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Among the most valuable of the ringing organisations of modern days has been the Cambridge University Guild, which, during an existence of over forty years, has brought into the Exercise a type of ringer which would have been secured, at any rate in similar numbers, in no other way. The foundation of the Guild in 1879, followed about seven years after the birth of a similar society at the sister university of Oxford, but in continuity of work Cambridge has been able to maintain the greater activity, chiefly through the keenness of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, its President, whose residence at Trinity College has enabled him to interest a succession of Undergraduates, and so maintain a live centre of the organisation.

The Guild has just rung its 150th peal, and it has taken nearly 32 years to reach this number, since the first was rung in 1890. Compared with the peal records of territorial associations, this is a small total, but the performances are not to be measured by such a standard. Those associations who show best in peal achievements are in happy possession of established bands, with peals of bells in their midst upon which to practise. The University Guilds are in a totally different position. The students go to Cambridge or Oxford for a limited period only; church bell ringing is banned almost entirely while the 'Varsities are in session, so that this means of teaching is largely denied them. The wonder is, in the face of the difficulties, that so much has been accomplished. A perusal of the peal list, moreover, shows that there has been enterprise in the ringing done by the Cambridge University Guild, and we doubt if any other association can point to peals in a greater number of methods on handbells.

The circumstances of University life make rapid expansion of the Guilds impossible, but the Exercise owes a debt to them for what they have done and are doing. They retain and develop the interest of young men who, having previously come into touch with ringing, join the University, and they bring in others who, but for these activities, would know nothing of the attractions of the art. These men pass out to their different spheres throughout the land, and not only bring their trained intellects to bear on the many-sided interests of ringing, but bring in others whose influence in the Exercise is greatly worth having. The Oxford University Guild is showing signs of revival, and the gathering which took place upon its recent jubilee indicates that there is the promise of a more active life than has been shown in recent years. We hope that Oxford will not again be without sufficient men to maintain interest in and promote the welfare of the Guild, and we look forward to a continued steady flow of men from both Universities to help raise the standard of ringing throughout the country.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
EDWARD JENKINS 3	FREDERICK PAGE 8
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
RICHARD F. DEAL 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Wood and Mrs. H. Chapman. * 100th peal, and first peal of Royal on tower bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ALLEN Treble	*WILLIAM ROGERS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WALTER PERKINS 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
ARTHUR MASON 5	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WM. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

First peal of Cambridge Royal by the Association and in the county.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

BERT RYDER Treble	GEORGE E. RANDLES 5
HENRY C. COLLIER 2	*ERNEST PALMER 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 155). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD KERSHAW Treble	LEWIS MIDGLEY 5
JOHN LAWSON 2	*FRANK KERSHAW 6
*FRANK JAGGER 3	HERBERT KERSHAW 7
ERNEST LAWSON 4	ALBERT JAGGER Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by JOHN LAWSON.

It is worthy of note that in the above peal three generations were included from each of the two families of Lawson and Kershaw. F. Kershaw was made a member previous to starting.

* First peal.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK MILLER Treble	*E. A. AUSTIN 5
*A. E. ALDERSEA 2	JOHN MORLEY 6
CHARLES BISHOP 3	WILLIAM A. FITCHFORD 7
*H. BARKER 4	†J. ALLCOCK Tenor

Conducted by W. A. FITCHFORD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.)
On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Four Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6816 CHANGES;

ASA WILD Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
FRANK LAWTON 2	HERBERT BARLOW 6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH ... 4	CHARLES PLATT Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES PLATT.

Taken from W. Harrison's peal of 10,176, and rung as a practice for same.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 1.

*GORDON STRICKLAND... .. Treble	CHARLES BAKER 5
PERCY DENTON 2	ARCHIBALD DENTON 6
MICHAEL LAMBERT 3	GEORGE EDWARDS 7
ARTHUR READER 4	JAMES DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

* First peal on eight. The tenor man's last peal, previous to this, was thirty years ago.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*CECIL A. SMITH Treble	*FRANK W. BOXALL 5
*EDDIE R. COLES 2	JAMES BLACKMORE... .. 6
GEORGE H. TWITCHEN 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
*HENRY WINGROVE 4	RALPH COLES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Messrs. Blackmore and Wingrove are from Beaconsfield, the rest belong to High Wycombe.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*A. TOMLINSON Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 5
BERNARD DITCHER 2	T. A. HOWES-SMITH 6
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN 7
PERCY JERVIS 4	WILLIAM H. TURTON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by W. H. TURTON.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 4th are of the local company. The rest hail from Killamarsh, Derbyshire.

PICKERING, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

HENRY FERGUSON Treble	GEORGE FINCH 5
†ANMICE L. HENDERSON 2	†ARTHUR SEAGER 6
PHYLLIS GIBSON... .. 3	JOHN R. BARTON 7
*THOMAS A. RICHARDSON ... 4	*JOHN R. DOBSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell by ringer of the 2nd. ‡ First peal in the method. The composition is now rung for the first time on tower bells. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells, which were augmented from six to eight, as a war memorial two years ago, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. Ringers of treble and 7th hail from Scarborough, 4th and 5th from Helmsley, the rest are members of the local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Six Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 13,440 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
JOHN OLDHAM 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
HARRY BROUGHTON... .. 3	ARTHUR CATTELL 7
JAMES S. HUTCHLEY 4	FRED H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The full extent of the tenors together, this is the longest peal on the bells, and by all the band, also in this method by the Association. Rung on the anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major, rung at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, April 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FRANK H. DAVEY Treble	FRANCIS W. NAENTON 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of T. Henry Hardy of St. Margaret's, Leicester, who died suddenly, April 13th. The conductor called deceased's first and last peals, and, with heartfelt sorrow, this memorial peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	*H. LESLIE PASK... .. 6
*HAROLD MARCON 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
*LEWIS SNELL 4	GEORGE CHESTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. Mr. George Chester has now rung each bell in the tower to a different method.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS HOGSFLESH Treble	HENRY W. BROWN 5
THOMAS F. KING... .. 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
GEORGE TEMPLE 3	GILBERT H. HARDING... .. 7
CHARLES DENSLEY 4	RICHARD J. COUSINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

