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THE "ANNUAL OUTING."

The "annual outing" has become a well established institution with a great many of the ringing societies up and down the land, and a very capital institution it is, too. Our columns recently have borne testimony to the activities of ringers in this direction, and one thing is obvious, when members of the Exercise lay themselves out for a day's pleasure they know well how to enjoy themselves. These outings are becoming more popular than ever, and they are certainly a feature which deserves to be encouraged, for they not only bring a day of pleasure into the existence of many a man whose life is, perhaps, otherwise more or less drab, but they afford an occasion for visits to districts and towers where, without these opportunities, such new experiences would be impossible. Fresh towers are thus opened up to ringers, and it is in the nature of a ringing education to many to try their hand in new bell-fries. Then again, these outings are frequently the occasion of fraternisation between bands, and provide opportunities, which many incumbents are only too ready to grasp, of showing how glad they are to welcome ringers from other churches.

There are, in fact, many happy features about the "annual outing," which go to make it an event which should receive the support of church authorities as well as of the ringers themselves. There are very few churches where there is not an annual choir excursion provided out of special and publicly subscribed funds; but a ringers' excursion financed from any such source is a rarity. The sinews of war in the case of ringers are generally the hard earned and carefully saved shillings of the men themselves. We like, as ringers, to be independent, but at the same time parishioners, if approached through the right channel, as they are approached in connection with the choir outing, might like to show their appreciation of the ringers' services by dipping their hand into their pocket to help the fund. We could instance cases in which this is already done and done handsomely, but where it is not the case we throw out the hint to the clergy.

While mentioning the "annual outing" one cannot refrain from referring to the sad fatality which brought to a tragic close the excursion of the Barnstaple ringers last Saturday. Their motor char-a-banc ran back down a hill and turned over into the hedge, killing one of the ringers and injuring six others. With the relatives of the unfortunate man who lost his life we would express our deep condolence, and to those who were injured we offer our sympathy and our hope for a speedy recovery.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BLACKBURN, BOLTON, ROCHDALE AND ROSSENDALE
BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
*THOMAS WILSON 2	JAMES HENRY BANKS ... 7
JOHN WATSON 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON ... 8
WILLIAM CRABTREE 4	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 9
FREDERICK HINDLE 5	*ABRAHAM THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor; also first peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. T. Wilson, who is 19 years of age, is the youngest ringer of a peal of Stedman Caters in the county. The peal was rung in honour of Alexandra Day in Blackburn.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	ERNEST PYE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Friday, June 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY S. SMITH Treble	EDGAR SMITH 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	JOHN BARBER 6
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	REUBEN HALL 7
THOMAS HILL 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON, and
Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Mr. John Barber was proposed a member of the Dudley Guild previous to starting for the peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS MAX Treble	ABSALOM THOMAS 5
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES ... 2	JOHN BUTLER 6
CORNELIUS BOWEN 3	FREDERICK ATWELL 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	FREDERICK STANBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. B. CHARLES.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Hugh Watts, son of the donor of the church and bells, and for 12 years churchwarden at the above church, who was interred on the above date at Newport Cemetery.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

T. THURSTANS' BOB AND SINGLE FIVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*WILLIAM OXLEY... ..Treble | THOMAS W. DITCHBURN ... 5
†MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 2 | JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
ROBERT W. LOVIE ... 3 | †ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
†JOHN PICKERING ... 4 | RICHARD W. LANGTON ...Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal of Grandsire away from the tenor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.
GEORGE BLOORTreble | †ERNEST TIGWELL ... 5
*DANIEL PRESTON ... 2 | THOMAS AUSTIN ... 6
SIDNEY CHURTON ... 3 | CHARLES PAGE... .. 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTTOM 4 | HAROLD AUSTINTenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. This peal was arranged for A. Shufflebottom, of Braintree, Essex, D. Preston, of Bucknall, and E. Tigwell, of Biddulph, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Sutherland.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.
JOHN T. KENTISH, Junr...Treble | GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 5
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 2 | RALPH SHEPHERD ... 6
JOSEPH J. POWERS ... 3 | EDWARD WHITBREAD ... 7
*WILLIAM NASH ... 4 | GEORGE SMITH... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

* First peal.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ODD-BOB COMPOSITION. Tenor 15½ cwt.
FRANK R. CUNDALETreble | CLEMENT GLENN ... 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 2 | WALTER ALLWOOD ... 6
SAMUEL WESLEY... .. 3 | WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 4 | P.C. G. H. SMITH... ..Tenor

Composed by THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.
*JOHN FOWLERTreble | WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 5
FRED HARWOOD ... 2 | ROBERT SANDERSON... .. 6
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3 | ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... 7
EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... 4 | *WILLIAM FOWLERTenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. The composition contains 4th and 6th their extent right in 13 courses, and is now rung for the first time.

STONEY STANTON.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF HALEY'S. Tenor 14 cwt.
HENRY BRIGGSTreble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
SAMUEL COTTON ... 2 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 3 | ALFRED MARTIN ... 7
ARTHUR S. PETTIT ... 4 | *CHARLES H. BRIGGS ...Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman. This composition has no two or six bob sets, and was the quickest ever rung on these bells.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

THOMAS BOTTRILLTreble | GEORGE WARBURTON ... 5
FREDERICK PAGE... .. 2 | WALTER WOLSTENCROFT 6
WILLIAM HOLBROOK ... 3 | WILFRED MOSS ... 7
JOSEPH LOWE ... 4 | ROBERT DAVIESTenor

Composed by J. THORP, and
Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

The peal was rung on the 67th anniversary of the church, the 50th anniversary of the bells, the 50th anniversary of Mr. W. E. Ryder's connection with ringing, and Mr. W. Holbrook's 50th birthday. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Ryder for having them in readiness.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.
ALBERT STOWELLTreble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 5
FRED G. MAY ... 2 | JOHN BURFORD... .. 6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 3 | GEORGE CONDICK ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4 | ALFRED E. REEVES... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was rung in honour of the coming-of-age of the eldest son of G. T. Daltry, tower keeper of All Saints' Church.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DENVER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.
H. ROBINSONTreble | W. GOODRUM ... 4
ALF. BACON ... 2 | B. M. TARGETT ... 5
N. HAWES ... 3 | J. MARDELLTenor

Conducted by B. M. TARGETT.

First peal on the bells for the Norwich Association.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.
LEONARD H. STEVENS ...Treble | ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 4
*SIDNEY B. RICHARDS ... 2 | JAMES MORLEY... .. 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 3 | HARRY FUNNELLTenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to and as a mark of appreciation of the services of the Rev. C. Toogood, M.A., who has been curate of the parish for 13 years and who is leaving to take the living of Burpham, near Arundel.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. HARLAND.**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

*WILLIAM A. BRECKON ...	1—2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	5—6
JAMES COTTERELL ...	3—4	ALBERT COATES ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire: WILLIAM HARLAND.

* First peal of Major on handbells. First handbell peal rung in the town of Whitby. The ringer of 3—4 hails from Halifax.

LATE PEAL.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE	Treble	FREDERICK S. CASE ...	5
REV. C. CAREW COX ...	2		REV. E. V. COX ...	6
*DAVID G. TAYLOR ...	3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ...	7
WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	4		JOSEPH MADDOCK ...	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Major. The ringers of the 5th and 7th belong to Poole and Trowbridge respectively.

RINGER KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

BARNSTAPLE BAND'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

A shocking accident, involving loss of life, and injuries to a number of ringers, occurred on Saturday during the annual outing of the Barnstaple Parish Church company.

A merry party, numbering 14, left the town in a motor char-a-banc for Exeter, and all went well until the neighbourhood of Oakford was reached. The excursionists had been enjoying the exhilarating ride, but the car got into difficulties on a very steep hill, and, to the alarm of the occupants, began to run backwards. The brakes failed to act, and, the driver losing control, the vehicle crashed into a hedge and overturned. A scene of confusion followed, and it was quickly obvious that several of the party were badly injured. One of their number, Mr. William Goss, aged 60, and for many years a ringer at Barnstaple, was terribly crushed, and died soon after being dragged from under the car.

