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FROM MUNITIONS TO BELLS.

All the well-known bell foundries of this country were, during the war, transformed into munition factories, and they are now, as rapidly as may be, returning to their peace-time occupations. This transition period is certain to be one of difficulty, for the expansion caused by the demand for munitions of war, obviously cannot be maintained in the return to the peaceful arts. Nevertheless, we hear that already some of the foundries are getting many inquiries for bells and restorations.

In the latter direction there should doubtless be great opportunities for the bell makers, for there are very few peals that have been overhauled since 1914, and the neglect which could not be obviated since then must have increased very greatly the number of rings of bells which are in need of attention. There ought, too, to be no lack of new work, for every parish will be seeking fittingly to perpetuate the memory of its fallen sons, and there is certain to be a goodly proportion of instances where a new peal of bells, or an addition to an existing ring, will suggest itself as a suitable memorial. Indeed, it is up to ringers to see that this suggestion is not lost sight of when the question is under consideration in their own or neighbouring parishes. Many opportunities may similarly occur for putting in a word in season when memorials to individuals are contemplated. As a matter of fact there ought to be much work for the bell founders in this direction, but they have the right to expect the help of the rank and file of the Exercise, who are in personal touch with church authorities, in bringing this particular subject to notice at the opportune moment. After all, the bells of old England have a warm spot in the hearts of the people, whether they understand—as few of them do—anything of the art as we know it, or not. The bells appeal strongly to them, and Handel has declared that the bell was the Englishman's national instrument. For centuries this has been the ringing-isle, and deep down in the soul of the Englishman is his love for the music of the belfry.

St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WOLFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
Messrs GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 6th March, 1918.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorized by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK

It ought not to be difficult, therefore, with all the advantages that bells may claim as a specially suitable form of memorial, to advocate successfully the erection of bells in our churches to perpetuate the memory of those who have fallen. While putting forward a proposal which would doubtless find acceptance in many cases, ringers would have the further satisfaction of knowing that they were advancing their own art and also assisting in the reconstruction of an industry which all of us must desire to see not only restored to its pre-war importance, but raised to an even greater position of prosperity.

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Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 28, 1918, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN BROWN 6
GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. ... 2	†SAPPER S. M. DAY 7
†HARRY WAY 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SENR. ... 8
EDGAR GUISE 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
*ARTHUR WALLACE 5	*WALTER WALLACE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

Sapper S. M. Day was elected a member of the Association before starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 16, 1918, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HORACE HUTLEY <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT HAIGH 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	JOHN JOYCE 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
WILLIAM JOYCE 4	GEORGE A. O. NETTLETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

Rung in celebration of the cessation of hostilities

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1918, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. E flat.

THOMAS FAULKNER <i>Treble</i>	FRANK C. NEWMAN 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	JAMES NORRIS 6
ARTHUR WORBOYS 3	ROWLAND FENN 7
ERNEST G. FENN 4	CALEB FENN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung as an act of thanksgiving for the preservation of our country from invasion, our Church from material damage and also for the Divine protection of all Barking Ringers serving through the War.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH CHURCH 5
GEORGE EITE 2	CPL. GEORGE BENNETT, R.E. 6
CHARLES CHASTY 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 7
WILLIAM DAVISON 4	WILLIAM STAPLETON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

CORRECTIONS.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Harborne on November 15th should be J. W. Tilley, not Lilley as printed.

THE PEAL AT WORCESTER.

Will you favour me with space to make two corrections in connection with the peal of Grand sire Caters rung at All Saints, Worcester, on Armistice Day? First this should have appeared as a Worcester and District Association Peal. I suppose after over four years' immunity from writing peal reports one gets out of the way of it. Secondly, in my footnote I stated it was fifty-two years since a peal was rung in Worcester composed by its conductor. This I now recall is wrong, as on February 21st, 1905, I conducted a peal of Canterbury Major composed by myself.—Faithfully yours,
W. PAGE.
Worcester.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1918, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER 1	CHARLES L. ROETLEDGE 5
JOHN B. RICHARDSON 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
JOHN FOREMAN 3	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR 7
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 4	JOHN STUART Tenor

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the recent signing of the Armistice. All belong to Newcastle Cathedral Guild except the ringer of the 2nd, who belongs to Gosforth, and of the tenor who is a member of the local band.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK 1	TITUS BARLOW 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 2	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Pte. A. A. J. Trippier, Grenadier Guards, eldest son of the ringer of the tenor, also a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 30, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT ELLAM 1	CHARLES SENIOR 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
HERBERT DRANSFIELD 3	JOSEPH RANGELEY 7
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the signing of the Armistice.

