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FALLEN HEROES.

Grievous losses have fallen upon the Ringing Exercise by the inexorable claims of war, for, as in every other department of life, the sacrifices among ringers have been heavy. The field of honour has claimed all too many thousands of the best manhood of the nation, and the Exercise has lost its full share. Every man who has given his life has left a bleeding place in some heart or other, and in this respect the loss of one true soldier is as terribly sad as the death of any other. But of all the ringers who have made the great sacrifice none, we think, will be more widely mourned or more greatly missed than Bertram Prewett, who fell in action on the last day of August.

Without any exaggeration, one can say that Bertram Prewett was among the greatest of all ringers, and, had he lived, there was no saying to what degree he might have extended his already remarkable record. He began his ringing career while in his teens, and he made the very utmost of the exceptional facilities that came his way. Many men have opportunities, but few take full advantage of them. Bertram Prewett was one of those who accepted the chances that presented themselves, and he rose to be among the first flight of practical ringers. Enthusiasm and ability were the characteristics which enabled him to advance with the remarkable celerity that marked his progress in ringing, and while he did such great things in peal ringing, the last fault that could be urged against him was selfishness. He served the Church first, in the purposes for which bells were instituted, and his chief aim was always that at his own belfry the bells should be rung, and rung properly, for the services. To this end he helped to maintain at Bushey a very capable band of ringers. He was ever ready to assist others, and one of his greatest delights was to help a man through a peal in a new method. He rang peals from end to end of Middlesex and Hertfordshire for this very purpose.

Above all else, his manliness and constancy of character impressed all who had the pleasure of his intimate acquaintance. He never hesitated to express an opinion when he thought an opinion should be stated, whether his views offended or pleased, but he never bore ill-feeling, and his colleagues never had more loyal companion or firmer friend. Bertram Prewett has left us, and we wonder if we shall look upon quite his like again. He died as he had lived, the embodiment of clean, sound-minded life, the soul of honour. Some day, perhaps, in some hallowed aisle, his name, with that of others, may be perpetuated in letters of marble or of bronze; but there are those among us in whose hearts his memory will be for ever enshrined, for the recollection of his friendship will last as long as life.

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On Thursday, October 24, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CITY CAFE, BULL RING,

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Tenor 17 size in B flat.

JOSEPH PIGOTT 1—2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7—8
ALBERT WALKER 3—4	WILLIAM KENT 9—10
JAMES E. GROVES 5—6	JAMES GEORGE 11—12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN,
Referee: MR. MORRIS J. MORRIS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, October 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY AT SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 size in G.

WILBY J. HAZELL 1—2	FRANK SMITH 5—6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3—4	ARTHUR J. NEALE 7—8
HUGH T. SCARLETT 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.
Umpire: MR. BENJAMIN FOSKETT.

First peal of Royal in hand by 9—10; first away from tenors by 1—2.

SIX BELL PEAL.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH).

On Saturday, October 26, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM KEYTE Treble	HENRY MIDDLETON 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	HENRY J. PHIPPS 5
HARVEY STREETS 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal.

First peal of Minor on the bells. This was the quarterly peal of the Association. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to our fallen heroes in the war.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

In the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Otlands (Surrey), on Sunday, October 20th, the Vicar (the Rev. J. de Verd Leigh), on behalf of the ringers, presented Miss Gertrude Barnes with a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, as a small token of goodwill from them on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Arthur Howard, a well-known tradesman of Otlands, and in a few well-chosen words, expressed the hope that every happiness would be hers, and that she would continue her work in the belfry for many years to come.—Miss Barnes, who was taken by surprise, thanked all those present for such a pleasing gift.

The wedding took place the next day at St. Mary's Church, and was conducted by the Vicar. The service was choral, and a numerous congregation was in attendance. Miss L. J. Barnes (sister, also a ringer) was the only bridesmaid, while Mr. G. Howard fulfilled the duties of best man. As the happy pair were leaving the church, the local band rang the pretty peal of eight bells, and further ringing in honour of the occasion took place in the evening. The bride and bridegroom left for Bournemouth later in the day, where the honeymoon is being spent.

On Wednesday, October 23rd, the parents of the bride invited the Otlands band of ringers to tea at their residence, and a party of over 20, including the Vicar and curate, assembled to do justice to a meal which was not by any means a 'war time' one. After the meal came music, and a most pleasant time was spent. A telegram was read during the evening from the happy couple, thanking all the ringers for their services.

