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SCHIZOPHRENIA

(Dementia Campanalogia)

WHILST going through my list of ailments in the Medical Dictionary section of Pear's Cyclopædia the other day I came across schizophrenia. It gave the following:—

'Typically the schizophrenic has been a sensitive retiring child and may have been above average intelligence, but in the early twenties peculiar behaviour starts to develop. There may be hallucinations (i.e., hearing imaginary voices) or delusions (e.g., that he or she is being persecuted) and the patient tends to become more solitary, sitting alone and smiling to himself. On other occasions there may be violent outbursts.'

On studying this list of symptoms it appeared obvious to me that a large number of ringers that I knew were suffering from this disorder, which, as it does not appear to have been classified before, I have called dementia campanalogia.

To elaborate on the symptoms, how many ringers were shy and retiring when children? I was, and so were most of the ringers I have seen grow up. Obviously we were all above average intelligence, otherwise we should never have become ringers!

Dementia campanalogia is different from normal schizophrenia in that the peculiar behaviour in the former develops at an earlier age, about 16–19, notably when the subject takes up tower snatching, peal grabbing, handbell ringing and, of course, courting. When one of your ringers approaches you in a hesitant and shy manner on a Sunday morning after ringing, and bashfully asks if he need attend evening ringing (when normally he is there half an hour before everyone else, pulls all the bells up, gets out all the ringing mats and is sitting waiting for you to arrive), then that, obviously, is peculiar behaviour.

We are all familiar with the ringers who have hallucinations. The hearing of voices is quite common—many of us ring with our head on one side in a listening attitude—others of us nod our heads in reply. Some of us even talk to these voices—how many ringers do you know who carry on a silent conversation whilst ringing?

The feeling of persecution is common to all except conductors, who are, in the main, the persecutors. Even though

you might be an adept belfryman, there are times when you feel hounded by an irascible conductor.

Persecution is not confined to conductors, though. Many a ringer has written a simple and maybe appealing letter to 'The Ringing World' for assistance in a technical matter—perhaps he wants to know if the extent of Grand-sire Doubles that he has composed is one that everybody else has missed—only to be verbally torn to shreds by sarcastic composers, indignant 'Churchyard Bob' advocates and Plain Bob enthusiasts.

There is no doubt, though, that the most persecuted ringer is he that innocently adds the footnote to a peal, 'My 3,000th tower, 222nd peal in 189 towers for 15 Associations in 19 counties with 891 ringers.' He, poor fellow, is pilloried from Pentland Firth to Penzance, and probably has to do most of his ringing abroad afterwards.

The next symptom in dementia campanalogia takes several forms. First, there is the ringer who slinks off on his own to have a 'quick one' on the outing. When you catch up with him later he is sitting alone in a strange pub, smiling to himself.

Secondly, there is the ringer already mentioned who arrives early at the tower, pulls up all the bells—except one—and then sits down smiling to himself till the rest of the band arrive. He tells you, of course, that all the bells are up, but takes care not to ring in the first touch.

Thirdly, we have the case where the ringer sits in the tower when a touch is in progress, smiling to himself with eyes half closed, and follows two of the bells with non-existent handbells. This is also known as dementia tintinnabula.

Fourthly, we have the old roué, who sits on his own smiling to himself, no doubt recalling outings of twenty years ago.

Our last symptom deals with violent outbursts. These are not so common now as they were at the turn of the century, when the ringing journals of that period carried records of violent effusions of a bitter nature. Happily nowadays this is decreasing, and one only occasionally meets with a violent outburst after a peal or touch has broken down. (This ties up with the persecution complex, and leads to the patient sitting alone.)