This peal contains the 6-4-8 course ends and is now rung in Yorkshire for the first time. It was the 40th peal by the ringer of the 4th and the first peal by the ringer of the 5th for 20 years.

SIX BELL PEAL.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1918, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

A. C. HARVEY 1	J. WYATT 4
G. COLES 2	A. TOUT 5
W. CLAPP 3	W. SEALEY Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First peal and first attempt.

The ringers of 1st and 5th are from Milverton, 2nd from Wilton, 3rd from Halse, 4th from Fitzhead and 6th from Bishop's Lydiard.

Rung to commemorate the cessation of hostilities.

MORTLAKE.—For thanksgiving service, on Sunday, Nov. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins: M. Jacobs 1, W. H. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, C. Hunt 4, H. Cook 5, W. H. Wood 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C., 8.

LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

BLOCK OR LEAD LINK—WHICH?

Dear Sir,—In the last few days I have examined again Mr. Davies' pamphlet on 'Lead Ends,' and I think I have discovered wherein lies the difference between him and me, and, I believe, a great many others who think like me. Mr. Davies in all his letters dealing with the question of the 'link' in Grandsire, has referred to the 'lead link,' and it has been with his ruling as to the lead link that I have failed to agree with him. Mr. Davies is tenacious in argument, and I do not know whether I shall succeed in convincing him of error, but I say now that Mr. Davies, in the present correspondence, has mixed up 'lead link' with 'block link.' Let me quote from his own pamphlet. In laying down the conditions for a method he says: 'The method must be capable, by the regular making of its normal places, of producing as many of its own blocks, sets, or divisions as there are working bells.' A little later he goes on to say:—

'In methods with a hunt or hunts there is one, and only one, position of the hunt affording an opportunity for a choice in the succession of rows. . . . In the Plain Bob method this possible break occurs after the hand stroke lead of the treble. . . . The form of the row at the treble's back stroke lead being thus fixed, the form of all the succeeding rows to and including the treble's next ensuing hand stroke lead is irrevocably fixed. The whole number are bound together, each row in its own place, as by a bond of iron. They constitute a fixed solid. We, therefore, term it a "block." In Grandsire and odd bell methods generally having hunt bells, the block division comes one row earlier.'

Again, in a summary of the principles underlying the structure of a method, Mr. Davies gives: 'The division of every method into sets of rows, for which in methods with a hunt the best name is "blocks," owing to the fact that the occurrence of any of the rows implies that of the whole block. A block is of the same length as a treble lead, though not in all methods conforming with it.'

The underlining is mine, for that sentence emphasises my present point that a block and a treble lead are not the same, and that while I have been talking about the place that joins the 'leads' in Grandsire, Mr. Davies has been talking of the place which joins the 'blocks.' Whether Mr. Davies is content to accept this I do not, of course, know, but I am satisfied upon the point, as I am sure your readers will be if they examine the question, and particularly Mr. Davies' letter in your issue of October 25th, and, therefore, I shall have nothing further to say upon it. The block link may be the 7th's, but the lead link is undoubtedly the 3rd's.