In all, six other members of the party received cuts and bruises, and the excursion, which opened so happily, came to a tragic ending. It is stated that the Oakford route was followed at the request of Goss.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH NEW SECRETARY.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Moorside, on Saturday, Mr. Samuel Stott presiding. Ringers were present from Moorside, Oldham, Glodwick, Middleton, Rochdale, Balderstone, Miln-row, Newhey, Pendleton, Tyldesley. Mr. Joseph Ogden was elected secretary in place of Mr. J. H. Bastow, who set sail for America on Wednesday, July 2nd. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on August 2nd.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, also to the chairman for presiding, brought the business meeting to a close. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Lymminster, on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended. Touches of Minor and Doubles were rung in the afternoon, and in the Parish Room, situated in the Vicarage grounds, an excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. P. T. Andrews), who presided. Ringers were present from Augmering, Arundel, Goring, Heene, Shoreham, West Tarring, and the local band, numbering 26.

After the tea the usual business meeting was held.—Four new members were elected, and the Vicar was elected an hon. member.—Mr. Stalham proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing the tea and granting the use of the bells.—The Rev. P. T. Andrews, in reply, gave the visitors a cordial welcome, and a few useful hints on their duties as church workers.—The Vicar then kindly invited the ringers to take a walk round the Vicarage grounds, and this was much enjoyed.

The belfry was then again visited, and ringing continued till 8.20. Arundel bells were also at the disposal of the ringers after tea, and altogether the meeting proved very enjoyable.

LONDON RINGER DROWNED.

The sad death of Mr. F. A. Nunn, a well-known London ringer, has to be recorded this week. The deceased, who was in the employ of Messrs. Warner and Sons, had been engaged on the work at Chelmsford Parish Church, and on the evening of Wednesday in last week was ringing with the band at Writtle. He left there at 10 p.m., and walked to Chelmsford with Mr. A. Head, who left him about 11 p.m. The next morning his body was found by some bargemen in the river at Boreham. At the inquest, a verdict of "Found drowned" was returned.

On the previous Sunday Mr. Nunn took part in a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Writtle, rung for evening service, by: T. Lincoln 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, F. A. Nunn 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. Mr. Nunn's death has come as a great shock to his ringing friends, and much sympathy will go out to his bereaved wife and family.

LINCOLN GUILD.

On Saturday last, a very successful meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Edenham, 30 members being present from Grantham, Bourne, Stamford, Edenham, Ingoldsby, Colsterworth, Boothby, and Surfleet. Service was held in the church, the lesson being read by the Vicar of Edenham, and an eloquent sermon preached by the Rev. H. Law James.—Tea was provided at the Five Bells Inn, after which the business meeting followed, the President of the branch (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter) occupying the chair. Considerable discussion took place as to where the October meeting should be held, and eventually Stamford was selected.—Six new members were elected, including Master E. A. Markwell, aged 10 years.—The Secretary complained of the very dilatory manner in which some of the members paid their subscriptions, and also brought to the notice of the members the fact that no account of the Diocesan Guild meeting which was held at Lincoln in April last, and at which over 200 members were present, appeared in "The Ringing World."—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Edenham (the Rev. A. Galton) for the use of the bells; the Rev. Law James for the service, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for presiding at the meeting; also to the organist and choir, and the ladies who helped to make the service so very successful.—During the day, touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were rung.

[The absence of an account of the Lincoln Guild annual meeting, complained of above, was owing to the fact that although a request was directed to the proper quarter, no report was sent for publication.—Ed. "R.W."]

HONOURING A FREEMAN AT RYE.

Mr. Walter Dawes, town clerk of Rye, Sussex, was presented with the Freedom of the Ancient Town on Monday afternoon. The Mayor and Corporation resolved to have the bells rung in honour of the function, and to remunerate the ringers by granting them a similar sum out of the public purse as is paid for ringing on several royal days in the year. The Town Hall is situated within a few yards of the church and immediately the privilege had been conferred, and the recipient had signed the roll, the sergeant of police signalled to the ringers who were on the church roof, and the bells sounded forth, while simultaneously the Union Jack was hoisted at the Town Hall, and the flag bearing the borough arms commenced fluttering in the breeze at the summit of the mast on the ancient gateway, known as the Landgate. After a capital round, an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by: P. Giles, L. T. H. Seers, C. Price, J. B. Bennett, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billenness (conductor), and G. Perrin. Subsequently more rounds were tapped in nice style, others taking part in the ringing being: W. Wood, E. Curd, D. Martin, D. Craig and N. Allcorn. It was a great pleasure to the ringers to ring for the event, because, like all the inhabitants, they thoroughly appreciate Mr. Dawes' wise counsel in the administration of municipal affairs, and know that he has always had the interest of the ancient town endeared in his heart. Furthermore, Mr. Dawes has also been exceedingly kind to the Rye ringers. He subscribed liberally to them at Christmas time, and on more than one occasion they have been favoured with instructions from him to ring for weddings in his family circle.

PRESENTATION TO MR. B. PREWETT.

On Sunday, the Rev. G. M. Hall, Vicar of Bushey, presented Mr. B. Prewett with a barometer, a gift from the Rector, churchwardens, and his brother ringers on the occasion of his marriage, which takes place to-morrow (Saturday) at Bushey Church.

The Rector, in making the presentation, said they all knew how much Mr. Prewett had done for the society. Englishmen as a rule did not like being told how much they were appreciated, but this now gave him the opportunity of saying how very much they all appreciated what Mr. Prewett had done for the Bushey Society, and he hoped by Mr. Prewett marrying and living at Bushey his ties with the society would become stronger. They all wished him long life and every happiness.

Mr. Prewett suitably responded, and said he was pleased to do all he could, and thought the society was now in a better position than it had ever been. This had been brought about by the band sticking together, and he hoped their success would continue.

The meeting of the Essex Association reported last week as being held at Stonechurch, was held at Hornchurch.

SALISBURY GUILD.**VISIT TO MILTON ABBEY.**

The members of the Dorchester District of the Salisbury Guild had a most enjoyable summer meeting at the grand old Abbey at Milton, which was visited at the kind invitation of Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. The party, who drove to Milton, numbered 56, and represented Dorchester St. Peter's, Fordington St. George, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Puddletown, West Lulworth, Hilton, and Milton. Among those present were the Rev. W. Percy Schuster, Vicar of West Lulworth (hon. general secretary of the Guild), Messrs. R. N. Dawes, of Dor-

ducted over the stately Abbey Church by the Vicar, and afterwards visited the beautiful and well-kept gardens.

Ringling at the Abbey and Hilton brought the pleasant proceedings to a close.

HOW MILTON ABBEY LOST ITS BELLS.

With regard to the spoliation of the ancient bells of Milton Abbey, Mr. J. R. Jerram writes that in the "Church Bells of Dorset" (by the late Canon Raven), the following note appears:—"Towards the end of the 18th century, Joseph Damer, Lord Milton (lord of the manor) decided to pull down the old town of Milton. Mr. Harrison, a resident solicitor, put a difficulty in his lordship's way by refusing to sell his



MILTON ABBEY.

chester (chairman of the branch), C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis (branch hon. secretary and treasurer), George T. White (ringing master), and J. Bengier (deputy master). Although it was the merry time of haymaking, there was a full attendance of the local band of ringers. Among the party was a welcome visitor—Mr. Coles, of Bridgewater, a well-known ringer.

A writer in the "Dorset County Chronicle," says the drive to Milton, on so lovely an afternoon, was much enjoyed, and the exquisite sight with which the journey ended put a crowning touch to it. In the noble tower there is a good peal of eight bells, though hardly comparable, doubtless, with the fine old bells of which the tower was dispossessed by the irascible Lord Milton towards the end of the eighteenth century.