First peal in the method as conductor and first peal of Major on the bells; rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas F. King.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Day, April 16, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

LEWIS WISEMAN Treble	ARTHUR WASH 5
MISS ELSIE PETTITT 2	CECIL BARKER 6
HORACE COOPER 3	HENRY F. COOPER 7
BERNARD PETTITT 4	WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first peal in this part of the county in which a lady has taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to and in honour of the Silver Wedding of Mr. Henry F. Cooper, which occurred on the 10th and 11th April respectively. Mr. Cooper is District Master of the Northern District of the Essex Association.

OLAPHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM H. JOINER 5
JAMES CHAPMAN 2	THOMAS LANGDON 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
GEORGE R. FARDON 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

EDWIN J. PANNETT Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. 5
GEORGE H. DAYNES 2	WILLIAM H. DAYNES 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER 7
GEORGE R. SIMMONDS 4	HERBERT G. GOODWIN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

This was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Law on attaining his 80th birthday. He has recently left the district, but up to that time he was the oldest member of the company, and rang his last peal in September, 1921.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 17, 1922, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
ARTHUR MASON 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol in Northampton.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 8, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 8040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble	T. JULL 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

ECOLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Wilde (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Clarke (first quarter-peal) 2, R. Sperring 3, J. W. Davies 4, E. Thomas (first quarter-peal) 5, G. R. Jones 6, S. Jones, junr. (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Morgan 8.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
FRED W. GOODFELLOW 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
EDWARD FINCH 3	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells fully muffled.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MOLLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

CRANWELL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
In the Armament School, R.A.F. Cadet College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

JOHN W. WOOD 1-2	F. S. F. A. HOLDEN 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	WALTER H. WOOD 7-8

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

Umpire: TOM TEBBUTT. Witness: A. C. H. HUGHES.

* First peal in hand.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Eleven and a Half Minutes,
In Trinity College,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 5-6
JOHN B. WOOLLEY 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* rooth peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At St. Michael's, Joseph Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 12 in F.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mde. Yvonne L. Eloie and Ethel Wood.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Tuesday, April 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
In St. Mary-Le-Tower Belfry,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8

FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire: FREDERICK C. LAMBERT.

This composition contains the full combinations of 3, 5, 6, in 5-6, and the 6 extent in 5ths. * First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 12, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1—2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
 REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY... 3—4 | *JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... 7—8
 *T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 9—10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on ten bells.

NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—Mr. Pye's letter in 'The Ringing World' of April 7th is not very encouraging to a progressive band. There are plenty of good Surprise methods to mix with the old ones, which have little to recommend them, except London, which, in my opinion is the most intricate method. Bristol is a good method, but is spoiled by its lengthening leads. Mr. Pye says too many calls spoil a Surprise method yet Bristol is full of them. Take, for instance, 2 W 2 H 2 M, in which case you get nine leads with the tenors doing four bell work behind, and three snaps at lead. It is all right from a conductor's point of view, but it is very monotonous, and this is where Premier steps in. In Bristol you get three leads with 5—6 at home; in Premier you get three courses. Yet Mr. Pye says it is not so musical.

Now we come to Double Superlative. I do not wish to uphold the method either double or single, but it is certainly more interesting to ring on the double plan. I don't agree that it is 'a freak of nature.'—Yours sincerely,
 W. H. BARBER.

NORTHAMPTON CLASSED WITH LONDON.

Dear Sir,—After reading the critics on the subject of new methods, I am asked by my brother ringers to write to say that we very much admire your leading articles, and especially the one on New Methods. I find Mr. Pye makes no reference to Northampton, but he does say that 'the only Surprise method on eight bells that is any good, which has been produced during the last century, is Bristol'; further, that it cannot be said that any of the other methods are more intricate than either Bristol or London, and that they are sometimes rung before publication.

Now, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, who is a member of the Central Council, informs me that Northampton Surprise falls in Class 10 and earns 50 points, equal to London; and above Bristol, which is 48.

This method was published in 'The Ringing World' in March, 1916, and was rung for the first time last June. I am fully confident that it is as intricate as any method yet rung. We in no way despise London, as we have rung it twice recently, and hope to make a further attempt. We have never met the brothers Pye or Bailey, or Gofton, but we look upon them as brother ringers, and we do make a practice of giving honour where honour is due, and we find the same tone in your valuable notes.

For the Parish Church Ringers, Oswaldtwistle, Lanes.

Yours faithfully,

JAS. HOULDSWORTH.

The above letters reached us too late for insertion in our last issue.

PREMIER VERSUS BRISTOL.

Dear Sir,—Will you permit me to question Mr. W. Pye's criticism of 'Premier Surprise Major' in your two last issues? I do so with great diffidence, as Mr. Pye's practical acquaintance with Surprise methods is long and intimate. For this reason his expressed opinion must carry great weight, and anyone who differs from it must be in doubt. When I first saw Bristol it at once appeared to me that the variation with 7th's and 2nd's was the better. On inquiry about ten years ago of the Rev. E. Bankes James, through his brother, I was informed it had not been rung or named. The late Mr. C. O. Sayer and I endeavoured to get it rung by our local band, but we were not quite good enough. Last year I drew the attention of the brothers Gofton to it: they practised and liked it, gave it a name, and in a short time succeeded in scoring a peal.

