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**THE COUNCIL'S PEAL DEFINITIONS**

The 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Minor recently rung at Ealing has raised anew the question of what shall be accepted as a peal on six bells, and the Central Council will have to make up its mind what it is going to do on this thorny subject, if its authority in these matters is to be maintained. At present its rulings are being ignored in some quarters, but the Council cannot continue to accept this situation and retain its dignity. Years ago it laid down certain definitions of what was to be recognised as a peal; at Hereford in 1928 it amended its definition of a peal of Minor and, for the first time, set down a definition for a peal of Doubles. It did this because it considered it was bringing its rules more into line with advancing practice. But certain ringers, led by members of the Methods Committee, quickly discovered that this amendment did not go far enough to meet their own views, and they have put forward the argument that any 5,040 on six bells, which contains all the 720 changes seven times—no matter in what order they are produced—has an equal claim to be called a 'peal' as a 5,040 comprised of seven true 720's.

When this new contention was advocated at Chelmsford in 1929 the Council, by its voting on various motions which were submitted, vacillated and, in its indecision, compromised on its attitude towards peal compositions which do not consist of true 720's. The Council cannot, however, much longer defer a decision. There may be those who would advocate leaving things as they are, merely because they have not reached finality. But there cannot be finality in ringing any more than in any other science. If the new ideas are really in the interests of the art—and truth is the foundation of it, at any rate as far as peal ringing is concerned—then the Council should further amend its rules so that there can be no misconception and in order that its own members shall not ride roughshod over its decisions.

If the existing rules are not sufficiently elastic to cover what, in the opinion of the Exercise, should in these days be recognised as a peal on five or six bells, the Council should adopt the necessary amendments—or scrap the rules altogether. It is useless to have rules to establish a standard for peal ringing if they are not acceptable to the Exercise. To do so is to lower the prestige of the Council, and the Council would be better without them. There is no need, however, to scrap the rules. The members should be prepared to express an opinion on a subject of this kind—that is what they are there for—and if they are of opinion that the present rules do not meet the case, they should alter them.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 7
†GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
†CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 4	FRED PRICE ... .. 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

ST. ALBANS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*HAYDN E. GOODYEAR ... .. Treble	BEN JARMAN ... .. 6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2	SIDNEY R. GARDNER ... 7
JOHN W. MALYAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 8
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 5	THOMAS J. HULL ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 7
JOHN H. CHEERSMAN ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 8
GEORGE CROSS ... .. 4	HARRY MANCER ... .. 9
GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 5	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HARRY MANCER.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Wilfred Taffender, assistant secretary of the above association, and Miss Jessie Margaret Foote, which took place the same day at the Church of St. Saviour and the Holy Cross, Raynes Park, Wimbledon.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY PLATT ... .. Treble	ROSE BELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2	HAROLD HAMER ... .. 6
JOSEPH OGDEN ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 3	CECIL NICE ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

DEVIZES, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

GEORGE WINTER... ..Treble	WILLIAM A. SWIFT ... .. 5
VINCENT E. SWIFT ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 6
SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...Tenor

J. T. DYKE'S TRANSPOSITION OF J. HUNT'S COMPOSITION.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS,

Sidney Hillier has now completed the 'circle' of the tower.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

MARK LANE ... ..Treble	ALBERT FLEET ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	H. DOUGLAS HARRIS ... .. 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 7
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

A farewell peal to the Rev. B. C. Pratt, Vicar, and Miss Tanqueray, churchwarden, who have recently resigned office at this church.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. FURBANK ...Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. This composition contains 2,944 of London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative and 608 of Bristol. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE THREE-PART, No. 87

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 6
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	JOHN CURTIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time and is the first peal of Stedman Triples in three equal parts.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK GIBBONS ... ..Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5
ARTHUR HINGLEY ... .. 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 6
DAVID HINGLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
DANIEL MATKIN ... .. 4	BERT HORTON ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERT HORTON.

First peal in the method for the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, who, together with the conductor, are members of the local band. Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells (a peal of Bob Major rung on August 27th, 1810), and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Horton, mother of the conductor.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Friday, September 9th, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Metcalf 1, F. Looker 2, J. Ralph 3, H. Sanger 4, W. Shute 5, E. Coward (conductor) 6.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 396).

First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK MAY ... ..Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST... .. 7
HARRY MILES ... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE

MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN SPARROW ... ..Treble	EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 5
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 2	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY... .. 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by the association, upon the bells and by all the band. This peal contains 2,880 changes of Cambridge and 2,176 of Superlative.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINCOLN ... ..Treble	EDWARD G. ELLINGER ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 6
PERCY GREEN ... .. 3	JOHN WOOD... .. 7
*FREDERICK A. WATTS ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Payne and his daughter.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... ..Treble	TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 5
*MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
MISS MARGARET PACK ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 4	ALBERT RELFE ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 100th peal together; both have rung the same number of peals, viz., 177. Credit is due to Miss M. Pack, who, although only 15 years of age, rang well throughout. This was her first attempt for a peal on eight bells. A birthday peal for Mrs. C. H. Sone. The composition, No. 80, is rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality after the peal.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
HERBERT C. REASON ... .. 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. MILLER.

Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK ... .. 5
*THOMAS KING ... .. 2	JAMES HARRISON ... .. 6
NORMAN KENYON ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7
†JAMES JACKSON ... .. 4	FRED HINDLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

RICHARD DENNISON ... .. Treble	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.
FRANK WILSON ... .. 2	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 5
JIM TEBAY ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 6
HECTOR WOODBURN ... .. 4	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 7
	*JAMES E. BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Triples and belongs to Whitehaven. First peal of Triples on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ALL SAINTS' GUILD, FEERING.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*STANLEY FISHER ... .. Treble	ERNEST MINGAY ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	*HENRY NICHOLLS ... .. 6
JOHN C. NEWMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE HAYWARD ... .. 7
STANLEY PYE ... .. 4	FREDERICK FLUDDER ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal. First peal by the Guild. The conductor has now rung peals with 500 ringers. The peal was a farewell to Prebendary A. E. Dalton on his retirement after 50 years in the ministry.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,  
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WATHEN ... .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 2	WILLIAM STANNARD ... .. 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 4	LAWRENCE POULSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTTS. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringer of the 2nd has now completed the circle in this tower.

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## SIX BELL PEALS.

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On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ... .. Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	*CHARLES B. LYON ... .. 5
JOHN R. FREEMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.  
\* First Surprise peal. J. R. Freeman's and J. Walden's 50th peal together.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being thirteen 240's of Pitman's and eight of Morris'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM WARREN ... .. Treble	JAMES T. RANDLE ... .. 4
*CHARLES DAVIES ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
T. WILLIAM ROWLEY ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. Rung on and as a birthday compliment to T. W. Rowley.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Horton, Biddulph, London, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL B. BAILEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. 4
WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 3	JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Rung on the 30th anniversary of the wedding of the Rector and Mrs. Hamlet, the ringers wishing them 'many happy returns.'

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERNEST SWAIN ... .. Treble	†THOMAS HANNAN ... .. 4
JOHN WOODS ... .. 2	†RICHARD RAINFORD ... .. 5
†ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Egerton, Kent.

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Fifteen callings.

*S. SMITH ... .. Treble	A. P. W. FLETCHER ... .. 4
*A. JACOBS ... .. 2	J. SMITH ... .. 5
G. WILKINS ... .. 3	J. BROAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. SMITH.

\* First peal. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are from Cholsey; the remainder are local.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4
HENRY STAPLETON ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 5
*JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ... .. 3	*ALBERT MINNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

\* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods.



DISLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven spliced extents in 21 methods, viz: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Valo Royal and St. Werburg; (2) Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury; (3) Poynton and Old Oxford; (4) Bocking and Willesden; (5) Grove Delight and Neasden; (6) College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	HARRY LANGLEY ... 4
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
*JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	*ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BENNETT.