Before you all go off to see your psychiatrist, psychologist or whoever deals with these disorders, you must read the next article, which will be entitled, 'Is my subconscious a better ringer than I am?' **WILLIAM BUTLER.**

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	<i>Treble</i>	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	...	5
MRS. P. HARRIS	...	2	*HAROLD F. RAXTER	...
MRS. J. THOMAS	...	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	...
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	...	4	PATRICK HARRIS	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., May 28th, 1959, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

NORMAN W. COTTON	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	...	5
RICHARD J. CLIFTON	...	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	...
JOHN K. SMITH	...	3	DEREK P. JONES	...
DAVID G. BRUNNING	...	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung for the fourth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day,

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours 3 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN M. JELLEY	...	<i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. COTTON	...	5
DEREK P. JONES	...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	...	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	...	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	...	7
*RICHARD J. CLIFTON	...	4	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	<i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by D. P. JONES.

*First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*ERNEST MORRIS	...	<i>Treble</i>	*†FRANCIS R. LOWE	...	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	...	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	...	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	...	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	...	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	...	4	*DEREK P. JONES	<i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by D. P. JONES.

*First peal in the method. †100th peal of Surprise Major.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*JAMES H. PAILING	...	<i>Treble</i>	*ROBIN J. ELLIOTT	...	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT	...	2	*JEREMY A. M. SALTER	...	6
*ANDREW N. STUBBS	...	3	*DAVID T. DARBY	...	7
*JOHN G. PUSEY	...	4	STEPHEN IVIN	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by P. G. K. DAVIES. Conducted by J. H. PAILING.

*First peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

MRS. S. H. JONES	...	<i>Treble</i>	J. W. COTTON	...	5
B. G. WARWICK	...	2	G. H. LANE	...	6
F. E. WILSHAW	...	3	S. H. JONES	...	7
J. A. UNDERWOOD	...	4	D. P. JONES	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by S. IVIN. Conducted by D. P. JONES.

First of Yorkshire on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

PETER R. JOHNSON	...	<i>Treble</i>	F. R. LOWE	...	5
J. W. COTTON	...	2	G. M. BRENIN	...	6
MRS. G. A. HALLS	...	3	E. J. JELLEY	...	7
J. M. JELLEY	...	4	G. R. EDWARDS	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G,

RUTH M. BORDER	...	<i>Treble</i>	FRANK W. PERRENS	...	5
DAWN V. ELSON	...	2	DAVID A. CARPENTER	...	6
*IAN F. GARVIE	...	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	...	7
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	...	4	PETER BORDER	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

*First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

50th peal on the bells since being augmented to eight in 1947.

MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE WATCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

MRS. C. N. LEA	...	<i>Treble</i>	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	...	5
*MARION S. AINSWORTH	...	2	KENNETH ARTHUR	...	6
CHARLES N. LEA	...	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	...	7
EDMUND P. CROWDY	...	4	BRYAN PATTISON	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

*First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

HUNTLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 30, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

Being 42 six scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS	...	<i>Treble</i>	JOY SMITH	...	4
LEONARD SMITH	...	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	...	5
CHARLES PHILLIPS	...	3	LESLIE BARRY	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

First peal on the bells since 1888 and for the Association.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Ann Hyatt, niece of the Rector, Canon J. A. Lister, and the Rev. Simon Wakefield Wilflink.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2160 and four 720s. Tenor 19 cwt, in E.

*LEONARD MILLS	Treble	†ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	...	4		
*ARTHUR A. JOFF	2	†HAROLD E. RAXTER	...	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	...	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	Tenor		

Conducted by H. E. RAXTER.

*First peal of Surprise and 25th peal. †First of Surprise Minor.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

This quarterly peal of the Association was rung in memory of Mr. E. C. Moore, ringer at Elmley Castle, whose funeral was this week.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

OWEN J. J. ROGERS	Treble	ROBERT R. CHURCHILL	4	
HENRY B. WHITNEY	...	2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	5
ALFRED B. RUSHTON	...	3	KENNETH G. SPAVINS	Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

A compliment to Miss E. Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, on her 80th birthday.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Wed., June 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F

BERYL W. ABBOTT	Treble	JANE K. A. COOK	...	4	
*BARBARA STEPHENS	...	2	MICHAEL J. AUSTIN	...	5
ROYSTON BLACKLER	...	3	PATRICK J. BIRD	Tenor	

Conducted by PATRICK J. BIRD.