If, in thinking it superior to Bristol, my opinion is a wrong one, I know Mr. Pye will not object to the trouble of correcting me. It is based on the fact that within the half leads the two variations are identical, and the changes in the whole plain course are exactly the same. The only difference between the two is when the treble lies behind, and when it leads, causing the half leads to come in different order. For comparison, take the position when the treble leads; in Bristol 8th's place is made and the other bells hunt from one working place to another; at a bob 4th's place is made, and the bells behind dodge. I believe it is generally held that there is a more pleasing effect when the bells behind the treble are dodging than when they continue hunting. If, then, this pleasing effect is obtained in Premier both at the plain and bob leads, the bob leads

of both methods being exactly the same, it seems to mark Premier as the better.

I am aware that most ringers like to hear two or three successive M, W and H leads, but, even so, the value of the lengthening lead in a method with a clear proof scale is open to argument. At any rate, the partiality for the lengthening lead seems to be the only claim Bristol has to superiority. Bearing these things in mind it is difficult to understand Mr. Pye's statement that Premier is very much inferior.

Going back to his remarks about Real Double Superlative, I do not think Mr. Pye intended openly to express his scorn at a legitimate performance of another band. If a conductor and composer work together for a certain result, even if it can be termed a freak, it is solely a question for themselves and their band, so long as the performance is regular. No one is compelled to follow in their foolish (r) footsteps. If Mr. Pye does not like four bobs in two leads, I am almost afraid to publish the peal below, but he will forgive me when I explain its purpose.

It was known before our time that 6,720 changes is positively the extent with the tenors together in Superlative. Mr. F. H. Dexter has recently claimed that by using bobs behind he has obtained 9,000. Most people will read this as being 9,000 with the tenors continuously together, but such a feat is impossible. Mr. Dexter must mean that he has joined up odd leads and half leads with tenors together by parting the tenors. Even then it seems impossible to use up 9,000 out of the 9,600 available.

The following peal is only given to illustrate how true leads and half leads may be introduced into a peal. These give in the aggregate 7,872 changes with the tenors together, and the peal has 56 M, W and H lead ends:—

9,600 DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE MAJOR.

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35264 A.B. (5 leads).

A—a bob at the first lead end followed immediately by a bob behind.

B—a bob when the tenor is in fourth's and treble behind, followed immediately by a bob in front.

This course, 55 times repeated, with bobs at H at the end of the 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 18th, 25rd, 24th, 28th, 33rd, 38th, 39th, 43rd, 45th, 46th, 51st and 56th courses.

In the 24th, 29th, 40th and 53rd courses call, instead of the first two bobs, consecutive bobs at every half lead to the number of eight, beginning by calling tenor out when treble leads. These courses equal 10 leads.

As this may be the plan used by Mr. Dexter, I have purposely made no attempt to reach his lengths. It would not be right to deprive him of any credit to which he is entitled for earlier productions.—Yours sincerely,
 JOSEPH W. PARKER.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES COMPOSITIONS.

MR. PEGLER'S REPLY TO THE REV. E. B. JAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I quite remember showing Mr. James the composition of Grandsire Triples under dispute. It was in November, 1902, that I left for Gloucester for Bangor, and in 1903 I went to Gloucester for Christmas. It was then I met Mr. James. I knew that he had peals of Grandsire Triples on the same plan. He at once claimed it as his own. I think I got it from 'The Bell News,' but I am not certain. I mentioned to him that I would most likely be meeting Mr. Lindoff shortly. Mr. A. J. Hughes and myself had written to Mr. Lindoff for a pull at St. Patrick's, and this was arranged for the Saturday at 5 o'clock. Later I had a letter forwarded to me from Bangor from Mr. Lindoff, saying they could not ring for some cause or another, which I cannot now remember. Mr. James asked me to mention the peal to Mr. Lindoff, and I should have done so had I met him then. Meeting Mr. Hughes in Birmingham as arranged, I showed him the letter from Mr. Lindoff, but having got our tickets, we decided to go to Dublin and have a look round. We did not, however, meet Mr. Lindoff. I have met him several times since, but never thought to mention the matter of the peal to him. I do not remember meeting Mr. James again till I met him in Bangor a few years since. Although I paid several visits to Gloucester, he was always away.—Yours,
 W. T. PEGLER.

6, Euston Road, Bangor.

MEMORIAL AT CLEATOR MOOR.

Five members of the band at St. John's Church, Cleator Moor, Cumberland, gave their lives in the war. They were: J. Bland, H. Black, E. Lister, D. Tembey and C. Dixon. On the occasion of the unveiling of the parish war memorial, upon which their names appear with the others of Cleator Moor, who made the supreme sacrifice, it was particularly fitting that the bells should be rung muffled. The memorial was unveiled by Col. Mason, D.S.O., and an address was given by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness.

In the evening, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung on muffled bells as a token of respect: F. H. Tembey 1, J. Joyce 2, T. H. Kewley 3, W. Myers 4, D. Atkinson 5, J. Hutchinson (conductor) 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Wednesday, March 29th, at St. Mary's Church, by the local band, members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, a half-peal (2,520 changes) of Doubles in five methods, in 1 hr. 30 mins., being 480 Old Grandstyle, 480 Plain Bob, 960 Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Grandstyle, and 360 St. Dunstan's each called differently, by: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, H. Acock 3, G. J. Winters 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, P-Sergt. Hastings 6. This is the longest touch for all the above men in five methods.

PEAL RINGERS' OPPORTUNITIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It may be well to point out that both the King's Accession, 6th May, and His Majesty's birthday, 3rd June, fall this year on a Saturday. As this is generally the most convenient day of the week for peal ringing, and permission to ring may be readily obtained on such occasions, these two days should give great opportunity to peal ringers. As was pointed out in the Central Council some years ago, it is a sound practice to select suitable occasions for long peals when it can be done.—Yours obediently,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

BEETHOVEN AND DEXTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 14th inst., a short letter appears by H. Rushby, of Grimsby, the closing sentence of which reads, 'What Beethoven is to music Dexter is to change ringing.' There may be other readers who are, like I am, puzzled by this statement.