\* First peal in 21 methods.

MINSTER, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of College Single.  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. EDWARD H. SPICE ... Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ... 4
†WILLIAM J. WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... 3	EDWARD H. SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, which were augmented to six in 1931 through the generosity of Mr. Hipwell, a resident. Mrs. Spice is the first lady to ring a peal in the Isle of Sheppey.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
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On Monday, August 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	*FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7-8

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. R. Richardson and Mrs. H. J. POOLE.

\* 400th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 13 in E.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. R. Richardson and Mrs. H. J. POOLE.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
*HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness—Mrs. R. Richardson.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

READING, BERKS.—On Wednesday, August 31st, for the Patronal Festival Service, at St. Giles' Church, 960 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 46 minutes: W. Osborne 1, Miss P. Holloway 2, L. T. Osborne 3, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 4, A. Bailey 5, J. Swain 6, A. Jeffery 7, H. Osborne 8. Longest in the method by ringers of 1, 2 and 7.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7-8

FRANK I. HAIRS ... 9-10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Witnesses—Mrs. H. J. POOLE and Mrs. R. Richardson.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 13 in E.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Witnesses—Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Mrs. H. J. POOLE and Mrs. R. Richardson

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. L. L. EAST,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 1½ in F sharp.

MRS. JACK BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	*HAROLD WALKER ... 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

**FIRST 720 ON ANCIENT BELLS.**

At Eythorne, Kent, on Monday, September 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. A. Bamford 1, Miss M. Pack 2, W. Terry 3, J. Pack 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5. Believed to be the first 720 on the bells, an ancient peal, two of the bells dating from the 15th century and one from the 16th century.

**AGED TEN!**

At Witham, Essex, Freddy Mellin, who is ten years of age, has rung 360 Bob Minor on handbells: Freddy Mellin 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, A. Evers 4, E. Bright (conductor) 5-6.

### 5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. AND THE REV. E. B. JAMES' CAMBRIDGE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I had no intention of taking any part in the discussion re the above peals, as I have on previous occasions expressed my views on these freak compositions in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' but there are one or two points in Mr. Coles' letter which appear to call for some comment. I quite agree with the greater part of his letter, but when he compares the above mentioned compositions as being equal in merit I cannot agree. I am not defending Mr. James' peal, only stating why I do not agree. It is admitted that both contain the 720 changes seven times repeated, but if we take 123456 as the first row in Mr. James' peal, we produce a true 720. Now what of the latest freak? We get repetitions galore, hand-stroke lead of the treble with the back-stroke lead, and then as a climax to the whole we have hand-stroke leads when the treble is dodging down, repeating with the back-stroke lead when it is dodging up, and this all in the first 720 changes. Is this going forward or backwards?

Mr. Coles writes that the peal—Mr. Turner's—should be encouraged, as it would test the ability of the present-day conductor. If this is his honest opinion, I am afraid his knowledge of the subject is very limited. May I suggest, sir, that Mr. Coles gets a band together, conducts Mr. Turner's peal and then turns his attention to Cambridge and conducts the peal given in your issue of Aug. 23rd, 1929, page 555, and, after a successful end to both peals, give your readers his opinion as to which tests the ability of the conductors the most, the seven 720's or Mr. Turner's peal?

I quite agree with Mr. Hunt that a section of the Central Council are trying to thrust their ideas on the Exercise, and on six-bell ringers in particular. If they will only leave us alone, I think there are plenty of purely six-bell ringers capable of progressing in an orthodox manner. You have only to look at the peal records to see why Mr. James' composition is rung. In two out of three you will find eight-bell ringers taking part, some only that the footnote may read, 'The ringer of the 3rd has now rung a peal on all numbers of bells, 6, 8, 10 and 12, in the above method.'

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

### THE COUNCIL'S RULES.

Dear Sir,—I should like very much to be allowed to say, 'Hear, hear,' to Mr. Hunt's letter on the question of peals of Minor—which, as he remarks, should comply with the rules laid down by the Central Council. At the same time, I think, possibly those rules do not to-day allow quite sufficient scope, and, if that is so, then, as Mr. Hunt remarks, the existing rule should be altered, and in a proper and straightforward manner. For that reason at the meeting at Chelmsford in 1929 I proposed that the Council should either delete the existing rule or ratify it. Unfortunately, they did neither; they simply allowed an alteration made at Hereford the previous year to go on, which alteration allows nearly anything to be rung and called a peal of Minor. If some such peals of Minor as are being rung, and some others which are being talked of, are to be recognised by the Council, then to go on printing the existing rule is ridiculous. For anyone to adopt the attitude that such 'up-to-date' peals should not be countenanced simply because 'grandpapa' did not do it is also ridiculous; and it is surely equally ridiculous to go on printing a rule with a 'tail' attached to it, which allows anyone wishing to do so to drive a coach and four through the whole thing. If the time has arrived (and, personally, I think it has) when the existing rule does not cover the requirements of the Exercise, then it is time that the rule and definition for peals of Minor should be brought up to date. The whole thing, as it stands to-day, is, to say the least, unconstitutional, and has the tendency to make 'Rules and Decisions' of the Council disregarded.

Cranleigh.

### ANOTHER QUESTION.

Sir,—If a peal of 5040 Minor is to be considered true as long as it contains each change seven times, can anyone tell me whether a peal would be true if part of it was rung in the following form?—

123456  
214365  
123456  
214365  
241635  
426153  
241635  
426153  
462513  
645231  
462513  
645231  
etc.

The calling could be as for an extent of Plain Bob, and, at the end, 1,440 changes would have been rung. And if it is true, is it 1440 Plain Bob or 1,440 Treble Bob? It seems to me that if repetitions by leads may occur within the length of 720, there is no reason why individual changes should not be repeated within a lead.

MINOR.

### DODDERHILL'S NEW PEAL.

BISHOP OF WORCESTER AND THE USES OF BELLS.

On Thursday evening, August 25th, the Bishop of Worcester dedicated the bells of St. Augustine's Church, Dodderhill, in their new form of an octave peal, and he thus set a seal on what might be described as the zenith of the bells' remarkable history. Dodderhill Church, overlooking Droitwich from the crest of a hill, has for centuries been a Worcestershire landmark, and its bells have told succeeding generations in the surrounding countryside of happenings grave and gay. Although there is no record existing to show when the bells were added to the church, an entry in 1551 was made in the 'Inventories of Church Goods, King's Remembrancer,' which referred to five bells hanging in the steeple of 'Dedurhyll, whereof oon was bought att ye frierie att ye suppressyn of ye seyde howse, for the wyche we owe XLVIIs. VIIIId.'

No doubt most of those five bells suffered the fate of their kind in those days, and, even if they escaped spoliation at the hands of Edward VI., worse was to follow 100 years later. During the course of the Civil War more than half of St. Augustine's Church, including the nave and tower, was ruthlessly destroyed, and 50 years elapsed before a belfry tower again reared its head at Dodderhill. The tower built in the early years of the 18th century, however, has lasted until the present day, and, after several recastings, the bells with which Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, equipped the tower in 1708 have served as the voice of the church for some 230 years. Mr. Sanders installed four bells, and these had been increased to six by 1756. So the peal was maintained until 1927, when it was found that the 200 years old bell-frame was unsafe. After consultations with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the bellfounders who made 'Great Paul,' the heaviest bell in the British Empire, it was decided to recast five of the bells, and to rebang them, with three new ones, on a steel frame. The old treble, which bears the inscription, 'Richard Sanders made meo 1708,' has been rebung as a separate bell, together with an old bell, formerly used at a chapel at Wychbold.