Before I close I feel I must say a word with regard to the exception which Mr. Davies takes to my quoting his opposite statements on the question of the 'bob' being part of the method. He does not deny that a few weeks ago he wrote 'a plain lead and a bob are equally the method,' because that fits in with his present argument, but because his considered statement in 'Grandsire' is a direct contradiction, staring at him in cold print, he now tells us that the 'meanest capacity' ought to have known that when he wrote 'where there are no plain leads the method ceases to be Grandsire,' he did not mean what he said. No subtlety of the litterateur's art, no charge of unfairness against a critic, and, indeed, nothing but the frank withdrawal of the assertion, if it is wrong, can alter the meaning of that line of print in 'Grandsire.' Mr. Davies knows it, he might as well have admitted it, and the pity is, not that I adopted the argument, but that Mr. Davies should try to wriggle out of an awkward position by trying to put the responsibility on the capacity of those who having seen what Mr. Davies said, did not know that it was not what he meant.—Yours, etc., D. SMITH.

[This letter was unavoidably held over for a fortnight, owing to the demands upon our space by the Armistice ringing.—Ed.]

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

In celebration of the 21st birthday of Pte. A. A. J. Trippier, of the Grenadier Guards, eldest son of one of Manchester's most respected ringers, Mr. Amos Trippier, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Pendleton on Saturday. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham. After the peal the ringers adjourned to the Bull's Head Hotel, Eccles, where they were entertained, so far as D.O.R.A. permitted, by Mr. and Mrs. Trippier and their son, and a very pleasant evening was passed. The best wishes of the company were extended to Pte. Trippier, and he and his parents were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

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.

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NEW PEAL FOR SUBURBAN LONDON.

St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, London, is to have a peal of eight bells as a peace memorial. These bells will be the munificent gift of a personal friend of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Easor).

ST. PAUL'S BELLS OVERHAULED.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the founders of the bells, have recently thoroughly overhauled the famous ring at St. Paul's Cathedral, and happily the work was completed in time for the bells to be rung in celebration of the Armistice. The bells have been lifted out of their bearings, new gudgeons and bearings have been fitted where necessary, and the rest adjusted and 'trued up.' The result is a great improvement in the 'go' of the bells, and the peal rung a fortnight ago shows that all is in capital order.

RINGER DIES OF WOUNDS.

We deeply regret to record the death of Sergt. H. J. Evans, who died of wounds received in France on October 30th, at the age of 20 years.

Sergt. Evans, who belonged to the Stoke-on-Trent Society, joined the 25th North Staffords soon after the outbreak of war. He has been in very severe fighting in France for about two and a half years, and was recently transferred to the Lincoln Regiment.

The late Sergt. Evans had a brother in the Navy and a sister a nurse in a London Hospital. Deep sympathy is felt by the Stoke ringers for the bereaved parents.

A COMING BI-CENTENARY.

The first peal of Treble Bob ever rung was accomplished on December 27th, 1718, by the Society of Union Scholars, at St. Dunstan's in the East, London, so that in this month will fall the two-hundredth anniversary. Two bi-centenaries of first peals—those of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples—have had to pass almost unnoticed owing to the war, but now that we have peace again, there ought to be no difficulty in fittingly celebrating such an interesting event in the annals of change ringing.

The peal was one of 5120 of what we know as Oxford Treble Bob, but it is recorded in the peal book of the Union Scholars, (now in the British Museum) as Union Bob, after the society. The particulars of the peal, as recorded in the ancient volume, are as follow:—

December the 27th, 1718.—This society rang, at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, the first true and complete peal of 5120 Union Bob: John Hedley 1, Robert French 2, William Freeborn 3, Edward Franks 4, Richard Oswald 5, Thomas Perrin 6, Robert Bawd'g 7, William Balding 8.

The figures of this peal are still in existence, and by the greatest of good luck they prove the peal to have been a true one, although in those early days, the necessity of proving Treble Bob by anything but the lead ends was unknown, and the large majority of the compositions were false.

LADIES' MEETING AT DESBOROUGH.

