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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Successful Meeting at Henbury.

A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Henbury on Saturday last. Members began to arrive at half-past three, and the bells were soon swinging Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before service, which was at five o'clock, at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Way) gave a thoughtful address.

A move was then made to the schoolroom for tea. over forty sitting down, including the Master (Mr. F. K. Howell) Mr. J W. Jones (Newport), and the Hon. Treasurer (Rev. H. A. Cockey). The business meeting followed, Mr. H. Howell taking the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and one new member was elected, Mr. Steve Thomas, who has done much for ringing in years past in Bristol, and who received a hearty welcome. His old friends are pleased to see him back in the active ranks once more. It was decided to hold the next meeting on October 9th at Westerleigh, where a new band of ringers has lately been started.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies who had so kindly prepared tea. This was carried with acclamation, and the ringers then visited the tower once more. Various methods were rung until half-past eight, when the bells were lowered and the company dispersed their various ways. The ringing evidently put another edge to the appetites of some, for bread and cheese with "beverage" seemed to be the order at the "Salutation" afterwards. The members were very pleased to see Mr. Fred May ringing once more, and trust that he will soon be completely recovered. This was "some" meeting, being the best attendance during the year, and the Secretaries hope that this will be kept going for the rest of the year.

While ringing was in progress before service at this meeting, the Vicar, accompanied by Mrs. Way and three of the Henbury lady ringers, came up into the tower, and, in a neat speech, expressed his pleasure in welcoming the Association to Henbury. He further said he thought it a fitting occasion to perform a little ceremony which would serve to keep in remembrance the peal of Grandsire Triples, rung some little time ago, largely by Hen-

bury ringers, and conducted by J. Gould.

Mrs. Way was then called upon to unveil a small but very neat peal board, a request to which she gracefully Approval was heard on all sides, and thus acceded. a happy incident was brought to a close.

THE WARWICHSHIRE GUILD.

A very enjoyable monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Southam on Saturday last. Favoured with lovely weather a goodly number of ringers put in an appearance to have a pull on this lovely peal of eight, which were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, in which some of the local men took part.

Southam band, who had been taught the mysteries of change-ringing by Mr.* J. H. White, of the Stoke, Coventry, band, have been very hard hit by the war, most of the band having joined the colours, and one has laid down his life for his country in France. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Bob Major were rung, and at five o'clock the members adjourned to the residence of J. Oldham, Esq., one of the churchwardens, where a sumptuous repast had been laid out on the lawn, and was much enjoyed. Cigarettes were afterwards distributed, and then the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Oldham for their kindness in providing the tea, to which Mr. Oldham replied, saying he was pleased to entertain the members there that day, and hoped they would pay him another visit in the near future.

A walk round the garden was much appreciated, as the beds and borders were looking their best with flowers. A move was then made to the tower and the bells were kept going in various methods till a late hour, everyone saying what a pleasant and enjoyable time they had spent.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A very suacessful and well-represented meeting was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, September 18th, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Brigg, Willingham, Scunthorpe, Barnetby and Bigby, in addition to the local company. The bells of St. Andrew's, a ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in the standard methods, Tea was pronided at the Vicarage, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. R. Garvey (Vicar of Kirton Lindsey) presided. Apologies for absence were read from Mr. J. W. Seamer (Hon. Sec. Northern Branch, Grimsby), and Mr. H. Haigh (Worksop).

