. Yates 5, W. Bonham 6, W. Pedley 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except conductor.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Wednesday, March 17th, 720 Kent Treble: H. Saunders 1, J. Smart 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, K. Sewart (first 720 'inside' and first attempt) 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURMARSH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... Treble	CHARLES TRIBE... .. 4
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	*EDWARD S. RUCK 5
*ERNEST W. POWELL... .. 3	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. C. J. Oliphant).

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (Plain and Treble Bob rung alternately). Tenor (approx.) 8 cwt. in A.

*MISS MARIE P. CROSS ... Treble	*MISS ADDIE A. FISHER ... 4
MISS NANCIE DENVER 2	MISS HILDA F. MILLS 5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal in more than one method in which five ladies have taken part. Miss Cross was proposed a member of the above Guild prior to the peal.

BERKHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 rung on the plan of Mr. A. J. Pitman, and the remainder of peal with ten different callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK NORRIS Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
*FRED BLUNT 2	*SIDNEY T. CHAPPELL 7
FREDERICK J. REEVE 3	ERNEST W. SMITH Tenor
OWEN BAYES 4	

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

The 6th, being cracked, was left out. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method, and first as conductor. Ringer of 7th elected a member previous to starting. Ringer of treble is 70 years of age, and has been a member of Berkhamstead band of ringers for 52 years. Rung in honour of the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 27, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, and two each of Oxford Kent and Plain Bob.

HAROLD HARDY Treble	CHARLES E. WEBB 4
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
FURNESS WOODEND 3	THOMAS B. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. NEWTON.

Rung to celebrate Mr. C. E. Webb's 40th year as a ringer at the above church.

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EASTER MONDAY PEALS.

Conductors of peals rung on Easter Monday are requested to post reports the same night, so that as many as possible may be included in our next issue, and save congestion in our columns in the succeeding weeks.

CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

LONG PEALS AND THE PUBLIC.—PEAL RINGING CLASSIFICATION.—SHIPWAY AND SHAKESPEARE.

Some people are never happy unless they can go one better than the rest. We see it in all walks of life, among both sexes, in all creeds and countries. Mrs. Jones like to out-do Mrs. Brown in the smartness of her hats just as much as Mr. Brown longs to out-vie Mr. Jones in the size of the gooseberries which he grows. If Mr. Phineas Grabham can 'put it over' Mr. Theophilus Snatchit in a deal in bananas or imported rabbits he inwardly rejoices, while outwardly showing that calm and inscrutable countenance which we are taught to associate with those who do the big things with other people's goods. And do not we all feel cock-a-hoop if we can do something in the way of ringing which some other fellow cannot or has not done? The microbe of 'go-one-better' eats into the vitals of all of us more or less if we have a ha'porth of ginger in our composition, and we are usually so reckless about it that, like a certain peer, whose utterance has passed into an historical saying, we are usually prepared to 'damn the consequences.' We mind not what the public may say about us, it may be even more forcible than the above quotation, but we ought to be a little wary of what we inflict upon the listeners. Wasn't it a mistake, for instance, to ring a seven thousand and something of Cambridge Maximus at Bow? Those who are interested in ringing admire the ability of men who can put up a performance like this—and I am one of the greatest admirers of these men—but what must the people who are not interested in ringing think about it? I mention this, not specially to criticise the ringing of this peal in the midst of a great city, but as an illustration of what sometimes happens when the ringers think only of themselves.

And now we come to the point. In arranging for the record-breaking attempt on Easter Monday, has the public been considered? I have never had the pleasure of visiting Leeds, and for aught I know there may not be a house within a mile or two, but if it stands anywhere near the village street—well, much as I like bells and ringing, my sympathy will go out to the parishioners. In old James Barham's days, apparently, they had to like it or lump it, but the times have moved since then, and folk are not so inclined to take things lying down. In these days they quickly sit up, and I hope that when the bells are getting towards the end of that twenty-two thousand irate villagers will not make the ringers 'sit up' as well. We all hope for the best, however, and will await with interest the result of this test of muscle and brain. There will be a certain fitness in things if the longest length single-handed is rung in the tower where the longest length of all was rung. No one, I think, disputes that the 40,320 was rung there in 1761, but out of the thirteen who are said to have taken part I wonder how many of them saw the clock round at a stretch, as the ten men will have to do, and more than do, if they are to get home with the peal they are out for next Monday?

It is wonderful what ringers will put up with in the shape of personal discomfort in order to get a peal. Even a common or garden five thousand will give some men such crops of blisters as keep their hands tender for a week; yet they even take a pride in them. But ask the same men to suffer similarly for the sake of digging an allotment, and—well, they'll tell you that's a different story. And I suppose it will be the same at Leeds next Monday. Ask those same ten men to dig in their respective gardens for fourteen or fifteen hours without pause, without food, aye, and without a drink, and what would they answer you? If I am mistaken in my surmise, I have a pretty expansive plot of ground which needs digging, and which they can come to any day by appointment and demonstrate the fact that it is not merely for ringing that they will do these things.

The breeze from the North-East—I don't mean the one that a week or two ago sent us back to our greatcoats by day and hot-water bottles by night, but the one that rustled the pages of 'The Ringing World' recently—has died away, and left a perfect calm, but all the same, whatever may happen in the dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, I know there are many ringers up and down the country who feel they are 'out in the cold' so far as peal ringing is concerned. They see week after week peals rung by more or less the same ringers; crack hands who, as an occasional act of grace, condescendingly let in a solitary soul for his 'first in the method,' but who for the most part are an exclusive company. They form the opinion that these men, already set in the seats of the mighty, do not want to be bothered with the humble and meek who have not reached the 'Surprise' stage, or, probably, have not yet got

beyond plain methods. They may be wrong in their view, but that is what they feel. Why cannot the men who belong to this category be organised into peal ringing bands by the associations to which they belong? If this were to be done, and, in effect, second, third and fourth 'class' companies—'class' based upon their ability as method ringers—helped systematically in their peal ringing aspirations by the associations to which they pay their annual subscription—often for no more opportunity than attending an occasional district meeting—there would soon be more enthusiasm among these men. It would mean that sometimes some of the 'top sawyers' would be asked to make a little personal sacrifice to help, but, unless they were utterly selfish folk, I do not think they would mind.

Most ringers will agree with Mr. Keith Hart that when a man wants to challenge a peal he should come out into the open. In effect, a person who challenges a published peal questions the honesty of the ringers, and it would be far better if he said plainly who he was, instead of assuming a noun de plume. There is always a disinclination to question the peals rung by others, and I can understand the reluctance a man may feel in calling a performance into question, even though he may honestly feel it has been a distinctly bad one. But when he does publicly cast doubt upon the validity of a peal it would be better for all concerned if he appended his name.