GREENWICH. — At St. Alfege Church, for morning service, on August 18th, 742 Grandsire Triples: C. T. Clark 1, A. Beer 2, E. E. Richards 3, T. A. Hawking 4, I. G. Shade (conductor) 5, H. Hoskins 6, T. Jakeman 7, D. Hodgson 8.

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first session of the tenth Council (26th meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday, 21st May, 1918, in the Upper House of Convocation of the Church House, Westminster, at 11 o'clock a.m., when there were present of representative members 56 out of 102, and of honorary members seven out of 12, making a total of 63 present out of 114 on the roll. During the election of a president the chair was taken by the hon. secretary, who announced that only one nomination had been received for the presidency, and called on Mr. J. W. Taylor, who proposed the election of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. This was seconded by Mr. W. Pye, and supported by Mr. J. S. Pritchett.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill proposed the election of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, who declined to stand for election. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey was then unanimously elected President. In his absence, the Rev. Canon Coleridge was unanimously voted chairman for the occasion. Having taken the chair, and thanked the members for the compliment, the Chairman announced that the next business was the election of hon. secretary and treasurer.—Mr. W. E. White proposed, and Mr. J. Griffin seconded, the election of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who said that he earnestly desired to resign the offices, but consented to undertake them once more. On being unanimously re-elected, he thanked the members for their renewed confidence.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was unanimously re-elected hon. librarian, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Griffin, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read, passed, and signed.

The hon. treasurer then read the statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary: To the balance in hand of £54 ls. 3d. there had accrued fees £12 12s. 6d., and one fee of 7s. 6d. a year in advance. Sales of publications, etc. (three years), £5 10s. 8d., and interest £7 3s. 1d. Against this there had been expenses of meetings, £2 2s. 6d.; printing, stationery, etc., £5 2s. 3d.; registrars' fee, 3s. 9d., and postage £2 4s. 5d., leaving in hand a balance of £70 2s. 1d., as shown in the pass book. These accounts, having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee were passed, on the motion of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmors.

On the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. R. Narborough, it was resolved to invest £50 of the above named balance in war stock.

It was proposed by the Rev. Canon Baker, seconded by Mr. F. Willey, and carried, that the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson be re-elected honorary members for one year.

It was proposed by Mr. H. Knight, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried, that the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. H. W. Wilde be re-elected honorary members for two years; and on the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. H. White, it was carried that Mr. John Carter, Mr. R. A. Daniell, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. J. A. Trollope, and Mr. G. Williams be elected for the full period of three years. Two of the three vacant places were filled for two years by the election of Mr. James George, proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. H. Argyle and of Miss Nellie Gillingham, proposed by Mr. H. Argyle, seconded by Miss E. K. Parker.

The following new members were introduced to and shook hands with the chairman: Mr. E. Horrex, of the College Youths; Bath and Wells, Mr. J. Maddock; Chester, Mr. H. S. Brocklebank and Mr. R. T. Holding; Kent, Mr. J. H. Cheesman; Lancashire, Mr. J. R. Taylor and Mr. W. E. Wilson; Sussex, Mr. E. H. Lindup; Stafford, Mr. W. Fisher; Yorks, Mr. F. Willey; Essex, Mr. E. J. Butler and Mr. G. R. Pye.

The Hon. Secretary read the vote of condolence sent by the Standing Committee to Lady Heywood and her family on the death of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, together with Lady Heywood's letter in reply to it, and on the suggestion of the chairman the vote was unanimously adopted by the Council.

The Hon. Secretary then mentioned the names of members deceased since the last meeting, viz.: Mr. W. L. Catchpole, the Rev. H. A. Coker, Mr. Henry Dains, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. Arthur Hughes, Mr. W. Snowdon, and Mr. J. W. Whiting.—The Chairman having referred in feeling terms to each of these, the Council unanimously passed a vote of sympathy with their relatives by rising in silence from their seats.

The Hon. Secretary announced that he had received apologies for absence from Mr. W. H. Godden, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Mr. J. Motts, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. C. L. Rantledge, Mr. W. Story, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, the Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. E. A. Young.

The Hon. Secretary then read a circular letter that had been addressed in the end of January, 1917, by the Standing Committee to the Archbishops and Bishops, countersigned by the clerical members of the Council, on the subject of a possible attempt on the part of a very small section of people opposed to ringing to stir up an agitation against church bells after the war; and reported that he had received replies from the Archbishop of York and ten Bishops, all of them being of a favourable tone.