To name only Beethoven's Sonatas, pianoforte and violin concertos, and his nine symphonies, truly and aptly classed by Sir George Grove as 'the immortal nine.'

Is there anything by Mr. Dexter in change ringing, comparable with the above only by Beethoven in music? It will be interesting if Mr. Rushby will give it, and further enlighten us on the justification of the comparison.—Yours, etc.,

A. E. PARSONS.

Old Hill, Staffs.

SURPRISE METHOD AT TAUNTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of April 7th, I notice a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor has been rung at Wilton, Taunton, and it is claimed to be the first Surprise rung by a resident band west of Bristol. I am pleased to congratulate our friends on their achievements, and hope to soon see other bands practising Surprise methods for the Bath and Wells.

I would like to point out, however, that before the great war we had a band at Carhampton, which rang London Surprise Minor, and a 360 was rung on March 12th, 1914, by J. Farmer, W. Hoyle, G. Stacey, W. Bennett, A. Stevens, H. Moore (conductor). Unfortunately the conductor, H. Moore, was taken ill shortly after, and died, and W. Bennett was killed in the war, which upset the practices. Our present band is recovering now and hopes to repeat the experiment shortly.—Yours truly,

GEO. STACEY.

DEATH OF A BOLTON RINGER.



MR. PETER INCE.

Photo: Tillottson's, Ltd., Bolton.

On Friday, April 7th, there passed away one of Bolton's prominent members of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Peter Ince.

He commenced ringing at the Bolton Parish Church in 1877; four years later he took charge of the band, a position he held until January of this year, when he retired owing to advancing years and respiratory troubles. On his retirement he was presented with a smoking cabinet by the members of his band.

The funeral took place at Heaton Cemetery on the 11th inst., when members of the Branch rang handbells at the graveside. In the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, at the Parish Church, but this came to grief, after 2 hours and 7 minutes, through a rope breaking. The following took part: Peter Nuttall, Ernest Cutsforth, Fred Morris, Tom Bratby, John Makin, John Howarth, Peter Crook and John Nuttall.

LEICESTER RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deepest regret that we have to announce the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Henry Hardy, a well-known Leicester ringer and singer, connected with St. Margaret's and St. John's Churches. Deceased, who was 30 years of age, and was son-in-law of Mr. Wm. Willson, was ringing as usual on Sunday week, and sang in St. Margaret's choir for both services. He was taken ill on Monday, and died after an operation for appendicitis, at Leicester Royal Infirmary on Thursday evening. He was to have sung the leading bass solo in 'The Crucifixion' on Good Friday, but this service was consequently cancelled, and the bells rung muffled in its place by St. Margaret's Guild, assisted by St. John's, St. Martin's, and Anstey ringers.

The interment took place on Tuesday at Welford Road Cemetery, following upon a service at St. Margaret's.

Fuller details of Mr. Hardy's career will be given next week.

The deepest sympathy will go out to the young widow and her five-year-old son in the bereavement which has fallen so unexpectedly upon them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of All Saints', Wigston Magna, are now being recast, and are to be rehung in entirely new frames, with ball bearings, by the well-known Loughborough Foundry (Messrs. Taylor and Co.). When the bells are back in the tower a new clock is to be installed. This work, it is hoped, will be fully completed in a few months' time. The tenor will be about 16 cwt.

It was shown just recently that there is no novelty in a peal in which three generations of one family take part. We think, however, that Northowram, Yorks., can claim the first peal in which three generations in each of two families have taken part. Grandpa's Lawson and Kershaw, with their sons and grandsons, made up six of a band of eight to ring a peal of Treble Bob Major.

The extent of Bob Major, with the tenors together, has been rung on the Foundry bells at Loughborough. It establishes another Association record for the Midland Counties Association.

A long peal of Kent Treble Bob is in view at Moorside, Oldham. This week we publish the record of a 6,816, taken from W. Harrison's 10,176, which is the immediate objective. Perhaps there will be something longer still to follow.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Hethersett, and published in our last issue, was peal No. 216 in the Central Council's Collection. In the composition, which is by Mr. E. Wightman, there are no bobs, and the conductor (Mr. G. H. Cross) desires to know if it is now rung for the first time.

The memorable peal at Bethnal Green, 15,840 Kent Treble Bob, then the longest peal ever rung in any method, was accomplished on April 27th, 1868, in 9 hrs. 12 mins. It was composed by Thomas Day, of Birmingham, and conducted by Henry Haley, senr. That was 54 years ago. Ted Horrex, who rang the 6th, is still with us.

Another notable peal of Treble Bob was rung on the 27th April, eight years later. This was the 8,896 by W. Harrison, rung by the Cumberland Youths, at St. Ann's, Highgate, and was the longest length composed in the method with tenors together.

On April 27th 1861, the College Youths rang the then longest length of Stedman Cinques, 8,580, at Cornhill, and on the same day, in 1901, another band of College Youth rang, for the first time, three Surprise peals in a day.

On April 24th, 1896, 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Shipley, Yorks., and on April 26th, 1894, 11,200 Bob Major was rung on handbells at Norwich.

A peal of Superlative Surprise Major has been rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry in 2 hours 30 minutes. It is thought to be the quickest peal of Major yet rung on tower bells. Is this so?

