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DEVON GUILD'S JUBILEE.

Among the gatherings of ringers held on Monday, one stands out as of special interest—the Devon Guild festival at Exeter, which, in addition to being the annual meeting, celebrated the jubilee of the society. In the past the Devon Guild has not loomed large in the eye of the Exercise, and it may be a surprise to many to know that it was one of the very first of the modern ringing organisations which were established to cover county or diocesan areas. These new associations have been conducted on a different principle to the old societies, which were general in their character, like the College Youths, or centred on one tower like the former St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. They opened up a new era, in ringing organisation, for their special purpose was to draw together the towers within a specified area the territory embraced being generally of county or diocesan limit. They grew out of the desire, which arose half a century ago among men who sought to improve the art of ringing and the standing of the Exercise, to provide a means of encouraging ringing and of placing it upon a higher plane than it had hitherto occupied, not only as a science, but also in the opinion of the public, for in those days there were many things associated with ringing which now would not be tolerated for a moment by the ringers themselves.

Those who founded the Devon Guild in the year 1874 were among the pioneers in this work, and the example which was thus set was quickly followed in other counties and dioceses. The idea of ringers' associations 'caught on,' and in the ten or fifteen years which followed the formation of the Devon Guild, similar organisations sprang up throughout the country. There are, happily, still in the active ranks of ringers a few men who helped to establish the Devon Guild fifty years ago, and it must have been to them a matter not merely of gratification, but of real rejoicing, to witness the splendid gathering of men of Devon in the old cathedral city on Monday to celebrate the completion of the first half-hundred years of work. What this work has been, its trials, its disappointments, as well as its successes, only those who have laboured in the task can know. For years the ringers in the county did not take kindly either to the Guild or to the art of change ringing, but steadfast perseverance has at length had its reward, and while Devon cannot even yet boast of a standard of change ringing such as has been achieved in some other counties, the ringers themselves have reached a realisation of the advantages of co-operation which the Guild offers, its

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objects are appreciated and its membership is growing in a most satisfactory way. Devon is geographically a difficult county to organise, and this has been one of the handicaps of the past. The new spirit and enterprise which has been manifested in the management in recent years has, however, overcome many of the obstacles, and it now only needs the sympathetic co-operation of those clergy who are not already giving their help to bring within the Guild the towers which still, for one reason or another, hold aloof. The Devon Guild made a landmark fifty years ago; its jubilee forms another in the history of the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT...Trebble	FRANK PERVIN 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 2	A. PADDON SMITH 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES GEORGE 12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was specially arranged for the Rev. C. A. Clements, M.A., Rector of Grappenhall, Cheshire. By a happy coincidence it was the King's birthday, also the 151st anniversary of the first peal on the twelve bells at St. Martin's.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDSTrebble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
ALBERT W. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	REUBEN SANDERSTenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. F. B. Johnston, M.A., on his completing 50 years of faithful service in the parish.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5023 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FRANK SMITHTrebble	LEWIS W. GOODWIN 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	GEORGE A. CARD 8
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	JAMES HUNT... .. 9
WALTER AYRE 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 10
REGINALD BROUGH 5	JOHN W. CORNFORD 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWSTenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

Arranged for J. Hunt; and as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BRAINTREE.—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, May 17th, on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. G. P. Basset Kerry, as Vicar of Braintree, by the Bishop of Chelmsford and Colchester, 1.024 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT...Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	*ALFRED HACKETT ... 7
BERNARD W. WITCHELL... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 8
*WILLIAM H. BALL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... 9
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ...Tenor

Composed by G. DALTRY.

Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT

First peal on ten bells as conductor. * First peal on ten bells.

EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ...Treble	E. SARGENT ... 6
W. H. HOWE ... 2	F. MURPHY... 7
W. WAKLEY ... 3	*C. G. GLASS ... 8
*J. E. LILLEY ... 4	C. R. LILLEY ... 9
T. G. BARTLETT ... 5	A. MONKLEY ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Caters. Rung for the jubilee of the Devon Guild of Ringers. E. Sargent's 50th peal. W. Wakley is from Dawlish. C. R. Lilley and J. E. Lilley from Shrewsbury. Ringer of 5th rang his first peal with ringers of treble and ninth 21 years ago.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT ...Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE R. HOLMES ... 3	JOHN H. WILKINS ... 8
JAMES E. GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 9
R. ALDER GOFTON ... 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

LONDON.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON ...Treble	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 6
JAMES COTTERELL ... 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... 7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTERILL ... 8
GEORGE NAYLOR... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*THOMAS C. DREW ...Treble	*WILLIAM SELDON ... 5
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY... 6
*JOHN SALWAY ... 3	*REGINALD RETTER ... 7
EDWIN SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE BETTS ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY,

The ringers of the 2nd and 6th, for whom the peal was arranged, are from Shrewsbury; 4th from Exeter; 3rd and 7th from Honiton Gylst; the others are local ringers. * First peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB ...Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	GEORGE HUNLEY... 6
PERCY J. SPILL ... 3	ISAAC EMERY ... 7
GEORGE DURLING ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD
DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ in G.

WILLIAM BIGGIN ...Treble	*JOHN W. SYKES ... 5
ROBERT HARRISON ... 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 6
†REV. J. R. LEE NICHOLLS 3	FRANCIS WARD ... 7
THOS. WM. CHOWN ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung for the Festival of the Ascension. Also rung by a representative band from the above associations, to mark the election of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey to the position of people's warden at the above church, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Treble ringer from Norton, 2nd from St. Maries, 3rd from Ranmoor, 4th and 7th from Sheffield Cathedral, 5th from Dore, 6th from Ranmoor and Dore, and tenor from Handsworth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

REEVES' FIVE-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 5
ROBERT FARDON ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	HARRY KILBY ...Tenor

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH B. MARKS ...Treble	CLIFFORD KOLLINGS ... 5
CANON W. W. C. BAKER 2	*FRANK H. RAMSAY ... 6
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
*ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 4	GEORGE W. HELEY ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. (No. 33 on the Broad sheet.)

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. * First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ERNEST WHITING ...Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... 5
*GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	FREDERICK SMITH ... 6
WALTER MOBES... 3	RUSSELL RICHES... 7
WALTER BARRETT ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal, and first attempt.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CRABTREE... ..Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
*MRS WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 2	*WILLIAM HORAN 6
*MISS ROSE A. BELL... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	JOHN WATSONTenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method (2nd, 3rd and 6th). The ringers of the treble and 4th hail from Todmorden Parish Church; 5th from Church Kirk; the 7th from St. Michael, Blackburn; the tenor from Blackburn Parish Church, and the rest belong to the local band. First peal in the method in Todmorden.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ...Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
DAVID COLLINS 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... .. 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
HARRY HALL 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITZOW.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung in commemoration of the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major on these bells on June 6th, 1892. Of the original band there are now but four survivors, all of whom took part in the above peal, and who rang 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th, respectively.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE
ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON, GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 5
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
HARRY DYAS 4	*ERIC G. LOCKETenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of Whitsuntide, and as a birthday compliment to Hy. Parsons, aged 86, steeplekeeper of St. Mary's, Ealing. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. * First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK A. COLEY ...Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
JOHN WHEADON... .. 3	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Barnett, senr. The above peal was substituted for a peal of Norfolk Surprise arranged for Mr. H. W. Wilde, who, at the last minute was unfortunately unable to come, the band expressing regret at missing the pleasure of meeting him, and especially for the circumstances which prevented his coming.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours Three and Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN COOKETreble	*WILLIAM CATHRALE ... 5
*WILLIAM DEAN 2	*THOS. ROGERS 6
*WALTER BATTLE 3	HERBERT LODKIN 7
*ALBERT WOOSNAM 4	FRANCIS S. BARNES ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by H. LODKIN.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal in the method by a hand residing in the branch.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONESTreble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDINGTenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

The band to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. George Williams for making all arrangements, and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	WILLIAM LATIER 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	KEITH HART 7
*ROBT. T. LAMBERT 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

* First Surprise peal.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. BATTENTenor	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
MRS. A. D. BARKER 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 7
GEORGE W. HARRIS 4	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING, CITY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTONTreble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	CHARLES W. R. GREENWOOD 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

This peal, with the peal of Stedman Caters at Walthamstow, was arranged for the Brothers Gofton and Mr. G. R. Holmes, of Whitely Bay.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on May 1st, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: W. Stubley 1, S. F. Palmer 2, F. Ward 3, C. Harrison 4, H. Thorpe 5, T. W. Chown 6, H. Naylor 7, J. Thorpe (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., four 720's of Plain Bob, and one each of Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob.

