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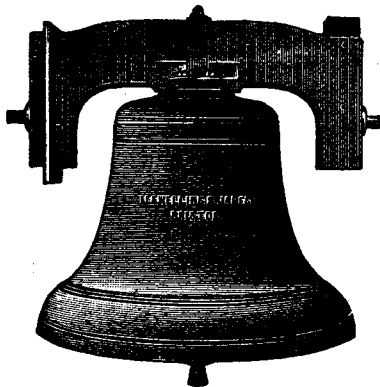
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association at Southgate on Saturday week was characterised by an unexpected attendance of some seventy members, who at the short church service were privileged to listen to a stirring address from the Rev C. F. Peploe (Vicar of Southgate), who departed from the usual custom at these gatherings, and instead of talking of bells and their lessons, spoke on the lessons of the war.

Mr. A. T. King, i.s.o., the esteemed President of the Association, presided over the Annual Business Meeting, which was held immediately after tea at the Cherry Tree Hotel. He gave a hearty welcome to the members, at the same time expressing his pleasure at being with them.

Mr. C. T. Coles (Secretary), in his annual report, stated that the Association had had a very successful year, notwithstanding the fact that in August the outbreak of war caused an almost complete cessation of ringing. During the year they had enrolled one honorary member, two life members, and thirty-two ordinary members. As the result of a meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill, a new band had been formed there. An instructor had been appointed, but intercessory services and some other things, had caused a stoppage in the practices. There was a prospect of the practices being resumed in the near future, and there was every prospect of the making of an efficient band. The Willesden band had also become affiliated to the Association. They had not yet been able to compile a roll of the members of the Association who had joined the colours, but a goodly number had done so.

The balance-sheet showed a falling off in the item of subscriptions. There was however a balance in hand of £75 11s. 4d., about £3 more than last year. It was agreed that practically the whole of the increase should be added to the usual grant to the Central Fund.

The report was adopted on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. B. Prewett.

The retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Master—Mr. J. Armstrong; Treasurer—Mr. F. A. Milne; Secretary—Mr. C. T. Coles; Assistant-Secretary—Mr. W. J. Kemp; Auditors—Messrs. F. E. Miller and W. Pickworth; Central Committee—Messrs. G. B. Lucas, S. Wade, and J. Waghorn, sen.

On the motion of the President a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, and for the use of the bells; to Mr. Miller and the local band for their welcome; to Mr. Dart (who presided at the organ at the service, and otherwise assisted to promote the harmony of the proceedings) for his services. A similar compliment was also passed to Mr. King for presiding, and his response concluded the business.

Two plain courses of Stedman Cinques were afterwards rung on handbells by Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. B. Prewett, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, A. W. Grimes, J. Hunt, and J. Herbert. The handbells were kindly lent by Mr. J. Rayner, of St. Andrew's, Holborn. During the afternoon

and evening touches in various methods were rung on the bells of Southgate Parish Church.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Loughborough on Jan. 30th. The bells at the Parish Church were not available, owing to the illness of the Rector's wife but Messrs. John Taylor and Co., with their usual kindness and generosity, had placed their peal of eight tower bells and a set of handbells at the disposal of the ringers; they also provided an excellent tea in their works, and this did much towards making the meeting a great success.

Ringling began on the tower bells soon after 2 o'clock, and was kept up by relays of men until about 6.30, except during the interval for tea, at which 85 members and friends sat down, and amongst those noticed were Mrs. J. W. Taylor, the Misses L. and H. Willson, and several other ladies; Mr. J. W. Taylor, Mr. E. D. Taylor, Rev. R. P. Farrow, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Mr. W. Wallace, Mr. W. Willson, and representatives from Broughton, Astley, Bulwell, Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Hinckley, Hugglescote, Ilkeston, Leicester, Moutsorrel, North Wingfield, Oakham, Stanford-on-Soar, South Wigston, and Whitwick, in addition to the local ringers and members of Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s staff. Immediately following the tea, a general meeting was held, the Vice-President taking the chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the chairman announced that letters regretting their inability to be present had been received from the President and Hon. Treasurer, the latter having joined the 6th (Res.) North Staffordshire Regiment, at Harpenden.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. C. Draper and E. D. Taylor were unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, seconded by Mr. H. W. Abbott. One Honorary, three Life, and thirteen Ordinary members were admitted.

