

Minutes of District Meeting held at
Richmansworth, Saturday, 1st March 1947.

The Vicar of Richmansworth, the General Secretary
(W. Aye) and about 40 members & friends attended.

As the Vicar had another early appointment,
Mr Walter Aye was appointed to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting were
read and confirmed after the Secretary was
authorised to add the word "for Mr Cartmel's
presentation fund".

Arising out of the minute the Chairman reported
that the total Subscriptions by the County to
Mr Cartmel's fund was about £10. There was
a suggestion that a Book might be agreed
to record the beals sung by Mr Cartmel.
Other suggestions for a suitable present would
be welcomed.

Four new Members were elected at the Meeting, viz:-

<u>H. H. Jones</u> of Rickmansworth	Proposed by W. W. Elliott
	Seconded by Mr C. C. Mayne.
<u>S. Golley</u> of Watford	Proposed by Mr R. G. Bell.
	Seconded by Mr F. W. Elliott.
<u>Mr M. B. Hicks</u> of Langleybury	Proposed by S. H. Horne
<u>Dennis West</u>	Seconded by S. G. Bell.

The following election was confirmed:-

T. H. FRANCIS, 33 Heath Street Road, N.W.3
as Non-Resident Life Member, Proposed by
W. W. Elliott. Seconded by Mr H. J. P. Hibbert.

It was proposed by Mr C. C. Mayne, ~~and~~ seconded
by Mr J. East, motioned that Bushey Heath be
the place of the next meeting and the date
Saturday, 3rd May 1947.

The Members were informed that if space permits
it is proposed to include in the 1946 Annual
Report a Roll of Honour. Mr Hughes said the
ideal would be to include the names of all
those who served in A.L.U. Forces during the

1939-45 War, but the Chairman said that owing to restricted supplies of paper he was afraid it would only be possible to publish the names of those who had made the supreme sacrifice as the result of enemy action. The Secretary reported that he was asking each Lower Master to supply him with the necessary information.

As the publication of the Singing World was suspended for 2 weeks on account of the fuel shortage cuts, the Secretary & Mr Hughes announced that there would be a meeting in the Western District at Northchurch on Saturday 8th March 1947. Also that the Annual General Meeting would be at St Albans, on Saturday the 12th April 1947, at ^{with} 2pm. singing from 2pm.

The Secretary announced that contributions from each Lower would be welcome to the Voluntary Fund as there are likely to be some calls on the Fund as Post-war repairs and augmentations ~~are~~ ^{will} be put in hand. It had been suggested each

Lower Band might reasonably contribute 3d per rope per annum to the Fund.

The feeling of the Members was sounded on the question of arranging at some convenient time, a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Stannmore, and the Secretary was instructed to start negotiations with Mr. Lock, the Middlesex N & E Secretary.

The Chairman informed the Members that the Revd G. Barker James, had recently, passed away. All, and especially the older Members, were sorry to hear the news of the decease of one who will always be remembered as being of a kindly & sociable disposition, and a singer & composer of the first rank.

Mr R. G. Bell proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the Bells. The Chairman added sincere thanks to the Vicar for paying a personal visit to the ~~Digging Chamber~~ Lower which he felt was a thing specially welcome.

and pleasing to the Bingers as evidence of the Bingers' interest in the activities of the Bingers.

The Chairman also extended a warm welcome to all the visiting Bingers especially those who had come from "out of the County".

Mr Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr F. W. Elliott, of Kichmanworth, for all the arrangements he had so kindly made, for all to be in readiness at the Tower, and for the tea at the Buses safe.

A final note may perhaps be allowed to be added to these Minutes to record the fact that a Non-ringer, a lady and a little boy, paid a visit to the Tower in the afternoon and evening. They were welcomed and the lady expressed great interest in the ringing, not having seen anything like it before. She said she lived at the Smory which is close to the church, and this fact pleased the Bingers as in the past occupants of the Smory have occasionally only shown their interest in the Bells by endeavouring

to get the herring stopped, if it has been
continuous for any great length of time.

B.R. Beale.

— Dear Bushy Heath —
3/5/1947