*B. PATMORE Treble	G. CARTER 4
F. WALLACE 2	N. PATMORE 5
S. CARTER 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

* First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRIS BOWERS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
CHARLES LAYTON 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FREDK. H. PEARCEY ... Treble	*JOSEPH C. CHESTER ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	WALTER WALLINGTON ... 5
*FREDK. E. WALLINGTON ... 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

* First peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEAVER, JUN. ... Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT 4
†WILFRED R. HARRIS 2	JAMES P. HVETT 5
*WILLIAM BEAVER, SEN. ... 3	ALBERT E. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HVETT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the back six. This is the second peal on the bells in which five local ringers have taken part, the first one being 15 years ago, when the above conductor rang his first peal.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER Treble	*CHARLES H. CHESTER ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

Rung instead of Stedman at Caythorpe, which had to be abandoned in consequence of a local ringer's death that day. * First peal of Minor.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Saturday, May 19th, on the occasion of a branch meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, 720 Bob Minor: A. Lawrence 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, H. W. L. Wells 3, W. Trueman 4, S. Palmer 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 on the bells lately augmented and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tenor, cast by A. Rudhall in 1738, although only weighing just over 20 cwt., is in the key of C flat, a remarkably deep-toned bell for its weight.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM CURTIS Treble	SAMUEL QUINTIN 4
ALBERT SMITH 2	HENRY W. CURTIS 5
*ERNEST W. SMITH 3	FREDERICK W. GRIMSHAW Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in memory of George Hedges, for 45 years ringer and 55 years chorister at the above church. The ringer of treble hails from Beedon; 2nd and tenor from Thatcham; the remainder from Newbury.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1440 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, 1440 Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	CHARLES BROWN 4
*MISS MONICA MOSSE 2	†TOM ATKINS 5
*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	JOHN GARRATT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18.

FRANK CLAYDON 1—2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5—6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3—4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Claydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Rettendon on Saturday, May 24th. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Norman). Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Meeson at Rettendon Place, about 25 members sitting down, representing Broomfield, Chelmsford, Maldon, Writtle, and the local company.

At the business meeting, Messrs. Cyril Frost and Joseph Theohald, of Rettendon, and G. Cooper, of Chelmsford, were elected members.

Galleywood was chosen for the annual district meeting in September, and it was left for the Master and secretary to arrange a by-meeting at Ford End.

Mr. F. W. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the service and the use of the bells, also to Mrs. Meeson for providing such an excellent tea. — Touches were afterwards rung on the handbells, and the tower was again visited, the methods rung including Cambridge Surprise.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

GETTING TO WORK IN NORTH DORSET.

The first meeting of this newly-formed North Dorset Branch was held at Shaftesbury on Saturday, May 24th. Fifty members were present, representing twelve different towers, with a few visitors from Somerset branches.

A service was held at Holy Trinity Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. W. F. Aldous) gave the address.

After tea a business meeting was held, at which four clerical hon. members and two clerical ringing members, and the ringers of Motcombe, were elected members of the Guild.

The bells in the following towers were rung by members of the Guild, Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury; Motcombe, Fortwell Magna and Compton Abbas.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The 37th annual general meeting was held at East Retford on Saturday, May 31st. Owing to the unsettled and showery weather, and other district meetings, the attendance was smaller than usual; nevertheless a keen and enthusiastic number turned up on wheel and aud on foot from the following places: Anston, Shireoaks, Barlborough, Norton Cuckney, Treeton, Sheffield Cathedral, Southwell Cathedral, Rotherham, Gainsborough, Collingham, Ossington, West Retford and Ordsall, Harworth, Sutton-on-Trent, Lanton, and Worksop. A great variety of methods was rung on the six and ten-bell peals, which were placed at the disposal of ringers by the three incumbents, including Kent, Oxford and Violet Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise on six bells, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major on the eight and ten bells.

Divine service was held in the Ladies Chapel of the Parish Church, and a most inspiring address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Bailey, who was 'bright, brief, and brotherly.' In the course of his remarks, he assured the members of a most hearty welcome to East Retford. He described the art of change ringing as one of a most interesting character, and was gratified to know that its exponents now realised their true position and that of their art as a branch of church work.

Tea was served at Cook's Cafe, Carolgate, to upwards of 35 members and friends.

The usual business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. C. Bailey, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), and others. The annual report was passed as printed.—It was unanimously agreed that the next district meeting be held at Gamston on Saturday, June 21st. The ring of five bells had been recently rehung and retuned and a new treble bell added as a war memorial to make a ring of six, and the ringers, including Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House, had all promised to join the association after the reopening of the bells on June 7th, when the dedication would be performed by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, and a band of ringers chosen by the hon. secretary.

The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. H. Haigh was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Horace Weaver, of Worksop, was elected assistant hon. secretary, in the place of Mr. D. A. Piercy (resigned).

The following were duly elected members: Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House, and six ringers for the Gamston tower, Messrs. R. Ashforth, G. Brown, W. Rich, H. Morris, C. Carnall and C. Ashforth; John Wand, Ordsall; James Wallhead, Collingham.

The hon. secretary has only missed one district meeting since 1909, and it was unanimously agreed that in future his travelling expenses should be paid.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the three incumbents of the town for the use of the bells during the day, and to the Rev. Charles Bailey for his most interesting address, and also for presiding over the tea and meeting; to the tea makers, and also to those who had helped to make the meeting a success.—The Rev. C. Bailey briefly replied. — Further ringing was indulged in at the towers until 8.30 p.m.

The membership roll up to the end of the year contains the names of 19 vice-presidents, 220 performing, probationary, unattached, and non-resident life members, whilst the balance in the bank amounted to £22 19s. 9d., or a gain on the year's working of 9s. 2d.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Kiln-down on Saturday, May 24th, and was attended by members from Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Frittenden, Penshurst, Tunbridge Wells, and the local band.—The Vicar (Rev. H. B. Langton) conducted the usual service, and also gave an excellent address. The organist (Mr. J. A. Ager) presided at the organ, and the choir was present, as was also Capt. A. W. J. Cecil (Vicar's warden).

Tea, partaken of at the Globe and Rainbow Hotel, was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by Capt. Cecil.—Seven new members were elected.

Mention was made that the bells at Brechley Church were being recast and rehung, and the view was expressed that the association would welcome the Brechley ringers into the association with the object of teaching them the art of change ringing.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the organist, and his assistant and choir for their services, to Mr. F. Pattenden, captain of the local band, for making the arrangements, and to Captain Cecil for his attendance.

Ringings in various Minor methods, including Cambridge Surprise, took place in the afternoon and evening.

A HINT TO DEVON CLERGY.

A meeting of the Mid-Devon branch of the Devon Guild, held at Stoke Gabriel, was attended by ringers from Cockington, Collaton, Paignton, Torquay and Buckfastleigh. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and a short and enjoyable service was held, at which the Vicar gave an address.