The re-election of the following members of the Standing Committee was proposed by the Rev. Canon Papillon, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, and carried nem. con., viz.: The Hon. secretary, the Rev. Canon Coleridge, the Rev. H. Law James, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, with Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, R. A. Daniell, and J. Griffin, the vacancies being filled by the election of the President, the Rev. H. J.

Elsee, and Messrs. A. T. King, E. H. Lewis, A. E. Parsons and J. W. Taylor.

For the Peal Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported that the printing was being deferred until after the war. The committee was re-elected, and on the proposal of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Wilde, Mr. J. W. Parker was added to the committee.

The Rev. Canon Papillon reported that the Literature Committee had, after repeated application to Mr. R. A. Daniell, failed to obtain from him any information as to the material which they understood that he had collected for the proposed Bibliography of ringing, and were, therefore, unable to make any report of progress therewith.

On the proposal of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Rev. Canon Papillon and Mr. R. A. Daniell were re-elected, the Rev. A. T. Beeston being elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. H. A. Cockey.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported for the Legitimate Methods Committee whose work, he stated, was practically in abeyance during the war. The committee was re-elected.

Mr. A. T. King proposed, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded, the adoption of the report of the Peals' Analysis Committee, which was carried with the thanks of the Council to the committee which was at the same time re-elected. For the Towers and Belfries Committee Mr. E. H. Lewis reported that personally he had had an opportunity of visiting one of the towers in which the committee was interested, but that the work of the committee as such was at present at a standstill. The committee was re-elected.

On the suggestion of Mr. E. H. Lewis, it was agreed to ask the various committees to elect a chairman of the committee from their number, and to issue a report annually before the meeting of Council.

The Hon. Secretary introduced a discussion on the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council. The discussion was continued by Mr. A. T. King, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the Rev. Canon Baker, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmors, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, and others, and was eventually adjourned for further consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. E. H. Lewis initiated a discussion as to the best way in which to help in the restoration of some of the bells lost by Belgium in the war. After an interesting discussion, it was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis and seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and carried by a large majority, that this Council is in favour of an appeal being made to British ringers and others to help Belgium in the restoration of her lost bells, and commends the matter to the notice of ringers and lovers of bells.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Rev. H. J. Elsee and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson were elected a committee (with power to add to their number) for the purpose of consulting with the Associations as to the best method of procedure.

The Hon. Secretary drew the attention of the Council to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice. In the discussion which followed, there was a general expression of agreement as to the importance of the question, and though no resolution was proposed, it was strongly felt that all members of the Exercise should use their influence in the preservation of the practice of raising and falling the bells in peal.

For the place of meeting next year it was agreed that if peace should have been proclaimed, the meeting should be at Gloucester, but if otherwise it should be held in London.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings, and the meeting adjourned.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Hertfordshire Association was held at Rickmansworth, on Saturday, October 19th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Halsey, members attending from Fulmer, Oxley, Great Missenden, Rickmansworth, and Bushey. Grand-sire and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon, everyone being pleased with the going of the bells. Tea was provided by Mrs. Barrett, of High Street, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Jones, of Watford, the Vicar being unable to be present owing to another engagement. A letter was read from Mr. Cooper, who is home wounded from France, wishing the members a successful meeting.

A vote of sympathy and condolence was passed to Mrs. Staver, in the loss of her husband, Capt. R. Staver, a member of the Bushey Society.

New members were elected from Fulmer (Miss Fuller), Tring (Mr. Wright), Great Missenden (Mr. J. Horace Barnes and Mr. J. Henry Barnes), Rickmansworth (Mr. Jones, Mr. Good and Mr. DeHimore). It was decided that the next meeting be held at Bushey and Oxley.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also the Rickmansworth ringers for meeting the visitors and having everything ready.—Votes of thanks to the chairman brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

BAKEWELL, DRBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor: H. Turner 1, E. Oldfield 2, J. Feam 3, T. Clarke 4, W. Smith 5, A. G. Wallis (conductor) 6, T. Howard covering. The second ringer hail from Beles, Lancs.

