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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

MODERN WORK

PEACE.

The world to-day is a world of thankful hearts. The evil spell cast over the globe for more than four years by the spectre of war has been broken. Peace has been restored. To the people of this country and their Allies the end of the fighting brings unspeakable relief, for after years of alternating hopes and fears, the great cause, for which their sons have fought, bled and died, has come triumphant out of the vortex into which it was hurled by the pride and arrogance of a small coterie of hell-inspired men. Small wonder that, in this hour when the enemy has been finally overthrown, the people should rejoice, for they know that the sacrifices they have made have not been in vain. But the rejoicing has not been due to exultation over a beaten enemy, rather has it been from sheer thanksgiving that an end has come to all the strain which war has imposed, and to the sacrifice of precious lives.

In this spirit the bells have rung out from end to end of the land, carrying the good tidings and celebrating the return of peace, which, everyone will devoutly join the Prime Minister in wishing, will mean the end of all wars. The bells in London set the tune on Monday, and within a few hours there was scarcely a tower in the country, where a hand could be mustered, from which the bells were not ringing out the great message. In due time there will be an organised national thanksgiving, and then the bells will speak forth again in unison and in keeping with the spirit of the nation. In the interval we may expect that many peals will be rung in celebration of the victory of the Allied arms and of the conclusion of the fighting. Until peace is signed we cannot, of course, say that the war is over, but the terms of the armistice have drawn the teeth of the dragon, even if the internal affairs of Germany and Austria-Hungary did not put any further fighting on their part out of the question. So the bells may continue to ring and to make joy at the termination of the war. No word is needed to urge ringers to make use of this opportunity, for after the long period of restraint, in which the silence of the bells has been as much a reflection of the quiet determination of the people, as their voices now interpret the spirit of joy which fills the nation, the bells will be gladly welcomed.

But while they proclaim victory and peace, let us not forget the men who have given their lives to make this victory and peace possible. Hundreds of thousands of the finest manhood of this Empire lie beneath the soil of foreign lands—the price which war has claimed. Among them are a large number of ringers, and when we ring, those absent faces are bound to come before our minds. Our homage is eternally due to them, and nothing we can do can repay the debt we owe to them.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 9, 1918, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble | *ARTHUR MASON 5
WILLIAM PYE 2 | FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3 | EDWARD WHITBREAD 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4 | FRANCIS A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Bertram Prewett and Robert E. Stavert, both of whom fell in France and were much respected members of the above Associations and the Bushey band. The above company represents seven different towers and five counties.

* First peal in the method.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 9, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ... Treble | BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
JOHN BASS 2 | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
*THOMAS CATTELL 3 | WILLIAM FISHER 7
JESSE SCREEN 4 | HARRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Private Geoffrey Rowley, a member of the local band, who died from wounds in France.

* First peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEAL.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 10, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. C. HARVEY Treble | F. POLE 4
G. JONES 2 | A. TOUT 5
W. CLAPP 3 | W. SEALEY Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH MEETING.

The usual monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Moor-side, on Saturday last, when 16 members attended from Moorside, Oldham, Godwick, Milnrow, Balkerstone, Middleton, Ashton (St. Peter's) and Hyde. During the afternoon, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major were rung.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Garnett, M.A.), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Moorside.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. The Rev. J. H. Garnett, M.A., was elected an honorary life member of the Association, and a vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the tower and bells. Thanks were also given to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the keen interest he had taken in the ringing, he having been with the ringers throughout the afternoon.

LONG STANTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The Long Stanton company have to mourn the loss of their vice-captain, Albert Cook, who died of pneumonia on Nov. 4th. Though not a great change ringer—he never advanced beyond Bob Minor—the deceased was a good striker, a very regular attendant at the Sunday ringing and services, and of that cheerful and obliging nature which is always associated with the best type of ringer. Mr. Cook had been lately deputising as captain for his brother, Signaller C. W. Cook, who is at present a prisoner in Germany, and who it is hoped will soon be back in his place in the belfry at Long Stanton.

Afterwards, 360 of Bob Minor, by: A. Rackham 1, J. H. Rackham 2, A. Rackham 3, J. I. Dorman 4, R. Stevens 5, S. T. Rackham (conductor) 6.

LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Pray let me thank Mr. Smith for his letter. Though I do not agree with him, and am not convinced by his arguments, it is yet a pleasure to argue with one who, like him, writes in an agreeable and reasonable spirit.

No one admits more freely than I do that Plain Bob and Grandsire have, not an identical, but a similar feature in common, viz., that the working bells, each in its turn, work round the hunt or hunts. I say that this feature is similar, not identical, in the two, for in the one case the hunt is single, and in the other it is binary. Moreover, in the one case the feature is caused by the making of 2nds, whereas in the other it is effected by the making of 3rds. Here the similarity ends. I do not agree that we can compare Grandsire with Plain Bob by striking out the bell in the hunt for the simple reason that it is then Grandsire no longer. Even if Mr. Smith's comparison could prove that the 3rds in Grandsire is the equivalent of the 2nds in Plain Bob, it would not prove that it is the lead-link. The fact is that it is not the lead-link, and nothing can prove it to be so. In Plain Bob it so happens that the 2nds (or 4ths) does form the lead-link. In the matter of the P link we find a point, not of similarity, but of contrast, between Plain Bob and Grandsire, in that in the former the lead-linking place is as near to the front as possible, while in Grandsire it is behind, i.e., as far from the front as possible.

Mr. Smith then argues that, because the 3rds in Grandsire prevents the repetition of rows, it must be the lead-link. Not to mention the good reasons given in this letter and in my last for rejecting this view, it seems to me to be untenable for the additional reason that, were it valid, any place made in the interior of a lead to prevent repetition might be claimed as a lead-link, which is obviously absurd. I can only repeat that the (second) 3rds in Grandsire is inside the lead, and cannot, therefore, be a lead-link.

Just as I refuse to regard the features of Plain Bob, so do I likewise decline to regard any features of Double Norwich Caters as affording any model or any argument to any question relating to Grandsire. In this connection let me endorse and amplify one of the remarks in my last letter, viz., that any method on any number of bells so far as regards its structure has the right to consider all its features as being inalienably its own without respect to any suppositions as to its history or derivation, and stands or falls entirely on its own merits. No method on any number of bells can supply any compelling argument for any other method on the same or any other number of bells.

Against Mr. Smith's employment of my remark on page 152 of 'Grandsire' (Ed. 1898), I think I have just cause of complaint. It is certainly out of keeping with the perfect fairness of the rest of his letter. When I there say that 'where there are no plain leads the method ceases to be Grandsire,' I should have thought that it was evident to the poorest capacity that what I mean is not that Grandsire bobs are not Grandsire, but that as it is usual to regard the plain lead as the normal one, and the bob as the exceptional one and that if plain leads are to form a small minority we should have to think of reversing this idea, and of ringing the bobs in silence and 'calling' the plain leads i.e., a peal with a call in every lead is not Grandsire such as we usually practise it. It is a pity that Mr. Smith allowed himself to adopt such an argument. I adhere to my remarks on the absence of symmetry in Grandsire.

Coming now to Mr. Trollope's letter, and passing over the sneer which apparently he could not repress in his fourth line, I am glad to acknowledge that it is an attempt from his point of view to supply some of the 'simple reasons' for which I asked. But his point of view is far removed from mine, and his reasons, though doubtless recommending themselves to those who view things as he does, have, I regret to say, but slight cogency for me. To me law and order come first, whereas it is abundantly evident that though Mr. Trollope is quite ready to give a hearing to law and order when they do not interfere with questions of 'music' and 'interest in ringing,' and so forth, he has no qualms in giving them the go-by when it suits his taste. In his letter he wisely confines himself to the case of Kent Treble Bob, but I should like to ask, 'What about the Surprise Methods in which the tenors are for nine-tenths of the time "all over the shop"?' My chief complaint against the report of the Legitimate Methods Committee is that it is virtually not a report on 'Legitimate Methods at all, but on favourite methods, to prop up which there was invented the craze of maintenance of coursing order and Plain Bob lead-ends. It was a report based not on law, but on opportunism. No one appreciates 'interesting work' in a method more than I do, but interest or no interest, music or no music, all charm is gone if I have to make places at back and hand in an even-bell method.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

[Other letters to the Editor are unavoidably held over.—Ed.]

DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, Notts, in the loss of their second daughter, Dorothy, who succumbed on Saturday last to pneumonia, following influenza. Miss White, who was 22 years of age, was, like her father, a ringer at All Saints' Church, Cotgrave, and she was a member of the Midland Counties Association, of which Mr. White has been hon. secretary for many years.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SPECIAL SUNDAY RINGING AT CLIFTON.

The intention of the Rev. and Hon. W. Chetwynd, Vicar of Clifton, stood him in good stead, when in anticipation of the proclamation of the armistice, he appointed Sunday last for special ringing upon the beautiful peal of six bells at his parish church. The negotiations, however, were not quite complete, so nothing was presumed in the way of celebrating the event, but the worthy Vicar acquiesced in the desire of the ringers to ring for service, and to enable the parishioners to hear their bells as nearly to perfection as possible on a Sunday. It was apparent to us, nevertheless, as we scuttled across the stretch of meadows, which bring the church into view with the tower peeping above the tree tops, that we were on an errand to give thanks that our fetters were about to be loosened for all time. In sporting parlance, the Rev. Hon. W. Chetwynd must have 'visited the stable,' when he picked 'November 10th' as a sure thing, and we as time went on could not refrain from rubbing our hands with glee and exchanging confidences that we should ring those bells as they had never been rung before. We were elated at the prospect that the occasion was an appropriate one, and proud that it was to be a great occasion and of special interest to us and to the Vicar himself.

The company was capable of undertaking any programme formulated, and included Mr. A. B. Moss (Chilwell), a most delightful man amongst ringers, and gifted with much enthusiasm; Mr. W. J. Bowden (Edmonton), Mr. F. R. Scott (Bedford), Mr. F. S. Price (Beeston), William Clifford (Beeston), W. J. Sevier (Nottingham), W. C. Hunt (Beeston). After being made very welcome, the following rang a well-struck 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 minutes: W. J. Sevier 1, F. R. Scott 2, W. J. Bowden 3, Wm. Clifford, junr., 4, A. B. Moss 5, and W. C. Hunt (conductor) 6. It should be noted that all the performers are munition workers and employed in the same factory, where the honourable Rector has powerful influence and holds high office.

Subsequently for evensong two courses of Oxford Treble Bob were rung, those taking part including Mr. F. S. Price, who conducted.

The Vicar gave an admirable sermon, taking for his text: 'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.'

At the close of the service the ringers again adjourned to the belfry, and rang 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Sevier 1, A. B. Moss 2, W. J. Bowden 3, Wm. Clifford, junr., 4, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 5, F. S. Price 6. This latter may be placed on record as of importance and great interest, as we were informed during the ringing, and that we were actually ringing the joy bells of peace. It was a piece of good news that made our hearts palpitate with joy.

After service we were invited to the Vicarage for refreshments, which we gladly accepted, and the visit ended with a grateful and fitting farewell. H.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BUSHEY.

At the Church of St. James Bushey, on Sunday evening, Nov. 3rd, a memorial service was held for the fallen heroes of the war, among whom are Rifleman Bertram Prewett (Master of the Bushey Society), and Capt. R. E. Stevert. The following ringers attended: Messrs. G. R. Lucas and O. L. Twist (Walthamstow), Mr. A. Mason (Wembley), Messrs. C. Leman, C. Dell, A. French (Oxhey), Mr. G. Hughes (Stammore), Messrs. W. J. Oakley, H. Prior, W. Whitehead T. Whitehead, F. Smith, and F. Edwards. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, with the bells half-muffled, before the service, the conducting being shared between Mr. Lucas and Mr. Mason.

The ringers expressed their deepest sympathy with the widow and aged parents of Rifleman Prewett, and the widow and relatives of Capt. Stevert.

On Saturday last, as recorded in another column, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Bushey.

DEATH OF BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT SECRETARY.

We deeply regret to record the death of the Rev. F. G. Hume, Rector of Oakley, near Basingstoke, and for a good many years hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Guild. The Rev. F. G. Hume was one of the representatives of the Guild at the recent funeral of Mr. Henry White, and the news of his death, after only a short illness, will be greatly deplored throughout the Winchester Guild, in which he was much respected. He was a most able and punctilious secretary, and although not a great ringer, was nevertheless able to fill a useful place in the belfry.