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The title—'Norfolk and Suffolk'—Mr. Edwards suggests for this Association will not do at all. 'Suffolk' has already been dealt with; 'Norfolk' is equally impossible; and for the following reasons:

- (i.) The Association (N., St. E. and I.) is, and always has been a diocesan (and not a county) organisation.
- (ii.) The S.W. portion of the county of Norfolk, embracing two deaneries, and the half of another, now forms part of the Diocese of Ely, having been detached from the Norwich Diocese in 1914. The N., St. E. and I. Association, therefore, has ceased to organise in that area of Norfolk.

As for the title—Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich—being cumbersome, has Mr. Edwards forgotten our old friend, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, to mention only one other association with a full name, to which by long habit we are endeared? The title, N., St. E. and I., is sufficiently euphonious; it has a ring all its own; and doubtless, the more we get accustomed to it, the better we shall like it. Anyhow, we must ask our friends to accept the inevitable, and kindly to take us as we are.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Bracondale, Norwich, 8th April.

Sir,—Permit me to point out, in reply to Mr. W. Miller, that the two cases of West Suffolk versus Ely, and East Suffolk in relation to Norwich, are not on a par. The West Suffolk ringers desired to leave Ely, and Ely had, therefore, no option but to accept the position; the East Suffolk men, on the other hand, will not hear of leaving Norwich.

The question of Norwich acting as Ely has done, therefore, does not arise; and as long as East Suffolk ringers are determined to stay in partnership with their fellow ringers of the Norwich Diocese, it is not for Norwich to say them nay. Does Mr. Miller refuse to East Suffolk the right of self-determination he allows to West Suffolk?—Yours faithfully,

G. P. BURTON.

Bracondale, Norwich.

13th April, 1922.

OUR CONDUCTOR—By 'Non-Conductor.'



The above amusing sketches have been drawn by a very promising young ringer, who desires to remain anonymous. They are fleeting impressions of his Conductor.

RINGING AT MELBOURNE.

In honour of the enthronement of Dr. Lees, the new Archbishop of Melbourne, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral by the following members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Victoria: T. Tyler (Bristol) 1, W. Preston (Kent) 2, J. Spencer (Leicester) 3, A. Fitzgerald (Melbourne) 4, H. Blakeley (Lancashire) 5, J. Guest (Stafford) conductor, S. F. Boughton (Worcestershire) 7, E. Knott (Lancashire) 8.

The Cathedral has a fine ring of 12 bells, and any ringer coming from the old country will receive a hearty welcome.

LONG PEALS CELEBRATED.

On Easter Monday, to celebrate the anniversary of the 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus and the 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, in 54 mins.: Samuel Rowbottom 1, Daniel Heap 2, Charles Bower 3, Ben Thorp (conductor) 4, W. Brammer 5, A. Adams 6, Samuel Booth 7, Tom Jackson 8.

PRINCESS MARY SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note Mr. James's contribution on the above subject. I went deeply into the matter before I published the method, and I have six good variations. One is a double method, and I have every reason to believe it is the only one up to date with even-stroke dodging back and front. Variation No. 1, which Mr. James chooses to name 'Drews Court' Surprise Royal, is not a Surprise method. Had it been, I should have published the method in that form. Variation No. 2, which he says is first cousin, happens to be the first one I came across when I started the task of clearing the 1-2 places out of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. This came with starting the place-making in 7-8 instead of 3-4. Do not omit to recognise the relationship in the latter method. It is 'Grandfather' to the lot. May I, in conclusion, say that I also took the precaution to let certain members of the Exercise see the figures of these variations.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

We are officially informed by Mr. Herbert Langdon, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, that an attempt is to be made at Appleton to-morrow (Saturday) for a peal of 21,363 Stedman Caters, starting at 7 a.m.

The reason that earlier notice was not possible is that the attempt was uncertain on the date now fixed.

We understand the band will comprise a mixed company of London and Oxford Guild ringers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Ashford on Easter Monday, April 17th. The gathering was not so large as might have been expected at a place so convenient for a considerable portion of the county. Enhanced railway fares have a deterrent effect, and the prospect of a fine day seemed very doubtful. The weather, however, turned out fine on the whole, though the northerly breeze did not tempt one to stand about in the neighbourhood of the tower. Other towers open for ringing, in addition to Ashford, were Wye (8), Mersham (8), Great Chart (6) Witherborough (6) and Eastwell (6).

A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the vestry at 11.15 a.m., at which £3 3s. was voted from the Belfry Repair Fund towards the cost of re-creating the 6th at Biddenden.

At the service which followed at 12.15 p.m., the Association's Form was used, the Vicar (the Rev. T. K. Sopwith) intoning the prayers, and the honorary secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) reading the lesson (Rom. vi. 1-13). The opening hymn was the Easter hymn, 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day.' Before the sermon a special ringers' hymn from the Oxford Diocesan Guild book, 'Unchanging God, Who livest enthroned in realms on high,' was sung, to the well-known tune 'Aurelia.'

The Rev. G. Brocklehurst, Rector of Mersham, gave the address. Taking no set text, he said he considered it a great privilege, as the Rector of the parish, which was the cradle of the Association, to be invited to address the members of a society which had grown to such goodly proportions in the forty or more years since the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the then Rector, first broached the subject of forming a County Association to a few friends in his study at Mersham. He spoke of the valuable work ringers could do and did for the church, and the influence they could bring to bear on others. We often, he said, spoke of man's need for God, but let them remember the other side, God's need for man, and how we can best serve Him by becoming exponents of a manly religion. If he had chosen a text he might well have taken the well-known words, 'Quit you like men, be strong.'

During the singing of the last hymn, 'Light's abode, celestial Salem,' a collection was taken for the War Memorial Fund, which amounted to £1 17s. Dr. Morrell, the organist of the church, accompanied the service.

