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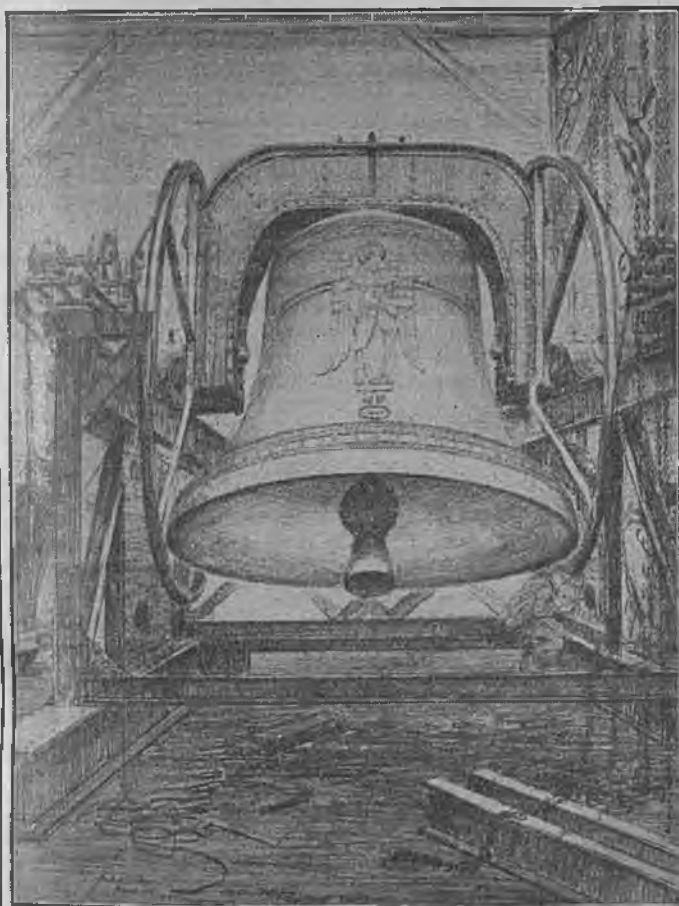
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Two more associations this year celebrate their jubilee, the Surrey and the Kent county organisations. Last Saturday the former held its fiftieth annual meeting, and the Kent Association will do likewise on Easter Monday. The Surrey Association, like most of the territorial societies which began round about the same time, has grown from small beginnings, and its path has not been an altogether easy one. On the one hand its area included part of South London, where, at its birth, the towers were already nominally under the influence of the old London ringers; on the other side, the Winchester Diocesan Guild had already been established, and the diocesan area covered a considerable portion of the southern half of the county. There was thus but a strip of territory left, yet, in the interests of belfry reform, it needed an organisation to cover it.

The Surrey Association has striven to unite the towers in this area, but it has often been no easy task to hold the ground and to unite the members, who were scattered over a district which, in the days before the war, had little means of direct communication between east and west. This was a very real handicap, for one end of the county could not be kept in effective touch with the other. The effect of modern transport systems has somewhat overcome this difficulty, and the association has been able, in recent years, to show much greater signs of active life.

The diocesan question, however, still puts something of a stranglehold upon the society. Most of the area in which it works is now in the diocese of Southwark, but Croydon, one of the association's chief centres, remains an isolated part in the diocese of Canterbury. Moreover, the London County Association now includes 'North Southwark Diocese' in its title, so that the opportunity which the Surrey Association has of taking on diocesan status, if it desired to do so, is full of complications, especially as any comprehensive Southwark Diocesan Guild would overlap the area of the Kent County Association. Obviously no rearrangement on the diocesan basis could take place without substantial concessions between the associations concerned, and of this there seems no present likelihood. In the meantime, the Surrey Association is taking on a new lease of life, with young blood as the driving force, and it reaches its jubilee at a time when its activities are as great as at any period of its career. The Exercise will join in congratulating the association upon completing fifty years of work in the cause of belfry reform and change ringing, and in expressing the hope that its future may be even more successful and prosperous than the past has been.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 10
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 6	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was rung on the conductor's 68th birthday.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8
ARTHUR CHAMBERS ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 9
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... 10
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5	ALFRED PADDON SMITH ... 11
JOHN NEAL ... 6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

Rung as birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Paddon Smith.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDONDERRY.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	THOMAS GRANT ... 6
ROBERT S. F. MURPHY ... 2	ARTHUR L. MURRAY ... 7
WILLIAM H. WILSON ... 3	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON ... 8
THOMAS MCMORRAN ... 4	GEORGE F. WILMOT ... 9
WILLIAM E. LYNCH ... 5	JAMES W. TOWNLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This is the first peal upon this grand ring, which were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and opened by the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, in July last.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

* ARTHUR DEDICAT Treble	C. W. COOPER 6
HERBERT SHEPPARD 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
WILLIAM GREEN 3	JOHN PRICE 8
† HARRY HILL 4	HARRY GOODMAN 9
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. B. Gough and W. Green and Miss Mildred Sheppard, youngest daughter of Mr. Herbert Sheppard (secretary of the above Guild).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
KEITH HART 2	ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 7
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 8
* D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
JACK M. CRIPPS 5	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S ODD-AND-EVEN BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	RICHARD C. BELTON 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hutchby. This composition is now rung for the first time for the M.C.A.

WOMBOURN, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

G. ARTHUR BAKER Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 5
HARRY BOSWELL 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

First peal on eight as conductor. Rung on the eve of the coming of age of Mr. Arthur Pritchard, of Wellington, a much respected member of the above society.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 18, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
ALFRED PYE 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
EDWARD D. SMITH 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS

This composition is now rung for the first time.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.
SIDNEY COLLINS Treble	ROBERT J. FRANKUM 5
A. JOHN FRANKUM 2	ERNEST W. SMITH 6
SAMUEL QUINTIN 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM FORD 4	FREDERICK BUCKLAND Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Rev. Frederick Newham, M.A.), who was inducted on the 14th.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-OF-CHARITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN 5
JOHN W. UNWIN 2	CHARLES FRANKLIN 6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Rung as a birthday compliment to Agnes M. Bailey, daughter of the conductor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 6
GEORGE KING 3	THOMAS HOAD 7
* JOHN A. W. DOWNING 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by J. HEASMAN (Edenbridge). Conducted by T. E. SONE

* First peal in the method. Mr. G. King was proposed a non-resident life member of the above association previous to starting. Birthday peal for Mrs. A. Rolfe and Mrs. W. H. Hoad.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
JOHN PERRY 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Ben Gough, on the occasion of his 60th birthday, also as a thanksgiving on his recovery from a recent serious illness. The band wish to extend their good wishes to Mr. Gough and to his esteemed wife, whose devoted attention and nursing had much to do with his recovery.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	GEORGE WIFFEN 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. J. R. KING Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JOSEPH BAILEY 6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	CHARLES SMITH 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	JOSEPH W. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

This peal was specially arranged for the Vicar, Rev. J. R. King. The ringers belong to eight different towers.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON ... Treble	WILLIE PROCTER 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 6
JOHN WINDLE 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
ROWLAND MYERS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

LOWER BLEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt

ALFRED H. POLLING ... Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD 5
WILLIAM WATTS 2	*JOHN COOK 6
*PETER CHARMAN 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	WALTER CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. P. Charnan's 50th peal.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	*JAMES ARMSTRONG 5
JAMES MARSH 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (281). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

* First peal of Oxford. First peal in the method on the bells.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
*WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* 150th peal and first of London for over 25 years. First peal in the method, on the bells, and in the city of Coventry.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK WILSON Treble	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JIM TBBAY 6
*HUBERT RICHARDSON ... 3	THOMAS METCALF 7
GERALD A. SUTTON 4	†WILFRED WALKER Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. The ringer of the tenor hails from Bowness, and was elected a member previous to starting. First peal of Triples on these bells since August 4th, 1913.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, March 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
JOHN NEAL 9-10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

Referee: FRANK E. HAYNES.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 20, 1930, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major 'in hand.' First peal of Oxford Major on handbells in the county and by the Guild.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 64, CHURCH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10	

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

WEDDING BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 1st, to celebrate the marriage of the daughter of Mr. A. Gill, which took place at St. John's Church, Upper Thong, the same day, a date touch of 1,930 changes of Minor, consisting of 34 Original, 88 Woodbine, 360 Duke of York and 720 each of Duke of Leeds and Snowdrop, was rung: W. Bramham 1, W. Green 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, W. Ashworth 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BISHOP OF WILLESDEN VISITS DISTRICT MEETING.