On Saturday, 16th Nov., a jolly party of ringers (including three of the 'Jovial Four') journeyed northwards from London for a week-end's 'victory ringing,' the centre of operations being Isham. The first tower to be visited was Rothwell, a few miles from Kettering, where quite a large number of ringers kept the fine peal of eight going merrily for about an hour and a half. The crypt was then visited where there is an interesting collection of human bones. After an inspection of this gruesome sight, the party eagerly set out to walk to Desborough for the meeting of the Ladies' Guild, knowing that an excellent tea awaited them at their journey's end. A capital meal it certainly was, thanks to the local band, and 32 hungry ringers sat down, including 16 ladies. Five new members were elected, and the place chosen for the next meeting was Geddington, the meeting to take place early in the New Year at a date to be subsequently fixed.—It was unanimously agreed, in response to a request from the Vicar, who presided, that there should be no ringing, owing to the fact that there was a lot of illness in the village. The Isham party then left to catch a train to Kettering, where more ringing was to take place, the journey being enlivened by a small display of fireworks. The beautiful peal of eight were kept going until 7.30 p.m., when the tired but happy party entrained for Isham.

Sunday was commenced at Isham by a 720 of Plain Bob for eight o'clock celebration, by the following performers: Miss B. McKrell 1, E. Maurice Atkins (conductor) 2, Miss C. Hebburn 3, Miss E. K. Parker 4, W. Wilson 5, A. Mason 6. There was also ringing for morning service at Isham, some of the party also visiting Barton Latimer. The five bell tower of Barton Seagrave was visited in the afternoon, where two notable features were touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob rung with a ladies' band. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung at Isham for evening service by the following: E. Maurice Atkins (conductor) 1, W. C. Lewis 2, G. Blaxley 3, Miss E. K. Parker 4, A. Blaxley 5, A. Mason 6. It was the first 720 in the method by the two last named. Immediately at the close of service, a course of Cambridge Surprise was rung. Then the bells were fired several times and skilfully lowered in peal. It was a very contented, if tired party, that returned to London. They considered their week-end well spent in ringing 'at last' after four and a half years, the bells of victory.—D. K. M.

THE LATE BERTRAM PREWETT'S PEALS.

The late Bertram Prewett's peal list was a remarkable one, and but for the war he would long since have carried the total into four figures. When he fell in action he had rung 955 in methods ranging from Minor to Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and of these he had conducted 236. The following are the details:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5	1
Stedman Cinques	52	3
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	16	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	13	1
Stedman Caters	123*	16
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Bristol Surprise Major	61†	17
London Surprise Major	66	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5
Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5
Superlative Surprise Major	164	43
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	37	13
Kent Treble Bob Major	39	27
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7	3
Bob Major	8	4
Stedman Triples	247	88
Grandsire Triples	10	1
Peals of Minor	2	—
On Handbells—		
Stedman Cinques	28‡	—
Stedman Caters	33	—
Stedman Triples	12	5
	955	236

* Including 18,927 (record), † including 15,264 (record), ‡ including 6,063. Rang in 240 towers, in 37 counties.

As a tribute to the memory of Capt. R. E. Stavert and Rifleman B. Prewett, of Bushey, and Pte. W. J. New, of Isleworth, who have all fallen recently in the war, the bells at Isleworth Parish Church were rung, half-muffled, for morning service on November 3rd. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but failed after 40 minutes' ringing.

Sapper F. W. Naunton, of the R.E., B.E.F., and Driver C. V. Ehberson, A.S.C., of Blackheath, write to express their great regret at the death of Rifleman Prewett. 'We shall never forget,' they say, 'the happy times we spent together during the months he was stationed at Southwold, Suffolk, and during which we rang four peals together. He rang his last peal at Wrentham, Suffolk, on May 14th, 1916, and in this we both took part. We can safely say we have lost one of the best and truest friends a man can have, and, although he is taken from us, we can safely say that as long as we live he will never be forgotten; we are sure that the deepest sympathy of every ringer who knew him will go out to his widow and aged parents.'

A MILITARY TOUCH.

At St. Mary's Church, Dover, recently for Sunday evening service, 720 Bob Minor was rung by a company comprised of entirely army ringers: Bomb. G. Hubert, R.G.A., 1. Corpl. S. Wade, R.E. (conductor) 2, Pte. J. Harrison, L.C., 3. Pte. H. Price, A.P.C., 4. Corpl. H. C. Saywell (1st Vol. Batt. Buffs) 5. Sergt. H. J. Saunders, R.E., 6.