The District Secretary was pleased to inform those present that he had a few days previously received a letter from Bombardier Walter Ayre, R.F.A., who is serving somewhere on the western front, and has so far escaped without a scratch. This item of good news was received with applause. Five new members, Messrs. H. Hobbins, W. Kent, A. Aflison, W. Atkinson and G. Atkinson, all of Kirton Lindsey, were elected. A collection for the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund realised the sum of 5s. id. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Trappitt for making the necessary arrangements were unanimously passed and duly responded to, after which further ringing was indulged in until train time, when a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, September 19th, at the Church of St. Michael, after evening service. 720 Bob Minor. A. Lea, A. Lake, S. Thomas (conducter), S. Richards, T. Lapham, G. Tudball. Rung with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Pte. Mitchell The of the National Reserve, Bristol Division.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The first Session of the Ninth Council (25th Annual Meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday, 25th May, 1915, in the small hall of the Church House, Westminster, at 11 a.m., when there were present of Representative Members 65 out of 103, and of Hon-

orary Members 8 out of 14. making a total of 73 Members present.
Only one nomination, that of Sir Arthur Heywood. Bart, had been received for the office of President, and after he had been proposed by Rev, G. F. Coleridge and seconded by Rev C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Hon. Secretary, who temporarily occupied the chair, announced that he had been unanimously re-elected.

The President having taken the chair, and having thanked the members for his re-election, announced that only one namination, viz., that of Rev. C. D. P. Davies had been received for the office of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. J. Griffin proposed and Rev. Canon Baker seconded the re-election Davies, which was carried unanimously. The Hon. Secretary then thanked the Council for the confidence reposed in him, and expressed the pleasure that the work had always been to him.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Hon, Secretary, and were unanimously passed, on the proposition of the Rev. E W. Carpenter seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the annual Statement of Accounts, of which the following is a summary:—Balance in hand from last year, £42 158 2d.; affiliation fees, £12 178. 6d.; sale of publications, £1 158 10d.; interest on deposit account, £1 0s. 7d.; making a total of £58 gs. 1d. Against this there had been: Expenses of meeting, 1914, 10s.; expenses of committees, £1; advertisements, printing and postage, £2 17s. 10d.; leaving in hand (in addition to the sum of £50 on deposit account), a balance of £54 rs. 3d. These accounts having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were unanimously passed on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

The Hon. Librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, reported as to the sale of publications, showing how the sum of £1 15s. 10d., mentioned above, was reached.—His report was unanimously

adopted.

The following retiring honorary members, viz., Mr. John Carter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. W. Snowdon, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. G. Williams, were unanimously re-elected, on the proposal of Mr. G. Watson, so conded by Rev. Canon Baker.

The President drew attention to the presence of Mr. W. Banister on the platform, and expressed the pleasure felt by all the members in welcoming him as a visitor to the meeting, and in finding him still in apparent good health.—To this Mr. Banister, who announced him elf as being in his 92nd year, briefly responded, his remarks being received with hearty

It was announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from the following members, viz., Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. John Carter, Rev. E. V. Cox. Mr. W. H. Godden, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. A. T. King, Mr J. W. Parker, Mr. G. T, Potter, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. Mr. W. Snowdon and Rev. W. P. Wright.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Council's Roll of Service,

T. R. Dennis, Siganl Service R.E., 1st Army headquarters, France.

W. Haigh, wearing the badge for War service in Chatham Dockyard.

Lieut. J. H. B. Hesse, A.S.C., Mechanical Transport Section. * Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Chaplain to the Forces, stationed at Rouen.

Lieut, C. F. Johnston. Royal Fusiliers, P.S. Battalion. Rev. C. E. Matthews, Chaplain to the Forces, at the Front in Belgium.

R. Narborough, Cambridge Regiment.

* B. Prewett, 1754, B. Co., 5th Batt London Rifle Brigade The following new members were introduced to, and shook hands with the President:—Of the Ancient Society of College

Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Royal Cumberland Society, Mr. F. Smith; of the Chester Guild, Messrs, J. Ash mole and J. Morgan; of the Dudley and Districts Association, Mr. W. R. Small: of the Essex Association, Mr. G. Dent; of the Kent Association, Mr. W. Haigh; of the Ladies Association, Miss Edith Parker; of the Lancashire Association, Mr. S, Wood: of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. W. E, White: of the Central Northants Association, Mr. W. Perkins; of the Salisbury Guild, Mr. T. H. Beams and Mr. W. Hugbes D'Aeth; of the Staffordshire Association, Mr. H. Knight; of the Sussex Association, Mr. R. Stredwick: of the Towcester and Districts Association, Mr. J. Slarke; and of the Worcester and Districts Association, Messrs. A. E. Parsons and W. Short.