The chairman in the course of his remarks said that he supposed it was well-known that their second quarterly meeting of the year which had been arranged to be held at Chesterfield, was abandoned, owing to the outbreak of the war, and for this same reason there had been a considerable falling off in the ringing done throughout the country. In their own case only 25 peals had been rung since the June meeting, which brought the total for 1914 up to 106, as far as had been ascertained, viz., 102 on tower bells, and four on handbells, as against a total of 138 in 1913. As there seemed to be some doubt as to the Society's Rule for the nomination of representatives to the Central Council, the Secretary read the Rule which was passed at the last Annual Meeting as follows: "Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the Association, and nominations to be sent to the Hon. Secretary one calendar month before the meeting at which they are to be proposed."

Messrs. Taylor and Co. were heartily thanked for their kindness and generosity on the proposition of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, seconded by Mr. W. Wallace.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
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ANNUAL MEETING.

When Oxforde gave the two degrees in Art,
And Love possess the Master of my heart;
Thy College fellowship thou lefst for mine,
And nought but death could sep'rate me fro' thine.

February fill-dyke storms failed to deter an enthusiastic body of ringers from attending the annual meeting of the above branch on Saturday last, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, Bray. This enthusiasm was marked in two distinct ways, by the large attendance, and by the wide-spread area over which the towers represented extends. Over 100 members were present from 23 towers, including Amersham, Beaconsfield, Binfield, Boyne Hill, Bray, Caversham, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, High Wycombe, Marlow, Missenden, Old Windsor, Reading, Shottesbrook, Slough, Stoke Poges, Swindon, Twyford, Walham, Warfield, Winkfield and Wooburn.

The bells of St Michael's, which have recently been overhauled and rehung, were available both before and after the business meeting, and on each occasion the belfry was crowded.

The service, which was fully choral, was attended by some 80 members. The Master of the Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., read the prayers, Hymns 18 and 308 were sung, as well as an anthem taken from Psalm lxxxiv, 4-7. The Rev. W. A. Thackeray (Vicar of Warfield) gave a homely address from the words "Work together in God." Looking across the nave one saw among those assembled the familiar forms of some who, for upwards of 30 years had been engaged in the work which brought them there that day, whilst in another part of the building stood our well-known Ringing Master, wearing Cambridge honours, whilst holding an Oxford appointment.

After service came tea in the Schoolroom, the Master presiding, supported by the local, branch and Guild Secretaries.

The business meeting followed, and the minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer. This shewed that with a balance in hand at the beginning of the year amounting to £11 3s. 6d., and subscriptions from 265 members, the amount received came to £28 3s. 7d. Various items of expenditure brought the balance down to £7 14s. 5d. The accounts were audited by Mr. G. Martin.

Mr. J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal) presented a report on Peals and Ringing Meetings, giving details of the performances during the first half of the year, and explaining the successful scheme of combined meetings and practices carried out by Mr. G. Martin, which scheme, judging by the numbers attending (30 in one instance) and the methods rung were highly appreciated by the members. The meetings were at High Wycombe, Mr. Evans in charge; Bradfield, Mr. Buckland; Farnham Royal, Mr. Parker; Boyne Hill, Mr. Martin.

Letters of apology for absence were read by the Chairman, and in the course of a brief address Mr. Reves said that 148 members of the Guild had joined His Majesty's Forces, representing 66 towers, the East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch contributing 24 members from nine towers. Mr. Tuthill, of Fakenham, wrote that a good number of these members were in camp in his neighbourhood, and had been able to organise practices for them.

The increasing membership enabled the committee to be increased by eight, and these were found in Messrs. G. White (Wycombe), G. Allen (Burnham), G. T. Leader

(Slough), W. Willing (Old Windsor), J. C. Truss (Maidenhead), R. Butler (Beaconsfield), J. Evans (Hughenden), R. Biggs.

The election of officers resulted in the same staff being retained, with the addition of Mr. G. Martin as assistant Secretary.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the local clergy, churchwardens, choir and organist, the applause with which the proposition of Mr. Fussell was greeted showing the appreciation of the members for the services rendered.