FAREWELL TOUCH.

As a farewell touch to Sapper H. Osborne, a member of St. Giles' Society, who was returning to France after 14 days' leave, and also to his brother, the ringer of the treble, who has been discharged, but who is undergoing a further operation, which will render him incapable of ringing for some considerable time, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by their father, was rung at St. Giles' Church, Reading, on November 22nd, by: L. T. Osborne 1. A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, H. Simmons 3, A. Wiggins 4, C. Pulling 5, H. Egby 6, H. Tucker 7. Sapper H. Osborne, R.E., 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Price 1, R. Drage 2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3, J. C. Dicken 4, J. Bailey 5, C. Chasty 6, J. Flower 7, W. J. Wilman 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. G. P. Proctor, M.A.), who was inducted to the living on the previous day by the Bishop of Southwell. It was intended to attempt a peal for the occasion, but owing to one of the band failing to put in an appearance, a substitute had to be procured, and time did not allow any longer length, owing to evening service.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, J. Bowell 2, G. Lancaster 3, E. Eady 4, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 5, G. Jennings 6. Arranged for Mr. G. Lancaster, of Swindon.

ARMISTICE TOUCHES.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. J. Smith (first quarter in the method) 1, F. Hunt 2, A. King 3, W. H. Sibley (of St. Peter's, Northampton) 4, T. Blackburn 5, J. Rookwood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, T. Kendall 8. Also 2,176 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 25 mins.: A. J. Smith 1, F. Hunt 2, B. Wilson 3, L. A. Goodenough 4, T. Blackburn 5, T. Kendall 6, J. Rookwood 7, A. King (conductor) 8.—On Nov. 12th, the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 50 mins.: B. Wilson 1, F. Hunt 2, A. J. Smith 3, W. H. Sibley 4, T. Blackburn 5, J. Rookwood 6, A. King (conductor) 7, T. Kendall 8. In addition to above, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.—On Nov. 16th, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, but a shift course occurred after ringing nearly three hours: A. J. Smith 1, F. Hunt 2, B. Wilson 3, L. A. Goodenough 4, T. Blackburn 5, T. Kendall 6, J. Rookwood 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Owing to a sudden bereavement, Mr. Harry Wood could not participate in the ringing.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 50 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, C. Hunt 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. Cook 5, Pte. S. Meadows, A.S.C., 6, F. Skerington (conductor) 7, W. H. Wood 8. This was also the 18th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

ISLEWORTH.—At the Church of All Saints, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: E. Webb, G. A. Ransom, T. Beadle, W. Etherington, H. W. Lidbetter, H. Brooks, A. Sheard, W. Dickens and C. Richens.—On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 17th, for thanksgiving service, at which the district Council attended, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Green 1, C. Edwards 2, W. Etherington 3, T. Beadle 4, C. Bird 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, C. Tricker 7, A. Sheard 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Monday, Nov. 11th at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, (1260 changes): G. W. Townsend 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, T. Robinson 4, T. Ricketts 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6, C. J. Gardner 7, A. E. W. Smith 8.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On Monday, Nov. 11th, 720 and 400 of Plain Bob and 500 of Grandsire Doubles: S. Lunaway, F. Voice, A. Songhurst, G. Hollingsbee, P. Etheridge, G. Ilman, T. Whitmore, taking part, conducted by G. Ilman.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—After having been 'clocked' for about 18 months, Lindfield bells were heard again in their full musical tones on Armistice Day, several old ringers, with the assistance of Mr. Watts, being got together for the occasion.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Armistice Day, two 720's of Bob Minor were rung by the local band, assisted by Mr. H. Tomsett of Lindfield.

SELLY OAK.—On Monday, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Dowler 1, W. Bryan 2, H. Withers (conductor) 3, W. Ball 4, E. J. Dowler 5, J. Eaton 6, G. Pigott 7, J. Johnson 8.

