

Singing commenced at 3.00 P.M. & continued in a variety of methods until the service at 4.30 conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. Meredith. Tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared & served by ladies of the local board.

The Vicar was then installed as chairman for the business meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Talbot. Personally of Radlett & Miss D. Owen of St. Peter's.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Arising, K. Davill pointed out that his name had been omitted from the list of nominations for the district committee, & Mr. Dalpole had been entered by mistake. Mrs. Cohen requested the minutes be amended to read Vicar of St. Stephen's, not rector. They were then signed as a correct record.

In answer to G. Dodds the secretary explained why the venue for this meeting had been change from Sandridge, & stated that the work on a new headstock was in hand.

Mr. Haddy informed the meeting of the success of the singing course at Wespender on Jan. 24th, also that the handbell singing was the most enthusiastically received.

### Election of new members

As probationary members Miss M. G. Sheppard & Miss F. M. Baker, proposed Miss F. Dodds, seconded G. Dodds, at present singing at Sandridge. Ratification of election NPLM. of Andrew of London proposed K. Dalpole, seconded A. Carter. These elections were carried.

Town captains' conference. R. Hardy informed the meeting that arrangements were in hand. In answer to G. Penney the secretary said up to three singers will be allowed from each town: i.e. town captain, secretary & steeple-keeper; or their representatives. Also, there will be a notice in the R.W. Names of those intending to partake to be received by the secretary 14 days before the conference.

A. Dilly suggested every effort be made to inform our own town officers, & K. Dalpole placed emphasis on the less active towns of the district.

A suggestion from R. Hardy that topics for discussion be notified in advance, & the secretary writes to inform Mrs. Bessford (chairman) was agreed.

Social activities. The secretary read a reply from ATV studios informing the district there were no shows at the present or in the near future for which audiences were required. G. Penney asked that the secretary write again making a definite booking for the autumn.

A. Dilly outlined the committee recommendation of a visit to London on July 14th, singing in the city during the morning, & travelling by boat around the docks in the afternoon. G. Penney proposed an amendment changing the date to August 8th, due to town outings near the original date. There was no second for the amendment, so on the proposal of A. Dilly, seconded by G. Dodds the committee recommendation was adopted.

Date & place of next meeting. The secretary said the next meeting on March 21st was a joint with the Datchford district, & is to be held at Radlett during the afternoon, with Glöce bells available in the evening.

A request had been received by the secretary from Hasparden to postpone the visit there due in April because

Weddings prevented a full meeting. R. Hedy proposed St. Michael's, St. Albans on April 18th. This was recorded by Mrs Coburn, and carried.

Any other business. A. Dilly informed the meeting he intends to arrange special practices, where members can try methods they are not able to in the confines of a normal district, & he hopes to include one or two more advanced methods for those requiring them.

R. Hedy proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells, & the service; & to the local band for the excellent tea.

Mrs Coburn thanked R. Hedy for playing the organ at the service.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Ringing in the evening continued until 8 P.M. both in the tower & in hand.

Andrew Tubbs Rowley.

CHAIRMAN.

Note. A collection towards V.B.F. realised the sum of £1.12.3.