*First Peal.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	Treble	A. EDWARD REEVES	...	4
*ALLAN D. MOGG	...	2	PETER E. CUMBERLAND	5
BRIAN P. MOGG	...	3	PHILLIP W. MOGG	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

*First attempt for a peal.

WHILTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 11, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DAVID J. MARSHALL	Treble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	...	4	
MICHAEL F. AMOS	...	2	†JOHN E. GODDARD	...	5
†MARTIN J. BAILEY	...	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

*First Peal. †First peal 'inside.' ‡First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEAL

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 4, 1959, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 19 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER	...	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	...	5-6
ERNEST MORRIS	...	3-4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	...	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe, a peal of Spliced Treble Bob Minor in 35 methods was rung at Disley, Cheshire, on July 15th.

The Rambling Ringers three-weeks' tour started on July 25th. The route covers several counties in the Cotswolds area with Bristol and Oxford forming the approximate boundaries.

King's High School, Warwick, have their own band of ringers, about 11 in number, who ring for the school's services at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas, Warwick. For the school's 80th birthday past and present girls of the school rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Sherborne on July 22nd.

The Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association, held at Beverley, on July 18th, sent their congratulations to Mr. T. H. Huddleston, of Sheffield on his recent award of the George Cross in recognition of his bravery in arresting a dangerous criminal.

Mr. Russell S. Young, M.A., from Groton School, Mass., U.S.A., is in this country visiting various towers in order to gain knowledge regarding traditions and methods of English change ringing. The Ringing Exercise generally extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Young, he has already been well received in London by the College Youths and other Guilds. He was also chosen to reply to the Toast of Visitors at the Ringing Festival of the Oxford Guild, in the Great Hall at Christ Church. Mr. Young will be pleased to hear from any English ringers and he can be contacted at the address of William H. Coles, 92, Harlington Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex.

The first peal of Swindon Surprise Royal was rung at Christ Church, Swindon, on July 18th, conducted by Mr. John R. Mayne.

Mr. G. Nelson Sloan of Christchurch, New Zealand, rang his first peal of Major at Church, Lancashire, on July 21st. It was Mr. Arthur Tomlinson's 700th peal.

The main objective of Sheffield Cathedral Company's outing on July 27th, was Lincoln Cathedral where during 75 minutes on the Cathedral bells touches of Kent, T. B. Maximus, Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Double Norwich on the back eight were rung.

The occasion of the first peal of Cinques by the University of Bristol Society at Reading was somewhat of a reunion since the band was representative of the last 10 years of the Society's life. Tudor Edwards conducted his first peal of Cinques and for Jack Worrall it was his first peal since 1955 and the first time he'd touched a bell-rope since last August! The composition was a new one by Albert Tyler, an honorary member, making a truly all-Society effort.

There have been some interesting peals during July at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham. Peals have been July 11th Cambridge Surprise Maximus (conductor Robin G. Leale); July 18th Yorkshire Surprise Royal (conductor Peter Border); July 23rd Yorkshire Surprise Royal (conductor Peter Border); July 25th Stedman Cinques (conductor Albert Walker). This was Mr. Walker's first peal since February 1958, and his friends will note with pleasure that he is back in peal ringing form.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIX SECONDS BROADCAST

The following letter of protest has been sent to the Programme Director, B.B.C. from Mr. Fred Price, of Bournemouth, concerning the broadcast of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on July 19th:—

Sir,

The broadcast of the bells of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, this evening, will have given offence to all lovers of these beautiful bells.

Six seconds only were the bells allowed to send their message and their music, before being 'faded out' to allow music from an instrument which was to be heard for much of the service.

It was insulting to the ringers, who must have practised for that occasion, and on their behalf, and that of all bell lovers I strongly protest.