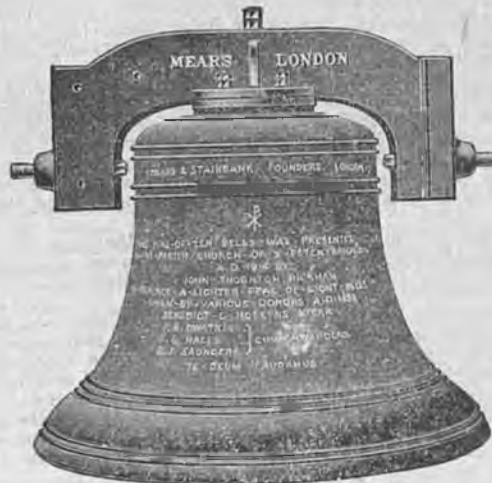
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MORE ABOUT SYMMETRY.

At last we are getting to understand what Bob Leads mean. There are still two difficulties in the way. The writers will persist in talking about persons (instead of things); and this wastes time and space and temper. And again, so far no one has kept distinct the arguments which refer to the science from those which refer to the art, or to the practice, of change ringing. Until we keep these distinct in our minds, many of our reasonings will miss the mark.

All those who have written on these matters have spoken of symmetry, but none of them have considered that scientific symmetry is one thing, artistic symmetry is another, and practical symmetry is another. In most instances they have been referring to the two latter kinds, while their arguments would only hold good if applied to the first. As a matter of fact, these kinds of symmetry are not, strictly speaking, symmetry at all. The second kind is really proportion, and the third balance.

Only one correspondent has got so far hold of the idea of scientific symmetry as to speak of the 'axis of symmetry'; and he in the same paragraph says the human body is symmetrical. Of course it is not. One might say that a rough outline of the human body would be symmetrical, but that is all. What the writer means is either that the human body is well proportioned, or that it is well-balanced; and if he got it clear in his mind which of these two he really meant, it would help both him and his readers.

Again one ringer says a certain method is ugly because it is not symmetrical, and another says it is beautiful because it is so symmetrical. But if a thing is symmetrical it cannot be beautiful; neither can it be ugly.

Most of inorganic nature is symmetrical, and if we knew enough we might find that all of it is. But there is no beauty there: it is all bare, cold science. Nature must be organic before there is any basis for beauty. It may be said that a thing is beautiful so long as it keeps the true mean between the extreme of symmetry on the one hand, and confusion on the other.

One may discuss a science, with its hard unyielding facts, and its painfully exact symmetry; or an art, with its canons of taste, revealing what is in true proportion; or a practice, with its just balance between what is required and what is possible. But to mix up these three exclusive categories, can result obviously in nonsense only.

An instance of my first difficulty is the question of a bell striking three times in one place. One ringer refuses to face it. Apparently he has got the historic brief endorsed 'No case; abuse the plaintiff's attorney.' Now I have for nearly twenty years been asking all those interested whom I have met, why a bell should not ring three blows in one place, and no one yet has given any real reason. Now that this action of a bell, with its curious inverting result, has been taken up by a ringer in the foremost rank, it will have to be seriously considered.

Braiosworth Rectory, Eye.

H. DRAKE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. WIRRAL BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Birkenhead. About twenty-two ringers put in an appearance, representing seven parishes. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and tea was served in the Schoolroom an hour later. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the curate presided at the meeting, and in the name of the Vicar gave the ringers a very hearty welcome.—The people's warden expressed his pleasure at being present, and seeing their enthusiasm. The bells, he said, were in a very bad state; in fact, almost unringable. They were going to have them put right, and he read an estimate that had been received from Messrs. Taylor and Co. to put them in thorough repair, with new steel frame, fittings, etc. A large sum was required, but if the bells of Birkenhead Parish Church were to ring out when victory and peace was declared the work ought to be placed in hand at once.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and their kindness and hearty welcome to the Guild. The methods rung were Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman Doubles.

OLD BURY ST. EDMUNDS RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. R. P. MOORE.

A ringer at St. James' Church, Bury St. Edmunds, for over 50 years, Mr. Robert Pawsey Moore has recently passed away at the age of 71. He was a well known and much-respected inhabitant of the Suffolk town, and was widely esteemed by ringers in the district. His death occurred after only a few days' illness, and he took part in the ringing for the Sunday evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival on Sept. 22nd.