At the business meeting a vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Mr. S. Hines, who was a member of the branch.

Dartington and Totnes were decided on for the next meeting.

The Rev. L. W. Browne, of Collaton, said that was the first branch meeting he had the pleasure of attending, and was delighted to know that there was a service connected with the meetings of the Guild. He thought it brought the ringers in closer touch with the Church, and so helped to raise the status of the ringers. He believed, years ago, the ringers had not been looked upon as part of the Church workers. He regretted that he was the only clergyman present, and thought the clergy ought to join with the ringers more and attend those meetings, and so help to set up a closer connection between the Church and the ringers (applause).

Mr. H. Hole (hon. secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and choir for the beautiful service, which one and all very much appreciated.—The Vicar replied, remarking that he was proud of their beautiful bells, and was always pleased to welcome different bands of ringers to the parish.—Mr. Lawrence was also thanked for his kindness.

Further ringing followed the meeting.

'METHODS BY THE BUSHEL.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the earliest days of civilisation there were probably very few arbitrary laws on any subject, but as time progressed the clever men and women of their day foisted on their hapless brethren many arbitrary laws in religion, science, etc., and these dogmatists did not hesitate to execute by burning, etc., anyone who opposed their dictums.

Thank goodness we are not quite as savage as our forefathers, but unfortunately we still have dogmatists on any and every subject under the sun, and the science of change ringing is not exempt.

In the early days of change ringing there were no arbitrary definitions; and although some of the arbitrary definitions of later years are quite good in themselves, in the matter of method construction they have been a curse instead of a blessing, and have obscured the truth instead of revealing it.

Certain people tell us to-day, that they and they only, possess the secret of method construction, and I challenge the great little WE, mentioned in Mr. Trollope's article, to prove the construction of London Surprise Minor and Major by their particular formula.

If they are unable to do this their formula is imperfect, because it is quite easy to prove the construction of London Surprise Minor and Major, and to demonstrate that they are one and the same method.

I submit that a formula which will produce certain classes of 'methods by the bushel,' but which will not explain the construction of every method, principle and system, is not complete; in fact, such a formula is only one more arbitrary definition.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association was held at Marshfield on Saturday, May 24th. A small charabanc conveyed a party from Bristol, including the Rev. T. E. Fowler (vice-president) and Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary). At Marshfield Mr. E. Lewis met the ringers, and the bells were raised in peal, and a touch of Stedman Triples brought round, followed by Grandsire and Double Norwich, in which Miss N. G. Williams, of Bath, and Mr. T. Lambeth, of Chippenham, took part. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Asplin), and the Rev. T. E. Fowler read the lesson. An excellent tea had been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis at their residence, and was followed by the meeting. About 20 members were present, including Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Midsomer Norton. Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, was made a life member; Mr. Norman Driver, associate member; Messrs. A. Nash, S. Lewis and E. Tyler, performing members. The following belfry elections were also confirmed: Messrs. F. G. May, S. Phillips and J. Richmond.

The next monthly meetings were fixed for Bitton on Saturday, June 21st, and Dyrham on Saturday, July 19th, the next quarterly meeting to be held at Coalpit Heath, the date not being fixed.

Mr. H. T. Howell moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the Rev. F. Rogers, of Warmley, who has had a long illness.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for officiating at the service, to the organist and organ blower; also to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for kindly arranging the excellent tea.

The tower was afterwards visited and several touches rung, concluding with a course of Cambridge Major.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the above district was held on Saturday, May 31st, at Northchurch. The bells, hung anti-clockwise, were utilised afternoon and evening by a company representing Hemel Hempstead, King's Langley, Berkhamstead, Watford, Oxhey, and the local tower, the methods rung being Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Single and Double Court.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Pepe), who cordially invited all to partake of tea with him in the Church Room.

After tea, the Rector presided at a short meeting, when the election of two new members was confirmed. (Elected previous to a peal at Leighton Buzzard.)

Apsley was chosen for the next meeting on July 19th.—A vote of sympathy was passed to one of the local ringers on his recent sad bereavement, the Vicar undertaking to convey the same to him.—A vote of thanks was cordially accorded to the Rector for his hospitality, etc.—This concluded the meeting, the ringers adjourning to the tower for further ringing.

Ringers at the Western end of Herts would benefit by the advice, 'Look out for the next Northchurch meeting!'

HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**VETERANS RING TOGETHER AT BENNINGTON.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday week at the historical and old-world village of Bennington. A warm welcome from the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills) awaited all who came, and a tea was generously provided by him in the Parochial Hall, to which 29 sat down, representing thirteen towers—not a bad record when it is remembered that Bennington lies four miles from the nearest station.

The business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rector, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his generosity, and for the welcome once again extended.

Touches in various methods were brought round, and good practice obtained, Cambridge Surprise being the highest attained. A most interesting event took place in connection with the ringing. Mr. S. Page and Mr. L. Chapman, aged 75 and 78 respectively, rang a course of Double Norwich side by side on the 4th and 5th as they stood in a peal in the year 1873. They also took part in a course of Treble Bob Major.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at Shepshed on Saturday, May 31st. The church, standing very high above the village, which can be seen for many miles around, was visited by some 30 members from various towers, including Hugglescote, Ibstock, Loughborough, Kegworth, Kingston-on-Soar, Whitwick, and the local ringers.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. E. K. Llewelyn, B.A.) gave a most helpful address, and afterwards presided at the business meeting. Both he and the churchwarden (Mr. Merriman) were made hon. members of the association.

Stanford-on-Soar was chosen for the next meeting on Saturday, July 5th.

After the meeting a presentation was made to Mr. W. Johnson upon retiring from his post as captain of the Shepshed ringers, after 41 years' regular service. He was presented with a handsome gold watch as a token of respect and appreciation for his valuable services.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his most appropriate sermon.

The ringers then visited the tower again, and some well-tapped touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were brought round.

WM. C. RUMSEY'S 200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles	1	1
Minor	7	3
Bob Triples	2	—
Grandsire Triples	5	4
Stedman Triples	10	1
Erin Triples	1	—
Bob Major	22	7
Kent Treble Bob Major	14	6
Oxford Treble Bob Major	33	12
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Stedman Caters	1	—
Double Norwich Major	58	31
Double Oxford Major	2	—
Superlative Surprise Major	22	7
Cambridge Surprise Major	14	7
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	2
Total	200	82

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When cycling home to West End, Southampton, from the Winchester Guild meeting at Privett on Saturday week, Mr. George Williams met with a bad accident. He was run into by another cyclist, thrown from his machine, and badly bruised and shaken. His machine was smashed. Mr. Williams had to have medical attention, and for a time was confined to bed.

Mrs. Frank Hairs, who has accomplished many noteworthy performances, including that of being the first lady to ring a pair of handbells to a Surprise peal, has now scored a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, being again the first lady to achieve this distinction.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first on the new bells at Seaford, Sussex, should be credited to the Sussex County Association.

The new peal of six bells at Thurlaston, Leicestershire, by the Loughborough Foundry, is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Thursday next.

Ringers in the old days did not get their peals without effort. The first peal on the bells at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, was rung on June 13th, 1821. The method was Grandsire, conducted by G. Dickisson, and it was rung by men from Nottingham, who had to walk the 27 miles each way. There was a free fight in the churchyard with the Ashbourne ringers after the peal.

The first peal of Stedman Caters 'on handbells retained in hand' was rung on June 15th, 1851, at the Osborn Arms, Heneage Street, London, by John Cox, George Ferris, William Cooter, Matt. Wood, and James Dwight.

Eighty years ago next Wednesday Jasper Snowden was born at Ilkley, Leeds.