The Milton and Hilton bells were, by the courtesy of the incumbents and church officers, available for the visitors to practice on from two o'clock onwards. A special Guild service was held in the Abbey Church. It was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Schuster; the Rev. H. A. Caryl (of Hilton) read the lessons, and the Vicar (the Rev. Herbert Pentin) gave one of the most interesting addresses to which the ringers have ever listened, his subject being bells in general, and the story of Milton's bells in particular, "pointing the moral" as well as "adorning the tale." The musical service was of a high order.

Tea was served in a marquee pitched on the lawn. Sir Edward Hambro, at whose hospitable invitation the party sat down, was away, but his son, Mr. Angus Hambro, M.P., welcomed them heartily in his father's name. He was supported in the chair by the Revs. Herbert Pentin, W. P. Schuster, H. A. Caryl, and A. L. Helps (Vicar of Puddletown), and the officers of the branch.

The Rev. W. P. Schuster afterwards voiced the gratitude of the ringers to Sir Everard Hambro for his kind invitation and entertainment: and Mr. Angus Hambro, in reply, assured the visitors how pleased his father was to welcome them there, adding that he hoped that some day they would come again.—Mr. Jennings expressed his thanks to the Milton band of ringers for their careful arrangements for the meeting.

Mr. Dawes presided over the short business meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting either at Upwey or at Abbotsbury. Regret was expressed that the Abbotsbury band of ringers have not yet joined the Guild, and the hope was breathed that a meeting in that charming monastic village might help them to take this very desirable step and so strengthen the ranks of the affiliated ringers.

On leaving the marquee, the party were photographed in a group by Mr. Howes (verger of Dorchester St. Peter's). They were then con-

ducted over the stately Abbey Church by the Vicar, and afterwards visited the beautiful and well-kept gardens. Ringling at the Abbey and Hilton brought the pleasant proceedings to a close.

With regard to the spoliation of the ancient bells of Milton Abbey, Mr. J. R. Jerram writes that in the "Church Bells of Dorset" (by the late Canon Raven), the following note appears:—"Towards the end of the 18th century, Joseph Damer, Lord Milton (lord of the manor) decided to pull down the old town of Milton. Mr. Harrison, a resident solicitor, put a difficulty in his lordship's way by refusing to sell his

lease, although he was offered three times its value. So the water crept around his premises. Mr. Harrison then entered an action against Lord Milton for flooding his house, and the lawyer won his case. A few days afterwards his lordship went to London, and on his way to Blandford he heard the bells of the Abbey Church ringing. This he interpreted as a sign of parochial joy at his defeat and departure; and nothing would satisfy him but the sale of the offending bells. The bells were really ringing to commemorate Guy Fawkes Day; it was the 5th of November. But the bells had to go, for Lord Milton, the autocrat, had spoken; and his friend, the Dean of Norwich, had said that 'bell ringing caused much idleness and drinking.' The great tenor bell, weighing 35 cwt., was sold to Bath Abbey; two other bells were given to St. James' Church, Milton (one of which was cracked by a carpenter striking it with a hammer, at a wedding, just before it was hung); but what became of the Abbey bells is not known. There is a record, however, that when the parishioners saw their old bells carted away, they stood at their house doors weeping." The old bells were five in number.

At the present time the Abbey tower contains a light peal of eight, tenor about 10 cwt. The front three cast by Llewellyns and James, 1909, and the back five by Warner and Sons, 1861.

The old tenor, sold to Bath Abbey, is not in existence now, having been twice recast since it was sold.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at St. Katherine's Church, Holt, Wilts, on Saturday, when there were present the Rev. G. A. S. Metford (Vicar of Holt), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke, and Master of the Guild), Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. branch secretary), together with ringing members from Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, Trowbridge, Devizes St. John, Holt, Southbroom, Keevil, Devizes St. Mary, Beechingstoke and Bishops Cannings.—After ringing during the afternoon an adjournment was made to the New Inn for tea, to which 22 sat down and enjoyed a capital repast.—A short business meeting followed, at which six new members from Holt tower were duly elected as members of the Guild, the Vicar of Holt also becoming an hon. member.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, and seconded by Mr. H. Brownlee West, was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in presiding at the meeting, and also for the use of the bells. The company then returned to the tower, where ringing was continued until 8 p.m., bringing to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THE SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The members and friends of this society, to the number of 27, had their annual outing on Sunday last, when they visited Pulborough. This old-world Sussex village was reached at 9.10 a.m. in plenty of time for ringing at St. Mary's Church for the morning service. Then, after a ramble along the river, the visitors adjourned to the Arun Hotel, where dinner was served. In the afternoon the party had a drive to Billingshurst, and had several touches on the bells of St. Mary's Church, returning to Pulborough for tea. Although the weather was not favourable to the party's enjoyment, the company made the best of it, and arrived home safe and sound at 8 p.m. The society wish to tender their thanks to Messrs. T. Mash, S. Pettitt, J. Lewis and T. A. Ellis for arranging the outing, and the steeple keepers at Pulborough and Billingshurst for the use of the bells.

IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

The annual outing of the St. Andrew's, Derby, choir and bell ringers, took place on Saturday week, and as usual was a memorable event. The party, numbering about 30, took train to Matlock Bath, where they boarded a motor char-a-banc, which conveyed them through the glorious scenery of the Peak district, passing Darley Dale, with the lovely Whitworth gardens looking their best; Beecley, with its low square church tower, which interested the ringing fraternity; Chatsworth Park, and Edensong and Baslow, where a short halt was called, and most of the party took the opportunity of inspecting the church. Afterwards the route lay through Froggat Edge, the Duke of Rutland's grouse moors, to Grindleford, and along roads of a zig-zag order, which gave some of the company exciting thrills as the car flew round the corners. At Grindleford the party lunched, and then sped off again for Eyam, Monsel Dale and Bakewell, where the ringers were able to have a pull on the bells, for which Mr. Alf. Wallace had kindly obtained permission. Touches of Stedman and Duffield were rung, and then came dinner. After the meal the Vicar, who occupied the chair, expressed his thanks to the choir and ringers for their services, which were greatly appreciated by all at St. Andrew's. Mr. Baker, the organist, and Mr. Hart, captain of the belfry, responded.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the churchwardens, and especially to Mr. Blake for the excellent arrangements. The return to Matlock was then made, and safely reached after a motor tour of 70 miles.

READING RINGERS' TRIP.

The members of St. Lawrence's tower, Reading, with their Capt. (Mr. W. Newell) and the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Newhouse) had a pleasant trip on the longest day of the year. Leaving Reading at 2 p.m., some by trap and some by bicycle, they made their way to Hurst, where they had some good ringing, the Vicar taking part. The new tower of Twyford was the next objective, where on the new musical peal recently erected by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the party enjoyed several touches. By the kindness of the Vicar of Twyford, they were provided with a refreshing tea in the assembly rooms, and, after enjoying the good things, made their way to Sonning, where the bells, lately rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were turned to Grandsire and Stedman, after which the party set out for home. The pleasure of the half-day outing was increased by the excellent "go" of each of the three peals of bells, and the ringers wish to thank the respective Vicars for the permission given to use them. They desire specially to thank the Vicar of Twyford for his hospitality.

THROUGH THE YORKSHIRE DALES.