Success attended a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday last, when nearly 40 ringers took advantage of a sunny afternoon to pay a visit to this pretty church, with its equally pretty peal of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.). The Rector (Rev. S. F. L. Bernays) cordially welcomed the members at the service, and gave them a very useful message.

During tea, the Rector, accompanied by the Bishop of Willesden, paid a visit, and accepted an invitation to join in the meal. The Bishop showed great interest in the work of the association, and readily remembered ringers at churches where he had at some time officiated, amongst them being Romford and St. John's at Hackney.

Immediately tea was over, the Rector expressed his pleasure at meeting the association, and the Bishop then addressed the members. His description of the varied ways of calling people to worship in different parts of the world was very interesting.

Before the departure of the guests, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) conveyed the thanks of the members to the Bishop and Rector for their kind interest in the association, and informed the members that the Bishop had kindly consented to become an hon. vice-president.

At the business meeting, the death of the president and hon. treasurer (Mr. F. A. Milne) was referred to, and the hon. secretary stated that he had received many letters expressing sympathy, including one from the Bishop of London. To show their respect, the members present stood in silence for a few moments.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the district was in the position of having nearly a year to go before the next annual meeting, when they could elect a new treasurer, and he suggested that this office should be filled temporarily. He had much pleasure in proposing that their old friend, Mr. W. H. Oram, be elected hon. treasurer (pro tem.).—This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Martin and carried unanimously.—Mr. Oram expressed his delight at being able to do something useful, and promised to do his best for the welfare of the society. It was also agreed that Mr. Oram should be the third trustee of the invested stock.

Five new ringing members were elected, as well as the Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields (the Rev. A. H. Lloyd) as an hon. member.

It was announced that the annual general meeting of the association would be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 26th, when the preacher would be the Rev. W. P. C. Sheane, Vicar of Twickenham and Rural Dean of Hampton.

It was decided that the next district meeting should be held at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on May 17th, jointly with the Ladies' Guild.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Pickworth) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers and their friends for the excellent tea provided. This was seconded by the hon. secretary, and carried unanimously.—Mr. Fred Barker replied, and expressed his pleasure that the meeting had been so much enjoyed.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) kept everybody busy in the tower, and saw to it that all present had an opportunity to ring. Rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise were amongst the methods rung.

CHESTER GUILD AT LAWTON.

The Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their monthly meeting at Lawton on Saturday week, when 33 members were present representing Crewe, Alsager, Lawton, Wistaston, Northwich, Macclesfield, Nantwich and Market Drayton. Ringing commenced at about 3.30 and continued until 7.30 p.m., with an interval for tea.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Cambridge and Treble Bob Major were rung.

An excellent tea was served in the Institute, after which the Lawton handbell ringers entertained the visitors with handbell selections. These accomplished ringers consisted of Messrs. Rigby, Arrowsmith, Booth, Harper, Longman and Biddulph. Character sketches by Mr. Sproston were much enjoyed.

At the conclusion, a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, to Mr. E. Hollinshead for providing such a splendid tea, to the ladies who assisted in this connection (tea), and to the handbell ringers, was proposed by Mr. Wm. Holding, of Crewe. This was seconded by Mr. Longford and carried with acclamation. A very happy meeting was thus brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Thanks to Mr. A. H. Keighley for his letter of explanation. I am glad to know the suggestion came from the Bishop of Kingston. Nevertheless, it is but a phrase, not a correct title, more especially as it is not intended to include the whole of the diocese, and is therefore not diocesan.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 15th, and in spite of the wretched weather conditions (it snowed all day) a good attendance was recorded, upwards of 40 members being present from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, Ramoore, Handsworth, Holsterstone, Wath, Doncaster, Arksey, Ecclesfield, Wortley and Rawmarsh. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were kept very busy until five o'clock, when a short service was conducted by the Vicar. This was followed by tea in the Church Institute.

Owing to a previous engagement, the Vicar was unable to preside at the business meeting, and before leaving he was heartily thanked for his permission for the use of the bells and the Institute, also for his address at the service.

The vice-president (Mr. G. Lewis) occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master). The following were elected members of the association: Messrs. J. Moorhouse, A. Scott, W. Hammond, G. Heald and F. Cockell (all of Wakefield Cathedral), J. Greaves (Ecclesfield), H. Bradley (Doncaster), G. H. Hirst (Sheffield Cathedral), and Miss Doris Turner (Handsworth).

For the annual joint meeting, Crofton, near Wakefield, and Conisborough were nominated, and on a vote being taken Conisborough was chosen, the date fixed being June 21st.

Mr. G. Lewis was re-elected vice-president for three years, and the retiring committee, Messrs. G. Clark (Arksey), W. Wooler (Wortley) and F. C. Wilson (Rawmarsh), were re-elected. To fill a vacancy caused by removal, Mr. A. Gill (Wath) was elected for two years.

Opportunity was taken to congratulate Mr. G. Holmes and Mr. G. Dixon, both of St. Marie's company, on attaining 50 years' membership of the Yorkshire Association. Reference was also made to the loss All Saints' company had sustained by the passing away of three of their members, Messrs. W. T. and T. Chown and E. Willey (late vice-president of the Southern Division), and all present stood for a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect to them.

Mr. R. Harrison proposed that the best thanks of the members be given to the vice-president, committee and secretary for their services during the past year, and urged all members to give them their support by attendance at the meetings. This having been carried, was replied to by the secretary.

Votes of thanks to the local company and to the ladies for the excellent tea provided were passed and acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Smithson, hon. secretary of the local company.

This brought to a close another very enjoyable annual meeting.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, deserve hearty congratulations for the very excellent peal they have put in at this church, and which all agree are second to none in the Southern Division.

TREBLE BOB MINOR COMPOSITIONS

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not propose at this time to take part in the renewed discussion on composite 720's and 120's. Indeed, in my opinion, it is a disservice to the Exercise to do so. At Chelmsford, a reasonable compromise was arrived at under which these compositions were to be published without committing ringers to a decision either in favour of or against their validity for peal ringing. Surely, it is far better that we should wait till they are in the hands of ringers throughout the country so that they can be tried out. The history of the past gives confidence that a sound commonsense conclusion will thus be reached.

As regards the totally different question as to the number of different extents that exist (that is, of course, the number of independent compositions of Treble Bob Minor), 'Minormania' is quite right. Mr. Law James has been caught napping in a small point. All 720's with 9 (or 12, or 15, or 18, or 21) bobs are simple variations or reverses of one another, while those with 21 bobs are what may be called inverses of those with 9, and, similarly, those with 12 and 18.

