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EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

The point raised in our last article with regard to the ignorance of the public on matters relative to ringing is one which will bear further consideration so far as concerns the efforts which ringers might make to dispel the lack of knowledge that exists. To a large extent, as we have already said, the present position is largely the fault of the ringers themselves. Ringers have always made their craft exclusive. They practise in the seclusion of the belfry where, with the few exceptions prompted by curiosity, the public seldom, if ever, enter. Obviously, of course, it would be impossible to admit the public to the ringing chamber in any numbers when ringing is in progress, and little good purpose would really be served by it if they were, for it might only serve to increase the impression that ringing is a monotonous occupation. But there is a method by which the public might be enlightened outside the belfry as to what goes on within, and in a manner that would be much more likely to secure their interest, so that some at least might know, when they hear the bells ringing, that the performance that is in progress is something more than the mechanical pulling of ropes for the purpose—as some imagine—of disturbing the peace of the neighbourhood.

There is no reason why ringers should continue to be such a secluded and exclusive set of people. We have much to gain by letting the world know that our art is something more than the mere ringing of the bell itself. True, the sound of the bells serve important public purposes, but the pulling of the rope, which many people consider to be simply a question of physical ability, is only a factor in the execution. It is governed by controlling laws which none but the initiated understand. The outsider knows nothing of the fascination of, or of the skill required in threading the complex paths of intricate methods, nor does he realise the concentration of mental effort required to accomplish the rhythmical pealing of the bells he hears.

How can ringers, then, reach the public in order to educate them? There is a way which has been adopted with much success in many places, and that is by means of lectures, or by papers read before audiences drawn from those outside the ringing fraternity. To begin with, the circle that can be reached must of necessity be somewhat restricted, but a good start can be made, as has been made in several parishes, with the C.E.M.S. and other church societies. Such lectures, as we all know, are more interesting when they can be illustrated, and, as has been more than once suggested, handbell ringing, or failing this, perhaps, gramophone records, in conjunction with lantern slides, would make the subject much more attractive. But

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the paper itself needs to be well written as well as well read, and it is not in the power of everyone either to find the time or to obtain all the information that might be required for this purpose. It is to meet cases of this kind that we have suggested that the Central Council might appoint one of its accomplished members to prepare a lecture which might be loaned out to any responsible ringer, and also have made a set of lantern slides and records to illustrate it. It was a suggestion which the late President readily fell in with, and but for the temporary suspension of the Council meetings might have been carried out before now.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

WOOBURN GREEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1917, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES!

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM T. HORNE 1	RALPH COLES 5
FREDRICK WEST 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE TWITCHEN 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
EDWARD MARKHAM 4	JAMES BLACKMORE 8

Conducted JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for the sailors and soldiers of this parish who have died for King and country in the war.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT SALEHURST, SUSSEX PRESENTATION TO MEMBER OF AN OLD RINGING FAMILY.

A very pretty wedding took place at Salehurst Church on Thursday, the 6th inst. the bridegroom being Mr. W. H. Hoad (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoad, of Glottenham Farm, Robertsbridge, and a very enthusiastic member of the Salehurst Church bell ringers), and the bride, Miss E. M. Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. The Rev. C. Ward, Vicar, officiated. As the bride entered the church, Miss Wenban (organist) played Alex Guilmant's "Wedding Procession," and as the bridal party proceeded to the vestry Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," was sung during the service. As the registers were being signed the bells were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, and as the happy pair were leaving the church the bells were "fired." This was followed by a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., by: J. Goodsell 1, W. Franks 2, C. Tribe 3, J. Blake 4, T. Booth 5, W. H. Perry 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, L. French 8. Another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung in 47 mins., by: J. Goodsell 1, A. E. Edwards 2, W. H. Perry 3, J. Blake 4, E. G. Billenness, Bedfordshire Regt. (conductor) 5, C. Tribe 6, T. Booth 7, L. French 8.