JOINT PRACTICE IN WALES.

St. Martin's, Caerphilly and All Saints', Llanbradach, ringers have arranged to hold a joint practice once a fortnight. The first was held at St. Martin's, Caerphilly, on Saturday last, when several long touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducting being shared by G. Coche, F. Boucher and W. Burgess. The ringers were also able to master a plain course of Plain Bob Major just before time for lowering the bells. The next practice will be held at All Saints', Llanbradach, on Saturday, November 23rd, at 6 p.m.

visit Chertsey again, and that, by that time, they would find he was able to handle a rope.

A further move was then made to the tower, ringing continuing up to 9 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

A beautiful bright autumn day went far to make a success of the annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on Saturday, October 26th. There was little ringing, however, owing to the meeting having resolved itself into a half-day affair instead of a whole day, as in pre-war times. Taking into consideration the excessive railway fares and the distances to travel, the attendance was good, nearly 60 members putting in an appearance from Cramlington, Sunderland, Shildon, Morpeth, Newcastle, Bishop Auckland, Hexham, Darlington, West Hartlepool, Wylam, Gosforth, Winton, Whitley Bay, North Shields, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, Gateshead and Houghton-le-Spring.

The Vicar of Newcastle, Canon Newsom, conducted the service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, Mr. W. Ellis, the newly-appointed organist, kindly presiding at the organ. In a short address, the Vicar pointed out the many beautiful and exemplary lessons to be found in following the prayers of the 'office' or form of service adopted by the Association, and used for almost forty years at the annual festival, and congratulated the members on the excellence of the office in its compiling.—A collection was taken for the local V.A.D. Hospitals, realising £2 10s. 8d.

Tea was provided at 5.30, at the Douglas Hotel, Mr. C. L. Routledge, President, being in the chair. He was supported by Bishop Welldon (Dean of Durham), Canon Newsom, the Vicar of South Shields (Rev. J. Hudson Barker), Rev. H. H. Barff (Vicar of Wylam), Professor M. C. Potter, Messrs. Whitehead H. Wilson, E. A. Weightman, G. T. Potter (hon. secretary), Charles Todd, R. Stephenson, W. Story, T. Gofton, E. Ferry, W. Kingdon, etc.

After the usual loyal toast, the Chairman proposed the health of the Bishops and clergy of the two Dioceses, and welcomed the presence amongst them for the first time of the Dean of Durham and the Vicar of Newcastle, who was virtually the Dean of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, though not in title.

Dean Welldon, in a humorous and kindly response, thanked the members for their hearty welcome, and said he would make every effort to get his own bells into working order in Durham Cathedral (applause). He hoped to be able to welcome them back to Durham again at no distant date.

The Vicar of Newcastle, in responding, said he needed no thanks for the address he had given them that afternoon; it had been a pleasure to him to be able to do it.

Mr. Wm. Story proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of the churches whose bells had been so kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and also to the organist, Mr. Ellis, for giving the music to make a bright and cheerful service.—This was seconded by Mr. Fred Lowe, of Tanfield, and carried by acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. George Potter) next read the balance sheet, which showed the excellent balance in hand of £15 7s. 1d. Unfortunately he was not able to read the annual report, which would, of course, eventually appear in print, as it had inadvertently been carried off by a local reporter. However, as it was not a very lengthy one, he gave a short resume of its contents. There had been only six returns of the Sunday service ringing sheets (Ferry's list), and the first certificate had been awarded in the 8, 10 and 12-bell section to the Newcastle Cathedral branch with 687.14 points. The second certificate went to St. John's, Newcastle, with 203.1 points. In the 6-bell section, Holy Trinity, Davlington, were first with 120 points. There was no award for second place. Other returns were from St. Ignatius, Sunderland (8), 158 points; St. George's, Jesmond (8), 104.16 points; and St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside (6), 15.68 points. There had been no peals rung on either tower or handbells during the year, and only two or three attempts made.