The impressive dedication service was preceded by a stately procession from the churchyard gate to the church, the clergy, with the Bishop, being accompanied by the Mayor and members of Droitwich Town Council, the borough magistrates, representatives of the bellfounders (Messrs. J. Oldham, manager, and D. Collins) and the ringers of Dodderhill, Messrs. F. Summerton, C. Smith, C. Harrison, H. Maycroft, A. Moseley, A. Thomas and W. Harrison. Ringers were present from Droitwich (St. Peter's), Suckley, Claines, Upton-on-Severn, Bromsgrove, Wychbold, Crowle, Old Hill, Wednesbury, Selly Oak, Northfield, Evesham, etc.

As the procession entered the church, which was crowded, the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung. Prayers followed, said by the Vicar, and after two psalms, the Rural Dean read the lesson from Corinthians xiv., 1-15. After the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Bishop proceeded to the bell tower, accompanied by the Rural Dean, the Vicar, churchwardens and parish clerk. The Bishop, having offered prayers for peace, greeted the ringers and representatives of the bellfounders, and at the invitation of the Vicar dedicated the bells to God's holy use. A short peal was rung while the procession returned to the stalls, and the Bishop then gave thanks to God that the bells had been refashioned, and prayed that they might arouse a true response in the hearts of those who rang them and of those who heard their music.

### LARGE EXPENDITURE JUSTIFIED.

The hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower,' preceded a sermon delivered by the Bishop.

Speaking from the text, 'Unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man,' the Bishop said they were glad to have taken part in that service of thanksgiving at the end of a strenuous time for those in the parish of Dodderhill who had been striving to raise funds for an important piece of work. He knew something of the self-denial that had been exercised by many poor people in the parish, and the service on the previous Sunday evening was a witness to it. Yet the raising of £200 for anything to do with the Church to-day required some justification. They all knew the financial difficulties which they were experiencing, and they knew also the dreadful need of many church societies at home and abroad. What, then, were they to say about a single church spending £200 on its bells? Obviously the first answer would be that the bells were in themselves a great heritage, and when they were found to be badly hung, not capable of being properly rung, and not particularly well tuned, it was natural the people should be concerned and should do their utmost to hand the bells down to generations yet to come in a better condition. But he did not think that by itself would be sufficient justification. There must be something higher and deeper, and surely it lay in the fact that the bells were to be, as they had been in the past, a very real summons and a constant reminder to the people in the parish, and in Droitwich too, of the glory of God and His call to them to worship Him. Upon that ground they could really justify what had been spent on the restoration and enlargement of the peal of bells. There could be no question, at least there was none in his mind, that if there was one need greater than another to-day, it was that people should be roused to think more about God, to hear His call to worship, and to give Him the glory that was His due.

Speaking of the early history of bells, the Bishop said it was their use that really mattered most, and that mattered still to-day. In the olden days, when a bell was cast and placed in a church, it was baptised, so important was it thought to be. One prayer used at such a service was, 'Whosoever this holy bell shall sound may all visitations of Satan, all dangers of whirlwinds, thunder, lightning and tempest be driven away; may devotion increase in every Christian when he hears it; and may the Lord sanctify them by His Holy Spirit and infuse in them the Heavenly dew of the Holy Ghost.' The importance of the bells was summed up in a mediæval Latin couplet, which, translated, was, 'I praise the true Lord; I call the people to worship; I gather together the clergy; I weep for the dead; I dissipate the cloud; and I give honour to the festival.' In pre-Reformation times the bells played an important part in the church services, and in reminding the people of all services and times of worship during the day. At Skipton Parish Church, in his last diocese, there was a remnant still of pre-Reformation times. The Angelus bell rang twice a day, in early morning and at night, omitting the usual third ringing of pre-Reformation times at mid-day. A use for the daily ringing of the bell was to remind those people who perhaps could not come to church that intercession was going on for them, and that they could join in, for, thank God, prayer could be said anywhere. It was indeed necessary, he added, that people should be reminded of the worship of God and His due on Sundays, when most people could come to church, but did not often do so, alas, to-day. The bells rang out and reminded them of God's due. Some people would, he knew perfectly well, say that was sentiment, and that he was trying to rouse a certain emotion in the heart by the sound of the bell. Well, after all, sentiment went a very long way in this life. They could not run their lives without sentiment. He felt quite certain one of the things which turned men back to the Church and to the worship of God Himself was the sound of the bells on Sundays. God grant that the Dodderhill bells might often remind them of the worship due to Him, and might pass to all the glad news of the Saviour's love which was shed abroad in their hearts through the Holy Ghost.

During the singing of 'When morning gilds the skies,' a collection was taken on behalf of the Bell Restoration Fund, and a sum of £15 10s. was received. The Te Deum was chanted prior to the Blessing, which was pronounced by the Bishop, and after the procession had left the church the bells rang out jubilantly.

All the ringers present appreciated the fact that the work has been carried out in a thorough manner, customary of the Loughborough firm. The tone of the bells is particularly sweet and mellow; and modern fittings having been supplied, the 'go' is excellent.

#### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bratton on Saturday, September 3rd. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Collett. Tea was served in the Church Institute, where 30 sat down, including the Vicar. At the business meeting which followed the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) welcomed the visitors, namely Mr. F. Looker, of Frome, Mr. W. Tiley, of Bruton, and Mr. J. H. Beazer, of Mersfield. The secretary having sent a letter of good wishes from the branch to Mr. W. J. Mees, a reply was read before the meeting acknowledging same, with thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. S. Hillier, seconded by Mr. W. A. Swift, the election of the following as members of the Guild was confirmed: Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. White and Mr. W. J. Parsons as life ringing members, and Mr. R. H. Newton as a ringing member.

The Chairman then asked all towers in the branch area to celebrate on September 14th the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Guild by ringing and also arranging to hoist the flag on the church tower.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, to which the Vicar replied, especially thanking the members for attending.

During the visit to the church the members greatly admired the beautiful oak door which has been erected to the memory of the late Mr. B. L. Cook, who had been churchwarden, captain of the ringers and vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch for a number of years.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's, and St. James', Southbroom), Rowde, Bishop's Cannings, Warminster, Holt, Trowbridge, Melksham and Bretton, and the following methods were rung: Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. During the evening a party of 'stalwarts' visited Edington, where six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round.

#### 'OLD BOYS' PEALS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, November 2nd, 1929, six members of the Christ Church, Macclesfield, service band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor and claimed it as rung by 'old boys' of the day schools. Altogether the band have rung 14 peals which could be claimed as 'old boys' peals.

JOHN WORTH.

74, Bridge Street, Macclesfield.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Further letters on 'Why Ringers Drift Away' and reports of several outings are unavoidably held over.

This peal rung at Disley, Cheshire, on Saturday, is another reminder of the possibilities of Minor ringing. It comprised 21 Treble Bob methods spliced into seven true 720's. It is not, of course, a record in the number of methods embraced in a 5,040, but it provides an illuminating example of what may be done in Minor ringing, especially when one recalls that last year nearly 50 per cent. of the peals of Minor were in one method only.

To-morrow a company of tourists will begin in Herefordshire their annual 'holiday'—two peal attempts a day for a week. They will begin with an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Royal at Hereford Cathedral, where the tenor is about 40 cwt., and the ringing room is among the beams supporting the bell frame.

An Oxfordshire tour last week produced 13 peals from 16 attempts. The peals included Stedman 3, Double Norwich 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Superlative 3, Cambridge 3 and London 2.

Twenty-one ringers took part in the successful performances, including six resident Oxfordshire men, and the conducting was shared by Messrs. G. Williams and G. R. Pye, three each, G. Martin and J. O. E. Simpson, two each, G. Lindoff, J. Riding and W. Judge, one each.

The handbell peal of Stedman Caters rung at Camberwell on Aug. 19th was umpired by Mr. E. E. Richards.