The ringers of the Holy Trinity Church, Skipton-in-Craven, with a few friends, had their annual outing on Saturday week, and it proved to be one of the most pleasant experienced. The party, numbering 17, started about 7 o'clock for Wharfedale, and had a stay of half an hour at Buckden. They then went on via Cray, up the steep Kitson Bank, where the romantic nature of the surroundings was enjoyed by all. Bishopdale—delightful in the early morning—was next passed, and Aysgarth was reached. The church and the renowned Aysgarth Foss were visited by the party. From the pretty Wensleydale village they sped on to Leyburn, where dinner was partaken of at the Black Swan Hotel, and all joined in praise of Mrs. Beswick's catering. The old garrison town of Richmond next received a visit, where the Castle was inspected, and a saunter in the market place of this renowned Swaledale town was enjoyed. The motor char-a-banc then continued its journey to Ripon, where tea was partaken of at the Studley Royal Hotel, the Cathedral tower was visited, and touches of Kent, Grandsire, and Double Norwich were rung on the back eight. The thanks of the party are due to the Dean of Ripon for allowing the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. H. Ellis Horton, late curate of Skipton Parish Church, but now choir chaplain at the Cathedral, for arranging the ringing. The homeward journey was begun at 8.30, and was made through Harrogate and Otley, Skipton being reached before eleven o'clock, bringing to a close a delightful trip through the Yorkshire Dales, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH MEN IN LONDON.

The ringers of Irlthingborough Parish Church spent a week-end in London for their annual outing. At St. Pancras Station they were met by Mr. J. D. Matthews, who had kindly made all arrangements, and consented to act as guide to the party, who were eight in number. After lunch, the famous bell foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Spitalfields, was visited. Mr. Robert Warner himself conducted

the party round, and giving a detailed account of the work of bell founding in every department. Among the many things the party saw were the weighing of York Minster tenor, belonging to the peal of twelve (the rehanging of which the firm have in hand), the nett weight being 50 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.; and the bells of Shoreditch, which were being recast and tuned on the Canon Simpson principle. Several well-known ringers were met at the foundry, and joined in a course of Bob Major, on handbells. Before leaving, the party were photographed among York Minster bells. After passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Robert Warner for his kindness, Spitalfields Church was visited, and a course of Bristol Surprise rung, although the bells were not exactly like Irlthingborough. After dinner, various places of interest were visited, and in the evening the party gathered at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where courses of London and Superlative were rung, after which the camera was again faced. A visit was also paid to the London County meeting, at Blackfriars, where another course of London came round. On Sunday morning, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was the meeting place and although Stedman Cinques was attempted and lost, Stedman Caters were brought round. In the afternoon the party visited Mr. A. W. Grimes', and handbell ringing was indulged in until evening, when they rang for service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, after which the journey home was made.—The party wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. D. Matthews for so kindly making arrangements, the various clergy for the use of the bells, and, last but not least, the London ringers who were met, for their kindly welcome, which went far to make the outing such a pleasant one long to be remembered by all.

IN THE FEN DISTRICT.

The St. Mary's Society, Fen Ditton, had their annual outing on Saturday week, and spent a most enjoyable day among towers in the Fen district. Starting on the home bells with 120 each of New and Bob Doubles, they set out for Chesterton, where 216 Bob Minor was rung. A pleasant brake ride then brought them to Streatham, where two six-scores of Stedman Doubles were brought round. The biggest success of the day, however, was achieved at Wilburton, where the first 720 of Minor ever rung by the Fen Ditton Society on tower bells was brought round by: J. Martin 1, H. Wishbeach 2, H. Newman 3, A. Palmer 4, G. Hibbins (first as conductor) 5, L. Mallion 6. Afterwards the towers of Haddenham and Sutton were visited, and short touches of Minor rung at each place. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of the various parishes for the use of the bells.

A TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' OUTING.

The Bradpole ringers enjoyed a full day's outing of 24 hours, when they held their annual excursion. On Saturday week they visited London, travelling in specially reserved accommodation, placed at their disposal by the G.W.R. The tedium of the journey of nearly 150 miles was happily beguiled, and on reaching Paddington the merry party of 17 took motor 'buses to London Bridge, where friends were awaiting them. These included the Rev. C. F. Langford, Vicar and a ringer; Mr. A. M. Broadley, his warden; Mr. R. Broadley, of London; Mr. A. Brewis, of Newcastle; and Messrs. A. and L. Hughes and Watson, of London.

The train being half an hour behind the scheduled time, the party had to forego the pleasure of a pull on the famous peal of twelve at St. Saviour's, as well as content themselves with a curtailed account of the beauty of this Cathedral, ably given by the dean's verger, Mr. Hutchings. Still, they managed to have a peep at the bells, and the more nimble even went to the top of the tower and obtained a unique view of the city and river. They then adjourned to the Bridge House Hotel, where Mr. A. M. Broadley had ordered a most sumptuous repast, and under his genial chairmanship a merry party of 24 sat down. Grace was sung in hearty fashion, before and after the meal, and then followed a short toast list: "Bradpole Ringers," "Our Host" and "The Visitors"—but time flew, and the speeches had to be necessarily short, still not so short but what plans were spoken of for next year.

Mr. A. Hughes having been hurriedly called away, a capital substitute was found in his son, who made an ideal cicerone for a visit to the oldest established business with a continuous history and existence in London—the celebrated Whitechapel Bell Foundry. And what an interesting hour it was, as he, with an expert's knowledge, explained in detail the process of turning out a bell, from the building up of the mould to the hanging of the finished article. His lucid remarks were judiciously illustrated by the many samples of work in their various stages which they had in the foundry, and many of the party must have come away with a much fuller knowledge of the making of bells than they previously had.

Many of the band never having heard a peal of twelve rung, a move was next made to St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, where a peal board was to be unveiled and ringing indulged in. Just as the party arrived the bells were being raised, and they sat in the ringing chamber interested lookers on, and listeners to an interesting event. Hot weather and a bad going tenor did not add to the correctness of the striking, but many of the party for the first time listened to Stedman Cinques.

Having separated for an hour, the party gathered again at Messrs. Lyons, in St. Martin's Lane, for tea, at the conclusion of which they visited the Coliseum for the evening performance, and enjoyed a thoroughly high-class three hours' entertainment, which included some superb extracts from Wagner's "Parsifal." Magnificently staged tableaux were, if possible, surpassed by the exquisite music most beautifully played by a very fine orchestra, under the conductorship of Sir Henry

Wood. In this music the composer has founded a wonderful theme on the notes of four bells, and in the performance bells are actually used, the four having been chosen by Sir Henry Wood himself, on account of their purity of tone, after a visit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. After a slow return journey Bradpole was reached just after 7 a.m., but, though they had had a 24 hours' day, the members were not so tired but that a full band turned up to ring for morning service.

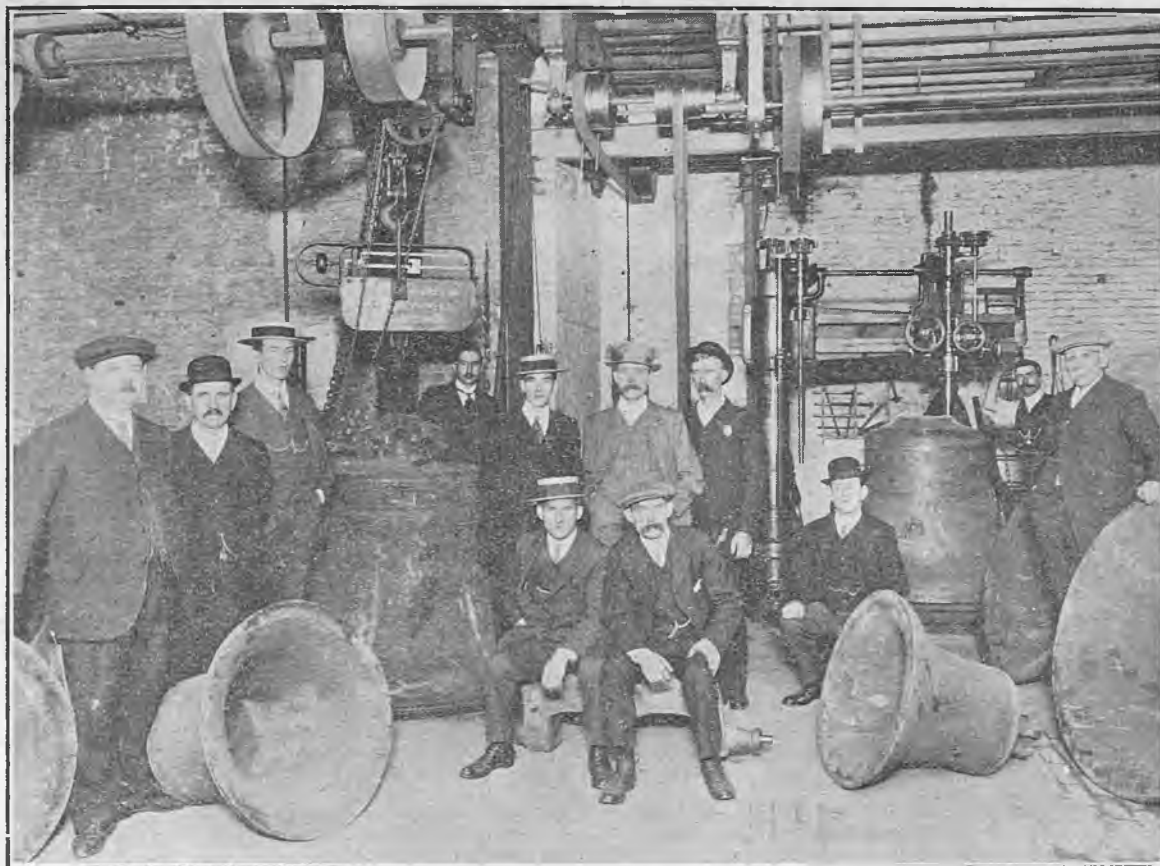
To everyone who in any way helped to make the day so enjoyable the ringers tender their warmest thanks, for it was a most pleasant day, judiciously planned, ably organised, and thoroughly appreciated by all.

