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ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN SEVENOAKS AND DISTRICT.

Time, the great healer, deals gently with our sorrows, and while he heals the wound of bereavement, the memory of those who have gone before remains with us, growing more and more fragrant. And while this is true of the individual it is equally true in its wider application. As we look back on the years which have passed since the last shot of the Great War sped on its death-dealing mission we feel that the bitterness of bereavement has yielded to tender remembrance and a determination that the sacrifices made by our fellow-countrymen will not have been made in vain. We also remember with justifiable pride that when the land which gave them birth was in peril they counted not the cost, but went forth gladly and willingly, inspired by the spirit of the quotation aptly inscribed on the Memorial in the Sevenoaks Post Office:—

"Who stands if freedom fall?
Who dies if England lives?"

However it may be, when the present generation has passed it would appear that as each anniversary of the Armistice approaches the people of to-day become more and more mindful of its significance and more anxious to render due homage to the memory of our country's heroes. This at least is true of Sevenoaks and neighbouring villages, where last week-end and on Tuesday there were more elaborate arrangements than ever before, largely due to the local Branch of the British Legion. As in former years, the Legion did not forget those of the community whose sacrifice was greatest, the mothers, wives and children of the fallen.

A large number of widows and orphans of those "gallant sons of Sevenoaks" who gave their lives for freedom had a happy time

AT THE SERVICES CLUB

on Saturday evening as the guests of the British Legion, when the entertainment provided was on an even more elaborate scale than in previous years. A splendid tea was done full justice to, after which the company settled down to watch Mr. Cyril Thompson, a well-known local resident, who has appeared at Buckingham Palace, perform his conjuring tricks, whose number was legion, and each one more mystifying than the last. With a running fire of amusing patter he kept his audience in a state of hysterical delight, but eventually had to give way to a clever concert party, composed of boys and girls from Riverhead School, who gave a bright and varied programme, under the direction of the Headmaster, Mr. W. D. Weth. Some of them appeared in costume, and gave some amazingly realistic character studies, with verses (the authorship of which is suspect!) on such topical subjects as the Sevenoaks Election result, the local Urban Council, etc., which were treated with refreshing candour. "The Daffodils" were an attractive singing and dancing sextette of girls, and the boys had their turn in an uproariously funny skit on a parade of raw recruits and the corporal's unavailing efforts to lick them into shape. There were also songs, duets and recitations to complete this part of the programme. Finally, after a hectic interval in which countless crackers were exploded and paper hats and other "gadgets" unearthed, there came, to crown it all, a splendid Punch and Judy Show (one of the best ever seen here), specially booked from Messrs. Gamage, London. The children shouted and screamed with delight, and the Committee responsible for the arrangements are to be warmly congratulated on having again given them such a real good time. Mr. Claude Hunter, F.R.C.O., and Mr. Weth were the accompanists.

Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie, Chairman of the Sevenoaks Legion, welcomed the little guests and their mothers on their arrival, and after tea Captain H. WALTER STYLES, M.P., accompanied by his Agent, Mr. H. J. Smith, paid a surprise visit. Addressing the gathering, to whom he was introduced by Colonel Laurie "as one who has done a good deal for soldiers and ex-soldiers," Captain Styles said he came here thinking he was going to be a Polar bear or something useful like that—(laughter)—and not to make speeches. However, he hoped they would have a pleasant evening, and that it would help them to remember every year the significance of this day and this time. A lot of them he did not suppose remembered very much about the war, but it was

THE MOST TERRIBLE THING

that ever happened in the history of this country. Those who went through it and knew what it was were going to take good care they did not have it again, and they looked to the children, the rising generation, to grow up and model themselves on those men who went before them and did the job and brought the country through safely, and they looked specially to them to prevent the possibility of another such outbreak ever occurring again. They could all be very proud of Tuesday, which would commemorate what was the greatest day in the history of the British Empire, the Empire that stood closely together the whole way through the war. It was by standing together that they came out on top, and it was up to them, the children, to see it always did stick close together and come out on top.

Lord SACKVILLE, who came in later, said that as President of the local Branch of the Legion he wished to give them a most hearty welcome and to say how much he hoped they had had a pleasant time. They were most grateful to all those ladies and gentlemen who had helped in the entertainment.