I think it will be found on examination that every 720 of a method with second's place and lead-head 56342 or 42635, containing 9 (or 12) bobs, can have every bob plain and every plain bobbed, and will thus produce a true 720 with 21 (or 18) bobs. Similarly, for sixth's-place methods, with lead-head 35264 and 64523. The other four groups of methods will not run to 720 changes with either 18 or 21 bobs.

Thus, strictly speaking, there are only three different extents of Treble Bob Minor. It is, of course, unnecessary (or, at least, it should be) to add that a 720 of (say) Kent Treble Bob with 9 bobs is the same composition as one of London Surprise with the same number.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Olyst St. George.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On March 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 1, E. Branchflower 2, F. Branchflower 3, A. Tout 4, W. Knight 5, B. T. Jeanes 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of 2, 3, and 5, the ringers of 2 and 3 being father and son. The latter is not yet 14 years of age, and is to be congratulated on the steady way in which he rang his bell and the method.

A ST. PATRICK'S DAY OUTING.

A 350 MILES' JOURNEY FOR A PEAL.

Sunday, March 16th, saw seventeen members of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, muster at Amiens Street Station, en route for Londonderry by the 7.15 p.m. train. Portsdown was reached at about 10.15, and a halt was called for the night, the Queen Hotel accommodating all the members. At nine o'clock next morning (St. Patrick's Day) they again entrained for the last portion of their journey to Londonderry, which was reached at 11.5 a.m. Here they were met by the Very Rev. Dean King, Mr. J. C. Orr, Mr. Kennedy and other members of St. Columb's Cathedral Society.

The seven members who were not standing in the peal were kindly taken in motors by the Dean and other gentlemen to Portrush, some forty miles distant, and entertained to luncheon. The remaining ten wended their way to the Cathedral, where the principal event of the outing was soon under weigh.

After three hours and fourteen minutes, the bells rolled home, no word having been spoken beyond the necessary calls.

With only an hour remaining before entraining for the one hundred and seventy-five mile homeward journey, it was only possible for the band to obtain light refreshments before getting to the station. Dinner was served on the train.

In bidding 'Good-bye' to all their Derry friends, the president of the visiting society (Mr. R. S. F. Murphy) asked the Dean to accept, for the belfry, a framed photo of the members of St. Patrick's Society who visited Derry and rang for the opening of the bells. He also thanked them all for their kind co-operation in making their present visit such a success.

The Dean, in accepting the photo, congratulated the ringers on their peal, and wished them a safe return.

The Dublin ringers desire, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to tender their thanks for all the kindness they experienced on their visit.

THE SPLICING OF PLAIN METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I fear that the third item in your Sunday service touches column of March 21st is slightly misleading. If I had known this extent would be rung, I should have explained to Mr. Relfe before he sent you his report.

The methods, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, have the relationship described on page 14 of 'Method Splicing' in the seventh paragraph below the heading 'Plain Methods.' They can therefore be spliced in blocks of 30 leads, the methods being changed at the Singles, and have probably been rung thus.

The novelty of the Lambethurst 720 lies in the manner in which the methods have been spliced, in 3-lead blocks, irrespective of the Singles. The figures of a typical 720 are given:—

23456 Double Oxford.
42635 St. Clement's.
64523 St. Clement's.
56342 Double Oxford.
— 23564 Double Oxford.
— 45236 Double Oxford.
24653 St. Clement's.
62345 St. Clement's.
36524 Double Oxford.
— 45362 Double Oxford.

34256

Five times repeated, S. halfway and end.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. DRIVER.

THE BELLRINGERS' FAREWELL.

The following lines were inspired by seeing four ringers ring a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave of the late Mr. F. A. Milne, president of the Middlesex County Association:—

The last word is said; the earth receives her dust.
There is an end of him we knew.
We wait by the open ground, under a careless sky,
And know that we and he are lost and separate.
Sad dust, there is no help for you, no gentle end
That we can make. Impotent, we depart,
With no farewell.

Four-square the ringers stand,
Look down, then lift their bells in salutation
To peal sweet tunes about your earthy bed,
That fall on you and mount to us, and are carried
High in the wind, then drop to you again,
To silence. The ringers stand,
Look down. 'Friend, was it well done?'
They go, with muted bells and lowered faces.
And we go too,
Our tread an echo of your requiem.

MARGARET BURNE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

A successful meeting of the Farnham District was held at Frensham on Saturday, when about 40 members and friends attended from Aldershot, Ash, Farnham, Frensham, Hawley, Seale, Ottershaw and Woking. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and, later, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Frensham (Rev. M. C. H. Collet, R.D.), Mr. T. A. Stroud, a member of the local band of ringers presiding at the organ. Tea and business meeting in the Village Hall followed, and, in the absence of the Vicar, Admiral T. P. Walker took the chair. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Case and Ackerman (ringing members), Mr. W. Bolton, of the Llandaff Association (compounding member), and Mrs. C. Edwards and the Rev. M. C. H. Collet (honorary members). Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the ladies in charge of the tea arrangements, and to Admiral Walker for presiding.

The tower was revisited at the close of the business meeting, and the bells kept going until 8.30 p.m. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 15th, and was well attended despite the very heavy rain. This nice ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Wm. Downes), with Mr. George Cox at the organ and a full choir.

After service all adjourned to the Village Hall, where the members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, who, together with their helpers, had arranged a nice tea.

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by the Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby), Canon F. W. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. F. Clements and some 35 members representative of the towers in the branch.

The Vicar heartily welcomed the members to his parish, and said he had a lot to thank the secretary for.

One honorary and three performing members were elected, and Dumbleton was chosen for the summer meeting in June.

The Master then fully explained Rule XIV., and it was decided to support the executive with reference to the association's re-affiliation to the Central Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard were heartily thanked for their kind hospitality, the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and all who had helped so freely. This concluded the business.

5,152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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In this peal, first rung at Eccles, Lancs, on January 25th, 1930, conducted by E. Jenkins, neither the 2nd nor 3rd ever strikes over the tenor behind.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, March 10th, at the Parish Church, for practice, a 720 of Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, F. C. Ginn (first in method) 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, C. Robinson 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: R. Robinson 1, D. Adams 2, B. Wayman 3, C. Robinson 4, F. G. Gleaves (conductor) 5, F. C. Ginn 6.

ONE ROUND BLOCK—OR SEVEN?

To the Editor.

Sir,—This problem has been explained to a noted Irish wag, who gave his judgment thus:—

—'Hedad, now, and aren't there two New Year's Days in ivery year—one at the beginning and one at the end? Thin, in seven years, begorra, there must be fourteen New Year's Days!'

Mr. James will agree that Paddy's opinion was the correct one. It was, in effect, precisely what Mr. James wrote in your columns on March 21st.—Yours, etc.,

THE MAD HATTER.

PEALS AT QUEX PARK.

Two peals, recorded in another column, were rung on the twelve bells at Quex Park, Kent, on Saturday and Sunday week. They were organised by Mr. F. E. Dawe, and the peal of Stedman Cinques on Sunday was a birthday compliment to him. The band, who are indebted to Mr. Graham, agent of Major Powell-Cotton, for granting them the use of the bells, spent a pleasant week-end, and in addition to their double success in the tower, were able to inspect the wonderful natural history museum in the park, thanks to the kindness of the curator, Mr. Pinfold. On Sunday, Mr. Dawe entertained the band to lunch, and received their congratulations upon his birthday.