The wedding breakfast was held at Glottenham House (very kindly lent by Lady Tree), the ringers being among the invited guests. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The bride and bridegroom left by the 8 p.m. train for London en route for the bride's home, where the honeymoon is being spent.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Mary's Church previous to Matins on Sunday, the 2nd inst., there being present, in addition to the ringers, the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Ward), Messrs. L. Hodson and F. Willshire (churchwardens) and W. Potter (sidesman).—Mr. T. Booth, captain, in asking the Vicar to make the presentation of a clock, on behalf of the ringers, to Mr. Hoad, said Mr. Hoad had always shown a good spirit, and his conduct had been exemplary. The ringers wished him and his future wife long life and happiness.—The Vicar, in making the presentation, said the churchwardens joined with him in associating themselves in the good wishes of the ringers to Mr. Hoad. He bore a name that had been honoured in the parish for many generations. His father had been associated with the ringers, as also had his grandfather, who had been sexton at that church for 40 years, and his great grandfather and great grandmother were buried in the shadow of the church. He hoped that as the hands of the clock recorded the passing hours, Mr. Hoad would be pleasantly reminded of that gathering in the belfry.—Mr. Hoad suitably responded.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the wedding will be made at Salehurst on Boxing Day, as it cannot be arranged before owing to the Lighting Act.

RINGERS WIN DISTINCTIONS.

D.C.M. AND MILITARY MEDAL.

The number of ringers who have gained distinction for bravery and meritorious conduct on the field is rapidly growing, and this week it is our pleasant duty to record the award to two more gallant men for acts of conspicuous courage.

Lance-Corpl. J. Edward Wilson, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, and a member of the Blackburn Parish Church band, has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallantry in a daylight raid on the Western front. He is now home on sick leave, after recovering from a bullet wound in the arm, and he has paid a visit to the belfry, where he took part in a 720 Bob Minor (with tenor covering), for evening service: E. Eastworth 1, W. Briggs 2, Joe Woods 3, E. Duteson 4, W. E. Wilson 5, J. Watson (conductor) 6, Lance-Corpl. J. E. Wilson, D.C.M., 8. Needless to say, his brother ringers heartily congratulated him on the distinction he has earned.

Pte. John Capp, of the St. Peter's band of ringers, Brighton, who has been serving in the 2nd Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal in connection with an attack "somewhere in France." He was wounded by a bullet passing through his left foot, just under the ankle bone, and coming out on the other side, just behind the small toe. He is now an inmate of the military hospital, Bethnal Green, London, and the wound seems to be progressing favourably.

Pte. Capp learnt change ringing with the Chiddingfold band, Surrey, and rang his first peal (Bob Major), at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on November 8th, 1904. He migrated to Brighton about five years ago, where he distinguished himself among the Parish Church company as a steady and reliable ringer. He is a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and the Sussex County Association.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT WIMBORNE MINSTER.

The annual meeting of the Wimborne branch was held at Wimborne Minster, on Saturday last. It had become noised abroad that Q.-M.-Sergt. Cave, R.E., now stationed at Juppura Camp, near Christchurch, would be there, and this chance of meeting him, as well as the rare opportunity of a ring on the ten bells in these days, drew nearly 60 members together from Bournemouth, Christchurch, Kingston Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Shillingstone, Stanbridge, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne Minster, Wool, Wyke Regis, etc. Ringing commenced soon after three, and between then and service at 4.30, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung by the Rev. F. L. Edwards (secretary of the Guild), the Rev. C. Carew Cox (now settled in the branch at West Moors, near Wimborne), Q.-M.-Sergt. Cave and Sapper Capewell (from Bristol), Messrs. H. F. Martin Stewart (past Master of the Guild), C. H. Jennings (secretary Dorchester branch), Lewis Wiffen (Wyke Regis), F. W. Townsend (Poole), C. Goodenough and Eli Waters (Bournemouth, St. Peter's), and Alfred Osman (Wimborne Minster). Q.-M.-Sergt. Cave conducted throughout the afternoon and evening, and was the life and soul of the meeting. Sapper Capewell and Corpl. Gory are also giving much valued help on Sundays to the depleted bands at the Priory and St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

Service was held in the chapel of the Minster, prayers being read by Rev. A. D. Allan, headmaster of the Grammar School, and the address given by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Fletcher), who afterwards entertained the whole party to tea at the Church House.