Every reader must have been interested in the peeps into history which Mr. Trollope has been giving us, and I am glad he has been able to tell us something about Shipway, and to give us an expert's valuation of his work. I don't know why, but I have always looked upon Shipway as the Shakespeare of ringing. They have nothing in common that I am aware of, except their initials, but I think of Shipway as having done for ringing what Shakespeare did for literature. Shipway left an indelible mark upon ringing, as Shakespeare did upon poetry. He had knowledge, insight and ability, but perhaps there may grow up a 'Baconian' school of thought some day who will say that Shipway was not the author of the work which bears his name. Some of us got a shock the other day when we first read that perhaps, after all, Fabian, of Cambridge, didn't pen his 'Tintinnologia,' and that we have been under a misapprehension all the time in giving his name to a method he didn't invent. For the moment, however, he seems to be reinstated on his pedestal, but when Stedman comes off his perch, who knows but that Shipway may not follow, and then perhaps someone may even say that 'Notes by the Way' were not written by J. A. Trollope, but by

'CRITICUS.'

THE LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON.

RECITAL SEASON BEGINS ON EASTER DAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have had my attention drawn to your paragraph taken from 'The Nottingham Evening News' regarding the Loughborough Carillon.

If Loughborough has lost interest in the carillon it is a very strange fact, but nevertheless true, that it has been decided to further enhance the appearance of the tower by completing it for all time at a further cost of £1,200. This sum has already been donated, and the work is to be finished this summer.

The notices at the gate of the Park are frequently renewed, but owing to the inclement weather we have been experiencing of late, these notices very soon become indecipherable, and it is unfortunate that the correspondent should arrive when the notice in question had faded.

As there are no recitals during the winter months it is obviously foolish to expect to see notices of recitals which are not to be given. I am surprised at the correspondent stating that all passers-by expressed complete ignorance regarding the recitals, and feel almost certain that if any stranger visits our Park and asks information regarding recitals, etc., almost anyone will be only too pleased and willing to give this information.

Our recital season commences on Easter Sunday, when the first recital will be given at 3.30 p.m. There will also be a further recital on Easter Monday at 3.30 p.m. Recitals will then follow every Sunday at 3.30, and as the weather improves there will be a mid-week recital on Thursday evening. I might also add that arrangements have been made for the carillon to be broadcast on Sunday, the 2nd May.

If any of your readers want any information whatever regarding the carillon I shall be only too pleased to supply it upon receipt of a letter asking for this information, but please disabuse your readers' minds of any ideas that we at Loughborough are not proud of our magnificent memorial.—Yours very truly,

W. E. JORDAN.

Carillonneur to the Borough of Loughborough.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,152 Bob Major: J. Stanford 1, G. Woodman 2, P. Charman 3, W. Pettifer 4, J. Branch 5, W. Stanford 6, W. Charman 7, J. Cook (conductor) 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CHESTER MEETING.

The second session of the 12th Council (33rd meeting) was held in the historic Refectory of Chester Cathedral, on Tuesday, June 2nd, 1925, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the President, Canon G. F. Coleridge. There were present 72 members, representing 41 Guilds and Associations.

The proceedings opened with prayer, offered by the Dean of Chester, who extended a welcome to the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Cox, B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, F. J. O. Helmore, Maitland Kelly, C. C. Marshall, C. E. Matthews and H. Simpson, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Alderman R. B. Chambers, Messrs. J. Barton, G. Bolland, C. E. Borrett, J. Carter, E. H. Lewis, C. R. Lilley, T. E. Metcalfe, J. T. Rickman, T. H. Taffender and W. Willson.

At this point the Lord Bishop of Chester, who had now arrived, addressed the meeting, and gave the Council a most hearty welcome to Chester.—The President, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Bishop and Dean for their welcome, and the Precentor for his presence.

Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary explained what had been done in reference to ringers' representatives being elected on Church Parochial Councils. Canon H. J. Elsee thought that further action was necessary, and after remarks by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, the Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. T. Coles, E. W. Elwell and P. Wilford, the hon. secretary undertook to send a circular letter to the 36 diocesan secretaries.

The hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. Alexr. Young) presented a financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £82 17s. 1d., and that the balance, after the receipts and expenditure had been dealt with, was £71 8s. 7d.—The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) then presented his statement of accounts, which showed receipts amounting to £8 4s. 3d. from the sale of publications, and an expenditure of £10 9s. 8½d., leaving a deficit of £2 5s. 5½d. The sales had been 250, as against 265 the previous year. The hon. librarian referred to some of the publications of the Council being now nearly exhausted or out of print, and the book of rules now being out of date. Arising out of his statement, it was agreed, on a proposal by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, that the hon. librarian should re-purchase copies of 'Preservation of Bells' held by Canon Elsee, and that he should also be authorized to sell the Corrigenda leaflets at 2d. per set, and further be authorised to obtain copies of the 'Bell News' for the years 1912-1915.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, it was carried that the Council's publications be advanced in price by 50 per cent.

The President stated that the Standing Committee recommend that the Council's 'Rules and Decisions' be brought up to date, and submitted for approval by the Council at the next meeting, which was agreed to.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.—Those retiring, with the exception of Mr. H. Chapman, were unanimously re-elected, viz., Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker (the vacancy not being filled).

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.—The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported on behalf of the committee, and, though he had to apologise for the delay, said that they were now able to produce the result of many years' work, which was all in MSS. After some discussion as to whether the whole or part should be printed, the committee, at the request of the president, agreed to reconsider the matter, and return to it later on in the day.

THE LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.—Mr. G. P. Burton reported on behalf of the committee, in the absence of the Convenor (the Rev. C. E. Matthews). Mr. Burton was asked by the president to give a verbal report. He regretted that he was unable to make a statement. After a further statement by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and the Rev. F. L. Edwards (who was able to advert to useful work which was done during the year) on the motion of the president, the verbal statement was accepted.

METHOD COMMITTEE.—The Rev. H. Law James reported on behalf of the committee, and said they were now in a position to print the selection of some 70 or 80 Plain Major Methods. Year by year they had regretted the delay, but it was only now that the papers, as finally revised by Mr. Lewis, were to hand. The Rev. H. Law James formally moved the adoption of his report.—Mr. Trollope, in seconding, said that he hoped that the Major Methods would meet with the same success as the Minor, and he strongly recommended the work to the Exercise.