With reference to the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Old Warden, Bedfordshire, on September 1st and claimed as the first peal of Surprise on the bells, Mr. R. Howard writes that a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung there on August 1st, 1925, by members of the Bedfordshire Association, and conducted by him. He has no doubt that the peal on September 1st was the first in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

## THE TENOR AND GOOD STRIKING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Can any reader say whether to secure good striking the tenor (in rounds ringing, for simplicity) should strike at regular time intervals or should it be held up at hand in a similar way to the treble?

Consider, say, an eight-bell ring. Suppose the bells strike at quarter-second intervals. Then, if the tenor swings evenly, it will strike after every two seconds. In this case the open lead at hand will have to be made by crowding the hand-stroke blows. In other words, the two seconds between the tenor's back and hand-strokes will have to be divided into nine parts, while the two seconds between the tenor's hand and back-strokes will be divided by only eight.

On the other hand, if each bell strikes after a quarter-second and a quarter-second is left open at hand, the tenor will strike after 2½ seconds at hand and after two seconds at back. If the tenor should be held up at hand, will someone please come forward and say so, as many tenor ringers swing their bells as regularly as clockwork and leave the others to do the rest. In fact, I have often heard treble ringers being told, 'You must ring by the tenor.' I am not so sure that the opposite should not be the case!

'STRIKE FIRST.'

## RINGERS' PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

There will be a large gathering of ringers at Liverpool on October 22nd, when there is to be a pilgrimage to the Cathedral, followed by a supper and social.

The arrangements are being made by Mr. Claude I. Davies, hon. secretary of the Liverpool District of the Lancashire Association, and already over 300 ringers and friends have promised to attend. The party will meet in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 4 p.m., when a short service will be held. The Dean of Liverpool will then conduct the visitors on a comprehensive tour of the building, including the roof and the latest additions, which include the base of the tower and the crypt.

The 'first annual supper and social of the Lancashire Association' is to follow at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, and will be presided over by Canon H. J. Elsee, the president. The guests will include the Lord Bishop of Manchester, the Dean of Liverpool and the Archdeacon of Warrington. There will be a short toast list and there will also be music and handbell ringing. Visitors will be welcome, and any information can be obtained from Mr. C. I. Davies, Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool. A stamped addressed envelope should be sent.

## CONTRASTS IN BELFRIES.

A meeting of the Bedford District of the Beds Association was held at Harrold on Saturday, August 27th. On the same day the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Olney, Bucks. A ringer, after a visit to the latter place and ringing there during the afternoon, called at Harrold in the evening, and, on entering the ringing room, remarked that he had just left the darkest place in England, and now had entered the lightest.

At Olney there are no windows to the ringing room, the only light obtained being by gas, while at Harrold the room is lighted by a window some 20ft. high by about 8ft. wide. Hence the contrast.



## A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION?

'THINK NATIONALLY.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter from Mr. Kippin on this subject raises a rather big problem. His letter, however, would be still more interesting if he went into details more fully. Nearly every art, profession and calling and almost every game or sport has its own national headquarters, with branches for every county or town or other area, as its members operating in that area consider necessary. I think such a national organisation under the patronage and presidency of the highest possible personalities in the land would strengthen the cause of ringing tremendously. The various branches, or whatever they might be called, would make their own by-laws to suit the needs of their own respective districts and all be subject to the general rules and regulations of the National Guild.

How this is to be brought about or whether it is even in the region of practical politics Mr. Kippin does not tell us, and we await his further explanation. It seems to me that a scheme such as this would involve nothing less than the voluntary winding up of all the present guilds and associations and eventually the Central Council itself as such. The latter body would, I suppose, if they thought the time was ripe, recommend its affiliated bodies to put an end to their own existence, and then reform the whole of the country into areas. There again Mr. Kippin does not make any suggestion as to how he would divide the country. It seems to me that, as we obtain our privileges from the Church authorities, and we are more or less under the auspices of the Church, the most expeditious scheme would be for each diocese, whether large or small, to have its own diocesan guild, with the Episcopate at its head, each such guild to be responsible to, but to have the support and protection of, the proposed National Guild or Association.

I hope that Mr. Kippin is an optimist, because before anything like this could be brought to a head you would have people writing and talking about the glorious traditions of such and such a body, and, of course, a real difficulty would exist as to the funds accumulated by the various ringing bodies, but let a small but strong committee get together, and even this question might be equitably solved, especially if everyone could be induced to 'think nationally' first and parochially afterwards.

International affairs at the present day are moving quickly. We ringers, as a body, are, I believe, rather inclined to delight in basking in pleasant old reminiscences, but if we are to take our proper stand with the adherents of other arts and pursuits, we shall have also to look forward, as well as backward, and make arrangements in the interests of the Exercise itself and for the well-being of those who will follow us.

HARRY BARTON.

Ventnor.

### 'CHURCH OF ENGLAND BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.'

Dear Sir,—Your leader of September 9th is, in my humble opinion, very much to the point. Every bellringer must feel that he has the goodwill of the Church, and he should back up the Church on every possible occasion. I, therefore, suggest that when the time is ripe for a National Association, that association should be called 'The Church of England Bellringers' Association'; there is nothing more national than the Church.

However, there is plenty of work which could be done to improve things as they stand; little adjustments might be made to get the boundaries into line. A number of clergy take an active part in ringing, others are willing to help, and will let us have their bells (not to take away, but to ring), but there is no reason why all should not be interested and to know a little of the theory, of which some ringers like to make a mystery. Then the call change men could be roped in (I can imagine somebody saying this is going a bit too far), but why not? They are ringers and there are many amongst them who would like to advance if they had the opportunity.

Associations could also run little schools of instruction by having special meetings, say twice a year, for teaching tower leaders the best lines upon which to instruct the young pupil and conductor, and, of course, upon the arrival of the pamphlet prepared by two eminent ringers, on the correct way to handle the rope. We might then see no more awkward ringers.

Lastly, there is the social side. Surely this goes a long way in keeping ringers from drifting. Somebody said 'a feed is preferred to pamphlets.' But I suggest that pamphlets, a feed and something to wash it down would be better still.

W. A. OSBORN.

North Cadbury, Somerset.

### A FINE ON EFFICIENCY.

Dear Sir,—I think we already have a nucleus of a National Association in the Central Council, and a large number of guilds and associations send representatives to the annual meeting, which, I suppose, is all that could be done under a National Association. It might and probably would be necessary to pay a larger affiliation fee.

But even failing such a formation, I contend most strongly that even now all those who are affiliated to the Central Council are national members, and, like Mr. Kippin, I would like to see all bona-fide paying members have the privilege of ringing peals anywhere, without being mulcted in a fee of anything from 2s. 6d. to 5s., which is nothing but

a fine on efficiency of the highest order, and has been, and is, a great sacrifice financially to many of our best ringers. I agree it is quite time something was done to eliminate this unnecessary expenditure.

I think, too, it would be a pity to centralise the local organisations, but by adopting some such system as the above this would be avoided.

F. BARBER,

Branch Secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.  
Wellingborough.

### DIOCESAN GUILDS.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Duffield for his very able letter on this subject of a National Association in your issue of the 9th. In my view the issue is, 'Are we to move with the times and progress or merely mark time?' Will not the clergy look more favourably on a diocesan guild than on a county association? I think so, and incidentally encourage them to take more interest in the services which the ringer renders to the Church.

The question of a Chelmsford Diocesan Guild has been discussed at meetings, and I once heard one ringer remark, 'We don't want these new fangled notions.' But times change and public opinion also, otherwise it would be a sorry world to live in. I know some of the members in one corner of the county are against changing the title in Essex, as they ask, 'Where shall we be if and when the diocese is again divided?' But that position has not arrived yet, and when it ever it does, I have no doubt there will be talent enough to deal with it. As a member of the Essex Association for 37 years, I think the time is now ripe for a diocesan guild. There will be no change of territory, nor exclusion of any tower, and I believe the advantage will greatly outweigh any disadvantage.