Before leaving the tea room some touches of Caters were rung on handbells, and during the evening the first touch of Bob Major on the bells, by the following: Rev. R. Whitford (Southbourne and Christchurch) 1, F. W. Townsend 2, H. Bennett (Bournemouth, St. John's) 3, H. F. Martin Stewart 4, Eli Waters 5, C. W. Goodenough 6, Lewis Wiffen 7, Q.-M.-Sergt. Cave (conductor) 8.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AMERICAN TARS AND N.Z. SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.

On Saturday, upwards of thirty members and friends assembled at the Headquarters Room at the "Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, and putting aside for an hour or two the troublesome times enjoyed a very happy evening.

The business meeting, presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), being concluded, the rest of the evening was devoted to touches in various methods and tunes on the handbells, interspersed with songs, etc., which brought to mind the happy days prior to August, 1914.

Among the visitors were sailors of our Ally, America, and New Zealand soldiers, to whom the mysteries of change ringing were unfolded, and who were keenly interested.

Mr. W. G. Matthews and Mr. J. Milner kindly rendered songs, whilst Mr. F. E. Dawe gave a recitation which was heartily applauded.

Selections on handbells were given by Mr. and Mrs. T. Walker, and Pte. A. D. Barker, R.A.M.C.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12th, 1918, particulars of which will appear in the "Ringing World."

JOY BELLS.

On Saturday afternoon, November 24th, members of the Acton Guild of ringers met, and at the special request of the Rural Dean (the Rev. Templeton King, B.D.), journeyed to Christ Church, Ealing Broadway, and rang "Joy Bells" to celebrate the great British Victory on the Cambrai front. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, were indulged in. After almost an hour's ringing there came a surprise—a welcomed one, too. The churchwarden appeared at the belfry door with a request that ringers would join him at tea at Bnolls' Restaurant opposite. Needless to say this was thoroughly enjoyed the more so because it was unexpected. After thanking the churchwarden for his kind hospitality, the band returned to Acton, where, at the request of the Rector, "Joy Bells" were rung in Grandsire and Bob Minor. Conducting was shared by Robt. Holloway, A. W. Davis and Arthur Hubbard; the remainder of the band were J. W. Fruin, C. Edwards, A. E. Smith, H. Brown, and a ringing friend from Lancashire attached to the Royal Flying Corps. On Sunday afternoon special ringing took place at St. Mary's, Acton, when a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1264) was brought round in 50 minutes, by the following band: Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C. (conductor), 1, H. Barrett 2, Robt. Holloway (first in this method on bob bell) 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, G. Iles 6, J. Milner 7, H. Mance 8.

At Selby Abbey, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25th, for the men's service, and to celebrate the victory of General Byng's troops, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. W. Hall (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Morgan 2, E. Storr 3, W. A. Hall 4, F. Cryer 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, G. Rippon 8.

At Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, Durham, on Saturday, Nov. 24th, touches of Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor, the following ringers taking part: Gunner Hine, Pte. Hibbert, Messrs. G. Park, W. H. Porter, R. B. Wilson, F. Cooke, F. Atkinson, G. J. Lungle, W. Wooley, and G. W. Park. Gunner Hine hails from Horton, Staffs; Pte. Hibbert, R.E., from Busley, Herts.

On November 23rd, at the Parish Church of St. Oswald, Oswestry, Salop, touches of Stedman Triples: T. Marshall 1, G. Thompson 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Edwards 4, R. Martin 5, R. Evans 6, E. Jones 7, H. Jarman, G. Williams and G. G. Beaton tenor.