On the proposal of Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Standing Committee was re-elected as follows: the President, the Hon. Secretary, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev H. Law James, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and Mr. W. Snowdon, the name of the Hon Librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn)

bein added to the list.

The President then reported that the Committee had had before them the question of payment for advertisements of the Council's publications in the ringing papers, which they wished

to refer to the Council.

It was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. G. Wtiliams, and carried, that the terms for advertisements offered by the "Ringing World" be not accepted. It was proposed by Mr. G. P. Burton, seconded by by Mr. Prewett, that the exist-ing advertisement in "The Bell News" be dropped. The motion was lost.

It was proposed by Rev. H. J. Elsee, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and carried unanimously, that the Hon. Secretary cause to be printed a list of the Council's publications on a slip of paper, and that a copy be forwarded to the Hon Secretary of each affiliated Guild or Association with the request that, if possible, it may be printed in the annual Guild Report-On behalf of the Peal Collection Committee Mr. J. A. Trol-

lope reported that, as announced last year, the first part of the Collection of Treble Bob Major peals was ready for press. Rev. C. D. P. Davies having intimated that he wished to resign his position on the Committee, proposed the re-election of the Committee, and that his vacant seat be filled by the election of Mr. E. H. Lewis. This was secondefl by Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and carried unanimously

The Report of the Literature Committee having been de-

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Mr. E. H. Lewis reported, on behalf of the Committee on
Legitimate Methods, who had been authorized to print Vol.
II. of the Collection of Major Methods, and explained that a further careful scrutiny of the methods, together with other causes had led to the postponement of its publication. The Report was adopted, and on the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Committee was reelected.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved the adoption of the Report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which was seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. C. Dean, and seconded by Mr. W. E. White, that the Committee be re-elected with the hearty thanks of the Council for their work. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and seconded by Mr.

J. W. Taylor, that the reports of peals, in order to obtain recognition by the Committee, must be published in either or both of the ringing papers within a period of eight weeks after performance. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported for the Literature Committee that owing to his continued ill-health but little progress had been

made. The re-election of the Committee was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. Canon Baker, and carried.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Hon. Secretary and the President reported as to the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee. On the motion of Rev. Canon Papillon, seconded by Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Committee was re elected.

The resolution on the Agenda to the effect that "the Central Council approve and issue a National Badge for Ringers" failed

to find a proposer, and therefore fell through
It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by

^{*} Present at the meeting.

Rev E. W. Carpenter, that it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the Legitimacy of Methods as stated on p. 18 of "Rules and Decisions." 1904. The President pointed out that it had always been the custom of the Council to refer such matters to an expert Committee, and on his suggestion the motion was passed by a large majority, it being understood that the considerations advanced by the Hon. Secretary were referred to the Committee on Legitimate Methods.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then moved, and Mr. Hughes D'Aeth seconded, that "This Council recognizes with emphatic approval the good judgement and consideration shewn by ringers throughout the United Kingdom in their spontaneous abstinence from peal ringing since the outbreak of war; but at the same time the Council regards it as the privilege and sacred duty of ringers, wherever circumstances permit, to continue, alike in time of war and of peace, to honour with the music of the bells the Lord's Day and other Feasts of the Church, as also on Royal and National Anniversaries, to give expression to the thankfulness of the British people to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed to this Empire, and for the preservation of His Most Gracious Majesty to preside over its momentous destinies." The motion was carried unanimously.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the consideration of an tem on the agenda calling attention to the increasing abandon-ment of raising and falling bells in peal was postponed.