W. KEEBLE.

Feering.

### SAVE US!

Dear Sir,—We have a NATIONAL Government. For the love of Mike save us from any further calamities!

H. W. KIRTON.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT REDDITCH.

A meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held on Saturday at Redditch, a town noted for needles and fishing tackle. It is on the extreme boundary of the division and a rather awkward place to get to. Nevertheless, there was a very fair muster of enthusiasts. The Vicar (the Rev. L. Bradley) greeted the visitors. With a little more coaching by his tutor, Mr. W. B. Cartwright promises to develop into an enthusiastic member.

The service was conducted by the Vicar in the south chapel of the church. The singing, though unaccompanied, would have done credit to many a choir, Mr. A. E. Parsons, an old chorister, giving the lead. The Vicar gave an address on the duties of a bellringer.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Institute, the Vicar presiding.

The officers were all re-elected except the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Skidmore, Brierley Hill), who resigned, Mr. H. F. Martin, of Bromsgrove, being elected in his place.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Skidmore for his past services so efficiently given to the branch.

It was unanimously decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Redditch, although the church is situated in a central position in the town.

The best thanks of the meeting were given to the Rector, churchwardens and local ringers of Halesowen for their kind invitation to hold the next meeting in January at that church.

Reference was made by the secretary (Mr. A. J. Skelding) to the death of a very old member of the Bromsgrove company, Mr. J. Eades.—The secretary stated that he had written a letter of condolence to the family, and, in confirming his action, the members stood in silence for a short period.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held at his church, for conducting the service and the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said he appreciated their visit, and although quite new to the work of the association, hoped they would pay another visit in the near future, when he hoped he would be able to make better arrangements for the gathering.

The members then adjourned to Garfields Cafe for tea.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A very representative gathering was present at Lyminge on Saturday, September 10th, when the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association held a ringing meeting. Ringers attended from Canterbury, Brabourne, Deal, Dover, Hythe, Littlebourne, St. Lawrence, Thicket, Whitstable, Wickhambreaux and the local tower. Good ringing was the order of the day and the various methods rung included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandfire, Stedman and Bob Major.

Tea was held at the Coach at 5 o'clock, and through the kindness and generosity of the Vicar (Bishop Knight) and Mr. Dawes, who is a life member of the association, the cost of the tea was defrayed.

The next meeting will be held at Canterbury in October.

## ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT IN CORNWALL.

## NEW TREBLES DEDICATED BY CANON COLERIDGE.

The little village of St. Mabyn, near Wadebridge in Cornwall, was alive with excitement on the evening of Sept. 1st. and in the throes of invasion by a steady stream of visitors. It was the occasion of a dedication service at the church to inaugurate two new treble bells to increase the ring of six to one of eight. They were the gift of Mrs. F. R. C. Coleridge in memory of her husband, Frances Randolph Cyril Coleridge, who died early this year. The late Mr. Coleridge was at one time a chief constable in Ireland, and subsequently held that post for the county of Devon, and an added interest to all ringers lay in the fact that he was a cousin of the ex-president of the Central Council and had been brought up with him since boyhood.

Appropriately enough Canon G. F. Coleridge dedicated the new bells and preached the sermon immediately after the ceremony. He paid tribute to the keen interest of Cornishmen in their bells and to their wonderful skill in raising and falling and even striking of changes and call changes, but he made a strong appeal to those listeners who were ringers and had not studied scientific ringing to make an effort to master the higher branch of the art.

A tablet commemorating the gift was dedicated at the same service by the Archdeacon of Bodmin.

About 70 ringers attended the opening, including those from Truro Cathedral, Egloskawaye, St. Kew, St. Endellion, St. Teath, St. Tudy, Withiel, Penzance, etc.

In addition to 'raising and lowering in peal' and call changes, touches of Triples were rung by members of the Truro band with the assistance of Canon Coleridge, Dr. Symons (of Penzance), Miss Symons and Mr. Cyril Johnston (of Croydon).

The ring of six was rehung in an iron frame in 1920, and their dates are, respectively, 1787, 1854, 1891, 1920 and 1787.

The two trebles have been supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have made an excellent splice, and their work in a difficult tower earned unstinted praise from all those who were privileged to take part on this memorable occasion.

The draught of rope is quite abnormal, for the tower is high, but, although the ringers stand on the ground floor, it was found that the two trebles—comparatively light bells—could be handled with the greatest ease.

THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.  
FOURTH LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	90	17	6
Bristol and Wotton Branch Meeting		11	10
Holy Trinity Guild (Darlington)		8	0
Mr. C. F. Johnston and Ringing Staff	1	1	0
Alderton Meeting (Cheltenham)		12	0
Mr. W. Yeend	1	1	0
Mr. A. B. Bennett (London)	1	1	0
Miss Hill (Tewkesbury)	1	1	0
Rev. M. E. Thorold	1	0	0
Lydney Guild of Ringers		10	0
Littledean Guild of Ringers		10	0
Painswick Youths		10	0
Mrs. Browett		5	0
Mr. Arthur Prince (Bath)	1	1	0
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	2	2	0
Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham)		2	6
Llandaff Association Towers	3	10	0
St. Briavel's Guild		10	6
Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee	1	1	0
Mr. W. H. Shaker (Manchester)		2	6
Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould (Henbury)		10	0
Swansea and Brecon Guild	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Dyer (Tewkesbury)		5	0
Mr. F. G. May (South Africa)		5	0
Mr. E. Alex. Young	1	1	0
Mr. G. Dent (Harlow)	1	0	0
Mrs. R. J. Wilkins		2	6
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Mr. and Miss Skinner	2	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family		5	0
— Neal		2	0
— Willett	1	1	0
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A. Coleman		10	0
George Fox		2	2
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V. M. Darell	1	1	0

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## THE LATE MR. JOHN SOUTER.

## FUNERAL OF DISS VETERAN.

The funeral of the late Mr. John Souter, of Diss, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place on Wednesday week amid many manifestations of regret among his fellow-townfolk, with whom he was held in wide respect. The first part of the service was held in the Parish Church, where Mr. Souter had been a ringer since 1884, and the interment took place at the cemetery, the Rector (the Rev. L. Holt Wilson) officiating. Six ringers acted as bearers: Messrs. C. J. More, D. Whiting, G. Archer, W. Steggals, A. G. Harrison and A. Leeder, and at the close of the service a course of Grandairs Caters was rung at the graveside on the late Mr. Souter's own handbells by C. J. More, W. Ireland, G. Archer, E. F. Poppy and W. Steggals. Other ringers present were Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), W. Rose (Peterborough), W. Wiskens, W. C. Cheney (New Buckenham), W. Duffield (Tasburgh), J. Cunningham (Banham), C. Cutting (Pulham Market) and J. Etheridge (Fressingfield). A large number of friends also attended. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from the Diss ringers.

After the service touches of Stedman Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung at the Parish Church with the bells muffled.

## AN APPRECIATION.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I add a word or two to supplement the notice in your current issue recording the passing over of John Souter, of Diss?

He was a stalwart in all ways—physique, ringing ability and in friendship, and a type of man not always to be found in our bellfries to-day. Many of his peals were noteworthy, and his great ability in turning in a tenor—whatever the weight and whatever the 'go'—was proverbial in Norfolk and Suffolk.

In 1889 the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook rang at Diss their first peal of Oxford Major, and the former in 'Among the Bells' (page 105) makes this note, 'John Souter rang the tenor magnificently.' This is worth recalling, for it is curious that in the 600 odd pages of Mr. Robinson's book there are so few instances of a like nature. F. S. White and Appleton tenor (page 95), Capt. Moore and Redenhall (page 105) and J. W. Washbrook and Wells Cathedral tenor (page 226) are, I think, the only others to be found.