Mr. G. P. Burton, supported by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, deprecated the printing of the methods, especially as another committee (the Nomenclature) might have something to say as to the naming of them, but the Rev. Law James reminded the meeting that the committee was ordered at Lincoln to print the methods and attach the names, and this they proposed to do.—After some further discussion, the report was adopted.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.—The adoption of the report of this committee (which had already been printed in 'The Ringing World') was moved by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Parker. The former also moved that the names of the conductors of peals be omitted from the analysis, whereupon Mr. C. T. Coles moved further minor alterations, but, at the instance of the president, the report as presented was first adopted.—The Rev. H. Law James then moved that it be an instruction to the Analysis Committee to omit all points for peals, and this being seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, was carried by a large majority.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE'S REPORT was forwarded by Mr. E. H. Lewis. In this it was stated that experiments in the welding of cracks in bells were being made.—The report was adopted.—Arising from the report Mr. H. Fairclough, in referring to welding cracks in old bells, was prepared to put any member in touch with a firm in Warrington who were able to do such work.—After further discussion as to examples of welding cracks, the Council adjourned for lunch.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.—After the interval, the Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the report of this committee, which incorporated two years' records of new methods rung, and the new progressive lengths, which he read to the meeting, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and carried.

The President here called upon the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson to resume the report of his committee. He said that the members had consulted together, and that Miss Parker had kindly undertaken to type the remainder of the collection, so that it could be placed in the library with the other typed volumes. The committee did not make any recommendation as to printing a selection of the peals, and it was decided to bring the collection up to date by including peals published since the first selections were compiled.—The report was adopted.

SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBIT COMMITTEE.—The Hon. Secretary verbally reported for the committee, and explained that the exhibit was still waiting to go into the new science gallery, and that Mr. Carter's ringing machine, which was still at Mr. Young's house, was being put into proper order, and a descriptive book of instructions being prepared to show how it was worked and controlled.—He moved his report, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, referred to the unique value of the ringing machine, and stated that the committee would be glad to avail themselves of every opportunity given them by the authorities to form a good exhibit.—The report was adopted.

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE.—The report of this committee was read at length by Mr. G. P. Burton, who further explained the attitude of the committee. They admitted that many Minor names had been put right by the Analysis Committee in 1925, but there still remained considerable work to be done. They recognised that many of the old names which seemed absurd to laymen were deeply rooted by use amongst the Exercise. They deprecated the use of the word 'Bob' in many new methods. With regard to the suggested names, it would be seen that they had as far as possible endeavoured to link them with those previously used, where they had made a change. He appealed to the Methods Committee to work in cordial co-operation with them.—The report was seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who submitted that now was the time to get rid of objectionable names, especially in view of the re-issue of the Council's publications in the near future.—Mr. E. W. Elwell moved, and Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, that the consideration of the subject should be adjourned until the report had been published, the former stating that it would be fairer if further consideration could be given to what they knew was a very difficult problem. He was not certain (but some of the proposed names were any better than the old).—Mr. J. A. Trollope stated that the Methods Committee would have to move various amendments if the report was to be considered then. He did not think the use of the word 'Bob' in many methods was always redundant or objectionable. After some remarks by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in favour of postponement, the Rev. H. Drake, as one of the committee said he had no objection to the adjournment, but he would remind the meeting that a year ago they were informed that the matter was an urgent one. He thought that an opportunity should be given to those who first rang new methods to state whether they approved of a proposed new name. He felt, however, that the Council should give its authority as to what term should be used, and as to the actual meaning of any term. After some further remarks, the motion to adjourn the discussion was carried.—The Hon. Secretary said he would like to propose a vote of thanks to the committee, who had endeavoured to do well by the subject.—This being seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was carried, whereupon, at the suggestion of the president, the vote was amplified by being recorded also to the other committees for the work they had done during the year.

The hon. secretary then presented the card of instruction as to the care and use of church bells, of which 500 copies had been printed, one of which, at the desire of the Standing Committee, was handed to each of the members then present. It was for the Council now to instruct him how to proceed.—It was ultimately decided, on the proposal of Mr. T. Hervey Beams, seconded by the Hon. Librarian, that a copy be sent to each of the Archdeacons and the Secretaries of the Guilds, with a view to the cards being distributed amongst ringing towers and the Rural Deans.

The President then called upon Mr. Elwell to move his resolution: 'That considering the future possibilities of radio, the attention of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "bell chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing, and, further, to request the committee to bring to the notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.' Mr. Elwell said he was desirous by the Chester Guild to introduce this motion, as it was felt that reproductions of bell chiming and carillons gave the public the impression that ringing was of a mechanical nature.—The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried, it being suggested that Mr. A. Paddon Smith might get into touch with the British Broadcasting Company.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett then proposed: 'That this Council, as a general rule, disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten,' pointing out that the music of eight bells was from many points of view the most satisfactory, and that often a good ring of eight was sacrificed for a poor ring of ten, and that these were sometimes placed in towers which were totally unsuitable for them, both in respect to size and strength.—It was seconded by the Hon. Secretary.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and T. Faulkner, having spoken against the motion, and Canon Elsee partly in favour, it was lost by a large majority.

Mr. W. A. Cave moved his resolution: 'That, Rules and Decisions, 1891-1903, page 13 in the paragraphs headed: (a) On nine and eleven bells; (b) on eight, ten or twelve bells, to omit the words "in any one method."—This was seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and carried without discussion.

The Rev. E. S. Powell then moved: 'That, Rules and Decisions, 1909 (Rules 9 and 12), that it be an instruction to the hon. secretary, that he add the names of the proposer and seconder of a motion, when the same is printed in the agenda.' He said that he thought

it would facilitate the transaction of the Council's business.—Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, and the motion was carried nem con.

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.—The President said that the Standing Committee had considered where the next meeting should be held, and he desired to point out that the next one would be in the South-Eastern Counties. Canterbury and Ipswich had been suggested, and on behalf of the Standing Committee, he asked the Council to select the latter.—The Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee having supported this, and offered the Council a hearty welcome on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, the proposal was carried nem con.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.—The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyns reminded the meeting that the Council had entrusted the Oxford Guild with the task of providing this memorial in Oxford. He asked those associations who had not yet subscribed to the fund to kindly do so.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would move, 'That the time has now arrived when the Council should consider whether the so-called scientific or Simpson tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise.'

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Alderman Pritchett for the kind welcome given by the Bishop of Chester, the Dean, and the Cathedral authorities.—This was carried nem con., as was also a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and also a vote of thanks to the committee and secretary of the Chester Guild, which was proposed by Mr. W. H. Hillier.—This terminated the proceedings, and the Council rose at about 4.30.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

We are asked to state that the proprietor of the 'Herts Advertiser' is anxious to secure a photographic group of the ringers at St. Albans on the occasion of the annual meeting on Monday. The hon. secretary, therefore, appeals to the ringers to assemble in strong force at the west front of the Cathedral at 4.45 p.m. sharp. He trusts there may be a strong muster.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On March 19th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes): F. Fraser 1, C. A. Andrews 2, Capt. Anderson 3, J. Lydiard 4, E. G. Goldring (first in the method) 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, F. Cullum 7, R. Brett-Smith (conductor) 8. Also 1,264 Bob Major on March 11th: H. Flowers 1, F. Fraser 2, J. Hurrell 3, C. Anderson 4, E. G. Goldring (first quarter-peal) 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, R. Brett-Smith (conductor) 7, F. Cullum 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Old Moore' is a boon to all 'Navigators,' for he not only foretells the weather, but gives the high water times. When he smiles, the wrinkles round his eyes resemble a horse's 'withers.' Old P. O. L. ought to have given the time of the pig party—did they pipe at eight or six bells?