For the place of meeting next year Mr. J. Griffin proposed, and Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that Plymouth be chosen. To this the Rev. F. Ll, Edwards proposed, and Mr. J. D. Matthews seconded, Bath as an amendment. The amendment having been lost, the original motion was carried by a large majority.

On the motion of Mr. H. White, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, a vote of condolence was passed with the families of the late Messrs. R. Cartwright and S. Reeves, members of

on the motion of Rev. G. F. Coleridge, a hearty vote of thanks to the President was carried by acclamation. The meeting then adjourned.

Note.—It is particularly requested that should any omission or inaccuracy he found in the foregoing minutes, the fact may be made known to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

Charles D. P. Davies,

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Glos.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Northern Branch.

The quarterly meeting in connection with the above was held on Saturday last at Alvechurch. The weather was everything to be desired. The country round the church was one maze of corn and fruit, and no better place could have been selected for the gathering. The bells during the afternooa and evening were kept going in various methods, and the service, which was conducted by Bishop Mylne, was very well attended.

The Bishop gave a hearty welcome to the Association, and trusted that it would not be the last time they would visit that grand old place. He gave an address, which was listened to with rapt attention, and was very much appreciated, while the genial President of the Association came out in a new role by supplying the music which made the singing brighter. Tea was provided in the Schools, to which about 50 sat down. The business meeting followed, Bishop Mylne presiding. Oldswinford was selected for the next quarterly meeting, on January 16, Bishop Mylne was also elected a hon. member. In moving the re-election of Mr. S. Grove as Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pigott, representative on Central Committee, and Mr. J. E. Dowler, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Theodore Pritchett paid a warm compliment to the officers named for their work in connection with the Association, Mr. R. Small and Mr. A. E. Parsons supporting.

Mr. E. J. Dowler having responded, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bishop Mylne for arranging the

service and giving the address.

Bishop Mylne, in reply, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to have the Association there, and trusted when it again came to their turn he would be there to welcome them.

A walk through the Rectory Grounds was very much appreciated, and this brought a very successful and pleasant meeting to a close.

Correspondence.

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

PROOFS OF METHODS.

To the Editor

SIR,—Mr. Baker's theory says that in Union Triples with 1-2 fixed there are three false rows to every lead, and the extent cannot be had. But there are no false rows with 1-2 fixed—not one—and the extent can easily be had.—Yours etc.,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

Re the exact 5000 by Mr. Hattersley in our fast issue of September 18th. The calling of the fourth course should read 2w, as the figures of the course-end indicates, and not 2w, 2H, as printed.

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WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Edmund Hobbs 3

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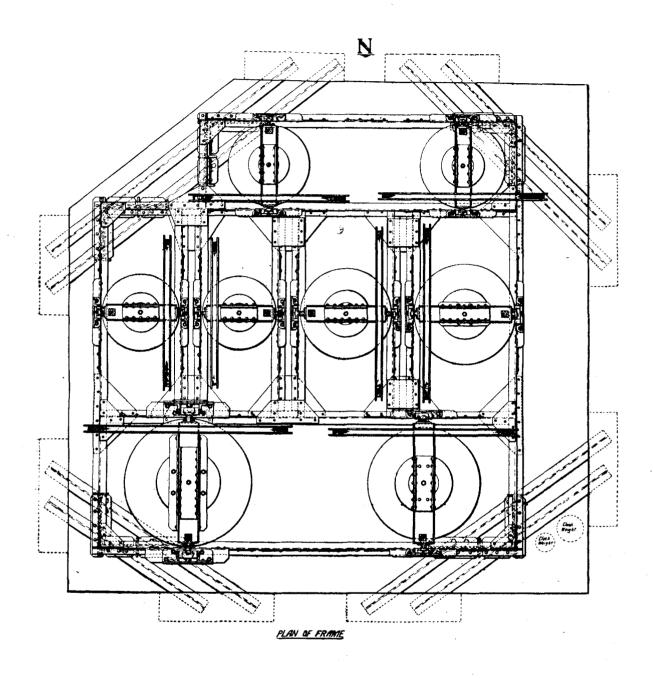
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25. 1015.