NO CLAIM

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. C. Ridgway's letter re the Birmingham University Society's handbell peal, I would like to remind him that the footnote to the peal read "first on handbells for the Society". There was no claim whatsoever that this peal was the first rung by members of Birmingham University or the first rung in the Guild of Undergraduates Union, therefore the footnote was completely correct.

We were well aware at the time of the previous handbell peal, which was rung for the Universities Association, and which is also included in our records, simply because it was rung by members of Birmingham University in the Union.

As a conclusion, I should like to add that at present the Society is progressing slowly and now has upwards of 20 resident members.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Secretary

Kings Norton, Birmingham.

NOT UNIQUE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. E. Box, St. Chad's Cathedral is not unique. One ascends the South West tower and crosses over to ring in the North West tower at the Priory Church of S.S. Mary and Cuthbert, Worksop, Notts.—Yours sincerely,

W. L. EXTON.

Newark, Notts.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL ALSO

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W.E. Box's query—St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham is not unique in that one has to ascend the south west tower to get to the north west tower.

There is the same arrangement at Llandaff Cathedral—one enters a spiral staircase in the south west tower—proceeds along a narrow balcony over the west door to the north west tower to the ringing chamber.—Yours sincerely,

F. J. HANNINGTON.

Cardiff.

SILENT PEAL AT DORE

Dear Sir,—We were unable to obtain an umpire for the silent peal of Spiced Surprised at Dore on June 6th. I rang the treble and was appointed as a kind of umpire. I was in a position to check that no word or sign was made in what was a good peal.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD SCOTT

Doncaster.

MEMORIES WANTED

Dear Sir,—Is it possible to read of Ringing events in and around the City of London at about the turn of the century and up to the last war? I am sure such stalwarts as Thomas Taffender, Rueben Saunders, Joseph Hawkins, and Alfred Statham could write some very interesting articles, such as ringing at St. Magnus Tower Thames St. and what the 10 bells there were like.

Come now, you old worthies, pass on some of this sort of information and thrill us young ones with your reminiscences.

I can assure you they will be well received.—Yours truly,

JOE THORNLEY

Bolton, Lancs.

OBITUARY

MR. R. T. SIMPSON

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Robert T. Simpson of Holy Trinity, Darlington, which took place on July 7th, after a short illness.

Bert, as he was popularly known, learned his ringing in the adjoining village of Heighington, and spent all his working life in the service of British Railways at their locomotive works, Darlington and wagon works, Shildon.

He joined Holy Trinity, Darlington in 1931, and quickly progressed to Surprise Minor, being a steady and accomplished ringer. He rang in all 47 peals.

Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he had a keen sense of humour and wide interests. His passing in middle life came as a shock to his many ringing friends.

The funeral service on July 9th, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Goldie, who made reference to his service to the belfry and Church.

THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

A week-end meeting of the Guild took place on July 4th-5th, in the vicinity of Wareham, Dorset. As last year, the arrangements had been made by Dr. C. T. Brown, and were even better than before, in that the weather was really summery—if not indeed tropical. On Saturday the party visited Lytchett Minster (6), Wareham (8), Milton Abbey (8) and Puddletown (6). Of these there was no doubt that the Wareham octave, recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor, was the 'highlight.' At Puddletown, on the other hand, much hard and hot work had to be done to achieve a not always euphonious result. Saturday concluded with a most enjoyable dinner party at Wareham, followed by some touches in hand at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brown, for whose hospitality then, and earlier at lunch, the Guild was most grateful.

Before going our various ways home on Sunday it had been hoped to achieve a 'quarter' at Wareham, but unfortunately, the time between services did not quite allow of this; Dr. Neal Smith had to call round the bells in Bob Major after some 1150 changes only. All the same, it was a renewed pleasure to visit the belfry again.