The first peal at Lincoln Cathedral—Kent Treble Bob Major—was rung on June 15th, 1886, conducted by F. E. Dawe.

A peal of 5,080 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch on June 16th, 1816, in which William Shipway, and William Booth, of Sheffield (the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley's grandfather) took part, and which was called by George Gross.

As we reminded our readers last week, Friday was the 32nd anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham. On Saturday a commemorative peal was rung in the same method at Debenham, in which the four survivors of the former record took part, viz., Messrs. Wm. G. Crickmer, David Collins, Robert Brundle and Fred Tillet. They are not so young as they were, but they still enjoy a good peal.

Mr. C. F. Winney writes: It was interesting to note that Miss H. F. Willson was the first lady to ring two peals in one day, but as a matter of history, Miss Margaret H. Nicholls (now Mrs. Shurtleff), of Boston, U.S.A., rang two handbell peals on August 17th, 1902 (Sunday) They were Stedman Triples and Holt's Original, umpired by Joseph Barry and Dr. A. H. Nicholls.

The eight bells at Bletchley, Bucks, are being removed from the tower this week. They are going to the Loughborough Foundry to be tuned, and when they are returned will be hung in a new frame with all modern fittings.

Mr. H. Fairclough, Master of Chester Diocesan Guild, who, with his wife, visited London for the Central Council meeting, found all the hotels full, and consequently had to sleep for two nights in their motor-car!

STOWMARKET RINGER'S DEATH.

The Stowmarket company have lost another of their members in the person of Mr. W. D. Welham, who died after an operation in the East Suffolk Hospital, at the age of 62 years. Deceased had rung at Stowmarket for over 40 years, and had taken part in about 14 peals for the Norwich Association.

The funeral took place on Thursday, June 5th, at Stowmarket Cemetery. Although the company were unable to ring on that day, they sent a floral tribute, and on Saturday evening last rang, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled to the memory of their deceased comrade: W. Souter (conductor) 1, G. Waltham 2, C. Alderton 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, E. Davey 6, A. Grimwood 7, H. Copeland 8.

'DOUBLE-HANDED' TOWER BELL RINGING.

Mr. E. Hims, of Bicester, on Sunday evening, rang two tower bells at his parish church to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. The quarter-peal had been arranged for Mr. Hims' birthday, and, one man failing to turn up, Mr. Hims rang the 2nd and 3rd, and called the touch, which occupied 45 mins.: J. Evans 1, E. Hims (conductor) 2 and 3, W. Scarrott 4, B. Cox 5, F. A. Clifton 6, P. Neale 7, T. Clifton 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A SUMMARY OF TUESDAY'S MEETING.

The first session of the twelfth Council was held on Tuesday in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey. There was an attendance of nearly ninety members from all parts of the country, who were welcomed by the Dean (Bishop Ryle).

Canon G. F. Coleridge was re-elected president, Mr. E. Alex. Young hon. secretary and treasurer, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn hon. librarian.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies of a silver cup, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Council as hon. secretary and treasurer from 1902 to 1921.

The statement of accounts showed that the Council's receipts during the year were £13 from affiliation fees, and 24 9s. 4d. interest on stock. The expenditure amounted to £31 10s. 10d., including the £20 voted last year for the Roll of Honour, and £2 5s. 8d. loss on the sale of publications.

The Librarian laid before the Council the completed Roll of Honour of ringers who fell in the war. The work was executed by Mr. Cousins, of Cambridge, and is a most beautifully illuminated volume containing 1,071 names. Bound in royal blue leather it has been described by an authority at the British Museum as one of the finest pieces of modern illumination ever shown. With the consent of the Dean it is to be placed in the library of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The retiring hon. members, with the exception of Mr. R. A. Daniel, were re-elected, and the names of Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. J. Griffin added.

The Standing Committee were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Daniel and Mr. A. E. Parsons, and with the addition of Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Messrs. A. A. Hughes, Cyril F. Johnston and Pryce Taylor.

The Peal Collection and Literature and Press Committees were re-elected, Mr. A. Paddon Smith being added to the latter.

The Methods Committee was also re-elected. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter retired from the Peals Analysis Committee, and Miss E. K. Parker was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Towers and Belfries Committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. H. Fairclough, and a resolution was passed, on the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, 'that the Council strongly urge that each Diocesan Advisory Committee should include at least one member having expert knowledge of bells, bell hanging and change ringing, and that this resolution be communicated to the secretary of each Advisory Committee, and to the secretaries of the Diocesan Conferences.'

The Records Committee was re-elected, as was also the Science Museum Exhibit Committee.

Except in the cases of the Literature and Press Committee and the Peals Analysis Committee, which reports had already been published in our columns, verbal reports of the committees' work were presented.

The three resolutions on the agenda dealing with the nomenclature of methods were dealt with in one motion, moved by Mr. G. P. Burton, who moved, 'To call attention to the nomenclature of methods and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review existing method nomenclature; (2) to prepare suitable topographical names for the future; and (3) to formulate a plan for the application of such names.'

The resolution was divided, and after discussion the first part to the end of (1) was carried by 34 votes to 29.

An amendment to clauses (2) and (3), to read '(2) to suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future,' was moved by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and carried nem. dis. A motion postponing the appointment of the committee until the next Council meeting, moved by Ald. Pritchett, was defeated by 35 votes to 32.

The following committee was then appointed: Mr. G. P. Burton, Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. A. D. Barker, T. H. Beams and A. L. Coleman.

Mr. T. H. Taffender moved 'that this Council only recognise as peals upon handbells, those that have been umpired, and that the qualification of an umpire shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made. — The motion was defeated, only two voting in favour of it, it being pointed out that the rules of the Council already provide that an umpire shall be provided where practicable.

Mr. T. H. Beams proposed a motion to omit from Rule 6 the words 'but that the meeting following the triennial election be always in London.' On being put, however, it was lost by a large majority.

The Council adopted a motion by Mr. J. Hunt that it be an instruction to the Methods Committee when revising the Collection of Minor Methods to include instructions as to how the bobs in these methods should be made.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Council adopted Chester as the place of the next annual meeting.

It was resolved that the Standing Committee be given power to approve and publish the card of suggestions for the care of bells, which had been drawn up by the hon. secretary.

On the motion of Canon Elsee, the Council commended to the support the ringing associations the proposal to erect in a suitable place in Oxford a memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook.

Notice of a revision of the definition relating to peals on eight bells and upwards, so as to include peals in spliced methods, was given by Mr. W. A. Cave, and in connection with the ringing of a peal comprising fourteen 360's of Minor, to which attention was called by the Rev. H. Law James, the President mentioned that the Standing Committee proposed to take in hand the general revision of the rules and decisions of the Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean for the use of the historic chamber for the meeting, and the business proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the President.

A fuller report of the Council meeting will appear in our next and following issues.

In the evening ringing took place at Westminster Abbey, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and other churches, and later members and friends gathered at the Bedford Head Hotel, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, May 31st, at the Parish Church, a date touch 1,924 changes, being 864 Kent and 1,060 Plain Bob, was rung in one hour 16 mins.: P. Webb (conductor) 1, R. Clements 2, F. Bowtell 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of J. Lloyd Brown, of Lawstone House, Stockton-on-Tees, to Miss G. R. Bowen, eldest daughter of Mr. G. W. H. Bowen, J.P., of Ickleton Grange, which took place at Ickleton, the same day.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, June 7th, members of the above society, and a few friends, numbering 18, visited Hagbourne and Blewbury. Journeying by charabanc and leaving Reading at 2 p.m., after a most enjoyable ride through the beautiful scenery of Berkshire, Hagbourne was reached at 3.30. They were met by an old and esteemed 'brother string,' Mr. T. East, who had the bells ready for use. Some very good touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, and a move was then made to 'The Fleur De Lys,' where a capital tea had been prepared. Taking to the motor coach again, the journey was resumed to Blewbury, with its fine old church and noble peal of eight bells. Here again some splendid ringing was enjoyed. Mr. James, the local foreman, having all ready for the visitors on arrival. Adjourning to the Lion Inn, the party were met by several of the local ringers, and a musical evening was indulged in. No band of ringers could be made more welcome than were the Reading men by the Blewbury band. Reading was reached at 10.30 p.m., all having enjoyed the trip immensely. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the visitors desire to convey their best thanks to all who helped to make the afternoon such a success. The conducting during the day was shared between Mr. E. Humphrey, Mr. W. Simmonds, L. T. Osborne and A. W. Osborne.