This belfry during ringing was in a very crowded state, notwithstanding the fact that it is a spacious apartment. Not much elbow room was left, but still it was possible for everyone to get a pull, if only in rounds.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

A successful quarterly meeting of this district was held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul), on Saturday, January 30th. The bells were raised at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service was held at 5.30 p.m., and an interesting address was given by the Rev. Canon D. Tait (Vicar), from the words of Isaiah: "Be ye clean that be as the vessels of the Lord." After the service the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where about forty sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

At the conclusion of the tea the Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome to Bromley, and was sorry he could not stay, as he had another meeting to attend. A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded him by applause for his kindnesses of the day. The business meeting followed, D. G. Simpson (Vicar's Warden, and an hon. member), presiding. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Two new members were elected. The District Representative then read his report, which was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded him for the same. Eltham and St. John's, Deptford, were proposed as the place of next meeting on the last Saturday in April, Eltham being carried by the Chairman's casting vote.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, who in response said it had given him great pleasure, and he hoped they would have many more such meetings.

The tower was again visited, and the touches of the day consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise.

DOVER, KENT.

MILITARY RINGERS AT ST. MARY'S.

On Tuesday evening, February 2nd, a meeting was held at St. Mary's Church, when a number of military ringers, who hail from various parts, and are now stationed in the garrison, took part in 504 Stedman Triples. C. R. Millway (Dover), Sergeant J. R. Mackman (10th East Surrey Regiment, Acton), Private F. Smith (5th Royal Fusiliers, Tunstall, Staffordshire), Lance-corporal T. Stroud (10th Royal Sussex Regiment, Midhurst), W. H. Hollier (Fulham), R. Stevens (Dover), C. Turner (Dover), Lance-corporal G. Godfrey (Dover, Royal Engineers). Other touches were rung in the Grandsire and Plain Bob methods with Private G. Clark (Royal Sussex Regiment, Seaford), A. Roberts (Dover), and Private H. J. Bates, of the St. John Ambulance Corps, Newcastle.

CHAGFORD BELLS AND TOWER.

RESTORATION CELEBRATED.

Had it not been marred by national anxieties, Wednesday, February 3rd, would have been a red-letter day in the progressive history of Chagford. Feelings of joy seemed out of place, and the impressive service at which God's blessing was asked on the re-opening of the church bells and tower after restoration, could not otherwise be, as it was, a service of thankfulness, that among the discords of nations, God's work was still being performed. The records of Chagford are happily, a gratifying tribute that during the past century a good feeling has existed between successive Rectors and parishioners, which has resulted in continuous church restoration. The present Rector (Rev. Hubert C. Studdy), soon after his induction in 1912, zealously undertook the necessary work of restoring the tower and bells. He found the churchwardens full of enthusiasm. A faculty was granted by the Bishop of the Diocese last year, but owing to the decayed condition of the beams and framework, the bells had been silent a year previous. In August last they were sent to Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to be recast. They have been satisfactorily re-hung in a massive oak frame, with patent ball bearings, by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, the well-known firm of Chagford bellhangers. The tone of the bells is very melodious and sweet, and having been tuned on the Canon Simpson five-tone principle, they are in perfect accord one with the other.

The history of the peal is interesting. An inventory of church goods in Edward VI. (1553) records "Flyve belles in the church and one bell in the chapel of South-teyn." On 12th August, 1765, a license was granted by the Bishop of Exeter to cast the five bells into six. This was done in 1766 by Thomas Bilbie, of Collumpton. In 1877 a treble and second were added to make a peal of eight. The restoration work on the tower was carried out by Messrs. Dart and Francis (Crediton). The Rector, in this month's Magazine, writes: "The work of the tower has been a greater success than we anticipated. We claim a decisive victory over the rain." New tower doors in massive oak have also been provided. The translation of the Latin inscription they bear is: "May the peace of Christ be to this house and to all who dwell herein. Here is our rest. 1914" The architect was Mr. W. D. Caroe, M.A., F.S.A.

The joy and thankfulness of the parishioners on Wednesday on seeing the work completed, and hearing their bells after a silence of 18 months, were intensified by the fact that practically all the money required—between £700 and £800—had been raised. Over £10 was given at the service.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

Evensong began at 3 o'clock, a complete service book being provided for each worshipper. The National Anthem was sung before evensong, and one of the two subsequent hymns was the beautiful one written by the late Dr. Neale at the request of the Bishop of Oxford for the dedication of a bell at Bampton, Oxfordshire, 12th December, 1865, when the Church was beginning to restore the suspended ancient custom of blessing bells.