In this same year (1889) John Souter had rung on handbells in his own house, a pair to Kent and Oxford Royal and Kent Maximus, and of this Maximus handbell band of 43 years ago, W. P. Garrett, of Ipswich, and W. Ireland, of Diss, only are left. Two years later he was tackling Eye tenor in an unsuccessful attempt at Day's 16,608 of Treble Bob Major.

Of his later and more prolific peal ringing days I need not write, except perhaps to say that he once told me he was glad to have rung Mancroft tenor to the first peal of Superlative Major, and the same bell to a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, called by his old friend, Arthur Knights, of Chestersfield. How well he did these two jobs some of the listeners to the peals can bear witness. He was not a talkative man, but what he did say was usually to the point. Witness his comment to one who had thrown the blame for some poor striking on the bad 'go' of the bell, 'Don't lay all the blame up atop!' We can ill spare such men as John Souter in these or any other parts. May Mother Earth rest lightly on him.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

The annual district meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Sawston on Saturday. Ringers came from Cambridge, Clifton, Elmdon, Folkingham, Fulbourne, Great Staughton, Henlow, Linton, Saffron Walden, Stetchworth, Trumpington and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Bywaters), who in his address pointed out the fact that a bell speaks in its place and then is silent. We also should do our work without fuss. The organist's services were greatly appreciated.

A generous tea was provided by Sawston friends, and daintily served by Mrs. Harry, Mrs. Buttress and other ladies, who cheerfully faced the task of washing up. A silver collection was made in aid of a new Church Hall.

The district secretary (Miss Willers) presented a short report of the year's work. Four quarterly meetings and seven by-meetings had been held with an average attendance of 19, also two joint meetings with the Suffolk Guild. Thirty-five new members had been elected, including the bands at Great Chishall and Bottisham.

Mr. Buttress was re-elected District Ringing Master and Miss Willers district secretary, the other committee members being Messrs. Hazel, Hibbin, Hurry, Twitchett and Webb. It was decided to practice Sutton Delight again at Swavesey on October 22nd.

Mr. Buttress proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Although the rain affected the attendance, the meeting was very enjoyable. One ringer made his first attempt at Treble Bob and another his first at Cambridge Surprise Major.

## LONDON'S OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTHS.

## DEATH OF MR. EDWARD WALLAGE.

The Ancient Society of College Youths have lost their oldest practicing member by the sudden death of Mr. Edward Wallage, of Hackney, who joined the society in 1870. Mr. Wallage was 81 years of age and on Sunday, August 28th, was taken suddenly ill in the street while on his way to chime for evening service at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, where he had been

steepkeeper for 57 years. He passed away before reaching hospital, whither he was conveyed by ambulance. Mr. Wallage had been a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band for a great number of years, and on the day of his death met his colleagues as usual at 9.45 a.m. at the west front of the Cathedral. In the actual ringing Mr. F. M. Butler has deputised for him, as a labour of love, for some years.

Mr. Wallage was a native of Suffolk and was born on Candlemas Day, 1851. He came to London in early life, and followed his trade as a saddler. An excellent craftsman, he was a lover of horses, and felt safer with these creatures than with the modern means of conveyance. Some 50 years ago, with such celebrities as Robert Haworth, James Pettit and others, he used to attend the fortnightly practice of the local band at Waltham Abbey, where

the company at that time included Tom Britton, Tom Powell, W. A. Alps and others. John Cox and Henry Haley used also to join this family gathering, and there used to be homely hospitality dispensed before the practice, which usually included ringing on handbells as well as church bells. Mr. Wallage was a safe ringer and a very correct handler of a bell.

The funeral took place at Manor Park Cemetery on September 1st, and was conducted by the Rector of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, who gave a short address. Most of the St. Paul's Cathedral ringers were present, and four of their number rang on handbells over the grave, three three whole-pulls in rounds in slow time, followed by a course of Stedman Triples, a fitting close to a simple but impressive service. There were many wreaths, including one from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

By permission of the Dean and Chapter, the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were rung half-muffled by the parochial ringers on Friday, September 2nd, in memory of their colleague. Miss Wallage was present, and 'De Profundis' was recited at the beginning of the proceedings. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung, and, the 4th rope breaking in a touch of Stedman Cinques, two courses of Stedman Triples were rung on the back eight, and sounded remarkably grand and solemn.

## HASLEMERE RINGERS VISIT EASTBOURNE.

On Saturday, September 10th, the members of the Haslemere band, together with a few friends and accompanied by the Rector, visited Eastbourne on the occasion of their annual outing. Starting at 7.30 a.m. by coach, the route was via Petworth, Pulborough, Steyning, Brighton, Seaford and the Seven Sisters. This surely must be one of the most beautiful drives in the South of England.

On arrival at the old-world and secluded village of East Dean (famous in smuggling days), a visit was paid to a famous 'wild animal,' but, unfortunately, the 'Tiger' was asleep, and, fearing to awaken him, the journey was continued to Eastbourne under the guidance of 'the man from Cook's,' who, being on friendly terms with the keeper of the aforesaid wild animal, paid his respects before leaving. On arrival at Eastbourne it was 'light,' much to everyone's relief.

After ringing at the old Parish Church of St. Mary, lunch was enjoyed at the Clifton. Subsequently ringing took place on the light ring of eight at Christ Church, after which the party divided and enjoyed the delights of Eastbourne sea front, which is, in the writer's opinion, unquestionably the finest on the South Coast.

The return journey commenced at 6.30 p.m., but several stops were necessary before Haslemere was reached, and everyone considered the day had been a thoroughly enjoyable one. A close watch may have to be kept on a military member of the party, whose appetite has been whetted by the tales of past smuggling exploits and future possibilities along the coastline visited.

The sincere thanks of the party are due to Mr. G. W. Stokes, of Eastbourne, for his kindness in obtaining permission for ringing at the two towers, and to the incumbents for the use of the bells.

## DEATH OF MR. FRANK HOPGOOD.

## A VALUED MEMBER OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The death took place at his home, 75, Kensington Road, Reading, on Saturday, September 3rd, at the age of 66 years, of Mr. F. W. Hopgood. Deceased, who had rung over 300 peals and was a conductor and composer of no mean ability, had been a member of the Central Council since its inception. For the past 14 years he had been the secretary and treasurer of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and was held in very great esteem by all its members.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 7th inst., a service being held at St. Mark's Church, and the interment taking place at the churchyard of St. Michael's, Tilehurst, near Reading. A good number of the deceased's ringing friends were present at both places, including the general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the chairman of the Reading Branch and representatives from the towers of Chackendon, Mortimer, Henley, Shiplake, Caversham, Tilehurst and St. Mary's and St. Laurence's, Reading. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was unavoidably absent. Wreaths were sent by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the towers of Henley, Mortimer, Tilehurst and St. Laurence's, Reading.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells round the grave by four members of the Reading Branch, and muffled ringing took place in the evening at St. Mary's and Tilehurst Churches.

It is interesting to note that although deceased was originally a member of St. Laurence's tower and later transferred to St. Mary's and was never a member of St. Michael's, Tilehurst, he had a great love of ringing these bells, within the sound of which he is buried, and would go to Tilehurst as often as he could, where he enjoyed assisting to teach the beginner, or ringing a peal, and it was at this tower he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in December, 1889, his first peal of Stedman Triples, January, 1890, his first peal as conductor April, 1891, and his first non-conducted peal May, 1892.

Among other performances deceased was one of the Rev. F. E. Robinson's band who rang Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted at Drayton, August 7th, 1899, and was also one of the band who took part in the Guild Master's 1,000th peal at Drayton, August 9th, 1906.

By his death the Oxford Diocesan Guild loses an interesting and valued member.