The President, in proposing the adoption of the report and balance sheet, asked the members, by rising in their places, to accord a vote of deepest sympathy with the relatives and fellow ringers of those gallant men amongst them who had given their lives for King and country during the past year. They were: R. Guthrie, Benwell; G. R. Potter, North Shields; F. E. Scott, Jarrow; A. Errington, St. George's, Jesmond; Thomas and Robert Hogg, North Shields; Thomas Richardson, Sunderland; and Wm. Summers, Hexham. Besides these, the report mentioned B. A. Hern, wounded, and in the War Hospital, Gosforth, and Jack Gofton, a prisoner of war in Germany. The Association had also lost, by death, Messrs. Anthony Myers, of Chester-le-Street, an old and valued active member of 36 years' standing; Geo. Breed, of York; Dr. Paul, of Middleham; Henry White, of Basingstoke; and William Catchpole, of Ipswich. The time was coming soon when peace would be declared, and the President urged all to be ready with all they could muster to ring. Britons would not be satisfied unless the bells were rung for peace, and wherever possible peals should be attempted. Many old ringers, who had retired, or had, perhaps, left their company 'in pique,' should be persuaded to return, and so let peace bring peace and goodwill amongst ringers and estranged friends,

as well as among nations. He congratulated St. George's, Jesmond, on their excellent advance in the science of change ringing, in the face of all difficulties—this was due to the extraordinary enthusiasm of Professor Potter and his colleagues.—The report and balance sheet were adopted, on being seconded by Mr. Hillier.

The officers of the Association were all re-elected, on the motion of the Rev. J. H. Barker, seconded by Mr. Robinson, of Chester-le-Street. Mr. Chas. Todd proposed that the next annual meeting should be held in West Hartlepool, and this was carried. Any other meetings would depend on the declaration of peace, and in that event a special meeting of the sub-committee would arrange the gatherings as in pre-war days.

Mr. G. T. Potter, in the name of the North Shields and Newcastle Cathedral ringers, presented a handsome silver-mounted jug to Mr. Joel Hern, the veteran ringer and steeple-keeper, of North Shields, as a token of esteem and regard, and as a memento of his 50th anniversary as a peal ringer. This happy event had taken place in July, but he had kept the presentation for that meeting as a suitable and popular time to do Mr. Hern the more honour.—After a storm of applause, Mr. Hern suitably responded, and said he was always glad to see his old friends, and new ones, too, in North Shields bellry.

Mr. Routledge made a special appeal to the meeting to render every support to their own periodical the 'Ringing World.' The Exercise, he said, would lose its flavour without it, and it needed support just now as it never did before—paper was scarce and dear; labour was scarce and dear—and many who used to give their support were away fighting for their country. The 'Ringing World,' by the man who was a keen ringer, was devoured from first page to last, and ought to be subscribed to by all who had an interest in their beloved art.

A resolution of sympathy with the Editor in his long illness, and good wishes for his complete restoration to good health, was passed, on the motion of Mr. Charles Todd.

A vote of sympathy was accorded to an old member, Mr. J. W. Taylor, bell founder, of Loughborough, on the loss of his gallant son, Second-Lieut. G. B. Taylor, who was killed in France at the end of September, the third of his boys who have laid down their lives for their country.

Of the new members elected at the close of the meeting, the Vicar of Newcastle was one of the most notable. Mr. Herbert Wilson, of Gosforth, was also elected an hon. member, and among the ringing members were elected two sons of Mr. Alder Gofton, of Whitley, 10 and 13 years of age, and both change ringers; the Rev. H. E. Sladdon, of South Shields; seven members from Houghton-le-Spring, with Mr. Robert Parkinson, late of Church, in Lancashire, at their head, and several others.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

Afterwards, courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cater, and Cinques were rung 'in hand,' and Messrs. W. H. Barber and Corpl. A. Hessian amused the company with a tune on handbells 'four-in-hand.'

"KILLED IN ACTION."

Still another ringer who was connected with the Hertford County Association has fallen in action, in the person of Pte. Herbert G. Wilkerson, of the 15th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. He had been connected with the Royston Society, and rang his first peal of Minor at the age of 13 years. He joined up in April, 1916, and was sent out to France on completing his training. Contracting enteric, he was invalided home, being afterwards dispatched to Palestine, where he was wounded in the right arm. On recovering, he proceeded again to France, and was home on leave in July, during which time he visited Nuneaton, and rang the tenor to a touch of Grandsire Triples for Sunday morning service. This was his last touch. He was unmarried, and the youngest of the family. He was killed on October 15th, and the sad intelligence was conveyed officially to his widowed mother on Saturday week. Deep sympathy will go out to the bereaved.