EDGBASTON.—On Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Johnson 1, C. Webb 2, E. J. Dowler 3, V. Hemus 4, G. Pigott 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Nov. 24th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryan 2, H. Withers 3, V. Hemus 4, G. Pigott (conductor) 5, J. Eaton 6.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, Nov. 12th, the bells of St. Nicholas were rung, and the following took part in some Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. Lansdown 1, Mrs. E. J. Wilson 2, F. G. May 3, A. Maggs 4, A. Pearce 5, F. W. Wade 6, J. Richmond 7, H. T. Howell 8, Pte. J. Nicholls 9, 1. Long 10.

CLIFTON, NOTTINGHAM.—On Wednesday, Nov. 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Scriver 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, W. J. Bowden 3, A. B. Moss 4, W. Clifford, junr. 5, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Scriver (conductor) 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, W. J. Bowden 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. C. Hunt 5, W. Clifford, junr. 6. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Thursday, Nov. 14th, at the Church of S.S. Mary and Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: E. E. Dodd 1, A. L. Brown 2, J. Wyatt 3, H. Boxall 4, W. Marks 5, E. Hull 6, A. Dean (conductor) 7, A. S. Dixon 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

BRAINTREE.—On Saturday, Nov. 16th, at the Parish Church, a date touch (1918 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins. (composed by G. R. Newton): F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Lindredge 3, G. Metbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, E. F. Slade 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. For evensong, on Sunday, Nov. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard 1, G. Lindredge 2, H. J. Collins 3, G. Metbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 6, E. F. Slade 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

STOCKPORT.—At St. George's Church, on November 17th, for the evening thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins. Afterwards, two courses of Stedman Triples: J. Booth 1, G. Astbury 2, T. Jackson 3, W. Jackson 4, H. Meakin (conductor) 5, G. D. Warburton 6, G. Marshall 7, F. Welch 8.

VICTIMS OF INFLUENZA.

A LONG EATON RINGER AND HIS WIFE.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death from pneumonia, following influenza, of Second-Lieut. Seneschall and his wife, only three days separating their decease.

Second-Lieut. Seneschall, who was 24 years of age, earned his commission for good service at the front, and had for some time been stationed at Saltfleetby. He was recently home on ten days' leave prior to going to France. Returning to Saltfleetby, he took his wife with him that they might spend his last few days in England together. Unfortunately, shortly after leaving Long Eaton, both were victims of the terrible disease, which caused their death.

The funeral took place on November 23rd, at Long Eaton Cemetery, soldiers acting as bearers. Muffled touches were rung on the bells on both the Saturday and Sunday.

As a ringer Lieut. Seneschall was very quick in grasping methods, and had a future of great promise. His place in the belfry will be difficult to fill.

DUFFIELD LADY RINGER'S DEATH.

On Sunday, November 17th, the funeral of the late Miss Emma Flower took place at the Little Eaton Church. Miss Flower, who was a ringer at Duffield Church, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Flower, Eaton Bank, Duffield, and she was only 27 years of age, and passed peacefully away after a very short illness, being another victim of the influenza scourge. As the cortege left the residence of Mr. Flower, the bells of Duffield Church were rung muffled. The service was choral, the hymns being, 'Angel voices ever singing,' a favourite of Miss Flower, and 'Jesus, lover of my soul.' The Vicar of Little Eaton impressively conducted the service, and as the body was carried to its last resting-place by four of the Duffield church bell ringers, the organist played appropriate music.

Miss Flower was for several years assistant at the Duffield Branch of the Co-operative Society, and the very high esteem in which she was held by the members of this important branch was evidenced by the large number who took the journey to Little Eaton to pay their last token of respect. The floral tributes were very beautiful.

Miss Flower, by the courteous carrying out of her duties during her work in Duffield, had earned the respect of all she came in contact with, and her untimely death has caused quite a sensation of loss in the village, especially amongst the members of the Co-operative Society, who, with the staff, are erecting a stone as a token of esteem and of their appreciation of her valued services.

Miss Flower's father is an old ringer at All Saints' Church, Duffield, and rang many peals with the late Sir A. P. Heywood. The deceased young lady had all her father's enthusiasm for ringing, and only a month before her death rang the treble to 120 Grand sire Doubles, at which both herself and her father were highly delighted.