It was enthusiastically agreed to accept Dr. Brown's offer to do it all again in 1960, so will members please note now the first weekend in July, 1960, for what is becoming one of the most happy of the Guild's annual fixtures.—D.L.G.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett

June 20th saw the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford in Lichfield once more for its annual meeting. A fine warm afternoon resulted in a very well attended meeting. During the afternoon and evening the bells of the Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), and St. Michael's (6), were put to a very good use. The service was held in St. Michael's Church, being conducted by the vicar, the Rev. V. S. Allen. An address was given by the Rev. Vernon Nicholls, vicar of St. Matthew's Walsall.

After the service an excellent tea was provided by the Lichfield ringers. This was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary, presiding. Before the meeting began the assembly stood in silence in remembrance of the late Herbert Knight, a stalwart of the Society for many years.

The committee report was presented by Fred Bennett who said the feature of the year was the increased attendance at meetings, 554 as against 467 in 1957-8. The fact that a large number of young people were attending held out a promising outlook for the future. During the year 63 peals had been rung, an increase of 21 over last year. Mr. Frank Brotherton, the Hon. Treasurer, presented his report which reflected a healthy financial position. Central Council representatives, B. G. Key and G. W. Hughes reported on the meeting at Southport mentioning the discussion on the financial standing of the 'Ringing World,' and on the survey of Sunday service ringing. It was pleasing to note that this Society compared very favourably with other associations as far as Sunday service ringing was concerned.

The following elections were made:—Ringing Master, Mr. E. Malin; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Dinenage; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; Clerical Secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; Lay Secretary, Mr. D. J. Tranter; Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith; Peal Secretary and Auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake; Central Council Representatives, Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. G. W. Hughes.

A proposition was put forward that an approach be made to the North Staffordshire and Shropshire Associations with a view to the establishment of a 'Lichfield Diocesan Ringing Festival.'

At the close of the meeting, the Rev. C. H. Barker gave an appreciation of Mr. Fred Bennett's (retiring lay secretary) services to the Society in the past. He presented to Mr. Bennett a silver tankard suitably inscribed, and to Mrs. Joan Bennett a stainless steel salver. Five year old Miss Lesley Holden presented Mrs. Bennett with a bouquet of flowers. In his reply, Mr. Bennett thanked the Society on behalf of his wife and himself and said how touched they were by this gesture. They would have many memories of their association with the Society to treasure for many years to come.

The attendance at the meeting was 140 ringers and friends.—D.J.T.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 6th, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles; Miss J. I. Frost (first quarter) 1, F. Benfield 2, R. Old 3, P. M. Giles 4, B. E. Frost (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Canon H. J. Boyd as Rector.

HENDON'S MILLENIUM

A little under three years ago, the young band at St. Mary's, Hendon, put forward to their Parochial Church Council the suggestion that the ring of six bells should be augmented to eight. The P.C.C., because of repairs to the organ and the extension of the vestry, did not feel that it could launch another appeal for sometime. If the ringers would launch their own appeal, the Church would give them its blessing.

This was all the ringers required, and a fund was started with the 'model fee' which came from the advertisers of a certain well-known margarine. Leading organisations in the Borough, and every house and flat in the Parish received an appeal. Fees from weddings helped the amount to swell, and as Christmas, 1956, drew near the handbells came out, and for nine or ten evenings the ringers rang carols round the streets. This raised about £50, and it was repeated at Christmas, 1957 and 1958.

The fund grew faster than they had dared to hope, and when, two years later, in 1958, they heard about Hendon's Millennium, they began to see their dream come true. In 1959 St. Dunstan assigned the estate of Hendon to the Abbey of Westminster, and we may be sure that if there was not already a Church or Chapel in Hendon, that year could be taken as the starting date of the history of Hendon's Church and Parish. Plans were made for the 1,000 years to be celebrated during 1959. The Dean of Westminster was invited to preach at a service on July 2nd, the day of the Patronal Festival, and the Bishop of London to preach at Evensong the following Sunday.