In addition to the family mourners, several ringers attended the funeral, including Messrs. A. Symonds (Lavenham), G. Delkenham (Horringer), G. Lilley (Farnham, All Saints), H. Smith, R. S. Long, H. Lomax, junr., J. Chinery, R. Gooch and Corpl. E. E. Baker, A.S.C. After the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Caffry (Precentor at the Cathedral), the bells of the Norman tower were rung deeply muffled to a 504 Grandshire Triples, by: A. Symonds (conductor) 1, G. Dabenharn 2, H. Smith 3, G. Lilley 4, J. Chinery 5, Corpl. E. Baker 6, R. S. Long 7, H. Lomax, junr., 8.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN RINGER.**RIFLEMAN B. PREWETT KILLED IN ACTION.**

The death on the field of honour of Rifleman Bertram Prewett, of the Bushey company, while serving in France with the London Rifle Brigade, will cause a deep sense of regret throughout the Exercise, for he was one of the best known among present-day ringers. He fell in action on August 31st, but definite news of his death was not received until last week, and the deepest sympathy of every ringer will go out to his widow, and to his aged parents, who have lost their only son.

Bertram Prewett's progress in ringing was phenomenal, and in the seventeen years preceding the war he rang well on towards one thousand peals. He was born on October 12th, 1878, at Hampstead, Middlesex, so that he was within a few weeks of his 40th birthday when he fell. Educated at Watford Grammar School and King's College, London, he secured honours in mathematics before leaving school, and entering the Civil Service. His first introduction to a belfry was in November, 1897. Coming under the tuition of Mr. G. N. Price, he rang his first peal on March 28th, 1898. In 1899 he became connected with the Middlesex Association, and was soon one of the band that with Mr. W. Pye at its head, established fame for itself throughout the land. Bertram Prewett took part in many notable peals, including the famous 18,027 Stedman Calers, in 12 hrs. 18 mins., at Loughborough on Easter Monday, 1909, and the record Surprise Peal, 15,269, Bristol Major, at Hornchurch, on Whit-Monday, 1912. Among other peals in which he took part were the first peal of Surprise Royal and the first peal of Bristol in London; the first peal of Cambridge Maximus ever rung; the first peal (Treble Ten) at Beverley Minster; he called the first peal of Superlative in Wales, and the first peal of Cambridge in Ireland, and he also rang in the first peal of Bristol in Wales. He rang in the first peals of London Surprise at Chester and Rochester Cathedrals, called the first peal of Cambridge Royal in Sussex, and took part in three peals of Stedman Cinques in 24 hours at Quex Park. Wiry in frame, though not big in build, he had rung several heavy bells to peals, including St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin (45 cwt.), St. Giles' Cripplegate (36½ cwt.), and St. Sepulchre's, Holborn (31 cwt.).

As an official of the Hertford County Association, Mr. Prewett did valuable work. He was the auditor of the Association, and represented it on the Central Council for over 12 years. He had travelled widely in pursuit of his favourite hobby, and had taken part in many of the successful tours organised by Mr. W. Pye. In addition to the Middlesex and Herts. Associations, he belonged to the following Associations: The College Youths, Kent, Sussex, Winchester Diocesan, Salisbury Diocesan, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan, Devonshire, Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Norwich Diocesan, Oxford Diocesan, Chester Diocesan, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Midland Counties, the London County, Stoke Guild, the Irish Association, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

Rifleman Bertram Prewett voluntarily enlisted in the early months of 1915, in the London Rifle Brigade, and he went overseas nearly two years ago. An old friend of his, writing concerning his death, says: 'He was a splendid ringer, but I was attracted to him for his manliness of character, his modesty as a ringer of such ability, and his great readiness to help. He was a great lover of flowers, and through them he learnt to know Nature's God. His great treat on Easter Monday was to hear the late Dean Lawrence read the first lesson for evening that day, Song of Solomon ii, 10-17. He loved the spring and the early flowers, and with them he associated his Maker. I feel personally I have lost a true and tried friend. We all hoped it would not be long before he would again be with us, but God has willed otherwise. He has passed on to where sorrow and sighing are no more, and although dead his memory will be an inspiration to many.'

A memorial service for the late Rifleman Prewett and Capt. Robert E. Stavert who has also been killed in action, is to be held at St. James' Church, Bushey, on Sunday evening next. There will be half-muffled ringing from 5 p.m. to 6.20 p.m., and all ringers are invited.

