

joint with the Eastern District 17th Oct., 1970.

Afternoon singing commenced at 3.P.M. on the six bells at Essendon and continued until the service at 4.30, during which time it was very disappointing to see so few Eastern District members. The service was conducted by the rector of Essendon, and he later joined us for tea in the village hall.

The rector was invited to take the chair for the business meeting.

Apologies for absence. Were received from Mrs K. Hardy, Miss F. Dodds, K. Davill, Mr & Mrs Carter, T. Holland and K. Dalpole.

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

Matter arising. P. Osfield queried the date of the last meeting, and in reply the secretary said he had two lots of minutes on the same foolcap, and had inadvertently entered the wrong date in the minute book.

The D.R.M. said the minutes were not strictly correct in saying only one singer benefited from the singing at St. Paul's Daldea during the afternoon. In reply the secretary said that due to being at King's Daldea during the afternoon he could only enter into the minutes information he had been told.

Election of new members. Christopher Thorne of Essendon proposed Mrs C. Osfield, seconded Russell Brown of Hatfield, proposed G. Austin, seconded G. Edmonson.

Transfer from probationary to singing member, Miss M. Sheppard, proposed by G. Dodd, seconded Miss R. Howard. These were carried.

The election of J. Alex Ainsworth of Esher as N.R.M. prior to a feast was also ratified.

Date & place of next meeting. The secretary said this was arranged for Barnet on Nov. 21st, and is to be the second of our experimental meetings, with a secondary tone open during the afternoon.

The D.R.M. said he hoped to have N. Myman arranged as the learner's tone for the standard eight bell methods, with the advanced singing on the heavier bell at Barnet.

Any other business. The secretary told the meeting that a band of youngsters was shortly to be taught at St. Michael's, D. Abbas, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

The D.R.M. again urged the district to publicise the device and to help the sale of tickets.

R. Hardy proposed a V.O.T. to the rectors of Esher and All Saints, Heston for the use of the bells, the rector of Esher for taking the service, Miss Dismar for playing the organ, and the Esher singers for providing and preparing the tea.

P. Dwyer congratulated the Esher singers for display of glasses decorating the tea tables.

Evening singing at All Saints, Heston was from 6.15 - 8.15, during which time we saw some of the Esher District members. The singing during this time ranged up to Surprise Royal.