MR. H. MARKWELL'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	...	9
Stedman Triples	...	...	...	...	...	24
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	...	15
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	...	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	...	1
Duffield Major	...	...	...	...	...	1
Double Norwich Major	...	...	...	...	...	12
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	...	27
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	...	5
Cambridge Surprise Royal (on treble)	...	...	...	...	...	1

BOTTESFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Goodson 1, M. Bend 2, J. R. Jackson 3, C. F. Briggs 4, A. W. Ward (conductor) 5, J. H. Branston 6, L. J. Abbott 7, E. Slater 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by F. Goodson. Specially rung for Confirmation service conducted by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

FELKIRK'S RECORD

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to read your editorial re the Felkirk record of 253 720's and methods. I had the pleasure of congratulating them publicly at a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society held at Wath-on-Dearne, and I am glad to say details of the record will be inserted in the society's minutes. This record may be beaten, but the band which sets out to beat it will be busy. I had the pleasure of conducting a good many of the 197 720's sung by the Wath-on-Dearne band in 1927, and I can assure you that that band can ring Treble Bob Minor methods.

Seeing the reference in 'Belfry Gossip' re the 15,120 in 21 Treble Bob Minor methods rung at Waltham-on-Dearne in 1816 and still unbeaten, you may be interested to learn that a few years after I had learnt to ring a little I rang a short touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor on handbells (one bell each) with the son of the conductor of that long peal and four others.

Round about the years 1908-1910 I got together six Treble Bob Minor ringers to practice with the intention of trying to ring 25 720's, i.e., 18,000, but several things happened to upset the project after we had got to the stage of ringing any of 50 or 60 methods. One ringer left the district, one left the earth and others were not available to fill their places at that period, but I still hope to have a shot at it when I can get the men and a suitable peal of bells, those at Wath-on-Dearne being quite out of the question now.

Also, please note, the record was made at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, not Wath (Yorks), which is a small town near Ripon, and which also has a peal of six bells.—Yours truly,

A. NASH.

President, Barnsley and District Society.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS.

At the annual meeting of the High Wycombe belfry it was reported that the number of attendances made at Sunday and practice rings totalled 1,325. The officers were re-elected, viz.: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. George White; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twichen. Mr. D. Boreham was elected a member of the belfry. A committee was formed to consider and revise the rules if necessary.

The annual outing was fixed for Whit Monday.

Thanks to officers for service rendered, to the Vicar for the hospitality of a first-class supper, and a discussion on other matters closed the meeting.

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PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Cransley, near Kettering (an old ring of six by Bagley, all dated 1683), are to be broadcast at 7.55 p.m. on Sunday, March 30th. Until a fortnight ago, they had not been raised for seventeen years, when they were pronounced unsafe by a representative of a firm of bell founders, who inspected them, and they are, in ringers' language, a 'rough lot.' Two of them (treble and fourth) are cracked in the crown, but do not make their defect too plainly heard when rung. Under the circumstances, the band on Sunday may not be able to put up as good a performance as they would like to do.

Mr. James George has had a narrow escape from serious injury. On Monday week he was knocked down by a motor-car, near his home. Fortunately, the brakes of the car acted efficiently, and when Mr. George was pulled out from beneath the vehicle the only damage done was to his hat and clothes, although, of course, he was severely shaken. With his wonderful powers of recuperation, he quickly recovered, and on Saturday rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall.

Owing to illness, the meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Long Stanton is postponed indefinitely.

Mr. George Pullinger, who has for some years ably filled the office of hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has resigned office. Mr. F. W. Rogers, Portsmouth District secretary, is acting pro. tem.

A peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung at Fulham by the College Youths on March 29th, 1762.

At St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, a peal of 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on April 1st, 1727.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Dunstan's in the West, Fleet Street, London, was rung by the St. Dunstan's Society on April 1st, 1777. These bells are now seldom, if ever, rung.

On April 3rd, 1899, a peal of 15,072 Double Norwich Major was rung at Erith. At that time it was the longest length in the method. It was, however, exceeded by Kidlington peal less than two months later.

A peal of Grandsire Caters (the first on the bells) was rung on Saturday at St. Peter's, Brighton, on the anniversary of the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung in the same tower in 1901.

'THE RINGER'S DIRECTORY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Committee are anxious that the usefulness of 'The Ringer's Directory' shall continue, and they will issue free of cost to all subscribers on July 1st a leaflet showing 'Change of address.' If subscribers have changed their address, or know of any changed address, we should be grateful for a postcard containing the new address.

The committee is anxious to obtain the co-operation of divisional representatives to assist them in their future compilations. Particulars as to nature of help can be obtained from me. Mr. James George has offered his services for Birmingham district, and this has been gratefully accepted.

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

SURREY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE. FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

This year the Surrey Association reaches its jubilee, having been formally constituted at a meeting held at Beddington on May 21st, 1880. The Rev. Canon Bridges, then Rector of Beddington, was the first chairman, and the Rev. A. S. W. Young, Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames, was elected hon. secretary. Growth was slow in those early days, and when the first report was published in 1883, there were but ten towers in union. The secretary was then Mr. A. W. B. Percival, of Wimbledon, and the Rev. A. S. W. Young was treasurer. On the committee were men whose names have been well known in the Exercise. Representing the hon. members were Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Capt. J. E. Acland-Troyte, Mr. E. F. Cole, Mr. C. E. Malin and the Rev. C. H. Richards. The representatives were Messrs. A. Bruce (Croydon), A. Garrett (Wimbledon), S. Greenwood (Streatham), G. Pell, J. W. Trappitt (Beddington), and J. Wright (Kingston).

On Saturday, the fiftieth annual meeting was held at Beddington, and over a hundred members were present. The bells at the Parish Church were utilised throughout the afternoon, and the Rector of Beddington (Rev. E. V. Bond), whose wife is granddaughter of Canon Bridges, conducted the service. In this connection it is interesting to note that two visiting ringers on this occasion also claim relationship with the principal founder of the association, viz., Major John H. Bridges Hesse (who is Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Dr. Taylor (of Sevenoaks).



BEDDINGTON CHURCH.

The 'Mother' tower of the Surrey Association.

The following affiliated towers were represented: Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Buckland, Burstow, St. John's and St. Peter's, Croydon, Ewell, Horley, Kingswood, Leatherhead, Limpsfield Chart, Mersham, St. Peter's and Christ Church, Mitcham, Redhill, Reigate, and St. Leonard's, Streatham. There were also members from Chislehurst, Henfield, Hillingdon, Norwich, Penge, Poole, Guildford, Woking and London, and among the visitors was Mr. George Dent, of Harlow Common.

The service was taken from the Ringers' Manual, and the Rector preached from the words, 'Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called' (Ephesians iv. 1). After extending a welcome to the association, he remarked upon the fittingness of holding the meeting in the jubilee year at Beddington, and referred to the foundation of the association fifty years ago, and the objects for which it was formed. In those days, he said, abuses of the belfry were common, and drinking, gambling and smoking were often carried on in them, while in many towers the only ringing consisted of rounds or call changes. It was to counteract these abuses and to promote the art of change ringing that the great associations were formed. Method ringing required study and practice, a clear head, close concentration, thought and intelligence, and it involved a sacrifice of time and even of money. It also required the old Christian characteristics of patience

and thoroughness. It brought together all classes of people, who united in one fraternity, giving their services to God and the Church. The bells had a message to those outside, and, if the bells had a message, then the ringers were the preachers. Let them, therefore, walk worthy in their vocation; let them do their ringing to the glory of God. There was a danger in thinking too much of practice as an aid to peal ringing, but if they had behind their mind that the object of their practice was to ring the bells better on Sunday, then all would be well. Let them aim high, but let them remember that, as in their ringing they set an example of endurance, patience and reverence, in their daily life they should set an example of true Christian men.