Among the other visitors were the Revs. Thos. Harrison, A. W. Habershon, and R. Newell, A.T.S., Dr. and Mrs. John Sterry, Mr. W. J. Wilson, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. M. M. Deed, Miss Voelcker, Major G. E. Smith Mr. P. Pidwell and Mr. R. V. Baker, who, together with a number of small boys, gave the required assistance to the conjurer.

ARMISTICE SUNDAY.

At many of the Churches appropriate services were held. Before the morning service at St. Mary's, Kippington, a short service was held around the War Memorial, the hymn, "For all the Saints," being sung as a processional from the Church to the Memorial. Following an impressive moment of silence, the names of the fallen on the Memorial were read by the Rev. C. R. E. Yates (Vicar), and as the congregation re-entered the Church the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung. At the service in the Church the preacher was the Rev. T. Harrison, who dealt with "Our duty to the State," basing his address on the words, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, but unto God the things that are God's."

In the afternoon a special service for

GIRL GUIDES

was held in St. Nicholas' Parish Church. Companies from Sevenoaks and the villages assembled at the Memorial on the Vine, together with members of the 1st Sevenoaks Troop Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Garland and A.S.M. R. Wellor. With banners flying, the parade marched through the town to the Church, were the special Guides hymns and prayers were used. The Rev. A. W. Habershon, B.A., delivered an address, in the course of which he emphasised the point that however grand the Guide and Scout movements were they could not hope to better England, or Sevenoaks, unless they enlisted the Divine help and sympathy in trying to live up to the high ideals of the movements. During the service a Union Jack and the District Flag were dedicated by Mr. Habershon.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S.

In the afternoon the customary memorial service was held, this time at St. John's Church, and was attended by a very large congregation, which completely filled the Church, including an imposing muster of local Territorials and representatives of public bodies, as well as about 100 ex-Service men, who marched to the Church in procession from the Vine War Memorial, headed by the Sevenoaks Town Band, under Mr. H. McCrimmon-Davey. The detachments taking part were the Sevenoaks Company of the 4th Battalion (The Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Regiment, under Lieut. Du Buisson; the 387th Battery R.F.A., under Captain Christie; the Sevenoaks Section of the R.A.V.C., under Staff-Sergt. Sutton; the V.A.D., Kent 76, under Commandant Mrs. Mansfield; Members of the Sevenoaks Kent County Constabulary, under Supt. E. Fowler; Employees of the Sevenoaks Post Office, under Mr. R. W. Scott; St. John Ambulance Brigade (Sevenoaks Division, No. 11 District), under Mr. H. Sharp; Employees of the Sevenoaks Gas Company and a Troop of Boy Scouts. A large crowd watched the marshalling of the procession, under the direction of Major G. E. Smith and other uniformed officers, and accompanied them down to the Church. One could not fail to be struck with the smoothness with which the arrangements were carried through. At the Church a section was reserved for soldiers' widows and orphans, whilst some of the ex-Service men, many wearing their war decorations, were accommodated in the chancel. The front seats were occupied by British Legion officials and some of the members and staff of the Urban District Council, including Mr. Frank Robinson (Chairman), Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Laurie (who is also Chairman of the Legion), Major Smith, Colonel F. T. Fisher, Mr. H. Moore, Mr. W. Scothern, Mr. G. Bennett, Mr. A. Gray and Mr. G. T. Bradbury (Clerk to the Council). It is estimated that in all there were 1,000 people present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of the parish (Rev. E. A. Hawkes, M.A.), assisted by the Rev. C. de B. Durand. In the interval of waiting before it commenced selections were played by the Band, which also very efficiently led the singing. The opening hymn was "All people that on earth do dwell," and the Vicar read the sentence, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," and delivered a special exhortation, in which it was pointed out that the object of the service was two-fold; in the first place it was to commemorate those who gave their lives in the war; and, secondly, to re-consecrate their own lives to God's service with the inspiration of their fellow-townsmen's great sacrifice.

Then came the most impressive part of the service.

A SOLEMN STILLNESS

prevailed while Colonel Laurie mounted the pulpit and in a measured voice read out the long—how terribly long!—list of the men of Sevenoaks who answered the call of duty and never returned. At intervals a stifled sob or a flutter of a handkerchief testified to the

TRAGEDY OF GRIEF

that was being lived over once again in someone's heart. One felt something like relief when the last name on the Roll of Honour had been read, and the congregation reverently knelt in silent prayer for the space of a minute or two.

After the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," which was remarkable for its fervour, Lord Sackville, President of the Sevenoaks Legion, read the lesson from the 3rd chapter of the Wisdom of Solomon, beginning "The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them." This was followed by the hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow."