DEATH OF A MALDON RINGER.

With regret we report the death of Lieut. Russell Finch, at the age of 25, which took place at the Isle of Wight, from pneumonia. Deceased, who was a ringer at Maldon, Essex, joined the Queen's Own 24th London Regiment in September, 1914, and after being in France most of the time returned to England about five months ago to train for a commission, which he had just received in the 22nd London Regt. when he contracted influenza, which eventually resulted in his death.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church, with full military honours. The deceased's fellow ringers were present at the graveside, and after the funeral rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob with the bells deeply muffled, the following taking part: E. Mansfield 1, R. Hutson 2, A. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 5, C. Tabor 6. Messrs. A. South and F. Chalk were suffering from influenza, and were thus unable to pay their last respects to the deceased officer, who before joining the colours was a regular Sunday ringer. He is the third ringer that St. Mary's has lost during the war.

FATHER AND SON AS CASUALTIES.

Pte. L. H. Moore, sen., of Pill, a member of the Bath and Wells and Gloucester and Bristol Associations, serving with the B.E.F. in North Russia, has been admitted to hospital with both legs fractured in an accident sustained on Oct. 21st.

Corpl. L. H. Moore, junr., of Pill, who is also a member of the Bath and Wells and Gloucester and Bristol Associations, who is serving with the 1st Batt. Lincoln Regt. in France, was wounded in the right arm and left leg on September 20th, this being the second time he has been wounded. He is now on special furlough from hospital.

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DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM T. HORNE.

LOSS TO THE OXFORD GUILD.

The High Wycombe belfry, as well as the ringing fraternity generally, has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. William Thomas Horne, who passed away on November 22nd. He succumbed to an attack of influenza, collapsing rather suddenly from cardiac failure. The deceased, who was 47 years of age, had been in the employ of Mrs. Reynolds, of Totteridge, for some three years; and in his vocation of a gardener had carried out his duties in a conscientious manner. He had made many friends in the little hamlet, and was always ready to assist any who desired information in connection with their gardens or allotments. He was also very assiduous in his work of collection for the Red Cross Society.

The late Mr. Wm. T. Horne was an enthusiastic ringer. He came to the Wycombe district from Chalfont about three years ago, and was elected a member of the Wycombe All Saints' belfry. He proved a great acquisition to the local tower, being a keen and expert campanologist, courteous and genial and ever anxious to lend assistance. He was a consistent and regular attendant at the Sunday ringings and practices. As a qualified instructor of the Oxford Guild, he had rendered valuable services to various towers. At Amersham, in particular, he was greatly esteemed for his good work. As a young ringer in a letter received from this district said: 'We shall miss him, for he was a right good fellow, ever willing to help a young hand forward.' As a peal ringer and conductor he was exceptionally reliable. He had rung many peals; his last peal in the Wycombe belfry being a very fine one of Stedman Cinques.

It was one of his chief delights to ring in different towers, and his record shows that he had rung in about a hundred belfries. His last touch was at Wycombe belfry on Armistice Day, and he was among the first arrivals on receipt of the news. Throughout the whole of the Guild Mr. Horne was greatly respected and admired for his genial qualities. In addition to other societies, the late Mr. Horne was a member of the Middlesex County Association, and the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The funeral took place at the Wycombe Parish Church on Thursday of last week, the sad obsequies being conducted by the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale, M.A. (President of the Ringers), and the Rev. J. W. C. Moore. There were many ringers present, who, besides the local men included: Messrs. J. C. Truss (Marlow), J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield), W. Goodchild (West Wycombe), G. H. Gutteridge and Miss E. A. Fuller (Fulmer), Messrs. Wm. Henley (Stoke Poges), W. H. Fussell (secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch), F. Boreham, Jos. Evans and John Evans (Hughenden), and others. The police and special constabulary (of which deceased was a member) were also represented by colleagues desirous of showing respect. The ringers and others formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the church, and after the cortege had passed, fell in behind the immediate family mourners. Appropriate funeral music was rendered on the organ by Mr. George F. Andrews, A.R.C.O., and during the service, the hymn, 'Abide with me,' was feelingly sung. At the conclusion of the last sad rites at the cemetery the ringers returned to the church, where muffled touches were rung on the bells. On Saturday the bells were again rung muffled, an opportunity being thus given to those unable to be present at the funeral to take part, and many availed themselves of the occasion. The 'whole pull and stand,' corresponding to the deceased's age was performed; and touches of Grand sire and Stedman Caters, Kent and Rob Major, etc., rung. On Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled.