The ringers asked if the two new bells could be installed by then and dedicated by the Bishop of London. The P.C.C. was delighted with the idea, and things began to move. They nearly didn't move fast enough, however. There was a little delay over the faculty and then the founders Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had a lot of other work already in hand. On June 4th, a party from the Church, including the Vicar and a Churchwarden, as well as ringers, went to Whitechapel to see the bells cast. Other ringers prophesied that the bells would never be ready by July 5th. The ringers thanks are due to Mr. Theobald and Mr. Rowe and their helpers for their hard work.

July 5th dawned, boiling hot, and having rung the old six for morning service, the ringers went to the belfry again in the afternoon to try the eight for the first time. Highly satisfied after their short practice, they went to pull the ropes up to the Clock-Room for safety until the evening and found that the old rope put on the new treble, to make ringing it easier, was nearly frayed through. Another rope was hurriedly put on—they aren't risk it breaking in the middle of the service.

At 5.30 that evening, the ringers turned up at the Church again, and this time they were reinforced by visitors. Among these were Mr. T. Price (Master, Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Price, and Mr. T. J. Lock (Secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. A. Cutler and Mr. D. Smith. There were also representatives from the neighbouring towers of Finchley and Kingsbury, together with Mr. W. Theobald, of Mears and Stainbank.

Receiving the rope from the Steeple-keeper, Mr. H. Arnold, the Bishop of London dedicated the new treble 'in memory of Ernest Edward Pratchett, for 66 years a ringer at St. Mary's.' This bell was then rung by his grandson, Gerald Pratchett. The new 2nd bell

was dedicated 'in memory of all past ringers of this church,' and this bell was then rung by the Mayor of Hendon (handstroke only—he is a non-ringer) and the Ringing Master, Miss Ruth Foreman. Immediately after the dedication, the new eight was rung by the local band, and after the service, the visiting ringers were able to try them out. They all agreed that Mears had done a very good job, and the locals had the pleasure of hearing a perfect course of London rung on them.

Hendon has only eight Sunday Service ringers, but they have also four-learners with two more starting shortly and they hope in time to have a good eight-bell band which will do credit to the eight bells they now possess.

OUTINGS WOODFORD

A very enjoyable day was spent on July 11th, by ringers from Woodford and neighbouring towers visiting Marlow, Nettlebed, Caversham and Pangbourne.

St. Mary's Church is thanked for their contribution towards the cost of this annual event.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, DARLINGTON

For their annual outing on July 11th, ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, reinforced by members from St. John's, took the road south, and made their first stop at Sharow, near Ripon.

Here, for about an hour, there was enjoyable ringing on a pleasant light eight, with Plain Bob, Stedman and a nice touch of Superlative to finish up with. The tower at Sharow has been redecorated recently, and presents a most pleasing appearance. Of interest was the stained glass window commemorating a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung for Queen Victoria's jubilee.

An hour or two was spent among the varied attractions of Harrogate, and an excellent tea, enjoyed before the coach set off for Birstwith. The heavier ring of eight there was a most agreeable surprise to visitors previously unacquainted with the tower. The tone is splendid, and the bells go very well, so that the ringers regretted the shortness of their stay. A touch of Grandsire Triples ended the day's ringing, and the homeward journey by Harrogate, Ripon, Thirsk, Northallerton and Richmond, ended, as the day had begun, in rain.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

After an interval of almost 21 years, an Eastern Branch meeting was held in the remote Norfolk coastal village of Happingburgh (6) where 43 members and friends gathered on July 4th. The very long draught of rope for this ground floor ring did not deter anybody.

At the business meeting all seven members of the youthful local company were elected to membership of the association and in welcoming them the President, Mr. Nolan Golden, congratulated the boys and girls on their wonderful initiative in getting together and forming a ringing company after the bells had been silent for so many years, largely because the tower required attention.

With the leader Mr. G. Larter, all the youngsters started from scratch and are teaching themselves from "Ropesight". They can now nearly all ring Plain Bob Minor. Mr. Golden commented that these keen novices had given the Diocese a splendid example of what could be done if there was a will.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The 31st Annual Festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Brecon on June 20th. Approximately 80 members and friends were present, including Dr. J. J. A. Thomas, the Bishop of the Diocese.