The address was given by the Rev. N. V. Ridgeway, C.F., Chaplain of Tonbridge School, who took as his text the first verse of the 121st Psalm, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Mr. RIDGEWAY drew from thoughts on Armistice Day the lesson that we were all in a pilgrimage, and those who had given their lives were not dead, but had merely entered into another stage of the pilgrimage.

The address was followed by the hymn, "For all the saints," and after the Vicar's Benediction came the thrilling climax of the service, when two trumpeters from the R.F.A. Depot, Woolwich, blew the "Last Post" and "Reveille" in a way which stirred everyone to the depths. Finally the congregation joined in the singing of a verse of the National Anthem.

On Monday evening the Club Hall was filled to overflowing, when a meeting was held by the Sevenoaks Branches of the

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION and THE BRITISH LEGION

and Major Ronald Williams, ex-M.P., occupied the chair. Others present on the platform were Captain H. Walter Styles, M.P., Mr. V. Finney, ex-M.P., Mr. R. W. Scott (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. A. Dixon (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. H. J. Smith, Mr. W. T. Groom, C.C., Professor A. G. Little, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Ronald Williams, Miss E. Williams, Mr. G. White, J.P., Mrs. Jeffs, Miss Brewer, Rev. T. Harrison, C.C., Rev. A. W. Habershon, B.A., Rev. C. R. E. Yates, Rev. R. S. Armsby, B.A., Colonel J. D. Laurie, Mr. A. M. Nichol (Hon. Sec., British Legion), Mr. W. N. Neve (Hon. Treas., British Legion), Rev. Fr. Phillips, Mr. H. W. Standen, Rev. G. Eric Mees, M.A., Miss Swanzy, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sayers, Mr. Geoffrey Garrod, Miss Ramsay, Rev. W. E. Gilliat (Rector of Sevenoaks), Mr. Bertram Christian, J.P., and Mr. W. H. House.

Major WILLIAMS said they had come to hear something, learn something and appreciate something of the work of the League. He then intimated that apologies for absence had been received from Sir Mark Collet, Bart., Mrs. Henry Wordall, Rev. G. F. Bell and the Rev. Buffard.

Continuing, Major Williams said he thought the eve of Armistice Day was the right moment for such a meeting. He thought it good that people should pause once a year and give their thoughts to the great sacrifices of the war years and also to the things being done in the world to prevent a recurrence of these. The very existence of such an organisation as the British Legion was really

A REPROACH TO ALL

of us. It was a band of men trying to get what really ought to have been given to them. It ought to be the aim and object of all to sweep away the necessity for the Legion in so far as it existed to put right the wrongs of ex-Service men (applause). The problem of ex-Service men was not a new one; it existed after every war, because humanity was slow to learn, and he was afraid it was only too likely to happen again in the future. He did not agree with all that Kipling wrote, but he could not help believing there was some truth in his lines—

"It's Tommy this and Tommy that, and Tommy go away,
But it's Mr. Thomas Atkins when the band begins to play."

The responsibility lay with the present generation to try and put the ordering of human affairs in a better way than they had been in the past. We knew what war meant, our children did not, and unless we organised something while the results were with us we would do the cause of humanity a great injury. There were innumerable visible memorials to our dead, but the only permanent memorial,

THE ONLY PERMANENT THING

in life, was an ideal. The only permanent memorial we could raise to our great dead was to raise the ideal of peace in the hearts of men.

Continuing, Major Williams said the League of Nations was a new attempt to keep alive the wonderful things which nations appreciated, which to the true patriot consisted of getting people to work together for a common end. The leading question before us in connection with the League was the Protocol, a subject which he was glad had been kept entirely out of the recent Election. The Protocol was really an amendment to the Covenant of the League, which once and for all put war under the ban of outlaw. Sacrifices would have to be made, prejudices would have to go. In considering the Protocal they must consider whether they wanted war, not definitely to cease—that was beyond our control—but war placed in such a class that the nation which resorted to force would be definitely outlawed by the other nations of the world. He felt that if we lost this opportunity it might never come again. Some of the best brains of the world had evolved this scheme. If we turned it down we were running an enormous risk to humanity and what we called civilisation. Major Williams went on to refer to freedom, and concluding, Major Williams said if they read Shakespeare or the Bible or the Prayer Book, he thought they would find there a phrase which the more they thought over it the more it impressed them by putting a tremendous truth in a small compass. In the Prayer Book they would find such a phrase — "Whose service is perfect freedom?"