At the dinner, served in the Parish Hall, eighty-two members were present, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. G. Brocklehurst, Messrs. T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), F. White and S. H. Green (Tonbridge Wells) Dr. Morrell, Mr. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's), and others. After the excellent fare provided by Mr. R. Passmore (Ashford) had been properly discussed, and grace having been said, the Vicar gave the indispensable toast, 'The King,' and, as usual, a verse of the National Anthem was sung.

Mr. F. White then proposed the toast of the Archbishop and clergy, with special thanks to the Rev. G. Brocklehurst for his address. The preacher having briefly responded, the Hon. Secretary rose to read the minutes of the last general meeting, but before doing so said he wished to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the kind way in which he had received the Association.

Mr. Sopwith expressed the pleasure he felt in being able to help to make the meeting a success, and to allow the bells to be rung throughout the day, a permission he was unable to grant on Saturday afternoons, as the noise of the bells was so deafening in the immediate neighbourhood of the tower.

It may be remarked that this night to a great extent be obviated by bricking up a portion of the belfry windows, and an alteration of the hours. The Vicar having then to leave, the chair for the business meeting was taken by the Rev. G. Brocklehurst.

The Hon. Secretary read his report and balance sheets. Reference was made to the death of Miss Macalpine Leny, the Revs. Canon Hichens, R. Patterson, J. Langhorne, and Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., Messrs. Fred Hayes (Milton, Gravesend), F. Wellard (Maidstone), and others. Nine fresh towers had been added to those in union, viz.: Wye, Great Chart, Cheriton, Frittenden, Leigh, Sevenoaks, Herne, Farningham and East Malling, while only one or two had dropped out. The war memorial had hung fire, but lately there seemed to be a revival of interest; the Romney Marsh Guild had subscribed £5, and the hon. secretary had just received £55s. from the East Kent and Canterbury Conservative Club. Collecting cards had been issued by the district secretaries, and it was hoped by that

means a goodly sum would be obtained. Several fresh grants had been made from the Belfry Repair Fund, and since the Armistice the committee had voted over £40 from this fund. In the general account the balance in hand was £63 12s. 6d., as compared with £47 2s. 7d. at the close of the previous year.

Mr. J. W. Steddy (Edenbridge) proposed that the report and balance sheets be passed.—This was seconded by Mr. E. J. Dixon (Willesborough), and carried.

The re-election of officers en bloc was proposed by Mr. T. Groombridge, seconded by Mr. W. Spice (Tunstall), and carried.

The question of the date of the annual meeting was raised by Mr. W. Haigh (Gillingham). He complained that Easter Monday was too early in the year.—Mr. R. Paine seconded the request for an alteration of date.

Mr. F. White remarked that many Associations met on Easter Monday, while as to weather conditions it was just as likely to be wet or uncongenial later on. Moreover, August Bank Holiday would probably be too hot, and Whitsun Monday had been ruled out on account of the Central Council meeting next day.

Several other members spoke, and, on the chairman putting the question to the vote, only three or four hands were raised in support of the alteration, the great majority voting in favour of the retention of the present date.

This concluded the business, and members left the hall, ringing being resumed in the tower, while some went off to visit some of the other towers open. While the writer wended his way to the station a touch of London was in progress, while other less abstruse methods came in for their fair share of attention.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S 150th PEAL

It is interesting to record the 150th peal by the Cambridge University Guild, which, like its sister organisation of Oxford, has very limited opportunities for peal ringing compared with the facilities which territorial associations have at their command.

The Guild was founded on February 4th, 1879. Its first peal was one of Bob Triples in hand on April 28th, 1890, and the Guild has since rung the following first peals: Little Bob Major (tower bells), Little Bob Royal (in hand and tower), Norwich Court Bob Major, Gonville, Granta, and Cam variations of Kent Treble Bob; Plain and Little Bob Major (spliced), Plain and Medium Bob Royal (spliced), Plain and Little Bob Royal (spliced); also the first peals in hand of Double Norwich C.B. Major, Little Bob Major, Double Bob Major, and Double Bob Royal. Forty-five members have rung peals for the Guild.

Methods.	Tower bells.	Handbells.
Bob Minor	—	1
Minor (2 methods)	—	1
Minor (3 methods)	1	1
Bob Triples	—	1
Grandsire Triples	2	—
Stedman Triples	7	—
Bob Major	4	36
Double Bob Major	—	1
Little Bob Major	5	8
Plain and Little Bob Major	—	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	7	12
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	—
Norwich Court Bob Major	—	1
Superlative Surprise Major	1	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	*19
Kent Treble Bob Major		
Granta Variation	—	1
Gonville Variation	—	1
Cam Variation	—	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	—	1
Grandsire Caters	—	8
Stedman Caters	1	—
Bob Royal	1	9
Double Bob Royal	—	1
Little Bob Royal	1	3
Plain and Little Bob Royal	—	1
Plain and Medium Bob Royal	—	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	—	3
Bob Maximus	—	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	—	1
Total	36	114

* Including one of 7.104.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. — At St. John's Church, Cleator Moor, on Thursday, March 30th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1.440 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins.: Wm. Cook 1, J. B. Douglas 2, R. Douglas 3, J. J. Spedding 4, W. Douglas 5, J. Rothery 6, W. Norman 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. J. Gilbert 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Warner 4, D. Tucker 5, C. Dilley 6, G. Maxim (conductor) 7, J. T. Munday 8.

BURBAGE, BUXTON.—For the Easter Festival, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Ashmore 1, Wm. Moss 2, R. Ashmore 3, W. Longden 4, S. Kirk 5, W. W. Wolstencroft 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for evening service, with S. Kirk 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, and J. Backhouse 6, the rest as before. Conducted by Sydney Kirk.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Shaw 1, J. Miller 2, J. Brierley 3, H. Norgrove 4, A. Haughton 5, J. Shaw 6, T. Wilde (conductor) 7, A. Hough 8. Also 238 Kent Treble Bob and 240 Bob Major with S. Bowker 6, J. Shaw 7 and T. Wilde (conductor) 8, rest as before. J. Milner hails from Disley, and this was his first quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major.