The service was sung by the Rev. E. W. Barker, assistant curate, and the lessons were read by the Rev. Stanley Dewey, Rector of Moretonhampstead. The Rev. A. W. R. Peek, Rector of Drewsteignton, and the Rev. J. Rawson, Rector of Gidleigh,

were present. Before asking Dr. Trelawny-Ross to bless the bells, the Rector, the Rev. Hubert C. Studdy, placed them under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens, Messrs. Hayter-Hames and Avery, who accepted the charge and promised their endeavour to have it faithfully kept.

After the dedication and blessing, a short touch was rung, and the sermon was preached by Dr. Trelawny-Ross, who took as his text the inscription on the treble bell—"Hear me when I call," Psalm iv, 1. He dwelt on features of the Psalm, the English use of bells and their chief call to worship. He urged all ringers present to worship and support their Rector or Vicar loyally, if the bells were ever asked for an unsuitable purpose. Their new door reminded them of the peace of God, the sure possession of His people, even in times like the present. And they looked on to their bells ringing for another peace, the freedom of Europe and their empire, and the extension of God's kingdom in justice and righteousness.

After the presentation of the offerings, there was a beautiful commemoration of departed benefactors of the church. The Te Deum was then sung, and the Rector gave the blessing. In spite of a wet, stormy day, the church was full to overflowing, the worshippers taking their share in the service, and being most attentive during the sermon. Great credit is due to the Rector and his loyal workers who have been enabled to do so much for their old church. Owing to the sadness of the time no ringers were invited from a distance, and the occasion was rather that of a family thanking God, without any social or festive element.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, of Alburgh, have celebrated their golden wedding, they being married on January 27th, 1865. The couple have lived in Aldborough all their lives. Mr. Smith was for over forty years in the Volunteers, and a well known bellringer. They received several presents, including a wedding cake from the Rev. and Mrs. Pagan.

OBITUARY.

HORACE BANHAM (WISBECH).

The death of the above occurred on January 22nd, after a long illness. He was buried at Elm, on the 27th inst. The service was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Parham (Curate-in-charge) and Canon Stokes, Vicar of Elm. The Wisbech ringers (whose captain he was up to the time of his illness) acted as bearers, and after the interment Messrs. Duffield, Andrews, Narborough, Haines, Wenlock and Storey rang the plain course of Plain Bob Minor over the grave. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths was one in the shape of a huge floral bell, suspended between two poles, carried by Messrs. Arthur Wenlock and Thomas Haines. A muffled peal was rung on Wisbech bells by the local company. Deceased, who was only 23 years of age, commenced ringing in 1909, and learnt his changes ringing with a band of beginners, under Mr. Goakes, in 1911, and his total number of peals of 5000 amount to four. The Wisbech company have indeed lost a true admirable friend, but his memory and splendid character will always be with the sorrowing company he has left. Always willing and eager to help and instruct beginners, he had a kind, helpful, encouraging word for everyone, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, both in ringing circles and his place of business. He was a member of the C.E.M.S. and a Sunday School teacher ever since he was a pupil of same. Much sympathy is extended to his mother and brother in the loss they have sustained. May he rest in peace.

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Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'.

Charles Cotterell Treble	William G. Anker 5
Jonathan Preston 2	George F. Swann 6
William J. Meers 3	George Garrison 7
John Sanders 4	John E. Tigwell Tenor

Conducted by George F. Swann.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Margery F. Sampson, of Edinburgh, a member of the above society, who died January 14th, 1915.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5042 CHANGES.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett .. 1-2	James Hunt 5-6
William Shepherd 3-4	Francis I. Hairs 7-8
Alfred W. Grimes 9-10	

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and Conducted by Wm. Shepherd.
Umpire—B. S. Thompson.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1915, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes.

At the Residence of F. Davison,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two Six-Scores.

H. Priest* Treble	J. R. Barton 3-4
J. R. Fryers 2	†F. Davison 5-6

Conducted by F. Davison.

Witnesses—Mrs. Davison and Miss Chambers.