Mr. V. FINNEY, in the course of a stirring address, warned his hearers that unless we were prepared to follow a League of Nations policy then we must arm to the teeth, as there were such problems as French security and the Japanese-American dispute, which would loom large in the future.

Capt. H. WALTER STYLES, M.P., said he felt very strongly about the League of Nations. A movement like this was bound to suffer from over-zealous members, who believed that having set up the machinery of a League we had no further need for an army, an air force or a navy. The League had passed from the realm of idealism and was growing more practical day by day, but it had to be impressed upon people more and more widely. The British Empire led the world, and what the Empire did to-day the rest of the world would like to do to-morrow. If the people of the Empire gave the League their support it would become what it was originally intended to be, the great Court of the World. There was such a thing as criticism. There was destructive criticism, which did no good, and there was constructive criticism, which was welcomed, but until they could find something better they should not criticise. Let them join the League of Nations Union and then crticise as much as they liked.

Turning to the British Legion, Capt. Styles said there was a tremendous misconception as to the ideals of the Legion. Some people looked on it as a Society for helping ex-Service men. That was one of the smallest ideals of the Legion. It was everyone's duty to help others. The ideal of the Legion was something more. During the war British troops had always been welcomed because of their sense of justice, and the Legion's ideal was a body of British men who would work for right and justice irrespective of politics.

Moving a vote of thanks to the speakers, Col. J. D. LAURIE said many people thought the members of the League of Nations Union were either idealists or pacifists. If there were any such critics present he was sure they would be disillusioned.

Seconding, Miss L. SWANZY said there were two subjects on which all men could meet, gratitude to the men who served us in the past, and determination that so far as they could prevent it, no man would have to serve in such a dreadful way in the future.

Major WILLIAMS expressed the hope that the meeting would mark a definite step forward in support of the League of Nations.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of a verse of the National Anthem.

TUESDAY WAS THE GREAT DAY

of the celebrations, and the British Legion are entitled to thanks for such a splendid opportunity as was offered to the people of collectively honouring the memory of the 225 men of the town who did not return.

By 10.45 a.m. hundreds had assembled in the vicinity of the War Memorial to take part in the ceremony there. On the waste ground in front of the Vine Tavern were two guns, manned by members of the 387th Battery (Q.O.Y.), R.A.F., ready to boom forth the signal for the two minutes' silence. The proceedings commenced with the singing of "All people that on earth do dwell," followed by a prayer by the Rev. F. Buffard, B.A., B.D. The prayer had almost finished when there came the sound of a whistle, blown by the Officer in Charge of the Battery, indicating that in 30 seconds the gun would be fired to mark the commencement of the silence. For the next half-minute there was the silence of expectation, and then came the brief word of command, "No. 1 gun—fire!" A bang, and then silence.

The tension was at last relieved by the firing of the second gun, and then the assembly joined in singing "O God, our help in ages past," after which prayers and the Benediction were said by the Rev. A. W. Habershon, B.A.

After the "Last Post" had been sounded by Trumpeter Bombardier Wharfedale and Trumpeter Simmons, of the Woolwich Depot, Royal Field Artillery, Lord Sackville laid a magnificent wreath at the base of the Memorial, this being handed to him by representatives of the Sevenoaks Services Club and the Sevenoaks Branch of the British Legion. The wreath bore the inscription:—From the ex-Service men of Sevenoaks in never failing memory of our comrades who gave their lives for their country, 1914 — 1918. Where'er they sleep, it is for ever England." The trumpeters then sounded the "Reveille" and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Sevenoaks Division, No. 11 District, St. John Ambulance Brigade, were in attendance during the service.

Many wreaths were placed on the Memorial, one touching incident being when an old lady approached and placed on the base one which was evidently the work of her hands. It consisted of heavy cardboard, cut in the shape of a heart, with the flowers sewn on to the cardboard, and in her own handwriting was an inscription showing that her son was among the fallen.