EASTBOURNE.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, a 504 of Stedman Triples: F. G. Waymark 1, J. Sharp 2, A. C. Pankhurst 3, G. J. Norris 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. Sharp, junr., 8.

EALING.—At Christ Church, on Palm Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Belcher 1, E. J. Walsam 2, H. Folkard 3, H. G. James 4, W. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Troilope (conductor) 7, W. Stagg 8.

ACTION.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 9th, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, S. D. Breeze 2, R. H. Boddington 3, H. Winote 4, C. Brown 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, E. W. Coulson 7, E. Easton 8.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 9th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25½ mins.: P. C. L. Brookes 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6.

MARKET DEEPING.—For evening service, on April 9th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Hayes (first 720) 1, F. Simpson (first 720 inside) 2, W. A. Day 3, H. Holmes 4, H. M. Day (conductor) 5, B. Wells 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 9th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Holderness 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, H. Morris 4, J. Mead 5, F. Stenton 6, F. Whitehead 7, C. Garner 8—384 Superlative Surprise Major: W. Mead 1, G. Underwood 2, J. Mead 3, F. Stenton 4, W. Sear 5, H. Morris 6, F. Whitehead 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8—Also 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Sear.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET'S, WILTS.—On Sunday, April 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Woodroffe 1, Miss Ellen Maulden 2, T. Maulden 3, J. Tuckwell 4, A. Simms 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: N. Sperrin 1, Miss Ellen Maulden 2, T. Maulden 3, J. Tuckwell 4, J. Woodroffe 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 9th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 240 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

GORSEINON, GLAM.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, April 9th, 830 Grandsire Triples (Cox's): C. Willis 1, J. T. Williams 2, A. Sluman 3, R. Baird 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, W. Dobbins 7, H. Warrie 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2nd and 7th.

LONG STANTON.—On Palm Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Hawkes 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, F. J. Cook 4, C. W. Cook 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, G. Crisp 7, J. B. Woolley (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of Ealing.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: J. Harrison 1, H. Green 2, J. Bailey 3, Miss Lily Geeson 4, C. Geary 5, W. R. Drage (conductor) 6—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss Lily Geeson 1, C. Geary 2, J. Bailey 3, H. Green 4, T. Hutchinson 5, W. King 6, W. R. Drage (conductor) 7, C. Wilken-son 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 2nd for morning service, 910 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins.: H. T. Hughes 1, G. Thompson 2, J. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, E. Jones 5, R. Evans 6, R. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8—On Saturday, April 1st, for Confirmation service, 360 Grandsire Minor: H. Hughes 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Edwards 5, R. Evans (conductor) 6.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Box (first 720) 1, A. Lees 2, W. P. Deane (conductor) 3, T. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch 5, W. Bourne 6.

DARLEY DALE.—On Sunday, April 2nd, at St. Helen's Church, for morning service, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. H. Paulson 1, B. Allsop 2, Hugh Gregory 3, John Siddall, junr., 4, Wm. Taylor 5, E. Blackwell 6, A. C. Wright 7, John Siddall 8. First course in the method by all except No. 7.

NEATH, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday morning, April 2nd, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: F. A. Hutton (first 720 of Minor) 1, A. Hutton (first 720 of Minor on a bob bell) 2, J. Hammond (conductor) 3, R. Ellis 4, H. Boyce 5, C. Hutton 6—The ringers are all regular Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

LAVERNHAM.—On Sunday morning, April 2nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Major (1,280 changes): A. Symonds 1, L. Poulson 2, F. Turner 3, S. H. Symonds 4, F. Mortlock 5, R. Lathbury (conductor) 6, E. Poulson 7, W. E. J. Poulson 8. Arranged for R. Lathbury, of Newmarket.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. E. Gillitt 1, J. Collett 2, T. Banning 3, E. Pardon 4, H. Packer 5, H. Gillitt 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Butler 8.

HULL.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, April 2nd, 336 Bob Major and course of Grandsire Triples: J. Edyes 1, B. Cook 2, F. Dale 3, F. Moulson 4, D. Meadley 5, T. Mills 6, T. Whitefield 7, J. W. Stickney (conductor) 8.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, April 2nd at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. T. Scriven 1, J. H. Lenton 1, G. Spurr 2, A. Walker, senr. (conductor) 3, W. Senior 4, J. Carter 5, W. Pearson 6, T. Holder 7, H. O. Walters 8.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,376 changes): J. Waing 1, A. D. Cullum 2, Miss S. Davis 3, E. W. Menday 4, H. Simmonds 5, G. Essex 6, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Hibeht 8.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday April 2nd, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Stevens 3, C. Hunt 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, G. Woodiss 7, R. Mackrill 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: E. G. Cottis 1, E. H. King 2, A. C. Hardy 3, C. Peaso (Chelmsford) 4, E. Andrews 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde, and taken from 'The Ringing World.'

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for morning service, at St. Peter's, Britford, 720 Bob Minor: F. W. Romaine 1, C. Dibben 2, S. Macey 3, R. P. Knight 4, S. R. Roper, Croydon (conductor), 5, L. Harris 6—For evening service, at St. Martin's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: S. Macey 1, F. W. Romaine 2, E. Dibben 3, L. Harris 4, R. P. Knight 5, S. R. Roper 6, F. Precey (conductor) 7, B. Chalk (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, 540 Bob Royal: C. Rush 1, C. Parnell 2, C. Bailey 3, C. F. Sayer 4, T. Beckett 5, G. Baxter 6, R. J. Goate 7, J. Spaulding 8, H. Ling 9, E. R. Goate 10. This was the first three courses of Royal by the local band for over 20 years—On Sunday, April 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Ling 1, C. F. Sayer 2, C. Rush 3, J. Spaulding 4, G. Baxter 5, C. Parnell 6, E. R. Goate (conductor) 7, R. J. Goate 8. This is believed to be the longest length of Stedman ever rung on the bells for Sunday service.