ROUND ABOUT BEDFORD.

The fifteenth annual outing of the St. John the Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, was spent in the neighbourhood of Bedford. The arrangements were made by Mr. C. W. Clarke and, needless to add, everything for the enjoyment and comfort of the visitors was assured. The excursion extended over two days, and the party left home at 4.40 a.m. on the Saturday. They had breakfasted in Bedford by 8.30 a.m., and, accompanied by Mr. Clarke, set out by pair-horse brake for Cardington, 2½ miles away. On the fine peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), in

720 London Surprise rolled home in great style.

The next point of call was St. Owen's, Bromham, with a peal of six, tenor 23 cwt., in E, held by many experts to be the best peal of six in the country. A meeting of the Beds Association was being held at the church, which stands in a beautiful park, and as the visitors approached the grand ring of bells was being turned in by men and maidens of Bedfordshire, and the perfect harmony of the peal held the listeners like a spell as it floated on the still air of a summer afternoon. The Vicar gave the visitors a welcome, and invited them to join the members of the Beds Association at tea on the Vicarage lawn, an invitation which, it goes without saying, was gratefully accepted. The company numbered altogether about 50, including Misses Evelyn and Dorothy Steele.—Mr. Black, on behalf of the Leytonstone company, thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality, and the Beds Association for their cordial welcome. While the business was being transacted the excursionists visited the tower, and brought round 720 Lincoln Surprise, and were congratulated upon the striking. The last tower of the day was Biddenham, where 720 York Surprise was conducted by Mr. Clarke. As the evening shadows were falling, the party made their way back to Bedford, where a social hour was spent before retiring.



IRLTHORPE RINGERS AT MESSRS. WARNER AND SONS' FOUNDRY.

In the picture York Minster Tenor can be seen on the scales.

the new tower of St. Mary's Church, 448 Superlative was rung, followed by Stedman and Grandsire Triples. After an inspection of the church, Willington was visited, and on the handy ring of six at the pretty Church of St. Lawrence 720 Carlisle Surprise and two courses of Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. The picturesque village of Old Warden was the next call. At this charming place, where the pretty church, containing much fine oak carving, nestles amid the trees, 720 Ipswich Surprise was well rung, as well as touches of Cambridge and Treble Bob with the local men. In the garden of the Hare and Hounds the visitors sat down to a substantial dinner, and afterwards drove on to Elstowe, the birthplace of John Bunyan. The cottage in which he was born and the memorials in the church were reminders of a wonderful man. In the quaint old tower, which stands away from the church, 720 Durham Surprise was brought round, as well as a touch of Treble Bob. At the next place of call, All Saints', Kempton, the party were reinforced by the arrival of Mr. Black (Master of S.W. Division of the Essex Association). Some difficulty was experienced in getting the use of the bells here, as the local "stony" band objected to strangers ringing on the bells, "as they always alter the ropes," but the Vicar, who evidently favours half-pull ringing, gave the party a welcome, and

After the high pressure of Saturday, Sunday was spent quietly. The visitors assembled at St. Peter's Church, where they rang 720 Wells Surprise and a touch of Cambridge for morning service, and in the afternoon some of the more energetic walked to Biddenham, and rang London for afternoon service. In the evening they met at St. Paul's Church, and augmented by members of the local band, rang 519 Stedman Caters, and a course of Treble Bob Royal. Then a pleasant hour was spent with the Bedford ringers, and the 8.45 express carried the Leytonstone men home, after a very successful outing in lovely weather.

The visitors wish to thank all who did so much to make the outing a successful one—the clergy who entertained them and gave them permission to ring, the ringers who gathered to meet and welcome them, especially Mr. C. W. Clarke, who not only made all arrangements, and piloted the party, but took the vacant rope in Superlative, Stedman, etc., and thus completed the band. Those who took part in the excursion were Messrs. F. Doran, W. Doran, A. Fiddis, G. A. Black, S. Hayes, W. Miller, J. Moule, A. Prior, H. Torble, W. Theobald and H. Saffell. To the regret of all, Mr. G. Dawson (the secretary) was unable to accompany the party through the death of his mother.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

A YORKSHIRE VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Yorkshire Association has two vice-presidents, and both are widely known and just as widely respected. One is Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield, and the other Mr. George Bean Bolland, of Tong. Each in his sphere has been a pillar of the Exercise to whom the Yorkshire Association owes not a little, and both are men whom the members delight to honour. Alike in their devotion to the Art, they have yet served it in different ways, and to Mr. Bolland is in no small measure due the present recognition which is given to peals of Minor. There was a time when 5040's on six bells were little thought of among those who practiced upon the higher numbers of bells and when the tendency was to look upon them merely as "per-



MR. GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

formances," and to put them into a different category to peals on seven and upwards. But thanks to the pertinacity with which Mr. Bolland and others championed the cause of the six-bell ringers, 5000's of Minor rank now on a footing with peals on other numbers of bells.

Coming from sturdy yeoman stock, Mr. Bolland was born on February 2nd, 1852, on the farm which he now occupies at Tong—a quaint old village about five miles from Bradford, and now within the city boundaries, drawn in, as so many other of our English villages have been, by the irresistible expansion of the great towns. But Tong is still a peaceful village, in the life of which Mr. Bolland has worthily played his part.

His association with ringing began when he was sixteen years old. At that time he took the place of one of the band who had removed from the village, and Mr.

Bolland has been an active member of the company ever since—a space of 45 years. From his youth up Mr. Bolland was ever characterised by a geniality of manner and a readiness to give advice and assistance to any ringer or band who asked it, and as an illustration of this it may be mentioned that at one time he undertook the tuition of two companies, who met four times each week, and for more than six months joined them at every practice, which entailed a walk of over four miles each time.