The floral tributes bore the following inscriptions:—In remembrance, 44th (H.C.) Divisional Mobile Veterinary Section; In remembrance, from the Post Office Staff; In loving memory of Pte. T. E. Francis, R.W.K., from his loving wife and daughters; In loving memory of Sergt. A. E. Baker, from all at home; In memory of my dear nephew, E. W. Cross, from E.T.M.; From Hilda Skinner to Dad; From Alice Skinner to Dad; In loving remembrance of my dear husband, Pte. J. Skinner, R.W.K., from his loving wife and children, Ivy, Hilda and Alice; In loving memory of Percy, Dick and Joe, from Mother and Cis; In remembrance of Pte. G. H. Green, R.W.K.; In remembrance of dear Horace, from Father and Sister; Of your charity please pray for the souls of Sidney Ernest Thompson, killed in action, September 25th, 1915, and Arthur Herbert Thompson, killed in action, 25th September, 1916; In loving memory of James Pettitt and William Pettitt, from their loving Mother, Father and Sister; To our dear Fred, in remembrance of Armistice Day; In remembrance, 387th Battery (Q.O.Y.) R.F.A. and 4th R.W.K. (Q.O.) Regt., Sevenoaks; From the Co-operative Women's Guild, in remembrance; In remembrance, from the Staff and Employees of the Sevenoaks Gas Company; In loving remembrance of dear George, from Mother, Sisters and Brothers; To our dear Fred, until we meet again; In loving memory of Martin Hilder, R.W.K., who fell at Monchy, May 3rd, 1917; In loving memory of Fred Cox, from Mr. and Mrs. Meckham; In remembrance, Sevenoaks Division Girl Guides; In loving memory of Sergt. G. Akhurst, R.F.A., from Father, Mother, Sisters and Brother; In loving remembrance of our dear brother, W. Golding, from Lizzie and Bill; In ever loving memory of our dear Daddy, from Eric and Leslie; In remembrance of John Sherbrooke Richardson, 2nd Lieut., Northumberland Fusiliers, who fell at Arras, April 9th, 1917; To my dear son, Johnny Slade, in remembrance, from all at home; In loving memory of Pte. John Fermer, from Mother and Sisters; In loving memory of dear George (Pte. G. Coleman), from Mother, Sisters and Brothers; In loving remembrance of Peter Stephen Hayward, from Rose and Arthur; In most loving remembrance of Geoffrey Harrison, 2nd Lieut., M.G.C., Battle of Somme, July 1st, 1916; In memory of George Heslop, Battle of the Somme, July 1st, 1916; In affectionate remembrance of Leslie Haider, killed in France, August, 1918—R.I.P.; In ever loving memory of my two dear sons, L. Bowles and L. A. Bowles, from Mother, Brothers and Sister; In memory of the English and French soldiers who gave their lives for their own and each other's countries and the cause of civilisation, 1914-1918, from the Sevenoaks Centre of the Friends of France; In memory of Bandsman Frank Odell, of the Royal Warwicks, missing April 25th, 1917, from Mr. and Mrs. Woodhall; In loving memory of dear Guy; In loving remembrance of my dear son in France, Pte. J. Skinner, Royal West Kents, from Mrs. Richards; To my dear brother, George (Pte. Westmore), from his Sister Nell; "Lest we forget"—in remembrance of our dear son and brother, J. Wilkins, killed August 2nd, 1917, from Mum, Dad and Sisters; "R.I.P."—In loving memory of Arthur G. Simmons, who was killed in Flanders, 26th June, 1917, from his sorrowing wife and children; In loving memory of Sidney F. Snashall, who died in France in 1916, from Mother, Sister and Brother; In loving memory of Pte. C. Pattison, from his loving Mother and Brother Bert; In affectionate remembrance of Sydney, from C. M. and Mollie Bassett; To Sidney, from Agnes; In ever loving memory of our dear son, Frank Oliver; In loving memory of dearest Tom; With deepest sympathy, from Aunt Polly and family; In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Wallace Manktelow-Gaza, 1917; In loving memory of our dear son and brother, George Stewart Kipps, 22-8-18; In loving memory of Sidney Bassett; In loving remembrance of C. R. Payne, killed in action, February 17th, 1917, from Mum, Sisters and Brother; In loving memory of Rifleman C. C. Reynolds, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, from his loving Father, Mother, Sisters and Brother; In loving memory of C. Herbert G. Skinner, from all the family; In kind remembrance of Rifleman William John Price, from a very old friend, S.H.; In loving remembrance of Pte. J. T. Batchelor, from his loving Wife, Ethel and Freda; Speldhurst Close, Sevenoaks, in grateful memory; In loving memory of James Edwards, from his Wife and Children; In loving remembrance of J. Skinner, from Chris and Ede; In loving remembrance of dear Brother Bill (W. Goldup), from Agnes and Harry; To dear Uncle Jim, from Eddie, Girlie, "E" and Ted; In loving memory of Sergt. F. Silliss, R.A.F., December 4th, 1918; In loving memory of three dear brothers, Douglas, Alex and Ronald, from Mrs. Oscar Patrick;

THE PARISH CHURCH,

when the Rector conducted the service, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. A. Dowsett, M.A. The service closed with the singing of "O God, our help in ages past" and the Benediction.