In a recent attempt for Cinques at Bow Church, the tenor man performed a sort of mountebank feat, owing to the rope getting under his foot, which projected over the edge of the box. It may easily have been a very serious accident, due to the foolish practice of a somewhat careless habit. Peal ringers should beware.

The Cumberland Association's report, just issued, shows excellent progress made in the past year. The membership is now 16 on the honorary list, 40 performing members and 12 life ringing members.

A Sunday service ringing scheme has been tried for the first time, and Bridekirk, with 565.5 points, came out first, and have been awarded the association's certificate. Cockermouth were second with 431.9 points and Crosthwaite third with 422.3 points.

On April 5th, 1808, a peal of 10,097 Grandsire Caters was rung at Shrewsbury.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 15,072 Double Norwich rung by the Kent Association at Erith in 9 hrs. 24 mins. in the year 1889.

In 1741, on April 7th, the Eastern Scholars rang the first peal of Treble Bob Royal, but this was afterwards found to be false. The peal was rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill.

The anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major at Leeds, Kent, in 1761, falls on April 7th and 8th.

The first peal of Court Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch by the Cumberland Youths on April 7th, 1801.

The long peal of Bristol Surprise Major (12,160) was rung at Knebworth, Herts, on April 8th, 1912.

Mr. George Baker tells us that Shipway's Superlative Royal is not the correct extension of Superlative Major. He says there is no correct extension to ten, any more than London can be correctly extended to ten, and the nearest that can be got on twelve was discovered by Mr. H. W. Wilde. This latter embodies the exact features of the Major, with the 'odd' place belonging to the 5-6 and 7-8 places made in 3-4 and 9-10 respectively, and with three pull dodges instead of double dodges in front and behind except before and after treble work. In the adaptation to ten bells, the extension only runs to a seven-lead 'touch.'

By a slip of the pen we referred to the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal last week as having been rung at Huddersfield, whereas it was at Wakefield, as the extract from the record, which we reproduced, showed.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of London Surprise at West Wycombe, published in our last issue, was Frank Borham, and the ringer of the 4th in the peal of Minor at Wood Green was John G. Nash, not James G. Nash, as published.

The address of Mr. F. G. Symonds, who can supply gramophone records of Bow bells, is 52, Church Road, London, N.1.

MONDAY'S RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

All arrangements are completed for the attempt on the long peal record on Monday next at Leeds, Kent. At 6 a.m. a start will be made for 22,033 Stedman Caters by ten members of the Kent County Association.

Influenza, which prevented one or two well-known ringers taking part in the peal, laid hold of the conductor during last week-end, but he hopes to be fit in time for the undertaking. In any event, we learn there will be a band ready for the peal on Monday.

SALISBURY GUILD SECRETARY IN CYPRUS AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, secretary of the Salisbury Guild, has had a somewhat exciting experience in the island of Cyprus. In company with the Director of Education he went on a visit to a mining establishment on the north-west coast, where the two visitors were accommodated for the night in a hospital. Next morning, on going out for a stroll before breakfast, Mr. Edwards found one end of the hospital on fire, and within two hours the flames had spread through the whole building. Fortunately, he had plenty of time to remove his belongings, but his companion, in blissful ignorance of the swiftly approaching flames, was quietly taking a bath and on emerging from the bathroom found that his clothes had been carried out of doors. His toilet had to be completed in a clump of bushes.

It will interest members of the M.C.A. to know that the Director of Education in Cyprus is a native of a village near Loughborough, and was at school with one or two of the Taylor family.

SANDY BEDS.—At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday, March 7th, for morning service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Fox 1, W. Deacon 2, G. Wells (conductor) 3, W. Holden 4, C. J. Ball 5, T. Bartram 6.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

HOW THE ANCIENTS SURMOUNTED SOME OF THEIR DIFFICULTIES.—SHIPWAY AND COURT BOB.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The second new 'system of ringing,' introduced by Shipway, was one to which he gave the name of Court. What we now know as Double Court Bob Minor was an old and popular six-bell method, dating from some time about 1700. I imagine it was first rung in London, and was the production of one of the clever and energetic ringers (such as Dolan and Loughton), who filled the gap between Stedman and Benjamin Annable. We hear little and know little about these men, for they were before the days of peal ringing and peal boards, but it is quite safe to say that what they did had more effect on our present ringing than the doings of almost any other men who have since lived. It was they who gave us most of the standard methods, and who brought ringing out of its elementary stages into its present form.

If a man of 1660 were to re-visit us he would be very much at sea. He would not know our methods; most of our terms would be meaningless to him; peal ringing and calling by hobs and singles would be strange to him. But if the first-class ringer of fifty years later walked into one of our bellries, he would not find himself much out of place. He had never rung a peal it is true, and never heard of anyone else having done so; but he, no doubt, had made the attempt, and was looking forward to the time when his attempts would be rewarded with success. He would be able to ring Grandsire and Plain Bob, Stedman and Oxford Treble Bob; and, on six bells Cambridge and London Surprise. Even to-day a man with the same qualification need not feel himself a mere novice.

Ringing is a progressive art; there is always something fresh to be done. However experienced you may be, the methods you have not rung will always vastly outnumber the ones you have rung. But ringing has this striking quality, that owing to the fact that it is based on certain simple strong mathematical laws it has certain outstanding fundamental methods which will never grow out-dated and old-fashioned. As long as the Exercise lasts the standard methods will always remain the standard methods. As time goes on the number of them may be added to (though very slowly); the old ones are not in the least likely to become obsolete. And the great majority of these methods in their present form date from the years just before or just after 1700. There are ten of them in all. Bristol Surprise is the one modern production. Superlative Surprise dates from 1788, and the publication of 'The Clavis.' Grandsire and Plain Bob, composed in the middle years of the seventeenth century, were extended to seven bells and upwards, and equipped with recognised calls and with peals and touches in the closing years of that century, and the early part of the next. Stedman's Principle, designed solely as a five-bell method, and published in the 'Campanalogia' of 1669, was turned into a method for all odd numbers by 1730. Oxford Treble Bob was in regular practice soon after 1700. Cambridge and London Surprise were rung on six bells in Annable's time, and early extended to Major. Kent was an improvement on Oxford, first rung by Barham's band about the middle of the eighteenth century. The tenth method is Double Norwich, and that was intended at first to be no more than the eight-bell extension of Court Bob Minor.

