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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 13th March 1958 in Committee Room 3, the Union. There were 10 members present, and 1 apology for absence had been received by the Secretary.

The meeting was opened at 5.35 p.m. by the Chairman, G.A. Hughes. It was proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be taken as read, seconded by P.W. Webb, and carried unanimously.

Residential Address:

The President; the Rev. J.E. Newport, then gave a short address to the members. He regretted his other commitments prevented him from attending except in such times as the A.G.M., but he was gratified to find the Society so flourishing. He considered the Society to have a most useful purpose, and encouraged the teaching of more learners and exhorted the members to greater improvements. He wished the society all success in the coming year.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the President, and this was seconded by P.W. Webb.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman expressed pleasure that the Society was now in sole occupation of the Northfield tower, although remarked on the fact of there being several learners under our instruction who were not members of the university. The Society had so far been unable to make a peal attempt although it was planned to do so very shortly. There had also been very bad luck at Northfield with broken stays, ropes, and the tenor clapper. A full report on the tower and belfry was sent to the Rector, and after various repairs the tower was now in reasonably good condition. The Society had rung several good $\frac{1}{4}$ peals this year prior to Sunday evening-service. There was a considerably increased society membership this year, which was encouraging. No Society offer had been made in last Carnival because of lack of enthusiasm therefore, but the chairman encouraged members to consider making a joint effort next year.

He concluded by wishing all the members the best of luck throughout the coming year.

Ringling Master's Report:-

He remarked that the society's standard of ringing had considerably improved during the past year, although it had proved impossible to find a band to ring a peal. However, 2 quarter peals had been successfully undertaken at Northfield.

There was still a lack of "semi-trained" ringers, but some of those more experienced had advanced to ringing Cambridge Surprise. He expressed the need for keeping the inflow of learners and training them correctly. He had enjoyed his year as Ringing Master, thanked all members for their co-operation, and hoped that next years officers would have less "odd jobs" in Northfield tower.

Secretary's Report:-

The Secretary apologised for not having the minutes of the previous meeting or the Income and Expenditure A/C for the last year, but this was due to his having had a late lecture and consequent inability to collect them. He assured members that both were available on application after the meeting. He had no further comment to add to those of the other officers.

Election of Officers:-

President:

It was proposed that the Rev. J.E. Newport be re-elected. This would also be advantageous for his ability to secure a campanology leaflet to be distributed with the information to Freshers. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman:-

P.W. Webb was proposed by G.A. Hughes and seconded by R.J. Gay. There being no other nominations, he was elected unopposed.

Ringing Master:-

A. Simpson was proposed by P.W. Webb and seconded by G.A. Hughes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Secretary and Treasurer:-

W.W. Rich was proposed by P.W. Webb and seconded by R.J. Gay. Owing to his superb efficiency throughout the past year, he was re-elected unopposed.

Any other business

- 1) R.J. Gay proposed that the Rector of Northfield be elected Vice-President of the Society. This was seconded by P.W. Webb, and was carried by a majority.
- 2) The peal on Sat. 15th March 1958. 7 ringers were available – A.R. Clump offered to drop out. It was hoped to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor.
- 3) P.W. Webb expressed the need for 6 experienced ringers as a basic band to teach the learners, who were encouraged to visit as many towers as possible during vacations.
- 4) G.A. Hughes expressed the need for more society publicity, and suggested including a society leaflet in information issued to Freshers so as to get all ringers to join the society.
- 5) It was also proposed to keep a record of all society ringers.
- 6) It was unanimously decided to send a letter of sympathy to Miss Mary Funnel in her illness on the Society's behalf.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

Signed
P. W. Webb
W. Rich (Hon. Sec.)

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