FALLEN ON THE FIELD OF HONOUR.**TWO NEWPORT (MON.) RINGERS KILLED.**

The All Saints' company, Newport, Mon., loses a promising young ringer by the death at the General Hospital, Salonica, on October 3rd, of influenza and bronchial pneumonia, of Graham Samuel Burley. We learned to handle a bell at St. George's, Bristol, and on removing to Newport, where no was engaged by a large firm of outfitters, being a tailor by trade, joined the All Saints' band. It was not long before he could take part in several methods. Just before joining up a peal was specially arranged for him to give him the opportunity of ringing his first, this being Grandsire Triples. Also it has proved his first and last peal! He leaves a wife and one child, who have returned to their native home, Bristol, and to whom the sympathy of the Newport ringers is extended.

For the second week in succession news has been received of the death of one of the All Saints' Church ringers, and with regret we have to announce that Mr. Tom Max, of the R.A.M.C., has been killed by shrapnel in France. He was one of the regular Sunday service ringers, and could ring Stedman Triples well. He was also a chorister at All Saints' Church.

LEAD ENDS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—When Mr. Davies speaks out of an honest heart, he is the most charming writer that ever graced the Exercise, and I think also the most forcible; but when he descends to special pleading, his writing not only loses its force and its charm, but it becomes offensive to any right-thinking man. The figures given by Mr. Davies prove that the first 3rd's in Grandsire is the course link which no one has ever disputed, but they are given as proof that the 7th's is the lead link in Triples, which implies that the 5th is the lead link in Doubles, and so on. This is absurd. The 7th's has no linking power whatever, and Mr. Davies' leads begin and end at nowhere with nothing, except when a bob is called to denote when the bells pass from one lead to another. The second 3rd's is undoubtedly the cycle link, and for two hundred and fifty years the cycle and the lead have been coterminous, and in all respects identical, which they most certainly are. But Mr. Davies, partly from perversity and partly to make Grandsire unsymmetrical, would divorce the one from the other. Whether or not this sophistry will go down with Mr. Smith I cannot tell, but I can tell Mr. Davies flatly that it will not go down with me.

In the matter of Walthamstow Stedman, Mr. Davies is not acting fairly. He insinuated that it is not Stedman, and when I asked him to show cause he avoids the question by saying it is a bad method. It may be a bad method and it certainly has the badness of Kent; but, like Kent, it has some good points, and Kent, with its badness, is just as much Treble Bob as is Oxford with its goodness.

Until Mr. Davies puts himself right in these matters I shall have nothing more to say to him.—Yours, etc., GEORGE T. CLAYTON

To the Editor.

Sir,—My handwriting was never very good, I fear it must be getting worse, and that it is responsible for two misprints in my letter in your issue of last week. In the last line but nine (9) of the fifth paragraph, on page 341, a 'not' has been omitted. It should read 'any single of any sort in any method is not only NOT a feature of that method,' etc. This is important. A misprint of less importance is in the 2nd line of fact 3, regarding the 5 blocks, where the word printed 'trick' should read 'brick,' the word 'brick' not making any sense at all.—Yours, CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**MEETING AT SOUTHAM.**

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday, October 19th, at the historical market town of Southam. Owing to the curtailment of railway facilities, and also to the station being some two and a half miles from the town, the attendance was rather poor, but those cycling had the advantage of the glorious autumn afternoon. The Parish Church of St. James has a very musical ring of eight bells (tenor 15½ cwt. in E), which are in excellent going order. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and some good rounds and call changes, in which three local lady ringers took part, opened the proceedings. Afterwards a good touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by the Ringing Master (Mr. James George). Service was held at 4.30, at which the Rector gave a very appropriate address.

The business meeting was afterwards held, the Rector, who was elected an honorary life member, presiding, supported by Mr. J. George, the hon. secretary, and about 16 members, representing Allesley, Coventry, and Southam; also Mr. S. J. Lawrence, of Northampton, who was elected a life ringing member.

It was decided that a memorial be erected in the tower at Allesley, recording the peal rung in memory of the late hon. secretary (Mr. G. H. Kettle), who fell in action, and that the secretary be instructed to invite subscriptions for the same.

Six new ringing members were elected, including four ladies, and a grant of three guineas was made to the testimonial to Mr. John S. Goldsmith.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, concluded the business.

After tea, the tower was again visited, and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Erdington in January.

MEETING OF OLD FRIENDS.