The service which was held in the Cathedral was conducted by the resident Canons. The Voluntary before the service was a plain course of Grandsire Triples on Handbells rung by members of the Guild and the sermon was preached by the Rev. I. J. Richards, Vicar of Leanorth, Mon.

The business meeting which followed tea, was opened by the Bishop who presided. He extended a welcome to Brecon. A letter of good wishes for the meeting from Mr. Ernie Stitch was read by the secretary. The meeting then stood in silence for the late Mr. Ted Phillips, and all those who had passed on since the last annual meeting.

Arising out of the minutes an explanation was given why the shield was not returned to the Cathedral. The Bishop thought it would be very nice to have the shield in the Cathedral, but the meeting decided otherwise. A motion that Cadoxton Band retain the shield and house it in Cadoxton was carried.

All the various officer's reports were accepted including the report of the Central Council meeting at Southport. The officers were all thanked by the President. The high light of the reports was the re-consecration of St. Mary's Church, Swansea.

The statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer, Mr. D. Stokes. It was noted that the Northern district were not carrying out the Guild's Rules in respect of the two-thirds balance to the central fund, and were asked to abide by them.

After all the officers had been re-elected, the peal records officer was asked to write in the book the name of the person who gave the peal records book to the Guild. Mr. G. I. Lewis was again elected the peal records officer.

Mr. John T. Williams moved that the secretary proceed with the arrangements for badges and get a supply as soon as possible.

Mr. M. O. King proposed St. Mary's, Swansea, for the 1960 Annual Festival. This was carried unanimously. It was decided that the revision of the rules governing the Ringing Competition be left to the Committee members, with a view to a competition in the near future.

A proposal to give £10 each to St. Mary's Church, Swansea and Llangorse towards the restoration of the bells was carried. Mr. Barry Gladwin was proposed a member of the Guild.

A warm welcome was extended to the visitors especially the visitors from Bridgewater, Somerset.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Bishop and the Dean. The collection for the Bell Restoration fund realised £2 3s.

J.A.H.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris rang his 1,845th peal on July 18th at Clipston, Northants.

Morpeth Town Council has been hot and bothered over the continuity of the eight o'clock curfew rung from the 12th century clock tower. Attempts have been made to reverse a decision of the Council that on the ringers' practice night the curfew need not be rung. A motion by Ald. W. S. Sanderson that the curfew should always be rung was defeated by eight votes to four. When it was suggested that the curfew could be rung during the practice Ald. Sanderson commented 'We don't want the curfew made into a 'rock-n-roll.'

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BIRTH

ROBBINS.—On July 26th, 1959, at St. Hilda's Vicarage, Prestwick, Manchester, to Betty (nee Spice), wife of the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, a daughter (Margaret Anne). Address after September 1st: Lower Halstow Vicarage, Sittingbourne, Kent. 4692

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Taysom have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their son Henry, of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, to Janice N. Organ of Purton, nr. Berkeley, Glos. 4695

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

BARTHOLOMEW-CARNOCHAN—The marriage between Donald R. Bartholomew and Mary G. Carnochan, will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, on Saturday, August 22nd, 1959, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. 4747

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS—No practice during August at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, but Sunday service ringing as usual. Visitors welcome. 4685

'LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual outing, Saturday, September 12th. Coach from Bath-Bristol area. Ringing includes Cullompton, Topsham and Tiverton. Lunch and tea provided en route: those members interested are asked to send names at the earliest opportunity, if possible before September 1st.—B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bishopston, Bristol 7. 4691

MEETINGS

BEDS. ASSOCIATION—Luton District.—Meeting Flitwick, Saturday, Aug. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea in the 'Fir Tree', 5. K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 4704

BACK TO NORMAL!

A complete edition of 'The Ringing World' will appear next Friday, August 14th.