AN ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE.

After tea, at the Harvest Home Hotel, the business meeting was held, presided over by the Master (Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt), who at the outset reminded the members that that was the fiftieth annual meeting, and quoted from the first report of the association, which, after referring to the ten peals rung in the first three years, expressed the conviction that not only would the performances increase in numbers, but that they would also grow in variety. That anticipation, said Mr. Birt, had been abundantly fulfilled in the years that had followed.

Mr. C. Dean, as hon. treasurer, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with £29 1s. 5d. in hand. The receipts included £3 8s. from the Southern District, £4 19s. 6d. from the North-Western District, £2 2s. from one life hon. member, and £3 5s. from 13 compounding members. The subscriptions were received from 110 ringing and 4 hon. members in the Southern District, and from 142 members in the North-West District. The expenses, including £19 10s. for printing the annual report, amounted to £23 19s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £18 3s. 4d., a reduction of nearly £11 on the year.—The report was adopted, with thanks to the treasurer.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) read the committee's report, which stated that 22 peals had been rung by the association in 1929. Four ringing members and an hon. member had been lost by death. In the North-Western District five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 30, and two successful joint meetings with the Guildford Diocesan Guild. There were 109 members attached to 15 towers and 34 unattached. There were 13 towers with 114 members in the Southern District.

An important part of the report dealt with the committee's recommendations as to a new certificate of membership. A design was submitted, and it was recommended that this should be accepted; that a stone be produced and 300 copies printed at a cost of £23 10s., and that members be charged 1s. per copy. The stone would be the property of the association, and further copies could be produced at £1 1s. per 100.

The design was passed round, but several speakers considered that it was not good enough, and Mr. Housden asked if they could not have an alternative design.

The Chairman said the committee had been to some extent tied in their choice of design by a resolution passed two years ago at the meeting at Leatherhead, when it was resolved that the new design should follow the old certificate as nearly as possible. The committee themselves did not like the design, but they felt bound to act upon the instructions given them. The designers had gone to a great deal of trouble to make the most they could of it within these limits.

After considerable discussion, a motion to refer back this part of the report was defeated, and eventually the design and the committee's recommendations were approved.

The remainder of the report was also adopted.

PEAL BOOKING FEES.

The Hon. Secretary moved a resolution to delete rule 21, under which a booking fee of 3d. per rope is charged for peals. He said this rule was introduced when the association was in financial difficulties in order to assist in meeting the cost of printing the annual report. At the present time they were in a better position, and as it was felt the rule penalised peal ringers it was thought they should get rid of the rule as soon as possible.

Mr. M. Northover expressed the opinion that the time was not yet ripe to delete the rule entirely. He agreed that it had its disadvantages, especially in the case of ringers who rang peals for the benefit of young hands. A suggestion that had been carried practically unanimously in the Southern District was a compromise, and he moved that the booking fees be paid by the districts for each ringer after his first three peals.

The difficulties of carrying this out were pointed out by the hon. secretary, and on a vote being taken the amendment was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Northover then said they ought to think carefully before they decided to do away entirely with this source of income. He thought it was too soon, in view of their other commitments.

It was elicited that the amount received from booking fees last year was £1 19s. 6d.

A member asked if 3d. would stop anyone standing in a peal?

The Hon. Secretary replied that he was sure of it. They would ring peals for another association.

On being put to the vote, the motion to delete the rule was defeated by a large majority.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The third session of the thirteenth Council (37th annual meeting) was held in the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, at 11 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING.

There were present at the general meeting 78 members (32 guilds and associations being represented).

The chair was taken by the president, who opened the meeting with prayer.

In the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Council was welcomed by Canon Morrow, Sub-Dean and Rector of Chelmsford, and by the Mayor.

Canon Morrow, on behalf of the Church, expressed his appreciation of the work done by the Council, and the high level to which the whole idea of ringing had been brought during the last twenty or thirty years.

The Mayor, on behalf of the city, gave the Council a hearty welcome to what he described as one of the most beautiful of English counties.

The President then thanked the Canon and the Mayor, and the Council proceeded to discuss the business upon the agenda.

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

Apologies for absence for received from the Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. J. Beeston, H. S. T. Richardson, F. J. O. Helmore, Canon Elsee, E. W. Carpenter, C. C. Marshall, Messrs. J. W. Parker, J. Cotterill, P. J. Johnson, J. S. Pritchett, A. Padden-Smith, H. Knight, E. H. Lewis, H. Haigh, W. Barton, W. Ayre, J. Clark, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and H. G. Fretwell.

Several of the above were incapacitated by illness, especially the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and a sympathetic reference was made of the fact by the president.

ACCOUNTS.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Alex. Young, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £26 15s. 6d., and that the balance, after the receipts (which included £5 5s. for the broadcast lecture), and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £31 19s. 6d. There was also £100 (nominal) on deposit.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Hughes.

The Hon. Secretary stated that they would hear with regret that the Gloucester and Bristol Association (one of the founders of the Council) had seceded, but two other associations had joined, viz., the Oxford University Guild and the St. Clement's Youths, London.

The Hon. Librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, then read his statement, saying that the amount realised on the sale of publications during the past year was £6 5s. 3d., that is one pound in excess of the previous year, due to the 'on sale or return' agents. He stated that he had received the last instalment of the 'Treble Bob Peals Collection,' most ably typed by Mrs. Fletcher. During the year he had received numerous applications for publications which were now out of print, through members not consulting the Council's weekly advertisements. He had sent the Heywood MSS. to Mr. Trollope. The Hon. Secretary said that he had inspected some of the MSS. with Mr. Trollope, and they had concluded to recommend that the papers be sorted, put into covers and docketed and returned to the library for future use.

Mr. Trollope, in agreeing with the previous speaker, said that though many of the connecting links of the correspondence were missing, it was possible that the papers might be deemed useful in subsequent years.

On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the Council decided that the book, 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.,' should be revised before being republished.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following hon. members being due to retire, viz., Mrs. Edwards, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. Jas. George, and Mr. H. W. Wilde, the President said that the Standing Committee had recommended the election of Mr. W. A. Cave in place of Mrs. Edwards.

Mr. J. Hunt then proposed the election of Mr. Cave, as hon. member of the Council, which was seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell, and, on the motion of the President, the remaining three outgoing members were re-elected.

The new members attending for the first time were then introduced to and welcomed by the president.

The Hon. Secretary then mentioned the loss by death of Mr. J. D. Drewett (Surrey Association), Mr. R. B. Chambers (Midland Counties Association), and Mr. R. Holloway (Middlesex County Association), and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the committee proposed that a letter of congratulation on his recovery from serious illness be sent to the King, after the day of thanksgiving, and also particulars of the peals rung in celebration of the event.—This was unanimously endorsed by the Council.

'ROLL OF HONOUR.'

The Hon. Secretary stated that this book had been brought up to date (as they would observe).

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE.