Despite the claims which his occupation of farmer necessarily makes upon him, Mr. Bolland has an excellent record as a ringer, not the least important feature of which is his long record of regular Sunday service ringing. His list of peals with the Yorkshire Association is as follows:

Minor	51	Conducted	46
Kent Treble Bob Major	53	Conducted	10
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1		
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	3		
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	1		
Bob Major	1		
Ditto (on handbells)	1		
Grandsire Triples	1		

Total 112 Conducted 56

Among these there have been some noticeable performances, including the 10,440 in 15 Minor methods, rung in April, 1896, and still the longest length by the Association, and a 6000 in 25 Minor methods. Both these Mr. Bolland conducted. In addition he took part in 1888 in a silent peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Dewsbury, but this was not included in the Yorkshire Association's performances, because not all the ringers were members of the Association. Mr. Bolland had rung several peals before joining the Yorkshire Association, while several of the peals of Treble Bob Major were rung in company with the late revered president of the Association (Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon). As a six-bell ringer, Mr. Bolland has been for a great many years regarded as one of the most brilliant exponents.

Mr. Bolland joined the Yorkshire Association in 1877, and speedily came to the front in the county organisation. On the death of Mr. James Crabtree in 1883 he was unanimously elected to the position of vice-president, which office he has held ever since, and no member of the committee enjoys greater respect than he does. For many years, too, Mr. Bolland has been one of the representatives of the Association on the Central Council, and has attended very many of the meetings of that body, where he is a familiar figure.

While in his leisure Mr. Bolland has been busy among the bells he has by no means neglected his duties and opportunities in other directions. He has filled the offices of parish councillor and overseer, treasurer of the Tong Farmers' Association, and of the Village Reading Room. He has also been an active cricketer, and during his membership of the Tong Manor Cricket Club, which now extends over 40 years, has frequently appeared at the top of the batting averages. As in the ringing exercise, so in his citizenship, Mr. Bolland has been always respected and esteemed for his energetic and faithful endeavours to promote the welfare of those around him. The Church has in him a loyal and devoted son, and we look forward to seeing Mr. Bolland for many years yet adorning the Exercise of which he has been so conspicuous a member.

ODD CHANGES.

Last Monday was the 162nd anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original. This famous peal was first rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and was called by Holt, who sat in the belfry. The board in the steeple records it as "the first true and complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples," but this, the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon has pointed out, probably refers to the first with two singles only. The peal was rung on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, by the Society of Union Scholars.

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Incidentally it is worthy of note that on July 8th, 1750, John Holt called a peal of Double Bob Major at St. Margaret's, and on July 9th, 1749, 6000 Bob Major at the same tower. A tablet in St. Lawrence's Church, Reading, records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on July 8th, 1734.

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The inauguration of the new clock and quarter chimes at Christ Church, Bristol, was performed by the Lord Mayor at a dedicatory service conducted by the Archdeacon of Bristol on Saturday week. The clock strikes the hours on the large tenor bell and chimes the quarters upon two bells, struck by the quarter jacks, and was made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also just completed the erection of a large clock with Cambridge chimes at Hook Norton Church, Oxfordshire.

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The clock at Christ Church, Bristol, has been given by an anonymous donor in grateful memory of the twenty-three years' incumbency of Canon Cole from 1880 to 1903.

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The "jacks," who stand on either side of the clock, face and strike the quarters, have a history. There were "jacks" outside the church 400 years ago, and how long before that no one can say. Those which have now been replaced date from 1728, but disappeared from the church when the rebuilding took place in 1786. Afterwards they passed into the possession of one whose name will always be most honourably remembered not only in Bristol, but in the County of Somerset—Mr. Brackenridge. From his collection they came into possession of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, and now, by their courtesy, have been loaned by them in perpetuity to the church to occupy their old place.

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Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, where Messrs. Warner and Sons are retuning and rehangng the peal of eight, is the burial place of Pennington, a famous bell founder of a past age.

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The photograph of the group of the Middlesex meeting at Heston is unavoidably held over to our next issue.

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GLADWICK, LANCS.—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Knight 1, A. Clegg 2, E. Geary 3, F. Crossland 4, J. W. Taylor 5, S. Hott 6, J. Lees 7, J. Schofield (conductor) 8.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held in accordance with custom at Warwick, on Saturday week. Members began to assemble about half-past three, and St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells sounded out over the ancient town until the hour of evensong. This service was conducted at St. Mary's by the Vicar, and a special address was given to the ringers present by the Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Taking for his text, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord" (Psalms cxix, 1), he spoke of the familiar things in life, notably our ancient churches and bells, which few people, he said, whether connected with them or not, would care to lose. St. Mary's Church, for instance, had many architectural faults perhaps, yet, because of the sacred associations of the place, no one would dare or even wish to suggest that such should be remedied according to modern ideas. The sanctity of the house of the Lord would always be there. He went on to emphasise the office of the bells as messengers, and that of the ringers who, while their message is one that is sent out by them, are messengers for calling people towards the house of God. He was glad of the increasing recognition of ringers as church workers, and urged ringers themselves to be careful in attending the services of the church after they have called other people to them. They were to set the example and be foremost in saying, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Thus would they make men glad by their message and example.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Tea was partaken of at the Globe Hotel, and the business meeting followed.—The Rev. Alan Williams presided, and was supported by Mr. James George, ringing master; Rev. C. Carew Cox, hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Dickinson, hon. treasurer; and about 45 members representing Allesley, Birmingham, Bedworth, Berkswell, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, Stratford-on-Avon, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth and Warwick.

The President having said a few words of welcome to the members, the Hon. Secretary read the report of the committee for the past year. This proclaimed the affairs of the Guild to be in a very satisfactory condition. The total membership stood at 208, as compared with 174 at the issue of the last report. Forty-seven peals had been rung, which number exceeded all previous records for a like period in the history of the Guild, both in quantity and quality. Included in it were two peals of Surprise Minor, twelve of Stedman Triples, two of Stedman Caters, one of Double Norwich Major, and eight of Superlative Surprise Major. Also the first peal by the Guild in seven plain Minor methods.

The Ringing Master was congratulated on reaching his five hundredth peal.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £17 4s. 6d., as against £9 12s. 10d. last year.

The President, Vice-Presidents (with the addition of the Rev. C. M. Blagden, Rector of Rugby), the Ringing Master, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditor were all unanimously re-elected to office. Five new members were re-elected, and Mr. J. Pinfold, of Emscote, was elected as an hon. member without further subscription, in recognition of his valuable service on behalf of the ringers in Warwick.

The Guild being entitled to an additional representative on the Central Council, Mr. A. Roberts, of Coventry, was unanimously elected to the position.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE ALTERED.

An alteration in the constitution of the committee was proposed by Mr. A. Roberts, and carried. Instead of seven members being elected at the annual meeting of the Guild, one representative was to be elected from each company in union (such company consisting of not less than five members).

The Hon. Secretary proposed the reduction of the fee for life membership for non-resident ringers from 5s. to 3s., and this was also carried.

It was resolved that the figures of peals rung since the formation of the Guild, which have not yet been published in the Report, be printed in the next issue, and also that the figures of all peals of Minor rung should likewise appear.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that the committee, after full discussion of the matter, had considered it unwise for the present to attempt to formulate any scheme for allotting points and rewards for Sunday service ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' for their kind permission to ring that afternoon, also Canon Baillie for his address at the service, the organist, and the Rev. Alan Williams for presiding at the meeting.

The ringing done during the afternoon and evening was not quite up to the usual standard. Owing to awkward train services many members were obliged to leave early, and not much was done beyond Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters.

WEDDING FESTIVITIES.

The ringers of Cranford, Northants, joined in the festivities held on Saturday week to celebrate the wedding of Sir Frederick and Lady Robinson. At St. John's Church they rang 720 of Minor in seven methods: G. Basford 1, F. Lewin 2, J. Shaddington 3, A. Smeathers 4, H. Meadows 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. With 400 other inhabitants they were afterwards entertained to tea in the hall grounds. Sports followed, and then the bells were again set going. The day was brought to a close with a dance in the grounds.



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ACTIVITY AT THE SPITALFIELDS FOUNDRY.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, E., have in hand the following contracts for bell restorations, in addition to York Minster, and the rings of twelve bells at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, and Chelmsford Pro Cathedral.

Eckington (Derbyshire): Rehang ring of eight bells in new steel frame, and retune.