It is not easy to see why every one of these standard methods should be so much more suitable for ringing than any others: why London, for instance, should be the outstanding one of a host of others, apparently just as difficult and as interesting; but we can see why Double Court Minor is a fundamental method. The linked places (4th's and 3rd's) about the treble are a bit of construction which occurs again and again in other and more complex methods. And the method itself has every quality to make it a popular and useful one. It was inevitable, then, that the ancients who were extending Plain Bob and Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob from six bells to eight, and from eight to ten and twelve, should try and extend Court Bob also. But here they had to face a problem which has almost completely baffled all succeeding composers down to the present time. That is to understand what are the real laws and rules of extension.

With the other simpler standard methods there is no difficulty. It does not take much thought to find out what are the correct extensions of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. They are obvious. Not so with Court Bob. And not so with most of the methods other than those I have mentioned. Men worked without any general rules to guide them, and purely by experiment; and the results, generally speaking, have been so very unsatisfactory and unconvincing that it is not surprising that thirty years ago the best of our authorities held the opinion that except for those simple methods there could be no such thing as a proper extension at all.

In the introduction to his 'Duffield' Sir Arthur Heywood says that of all the even-bell methods there was not one, save Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Oxford which could be extended satisfactorily from eight to ten and twelve bells. Until such a method could be found, he felt that there was no hope of any substantial advance in method ringing on these higher numbers. That was why he introduced Duffield.

Neither he nor anyone else at the time knew that in Cambridge the Exercise already had the method required. But then Sir Arthur Heywood and all the other authorities despised Cambridge as almost everything that a method should not be. But the trouble about extension is not that the more complex methods will not extend. It is partly because they do not extend in just the way that ringers want them to do; and partly because there are so many ways and not so few in which they will extend.

The matter should be studied as a whole, and the general rules and laws understood. Then you will find that extensions will come almost automatically. Into these technical matters I do not propose to enter in these notes, I am only concerned at present to point out the difficulties which confronted the men who first tried to get a Court Bob Major. That they should have attempted it was inevitable, and the first Court Bob Major was rung in London early in the 18th century. On Saturday, May 17th, 1735, the College Youths rang 5,040 at St. Laurence Jewry; John Holt called a 5,040 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for the Un on Scholars in 1752; on Sunday, December 16th, 1764, the London Youths rang 5,200 at St. Mary's, Whitechapel; and on October 12th, 1767, the Cumberlandians rang 5,312 at the same church. Exactly what was rung on these dates is uncertain. Mr. Jasper Snowdon came to the conclusion that the peal by the London Youths was neither what was afterwards known as London Court nor Norwich Court. But the probability is that most, if not all, of the others were in the former method. At any rate, London Court Bob was a popular method in the Metropolis during the eighteenth century, and is probably the first attempt to extend Court Bob Minor to eight bells. It is an excellent example of how an extension should not be done. Like so many men since his time, the composer took what he thought to be the leading feature of the six-bell method, and tried to reproduce it on eight bells. He argued like this: In Court Bob Minor all the bells single dodge before and after leading and lying and plain hunt elsewhere. This he reproduced on eight bells, putting in the places so as to give the required result. As the method is obsolete, and probably unfamiliar to most of my readers, I give a lead of it. It does not require very much close examination to see that it is not a correct extension. Meanwhile, the Norwich men, too, tried their hands at extending Court Bob Minor. I think it extremely possible that (as has been suggested) Double Norwich Royal was composed and rung before Double Norwich Major. On ten bells you do get the single dodging that you find in the Minor, and that, I suppose, is the reason 'The Clavis' people had for saying that in Double Norwich Royal which they call simply Court Bob Royal you have the proper extension of both London Court and Norwich Court. Double Norwich Major was in existence as early as 1750, and was brought to London and published by the authors of 'The Clavis,' who first called it 'Norwich' Court. It is so superior a method to London Court that it very soon superseded its rival. Both of them were known and practised in their double variations only, and both were first called Court Bob without any qualification. This was the state of the case when Shipway set himself to write his book.

Shipway, in his thorough fashion, examined the methods, extended them to all numbers, odd and even, and worked out the single and reverse variations. 'It is a remarkable circumstance,' he says, 'that all the Court Bobs that have hitherto been rung are double, and some there are who cannot understand anything else to be Court but the double method; but this is an error which I trust is here sufficiently refuted.' Remarkable, no doubt, to a methodical man like Shipway, but not so remarkable, after all, when we remember that methods are to be rung, and that the single variations of Court, let alone the reverse variations, are altogether inferior to the double variations.

Further, he compared the two eight-bell methods with the original Court Bob Minor, and as a result he rejected both as proper extensions. 'On eight and upwards a difference of opinion has prevailed in the cities of London and Norwich, as to which should be the right way of producing it from the six-bell method, each party adopting its own plan, and thereby dividing it into two systems. But after a close investigation of the subject, the author ventures to doubt the propriety of them, and he here introduces a third system which, after the most careful examination, he believes to come nearest to what was originally intended by a composition on six bells.' And in his second volume, 'This system of Court Bob was produced by the author, and is intended by him as an improvement on the other two, of the London in keeping the bells together and of the Norwich in the complexity of it, besides being apparently the most proper one taken from the original on six bells as the similarity of its work, and likewise the leads of the treble on each number of bells testify.'

Double Norwich both on eight and ten bells was an esteemed

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

1 3 7 6 8 5 4 2

method with Shipway's contemporaries of the Cumberlands, and they also rang London Court Major. Possibly they objected to his assertion that his new method was an improvement on the others, for in his third volume he says that "here I wish to correct an error in part II, where I observe "it was intended as an improvement, etc.," but although it proves to be so my intention was as stated in part I., when I discovered that neither the London nor the Norwich was the proper Court on eight bells, etc., from the six, and that those Courts in use were the double methods only. The London Court will suit those gentlemen who are partial to the parting of the large bells (as some are both in London and the country), especially as in its natural work the musical positions of the changes are equal, if not superior, to anything which can be brought by bobs in the Bob Major or Treble Bob systems. The Norwich Court will suit those ardent minds who delight in intricacy, and emulate each other in surmounting the difficulties of complex systems; but those who prefer the easy methods will find the author's Court to contain every essential quality of the Norwich."

To which the only objection seems to be that the Exercise has not found it so. Still, there is something to be said for Shipway's point of view. His method is a correct extension of Court Bob Minor, which London Court is not. It is not, however, more correct than Norwich Court, and otherwise is not nearly so good. It is rather difficult to say which is really the best extension. Probably you should make the Court Places in the middle of the half lead, i.e., 5th's and 4th's in Major, and 6th's and 5th's in Royal. In that case, Court Bob Major would be unfit to ring, for a bell would lead from consecutive blows, and another lie the same number. But on ten bells it is a first-class method, and that was what Mr. Law James' band rang some years ago at Surfleet. Here is Shipway's version which you will see is not symmetrical:—

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

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LADIES' MEETING.