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir, — I am tempted to ask if the Committees of the Central Council act upon the resolutions of the Council. In your last issue you published the report of a peal, rung at Hanley Castle, which was made up of fourteen 360's. While I admire those who can ring a peal involving all these different methods, this form of peal ringing should be ruled out of court, according to the Central Council's decision of some twelve or fourteen years ago. This laid it down 'that a peal of Minor should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, but that the 5,040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes with or without extra 720's.' Now, what does this imply if it is not peals of Minor made up of 360's should no longer be rung?

No one, of course, can prevent a company ringing fourteen, or forty half-extents, if they so wish; but the Council, if they would have their recommendations acted upon, should not countenance such performances. Yet what do they do? Their committee includes these peals in the analysis, and there appear to be two such shown in the analysis published on May 23rd, one rung for the Hereford Guild and one for the Norfolk Guild. Let the Council be consistent, and either rescind their resolution relating to what should constitute a peal of Minor, or else treat these five thousands as 'performances' and not as peals.—Yours, etc.,

A. SPLICER.

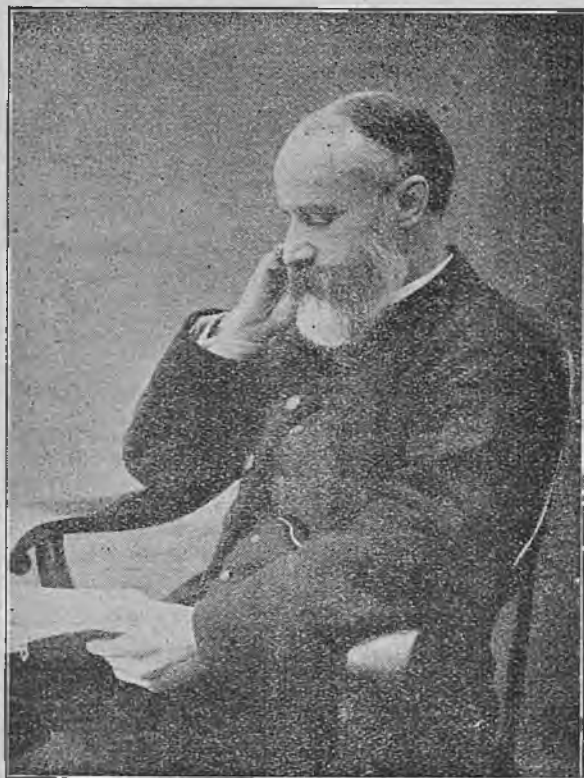
GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

JUBILEE FESTIVAL AT EXETER.

GREAT GATHERING AT THE CATHEDRAL CITY.

The Jubilee Festival of the Guild of Devonshire ringers was celebrated at Exeter on Monday, when about 300 members belonging to the various branches in the county attended a special service in the nave of Exeter Cathedral, and subsequently a dinner and a business meeting at Dellars' Cafe.

A prominent figure at the gathering was the octogenarian ringer, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who has now resigned the presidency of the Guild, a position he has held since 1896, when he succeeded the late Col. C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham, who was the first president on the formation of the Guild in 1874.



THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY, THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.

An interesting feature of the day was the ringing of the touch of St. Petrock's Church, which is the lightest peal in the city, by three of the oldest members of the Guild and three of the youngest. The seniors were the Rev. Maitland Kelly (the President of the Devon Guild), the Rev. Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorn, Berks, President of the Central Council, who is also a Devonshire man, and Mr. J. Moss, who for 57 years has been connected with the Exeter Cathedral Band. They were joined by three boys who are being trained at Sowton, a village near Exeter, by Mr. G. Betts.

Another notable feature in the day's programme was the visit of a ladies' band from St. Stephen's, Bristol, and a full Cinques band of Bristol ringers, who rang at the Cathedral. Touches were also rung at the City churches of St. David, St. Thomas and St. Sidwell.

At the meeting a list of original members of the Devonshire Guild was presented. It consisted of the following names: Revs. H. T. Ellacombe, Rector of Clyst St. George, who was vice-president in 1874; J. L. Fulford, Vicar of Woodbury; John L. L. Fulford, curate at Woodbury, who was secretary in 1874; R. Medley Fulford, Exeter, in whose office was held the first meeting of the Guild; W. F. Gore, Feniton Court, Honiton; Messrs. W. B. Fulford, who was treasurer in 1874; R. C. Merson, Tiverton; S. Mardon, Broadclyst; J. C. Palmer, East Budleigh; J. Sharland, Lympstone; A. Southey, Exeter; Col. C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham, who was president from 1874 to 1896; Mr. W. Banister, of Devonport, a vice-president; the Rev. C. S. Bere, of Uplowman, vice-president; the Rev. Maitland Kelly, June 15th, 1874, who was president from 1896 to 1924. In addition to the above names there were elected in 1874, on the same day as their

president, the Rev. Arthur Du Boulay Hill, assistant at Winchester College and of East Bridgford, who is still a life member; and Mr. Henry Payne, of Huntsham. On December 28th, 1874, were elected the Rev. Canon Coleridge and Mr. W. J. Southwood, of Exeter, the last named being now the secretary of the Exeter district branch.

THE EARLY DAYS.

At the special service in the nave of the Cathedral the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Coleridge from Ephesians vi., part of the 18th verse: 'With all perseverance.' It was, he said, the Jubilee of the Devonshire Guild, and it was right and fitting that they should meet together in that glorious Mother Church of the Diocese, because they must always remember that church bellringers took an equal part with the choir and the clergy in the service of God. He would ask them to carry their minds back to 60 years ago, ten years before the formation of the Guild. What at that time was known of church bell-ringing—real ringing—in that county? It was left for all men to read on a tablet erected in the church at Kelly. The inscription ran as follows: 'Be it remembered that on Saturday, January 21st, 1865, three six scores Grandsire Triples were rung in this church, being the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county.' Very much about the same time the practice of change ringing was undertaken at Huntsham, because he had in his possession the first edition of a book which was the outcome of the early struggles of the ringers of that place, and which was dated 1869. At the same time change ringing was known in H.M. Dockyard at Devonport. Mr. William Banister, who had been in Woolwich Arsenal, was in charge. He cast two trebles there and hung them himself, and change ringing began. Change ringing was also known about that time at Penzance and Uplowman. As far as he could gather these were the only places where change ringing was cultivated in this part of the country. It was true that change ringing might have been heard here, but it was by foreign bands. For example, soon after Prince Consort died, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, had bells cast and put up in memory of the Prince, but they were opened by Bristol men, who came down and rang Minor and six-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. In the early history of change ringing in the county certain names naturally came to the memory, first and foremost being the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, the great modern purifier of church bellfries. Next to him came Charles Arthur Williams Troyte, of Huntsham, and next to him, William Banister. Then there were Col. Trelawney; their retiring president, the Rev. Maitland Kelly; the family of the Fulfords; Dr. Symons, of Penzance; Richard Merson, of Uplowman; Mr. Tucker and Mr. Chave, and later the brothers Shepherd, of Exeter. At the outset the Guild had many difficulties. The old round of ringers of the country made a dead set against the new methods. Much good had been done by the ringing tours in Devon and Cornwall, and men of the old school had come long distances anxious to learn everything. Schools had been even held in the churchyards, and explanations given to these men relative to the beauties of change ringing. Change ringing was being welcomed, but it would only be welcomed more and more the greater they persevered in their art. In spite of all difficulties, both within and without the tower, they found that the motto: 'Perseverance conquers everything' held true. He reminded them that certain responsibilities attached to the name of ringer, and he asked them to remember the meaning of the letters which formed the word, viz.: R stood for regularity in attendance; I, industry in the cultivation of the art; N, neat in the handling of the rope; G, for Guild; E, example in manners, conversation and dealings of life; R., for religion.