He further reported that fair progress in reconditioning the machine had been made, and he hoped at the next meeting to report that it had been completed.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

He informed the Council that they had received a revised offer, based on 100 persons using the tickets, and that it was deemed advisable to postpone acceptance until next year's meeting.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher reported that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was proving the peals of Treble Bob with the tenors parted, and the work was still in hand. The report was accepted.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. L. Edwards, who reported for the committee, said that the year had been remarkable for several good and sympathetic articles on bells, and for the publication of 'Bells Through the Ages'—a great addition to our literature.

He referred to the necessity of keeping a watchful eye in the case of any proposal being brought before Parliament for the prevention of noises, which might include a reference to bells.

The President praised the report, and on his motion it was adopted.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

Sub-Committee.—Mr. E. W. Elwell reported that they had revised the 'Rules for a Local Company,' which they suggested should be published at a cost not exceeding £5, for sale at 6d. per copy. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Law James, in presenting this committee's report, reminded the Council that they were authorised to publish a new edition of the Minor Methods, but, in view of the controversial issues involved, they had thought it wiser to defer publication until now, when they were prepared to publish a complete book containing the whole of the information which had gradually been gathered together.

Mr. Trollope, in seconding, reminded the Council of the long services of this committee of thirty years' standing, and its undoubted experience. He reviewed the differences of opinion which obtained as to what should be included in the book, or otherwise, and strongly urged the Council to pass the list of compositions as published, and, referring to the arrangements of Morris, Pitman and Bankes James, he advocated that they also should be included in the work.

Mr. W. Willson spoke strongly against the adoption of the report, and proposed that it be deferred back for the deletion of the Morris and Pitman Doubles, the London Minor and the Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Mr. Jas. George formally seconded.

Considerable discussion then ensued, Mr. Coles submitting that much of the argument might be deferred until resolution No. 7 was reached, a view supported by Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake. The Hon. Secretary here interpolated the remark that the compositions might be put into an appendix.

After further remarks by Messrs. Pulling and Cave, the latter proposed that the disputed peals be put in as an appendix to the book.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith protested against the committee publishing the compositions in question, and maintained that the Council's book, when published, should serve practical uses only, and should not include anything merely for historical purposes. He further remarked that, whilst he was not prepared to say that the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor was false, he hoped that the other compositions in dispute would be excluded from the publication.

At this point the Council adjourned for lunch.

After the adjournment, Mr. Pulling suggested that the disputed compositions should be inserted with a footnote that they were not to be rung in peals, whereupon Mr. Coles, on a point of order, asked whether this was not prejudicing Motion No. 7, and the President concurred.

Mr. James Hunt objected to the disputed peals being included in the book, and Mr. H. W. Wilde supported him.

Rev. E. S. Powell, as a member of the Methods Committee, then further explained its views. He suggested that the distinction as to truth which critics of the Methods Committee had tried to draw between various compositions in question was illogical and false. The value of these productions for peal purposes could only be judged by practical experience in the belfry.

Mr. Willson's motion was then taken as an amendment, and after two counts was declared carried by 30 votes to 29.

It was then put by the president as a substantive motion, with the addition of the words, 'because they are all hopelessly false,' which, however, was declared as lost.

A deadlock having arisen, it was, after some discussion, proposed by Mr. W. A. Cave and seconded by Mr. C. Mee, that these peals should be inserted as an appendix under the heading, 'The insertion of these compositions does not commit anybody to the opinion that they are suitable to peal ringing.'

This was carried by 44 votes to 3, and the report adopted accordingly.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Fletcher formally moved the adoption of the report for this committee, its analysis having already been published, which was seconded by Mr. Geo. Williams and adopted.

The Hon. Secretary then said he regretted to say that Mr. J. W. Parker and Rev. A. T. Beeston had withdrawn from the committee. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed, and Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, that Mr. Jas. George and Mr. Geo. R. Pye be elected to fill the vacancies on the committee. This was carried unanimously.

The report was adopted, and the President, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Parker for the enormous amount of work they had done in connection with the interesting report.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported for this committee. He referred to the report, which had already been published, on belfry acoustics, a subject which he thought deserved serious attention. He moved that the committee's report be adopted. Mr. E. M. Atkins, asking whether anything further had been done regarding the welding of bells, Mr. C. J. Sedgely stated that one at Ipswich had been so treated most satisfactorily.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn suggested that the committee should undertake the revision of the book on the preservation of bells. This addition to the report being seconded by Major Hesse, it was adopted and the committee authorised to do the above-mentioned work.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. H. Beams reported for this committee, and read a list of the first peals and new methods and progressive lengths in others which had been rung since the last report. On the motion of the President, the report was duly adopted.

LEGAL LIABILITY.

Mr. F. A. Milne read an interesting and valuable report dealing with the rights, privileges and liabilities of all those having to do with church bells. After a short discussion, the President said that the Council were very grateful to the members of the committee for their valuable report, which, on his motion, was then adopted.

'BROADCASTING' COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, reporting for the committee, said that the 'talk' on bellringing given on September 19th, 1929, had proved an unqualified success, and he had received many letters from different parts of the country in confirmation of this.

The President said the thanks of the Exercise would be accorded to Mr. Edwards and the ringers who had assisted him, and on his motion the report was adopted.

MOTIONS.

The Council then proceeded to discuss the motions on the agenda.

Mr. R. Whittington moved, and Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded, 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any compositions in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively, before beginning the next 720 or 120,' these members, in briefly asking the Council to support their motion, explained that it was to reinforce the decision passed by the Council at Hereford the year before, and that they desired to emphasise that in both cases referred to the changes should start from and finish at rounds.'

After Rev. E. S. Powell had suggested that the motion could be made more acceptable in its terms, Mr. J. Hunt raised the point as to the actual meaning of the resolution passed at Hereford, following upon which the Rev. E. S. Powell then moved the following amendment: 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the 720's or 120's were not true and complete and which did not start from and end with "rounds,"' and said that he deprecated proceeding any further than the Hereford decision (certainly for a year or two), in order that the pros and cons could be better appreciated. Mr. F. W. Perrius seconded this.

Rev. H. Law James in endeavouring to clear up the position, which was becoming somewhat obscured, then illustrated his views upon the nature of a 'round block' by reference to the clock hanging beside them on the wall, dividing its figures into six divisions, starting at 12 o'clock, or 'rounds,' and proceeding clockwise with the changes until they finished at 12 o'clock with the same 'rounds,' claiming that those at the end were those at the beginning. After considerable further discussion, in which he, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and Messrs. W. Wilson, W. A. Cave, and C. T. Coles took part, Mr. R. Whittington then said that he and his seconder were prepared to withdraw their motion and support the amendment. The withdrawal being agreed, Mr. J. A. Trollope then pointed out that the passing of the amendment, which had now become the resolution, would exclude the Bankes James Cambridge which, he thought, many would deem undesirable. There was evidently a wide difference of opinion indeed. It might be better to leave the Hereford resolution as it stood.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then proposed as an amendment 'That in view of the fact that the practices affected by this resolution were at present in an entirely experimental stage, further consideration be deferred until a future meeting,' and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded.

After a few further remarks, this amendment was put to the meeting and carried by 34 votes to 24; and, on being put as a substantive motion, the President declared it carried by a large majority. The whole question thus remained to be discussed at some future meeting.

(The discussion, with that on the methods report, occupied several hours.)

In the absence of Mr. E. W. Elwell, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved, 'That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum; (b) that associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum.'

Mr. J. Hunt deprecated the idea that hon. members, who came there at their own expense, be penalised, and moved that the portion of the motion relating to hon. members be deleted. The amendment, seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling, was carried by a large majority. There was, however, no discussion regarding the increase of affiliation fees of associations from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per annum, and the motion, as amended, on being put to the meeting, was carried by 44 votes to 6.