At the Roman Catholic Church there was a special Mass for the Fallen.

A "cap" taken at the opening meet of the West Kent Hunt at The Kennels on Saturday, in aid of Earl Haig's Fund, resulted in £32 15s. being collected.

At the Parish Church on Sunday morning the collection for Earl Haig's Fund realised £19 0s. 2d., and in the evening, for the Soldiers' Christian Association, £5 9s. 11d.

£10 was the result of the collection taken at the Memorial Service at St. John's on Sunday afternoon.

The British Legion ask us to express their thanks to all who helped and subscribed in the arrangements for the entertainment at the Services Club on Saturday, and particularly to Mrs. Sterry, who made herself responsible for collecting the cost.

The sale of "Poppies" in Sevenoaks on Tuesday amounted to £165, about £30 better than last year. It is expected that the total for the district will be about £300.

ROUND THE VILLAGES.

BOROUGH GREEN.

The Sunday nearest the anniversary of the Armistice was marked at the Church of the Good Shepherd by a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The local Company of Girl Guides, under Captain Bury, and representatives of the Ancient Order of Foresters, with their banner, were among the congregation. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Bradbury, Hon. C.F., Curate-in-Charge, and the hymns were accompanied by Mr. R. Bangay's Band. The rest of the music was ably accompanied by the organist, Miss Banfield.

At the outset the choir and priest proceeded to the War Memorial in the Church, where Mr. H. Quinnell, Chairman of the Local Relief Committee for Ex-Service men, laid a cross of Flanders' poppies, which had been made up at the cross roads by its inhabitants during the previous day. Prayers were said, and the "Last Post" and "Reveille" marked a period of Silence. At the conclusion of the service a new Union Jack was dedicated for the Girl Guides.

During his sermon the Rev. J. H. Bradbury pointed out how appropriate the Holy Eucharist was on such an occasion, and spoke of the sacrifice displayed by the Foresters and of the benefits resulting, and went on to show that the Union Jack, which was to be blessed, was composed of crosses, the symbol of sacrifice, and so the lesson of sacrifice was forced home upon the Guides, whose particular possession this one was to be, and upon all Britons who were proud to march beneath such a standard.

BRASTED AND SUNDRIDGE.

On Sunday morning the Comrades of the local Branch assembled at the War Memorial outside the Village Hall, on which a wreath was placed by a son of one oof the fallen men. The gathering afterwards marched to Sundridge, where a wreath was placed on the Cenotaph in the Churchyard. A service was then held in the Church, when te Rector of Sundridge, Rev. C. C. Gosselin, M.A., delivered a stirring sermon. The Church was well filled and the coollections were given to the Local Relief Fund of the British Legion. Services were held at the Churches on Tuesday morning, and many parishioners took the opportunity of keeping the Silence there.

CHIPSTEAD AND CHEVENING.

Holy Communion was celebrated at the Parish Church, Chevening, at 7 and 8 a.m. on Armistice Sunday, and at the morning service the choir and congregation processed to the memorial tablet in the Church while singing "The Supreme Sacrifice." The Rector, Rev. R. H. Streatfield, read the names of the fallen from the tablet, concluding with the beautiful verse which is engraved beneath:—

"Sons of this place, let this of you be said,
That you who live are worthy of your dead;
They gave their lives that you who live may reap
A richer harvest e're you fall asleep."

After this impressive ceremony the congregation returned to their places while still singing "The Supreme Sacrifice," and the Rector preached an appropriate sermon. In the afternoon a service of remembrance was held at the Chipstead Mission Hall, when an address was given by Colonel Bonham-Carter, and towards the close of the service the parishioners gathered at the War Memorial in the Yard and sang "The Supreme Sacrifice." A number of wreaths were placed upon the Memorial, and the solemn gathering broke up with the singing of the National Anthem. On Tuesday the Rector conducted a short service at the Schools, where a number of parents also assembled to honour the dead in silence with their children. The Rector addressed the children, and the singing of "The Supreme Sacrifice" was timed to end exactly at 11. After observing "The Great Silence" the little ceremony ended with "O God, our help in ages past."