Lady ringers of Birmingham district had a very good practice meeting at St. Peter's, Harborne, on Saturday, March 13th. Solihull, Smethwick and Clent were represented, and several gentlemen were also present, amongst whom were Mr. W. W. Worthington (Lichfield), Mr. Waye, Mr. Withers, and others, who all gave valuable help during the afternoon and evening. A party of 27 sat down to a splendid tea, arranged by Mr. and Miss Hawkins.—Mrs. Groves proposed, and Miss Pigott seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. — Petri), who came in during tea, and gave the ringers an invitation to visit Harborne again.—Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Hawkins for making all arrangements and having everything ready; to the local and visiting ringers for the help they always gave the ladies; and to the ladies who had waited on the visitors.

At a discussion after tea, it was decided to have a practice meeting only, at Edgbaston Parish Church, after Easter, if permission could be obtained; also to pay a visit to Clent on June 19th, other meetings to be arranged later.

LADY SURPRISE RINGERS IN KENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must challenge the announcement contained in the footnote to the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Erith, which is published in 'The Ringing World' of March 26th.

Miss Dorothy E. Orlebar rang the 4th to a muffled peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Tunbridge Wells on June 20th, 1925, and has undoubtedly the honour of being the first lady ringer to accomplish a peal in that method for the Kent County Association. As Miss Orlebar also rang the 3rd to a peal of Superlative Surprise at Tonbridge on January 16th, 1925, it is possible that first honours in that method also belong to her. The Tunbridge Wells ringers (while regretting that Miss Chapman's fine achievement must take second place) will be grateful to you if you will publish this correction in 'The Ringing World.'

S. H. GREEN (Conductor).

THE EXTENT OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. 11,360 TO BE ATTEMPTED BY MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Members of the Midland Counties Association are to attempt the extent of 'Real' Superlative Surprise Major at All Saints' Church, Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 10th, starting early afternoon.

The composition, by Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Fort Talbot, is appended:

	23456	5/4	B	M	5/4	11
	26354	x	—	x	—	
	26543	x	—	x	—	
	64235	x	—	x	—	
	43652	x	—	x	—	
	52645		3			
	36452		3			
	36524	x		x	—	
	36245	x		x	—	
	64352	x		x	—	
A	45623	x		x	—	
	23645		3			
	56423		3			
A	26435					
	25634	x	—	x	—	
	46325		3			
	62453	x		x	—	
	62534	x		x	—	
	62345	x		x	—	
	24653	x		x	—	
	53624		3			
	46253		3			
B	65432	x		x	—	
	65324	x		x	—	
	65243	x		x	—	
	54632	x		x	—	
B	34625					
	34258	x		x	—	
	34562	x		x	—	
	53246	x	3			
	53462	x		x	—	
	24536	x	3		x	—
	24365	x		x	—	
C	32546	x	3		x	—
	32465	x		x	—	
C	25463					
	35264	x	—	x	—	
	42356	x	3		x	—
	42563	x		x	—	
	35426	x	3		x	—
	52364	x		x	—	
D	43526	x	3		x	—
	43265	x		x	—	
	52436	x	3		x	—
D	23456					

The first 5/4 is 5th's from front, treble leading, and 4th's from behind, treble in 8th's.

The 2nd 5/4 is 5th's from behind, treble in 8th's, and 4th's from front, treble leading.

In the first six parts the Betimes are 1st, a natural one, followed by bobs in the two successive half-leads. In the last six parts the first Before is called when the tenor would otherwise have made 7th's under the treble, followed by bobs in the two successive half-leads.

The composition contains the 60 course ends, also 59 each of the middle and wrongs with tenors together. In the peal there are 9,792 changes with tenors together. Where Betimes are called in the last six parts the courses are 320 changes each, all other courses are 160 changes.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Pethrick 1, E. Pardon 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, E. Hill 4, B. Phillips 5, C. Robins 6, F. Davis 7, W. Richings 8.

NOMENCLATURE.

COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS FOR THE COUNCIL.

It will be recollected that, at the last meeting of the Central Council, at Chester, discussion on the report, presented by the Nomenclature Committee, was adjourned, until that report had been printed, that is to say, until the next meeting of the Council. By the courtesy of the editor of 'The Ringing World,' the report appeared in full, in the columns of this paper, on the 26th June, pp. 409-410; and a typographical error, as regards para. 111., of the recommendations was corrected in a subsequent number—the 10th July, p. 438. By referring to these pages, the report may be consulted in extenso.

The Committee, while adhering to the views expressed in the report, and although still of opinion that the resolutions therein meet, at the moment, the requirements of the case, desire to present the essential details of that report at the forthcoming meeting of the Council, at Ipswich, by way of resolution.

They feel that, in view of the complexity of the details, there might be some difficulty, as the report stands, in its being tackled by the Council, within the limited time available for discussion.

The resolutions, on the other hand, as now proposed, and as given below, enable the subject to be more easily dealt with piecemeal, and what is, also, of consequence, to be more readily assimilated by the associations.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) No method shall have more than one name.
- (2) No name shall belong to more than one method.
- (3) No name shall contain more than one word.
- (4) Class designations, when added to a name, shall always have some reference to the thing designated. Thus the word 'bob' in this connection shall always, as originally, have reference to dodging.
- (5) The names 'Pasallatessera' and 'Pasallatria' shall not be used in any C.C. publications; should it be necessary to distinguish the classes which were once so designated, they shall be otherwise, and properly, described.
- (6) The fifteen floral names shall be changed.
- (7) The following names shall be substituted:—

Old Floral Name.

Bluebell.
Daffodil.
Dahlia.
Foxglove.
Fuchsia.
Geranium.
Hyacinth.
Lily.
Marigold.
Primrose.
Shamrock.
Snowdrop.
Tulip.
Violet.
Woodbine.

Proposed New Name.

Blundell.
Dartford.
Darlington.
Foxton.
Folkestone.
Grantham.
Hyde.
Leyton.
Marlow.
Preston.
Shadwell.
Somerton.
Tamworth.
Ventnor.
Woodstock.

- (8) 'Edinburgh Castle' shall be called 'Edgware.'
- (9) In 28 names the word 'Castle' or 'Abbey' shall be omitted, so that they read as follow:—

Beeston.
Belvoir.
Berkeley.
Carisbrooke.
Conisborough.
Conway.
Chepstow.
Dover.
Dunottar.
Elstow.
Fountains.
Glastonbury.
Kirkstall.
Leasowe.

Ladlow.
Melandra.
Melrose.
Pembroke.
Pevensy.
Peveril.
Pontefract.
Richborough.
St. Albans.
Skipton.
Sherborne.
Stirling.
Tintern.
Warwick.