Crawley, Sussex, like many places, now being very short of ringers, was unable to celebrate victory week with the bells, but, although rather late, a band was got together from different towers on Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, and 1420 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 58 mins., by: J. Rice (Crawley) 1, A. Wood (Nutfield) 2, J. Akehurst (Capel) 3, A. Mitchell (Crawley) 4, A. Mills (Crawley) 5, G. Ilman (Horley) 6, A. Ellis (Charwood) 7, F. Rice (Reigate), conductor, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, by: A. Mitchell 1, A. Wood 2, J. Akehurst 3, F. Rice 4, P. Tyler 5, J. Rice (conductor) 6, G. Ilman 7, W. Vincent 8. The bells were then lowered, as military restrictions prevented any service ringing being attempted.

THE LATE MR. H. SPRINGALL.

Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang the "whole pull and stand" at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Saturday last, in memory of the late Mr. H. Springall: E. Horrex 1, S. E. Joyce 2, H. R. Passmore 3, H. Langdon 4, I. G. Shade 5, H. R. Newton 6, E. Hall 7, C. F. Winney 8, C. S. Burden 9, F. E. Dawe 10, W. Prime 11, W. T. Cockerill 12 followed by three courses of Stedman Cinques: F. E. Dawe 7, R. Sanders 10, W. T. Cockerill (conductor) 11, W. Prime 12, the others standing as before. Also four courses of Stedman Caters: C. H. Horton 1, H. Langdon (conductor) 2, I. G. Shade 3, H. R. Passmore 4, J. Scholes 5, S. E. Joyce 6, C. S. Burden 7, R. Sanders 8, E. Hall 9, G. Barrell 10.

Mrs. Springall, her son and daughter, and other friends of the family were listeners in the belfry, and others who attended included Messrs. A. Hubbard, G. T. Clayton, W. A. Alps, A. S. Pettitt, A. A. Hughes, T. Langdon, G. Dorrington, C. Ward, A. Discrens, and T. Walker.

RINGING FOR FALLEN HEROES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is by this time generally known that His Majesty has appointed Sunday, 8th January, as a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving with reference to the war. Last year's proposal should be made to ring muffled peals on that day, but I point out that it is the Feast of the Epiphany, when anything but open ringing would be entirely out of place. Ringers desiring to pay a tribute to the memory of our heroes fallen in battle might well do so on New Year's Eve.—Yours truly,

F. LI, EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, 26th November, 1917.

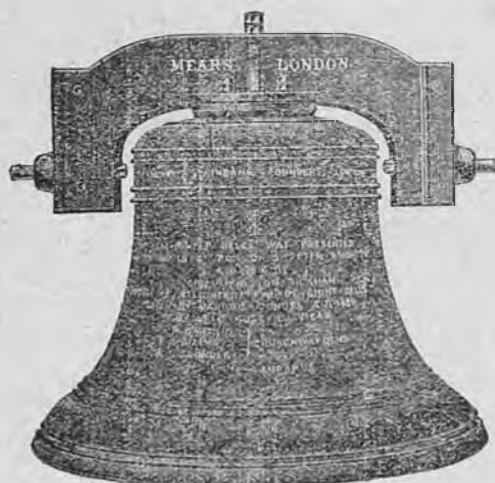
BRECON, SOUTH WALES.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 1260 Stedman Doubles, in 45 mins.; and for the evening service 840 Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: S. Watkins 1, W. Hargest 2, G. Giblin 3, S. Brooks 4, W. Evans (conductor) 5, W. Griffiths 6.

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A YORKSHIRE VETERAN.



MR. GEORGE BOLLAND, OF TONG,

who has just celebrated the 40th anniversary of his first peal, by conducting the extents in the same seven methods on the bells of his Parish Church, where he is churchwarden. Mr. Bolland is one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Yorkshire Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lances Association and the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Garston on Saturday, members attending from Liverpool, Walton, Widnes, Hale, Grassendale, Birkenhead, and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3, and was continued until 6 o'clock, when service was held in church, at which Archdeacon Howson gave an address.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. Parnal Rowe) kindly provided tea in the Institute, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by Archdeacon Howson, supported by the Revs. T. Parnal Rowe, J. Shaw and C. A. Clements.—Two new members were elected, and the Secretary reported what had been done in connection with obtaining permission to ring after dark, sanction having been obtained to ring until 7 p.m.