DEATH OF MR. W. SNOWDON.

Just as we were going to press we received the tidings, which all our readers will learn with much regret, of the death of Mr. William Snowdon, for 25 years President of the Yorkshire Association, which sad event occurred on Friday, September 17th, at Cartmel, in Lancashire. had gone to live at Cartmel, from Leeds, two years ago, as his daughter had a post there. But for some months he had been gradually failing, and died, as stated above, at the age of 69. The funeral took place on Tuesday, the service being conducted by the Rev. G. S. Smith, Vicar of Cartmel, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall., Vicar of Far Headingley, Leeds, who was present as representing the Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers. The service was very simple, with just two hymns, but was very impressive, held as it was in the very fine old Priory Church, dating back in parts to the 12th century. There are only four bells at the church, but the ringers turned out to ring them muffled for the funeral, and as they are good bells they sounded very beautiful. ground is half a mile from the Church, and as we laid. him to rest the sound of the bells came slowly down the valley, on a lovely still autumn day; and it was just the kind of farewell one would have wished for him.

Cartmel is in an out-of-the-way part of the country, difficult to reach, and, as there are no ringers near, beyond the Rev. C. C. Marshall no other ringer was present.



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WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD? By J. Armiger Trollope. Plain Changes.

In these articles, as in the Method Report, the Principle is taken as the foundation of all methods, and therefore of all change-ringing. Given the Principle as the basis, then all methods and all peal compositions follow as the logical development. But, historically, change-ringing did not develope from the Principle. It appeared first, in the form of plain changes, and it developed quite naturally and quite inevitably from them. Hence, as Mr. Drake has suggested, it may be thought that there is some antagonism between my explanation of change-ringing and the actual fact. That is not the case. Plain changes contain the germ of all method construction, and there are very few of its essential rules that cannot be understood by a careful study of this simple and crude form of ringing.

The chief thing in which plain changes differ from fully developed ringing is that while in the latter the one essential thing is the continual movement of all the bells, in the former this movement is almost confined to one (or it may be more than one) bell, called the hunt. Let Fabian

Stedman tell us what Plain changes are.*

On three bells there are six several changes to be made, in ringing of which there is one bell to be observed, which is called the hunt, and the other two are extream bells (but they cannot properly be so called, because every bell hunts in the six changes; yet, because 'tis commonly rang by observing a hunt and two extream bells, I will theretore proceed in that course). The name of hunt is properly given to it because of its continual motion up and down amongst the other bells, which motion is called hunting, and the other two are called extream bells, because when the hunt is either before or behind them, that is at the extream, there is a change then to be made between them called an extream change. There are two several ways to ring the six changes.

One whereof is to make the treble the hunt and the other way is to make the tenor the hunt. I will give an example in hunting the treble, the bells are supposed to stand thus

Now the treble must be hunted up over the second and third which is to be done by making a change between the treble and each of these two bells in order; therefore first I remove the treble up over the second into second's place by making a change between the treble and second, thus

The treble being removed up over the second it must next be removed up over the third as in this

The treble being hunted up behind the extream bells an extream change is next to be made between

The extream change being made the treble must be hunted down again before the bells thus ... 312

The treble now being hunted down, the next is to be an extream change, which is the last change of the six 123

