

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. F. Hazell.

Mr. A. Lawrence voiced the thanks of all to the Dean and Vicar of St. Peter 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 amounted to 5/-.

After a hot course of Stedman Triplets in hand on the Taylor's new bells, a move was made to St. Michael, where the bellringing was blacked-out for further ringing. The ringing during the day was not up to the general standard, but the learners were fully interested for, and all agreed in 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 or 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

separate meetings, as a joint meeting cut down the number of visits to their towers, and as no business meeting is possible, no elections can take place.

Mr. A. Day (President Hert's Assoc.) moved to vote of thanks to all concerned.

A. Day
13/4/40

A meeting was held at Herpenden on Saturday April 13th 1940. About 20 ringers attended. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. At 5 pm a service ^{was} conducted by the Rector who gave an interesting address.

A collection was taken for the Voluntary Bell Fund at this service. 4-

At the business meeting some discussion took place on the position of Luton tower. The secretary was of the opinion that meetings should not be held at Luton except by invitation of the Bedfordshire Association.

Statfield was selected as place of next meeting date left to the sec.