As a token of respect for the late Alan Boxall, who was killed in France on August 31st, 1918, a quarter-peal of Grandsire, with bells half-muffled, was rung at Godalming, Surrey, on Nov. 1st. Deceased was for many years a member of the local band, and also of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: W. Mooney (Godalming) 1, W. Clissold (Godalming) 2, B. A. Etheridge (Guildford) 3, W. Hooper (Godalming) 4, C. Childs (Godalming) 5, S. Radford (Guildford) 6, W. Fowler (Puttenham), conductor, 7, R. Parnment (Godalming) 8.

In memory of Pte. W. Sevier, a member of the St. James' Society, Bristol, who fell in action on Nov. 7th, 1917, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cater, was rung on November 7th last at St. James' Church, Bristol, with the bells half-muffled, by: R. Chamming 1, G. Pearce 2, H. Brown 3, Pte. C. Walton 4, A. Pearce 5, W. Lewis 6, E. Giltie (conductor) 7, F. Porch 8, H. Way 9, W. Short 10.

Pte. Sevier, whose ringing enthusiasm was mentioned in these columns, was a brother of the deceased. The Guild deeply deplore the loss of so promising a ringer. Pte. C. Walton was home from France on leave.

Pte. Geoffrey Rowley, a much respected member of the Tipton band, of which his father, Mr. Alfred Rowley, is also a member, has died of wounds received in France. On Saturday last a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung in his memory at Tipton Parish Church, and the band passed a vote of condolence with Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowley in their bereavement.

VETERAN HERTS RINGER DEAD.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Robert Jackson, of Baldock, Herts, who passed away at his residence, after a few days' illness, on Tuesday, October 23th, at the advanced age of 85 years. Deceased was foreman of the Baldock Guild of bell ringers from 1880 to 1898, when he resigned. He had not done any ringing since. He was a member of the Hertfordshire Association.

The funeral took place on the following Saturday in the parish churchyard, the Rector (the Rev. Canon Nairne) and the Rev. S. Mead officiating. The service was choral, the deceased having been a member of the choir for a number of years. The bells were rung fully muffled for morning and evening service on Sunday as a token of respect.

RINGER'S DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT.

As a token of respect to the memory of Mary Rackham, aged seven years five months, and George Rackham, aged four years ten months, the children of Mr. S. T. Rackham, choirmaster and a regular service ringer at Llanelli, Breconshire, who were interred together in the parish churchyard on October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, with half-muffled bells, at St. Eli's Church on November 2nd, by: W. Bassett 1, R. Stephens 2, J. I. Dorman (conductor) 3, H. J. Rackham 4, A. Rackham 5, W. Morgan 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor, and W. Morgan was elected a member before starting.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GRANTHAM.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—For evening service, at St. William's Church, on Sunday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: 1st Air-Mechanic E. Sparkes 1, S. Proctor (conductor) 2, A. Parker 3, E. Nidd 4, H. Thorpe 5, W. Thorpe 6, F. Turner 7, A. Rowland 8. For evening service, on Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 53 mins.: N. Woodthorpe 1, W. Thorpe 2, H. Thorpe 3, Pte. F. Proctor 4, A. Parker 5, S. Proctor (conductor) 6, E. Nidd 7, D. Overton 8, F. Turner 9, A. Rowland 10. Arranged for Pte. F. Proctor, who was home on a short leave.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: T. Russam 1, W. Bryant 2, A. Walker 3, A. Scrivens 4, Ernest Mansell 5, J. Neal 6, J. E. Groves (conductor) 7, J. Collett 8.

