

Annual General Meeting
held Saturday August 29th in Hasting
Hall, St Martin-in-the-Fields. The
chair being taken at 5^{pm} by the
Master Mr. G. H. Cross. About forty
members attended.

Letters of good wishes from The Amical
Society of College youths and Mr. Keeble
were read by the Secretary. Apologies
for absence were received from Messrs
W. J. Giddes & G. Symonds and Kelling
and J. Bennett.

The minutes of the last annual
General Meeting were read and approved.
Balance sheet was next presented
and Secretary pointed out owing to war
conditions he had been unable to contact
auditors to check accounts.

Adoption of balance sheet proposed by
Mr. Heagles, seconded by Mr. Radley,
carried.

The Secretary then presented his
report, and a suggestion that steps
should be taken to ensure the
proper celebration of our 200th
anniversary was referred back to the
next AGM. On the motion of Mr
Radley, seconded by Mr. Heagles,
reference was made to the death of Mr
J. B. Goldsmith one of our oldest members, and
Editor of the Ringing World, and the loss
sustained to ringing thereby. Also to Bryan
O'Neill a very promising young ringing
who passed away at the early age of 17.
To these and other ringers who had died
during the year those present stood in
silence for a short while.

The report was adopted.

Selection of Officers.

Mr. J. B. Bailey proposed that
all officers be re-elected en-bloc,
carried unanimously.

No names of new members were
submitted at this meeting.

Arising out of the letter from Mr
Keeble already mentioned a discussion

took place on the necessity of forming a National Association of Ringers. The general feeling was against the formation of such a body, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Flecker and inform him of these conclusions.

A discussion also arose on the vexed question of compulsory umpires for handball peals, and after various points of view had been exchanged it was moved by the master that so far as we were concerned it was felt that local arrangements as had obtained in the past should continue.

A question by Mr Matthews as to how the money voted for the assistance of Mr Goldsmith before his death would now be used was answered by the Secretary, who stated that he had taken it on himself to reply for the Society to a request from the trustee's of the money if there

be any objection to the money voted being used to what they considered the best advantage. His reply was to the effect there would be no objection. Mr Heaycell proposed and Mr Matthews seconded that Secretamp action be approved.
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Mr Heaycell proposed that another joint meeting with the Middlesex Assen on the lines of the meeting held at St. John's Waterloo Rd should be arranged if possible at Shoreham some time during spring or early summer.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Church Council for the use of the Vestry Hall for the meeting and providing tea in the canteen was carried with acclamation.

This concluded the business.

By Hon 4/9/43