DUNTON GREEN.

There were no special services at the Parish Church on Sunday, but on Tuesday Holy Eucharist was observed at 7.30 and 10.30 a.m. and in the evening. The Two Minutes' Silence was observed by the Communicants at 11 a.m.

IDE HILL.

Special services of remembrance were held at the Church on Sunday, the Rev. E. K. B. Morgan, M.A., preaching an appropriate sermon in the morning and the Vicar in the evening. Mr. Morgan conducted a service at the Cenotaph on Tuesday morning, and after a hymn and prayers the little gathering observed the "Great Silence" there. The commencement of this period of silent prayer and sad memories was announced by Mr. Turrell by means of the piercing whistle used by him to sound the alarms during the war.

IGHTHAM.

Armistice Day was observed on Sunday, when a united service was held at the War Memorial. The weather was favourable for the occasion, and over 300 took part in the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Bertram Jones, M.A., officiating minister, and the Rev. R. S. Armsby, B.A., Wesleyan Minister.

At 3 p.m. Trumpet-Major A. R. Green away sounded the "Fall in," and in response a number of ex-Service men fell in, and were led by Sergt.-Major H. J. Grimwood to the front of the War Memorial. They were followed by contingents of Girl Guides, Brownies, School children, members of the Parish Council, Friendly Societies and the choir of St. Peter's Church, who led the singing, under the direction of Mr. Sands, the organist. The service opened with the hymn, "Thy Kingdom come, O God," followed by suitable prayers and the hymn, "O God, our help."

The Rev. Bertram Jones then gave an inspiring address, in which he reminded his audience of the great sacrifice made, and urged them to remember with all honour before God and man our brothers who had fought and fell in the service of their King and country. At this point the Roll was read of 50 names of those who had made the Great Sacrifice, and the Two Minutes' Silence was observed. This was followed by the hymn, "For all the Saints," and an appropriate address by the Rev. R. S. Armsby, who took for his subject, "Remembrance." He urged his audience to remember those whose names were inscribed on that Memorial, and think again of their great sacrifice that we might live in full freedom. He also asked them to think of those who were maimed, of the widows and orphans, the blind and all who were suffering as a result of the terrible war. He also referred with feeling to the late Rector, the Rev. B. T. Winnifrith, who last year took an active part in the service, but who was now among those who had fought the good fight. We did well to remember those words which stood for so much, "Lest we forget!" "Lest we forget!!" After the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," and the Benediction the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Trumpet-Major A. R. Greenaway. The service closed with the National Anthem. A collection was taken in aid of the British Legion and the St. John Ambulance, which amounted to £6 7s.

KNOCKHOLT.

A united service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, when a large congregation observed two minutes' silence. The wreaths placed on the Memorial included one from the local Branch of the League of Nations Union.

PLATT.

On Sunday special service commenced in the Church at 3 p.m. with the hymn "Jesu, Lover of my Soul." After a short silence the Lesson was read from Wisdom iii., followed by prayers for the bereaved, the peace of the world and the parish. A procession was then formed and proceeded to the Memorial Hall to the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." On arrival at the Memorial Hall Kipling's Recessional, "God of our Fathers," was excellently rendered by Mrs. Minter's Choir, followed by a Lesson and the singing of the hymn, "All People that on Earth do dwell." Prayers for the fallen and those out of work followed. Mrs. Minter's Choir then rendered the anthems, "The Souls of the Righteous" and "Blest are the Departed." In the course of a short but very interesting and appropriate address, the Vicar said that not only were the people joined together to do honour to the fallen, but also to try and learn some of the lessons the war had taught us, and one lesson he particularly wished them to learn was that as no building could stand without foundations, so human lives could not be satisfactory without foundations, and their foundations were Jesus Christ. He said that one question we had to ask ourselves was—now that God had proved to us that righteousness would triumph over wrong in the long run—Were we as a village, as a nation, putting ourselves in His service and trying to make things better for all? After singing the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," the buglers sounded the "Last Post." Relatives placed wreaths on the Memorial, the "Reveille" was sounded, and the service concluded with the National Anthem and the Blessing. A collection was taken to pay for the gas used in keeping alight the lamp over the tablet of the Memorial.

RIVERHEAD.