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357624	4	26543	2
463257	1	35264	1
574326	2	42356	1
635274	1	25634	3
236457	5	53462	3
742536	1	24536	1
367254	2	65243	1
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NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, second Monday, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.

—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Birstall on Saturday, April 22nd. Draw 2.30.—W. Frith, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 3 to 9.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea at Hare and Hounds, 9d. each.—H. F. Cooper, Dist. Master, Red Lion, Stisted, near Braintree, Essex.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will take place at Holcombe Rogus (6) on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.15.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Local Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 22nd. Service at 5 p.m. with address by the Vicar (Rev. H. J. Kitcat). Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Hall. The ringing arrangements are as follows: St. John's (10) from 3.5 p.m. and after the meeting, St. Andrew's (8) from 3.15 to 4.40 and afterwards until 9.15. Members are urgently requested to attend.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, and W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, April 22nd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note all subscriptions for 1922 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent on Saturday, 22nd April. Ringing from 3—8 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilborough District.—A Special meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available at 2.30.—W. Bott, Dist. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Late Notice.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Swanmore to-morrow, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells available 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Hunter's Inn.—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripple-gate (12), to-morrow, Saturday, 22nd April. Ringing from 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Ringing 6.15 till 7.15. Business meeting afterwards. A good attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: Wilton Road, April 24th. Sundays at 10 a.m.: St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in by April 25th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th, at Poulton (six bells.) Visitors welcomed. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 32, Ormond Avenue, Blackpool.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pelsall, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5.15 p.m., with an address. Tea will be provided at 1/- each for those who send word not later than Tuesday, 25th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, 29th April. Annual meeting in the Old School, near the church, at 2 p.m. President, the Earl of Shaftesbury. Service in St. Michael's Church, 3.30. Address by the Vicar, Rev. W. N. Willson. Collection for Gifford Memorial. Meat tea, 4.30, members 1/-, others 1/6. Bells available: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Lyme Regis, Whitchurch Canonorum (8); Broadwindsor, Chardstock, Uplymes (6); Chideock (5). Notice of attendance should be sent to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset.—F. Ll. Edwards, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 29th. Evensong at Cathedral, at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 25th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln. Will member visitors please note that failure to comply with this request has frequently caused great inconvenience to those responsible for arranging tea.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Patron: The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop. President: The Ven. Archdeacon Farmiloe. Secretary for Archdeaconry of Sudbury: Rev. R. L. Gardner, Rector of Chelsworth, Ipswich. Secretary for Archdeaconry of Suffolk: Mr. Charles Mee, Sproughton, Ipswich.—A meeting for the whole Diocese will be held in St. Mary-le-Tower Church House, Ipswich, on Saturday, April 29th, at 3 p.m. Bells available from 2 p.m., at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, and St. Matthew's. All Suffolk ringers are invited to this meeting, so that any opinion may be expressed before the organisation is finally settled. The business will be to finally pass the rules, and arrange the programme for 1922. The subscription (for 1922) was due on January 1st; it is 2s. each for clergy and ringers alike, with an entrance fee of 6d. Honorary Members 5s. the first year, and 2s. 6d. in subsequent years.—Herbert Drake, Diocesan Secretary, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, March 28th, 1922.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, 29th April. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Rd., Bolton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock.—Samuel Booth, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The District Annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the George Inn at 5.45. Business meeting to follow. All subscriptions must be paid at or before this meeting. All ringers intending to be present must let me know not later than Tuesday, April 25th, or tea cannot be provided for them.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—The Annual ringing day will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service with address 4 o'clock, followed by tea at 5 p.m. at the Church Room, 1/- each. All ringers welcome. All those intending to be present please notify me not later than April 26th.—J. T. Barker (Sec. to Stebbing Company), Hillside, Stebbing, Essex.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.), on Saturday, April 29th. Service at 4.30; tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. Please let me know by 26th at latest how many require tea.—F. Barber, Dist. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 29th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—Jas. White.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice will be held at the above Tower on Thursday, April 27, and every succeeding Thursday. Service ringing first Sunday in the month, meeting time 10.15 a.m. sharp. Also 3rd Sunday in the evening at 5.15 sharp. All are welcome.—G. Hayben.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Selby Abbey on Saturday, April 29th. All ringers welcome. Tea can only be provided for those who notify me before the 25th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Royal Oak.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Shifnal, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing, 2 p.m. Meeting, 4.30. Tea, 5.30.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Dawlish on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 25th inst. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church St., Paignton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) available at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—E Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 29th. Bells available 4 till 7.30 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashchurch on Saturday, May 6th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names not later than the previous Tuesday. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Wool on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. (also Bere Regis and West Lulworth). Guild service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar), and short business meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Clitheroe, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—The next Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th, at Cross Stone. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. Tea will be provided at the Bay Horse Inn if names are sent in to Miss R. A. Bell, 417, Halifax Road, Todmorden, by Thursday morning's post, May 4th.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.

—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar), at 5 p.m. The Vicar has kindly promised to provide tea for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, May 2nd, the latest. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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JERRAM.—On April 10, at Talland Vean, Falmouth, the wife of Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.L.I., of a son.

DEATH.

HARDY.—At the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, on April 13th, after operation, Thomas Henry, the beloved and devoted husband of Lilian Ada Hardy (nee Willson), of 59, Hopefield Road, aged 30 years.

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