- (10) The following 23 names shall be substituted for old and unsuitable names as a first instalment:—

Old Name.

British Scholars' Pleasure (12).
College Bob 4th (21).
Duke of Clarence (24).
Duke of Norfolk (3), alias
'Grandsire Treble Bob.'
Evening Star (25) (26?).
Francis Genius (39), alias Tulip.
Kent Delight (13) (14).
Kentish Delight (7).
Loch Lomond (18).
London Scholars' Pleasure (7).
London Victory (27), alias
'Sutton Delight.'
Lytham Pleasure (14).
Morning Star (6).
Norton-le-Moors (29).

Proposed New Name.

Britford.
Bocking.
Clarence.
Griensby.
Eccleston.
Tamworth.
Kenley.
Kenilworth.
Lomond.
Fulham.
Lambeth.
Lytham.
Mornington.
Norton.

Old Oxford Modernised (17).
Princess Mary (Royal).
Queen Victoria (36).
Ringers' Surprise (38).
St. James' Youths' Exercise (8).
Trinity Sunday (15).
Vale Royal (9).
Woodcock's Victory (11).
Wooler (10).

The numbers in brackets are those under which the methods appear in C.C. Collection

(11) No names or terms, supplementary of, or in substitution for, those published by authority of C.C. should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained.

(12) A supplement to the Glossary, containing new names and terms up-to-date, should be at once put in hand.

(13) In the case of all new methods, which have been rung under names it is proposed to alter, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them, or to their society, to approve of the proposed new name.

G. P. BURTON,

For and on behalf of the Nomenclature Committee,
Beechwood, Old Catton, Norwich.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at All Saints', Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 20th. Members attended from Bexhill, Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Lewes, Heene, Pevensy, Rotherfield and St. Leonards, together with members of the local band. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m., and touches in several methods were indulged in. At the service the Vicar (the Rev. G. M. Hanks) welcomed the members, and gave an interesting address.

Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, through the kindness of the Vicar. About 32 members were present, including the Master of the association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and the general secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone).

At the business meeting the Rev. G. M. Hanks occupied the chair, and several new members were elected.

Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. Franks, and A. R. Milne were re-elected on the committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Alfriston, if convenient. Mr. J. T. Rickman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his helpful address at the service, and also for his hospitality in providing tea.—The Vicar, in responding, stated that it had been a great pleasure to welcome the members, and wished the association success.

A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 8s. 7d. Following the meeting the members returned to the tower, and further ringing was indulged in until 6.30 p.m., when the ringers proceeded to St. Saviour's Church, where the tower was open at 6.45 to 8 p.m., and methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major were practised. Altogether it was a most successful meeting.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The meeting held at Northchurch on March 20th was a very enjoyable one, members being present from St. Albans, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, Tring, Berkhamsted, Walford, Hatten, and the local tower. The bells were raised at 3.30, and the following methods rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, College Single, Reverse College Single, Double Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, at which the Secretary rendered a bass solo.—Tea, very kindly provided by the Rector, followed in the Church Room.

The Rector was unanimously appointed chairman of the business meeting, when it was suggested that Great Gaddesden be the next place of meeting on the first or second Saturday in May.

The Secretary reported that the quarterly peal was successful, and so another (Minor) was fixed for as soon after Easter as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness, and also for the service, as well as to the organist for his services.

Further ringing then took place until 8.30 p.m., when another good meeting came to an end.

A HALF-PEAL.

On Saturday, March 27th, at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Almondsbury, Glos., a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-part) in 88 mins: V. E. Wills 1, W. H. Brown 2, H. Robbins 3, S. H. Wood 4, S. Poole 5, T. Fowler 6, G. E. Capewell (conductor) 7, K. Kingston 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, March 28th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, J. L. Watkins 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, E. E. Bish 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. W. Chapman 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method with an 'inside' bell, by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, March 21st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, H. Wood 2, R. Wilson 3, A. King 4, F. Hunt 5, L. A. Goodenough 6, T. Kendall (conductor) 7, E. Shane (first quarter) 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, for evening service, on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Leadman Denuison 1, W. Brown 2, F. Pattison 3, Miss Ada Dounison 4, J. Crawford 5, A. Adamson 6, G. Siddle 7, F. Sheraton (conductor) 8.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, at St. Swithin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Manley 1, E. Pook 2, F. Dimond 3, J. L. S. Glanville 4, A. Kilmaster (first quarter-peal) 5, J. M. Skinner 6, J. R. Hayman (conductor) 7, S. Searle (first quarter-peal) 8.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, March 21st, for evensong, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal; H. W. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, G. Watkin 3, W. J. Deau 4, A. G. Newman 5, H. S. Ellis 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. H. Mance 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on March 21st, 720 Bob Minor: J. Williams 1, W. Farrant 2, R. Dutton 3, F. Amos 4, G. Burghall (conductor) 5, W. J. Battle 6, Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Stanbridge 1, W. J. Meers 2, H. C. Spencer 3, G. F. Swann (conductor) 4, J. Preston 5, J. W. Pemberton 6, W. J. Davies 7, J. E. Pywell 8. This was specially arranged for the birthday of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stanbridge, whose ages are 78 and 74 respectively.

HILLINGDON, WEST.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Folkard 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, H. H. Lucas (first quarter inside) 3, E. Hauxox (conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, J. H. Lucas 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

ECTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 32 mins.: C. Tapp 1, F. Pinney 2, A. W. Robinson (conductor) 3, H. Tebbly 4, C. Tebbly 5, F. Harlott 6. All local ringers, and believed to be the first 720 on the bells by a local band since 1760.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, at St. George's Church, for evening service, 720 Tulip Treble Bob Minor: E. Causley 1, S. Wyatt, jun. 2, A. Wyatt 3, W. Coles 4, A. Hayward 5, G. Coles (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., from Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-part: S. Cockell 1, A. W. Angell 2, G. H. Archard 3, A. J. West 4, W. S. Burridge 5, H. Moeckridge 6, W. C. West (conductor) 7, W. Waters 8.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, R. Bullen 2, A. Bonfield 3, F. Smith 4, E. V. Johnson (first as conductor) 5, E. Young 6.

CHARING.—On Sunday morning, February 21st, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins.: S. Cackett (first 720) 1, L. Prior 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, W. Heuniker (longest touch as conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6.

THE NEW BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL.

The Rev. Bernard Oliver Francis Heywood, lately Vicar of Leeds, and cousin of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, was consecrated Bishop of Southwell on Thursday of last week.

His farewell sermon at Leeds Parish Church was preached on Sunday evening, March 21st. Prior to the service ten courses of Stedman Caters (1,080 changes) were rung by: C. Lawson 1, J. Hutchinson 2, H. Lockwood 3, J. E. Redfearne 4, F. Reuton 5, J. Jessop 6, L. Drake 7, W. Woodhead 8, W. Ash (conductor) 9, J. A. Teale 10. After service another five courses, with H. Smith ringing the tenor. Mr. Smith has now completed 36 years' constant service ringing at this church.