You will observe that in this, the simplest thing, and according to Stedman the oldest thing, that exists in change-ringing, you have, in the path of the treble, the three essential things without which change-ringing does not exist. First you have continual movement, next your continuous move (the treble changes places only with her next neighbour) and then you have cyclical movement (the

treble at the first returns to the place whence it started). You will also notice that as Stedman describes the six that this movement is confined to the treble; the extream bells move, it is true, but they only move to allow the hunt to pass or to make the extream change which is necessary to prevent falseness. The actual result is, as Stedman points out, that all three bells work alike, but the essential work of the bells is different. And here Stedman puts his finger on a very important and little understood truth. The method does not consist in what particular rows you ring, but in the way (the "method") in which you ring them and the same set of rows can be the plain courses of two distinct methods. He says in so many words—If you want to ring these six changes you can make all the bells hunt up and down, but I am now going to describe plain changes, and in plain changes only one bell is a hunt. on three bells I hunt one bell that will have the effect of making the other two hunt as well, but that is only an accident, and you will see the difference when we come to four bells.

On four belis there are 24 several changes, in ringing of which there is one beli called the hunt, and the other three are extreme belis. The hunt moves up and down continually, and lies but once in one place, except only when it comes before or behind the belis, at which time it lies there twice together. It has the same course here as in the six changes before set down.

12 3 4	12 3 4567
2134	2134567
2314	2314567
2341	2341567
	2345167
3241	2345617
3214	2345671
3124	
1324	3254761
	3254716
1342	3254176
	3 251476
	3215476
	3 125476
	1325476
	1234567

In the above example on four bells and more still in the example on seven bells the essential nature of plain changes can easily be seen. It consists of the movement of an active bell among passive bells, and this is really the thing which at the basis of all methods and peal compositions in change-ringing. Only the activity and passiveness are relative.

When you are ringing a bell there are only two things you can do. You can stop where you are, or you can move into another position. When all the bells stop where they are you get set changes; when all the bells move you get the Principle. In Plain Changes the Set Change is the basis of ringing altered by the moving hunt and the occasional extreme. In fully developed change-ringing the Principle is the basis altered by the hunt moving in coursing order, and the occasional additional shunt. That is to say that broadly speaking the construction of methods is exactly the same thing as the construction of plain changes, only that in the former the Principle takes the place of the "Set" row in the latter. The passiveness of the extreme bells in Plain Changes consists in those bells bells remaining in the same position, except when they must move to allow the hunt to pass. The passiveness of

^{*} See Tintinnalogia: or the Art of Ringing, published in 1668.

the working bells in methods consists in their remaining in the same coursing order except when each must move in turn to allow the Hunt temporarily ro occupy its place.

Compare the Plain Changes on eight bells with the successive coursing orders of the leads of Bob Major.

12345678	13578642
21345678	31578642
23145678	35178642
23415678	35718642
23451678	35781642
23456178	35786142
23456718	35786412
23456781	35786421

Thus we may date the birth of modern Change-ringing at the moment when the Principle (which means merely the simultaneous movement of all the bells) took the place of the "Set" rows of Plain Change ringing, that is when what Stedman calls cross peals were introduced. I have a strong suspicion that Grandsire was actually written out by taking Plain Changes and for each row substituting a hunting course. We have direct and explicit evidence that Grandsire Bob on six bells (the "old" 720 of Bob Minor) was so produced. Its author, R.R., tells us that

> There lately blew A wind, which to my noddle flew Which to my Brain the Vaponrs drew, And there began to work and brew, Till in my Pericranium grew Conundrums, how some Peal that's new Might be composed.

and then

I strait withdrew Myself, to ponder—whence did accrue
This Grandsire Bob.

Which tells us that these old methods were not always as Mr. Davies will have it the result of haphazard and blind hit or miss experiment. An idea occurred to R.R., and he sat down quietly and worked it out as any other scientist would do. How he actually got the method (or rather the 720) Fabian Stedman tells us. He took a 120 of Grandsire Doubles Reverse, and in place of each of the rows he put the Plain Principle on six bells. Stedman gives the 120, which starts:-

This is the absolute foundation from whence the excellent peal of Grandsire Bob (on 6 bells) had its beginning and method, and by practising to prick down the peal, and by observing the true course any method of the bobs and single changes therein, you may with the greater ease understand the true course of the bobs and single changes in Grandsire Bob on six bells; for the half hunt, quarter hunt and three extream bells in Grandsire Bob on six bells do make these six-score changes; every time the whole hunt leads in Grandsire Bob. there are two changes made in this peal of Grandsire on five bells. And so, consequently, the single changes in Grandsire Bob are made by the same rule and method as they are in this peal.

