

Annual General Meeting St. Martins in the Fields  
January 20<sup>th</sup> 1912

The Annual General Meeting was held at St. Martins on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> & was one of the most successful ever held in the annals of the Society. Ringing commenced with a touch of Steadman Cinques followed by three leads of Treble Twelve, in which Miss Evelyn Steele of Bedford, made her first attempt on twelve bells. These and other touches occupied the time, until 5-30, when some 40 members assembled in the Vestry Hall, to partake of a substantial tea, most kindly provided through the hospitality of the Vicar (the Rev. L. Shelford) who also spent some time at the meeting, giving some interesting experiences of his 40 years ministry in North-east London, also mentioning if anything was wanted now was the time to ask.

The Master W. J. D. Matthews, presided at the business meeting which followed.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which on the proposition of W. W. G. Matthews seconded by W. Bwan were passed.

The Balance Sheet showing a Balance in hand of £13-19-8 was next produced, and on the motion of W. A. Jacob + W. Parker was adopted. W. G. Card proposed and W. Allen seconded that W. J. Parker be Master for the ensuing year.

W. J. Langdon proposed, W. W. G. Matthews seconded that W. J. D. Matthews be re-elected. W. Parker offering to withdraw, W. Matthews was again elected.

W. Dains, Treasurer, W. Bennett Secretary, + W. Hardy Sen. Steward consented to serve for another year.

W. Bennett pro, W. Parker seconded that W. J. Hairs be junior steward.

W. Benstead proposed W. Dains, W. Matthews W. Parker and W. Bennett be elected as the representatives on the Central Council, which was seconded by W. Cole and carried.

W. Cole again offered to renew the Fire Insurance policy, which was gratefully accepted.

W. Hardy proposed and W. Dains seconded that the usual gratuity of 10/- be paid to W. Walters. W. Benstead proposed the 13 peals entered in the Grand Peal Book be paid for, seconded by W. Berry and carried.

W. Benstead proposed W. Bevan seconded that the 14 peals rung during the year, be entered by W. F. J. Parker.

Proposed by W. J. D. Matthews + sec. by W. Hardy that the annual subscription of 10/- be paid to the Central Council.

The Shoreditch Restoration Fund was the next item on the agenda, after a discussion, W. Parker proposed that £5 be subscribed out of the Society's funds towards that object, this was seconded by W. Benstead and carried.

The following ladies and gentlemen were then elected members of the Society

Miss E. L. Bennett	entrance fee paid	N <sup>o</sup> 2812
" E. Steele	" " "	" 2799
" E. Brasley	" " "	" 2800
" E. Johnson	" " "	" 2801

proposed by W. F. Bennett	seconded by Miss E. Parker	
W. R. Warner	entrance fee paid	N <sup>o</sup> 2802
" A. Edmonds	" " "	" 2803
" J. Mackenny	" " "	" 2804
" W. Ratcliffe		

proposed by W. A. Jacob - seconded by W. Dains  
W. E. Hughes. entrance fee paid N<sup>o</sup> 2805

pro. W. F. Smith sec. by W. A. Brightman  
W. H. Dew, entrance fee paid N<sup>o</sup> 2833.

i. pro. W. J. D. Matthews sec. by W. Hardy.

W. Dains proposed, W. Parker seconded that the next quarterly meeting be held at St. Sepulchris Holborn

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for again extending his hospitality towards the Society, and to the Officers for their services concluded the meeting.

i. The ratification of W. H. Flanders ent<sup>o</sup> fap<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 2798 elected in the tower at St. Marys Rotherhithe was proposed + sec. by W. Dains + Bevan and confirmed.

John D. Matthews  
Jan 11, '13.

St Sepulchris Holborn October 19<sup>th</sup> 1912

A Quarterly meeting was held at St Sepulchris on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Ringing commenced at 4.30 a goodly number putting in an appearance. After tea, which was admirably laid at "The King of Denmark" & to which 22 sat down, the formal business meeting took place, the Master W. S. D. Matthews presiding, The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting held at Islington which on the proposition of W. F. Holden seconded by W. W. Berry were confirmed

W. Charles

" W. Lloyd

were proposed as members by W. S. D. Matthews seconded by W. A. Hardy & duly elected, and the election of the following members was ratified

W. S. Page of Hitchfield entrance fee paid N<sup>o</sup> 2807

" A. Talbot " Bennington " " " " 2811

" L. Harlow " Bedford

proposed by W. F. Bennett & seconded by W. Hardy

It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at St Martins on Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup> 1913

This being the first meeting held since the lamented death of our esteemed member W. A. Jacob a discussion arose as to the most suitable manner in which the society could make some memorial to his memory, This brought the following proposition from W. H. Dains, That it is desirable to mark the memory of the late W. Arthur Jacob by erecting a head stone. This was seconded by W. F. Holden and carried.

It being left to the Master & Secretary to see what could be done towards raising a fund for the purpose.

The usual vote of thanks to The Vicar & W. D. Lovatt concluded the business

Perter April 25/13