Mr. Drake proposed that '(a) The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area; (b) The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Committees and to the Church Assembly.'

The proposer said that he recognised that the Council had already circularised these committees within recent years, but his present motion was that each association be urged to themselves secure the election of someone to the advisory committees. It was an expert ringer that was required in such a case, and he hoped that his motion would be carried. Further, also, that the members would see that their associations put forward ringers as candidates for the Councils, and so on, to the conferences, and then the Church Assembly. Mr. C. J. Sedgely seconded. Mr. C. H. Howard, in supporting the motion, emphasised the fact that a committee member was much stronger than a mere consultant, as he knew from his own experience on the Diocesan Advisory Board at Chelmsford. He said that it was for the associations to approach their Bishops to obtain nomination to these boards. From remarks of subsequent speakers, it appeared that consulting members of these boards were not always invited to attend the meetings, even when their services might have proved useful. But the Rev. H. Law James, speaking to the contrary, said that he was supplied by the Board at Lincoln with all papers connected with bells, and his advice was always faithfully followed. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn stated that he, too, had had much the same experience.

The proposer, having replied to some of the points which had been raised, the motion was then carried.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved, 'That the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting.'

The proposer having explained his motion, and Mr. C. T. Coles having seconded, it was carried without further discussion.

In the absence of Mr. W. Ayre (through illness), Mr. E. A. Young proposed, 'That a committee be appointed to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of our affiliated change ringing associations, with power to report to the next annual meeting.'

This was seconded by Mr. Jas. George, and, after some discussion, for and against, the motion, on being put, was lost by a very large majority, it being felt that any scheme of this kind should be dealt with by the individual associations.

The President then referred to the next item on the agenda, which was to fix the place of next year's London meeting. The Hon. Secretary stated that he had approached the Archbishop of Canterbury with a view to meeting at Lambeth Palace, and whilst he was speaking a telegram was received from the chaplain saying that, subject to no unforeseen occurrences, the Archbishop was only too pleased to place a room at their disposal and to welcome the Council personally if possible. The procedure was left with the hon. secretary.

This finished the business on the Council's agenda. But Mr. Jas. George then suggested that the Council should issue a book containing the names and addresses of all ringers.

The President, however, stated that this was out of order, and that it should be brought up by way of a resolution to be discussed next year.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, and Mr. T. Faulkner seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding that day. Both speakers feelingly referred to the severe illness from which the president had now providentially recovered, and the vote was carried with applause.

The President, having expressed his thanks for their kindness that day and during his late illness, then proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and to the Sub-Dean of Chelmsford, and to Mr. C. H. Howard and the Essex Association (whose jubilee had been celebrated the day before) for their kindly welcome of the Council on its visit to Chelmsford, which was carried, and the meeting concluded at about five o'clock.

'USEFUL STATISTICS.' THE BELLS OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leader on 'Useful Statistics' was very appropriate, and—could it be done—such a scheme would prove very useful and illuminating. The difficulty, however, is with the outlying country districts, where one often finds enthusiastic bands of ringers—not always change ringers—but who are outside the pale of Association or Guild activities. Again, in many towers, ringing flourishes for a time, then wanes. Some leader springs into being and revives it once more, and after his departure things go back again.

The following is a complete list of the 'rings' of bells in the Leicester Diocese up to the end of 1927, of which I have a complete history and inscriptions of all possible, having revised, corrected and augmented the late T. North's book on the county:—

	Towers.	Bells.
Single bells	84	84
Rings of two	28	56
Rings of three	71	213
Rings of four	25	100
Rings of five	50	250
Rings of six	41	246
Rings of eight	33	264
Rings of ten	3	30
Rings of twelve	1	12

Total bells ... 1,255

There are also three sets of eight tubular 'bells'. Of the above, 24 are prior to the date of 1500; 90 from 1500-1600; 304 from 1600-1700; 231 from 1700-1800; 257 from 1800-1900; and remainder after 1900.

Personally, I had the ambition to ring a peal of 5,000 on all possible church bells of five and upwards in the diocese, and up to the present have secured 114.

Since 1927, Croft three have been augmented to six, Enderby five made eight, St. John's, Leicester, eight made ten, and, lastly, Claybrooke four made eight, thus adding 12 more bells.

While, writing, I should be grateful if you would kindly mention that my great work, 'The History of the Art of Change Ringing,' is now being printed, and will shortly be published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, Ltd., of London. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council of Bellringers, has kindly written a 'Foreword,' and in the book I have endeavoured to show all phases of our 'art and science.' I herewith thank all those friends who so kindly contributed data and illustrations—too numerous to mention individually—and trust all will do their best to support this work, which is the first of its kind.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

A CHANCE FOR THE SEPTUAGENARIANS.

At St. Mary's Church, Farnham Royal, on Saturday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. by Messrs. Dowling, Parker, Smith, Knight, Batten, Bateman, Henley and Harris, as a compliment to the conductor on his 77th birthday. Touches of Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples followed, in which others took part, and all joined in wishing the steeplekeeper 'many of 'em' at the Duke's Head. Edwin Barnett composed the 'quarter,' and Joseph Parker called it, and was 'not out.'

There is an octave of septuagenarians living who should try their fortune in a peal attempt with a record for combined ages.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Middleton, Lancashire, on Monday, a date touch of Bob Major (1,930 changes) was rung in 1 hour 6 mins.: J. Hollow 1, Wm. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, James Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, Harry Bastow 5, Tom G. Ogden 6, James H. Bastow 7, Robert Thickett 8.

On Sunday last, eight members of the Essex Association met at St. Michael's Church, Kirby-le-Soken, and rang for morning service a date touch of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering in 1 hr. 10 mins., the 1,930 changes comprising two 720's and 490, each called differently: W. Southgate 1, U. Wildney 2, H. Jones 3, E. Durrant 4, H. A. Wright 5, E. Davey 6, M. J. Ling (conductor) 7, A. J. Clarke 8. This is the longest length by Messrs. Southgate, Jones and Clarke, also M. J. Ling's longest length as conductor. All belong to the local company of Sunday service ringers except Messrs. Wright, Davey and Durrant, who are from Clacton-on-Sea, Little Clacton and Thorpe-le-Soken, respectively.

MUFFLED BELLS

On Saturday, March 22nd, at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Lord Balfour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Faux 1, A. T. Chenery 2, J. W. Ward 3, C. Smith 4, H. J. Hazell (conductor) 5, A. G. Rivers 6, T. R. Dennis 7, P. Taylor 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—At St. George's-in-the-East, on Sunday evening, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: *E. Butler 1, *A. Barratt 2, *H. Rowe 3, *J. Prior 4, W. Glover (conductor) 5, J. Warneken 6, *S. Kelly 7, *H. Ball 8. *First quarter of Triples.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. C. Halford 1, C. J. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, E. Brett 5, A. C. Darnell 6, G. B. Cole (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for divine service, at the Parish Church, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, H. E. Hammond 2, B. Redgwell 3, H. C. Reason 4, C. H. Howard 5, A. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. Also 576 Superlative Surprise Major and a course of Bristol Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, G. Wiffen 2, C. H. Howard 3, H. E. Hammond 4, F. Ely 5, A. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, H. C. Reason 8. First course of Bristol by an entirely local band.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): C. F. Andrews (conductor) 1, Charles Butcher 2, J. Bibby 3, S. J. Hector 4, W. Loud 5, W. Baxter 6, J. Francis 7, C. Reason 8, N. V. Andrews 9, A. Stokes 10. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, also by the local band.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Harwood 1, H. Reader (conductor) 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6. For evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor (21 bobs): H. Reader 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6.

