

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting for the year 1929 was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 17, and it was pleasing to note the many country members present. Tea was served in the Crypt, under the supervision of Miss Maguire and Miss Wise, who received the thanks of the Master for the prompt and efficient manner in which they had handled the situation at a very short notice. The Vicar, the Rev. P. McCormick called in to give a word of welcome, and regretted other business prevented him from spending what he could see would be a very pleasant evening.

At the Business Meeting, which was held in the Vestry Hall, the first item on the Agenda was the Minutes for the past Meeting. These were read by the Secretary and Mrs. Fletcher proposed and Mr. L. Baybutt seconded that they be signed.

The Balance Sheet was next presented by the Treasurer, and showed a balance in hand of £25-10-10 - a decrease of £6-4-0 on the previous year. Mr. J. Parker proposed and Mr. H. Sear proposed that same be passed. - Carried.

The Secretary then gave his Report for the year, and stated that although the number of peals rung for the Society had been very low, the <sup>return</sup> position was viewed with complete satisfaction, for we now had to record in our Peal Book a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

### Election of Officers.

Master - Mrs. Fletcher proposed and Mr. E. Barnatt sen, seconded that Mr. J. D. Matthews be re-elected. - Carried.

Secretary - Mr. J. Parker proposed and Mr. J. Newman seconded that Mr. J. Sparrow be re-elected. - Carried.

Treasurer - The Secretary in proposing Mr. E. Steere for this office, said he thought it would be a great advantage to the Society if it were filled by a person in greater contact with the Secretary. Every assistance had been given by Mr. Cornford, who had served the Society well for many years, but his inability to attend St. Martin's caused a considerable amount of correspondence and travelling.

Mr. Conford, in seconding Mr. Steere, said he had always been pleased to serve the Society, but owing to his present residence being so far from the City he thought the change would be more helpful to the Secretary. Members agreed and Mr. Steere was elected.

Trustees. — Mr. E. Barnett, sen., proposed and Mr. J. Newman seconded that Messrs. J. Smith and A. Hardy be re-elected. — Carried.

Stewards. — Mr. L. Bayly proposed and Mr. A. Neill seconded that Messrs. C. Matthews and J. Bevan be re-elected senior and junior Stewards respectively. — Carried.

Auditors. — Mr. A. Neill proposed and Mr. C. Matthews seconded that Messrs. J. Newman and R. Bevan be re-elected. — Carried.

#### New Members.

Mr. J. Parker proposed and Mr. Bunshead seconded that Mr. George Ball, of Burton-on-Trent, be elected.

Mr. Bowden proposed and Mrs. Fletcher seconded that Mr. Arthur Radley, of Broxbourne, be elected.

Mr. Bunshead proposed and Mr. J. Parker seconded that Mr. Ronald Dove, of Thornton Heath, be elected.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., proposed and Mr. E. Barnett, sen., seconded that Edwin Arthur Barnett be elected.

Mr. R. Bullen proposed and Mr. E. Card seconded that Miss F. Ore, of Balham, be elected.

Mr. Bond proposed and Mr. E. Barnett, sen., seconded that Mr. W. E. Bond be elected.

Mr. H. Sear proposed and Mr. J. Newman seconded that Mr. H. V. Sear be elected. — Carried.

#### Ratifications.

Mr. R. Deal, London

Mr. E. Cross, London

Mr. L. Wightman, Framlingham

Mr. J. Parker proposed and Mr. E. Barnett, sen., seconded that all be ratified. — Carried.

#### Booking Peals.

Mr. J. Parker proposed and Mr. E. Card seconded that same be booked and paid. — Carried.

#### Shreditch Peal Board.

Mr. J. Parker congratulated the Master on the first peal of Cambridge Maximus rung by the Society, and said he was pleased to see Mr. Matthews' ambition had

been fulfilled; it was a grand performance, and one which the Society would always be proud. He thought it most fitting that a Peal Tablet should be erected and proposed that the cost be granted from the Society's fund.

Mr. E. Barnett, sen., seconded the proposition, stating that as a member of many years' standing he was well aware of the many difficulties which had been overcome for we had been struggling for years. The Master had proved himself a pioneer and he and the band were to be congratulated on the splendid performance and progress they had made. The motion was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

#### St. Martin's Peal Tablet.

The gift of a Peal Tablet to Shreditch brought a question from Mr. R. Bevan regarding the peal of Cambridge Maximus ring at St. Martin's - the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Bevan, reminding Members that St. Martin's was the Society's headquarters, said he thought a suitable Peal Tablet should also be erected here, and if possible the whole cost be borne by the Society. The matter

was thoroughly discussed, but as no sum <sup>could</sup> be given as to what would be the actual cost, it was decided to leave it in the hands of the Master and be determined at the next Meeting.

#### Summer Meeting.

Mrs. Fletcher proposed that a Summer Meeting be held at Epsom, sometime in June. This was seconded by Mr. E. Barnett, jun., and carried.

The Master <sup>Vote of Thanks</sup> proposed and Mr. Bevan seconded that letters of thanks be sent to the Vicar, Miss Magniac and Miss Wise for the use of the bells and for the tea provided.

Mr. J. Parker proposed and Mr. Neale seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Officers for their services during the past year.

On Sunday, September 8, in the belfry of St. Martin's, it was proposed by Mr. R. Bevan and seconded by Mr. G. Card that £2-2-0 be paid out of the Society's Fund to the Secretary's subscription list for a presentation to the Master.

(Carried)

On Sunday, November 3, in the hall of  
St. Martin's, it was proposed by the Secretary  
and seconded by Mr. S. Card that £2-2-0  
be sent as a subscription from the Society  
towards the Berkshire 12-bell fund. — Carried.

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