It was proposed that the bells be muffled for service on Sunday, January 6th, in memory of our fallen heroes.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

HOME FROM FRANCE.

Gunner C. F. Bailey, M.G.C., of Leiston, Suffolk, who just before the war was one of the most successful conductors of the Norwich Association, has been home on leave from France, and the following ringing was arranged on Saturday, December 8th: 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, C. F. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, C. S. Bailey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, C. Samson 7, E. H. Bailey 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. S. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, C. Samson 8.—On Sunday, December 9th, 576 Superlative Surprise Major by the same band. All the touches were conducted by C. F. Bailey, who is now returning to France, taking with him the best wishes of those left at home of the St. Margaret's Society, for a safe and speedy return to his old town.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor, and some Stedman Doubles: T. S. Smith 1, G. T. Leader 2, E. Hooper 3, J. Blackmore 4, Sapper R. H. Young, R.E., 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ITS FAILINGS AND THE REMEDIES.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

VII.

We come to the conclusion, then, that you can't exclude scientific subjects from the Council's agenda without injury to the Exercise; but also that they must not be discussed so as to bore people either inside or outside the meetings. In other words, it is not the subjects themselves that have caused the trouble, it is the way they have been dealt with.

There are two mistakes, I think, which the so-called "experts" have made; the first is that as a rule they have been much more anxious to show that another person is wrong, than to explain what is right; and the second is that they are not nearly clear enough in their statements.

I am not going to deny that debate by means of positive assertion and direct contradiction has its uses. With certain qualification it is a most excellent way of arriving at truth. And certainly for those who are in the swim, a lively debate where two sides of a question are strongly put is much more interesting than a sedate, judicious essay on the same subject. But for those outside who don't know enough to follow the debating points it is utterly useless.

And people are not nearly clear enough in stating what they mean. They use terms and expressions, and they never think of explaining them or giving an exact definition. The reason probably is because they themselves do not know what, exactly, they mean. I can give an example of this. It may be true, or it may not, that "every method is produced by bobs and extremes from primary principles," but at any rate since Mr. Baker has never defined what he means by a "bob," when he made that statement, we have no means of judging the matter.

It is useless to say in a connection like this that everyone knows what a "bob" is, because taking the ordinary ringer's view of the term, the statement is obviously false, and we should not do Mr. Baker the injustice of thinking that that is what he means. Or again, when Mr. Davies tells us that scientific ringers have agreed that only such methods as keep the regular succession of the nature of the rows, are "legitimate," since that means that these men have agreed that Kent, Cambridge, Bristol, and London are not legitimate, we have a right to ask what does "legitimate" mean in this connection, and who are the people who have thus agreed, and when did they agree. These are only instances of a very common mistake in discussing these subjects.

The reforms in the Central Council I propose are these:—First, do away with the absurdity of pretending you can settle questions of theoretic ringing by passing resolutions. These questions are matters of truth and fact, and if they are truth and fact no resolution can affect them. You will probably remember the old tale of Galileo, the Italian astronomer. Galileo said the earth moved round the sun, and was, therefore, brought before the Holy Office on a charge of heresy. He was given the alternative of either recanting or being burnt, and, not unnaturally, chose the first. As he got up from his knees, after solemnly repenting of his "error," he was heard to mutter, "But it does move all the same."

Even so, though the Council had solemnly declared at Mr. Davies' bidding, that Bob Major Lead Ends are only as other lead ends, yet nature and nature's laws have said the other thing; and I put my money on the second horse.

Secondly, as a substitute for these resolutions you should ask men who may really be considered as authorities to read carefully prepared papers on limited subjects. These papers should aim at being interesting and instructive. There must be no trying to talk down to an ignorant audience; but on the other hand, it must not be assumed that the audience is composed of experts. There is a happy medium which can be attained.