At St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning there was a Solemn Requiem, followed by a procession to the Memorial, where special prayers were offered and two wreaths laid on the Memorial. The proceedings at the Memorial closed with the singing of "O God, our help in ages past" and the sounding of the "Last Post." A very appropriate address was given by the Vicar, based on the words, "Sirs, ye are brothren." On Tuesday morning there was another Solemn Requiem, when the Two Minutes' Silence was observed.

SEAL.

The local Sub-Branch of the British Legion arranged a Church Parade for Sunday morning at Seal, when those taking part included the Comrades of the Legion, the ex-Service men, members of the Ambulance Brigade, Fire Brigade and Girl Guide Company. A special service was held in Church, when the special hymn, "The Supreme Sacrifice," was sung and the well-known anthem by Stainer, "What are these that are arrayed in white robes?" The music was led by a string orchestra led by Mr. Clitheroe Smith. The congregation afterwards assembled around the Memorial in the Churchyard for prayers, and the Vicar read the names of those of the parish who fell in the Great War. Mr. A. R. Greenaway sounded the "Reveille" and "The Last Post."

SHOREHAM.

The villagers of Shoreham responded faithfully to the behest on the obelisk on the bridge, "Remember as you look at the Cross on the hill the men from this parish who died in the Great War." On Sunday afternoon Church and Chapel joined in a service at the Parish Church. Mr. B. I. Greenwood (Baptist Church) and Mr. John Bowers (Wesleyan Church) read the lessons, and an address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Madge. On Tuesday morning the Great Silence was observed by all the villagers, the signal being the firing of a maroon in the Recreation Ground by Mr. R. Benton.

ST. JOHN'S.

A Requiem Mass for the honoured dead was held at St. John's Church on Tuesday morning, commencing at 10.30, and the two minutes' silence was observed by the large number of people present at 11 o'clock. It was a simple but impressive service. In the evening the Vicar was present at the League of Nations Union meeting in the Club Hall.

WROTHAM MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Remembrance Sunday at Wrotham was marked by the customary impressive Memorial Service in the evening in St. George's Church. There was a crowded congregation, including the fololowing representatives of various local bodies:—The Chairman (Mr. W. Knight) and other members of the Urban District Council; Toc H (Wrotham Countrymen's Group), under Mr. Fred Terry; the Wrotham, Borough Green and District Branch of the British Legion; the Court "Pride of Wrotham," A.O.F., under Mr. Woolnough, with their banner, which was hung at the back of the Church; the Committee oof the Women's Institute, under Miss Kemball (President) and Miss Jull (Secretary); the Committee of the Men's Club, with Mr. A. Chapman (Secretary); members of the Girls' Club, under Mrs. Pascoe; the Wrotham and Ightham Troops of Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Barnden; the Wrotham and Borough Green Companies of Girl Guides, under the District Commissioner, Miss Bury; and the members of the local Police Force.

The service, which for the most part followed the usual lines, and was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. P. Pascoe), began with the hymn, "Thy Kingdom come, O God." The 46th Psalm was sung ("God iis our Hope and Strength"), and the special lessons were from Ecclesiasticus ("Let us now praise famous men") and Aevelations ("What are these that are rayed in white robes?" Both of them were read by Mr. W. H. Cooper, J.P. The other hymns sung were "Through the night of doubt and soorrow," to Martin Shaw's fine tune; Kipling's Recessional ("God of our fathers, known of old"); and finally "O Valiant Hearts." After the last hymn the names of the Wrotham men whod fell in the war were read by the Rector from the Altar, and this was followed by the sounuding of the "Last Pose" and "Reveille" by two buglers from the Royal West Kent Depot at Maidstone. Between the two calls, which were sounded from the ringing chamber of the tower, one minute's colemn silence was observed. The service closed with the National Anthem and the Benediction. The offertory was for the Wrotham Nuring Association, and amounted to £6.

The RECTOR based his sermon on a passage from Hebrews xi., 10: "He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." He dealt with life as the response to the call of duty, and declared that unity of aim and mutual confidence among classes and individuals was the only way under God through which we co d build a happy ad prosperous Empire.

THE SILENCE.

No special ceremony marked the observance of the two minutes' silence on Tuesday, but the bells were rung for a short while up to 11 o'clock, and the Rector and a number of parisihioners, as well as people passing through the village, congregated in the Church to give the fullest significance to their tribute to the memory of the Glorious Dead. Many wreaths and other tributes were placed on the War Memorial in the Churchyard, including one form the Women's Institute.

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