## GRAVESEND RINGERS' WEDDING.

## MR. F. A. MITCHELL AND MISS I. D. E. MCINTIER.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Saturday, September 3rd, the bridegroom being Mr. Fred A. Mitchell (eldest son of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent Association) and the bride Miss Ivy D. E. McIntier, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McIntier, of Gravesend. Both are members of the local band of ringers and of the choir, and have been connected with the church since early childhood.

The bells in the tower were merrily pealing whilst the guests and friends were assembling in the old twelfth century church, and greeted the bride, who was charmingly attired in white georgette and wore a veil of old Brussels lace. She was attended by four bridesmaids, friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom.

The service was fully choral, the hymns being 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' and 'O perfect love,' Mr. Harold Champion, the organist of the church, accompanying. The Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Meunie, M.A., president of the local band and an hon. member of the Kent Association, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride was given away by her father, and the duties of best man efficiently carried out by Mr. Cyril Mitchell, brother of the bridegroom.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March the happy couple left the church, when the bells again pealed out their 'message of joy' at the hands of the local ringers of Milton, Gravesend and Northfleet. A peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which the bridegroom is a member.

The reception was held in Park Hall, over 50 being present, when the Rector of Milton, in proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom, referred to the fact that both were ringers at the church and members of the choir. During his incumbency at the church he had baptised them both in their early childhood, prepared them for Confirmation and had now married them; a record of which he felt justly proud, and he wished them long life and happiness in their new sphere.

The party were afterwards augmented by the band of College Youths who had rung the peal at Milton and by the band who had made an unsuccessful attempt, after 1½ hours, at Gravesend tower. Touches on the handbells were greatly enjoyed, and before departing Mr. Percy Clark, on behalf of the ringers, said they were pleased to be allowed to come down to Milton and join the local members of the society in a peal for the auspicious occasion. He extended their congratulations to the happy couple. He also congratulated their old friend Challis Winney on again conducting Holt's Original at his advanced age, and offered their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. Mitchell for their kind hospitality.—'Challis' replied in his own inimitable way.

Over 60 beautiful presents had been received by the bride and bridegroom, amongst which was a china dinner and tea service from their fellow-ringers at Milton and an oxidised nut bowl from the ringers at Gravesend tower. The honeymoon is being spent at Bournemouth.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

## A RINGING WEEK IN KENT.

Kent was chosen for the Cambridge University Guild tour this year, with headquarters at Moorcocks, Brasted. Members arrived on the afternoon of Monday, September 5th, by train, car and cycles—push and motor. The towers selected for the evening could not be used owing to illness, but the Vicars of Shorcham and Seal kindly gave permission for ringing at short notice. Serious work started on Tuesday with a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Edenbridge. Two of the younger members scored their first in the method. In the afternoon touches were rung at the two 'show' villages of Chiddingstone and Penshurst.

At Wrotham, on Wednesday, Cambridge Court was lost after three-quarters of an hour of very good ringing. After lunch, Westerham bells were turned in to Plain Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London, followed by a touch of Erin Triples. The North Downs were then climbed and at Cudham a large notice was found on the third sally to say the bell was out of action. Members of the Guild, however, are used to handbells, which they generally ring without stays. After touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Little Bob and Kent Royal, the notice was carefully replaced.

The next morning most of the members turned up at 7 o'clock to ring at Brasted for early celebration. Later in the morning Cambridge Surprise was lost at Aylesford after an hour and 20 minutes. In the afternoon at Maidstone one conductor got Grandsire Caters into a thorough mess and appealed to another to call them round. The relief conductor obliged and the two afterwards used much paper and pencil and declared it a true touch of 1,241.

The third ten-bell tower was Leeds. First the grave of James Barham was visited, and a touch of Bob Major was rung on handbells. No relief conductor had been appointed for Stedman Caters in the tower, so the touch did not come round.

On the last day the hop fields were visited. At Goudhurst the Vicar said that 30,000 hop pickers would be listening to the bells as they were rung to Stedman and Little Bob. Hawkhurst bells were much enjoyed, and at Cranbrook Mr. F. White had made all preparations for the last peal attempt. After trying the bells Bob Major was decided on, and a good peal was brought round. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild last rang the treble to a peal of Bob Major just 30 years ago, when the Guild rang its famous first tower bell peal of Major. On this occasion the ringer of the 7th had an adequate bell.

On one of the evenings a peal of Bob Royal in hand was lost. During the week 15 churches were visited, and in the towers and on the 'infants' some 21,000 changes were brought round in 15 methods, not counting the 'Gentle Shepherd.' The Guild has always been precise in its records, and the statistician has worked out the result at 872 changes to the gallon (of petrol).

Those present were the Revs. E. Bankes James, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. S. T. Richardson and E. G. Benson, the Master, and Messrs. E. M. Atkins, W. H. J. Hooton, R. O. Street, C. W. Woolley, F. E. Haynes, A. G. G. Thurlow and E. H. Lewis.

The Rev. E. G. Benson had to miss one day in order to do some splicing—matrimonial, not method. The members much appreciated a message of good wishes from the president, and were glad to hear that the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was making a good recovery, though he was allowed to come and listen.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, September 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. A. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, E. J. Walsham 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. Burles 5, H. Argent 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, C. Goodburn 8. Arranged for Messrs. Clark and Walsham, of Ealing.—On Sunday morning, September 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. Beer 1, G. R. Ambrose 2, G. Butcher 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, C. Goodburn 8.

**FRYERNING, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, September 11th, the following 720's were rung before evensong:—720 Braintree Delight: H. Wright 1, J. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6; 720 London Surprise: F. Wright 1, H. Wright 2, G. Camp 3, C. Harrington 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, September 11th, at the Church of St. Ambrose after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: B. C. Worsdell 1, S. Phillips 2, A. Knight 3, E. J. Ridler 4, F. Skidmore 5, G. S. Wiltshire 6, A. Maggs (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. C. Baker (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. S. Wiltshire.

**USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hawkins 1, G. Went 2, G. H. Knight 3, A. L. Lucas 4, E. H. Stradling (conductor) 5, L. Jones 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. P. Symonds, who died on Saturday, and also to Mrs. S. Williams, who died on Sunday morning. Both were residents in Usk.

**WRAGBY, YORKS.**—On Sunday, September 4th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Kelsall 1, H. Chant 2, M. Perry 3, J. T. White 4, J. Major 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6. All the ringers belong to Felkirk.

## A TOUR THROUGH BUCKS AND BERKS.

The Farnham (Surrey) ringers held their 10th annual outing on Saturday, August 20th. The party, including wives and friends, numbered 30, and left Farnham at 7.35 a.m., by saloon bus, and proceeded by way of Bagshot and Virginia Water to Old Windsor, where the first halt was made. Here they were joined by Messrs. Denyer and Downes of the Aldershot band, and Mr. Alexander, of Farnborough, who completed the company. They were met by a youthful member of the local band, and the light peal of eight (tenor 11½ cwt.) were made good use of for about an hour. Proceeding then to Slough, the visitors were met by Mr. A. Bateman (steeplekeeper), and this fine peal of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.), which were much admired, were kept going in various methods for about three-quarters of an hour. The next stage of the journey took the party through beautiful scenery via Farnham Royal and Beaconsfield to High Wycombe, where they were met by Mr. R. Coles and other members of the local band. Here all excepting two of the party had their first pull on twelve bells, and, after a bit, struck some fairly good rounds on them. With the assistance of the local ringers, an attempt was made to ring a course of Stedman Cinques, which, however, was unsuccessful, and the visitors had to be satisfied with Stedman and Double Norwich on the back eight. Afterwards at lunch the company were joined by the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling) and Mrs. Girling, who had motored to High Wycombe for this purpose.

Mr. O. Edwards, on behalf of the whole of the party, welcomed the Rector and Mrs. Girling, saying what great pleasure it gave to all to see them there.