I had intended to give an example of the sort of paper I am thinking of, but it would not really be an example, because spoken words convey so much more than written words.

I would not limit the nature of the subjects. Provided the speaker could make it interesting and instructive, I would let him talk about anything connected with ringing. You would not be expected to agree with everything said, and everything said would not always be exact truth. That need not matter; many things only partially true are useful in stimulating thought. There is, for instance, Mr. Law James' theory about Stedman, which is certainly not wholly true, and yet contains much that is both true and instructive. Indeed, I personally have always found Mr. James' opinions useful in the same way that a cat finds the leg of a chair useful—they are very handy things to sharpen my claws on.

I have written these few criticisms and suggestions, not because I have any infallible means of improving the Council, but because I am sure that it cannot go on as it has been going on. If it is to be

a real use to the Exercise something must be done. I have merely thrown out a few hints. It is for these men who have power and influence among ringers to think the matter over, and in due time to make the necessary reforms.

THE SUPREME SACRIFICE.

Every week brings news of the death of one or more ringers who have made the great sacrifice on the field of honour, and in this issue we chronicle the loss of several men, not least well known among them being Pte. G. H. Kettle, who so ably discharged the duties of hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild for the best part of three years. To the relatives of those who have given up their lives in their country's cause the sympathy of the Exercise will go out.

DEATH OF THE LATE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD SECRETARY.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Pte. G. H. Kettle, of Allesley, near Coventry, who died of wounds in France on November 28th, at the age of 34 years. He held the position of hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild from 1914 to 1916, and was greatly respected by all who knew him.

Pte. Kettle learned to ring at Allesley, and was one of a band of ringers who made good progress in the art of change ringing, under the tuition of members of the Stoke-in-Coventry Society. He rang twelve peals, viz., two of Doubles, seven of Bob Minor, one of Grand-sire, and two of Stedman Triples.

As a mark of esteem and respect the following members of the Allesley and Stoke bands rang with the bells half-muffled, at Allesley, on December 2nd for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Pryce 1, J. H. White (conductor) 2, W. J. Smith 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Wilson 5, W. T. Cox 6. Also for evening service, several six-scores, of Grand-sire Doubles. The bells at Stoke were also rung half-muffled, on Sunday, December 9th, for evening service.

HELMSHORE RINGER KILLED IN ACTION.

J. H. Banks, the ringing secretary of the Lancs Association, has received information that his eldest son, Pte. James Arthur Banks, age 19 years, of the K.O.R.L., was killed instantaneously by a shell on October 19th, 1917. Pte. Banks was formerly a Lewis gunner in the 5/7th Middlesex Regiment, but was transferred to the Lancasters on going out in September of this year. He had only been at the front about 14 days, and it was only his fifth day in the trenches when he was killed.

Deceased commenced to ring with the Helmschore band 3½ years ago. He was a promising young ringer, and had learned to steer a bell in Grand-sire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. He was a member of the Lancs Association, and is the first of the Helmschore ringers to fall in action.

A memorial service was held in St. Thomas' Church on Sunday evening, December 2nd, and a muffled quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1260 changes) was rung previous to the service by the following local ringers: Arthur Steff 1, Thomas Foster 2, John H. Entwistle 3, Joseph Banks 4, Thomas Wallwork 5, Thomas P. Brandwood 6, James H. Banks (conductor) 7, Wm. Steff 8.

WITNEY BAND'S LOSSES.

It is with deep regret to have to record the death of a very promising ringer of Witney, Oxon, in H. E. Long, lance-corporal of the 2/4th Oxon and Bucks L.I., who fell in France about the middle of July, 1916. He was of a very cheerful disposition, and will be much missed by his fellow ringers. He had taken part in two peals of Grand-sire Triples, the last being on the 3rd January, 1914, at Witney Parish Church. He rang the treble at both peals. The Witney band has also lost Pte. Albert E. Brooks, of the Oxon and Bucks Regiment, who was killed in action, on May 9th, 1917, at Salonika. He leaves a young family of five to mourn their loss.