After the service the members were photographed at the west end of the Cathedral.

VENERABLE PRESIDENT RETIRES.

At the dinner at Dellars' Cafe, the President of the Guild, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, presided. In the course of his speech on the history of the Guild, he said there was not a single member of the 14 who were enrolled at the first meeting now living. He spoke of the difficulties they first had to encounter in Devon, not only from the old ringers, but from the general public, who were not at all sympathetic. The county had its peculiar difficulties in promoting change ringing owing to the small centres of population, and to the paucity of instructors available to go into the remote parts. Owing to advancing age, he felt that the time had come when he must retire from the position he had held for so many years. The office of presidency ought to be filled by a younger man. He had no fear for the future. He thanked them sincerely for the many kindnesses he had received from them, and his interest in change ringing would be in no way diminished (applause). He urged them never to neglect their Sunday ringing, and advised them to make change ringing the best they could produce.

At this stage the Rev. H. L. Piggott, vice-president, took over the conduct of the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeaton) announced that the Exminster bells would be rededicated on Saturday, June 21st. He also gave a list, already mentioned above, of the original members of the Guild.

Col. Acland Troyte, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and to Canon Coleridge, said he was glad to be present, because his father happened to be first president of the Guild, and did so much to encourage ringing in Devon. The inaugural meeting of the Guild, according to the records at Huntsham, was held in June, 1874. Eight members of the Huntsham band attended the meeting. Of those only two, Messrs. Payne and Tucker, were still living. It had been a great encouragement to the Guild to be able to hold its Jubilee Festival in the Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, and to have an opportunity of ringing the Cathedral bells which were unique in this country. He wished more clergy would become acting members of the Guild and take part in the ringing, as it would help them to realise they were as much servants of the Church as were the choir, and that ringing was done for the service of the Church and not for the ringers' own amusement (applause).

The Very Rev. Dean of Exeter (Dr. Gamble), in reply, said he had noticed a growing interest being taken in bells and in ringing in all parts of Devon. He assured them that the Dean and Chapter would always be glad to do everything they could for the Devonshire Guild of Ringers (applause).

EXETER'S SILENT BELLS.

Canon Coleridge, who also responded, proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring president, whose services to bell ringing he highly extolled. The Canon regretted that the towers of St. John's and St. Edmund's, Exeter, were silent. He was told that they were in a disgraceful condition. It was a crying shame to a city like Exeter that such a thing should be allowed to happen, and he suggested that something should be done to have the bells rehung and reopened.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, in reply, promised to render whatever assistance he could to the younger men. As he left the chair the rev. gentleman was loudly cheered.

In order to signalise his fifty years' service to the Guild, Mr. W. J. Southwood, secretary of the Exeter area, presented the Guild with a 'Coronn' typewriter. The gift was acknowledged with gratitude by the Chairman, on behalf of the members.

On the motion of Mr. Southwood, seconded by Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth), the Rev. E. S. Powell, who had been secretary of the Guild for many years, was unanimously elected to succeed the Rev. Maitland Kelly in the presidency.

The Rev. E. S. Powell acknowledged the compliment.

On the motion of the Rev. F. Carter (Calverleigh), seconded by Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Littleham-cum-Exmouth, was unanimously elected general secretary.

On the motion of Mr. H. J. Hole (Paignton), seconded by Mr. A. H. Hayward (Combe Martin), Mr. T. G. Bartlett (Exeter) was re-elected hon. treasurer.

Vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Maitland Kelly and the Rev. G. E. F. Molyneux (Silverton).

A vote of condolence with the family of Mr. Doble, a Taunton ringer, was passed in silence.

On the motion of Mr. Marsh, it was decided that any member totally incapacitated from ringing may be transferred by the general committee to the life members' list on the recommendation of his band.

Plymouth was selected for the place of meeting next year.

The following were elected as hon. members' representatives on the committee: Rev. H. B. Clark, W. E. Cox and H. W. Millett, and Messrs. H. B. Kindersley and A. S. Hutchison.

The Revs. Maitland Kelly and E. S. Powell and Mr. A. W. Scarle were elected on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

CONSOLIDATING THE GROUND.

The report of the General Committee contained the following:—

During the past year there has not been any such considerable increase of Affiliated Bands as was recorded in the 1922 report. This was indeed hardly to be expected, nor was it perhaps even desirable. A certain breathing space was needed to consolidate the ground won. It must never be forgotten that one of the primary objects of the Guild is the advance of change ringing. If this purpose be allowed to drop into the background its character will be completely changed, so that mere numerical increase might easily prove disastrous. On this account you committee have the greatest pleasure in recording a steady, and indeed considerable, issue of change-ringing certificates throughout the year. In the case of more than one band labelled 'associate' twelve months ago all the members are now qualified change-ringers. This is matter for real congratulation and rejoicing.

The Cathedral Cinques practice has passed through somewhat difficult times, owing to repeated alterations of the day and times, for which the ringers themselves had no responsibility. Now that the Dean and Chapter have kindly assigned the second Saturday evening in the month for the practice, these meetings have taken, it is hoped, a new lease of life. An innovation which has been made at the Cathedral consists in a monthly invitation to the members of one or other of the City eight-bell towers to ring there on Sunday

morning, the Cathedral ringers assisting to complete the band when needed. This privilege has been highly appreciated by those willing to take part.

During the year there were rung nine peals of Grandsire, two Caters, six Triples and one doubles.

During the past year the expenditure of the Guild exceeded the receipts by £11 18s. 2d., and, moreover, the difficulties of the treasurer in meeting current expenditure is seriously increased by the failure of local branches to forward their affiliation fees during the first month of the year. In some instances these returns are a full year late. Your committee hopes that this hint will bring about real improvement in this respect.

THE LATE MR. WM. P. COOPER.

LEICESTER'S 'G.O.M.' OF RINGING.

As briefly announced in our last issue, there passed to his rest on Friday, May 30th, Mr. William Porter Cooper, who had reached the advanced age of 86. He was one of the few remaining original members of the Midland Counties Association, having joined it at its formation in 1883, but he was a ringer of long standing even then.

Although he had not rung a large number of peals, his performances were good ones, and in his early days a peal was an 'event' in a ringer's life, long talked of and practised for, not as is so often now the case, an everyday occurrence. He rang his first peal on the tenor at St. Margaret's, Leicester, as far back as 1868, being then in the prime of health and strength, when it was stated no man could ring this bell to a peal, owing to its bad going. Subsequently he took part in the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters rung by the M.C.A., and the other peals included the usual standard methods of his day.

From the death of his brother Stephen in February, 1905, until the war period he held the office of president of the Leicester branch of the M.C.A., and was for 47 years the vergier of St. Leonard's Church. He was much respected by all who knew him as an upright, honest Christian gentleman.