The floral emblem from the ringers was a handsome cross, bearing the inscription: 'To a good comrade. With the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the Church Belfringers—' Called to higher service.'

Many expressions of sympathy and condolence with those who are left to mourn their loss have been received; and Mrs. W. T. Horne and family are very grateful for all the kindly tokens of sympathy and respect.

G. T.

MISCELLANEOUS TOUCHES.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 18th for evening service, a date touch (1918 changes) of Grand sire Triples in 1 hr. and 9 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, W. Franks 2, E. J. Pannett 3, W. H. Perry 4, T. Booth 5, W. Hoad 6, A. E. Edwards (conductor) 7, T. Hoad 8.—On Monday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Morgan 1, W. Hoad 2, E. J. Pannett 3, C. Tribe 4, T. Booth 5, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 6, A. E. Edwards 7, T. Hoad 8.

LONG ASHTON.—On August 24th, at Long Ashton Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1260 changes): Mrs. J. Thomas (first quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples) 1, Pte. J. Thomas 2, Edgar Guise (conductor) 3, A. Tennet 4, H. J. Brown 5, G. Yeo 6, J. Cople 7, H. Bridle 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 25th, at the Parish Church, 490 Grand sire Triples, for evening service, as a farewell touch to H. Ewins, who was leaving to join the colours on the 28th: E. Dewy 1, H. Ewins 2, H. Jordan 3, S. Thomas (conductor) 4, W. Argent 5, W. Clayton 6, F. Rice 7, A. Lorkins 8. Mr. S. Thomas, from Sheffield, was on a visit to Reigate to see his son, who is wounded and in hospital there.

NOTICES.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7 p.m.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1673.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 10th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on December 12th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on December 17th, all at 7.30 p.m. The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met the society twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th (12 bells). Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at dusk. Subscriptions due.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LADIES GUILD.—WESTERN DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 2 until 7 p.m. Divine Service at 4.30. Tea in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and friends cordially invited. Will those who require tea kindly notify me not later than December 2nd?—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

"BRISTOL'S OWN" Lady Handbell Ringers will, by arrangement, give a few handbell selections after the business at the Ladies' Guild meeting at Bristol on Dec. 7th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3; service at 5; meeting at 5.30. Members intend being present please send word to Sec.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea in the Church Institute at 5.20 p.m.; please notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, of how many intend to be present not later than Wednesday, December 4th.—J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 51, Dunrobin Street, Longton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 7th.—Ringing from 2.30; service at 4.15; tea, followed by business meeting in the Schools at 5. Ringing from 6 onwards.—C. A. Phillips, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 14th, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson), at West Ealing, on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 2.30. Short service at 5; tea at 6 o'clock, followed by further ringing.

All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., The Laurels, West Hill, Hitchin.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8), tenor 20 cwt., available from 2.30 until 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Men's Club, Weetwood Lane (only cups of tea provided); business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.—Notice is hereby given that the bells at above Church will be available for united practice on Monday evenings from 7.45 to 9 p.m.—W. H. Carrod, Hon. Sec., Potters Hill, Aston, Birmingham.

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WATH-ON-DEARNE.—At All Saints' Parish Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Thursday, August 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Wm. Woodcock 1. J. Panther 2. A. Panther (conductor) 3. H. Chamberlain (first 720 and first attempt) 4. A. Gill 5. G. Walsh 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on August 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Goodsell 1. E. J. Pannett 2. W. H. Perry 3. E. B. Crowder (conductor) 4. T. Booth 5. J. Crowder 6. A. E. Edwards 7. G. Tribe 8.

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