Writing of Pte. Brooks, the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), says:—

"I should like to put on record my appreciation of the late Pte. A. Brooks, Oxon and Bucks Regiment. It is now about 15 years since he commenced to ring at Witney, where I was then assistant curate. He rang his first peal, Grand-sire Triples, on August 14th, 1902, in honour of the Coronation of King Edward and Queen Alexandra. But if I remember rightly he was even then more proficient in Stedman ringing, and soon became a most valued member of the band, which rang the first local peal of Stedman Triples on December 1st, 1904. I shall ever have happy recollection of ringing Stedman Triples with that band, with 'Berf' on the Treble. He was such a ringer as ringers love to meet, very quiet and steady, and making as few mistakes as any man I have known. He had the gift of ringing at the light end in such a way that his bell was always heard without being unduly assertive. I do not know how many peals he rang, but I took part in upwards of twenty with him, mostly Stedman Triples. For a considerable time he filled the office of steeple keeper, and was as good in that capacity as he was at the rope's end. May he rest in peace."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, October 7th, on the occasion of harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. White 1, O. W. Porter 2, R. Bushnell 3, J. Hiscock 4, G. Cleave (conductor) 5, H. Hatto 6, W. J. Fuller 7, A. Sheppard 8. The ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 8 hail from Shipkake; treble, 3 and 6 are local men, and W. J. Fuller hails from Wargrave.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Oct. 20th, to celebrate the anniversary of Trafalgar, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Frank Spencer 1, William E. White 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, Walter White 4, A. Mackears (conductor) 5, T. Squires 6. 360 Bob Minor: Miss I. B. Thompson 1, A. Mackears 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, T. Squires 4, F. Spencer 5, Walter White (conductor) 6. 360 Single Court: F. Spencer 1, Walter White (conductor) 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, William E. White 4, T. Squires 5, A. Mackears 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, C. Munt 4, H. Cook 5, Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C., 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Dyns 8.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 22th, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: M. Jacobs 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. H. Stevens 3, H. Barrett 4, Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C., 5, C. Munt 6, F. Skevington 7, H. Cook 8.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On October 27th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by A. J. Perkins: J. Broadley (conductor) 1, C. H. Craven 2, J. Hardcastle 3, Ben Thorp 4, W. B. Frith 5, J. Cotterell 6, F. Salmons 7, Joe E. Sykes 8. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Mr. T. Cotterell, son of the ringer of the 6th, who is serving in France, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Joe Broadley and Joe Sykes. A peal had been arranged, but on account of a funeral the above had to be rung instead.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 2, J. George 3, W. F. Webb 4, A. E. Norman (first quarter in the method) 5, O. G. Norman 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the soldiers and sailors who have lost their lives in the war.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Nov. 4th, for morning service, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Rochester to conduct a Masonic service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: Miss E. F. Burch 1, P. J. Spice 2, A. E. Newick 3, W. H. Hewett 4, G. Huxley 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6, G. Durling 7, G. F. James 8.—On Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: G. F. James 1, G. Durling 2, P. J. Spice 3, I. Emery 4, W. Martin 5, A. E. Newick 6, G. Huxley (conductor) 7, C. Austin 8. And 504 of Stedman Triples: I. Emery (conductor) 1, W. Martin 2, A. E. Newick 3, P. J. Spice 4, Pte. W. E. Maulden 5, G. Huxley 6, G. Durling 7, C. Austin 8. Rung in honour of the birthdays of the mother of Mr. I. Emery and Mr. J. Emery, of Hersham (Surrey), and of the father of Mr. C. Austin, of Beckenham, both of whom attained their 77th year on that date.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, Nov. 4, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: H. G. Naish 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Howes (conductor) 3, F. Davis 4, C. Slade 5, A. Beckensale 6, J. N. Frossell 7, J. Chandler 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, the last 742 of Holt's Original: H. G. Naish 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. Slade 3, F. Davis 4, J. Howes (conductor) 5, A. Beckensale 6, J. N. Frossell 7, J. Chandler 8.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Richards 1, E. Munday 2, E. Sherland 3, B. Gruter 4, F. Newcombe 5, J. Elsworth 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, B. Vicary 8. Arranged as a special welcome to Mr. F. Chamberlain, who belongs to St. John's, Cardiff.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Nov. 10th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Mrs. W. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Ethel Grimshaw 2, Miss Lucy Thorp 3, Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4, R. Wimpenny 5, J. Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Rolls 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung by the ladies.