The construction that consists of hunts and extreams is the construction that mainly forms all our methods and peal compositions, and it is abundantly clear that Stedman fully understood that construction scientifically. That he actually defined and used the Principle as I have done

in these articles is not likely, but it is quite certain that he and the other ancient authorities did apply to Cross Peels the laws that they found had produced plain changes. It is equally certain too that their knowledge of these things having served its purpose died out of the Exercise. took their results, not caring how they got them, and used them as stepping stones to further discoveries. But we. who during these twenty years past have beed trying to find out how and why change-ringing is what it is, should recognise that the ancients knew a great deal more than they are usually given credit for. Their knowledge was limited, but what they knew they knew thoroughly and scientifically.

Two things then can be understood by a careful study of plain changes. First, the use of the hunt in construction, not merely the plain or Treble Bob hunting treble, but the "obscure" hunts that I described when explaining Superlative, or the hunts in the slow work shunt, and such like. And secondly, the meaning of Bob Major lead-ends. As you get your plain changes by the active hunt passing through passive extream bells, so you get your method by the hunt passing through working bells that are passive in coursing order. And because they keep the same coursing order you get Bob Without some form or other of this Major lead-ends. hunt and extreme construction you cannot produce any more rows than the hunting course will give you, and therefore the Bob Major lead-ends are set apart by the law of God and of nature as the only natural lead-ends of any and every method.

DEDICATION AT GODSTONE, SURREY.

New Bells and Clock.

The Church of St, Nicholas, Godstone, is now in possession of a very fine peal of eight bells and also a Westminster quarter chiming clock with two dials. The six old bells were sent to the foundry of the well-known firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, where they have been broken up, recast, and a new tenor and treble added, making a complete ring of eight. All the bells have been tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and are exceptionally sweet and pure in tone and a great contrast to bells tuned on any other system. They have been fitted with a set of new fittings, including cast-iron headstocks, oak wheels, wrought iron clappers, etc., and have been hung in a new frame composed of massive steel foundation girders firmly secured to the walls of the tower, upon which are fixed heavy cast-iron standards of the low-side pattern to support the bearings. The whole frame is braced firmly together, and is so constructed as to obviate any undue thrust being put on the tower. The following gives a list of the notes, inscriptions and weights of the new bells:-

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1915." 4 cwt. o qr. 21 lb.
2nd, F.—"To the honour of God. The gift of Thomas Rose,
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Croydon, 1915." 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lb.
3rd, E.—"This bell put up by Subscription in ye year
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1777. Wm. Mears, London Fecit. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1915" 5 cwt. 2 qrs, 5 lb.
4th, D.—"To honour both of God and King, Our Voices shall

in Consort ring," Wm. Mears & Co., London, Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1915. 4 cwt. o qr. 5 lb. 5th, C.—"At proper times our Voices we will raise. In sounding to our Benefactors' praise. Wm, Mears & Co., London, Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1915." 6 cwt 6th, B -" Whilst thus we join in Cheerfull sound May love

and loyalty abound. Wm Mears & Co., London, Fecit 177 Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1915." 7 cwt. o qr. 18 ib. 7th, A.—' Messrs Geo. Werry & Henry Rose, Ch. Wardens. Mears & Co., London, Fecit 1777. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1915." 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lb.

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ter chimes upon four of the smaller bells.