On Sunday last, for Matins, at Baintree Parish Church, 569 Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, Miss Petit 2, Q.-M. Sergt. W. A. Cave 3, B. Petit 4, N. E. Hammond 5, W. H. Dyson 6, W. H. Hammond 7, G. Lindridge 8.

In the afternoon, at St. Mary's, Bocking, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major, conducted by Q.-M. Sergt. W. A. Cave, for whom this ringing was arranged, to give him an opportunity of again meeting some of the many friends he made when stationed at Baintree in the spring of 1915. The following took part: E. E. Hammond, A. Shufflebotham, C. H. Howard, B. Petit, W. H. Dyson, G. Lindridge and W. H. Hammond.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On August 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Tribe 1, A. E. Edwards 2, E. J. Pannett 3, C. W. Payer 4, E. S. Ruck 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Arthur (conductor) 7, O. Hodges 8.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**QUARTERLY MEETING AT MATHERN.**

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday last. It was a typical autumn afternoon, and the walk out of some 1½ miles from Chepstow was much enjoyed. Noticeable were the immense shipbuilding yards now in course of construction at Chepstow and Beachley.

The bells a light ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.) are by Evans, of Chepstow, and were rehung in a new iron frame some 30 years ago by the Loughborough firm, and go well. They were kept busy by ringers from Llandaff, Cardiff, Newport, Chepstow, Llanelly, etc., the visitors including Mr. J. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield, and several hailing from different parts of the country, but now engaged on the new Government works at Chepstow. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Kent Treble Bob were the methods rung until 4.15, when the bells were stopped, and on descending from the tower, the members were met by the Rector (the Rev. Watkin Davies, Rural Dean). After listening to a brief history of the church, and viewing the different objects of historic interest, a move was made to the Schoolroom, where the business meeting was held. At the outset the Rector said it was his painful duty to inform the members that two of their colleagues, Mr. S. Burley and Mr. T. Max, both of the All Saints' tower, Newport, had made the supreme sacrifice in the great war, and moved that a vote of condolence be passed with the relatives. This was done in the usual way, by the members standing in silence.

It was decided to defer arranging the place for the next Monmouth Archdeaconry meeting until the annual meeting, to be held at Llandaff on December 26th next.

Mr. Bolton gave notice that he would at the annual meeting move that a portion of the Association funds be invested in War Loan.

New members were elected from Mathern and Shirenewton, the latter being one more lower to become affiliated to the Association, and it was interesting to learn that the firm which had been entrusted with the adding of another bell, to make a ring of six, had only the day before the meeting completed the work. Tea, very kindly provided by the Rector, was partaken of in the Schoolroom and the best thanks accorded him for his generosity.

On the return to Chepstow, advantage was taken of the permission to ring on the grand ring of eight, these, too, being by Evans, of Chepstow. Various methods were rung, and brought to a close a most enjoyable afternoon's outing and meeting.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT LINCOLN RINGER

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death, after a long and most painful illness, of Mr. John William Watson, of Lincoln, at the age of 56 years. He may be said to have been one of the pioneers of change ringing in Lincoln. We believe he first started his ringing career at St. Botolph's, rightly called the 'nursery' for ringers. In addition to his practical work in change ringing, his interest in the old North Lincolnshire Association, now merged into the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, never flagged, and he held office up to the time of his death. In 1884, when the Association was formed, he was appointed auditor. In 1888 he took over the secretaryship when the membership was 103. In consequence of his business engagements, he found it necessary to resign the post of secretary in 1892, when the members had grown to 233. His valuable services were, however, secured as one of the auditors, a position he retained up to the present time.

No record of his peals has been kept, but he was one of the band who rang a peal of Bob Triples at Sleaford in 1889, being the first Association peal rung by Lincoln ringers. Although he had rung Superlative, we believe his ambition was to secure a peal of London. His energy, however, was more marked in helping others along rather than ringing a number of peals. He was never weary of prompting learners. His genial and untiring efforts in making ringing visitors at home will probably be long remembered by those whose good fortune it was to come in contact with his personality.

As a staunch Churchman, in addition to being a ringer, he leaves behind him a solid foundation of his work, the fruits of which will undoubtedly show themselves in keeping the art alive and progressive.

His colleagues rang the Cathedral bells, half-muffled, on the occasion of his interment on the 19th October. The Cathedral band had had the good fortune to secure his services as a member of the company for some years, and the esteem with which he was held by the Co-operative Society (where he had spent the greater part of his life, holding at the time of his death the responsible position of manager of the drapery department) was shown by several of the committee and managers attending his funeral.