*First peal on handbells. †First peal as conductor.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH,

Since the ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 28½ cwt., in the key of C) were dedicated on Monday, November 3rd, 1913, the following peals have been rung:—

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 29th, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES

(First peal on the bells after restoration)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday December 13th, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES

Rung to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the firm of John Warner and Sons

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES

(First peal of Bob Maximus by the Kent County Association.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CANGS

In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells, March 27th, 1784.
(First peal of Royal since the restoration of the bells.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 1st, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD

On Saturday, July 11th, 1914 in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

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ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Apple-dore on Saturday, January 30th, when representatives from Ashford, Hawkhurst, Iden, Fairfield, Tenterden, Rolvenden, Rye, and Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower attended. Divine Service was held at 4.30, when the Rev. A. O. Scutt intoned the prayers, and Miss Avery presided at the organ. The Secretary read the report, which showed a balance in hand of £2 7s. 1d., and that there is a membership of 51, of whom ten have joined the colours, it being decided to keep their names on the books. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at High Halden on February 20th, in connection with the County Association. A meat tea was partaken of at The Swan Hotel, presided over by the President (Rev. A. O. Scutt), and the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs and recitations being rendered by Messrs. Youngs, Tribe, Card, and Balcombe.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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

The construction of a Method depends entirely on the nature, number and position of its Shunts, and the real proof that these odd and even-bell variations are the same Method, consists in the fact that they are produced by the same Shunts from the same Primary Principle. If the fundamental laws of ringing say that Grandsire and Plain Bob are the same thing, or that Oxford Bob Minor and Oxford Bob Triples are the same thing, or that Double Norwich Major and Double Norwich Caters are the same thing, no amount of apparent or superficial differences ought to be taken as any proof to the contrary. The odd and even-bell variations are each produced from the Plain Principle by the same Shunts operating in the same manner, the only difference being that in one case you have one Hunt, and in the other two Hunts. The following shows a Court Constructional Shunt on an even number of bells with one Hunt compared with a Court Shunt on an odd number of bells with two Hunts, and an examination of the two will show far more quickly than any elaborate explanation that they are essentially the same thing.

THE PRINCIPLE.

12345678	12345678	C.O. = 31246875
21436587	21436587	
	-----A1	
24163857	24135678	
42618375	42316587	
	A2-----	
46281735	24361875	C.O. = 13246875
64827153	42638174	
123456789	123456789	
214365879	214365879	C.O. = 312468975
241638597	241638597	
	-----A1	
426183957	426135879	
462819375	462318597	
648291735	643281957	
	A2-----	
684927153	463829175	
869472513	648392715	C.O. = 123468975

In each case the Hunt or Hunts have changed positions

with the bell next in front of them. The other variations of the Court Shunts and the Slow Work Shunts and Extremes work in exactly the same manner. What you must remember is that when there are two Hunts they must be taken together as the equal of the one bell where there is only one Hunt.

Double Norwich Major is produced from the Plain Principle on eight bells by four Regular Court Shunts in each lead. Double Norwich Caters is produced by the same number of Regular Court Shunts from the Plain Principle on nine bells.

Double Oxford Major is the same thing as Double Norwich Major, with the two Extremes added. Double Oxford Caters is the same thing as Double Norwich Caters with the two Extremes added.

The following is the Method which was rung on eight bells a few months ago, and the same thing applied to nine bells where it makes an excellent Method. It is produced like Double Norwich by four Regular Court Shunts in each lead, with an Extreme added at the parting of the leads.

REDDISH BOB MAJOR. REDDISH BOB CATERS.

12436587	123456789
-----Ex	-----Ex
12345678	213547698
21436587	231456789
-----A1	-----A1
24135678	324157698
42316587	342516789
A2-----B1	-----B1
24361578	435261798
42635187	A2-----
B2-----	345627189
24365817	436572819
42638571	B2-----
46283751	345678291
64827315	436587921
C2-----	463859712
46287135	648395172
64821753	C2-----
D2-----C1	463891527
46812735	648319257
64187253	D2-----
-----D1	468132975
61482735	-----C1
16847253	641823957
-----Ex	614289375
16482735	-----D1
	162483957
	126849375
	-----Ex
	216483957

Draw a line along the paths of the Treble in the Major, and the Treble and Second in the Caters, and you will easily see that the Shunts are the same in both cases.

The next example is rather more complex in its construction. It is produced by—

- 2 Pseudo Court Shunts.*
- 2 Regular Court Shunts.
- 1 Four-bell Slow Work Shunt.
- 1 Extreme.

