

The District Annual Meeting was held in St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 25th 39. When the bells of the Abbey and St. Peters were rung in various methods from Ranns and even call-changes, to Double Norwich and St. Alban's etc. about 30 ringers attending from N. Minnald, Hatfield, Harpenden, Redbourn, Hertsley and Watford and St. Albans.

At 5.15pm a service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Peters who is an honorary member of our Association. A course of Granville Triples was rung as a concluding voluntary by Messrs. Day, Coles, Ayre and Frost.

At the business meeting the President (Mr. A. Day) welcomed the members - saying how glad he was that the meeting had been arranged under the black-out restrictions etc.

After the minutes had been read and passed correct, the following election took place. Messrs H. Goodyear and J. Blackwood (St. Peter's) R. Redford (St. Stephen) Miss Copson (Unattached) R. Hinks, J. Crichton, J. Bishop, R. Lawrence (Hatfield) as Ringing Members, and Messrs. A. Halton (Abbey) F. Redwell, Mrs E. Miller Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, Miss D. Wilder, N. Dellar, K. West, R. Hawkes, L. Simons (St. Peter's) as Probationers Members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in St. Albans on the second Saturday in Feb. when the General Committee would be meeting.

The Secretary's report was read and adopted. - Mr. J. W. Cartmel (Gen Sec)

congratulated the Secretary on his report and years work, also on the number of new members and probationers. He also appealed for more support of the Voluntary Benevolent Fund.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Frost) was re-elected, with Mr. A. Day to take over if required during the year. The following were elected to serve on the committee.

Mr. A. Day. Mr. A. Lawrence and Mr. H. J. Hazell.

Mr. A. Lawrence voiced the thanks of all to the Dean and Vicar of St. Peter's for the use of the bells, the steepkeepers for their services, the Organist and all others for anything they may have done to ensure the success of the meeting.

A collector for the Voluntary Bell Fund wanted to go.

After a hot course of Stedman Triplets in hand, on the towers near bells, a move was made to St. Peter's, where the bellringing was blacked-out for further ringing.

The ringing during the day was not up to the general standard, but the performers were fully contented with it, and all agreed on the success of the meeting.

A joint meeting was held at Luton on Sat 16th March 1940 ringing was not up to the usual standard, but attendance was better than usual. After tea at The Red Lion, a rather heated discussion took place on the merits & demerits of joint meetings being held at Luton. The Bedfordshire Secretary said the Herts Association should be kept out of their towers, the Hertfordshire Sec. agreed, Mr. L. Goodenough (Luton Conductor) however did not agree and favoured