The Bishop of Southwark visited the Church on Thursday last week, and consecrated the new part of the churchyard, and also dedicated the new clock and bells. The clock is the result of a bequest left by the late Mr. J. D. Charlton, a resident of the parish, who died on Sept. 20th, 1913. By his will he gave to the Vicar and church-wardens oi the Parish Church of Godstone the sum of £120 for the purpose of providing a clock, and by a codicil he directed that the clock should be a chimmg one. To witness the ceremony there was a large congregation, and the clergy present, in addition to the Bishop, were the Rector of Godstone (the Rev. G. E. G. Hoare), the Rev. R. F. S. Abbott, the Rector of Bletchingley (the Rev. A. H. de Fontaine), the Rector of Horne (the Rev. F. E. Hooper), the Rector of Burstow (the Rev. E. J. Teesdale) and the Rector of Outwood (the Rev. J. Sparshatt).

The service opened with the singing of the hymns, "Pleasant are Thy courts above," "Blessed City, Heavenly Salem," and "The Church's one foundation," after which the churchwardens presented the petition to the Bishop, who stood at the chancel steps to receive the document. The Bishop, clergy, choir and congregation then proceeded to the churchyard, and the Psalm, "Preserve me, O God," was chanted. The new part of the churchyard was then consecrated by the Bishop, and afterwards the Bishop, standing opposite the south face of the church clock, said the prayers of dedication of the clock He then proceeded to the belfry, and after prayers with the ringers the bells were rung in rounds, the choir and congregation in the churchyard singing the hymn, "We love the place, O God." Everyone then returned to the church, and after an address by the Bishop the hymn, "On the Resurrection Morn," was sung. The impressive service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop, and the singing of "God save the King."

After the service the opening touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: H. F. Ewins, 1; W. Beeson. jun., 2; L. F. Goodwin, 3; G. F. Hoad, 4; W. Beeson. jun., 2; L. F. Goodwin, 3; G. F. Hoad, 4; W. Cheeseman, 5; O. Sippetts, 6; T, Boniface, 7; J. Balcombe, 8. The ringers then proceeded to the Rectory, where an excellent meat tea was provided by the Rector. After tea further ringing was indulged in, the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich.

The "go" and tone of the bells is excellent.

Washingborough (Lincoln).—On Saturday, September 18th, at the Church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes, by a band of Lincoln Cathedral ringers, who were visiting the church. George Flintham, J. Wells, J. Freeman, Geo. Doughty, C. Wells (conductor), I. Vickers, Wm. Clark, Walter Clark.

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Tea provided for those who give me notice by the Wednesday previous, Election of branch officers at this meeting.

R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

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W. H. Shuker, Hon. Secs. J. H. Banks,

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H. Knights, Hon. Sec.

15. Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available at 3. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in the Memorial Room at the Vicarage after service Will those intending to take tea let me know not later than Wednesday September 29th.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Dist. Sec.

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Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday Oct. 9th Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, Tea (kiudly provided by the Vicar) at 5.30 The General Secretary of the Association (Rev. F. J O. Helmore) has promised to attend the meeting. Visitors from other Districts will be welcomed. Will those intending to attend send word by Oct. those intending to attend send word by Oct. 4th, to

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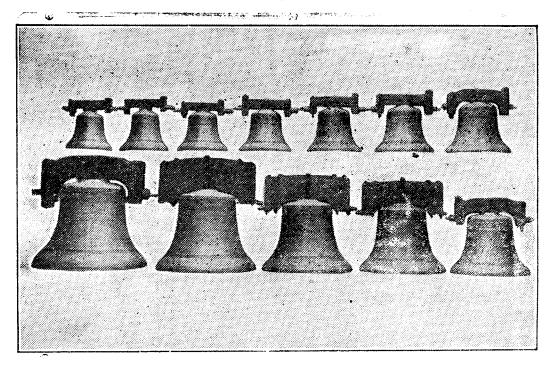
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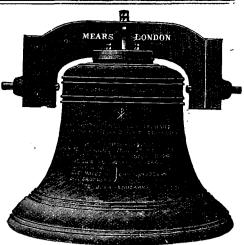
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