The second part of the two Pseudo Court Shunts neutralise each other and so disappear, but it will be noticed

* See "Bell News," May 9th, 1914.

that in consequence the bells dodge in the front in reverse order, i.e. 7-8 at backstroke instead of 8-7.

WALTHAM BOB MAJOR.

12436587
—Ex
12345678
—AI
21354768
—BI
23157486
32514768
B2— B
23541678
32456187
23546817
32458761
23548671
32456817
23545187
32451678
C2—
22415768
32147586
—CI
31245678
—DI
13254768
—Ex
13527486

WALTHAM BOB CATERS.

123456789
—Ex
213547698
—AI
231574968
—BI
325179486
352714668
537241698
B2—
357426189
534762819
357468291
534786921
357489612
534798162
537491826
534719286
C2—
354172968
531427698
513246789
—CI
152347698
—DI
125374968
—Ex
215739486

As additional Shunts are made without any reference whatever to the Hunts the number of the latter does not affect them in any way, and they are made in both variations in exactly the same fashion. For instance, in the last Method we have in the Slow work 4 bells dodging for eight changes. In place of this dodging we can substitute a Hunting Course in retrograde order and thus produce following Method:—

ENFIELD BOB MAJOR. ENFIELD BOB CATERS.

12436587
12345678
21354768
23157486
32514768
23541678
25346187
52436817
54238671
45328761
43527816
34257186
32451768
23415678
32146587
31245678
13254768
13527486

123456789
213547698
231574968
325179486
352714968
537241698
357426189
375462819
734568291
743586921
475389612
457398162
543791826
534719286
354172968
531427698
513246789
152347698
125374968
215739486

It will be noticed that when the Major variation has alternately two quadruple and two triple changes throughout, as in Double Norwich, or Double Oxford, or Plain Bob, or Reddish Bob, the nine-bell variation has continual Cater changes, and where the Major variation breaks the

due succession of the nature of the rows, the nine-bell variation also breaks it. But whereas in the Major variation this need not mean more than two Places in any change in the nine-bell variation it means at least three Places in some changes. This will probably condemn the last two Cater Methods in the eyes of some purists, but without going for the moment into the question, they will serve for illustrations.

THE HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

PRESENTATION TO A VETERAN HEREFORD RINGER.

The annual dinner of the Hereford Cathedral Society held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. G. Buchanan, Master of the Guild, was rendered more interesting than usual by a presentation to Mr. John Julius Jones, of Commercial Road, Hereford, one of their number, who has been a ringer at the mother church of the diocese for an unbroken period of 45 years. Mr. W. Davies was in the vice-chair, and others present were Mr. Richard Powell, Mr. H. J. Taylor, Mr. Richard Chamberlain, Mr. A. J. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. W. H. Williams, Mr. H. Symonds, Mr. Cecil Jones, Mr. A. Taylor, Mr. C. Sparks, Mr. C. Davies, Mr. J. A. Williams, and Mr. W. Yeadon.

After a five-course dinner had been thoroughly enjoyed, the loyal toast was honoured. Then the Master of the Guild performed the double duty of proposing the health of the Cathedral Society, and Mr. J. Jones in particular, and making to him a presentation consisting of an artistic gold pendant for the watch chain, accompanied by an illuminated address. The pendant very appropriately takes the form of a bell neatly mounted in a campanological wheel. On the front are the words, inscribed on the periphery, "Member of the Hereford Cathedral Society of Change Ringers." and on the reverse, "Presented to J. J. Jones, January 16th, 1915."

The following is the text of the address:—

Hereford Cathedral Society of Church Bell-Ringers,
January 16th, 1915.

We, the undersigned members of the above Society, beg you to accept the accompanying pendant as a slight token of our appreciation of the services which you have rendered for so many years to all appertaining to church bell ringing, and particularly to our own Society. We trust that you will have health and strength for many years to continue to take part with us in the ringing chamber, and in the management of the Society, both of which have been so successful under your direction. John G. Buchanan, Richard Powell, Richard Chamberlain, Henry Taylor, Henry Williams, Arthur Williams, Albert Hurcomb, Henry Symonds, William Williams, John Matthews, Charles Sparkes, Cecil Jones, William Davies.

