

ANNUAL MEETING.

St Martin-in-the-Fields, 14th January, 1928.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting and Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Baybutt seconded that same be signed.

The Treasurer then presented the Balance Sheet, showing a balance in hand of £32-2-10, which was proposed by Mr. Neile and seconded by Mr. Fletcher that it be passed - carried.

The Secretary then read ^{the} Report for the year 1927, and stated that seven peals had been rung, as follows:-

Stedman bingoes	- 2
" bakers	- 1
Bob Royal	- 1
London Surprise Major	- 1
Superlative " "	- 1
Double Norwich	- 1

Election of Officers

Master - Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Neile seconded that

Mr. J. D. Matthews be re-elected - carried unanimously.

Secretary - Mr. Baybutt proposed and Mr. Neile seconded that Mr. J. Sparrow be re-elected - carried unanimously.

Treasurer - The question was raised about this position being filled by a member residing in London, as it was considered inconvenient to the Society to appoint a person residing too far out, as in the case of the Treasurer for the past year; but when it was pointed out Mr. Garford was now able to attend the practices and would at some future date be returning to London to reside Mr. Baybutt proposed and Mr. Neile seconded that he be re-elected - carried unanimously.

Turkeys - Mr. Fletcher proposed and Mr. Newman seconded that Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy be re-elected - carried unanimously.

Stewards - Mr. Neile proposed and Mr. Green seconded that Messrs. S. Matthews and J. Bevan be re-elected senior and junior stewards respectively - carried unanimously.

Auditors - Four nominations were put forward for this office - Messrs. J. Newman, S. Fletcher, W. Norton and R. Bevan, but Messrs. S. Fletcher and W. Norton withdrawing Mr. S. Green ~~was~~ proposed and Mr. S. Matthews seconded that Messrs. J. Newman and R. Bevan be elected - carried.

New Members

Mr. King proposed and Mr. Baybutt seconded that Mr. J. Newington, of Bedford, be elected a member.

Mr. Green proposed and Mr. G. Matthews seconded that Mr. A. R. Miles, of Mayfield, Sussex, be elected a member.

Mr. Baybutt proposed and Mr. Neile seconded that Mr. T. May, of Ipswich be elected a member - carried Unanimously.

Ratifications of Membership.

Messrs. S. W. Baybutt, of Pittlewell;
D. C. Williams, of Southampton;
F. A. Boley, of Girth;
S. Taylor, of Sittingbourne;
W. G. Parker, of Belvedere.

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that all be ratified.

Booking Fees.

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. R. Bewan seconded that same be booked and paid.

Accounts.

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Fletcher seconded that these be paid.

Charity (Ringing World)

Mr. G. Gard proposed and Mr. Newman seconded that the sum of one pound be sent to the Editor of the Ringing World as a contribution to the "Grenaeus Pistor Fund" - carried.

Grant for Shreditch

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Hardy seconded that a grant of £5-9s. be made from the Society's Funds towards the cost of a complete new set of ropes for Shreditch Church - carried.

Property

Attention having been called to the inconvenience and unsuitability of storing the Society's property at the "King of Denmark", a discussion ensued, during which it was suggested that permission be sought to place same in St. Martin's Church, and the matter was left in the hands of the Master and Secretary to see what arrangements could be made.

Letter of Condolence

The Master proposed and Mr. Neile seconded that

a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. F. Bennett, his wife having passed away on the previous day.

Best Wishes to Mr. Pulling.

Mr. Baybutt proposed and Mr. Green seconded that a letter be sent to Mr. Pulling expressing the best wishes of the members of the Society for a speedy recovery after his accident.

Vote of Thanks.

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. C. Matthews seconded that a letter of thanks be sent to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Miss Wise and her helpers for the tea provided.

Mr. Parker proposed and Mr. Hare seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Officers of the Society for their great assistance during the past year.

Mrs. Bates' Fund.

On Sunday, December 16, it was proposed by Mr. C. Matthews and seconded ^{in the help of Mr. Hare,} by Mr. S. Gard, that the sum of one guinea be sent to the fund being raised for the benefit of Mrs. Bates.

On Sunday December 16 it was proposed by Mr. C. Matthews and seconded by Mr. S. Gard that a sum of fifteen shillings be granted for the purchase of a wreath for Mr. Pace of Edmonton.

J. Matthews