ASHTED.—For evening service, on March 23rd, 576 London, 224 Superlative, 324 Double Norwich, and 84 Stedman Triples: J. Hoyle, G. Cook, W. Cook, A. Smith, Miss I. Hastie, G. Marriner, G. Smart, W. Newbury, A. Harman and A. Dean.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Cattermoul 1, W. Godfrey 2, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 3, W. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, C. S. Bird 6, W. Lewis 7, F. Fuller 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SPALDING, Lincs.—For evening service, March 23rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Spalding Parish Church: A. J. Farr 1, J. T. Brown 2, J. E. Lilley 3, G. Simpson 4, S. Maddison 5, R. Mackman 6, J. G. Ames 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. J. E. and C. R. Lilley are from Congresbury, Somerset.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for evening service, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,232 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Lewis 1, J. Hayes 2, M. Harris 3, J. Swindley 4, W. Seance 5, G. Gerrard 6, P. Swindley 7, Sam Jones, jun. (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by 1, 3 and 6.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, at St. Lawrence's, two courses of Stedman Caters and 503 Grandsire Caters: R. P. Hibbert 1, Miss D. Blencowe 2, Miss N. Belcher 3, S. Lodge 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, A. Sweetzer 6, L. Sadler 7, W. Hensley 8, S. Davis 9, E. Foster 10. And for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 55 mins.: G. Holloway 1, Miss D. Blencowe 2, Miss N. Belcher 3, S. Davis 4, Miss P. Holloway 5, A. Sweetzer 6, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Hensley 8, E. G. Foster 9, L. Sadler 10. This was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 5th. It is worthy of note that the first course of Grandsire Cinques ever rung in the county on tower bells was creditably scored on Friday, February 23th: R. T. Hibbert 1, G. Holloway 2, Miss V. Robinson 3, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4, Miss N. Belcher 5, S. Lodge 6, Miss P. Holloway 7, C. G. Watts 8, H. Smith 9, W. Hensley 10, P. Dyke 11, E. G. Foster 12. Much water has flowed under the bridges since the previous quarter-peal rung by service ringers in this tower.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—For evening service, on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,296 changes) by members of the S. Nicolas' Society, all being service ringers: A. Collier 1, F. Radford 2, E. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. Tompsett 7, C. Hazelden 5, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

GREAT BARR.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,272 changes) in 44 mins.: G. Merriman 1, Miss E. M. Ludlow 2, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 3, E. Terry 4, J. R. Terry 5, W. Terry 6. Rung on the occasions of the 79th birthday of Mr. W. Merriman, father of the treble ringer, and the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. Cooper, the towerkeeper of Perry Barr.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: H. Nagington 1, H. Walker 2, W. J. Chesters 3, A. Hickman 4, J. Clarke 5, S. Hughes 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. V. Rees 1, A. Challinor 2, W. Gayes (conductor) 3, G. L. Ronan 4, J. Tipper 5, W. Stevenson 6, J. Warth 7, J. Waumsley 8. Rung as a farewell to the curate (Rev. S. May) on his leaving the parish for Godley, near Hyde.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Lightcliffe on Sat., March 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1/3 per head. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and the Annual Reports may be had at this meeting. — F. Hutchinson. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry at Longstanton has been postponed indefinitely, owing to illness. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 29th. Bells at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. (preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Tea and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.; Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Owing to re-naming of streets by the Corporation, the address of the Fylde Branch Secretary has been changed to 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 2.30. Visitors requiring tea, kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, March 29th, at the two 6-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen. Meeting at St. Michael's at 2.45 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec. North Mimms, Hatfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore, Middlesex, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are asked to support this meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus and train service. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 1st, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd (at 8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 29th (at 7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Oxford in the Chapter House Ch. Ch., on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. James, Home Cottages, Cobham, by Wednesday, April 2nd.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Please notify not later than April 2nd. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/-) in Parish Room. Please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting if you intend to be present.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec. 8, School Lane, Standish.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge, on Saturday, April 5th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, April 5th. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 1st.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Please bring your Minor Methods with you. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Room at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). A postcard from those intending to come will be helpful.—W. J. Eldred, Dis. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, April 5th, not 12th, as on notices sent. Ringing from 3.30. Usual arrangements for tea, etc.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cheddleton on Saturday, April 5th. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., will be provided for all who notify me not later than April 2nd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Lilbourne on Saturday, April 5th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Bail, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, April 5th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmtown Road, Cresswell. A hearty welcome to visitors.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, April 6th, at 10 a.m., Monday, April 7th (quarterly meeting), at 6.30 p.m., and the 21st at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 15th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6 p.m., of the peal of five, restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those who intend being present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 9th.—A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, April 9th.—A. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the Institute. Those requiring tea kindly inform Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Thursday, April 17th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained. Nominations for Central Council representatives must reach me on or before Monday, April 14th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen (8), Rolleston (8), Winhill (6) available throughout the day. Committee meet at 3.45. Tea, followed by general meeting, at 5 o'clock, in St. Paul's Institute. A substantial meat tea (2s. per head) will be served, and it is imperative that all who attend should advise Mr. J. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Thursday, April 17th, to avoid disappointment.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester. N.B.—Reports for 1929 ready, price 6d., per post 7½d. A few back numbers are still available.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE (Continued from page 201).

All the retiring officers were re-elected, no other nominations having been received.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Kingston-on-Thames.

Mr. C. H. Reading said, as that was their jubilee meeting, he thought they ought to place on record an expression of grateful thanks for all their fathers did for them in founding that society 50 years ago, and a pledge to carry on and fulfil the objects for which the association was started. The association had done a wonderful work for ringing in many ways, and he hoped some resolution might be placed on the minutes.—Mr. Joiner seconded, and the motion, having been endorsed by the chairman, was unanimously carried.

The meeting, which had previously thanked the Rector of Beddington and the organist, concluded with thanks to the Master for presiding and for the services which he had rendered to the association.—Mr. Birt, replying, emphasised the need for bringing on young ringers, upon whom the future of the art depended, and on behalf of the association he thanked those members who had given their time and patience in teaching young ringers, and also the hon. secretary and other officials for the work they had done in the interests of the association during the past year.

A social was afterwards held, at which handbell music and songs brought to a close a very pleasant and successful meeting.

A REPLY TO MR. KIPPIN.

Dear Sir,—With your permission I will reply to Mr. Kippin re the Surrey Association's jubilee year. He says that it is not likely that the rules of the association would be ignored to suit the whim of one person. It is not the whim of myself, but the fact that May 21st is the official date of the association, and I doubt, if the feeling of the members were known, but that the rule would have been set aside for the occasion. He twits me with being the 'alleged' last of the foundation members. If he is honest and knows of any other he will let me know who it is, or withdraw that word 'alleged.' As to his remark about 'he and others should come to the annual meeting,' the journey from Dublin to Surrey is not one that can be made after work hours so that one can be home the same night. He need not be in the least amazed at my remarks about amalgamation, which I should like to see, not, however, with the Surrey Association taking a secondary place, but that there should be a Surrey County Association embracing the whole of the county on the same lines of the Yorkshire, Kent, Sussex and other county associations.—Yours faithfully,

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