Please send Notices early.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Tideswell on Saturday, August 8th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 4687

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Balcombe, August 8th. Tea at the 'The Half Moon.' Names early please.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 4666

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bourn, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 4686

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Redbourn, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 4th to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—J. Good, dis. sec. 4657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting at Whittington-in-Lonsdale, Saturday, August 8th. Ringing from 2.30. Possibly at Leck after tea. Please bring own food.—R. F. Eccles, Sec. 4663

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Acton (5) on Saturday, August 8th, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 4663

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 5 p.m. Names for tea must be received by August 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 4696

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Swainby (6), on Saturday, August 15th, 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify T. M. Cox, 8, Greenwood Ave., Middlesbrough, to be followed by ringing at Carlton-in-Cleveland. 4702

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Sat., August 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 5, service 6 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 4700

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Terrington St. Clement, Sat., August 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Easter, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn.—J. Fox. 4706

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting Corsham (6) August 15th. Bells 3, service and tea. Names by August 13th to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 4706

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, August 15th, meeting at Broxbourne, 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 4693

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Stone-in-Oxney, Saturday, August 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gill, Chequertree, Acton Lane, Wittersham, nr. Tenterton, by previous Thursday.—C.T.H. 4698

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting Kirkby-in-Furness, Saturday, August 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names to E. C. Shepherd, Church Cottage, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby. 4701

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Strand, Whitefield, Saturday, August 15th. Ringing at 3, Cups of tea at 5.—J. Porter. 4701

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield on August 15th at 6 p.m. Special methods for practice Double Court and Double Oxford.—B. C. Castle. 4699

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Saturday, August 15th, by kind permission of Lincoln Guild, evening meeting Claypole. Bells (5) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. Exton, hon. sec. 4645

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Old Coulsdon (5) on Saturday, August 15th. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 12th to Miss R. Naylor, 6, Hartley Way, Purley. 4684

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at Arley Kings, Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, August 18th to Mr. G. Lewis, 38, Dudley Road, Stourport-on-Severn.—F. Hyde, branch sec. 4703

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint Meeting, Tickhill, August 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Public Library 5 p.m., 2/6 per head. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cannings, 15, Northgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, by 13th. All welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert and G. Watson. 4678

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun', Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, August 22nd, 6 p.m. Ringing 4 p.m. at St. Clement Danes Strand. No practice at St. Paul's Cathedral until further notice.—John Chilcott. 4698

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourne (6), Saturday, August 22nd. Bells 2.30, service 4.15, tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Freuch, 90, West Street, Bourne, Lincs., by Monday, 17th.—F. G. Vickers, hon. sec. 4690

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Andrew's Kildwick, an ideal tower for a summer meeting with large doors for the ground floor ringing room was the venue for the annual meeting of the Western District on June 20th. The attendance of 40 included visitors from Oxfordshire and Lancashire. Some measure of improvement in the striking was noted.

At the business meeting news of the passing of Mr. A. J. Coldrick of Armsley was given, and members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Five nominations were received for the three members of the district committee. A ballot resulted in the election of Messrs. P. Birkett, H. Lofthouse and I. Slack. Mr. Birkett was also elected to the general committee of the Association. New members elected were Barrie Dove and Robin Brown, Leeds Parish Church and John Reynolds, Guiseley.

In view of a general meeting of the Association at Pudsey on Sept. 19th., it was decided to forego the District meeting usually held that month. The next meeting will be on Dec. 19th. possibly at Almondbury.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. P. J. Stanforth on becoming president of the Ladies Guild at the meeting of the Midland District of the Guild at Ibstock on June 6th. The memory of Mrs. White, a founder member was honoured in silence. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Goadby were elected honorary members. The next meeting will be a joint one with the Lincolnshire Branch at Grantham.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On May 30th. 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Tarbatt 1, H. Rusby (cond.) 2, F. Cowling 3, D. N. Stables 4, N. F. Moxon 5, H. Mann 6. To mark the 50th year of the Barnsley and District Society.

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