Mr. Buchanan asked Mr. Jones's acceptance of the gifts as an earnest of the goodwill entertained towards him by his colleagues of the Cathedral belfry, who greatly appreciated the quality of steadfastness that was witnessed to by his 45 years' service. They hoped he would be spared many years to continue his work.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and Mr. Jones suitably responded.

Other toasts were also honoured, Mr. Yeadon replying for the visitors. Songs were afterwards sung by Messrs. W. Davies, A. Taylor, and A. J. Williams, and selections on the handbells were given by the Cathedral Society.

Arrangements are being made for the church bellringers at Redbourn (Herts.), to learn the Art of change-ringing, and Mr. B. Jarman, of Harpenden, is to tutor them.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 7th, for Men's Service in the afternoon, at the church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. E. Webb, G. Spencer, C. Tricker, T. Beadle, F. Skevington, H. J. Dewey, C. W. F. Hunt (conductor), H. Brooks (first quarter-peal). Composed by W. T. Elson.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, February 2nd, at the residence of the Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, on handbells, four consecutive 1208 of Bob Doubles, called differently. F. Verney, A. Goldup, E. Pitcher, Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, A. Castle (conductor).

The Kingsteignton (Devon) ringers held their annual meeting at the vicarage on Tuesday, February 2nd, when the Rev. J. L. Nightingale (Vicar), was elected President; Mr. T. Butland, Captain; Mr. H. Gillsy, Vice-captain; and Mr. G. E. Sanders, Treasurer. It was decided to make a special effort to increase the funds being raised for the recasting of the cracked tenor bell.

COSLANY, COURT BOB CATERS.

SIR,—“Coslany Court Bob Caters” should be called “Caters and Triples.” Only Pure Major Methods can be extended to Caters. As there are 32 Plain Pure Legitimate Major Methods, it seems a pity to encourage mixed Cater and Triple Methods, even if only used for illustration.

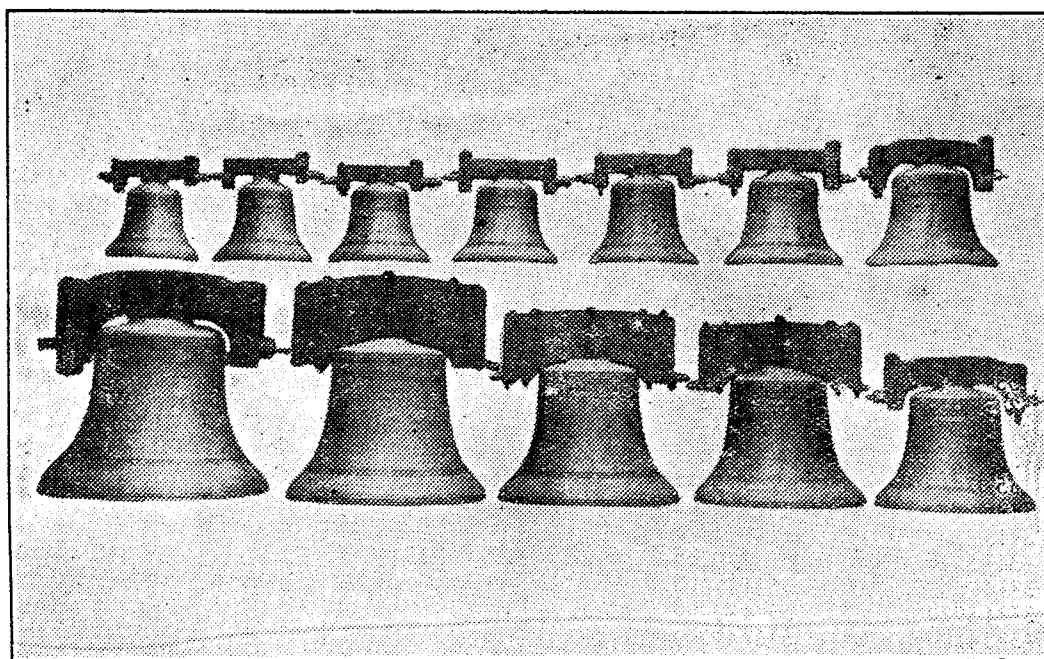
Yours etc., EDWIN H. LEWIS.

14, Mount Stewart, Carlisle.
8th February, 1915.

A muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Wirksworth, in memory of the late Canon W. H. Arkwright, who for some years was Vicar of the parish, and was previously at Cromford and Rowsley.

The Hersham ringers have voted half their collection to the Belgian Refugee Fund, the amount handed over being £7 2s. 6d. A further sum of £4 has been given to the same fund as a result of the repeat performance of the Hersham Band of Hope concert.

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

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

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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

H. J. Bradley, Sec.

Parish Church, Shoreditch.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5, and business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available at 2.30 if required, also after the meeting.

R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

Madresfield, Malvern.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Warner. The bells (6) will be available.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th, at Walton. Bells ready at 5.30.

Walter Hughes, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

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

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw.

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

A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE ALLENDALE GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Allendale (St. Cuthbert's) Guild was held in the Lion House Hotel, under the presidency of the Rector (Rev. O. W. Owen). The Secretary (Mr. J. Carrick) submitted the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand, and was adopted.

The Rector thanked the ringers for their voluntary services, and the officials for the enthusiasm displayed during the year. The election of officers resulted as follows: Guild Master, Mr. Thos. Sisterson; Steeple-keeper, Mr. Robert Payne; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. John Carrick.

The members of the Guild were afterwards entertained to dinner, served through the kindness of the Rev. O. W. Owen, who presided. The churchwardens, Messrs. C. W. Harrison and G. Hamilton, were also present.

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ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, DORCHESTER.

The annual meeting of the members of this society was held in the vestry on Wednesday, January 27th, at 8.45 p.m. Among those present were the Rector (Rev. H. C. Coote), the curate (Rev. C. A. Phillips), Messrs. James Hannah, and R. N. Dawes (churchwardens), F. G. Longman (Hon. Sec. Church Council), and J. T. Goliwin (Correspondent). The accounts were submitted by the Correspondent in the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, and the funds were distributed among the members, according to the attendance marks. The ringers expressed their thanks to members of the congregation and others who had kindly contributed to this well deserved recognition of the devoted producers of enlivening bell music.

Mr. A. J. Escott having resigned the office of Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. G. Longman was elected to succeed him, and the other officers were all re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. C. A. Phillips as a vice-president.

At the close the Rector thanked the ringers for their services, which, he assured them, were much appreciated.

THEFT OF A CHURCH BELL AT LOW MOOR.

Young Smith, (32), an iron turner, of 4 Short Row, Low Moor, was charged at the Bradford City Police Court before the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. Beaumont Morice), with stealing a bell, of the value of £10, from Holy Trinity Church, Low Moor. Smith pleaded guilty. It was stated that the church was locked up on Sept. 3rd last, and on the following Saturday it was found that the bell—an old one which was kept on a projection in the porch—was missing. The prisoner's house was visited later and the bell was found buried in the ground underneath a flag in the cellar. Smith had gone away to America but he returned later to this country, and was arrested on February 4th. It was stated that this was Smith's first offence. He had been working for seventeen years for the Low Moor Forge, and had an excellent character as a worker. The Rev. Edward Rhodes (Vicar of Holy Trinity Church) spoke in the prisoner's behalf, saying that generally speaking he was of good character. Smith was bound over for twelve months.

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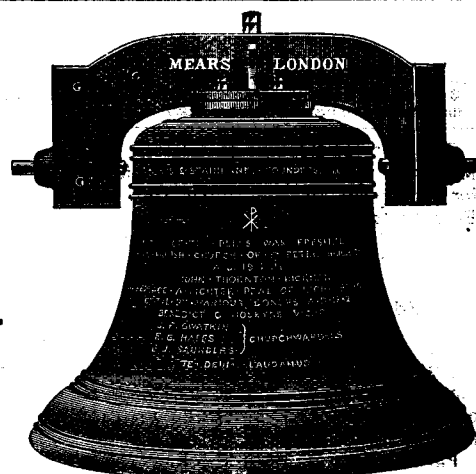
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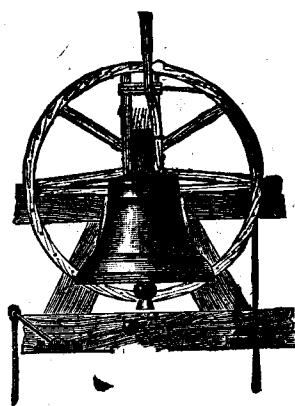
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