The Rector expressed the pleasure of Mrs. Girling and himself at being with the ringers, and hoped it would not be the last time they would be able to join them at lunch on a similar occasion.

Leaving High Wycombe, the party proceeded to Great Marlow, where they were met by Mr. J. Truss, of the local band, and about half an hour was spent in ringing on the peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.). Off again through lovely scenery, via Henley-on-Thames, to Twyford, Berks, where they were met by Mr. F. Dentry. Another half-hour was spent on this nice-toned light peal of eight bells before going on to Reading, where tea was partaken of, and the ladies of the party spent an hour or so in shopping and sight-seeing. The ringers visited St. Giles' Church, where they were met by Mr. Osborne and others of his band. About 40 minutes was spent in ringing on this splendid peal of eight (tenor 15 cwt.), and this concluded the programme for the day. After a good run Farnham was safely reached at 9.45 p.m. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excursion, and all were unanimous that it was one of the best outings yet held.

The ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to express their best thanks to the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and to all those who met them and helped to make the outing the success it was. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Before the commencement of ringing for service at Farnham the following morning, Mr. T. Upshall, on behalf of the whole of the band, asked Mr. Hasted to accept a small present at a token of their appreciation for the trouble he had taken in arranging their outings. The gift consisted of a case of briar pipes, with a card inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. R. Hasted, by the Farnham Bellringers, as a mark of their appreciation in arranging the many successful outings they have had.—20th August, 1932.'

In accepting the present, Mr. Hasted said it was quite a surprise to him, and totally unexpected, but he thanked them very much for their kind thoughts and the appreciation of his efforts. The thing, however, which gave him the greatest pleasure was the fact that every one of the outings which he had arranged since he had been with the band had always given them satisfaction and enjoyment.

## LONDON RINGERS IN THE WEST.

The ringers of St. Martins-in-the-Fields for their annual excursion visited the West of England, and the party, numbering a dozen, are not likely to forget hurriedly the pleasures of the trip. They left London on the Friday evening, and, reaching Taunton at 10 p.m., established headquarters at the George Hotel. On Saturday they visited three Devon towers and three in Somerset. The former were Uffculme (8), Cullompton (10), and Tiverton (8); while the latter trio were Wiveliscombe (8), Milverton (8) and St. Mary's, Taunton (12). The glorious scenery on the run was much enjoyed, as were also the touches rung. In the evening at headquarters a social hour was spent with the local ringers, and Stedman Cinques and Treble Ten were rung on handbells in good style. On Sunday morning half the party visited St. James' and the other half St. George's, Wilton, to ring for Matins. At 12.15 they united their forces at St. Mary's, and here the 'Royals' were joined by two 'Ancients,' Messrs. A. B. Peck and J. Thomes, who assisted in ringing a good course of Cambridge Twelve. The visitors desire to thank the clergy, steeplekeepers and local ringers who helped to make the excursion such a success, and especially the local organiser for his labours.



## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th, St. Magnus on the 22nd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.**—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A general meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid without delay.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravensfield Common, near Rotherham.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—Cricket match versus Wrington and Others, at Wrington, on Saturday, September 17th. Private bus leaves St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, 1.15 p.m., fare 1/8 return. Tea at moderate charge. Annual dinner.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 21st, at 6 p.m. Bishop of Malmesbury guest of the evening.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head, followed by the business meeting.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.**—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.**—A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild will be held at Burbage on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 5. Please endeavour to make this meeting a success.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Llangattock, on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5, kindly supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere and Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Kingsclere Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Kingsclere Schools. Business meeting follows.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Southern District.—A summer outing meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (10) at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5.30, at Harvest Home. Ringing and social hour after. Cheap returns from London termini. All ringers and friends welcomed.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Service at 4 p.m., with address by the Vicar of Exmouth. Tea 4.45. — M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Miss D. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 17th, instead of the 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held as a joint one with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 17th, at Burbage, near Hinckley. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Please turn up in good numbers.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8 bells), on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 (9d. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.**—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Cowley on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**SULGRAVE, nr. BANBURY.**—The new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring of six, will be dedicated on Sunday, the 18th inst., at 5 p.m.

**BRAMPFORD SPEKE, EXETER.**—The re-opening of the ring of 6, re-tuned and re-hung by Gillett and Johnston, will take place at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, at 7 p.m. Bells open after the service. All ringers welcome.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, September 24th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1/6 each, please send not later than September 19th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Sept. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. B. W. Pettitt, Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham, not later than Thursday morning, the 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 21st?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea, at 1/- per head, 5.30. Please notify Mr. A. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham, by Thursday, the 22nd, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, if you require tea. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. Lionel Lambert, Rector, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Reports for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Riseley and Bletsoe on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at Riseley (5) will be available from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea at 4.30 at Riseley. Bletsoe bells (6) available after tea. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, 21st inst. Bus No. 30a from Colston Street 1.15 p.m. or 3.45 p.m.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec., 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 19th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available early. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmdon Road, Cresswell, by Wednesday, September 21st? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—55th Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Festival Service in Cathedral at 1 o'clock, followed by Service of Remembrance at the Ringers' War Memorial. Dinner, followed by the annual meeting, at the Crown Hotel at 2 o'clock, members 2/6, non-members 3/-. The bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be available at 11 a.m. and the Cathedral and St. John's at noon. St. James' and St. Basil's bells are not available. Will members intending to be present please advise me by the 21st?—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, Staffs, on or before Sept. 21st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (also Bere Regis, Puddletown, Wool (6) and Warcham (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (kindly provided) and meeting to follow. Motor coach leaves Weymouth at 1.30.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wellington (6), on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow in the Schools. All requiring tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—The next meeting will be at Matlock on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Church of St. Giles (8 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcome. Subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ewerby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, 1s. 9d. each, for those who notify Mr. Smalley, Finch Hatton Arms, Ewerby, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. All welcome.—F. S. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington St. Gainsborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Childrey on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify before the 21st.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Notifications for tea to me by Tuesday next, the 20th. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Berkhamsted, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. There will be a service, tea and meeting. All ringers are welcome.—C. J. Puppelt, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

**HALWILL, near BEAWORTHY, DEVON.**—The dedication will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, at 2.30 p.m., of the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring of six.

**CLOWNE, near CHESTERFIELD.**—The new ring of six bells, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Derby on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge, and names should be sent in to the Rev. J. Waugh, Rector, Clowne, by Thursday, Sept. 29th. The bells will be available after tea throughout the evening.—J. Flint.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1735).—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Birmingham of the recast peal of 10 bells and the restoration of the tower and spire. Dedication service at 3.30 p.m., to be followed by tea at 5, as the guests of the churchwardens. Ringers of kindred societies heartily welcome to service and tea. Bells open for ringing immediately after tea. All requiring tea must notify me not later than Wed., July 28th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Overseal, Oct. 1st. Bells (8), also Netherseal (8), open all afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 p.m. in School. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 4.30 p.m., at Robin Hood Hotel, only to those who notify Mr. J. W. Cotton, Moira Road, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, not later than Sept. 29th. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Philip's

Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Clandon on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 26th?—H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, October 1st. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also Handsworth bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) are offered for peal attempt, all applications to be made as early as possible to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Old Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. Good accommodation found for visitors staying overnight. Applications for dinner tickets (price 4/- each) to be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley St., Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Full particulars next week.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

### MARRIAGE!

**TAFFENDER—FOOTE.**—On Saturday, Sept. 10th, at the Parish Church of St. Saviour and the Holy Cross, Raynes Park, Wimbledon, by the Vicar (the Rev. Maurice Couchman, M.A.), Thomas Wilfred, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Taffender, of Camberwell, to Jessie Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Foote, of Raynes Park, S.W.

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