EASTER MEETINGS.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9.30 a.m., and St. Peter's (6) from 12 noon. Luncheon will be at the Silver Grill Restaurant, near St. Paul's, at 1 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at the Cathedral, Chester, on Easter Monday. Meeting 11 a.m. Service 12.30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Chester. Dinner 1.15 p.m. in the Refectory. Tickets 2s. 6d. — Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.), are available for ringing all day. Lunch will be provided in the Church Room at 1 p.m. Members 1s. 6d.; non-members 2s. — T. Metcalfe, 26, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual district meeting will be held at Axminster on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8). Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Gosforth, Newcastle, on Easter Monday, April 5th, it being the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Bells available from 10.30 a.m., short service at 1 p.m. Dinner in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m.—Adam Deas, 8, Howard Place, Gosforth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 5th. Service at Great St. Mary's at 12 noon, address by the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Rector of Castle Camps. Luncheon and general meeting at the Dorothy Café at 1 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew the Great (8), Trumpington (5), Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 7.15 p.m., will be available.—R. Copeman, End House, Owlestone Road, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Towers open at 2 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., address by the Dean of St. Albans; 6 p.m. Tea in the Abbey Institute, followed by business meeting. If you are coming, let me know, if possible, to make catering easy.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet, on Easter Monday, April 5. Service at 12. Dinner at the Ramsgate Commercial Hotel 1.30 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing, St. Laurence's (10), St. Peter's (8), St. John's, Margate (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12). The Rev. H. A. Serres (Birchington) invites members to tea (5.30 p.m.).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Silverdale on Easter Monday, at 4 p.m. Bells (16) available all day.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Burton-on-Trent. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen's (8) and Winhill (6) will be available all day (except during the time of association service). Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in St. Paul's Institute. A short service will be held at St. Paul's at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. H. E. Worthington, M.A., R.D. (Rector of Seales) will preach. Collection for Bell Repair Fund, and it is hoped all members will attend. Meat tea will be served in St. Paul's Institute at 5 p.m., followed by the general meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Secretary.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 5th, at Norwich. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m., at which the Very Reverend the Dean of Norwich will preach. Luncheon (2s. 6d. per head) will be served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, Norwich, at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting. All ringers are cordially invited. — Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Penistone on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from noon onwards. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea, 1/- per head. — Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting. — At Bury Cathedral on Easter Monday there will be a short service at 3.30. Tea, followed by meeting in the Large Room at the Abbey House at 4 p.m. Bells available all day: Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8). — Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Easter Monday, April 5th. Tower open from 2.30. Service 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Hopkinson). Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. All are welcome. — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 5th, 1926. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. As the allowance will not cover the cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 12.30 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. — J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Knaresborough on Easter Monday, April 5th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. General meeting in Church House at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served at a charge of 1/9 per head. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. — P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick, near Stroud, Glos., on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells of St. Mary's (12) will be available from 10 a.m. Management Committee will meet at the Vicarage at 11 a.m. Service at St. Mary's Church at 12.15 noon. Luncheon, 2s. 3d. per head, at the Falcon Hotel at 1 p.m. General business meeting in the Town Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at the Falcon Hotel after the meeting. Stroud bells (10) available after tea. Please notify for meals. Charabancs from Bristol leave St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street, at 8 a.m. — Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes', Sunday 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday 12th, at 6.30, to be followed by the Quarterly business meeting at 8; and Monday 26th at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday 20th, at 8. — A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 10th, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach secretary at least ten days before that date. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on April 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; St. Magnus', on the 15th and 29th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 29th annual general meeting will be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.30, preacher, Rev. J. H. Newsham-Taylor, Rector of Acton. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. at 1/- each to those who advise either of the secretaries by April 7th. *Please do so.* Ringing at Fulham 2.30 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8.30, Putney 3 to 4.15, Hammersmith 7 to 9 p.m. — C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakley on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than April 3rd. — Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton, on April 10th. Bells ready at 4. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, and James W. Graunds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welton (two miles from Daventry) on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Daventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The first quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Barwell on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. 1925 reports will be available at this meeting. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church), on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. Holy Trinity bells (8) also available afternoon and evening.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Rd., Devizes.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting 6 p.m. Notices of attendance must be sent on or before April 5th to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The next meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DEVON GUILD.—Special general meeting to be held in Exeter on Saturday, April 17th. Dedication of peal tablets in Cathedral belfry 2.15 p.m., doors closed 2.10 p.m. Meeting at Trade Hall, 8, Northernhay Place, 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, to those applying before April 13th. Ringing at Cathedral and other Exeter towers. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, on Saturday, April 17th, as this is the most convenient date. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock, presided over by the Vicar. Trains from Manchester Exchange 1.52, 3.15, 4.10 p.m. Excursion fare 1/3 return. Will members make a special effort to be present?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting, Manchester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping, St. John's (8 bells), on Saturday, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m. Tea at Palace Tea Rooms after service, to be followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, April 14th? —C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Those who intend to be present to tea please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 14th. — A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3. Service in church, with address by the Rev. I. O. Johnson, at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by April 13th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

COALBROOKDALE BELLS.—The Lord Bishop of Hereford will (p.v.) dedicate the two new trebles at the official opening on Saturday afternoon, April 17th. All ringers will be most welcome, and special arrangements will be made for all ringers to have a pull. Complete bands, from Plain to Surprise methods, will be given every opportunity, so that the bells may be heard at their best during the afternoon and evening. There is exceptionally good train service from Shrewsbury and Wellington. Train leaves Coalbrookdale 8.15 Saturday evening. Midland bus runs to and from Wellington Saturday nights from Coalbrookdale 6.5, 8.45 and 10.55. Sunday service, from Wellington 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. From Coalbrookdale, 12.45, 4.25, 6.25, 8.25 and 9.47 p.m. All the above connect at Wellington for Shrewsbury. Lodgings can be booked at Coalbrookdale if arrangements are made in good time. G.W. trains leave Coalbrookdale for Wellington on week days 6.20, 7.20 and 9 a.m.—All ringers who propose visiting Coalbrookdale should write to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Bells of St. Mary's, Dunmow, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Sunday, April 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend, and ringing will continue after the service for the respective companies. Will those intending to be present please let me know so as to arrange for light refreshments, also seats in church?—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Silvertown on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.15, 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 20th.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

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To the Editor.

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W. KEEBLE.

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To the Editor.

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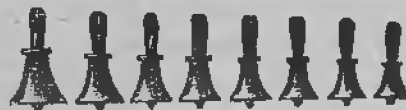
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