Esrick (Yorks): Rehang the ring of five.

Boreham (Essex): Rehang and recast 4th and 5th bells of ring of six, and add two new trebles.

Cookham (Berks): Recast treble and 4th bells, and rehang the ring of six bells in new steel frame for eight bells.

Sarratt (Herts): Retune the ring of three bells, and hang same in new steel frame for five bells.

Rickmansworth (Herts): Recast tenor (23 cwt.) and rehang the ring of eight in new steel frame for ten bells.

Wye (Kent): Retune and rehang the ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.) in new steel frame.

Henbury (Bristol): Recast 5th and rehang the ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.) in new steel frame.

Stoke Olmstead (Cornwall): Retune and rehang the ring of eight in new steel frame.

Gulval Church (near Penzance): Add two new treble bells to form ring of eight.

St. Mellons, Mon.: New ring of six to be hung in new steel frame.

Peterstone, Mon.: Recast treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th of ring of six, and add two new trebles and rehang in new steel frame.

Messrs. Warner and Sons have also in hand five sets of chimes (including two for Canada and one for New Zealand), the cost of which will be about £6,500.

All the bells that come from the Spitalfields Foundry are tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY AT WINGFIELD.

The July meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held on Saturday, at North Wingfield, and proved very successful. About 30 members were present from Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dronfield, Eckington, Mansfield, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Ripley and Staveley. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and were kept going with short intervals till 8.30 p.m. The methods rung included Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major and Superlative, and New Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Rector (the Rev. C. J. Boden) was unavoidably absent, but with his usual kindness, had provided a substantial tea for those present, which was served under the kind supervision of Mrs. Boden, on the Rectory lawn, and was done full justice to by all present.

A short business meeting was held after tea, Mr. J. P. Tarlton presiding. Two new members were elected: Messrs. F. Bemrose (Bolsover) and A. Parsons (Staveley).

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Boden for their kindness, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. J. Flint, seconded by the Secretary, and carried with acclamation.—Mr. J. P. Tarlton suitably responded.—Afterwards a move was made by some to the belfry for more ringing, others made for the top of the tower to enjoy the fine view of the surrounding country provided, while others spent the evening enjoying games of bowls and quoits on the Rectory lawn, which was kindly placed at the disposal of those who cared to use it.

OLD KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frank Wenham, of Stone Green Farm, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, who died on the 22nd ultimo, and whose remains were laid to rest on the following Thursday. The late Mr. Wenham was a farmer, and although he has not figured among the present band of ringers at Stone, he was associated with the first company of change ringers established in the parish after the restoration of the bells toward the close of the last century. After he retired, his son Cyril took up the art, and more recently his second son Wilfred has entered ringing circles. Both of the late Mr. Wenham's sons are members of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild, the members of which tender their deepest sympathy to the bereaved in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

The Lavenham Anniversary took place on Saturday, June 21st, and ringing, which was kept up during the day, began at 7.40 a.m. with a touch of 800 changes, by: A. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Fayers 2, G. Lambert 3, J. Moore 4, F. Parker 5, W. Dent 6, T. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. This was rung to celebrate the birthday of the wife of the Rector (the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins), which occurred on the 20th. During the day, visitors arrived from Bocking, Braintree, Earles Colne, Foxearth, Great Tey, Rayne, and Coggeshall (Essex), Tooting, London, Preston, Monk's Eleigh, Felsham, Sudbury (St. Peter's and All Saints'), St. James', Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, and Thetford, Norfolk. The methods rung included Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and a touch each of Cambridge and Superlative. A party of fourteen sat down to a splendid tea at the old meeting house, "The Cock" Inn, Host Wells' catering giving the greatest satisfaction. It is hoped that this celebration will take place on a Saturday nearest June 21st, so that visitors may have the chance of meeting their brother ringers of Lavenham in future years.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday week, when between 50 and 60 members attended from Aughton, Bootle, Crosby, Hindley, Poolstock, Ormskirk, Sefton, Southport, Tuebrook, Liverpool, and the local company. The members enjoyed a delightful stroll through the Rectory gardens and after some excellent touches on the bells, service was held, an earnest, thoughtful address being delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Spooner from the text, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

A bountiful tea was afterwards served in the 17th Century School, and was much enjoyed.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Archdeacon presided, and the following officers were elected: President, Archdeacon Spooner; vice-presidents, Canon Woodrow, Canon Bibbrough, and Mr. W. L. Hutton; master, Rev. W. T. Bulpit; warden, Canon Howson; deacons, Rev. E. C. Collier, Rev. B. Watts; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Martin; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Bentham. The financial statement showed a substantial balance in hand.—Canon Howson invited the Guild to hold their next meeting at Woolton, and the invitation was unanimously accepted.—Archdeacon Spooner also invited the Guild to hold their next annual meeting at Walton.—On the proposal of the Master, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Archdeacon for his kind hospitality and courteous reception of the Guild.—Several new members were elected.

PEAL BOARD AT SELBY ABBEY.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of Selby Abbey, on Saturday week, when the Rev. Philip Stamp, one of the assistant clergy of the Abbey, unveiled a tastefully executed stone tablet, commemorating the opening peal, one of 5069 Stedman Caters, rung by members of the Yorkshire Association, after the restoration of the tower and bells from the effects of the disastrous fire of a few years ago. The tablet, which was much admired, is the gift of the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemmingborough, who rang the tenor to the peal.

It had been intended to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal to celebrate the occasion, but circumstances forbade. Unfortunately, owing to various causes, the attendance was smaller than had been anticipated, and it was only after some delay that a move was made to the ringing chamber. The proceedings were opened by the Rev. Philip Stamp, with prayer, following which the Rev. W. P. Wright requested him to unveil the tablet.—The Rev. P. Stamp, in acceding to this request, referred to the great pleasure it gave him to perform an act commemorating the first peal rung on the ten bells, and regretted that the Rev. Dr. Solloway, who it had been hoped would have performed the ceremony, was unavoidably absent.—A vote of thanks was then accorded the Rev. Philip Stamp on the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, seconded by Mr. G. Halksworth.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. P. Wright for his generosity in providing the tablet, referred to him as a type of the genial clergyman with whom it did one good to come in contact. It had been his pleasure to ring three peals with him, and he much appreciated his agreeable companionship.—Mr. Sam Thomas, in seconding, fully agreed with all that Mr. Hattersley had said, and referred to the great amount of pleasure that there was to be obtained from the art of change ringing, whether in composing, conducting, or ringing, and of the great satisfaction which each one felt on the successful completion of a well rung peal.—The Rev. W. P. Wright, in replying, remarked on the pleasure it gave him to present the tablet. He had felt honoured in being asked to stand in a peal with such an able team of ringers, and he looked forward to doing so again in the near future.

The bells were afterwards raised, and with assistance of several members of the local company, touches of Bob Minor, on the front six, and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major on the back eight were successfully brought round under the conductorship of Mr. Sam Thomas.