CORPL. F. R. CUNDALE MISSING.

Reported missing on April 16th last, nothing has yet been heard of Corpl. Frank R. Cundale, a member of the St. Matthew's band, Holbeck, Leeds. Before enlisting, in the West Yorks (Leeds Rifles) Regiment in 1914, Mr. Cundale took an active part in ringing in the Leeds district, acting as secretary of the Leeds Association for some time, and discharging the duties in a most efficient manner. It is still hoped that news may be received that Corpl. Cundale is a prisoner of war.

NOTICES.

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

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637).—A meeting for twelve bell practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Nov. 2nd at 3.30 p.m. Meetings at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesdays, Nov. 5th (nomination of officers), Nov. 12th (handbell practice), 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available till sunset. Those intending to be present should inform F. Pitston, District Master, Bridge Street, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock till dusk; meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested, business important. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., Middleton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, November 2nd. Tower open for ringing 2 p.m. till 5; tea and meeting to follow.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The St. James' Society, Bushey.—A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, at the Church of St. James', Bushey, Herts, in memory of the fallen heroes, among whom are Pte. Bertram Prewett and Capt. R. Stavert, two prominent ringers of St. James' Church, killed in action. The bells will be rung half-muffled from 5 to 6.20 p.m. All ringers are invited to take part in the service and ringing.—F. A. Smith.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (8) available from 3.15 p.m.; service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome, but those intending to be present at tea are asked to notify me in good time.—F. J. Shepherd, Assist. Hon. Sec., 1, West Carr's Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 3.30 till 7 p.m.; meeting to follow; reports ready. Subscriptions due from all members.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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. Members intending to be present at the tea should let me know not later than Nov. 14th.—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. Tea will be provided, and will those who intend being present please let me know by the Tuesday previous (one delivery only)? The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

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BIRTH.

BARNETT.—On Oct. 15th, at 50, Church Road Bexley Heath, Kent, to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, junr., a son

WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY GUILDS.

A very successful and pleasant gathering took place at Salisbury on Saturday last, in response to an invitation to a combined practice at St. Martin's, Salisbury. The company present were Messrs. G. Williams, W. H. George, W. T. Tucker (North Stoneham), A. M. Stewart (Wimborne), C. W. Goodenough (Bournemouth), Pte. W. Hart, R.A.M.C. (Brighton), now on Salisbury Plain; Lewis (Bristol), Messrs. F. Romains, Harris, Sanford, Lane, Gaisford, with Gunner S. Macey, R.G.A., home on leave from Scotland (all local men).

The bells were raised at 5.30, and various touches brought round in the standard methods (Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples), one local man ringing his first course of Treble Bob. The bells were lowered at 8 p.m., when a very pleasant hour at the meeting-house brought the proceedings to a close at 9 p.m. As G. Williams was staying the night, a band was secured for a touch for service before returning on his 24 miles cycle ride home on Sunday, and punctually all turned up at the time appointed, and a 504 Grandsire Triples tapped off in what may be termed 'the good old St. Martin's time,' by: Gideon Webb 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, G. Sanford 3, L. Harris 4, F. W. Romains 5, Gunner S. Macey, R.G.A., 6, R. P. Knight 7, C. Gaisford 8. Thanks are due to the local men for making arrangements and meeting the visitors, although most of them were pretty well at home at St. Martin's belfry. It is hoped in the near future to repeat the visit, if St. Thomas' tower can be secured for a Saturday.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Sunday, August 4th, at the Church of St. Andrew's, for evening service, 1918 changes of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 12 mins. were rung by the following members: Ed Hussey (Biggleswade) 1, G. Pratt (Clifton) 2, J. Church (Bedford) 3, T. Kendall (Luton) 4, Corpl. G. Bennet, R.E. (Ossett), 5, Dvr. W. Essery, R.E., 6, H. L. Harlow (Bedford), conductor, 7, S. G. Harlow (Bedford) 8. Composed by G. R. Newton.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—The Lancashire Association.—On Sunday evening, August 4th, for the intercession service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Denner, J. Worthington, J. Welsby, A. Potter, S. Oakes, B. Wolsby, J. Potter (conductor), Jas. Denner. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the two new trebles to complete the octave.

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