He was buried on Tuesday, June 3rd, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung over the grave by E. Whitehead 1—2, J. Morris 3—4, W. Willson 5—6, H. Needham 7—8, A. Cattell 9—10. A wreath was sent by Leicester ringers, and half-muffled ringing took place at St. Margaret's, St. Saviour's, and St. Martin's Churches.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24th, a meeting of the Luton district was held at Leighton Buzzard, and in spite of a very showery afternoon, between 20 and 30 members were present during the afternoon and evening, from Luton, Dunstable, Barton-le-Clay, Woburn, Linslade, and Tring, and a good muster of local men. A welcome visitor was Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

The bells were utilised during the afternoon and evening in a number of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal. The visitors were very pleased to note the progress of some of the young members of the local band.

A short business meeting was held after tea, presided over by Mr. A. King, President of the Branch, supported by Canon Baker, President of the Association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aspley Guise in the last week in July, and, it is hoped, the summer meeting at Barton-le-Clay. After the meeting the tower was again visited.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 24th. A fair number turned up, notwithstanding the unsettled weather. The chair was taken by Mr. H. L. Harlow (late district secretary), and five new members were elected. Sharnbrook was chosen for the next meeting-place.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

TRUMPINGTON RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, May 24th, the ringers of Trumpington Parish Church (Cams) paid a very enjoyable visit to Littlebury, and they were accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Moule), and Messrs. W. J. and F. Kempton. Mr. W. B. Kempton is the oldest member of the Society of Cambridge Youths. Several years ago he undertook the uphill task of teaching the art of ringing to a band of recruits at Trumpington, and the work has since been carried on by Mr. F. Kempton.

The visitors were met by some of the local band, and ringing took place both before and after tea. Later on the five cyclists departed for Ickleton, where they were met by some of the local band—a kindness which was much appreciated—leaving the remainder of the party at Littlebury until the bus arrived.

All the band feel very grateful to their own Vicar for planning such a very pleasant outing, to the Vicars of Littlebury and Ickleton for granting permission to ring, and to the local bands for having everything ready.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West district was held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on May 17th. Service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Sharp (Vicar), with Mrs. Sharp presiding at the organ. After service the ringers were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Vicar and Mrs. Sharp, with Miss Sharp and other ladies in attendance.

At the business meeting, the vice-president occupied the chair, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Sharp for their kind hospitality, which was much appreciated by all present, for conducting the service and presiding at the organ, respectively, and to the ladies for their assistance. The Vicar acknowledged the thanks, and welcomed the association to his parish. He also wished to thank his ringers and all who assisted them with the Sunday service ringing.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett and Fred Goodfellow, of the local band. — Ruislip was selected for the June meeting, and Denham for July. Handbell ringing was indulged in, after which the tower was again visited, and in spite of the 'go' of the bells a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

ASCENSION DAY RINGING.

ISLEWORTH.—For Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Beadle 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. V. Beadle 3, F. G. Goddard 4, A. Beckensale 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Brooks 8.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Carter 1, J. Bower 2, F. Woodward 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, S. Naish (first quarter-peal) 8.

READING, BERKS.—For evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, E. Humphrey 3, G. Cook 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, H. Osborne 7, A. Jeffery 8.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—After evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Evans (conductor) 5, A. Phillips (first quarter) 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire on the bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—720 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): G. Heather 1, A. H. Bundle 3, E. Talbot 4, C. H. Kippen 5, F. Holder 6, E. E. Darby 7, T. Bohannon 8. This was rung after meeting short for quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM.—For evening prayer, on the 50th anniversary of consecration, 360 Plain Bob: P. G. Rabbetts 1, E. T. Broadbridge 2, A. M. Parslow 3, W. H. Ivener 4, G. Pidnell 5, A. Miller (conductor) 6.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 728 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, F. Peck 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, tenor covering.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—For 6 a.m. Communion service, at the Parish Church, 252 Grandsire Triples.—For 7 a.m. Communion service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, H. Lewis 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, G. Dore 7, F. Edwards 8.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: W. Ball 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, Mrs. E. M. Atkins 3, G. Margetts 4, F. Saxby 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, F. Ladyman 7, A. Gardiner 8.

A PRESENTATION.

At St. Peter's Church, Chatteris, Cambs. on Saturday, May 31st, to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. Wm. Seekings, 720 Bob Minor: A. Barker (first 720 as conductor) 1, Wm. Seekings 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.

Mr. Seekings was afterwards presented with a cigarette case on behalf of the St. Peter's Guild, the company wishing him many happy returns. They hope he will very shortly be able to record his first 5,040.

THE FIRST TRUE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of February 22nd, quite recently to hand, a paragraph under the head of 'Belfry Gossip' states:—

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 23rd, 1783.

The 'Clavis' gives the figures of this peal. It is very false.

Nothing is more likely than that the band who first rang Mr. Middleton's peal of Cambridge, rang, at the same time, the first true peal ever rung of Cambridge Surprise Major.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES S. WILDE.

Dunedin, N.Z.

April 10th, 1924.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DENTON.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, at St. Anne's, Denton, Manchester, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Swindells 1, Wilfred Wilde 2, John Wilde (first 720 in method) 3, H. Bardsley 4, H. Ellis 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—On Whit Sunday, for afternoon service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Folkard 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Wood 3, A. Cutmor 4, R. Mackrill 5, P. Miles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

RISHTON, LANCS.—On Whit Sunday morning, for service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: C. Ayres 1, P. France 2, F. Winfield 3, W. Pilkington 4, B. Crabtree 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

PAIGNTON.—On Whit Sunday, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins.: F. Allwood 1, F. T. Gover 2, A. W. Bowers 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, L. Payne 8.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, June 1st, at Christ Church, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, as a farewell touch to Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, who is leaving Leeds for Wandsworth: J. Hey 1, M. Moorhouse 2, Miss O. L. Lumley 3, F. Blackbeath 4, J. W. Moorhouse 5, J. Thackray 6, A. Windsor 7, G. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

KIRTON LINDSEY, Lincs.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob (10 callings), in 47 mins.: A. Thornton 1, W. Leaning 2, J. Bray (conductor) 3, A. Tomlinson 4, G. Hobbins 5, B. Gillett 6.

BRENTWOOD.—On Sunday, June 1st, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, for 10 a.m. Eucharist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss May Crow (first quarter-peal) 1, F. G. Ringe 2, E. Furbank 3, H. Turner 4, R. Ong 5, E. D. Baker 6, Geo. Miles (conductor) 7, P. S. Carrel 8.

IDLE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 46 mins.: E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, T. B. Kendall 2, W. Popplewell 3, H. Davison 4, R. Umpleby 5, F. Killshaw 6, W. Feather (first quarter in method) 7, H. Foster 8.

SPRINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) were rung in 45 minutes, being 720 New London, 360 Oxford and 180 Plain Bob by the following: J. H. Myhill 1, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 2, I. J. Poulton 3, E. Runtler 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham 6. Also after service, 360 Woodbine by the same band.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Prall 2, W. Hawkes 3, A. E. Davis 4, I. J. Poulton 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Goddard 1, H. Chandler 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, J. Milner 6, J. Bacon 7, G. Spencer 8, A. Beckensale 9, W. Honor 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 25th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 42 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, F. A. Burnett 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 18th, for 8 a.m. Holy Communion service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: G. Guest 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, J. F. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. First 720 in method by 1st and 4th ringers.—For evening service, a quarter-peal 1,260 changes, in 40 mins., being 480 each of St. Simons and Plain Bob, and 300 of Grandsire: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, J. F. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.—After service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Clare 1, C. W. Smith 2, A. E. Hanks 3, W. E. Cales 4, J. F. Brooks (first 720 as conductor) 5.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, 720 Old Doubles: Miss C. Higgs (first 720) 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, G. Guest 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 18th, before morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hitchman 1, H. Palmer 2, W. Hitchman 3, E. Cox 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, W. Corderoy 6. Rang the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mrs. Webster (mother-in-law to the Vicar), who was interred in Highgate Cemetery on May 16th, in her 96th year, the above band ringing a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. Hitchman.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) by J. E. Groves, in 57 minutes: H. Street 1, H. Phipps 2, J. Hall 3, J. Hemming (conductor) 4, O. Attwood 5, H. Jordan 6, F. Jordan 7, H. Middleton 8, G. Hemming 9, F. Jinks. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 5th.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, May 18th, 593 Grandsire Caters: F. Springham 1, W. Storey 2, F. Bird (conductor) 3, H. G. Miles 4, H. Dew 5, H. M. White 6, H. Chamness 7, W. W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, W. Wilkinson 10. Also 198, conducted by H. G. Miles. Arranged for Mr. H. G. Miles, of London, and Mr. W. Storey, of Hertford.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**AN EMPIRE DAY PEAL.**

On Saturday, May 17th, the Cathedral Bell Ringers and Cathedral Choirmen and boys were entertained to tea by Alderman and Mrs. C. Willis, at their home, The Moorings, Borstal Road, Rochester. After a most excellent tea, a vote of thanks was proposed by Minor Canon Johnson, on behalf of the choir and bell ringers, who pointed out that this annual meeting was arranged, 'lest we forget.' The two new bells were provided by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Willis, in memory of their son, Lieut. Willis, R.A.F., who fell in the war.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Haigh, the leader of the ringers.—Ald. and Mrs. Willis feelingly replied. Afterwards a game of bowls and a stroll through the beautiful garden brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

It was arranged to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters on the following Saturday, Empire Day, with the Dean's permission. A start was made at 5.20, and the peal brought round in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Recently electric light was installed in the belfry, and this was the first peal attempt under much improved conditions. All went well until the last three courses were reached, when the electric light went out, the assistant organist having switched it off at the main. Thanks to the Daylight Saving Bill, however, the band were able to bring the peal to a successful conclusion in semi-darkness.

On Sunday morning the ringers were heartily complimented by the Dean of Rochester and Canon Newbolt, of St. Paul's Cathedral, on the excellent peal.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

At Bratton, Westbury, Wilts, on Sunday, May 18th at St. James' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Cook 1, H. G. Smith 2, W. Chapman (conductor) 3, F. Emm 4, B. Cook 5, A. J. Smith 6. The above was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Jeayes, of Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, father and mother of the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Jeayes, M.A.), who expressed his thanks to the ringers.

POOLSTOCK, LANCs.—On Saturday, May 3rd, an attempt for Parker's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was made at the Church of St. James, Poolstock, near Wigan, and was lost in the 19th course, after 2½ hours' good ringing, owing to a change course: P. W. Cave 1, T. Hammond 2, J. Wilkinson 3, C. S. Benwell 4, T. W. Gilmour 5, G. R. Newton (conductor) 6, J. Martin 7, E. Counce 8.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—On Saturday, May 3rd, at the Church of Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: F. E. Dawe (conductor) 1, G. Pullinger 2, G. Williams 3, F. W. Rogers 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. P. Duffield 7, J. E. Norgate 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the tenor, who belongs to the local band, and was elected a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

CARDIFF.—On May 1st, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Evans 1, F. J. Bailey 2, G. Large 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. Davies 5, W. Biss 6, A. Parnell 7, S. Dawe 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. John Clutterbuck, who was interred on the previous day.

NOTICES.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE.—In connection with the summer meeting of the Royal Cumberlands on June 21st, the Wycombe Society extend a cordial invitation to all ringers to be present at service and tea (provided free to those who notify before June 19th)—George Twitchem, 17, Totteridge Road, High Wycombe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Headington on Saturday, June 21st. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. F. Barrett, 64, Norreys Road, Oxford.

LAVENHAM.—The bells will be at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, June 21st, from 3 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Entrance west door with cycles. It is hoped new friends will be present.—A. Symonds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, June 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Knebworth on June 14th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea immediately afterwards. Will those who require tea please notify me?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, June 14th, by kind invitation of W. R. Neuth, Esq. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service at 4.30 in Parish Church.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard, Middleton, on Saturday, June 14th. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The usual monthly meeting will not be held in June. Hoylandswaine have secured a challenge cup to be competed for annually. The first contest is to take place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 14th. Draw 2 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided for those applying for tickets to Mr. Moxon, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. A useful service of motors runs through the village.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A ringers' re-opening of the bells, after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at which all ringing friends will be welcome. The bells will be at liberty from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Staveley, June 14th. Belfry open 2 o'clock. The committee meet in the Institute (adjoining the Rectory Barn) at 4.15. There will be a service in Church at 4.30, address by Rev. Canon Molineux. Tea in the Rectory Barn (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. The Rector has kindly placed the Rectory lawn at the disposal of members for bowling.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the new peals of six bells at Thurlaston on Thursday evening, June 19th, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, June 21st, there will be a meeting of the Hinckley district at Thurlaston. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly let Mr. A. Walton, Thurlaston, know not later than the 19th? Bells are by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, tenor about 14 cwt.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells at liberty 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Schoolroom afterwards. Wellington Parish Church (8) available after tea. Those requiring tea please send word by Tuesday, June 17th.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bromfield on June 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise number coming by the 18th instant.—P. Lane, District Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow, Salop.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Scarborough on Saturday, June 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Chapman's Hotel, Castle Road, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. each, for all who notify Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia Street, Scarborough, not later than Wednesday, June 18th. Business meeting immediately after tea. The secretary extends a hearty invitation to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. H. F. Ashley, builder, etc., Bulkington, not later than Thursday, June 19th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Quarterly meeting of the N.E. branch at Bampton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 1s., 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, June 17th.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Hon. Sec., Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Bitton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 16th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Gamston on Saturday, June 21st, three miles from Retford, 3½ miles from Tuxford, on the Great North Road. Bells (6) recently rehung in new frame, retuned, and new treble added as a war memorial, available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bus, 'Silver Queen,' starts from East Retford Parish Church 12 noon and 3 p.m. Return via Tuxford 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to make train connections. Garden fete held on the Gamston House grounds and tea served by the kind permission of Herbert Smith, Esq.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The summer meeting will be held at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, on June 21st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service by the Rector 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock to all who notify me of attending not later than June 19th. Meeting 7 p.m. Trains from Paddington 1.25, 2.23 and 3.40.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Annual branch meeting and social, August 23rd, at Blackburn Parish Church. Other branches please notice. Particulars later.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Arley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 17th at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) open from 2 to 9. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5, at a charge of 1s. per head, to those who notify Mr. F. Mortimer, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by June 18th. Will intending visitors please note? Motor bus leaves Firth Park tram terminus every 20 minutes for Ecclesfield.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, June 21st, 5.45 till 8 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — The 301st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences 9 a.m., and all visitors are heartily welcomed. A luncheon will be held at one o'clock, and those wishing to attend kindly notify the honorary secretary.—R. A. Strong, Saffron Walden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for those who let me know by the 23rd. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Those who require same please advise W. J. Kemp, 46, Narford Road, E.5, by Thursday, June 26th, first post. Business meeting and further ringing to follow. The bells at St. John's, Hackney, will be open for ringing from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grantham (10 bells) on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Special object, unveiling of peal board at 4.30. Meat tea at Globe Café 2s. each. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, not later than June 26th? Train leaves Nottingham at 2.18. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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RICHARDSON.—At Surfleet, on June 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, a daughter.

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