BLACKPOOL.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 1264 Bob Major: J. Shaw 1, W. Wilde 2, Pte. T. E. Sone, R.A.M.C. 3, J. A. Talland 4, Pte. H. R. Pasmore, R.A.M.C. 5, J. Burrows 6, C. Ryder 7, Pte. L. W. Jacques, R.A.M.C. (composer and conductor) 8. —On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pte. L. W. Jacques, R.A.M.C. (Olney, Bucks), 1, J. Meadowcroft (New Hey) 2, F. Greenwood 3, E. Schofield (Minrow) 4, W. Wilde 5, H. Sear (Bletchley) 6, Pte. T. C. Sone, R.A.M.C. (conductor), Maidstone, 7, Pte. H. R. Pasmore, R.A.M.C. (London), 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—Pte. Edward Mills, R.G.A., an old and respected member of the Salehurst ringers, being home on leave, was heartily welcomed by his old comrades in the belfry of St. Mary's, on Sunday morning, the 11th inst., when, owing to meeting one short for Triples, 960 changes of Grandsire Doubles was brought round in 36 mins., with 4-6-8 covering. The bells were then 'fired' in honour of the recent Allied successes in France, and this was followed by 60 Grandsire Doubles, the ringers stood as follows: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, W. Perry 3, Pte. E. Mills 4, T. Booth 5, T. Hoad 6, A. Edwards (conductor) 7, S. French 8.

LAVENHAM.—On August 15th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Symonds 1, H. Smith 2, S. Smith 3, W. W. J. Roper 4, F. Parker 5, G. W. R. Grimwood 6, L. Leeks 7, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 8. Composed by J. Howes, Kingston-on-Thames. Rung to oblige Mr. Grimwood, of Totting, and as a farewell to S. Smith, called upon to join the colours on the 19th.—On August 4th, for morning service, a touch of Grandsire Triples: A. Symonds 1, G. Fardon (conductor), Shepherd's Bush 2, F. Parker 3, F. G. Symonds 4, A. Diserens 5, M. Fenson 6, L. Leeks 7, W. Fayers 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Symonds (conductor) 1, H. Crick 2, A. Hollocks 3, T. Hollocks 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, W. Hollocks 6.

ERTH, KENT.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. J. Morton 1, W. J. Aldridge 2, G. Thompson 3, F. J. Cullum, senr., 4, W. Evans 5, J. Lowrey 6, Elect. Art. F. J. Cullum, R.N. (conductor) 7, W. Brenchley (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of 2 and 5 hail from Woolwich, and the 3rd from Tunbridge Wells, the remainder are local men.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY

The Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have started a fund to help forward the above memorial, and appeals to all ringers for voluntary subscriptions, which should be forwarded to Mr. F. K. Howell, Hon. Treasurer, Thornbury, Glos.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD WOKING.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 16th. The bells of St. Mary's Church, will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's School at 5.30; the business meeting will be held immediately after.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Sec., 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells ready at 3; service at 5.30; meeting at 6.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bengeworth, Evesham, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m., at which all members attending the meeting are requested to be present. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8 and 10) available from 3 p.m. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. P. Cunningham, Rector of Cranleigh.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at High Halden, Kent, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock until sunset.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Abbots Leigh on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow.—W. Stafford, Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Desborough (Northants) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Those intending to be present are requested to communicate with Mr. Fred Kilburn, 14, Victoria Street, Desborough, Market Harborough, who will inform them whether tea can be provided. It is hoped that arrangements can also be made for ringing at Rothwell from 2-3.30, and Rushton from 6-7.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Members are requested to bring their own rations owing to the Food Control.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringing to cease at 7; meeting after ringing hours. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637).—Meetings at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, Nov. 19th (election of officers and presentation of balance sheet), Nov. 26th (handbell practice), all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Vincent) at St. Andrews', Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available from 3 till 4, and from 4.30 till dusk. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Basingstoke Branch will be held at Basingstoke on Nov. 23rd. St. Michael's bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5.30; tea and meeting at 6. The bells of All Saints' will also be available after the meeting. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify me by Nov. 18th.—John Ward, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 8, Rochford Road, Basingstoke.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m., and tea, kindly provided by Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston, will be served at Gillett & Johnston's Foundry at 5.45 p.m.; to be followed by a social evening. All ringers (members or not) and friends are hereby cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society), Estab. 1824.—A by-meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30th, at the Church of all Saints, Fulham. Ringing will commence at 4 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shere, near Guildford, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Fuller particulars will be given next week.—E. K. Parker, 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at the Old Church, Smethwick, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 4.30, to be conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon Astbury); business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

DEATH.

WHITE.—On Nov. 9th, at Cotgrave, of double pneumonia following influenza, Dorothy, second daughter of William E. and Adelaide M. White, aged 22 years, member of the All Saints' (Cotgrave) and the Midland Counties Association.

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