An hour or so was afterwards spent by the visitors in admiring the magnificent architecture of the Abbey, and especially the fine new south transept containing a beautiful stained glass window, which portrays many incidents in the history of Selby, including the building of the Abbey by the monks, the childhood of King Henry I, who was born at Selby, and other incidents.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting will be held at Crown Hotel.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector.—Henry F. Ewins, Honorary District Secretary, Duneton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, at the Rectory. Meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. Secretary, Worksep.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Summer quarterly meeting at Harworth, near Bawtry (6 bells), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at 5 p.m. Tickhill (8 bells), by the kind permission of the Rev. H. E. Booty, will also be at the disposal of ringers during the day. Ladies and gentlemen of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, Worksep.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Bicentenary of bells at Goosnargh on July 12th. All members of the Preston Branch are invited by the Vicar of Goosnargh to attend on the above date. Service at 3.45. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association. Tea will be provided afterwards. The bells will be available before service from two o'clock, and after tea till 9 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, July 19th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brasington, near Worksworth, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m.—B. Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30, address by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Smith), who has kindly promised to provide tea for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, July 15th. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Eynsford tower will be open after the

meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m., tea at 5. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by July 16th?—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Vine Inn at 5.30, 9d. each. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me by the 17th? Friends heartily welcome.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Wokingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher: the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers). Business meeting in the Church House at 12.20. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each (ale or minerals included) will be forwarded to those members only who send the money, with the order, to me *on or before Saturday, July 12th*. One Shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follow. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea. Those intending to be present please send word to me not later than July 16th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this District will be held on the 19th July at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of All Saints' and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only. Will those wishing to have tea provided kindly communicate not later than Tuesday, July 15th, with the secretary, Rev. R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, in the Church Room. Business meeting after. As the Vicar and churchwardens are kindly providing tea, will unattached members intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastmeon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from mid-day. Tea at George Inn 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members who intend being present kindly inform me by the 14th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 19th.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 19th. — F. R. Bacon, West Hill, Hitchin, District Secretary.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.—A meeting for united practice will be held at the above church on Saturday, July 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Abbott, 2, Curzon Street, Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, on July 15th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 17th and 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each) in the Church Hall. The bells of this church are being rehung in a new iron frame, the old six tuned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor about 23 cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 22nd? All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 26th annual festival will be held at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next South and West District meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a small charge, 5.45. All ringing friends welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at Talbot Hotel, at 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. — A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OBITUARY.

WEBB.—On July 4th, at Ickleton, Cambs, Eric Stedman Webb, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Webb, aged three months.

SITUATION WANTED.

GARDENER.—Single; experienced; requires situation; single-handed or head of one or two; good references. Change ringer 8 or 10 bells; also handbells; disengaged end of July.—Maurice Smither, 14, Cooper Road, Guildford, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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A "FOUNDRY" PEAL RECORDED.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, on Monday week, when the Vicar (the Rev. F. Rice) unveiled a peal board, recording a peal of Minor rung in three methods on March 3rd last by the Spitalfields Bell Foundry Guild.—The Vicar welcomed the representatives of the Guild, and said how very pleased he should be for them to visit his tower again and beat this performance, adding that he was very pleased to know that Messrs. Warner had skilful bell ringers as well as skilful bell hangers. After complimenting the local captain (Mr. Ringrose) upon seeing that the bells were regularly rung for Divine service, the Vicar said that he hoped as soon as funds permitted to increase the peal to eight, and when that was done, he thought it would be right and proper that Mr. Ringrose's name should be inscribed on one of the new bells. Then, after Mr. Makenny, works manager of the foundry, had been asked to convey the Vicar's best thanks to Messrs. Warner for the very nice board they had presented to his tower, the Vicar unveiled the record, and was thanked for his kindness in attending. At his request 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung, five of the Foundry Guild, with Mr. E. Grimes, taking part: J. Hunt 1, E. Grimes 2, T. King 3, A. Howell 4, W. Powell 5, W. J. Nudds (conductor) 6. Other touches of Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung, some local members taking part.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on May 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd Bob, by the late J. Plant), in 46 mins.: J. Preston 1, G. Garrison 2, T. Russam 3, Miss M. F. Sampson 4, W. J. Meers 5, J. Sanders 6, G. F. Swann (conductor) 7, T. Wells 8. The above were rung on the occasion of W. J. Meers' birthday, and also for the re-opening of the Erdington Parish Church, after cleaning and redecorating, and was specially arranged for Miss M. F. Sampson.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BENHILTON SURREY.—For evening service, on April 13th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: E. Bryant 1, S. Rayner 2, L. G. Ferrige 3, F. Ford 4, W. Wood 5, G. Rayner 6, J. Webb (conductor) 7, H. Bryant 8.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, E. Squibb 3, G. Wilkins 4, J. W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, L. Osborne 3, J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal) 4, G. Goodship 5, F. Griffin 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durman 8.

WEST DIDSbury.—On April 13th, at Christ Church, 630 Grand-sire Triples: Harry Chantler 1, Richard Newton (conductor) 2, William Holbrook 3, Harry Brickell 4, Thomas Peacock 5, Frank Brickell 6, Robert Davies 7, Joseph Mellor 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Newton.

BARNET.—On April 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. A. Milne 1, *W. J. Baldwin 2, *F. Chandler 3, *H. Burlingham 4, J. Sumpter 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, W. Soer 8. *Longest touch in the method.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Recently, before evensong, 1036 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Napper 1, T. East (conductor) 2, H. Bishop 3, W. J. Napper 4, E. A. Butler 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper 7, A. Woodley 8.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On handbells, 120 Grandsire Doubles by the local band: W. J. Ryves 1—2, A. Mears 3—4, R. Elcock (conductor), age 14 years, 5—6.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for the C.E.M.S., on May 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd Bob), in 42 mins.: C. Cottrell 1, J. Preston 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Sanders 4, W. J. Meers 5, G. F. Swann (conductor) 6, R. A. Eaton 7, W. G. Anker 8. This quarter-peal was composed by the late James Plant, and this was the first time it was rung.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On May 2nd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 1120 of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 41 mins.: A. D. Barker 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. T. Gowllett 4, R. N. Runham 5, J. Cornford (longest length of Surprise) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, F. J. Hardy 8.

LONDON.—On April 13th, for special Oddfellows' service, at St. James', Bermondsey, 1131 Stedman Caters, in 45 mins.: C. F. Winney 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. J. Kemp 4, R. N. Runham 5, R. W. Green 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, A. D. Barker 8, F. J. Hardy 9, C. S. Burden 10.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On May 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Usher 1, A. Tarbun, junr., 2, E. Runter 3, A. Whight 4, W. Everard 5, W. Wellington 6, A. Tarbun, senr. (conductor) 7, H. Rolfe 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On April 27th, at St. John the Evangelist's Church, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Streeter 1, W. Streeter 2, T. Streeter 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, H. Card 6, E. Harman (conductor) 7, E. Dennis 8.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBS.—On May 3rd, at the Church of St. Margaret, 720 Bob Minor: A. Turner 1, A. Macro 2, F. Salter 3, P. Fordham 4, F. Poulson 5, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 6. Also at St. Andrew's Church, Freckenham, Suffolk, a six-score each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Turner 1, F. Poulson 2, F. Salter 3, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 4, P. Fordham 5. Also 120 Plain Bob, with A. Macro standing in.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—Hertfordshire Association.—On April 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, W. Darlow (conductor) 2, A. Gilbert 3, R. Wilkerson 4, W. Manning 5, R. King 6.—On Ascension Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, W. Manning 2, W. Darlow 3, R. Wilkerson 4, R. King (conductor) 5, S. Roberts 6.—On May 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, W. Manning 2, W. Darlow 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. Roberts 5, R. King (conductor) 6. Also 720 London Surprise: A. Gilbert 1, W. Darlow 2, E. Bonnett 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. Roberts 5, R. King (conductor) 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday evening, May 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: P. G. Price 1, A. G. Kedwell (conductor) 2, J. Henley 3, F. Foord 4, H. Croucher 5, F. Jordon 6, W. H. Wood 7, W. Knight 8.

DERBY.—On April 27th, for evening service, at St. Alkmund's Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Waterfield (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Vicars, junr., 2, G. Basson 3, G. Freebrey 4, H. Willis 5, G. Robinson, senr., 6, J. Vicars, senr. (composer and conductor) 7, C. Draper 8.

SCARBOROUGH.—Cleveland and North Yorks Association. — On Whit-Sunday, for afternoon service, 360 Bob Minor and 210 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. R. Fryers 1, S. Econd 2, M. Ward 3, F. C. Rich 4, H. Gibson 5, J. R. Barton (conductor) 6, W. J. Moss 7, T. Cole 8. Arranged for Messrs. F. C. Rich and S. Econd and W. J. Moss, who were delegates of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows visiting Scarborough, and who hail from Bath, Manchester and Ranmoor respectively.

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