HEADCORN, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 11th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles (three different callings) on the back six bells: Mrs. M. M. Gatehouse 1, A. T. Slingsby 2, P. Hodgkin (conductor) 3, L. Honess 4, J. Arthur 5, W. Hukins 6. Mrs. Gatehouse and L. Honess are from Biddenden; J. Arthur from Sutton Valence; the rest belong to the local band.

DUDLEY.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 49 mins., in honour of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation: W. Mills 1, J. Goodman, junr., 2, H. Goodman 3, T. Walton 4, A. Greenfield 5, H. Jeavons 6, J. Goodman, senr. (conductor), 7, H. Sheppard 8, G. Guest 9, W. Meek 10.

NOTICES.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A Branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Dec. 15th, 1917. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringing till 7 p.m. Report now ready. —J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7 p.m. Meeting immediately after ringing.—W.W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horsham, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Bells available during the afternoon. All members intending being present please advise me not later than Dec. 12th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Currey Rivel on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.30.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business, on December 18th, and for handbell practice on the 27th, at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended twenty meetings in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 1917. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Secretary, 19, Parkfield Road, Bolton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual District Meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, 1917. Bells available from 1 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will be held at the Chequers Hotel at 4.45 p.m. Members 6d. each; non-members 1/- each. All those that require tea please let me know by Friday, Dec. 21st. No ringing after dark.—Wm. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Boxing Day, 26th December. Owing to the death of the Vicar of All Saints it will be held at St. Woolos in lieu of All Saints as previously arranged. Bells of both churches available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow in Waters Lane Mission Room.—Hon. Secs., Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Ordsall (Retford) on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Bells (6) available from 10 a.m. to sunset. A cordial invitation is given to members of kindred associations to attend the meeting. All those who require tea must advise Mr. David Blagg, 11, Wright

Wilson Street, Retford, not later than Dec. 20th, and, if a sufficient guarantee is sent in, a meat tea will be provided at the Gate Inn, at 5 p.m., at 2/3 per head.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Owing to restricted facilities respecting bellringing within limited hours, no December (quarterly) meeting will be held by the above.—Leonard Brightman, District Sec. *pro tem.*, 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of this society will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1918. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held in the Parochial Hall adjoining the Vicarage at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

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A meeting of the Guild was held at Mersham on Saturday week. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock, and continued at intervals until sunset, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. The Rector (the Rev. E. G. Brocklehurst) visited the belfry during the afternoon, and after extending to the ringers a hearty welcome invited them to the Scouts' Hall to tea (as soon as the ringing was done), which invitation, needless to say, was willingly accepted and highly appreciated.

The Rector presided at the business meeting which followed, and was elected a vice-president of the Guild. Messrs. Thomas and Earl, of Mersham, and Mr. Good, of Charing, were elected as new members, and Appledore was fixed as the place for the annual meeting, on Jan. 12th, 1918.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality and to the ladies for serving tea and a smoke and a short time spent in pleasant intercourse brought the meeting to a close. The towers represented were Ashford, Aldington, Charing, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and Tenterden, and several of the local band were also present. The weather being very unfavourable in the early part of the day no doubt militated against a larger attendance.

THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM.

The capture of Jerusalem by the British troops under General Allenby was celebrated by the ringing of Southwark Cathedral bells on Tuesday.

The ringers met voluntarily by prearrangement, some twenty of them being present from all parts of London, and some capital twelve-bell ringing was done from one to two o'clock.

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