

Biographical Record

The Revd. Richard Lionel TWELLS (1856 – 1926)

Represented the Ely Diocesan Association on the Central Council from 1906 -1908
and attended 2 meetings

Richard Lionel Twells was born in 1856 in the City of London.

He gained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cambridge University and was a Fellow of Jesus College.

Following his ordination he was curate of Stretham, Cambridgeshire and became Vicar of St. Mary and St. John, Hinxton in 1892 remaining there until his death.

He was an Honorary member of the Ely Diocesan Association 1902-1913 (this might mean that he was not a ringer). He was General Secretary of the Association 1903 - 1911. He does not appear to have held any other offices in the Association.

There are no records of him ringing any peals for the Ely Diocesan Association and there is no evidence that he rang any peals for the Cambridge University Guild or that he was a member of it, though it is possible that his time at Cambridge was just before the formation of the University Guild.

His hobby was re-pointing flint walls. An interesting feature of Hinxton church is the stones on the outside walls which are inset with flint and have names carved on them. These are the names of the six children of the Revd. Twells: Gwen, Betty, Ada, Eileen, Frank and Jack.

He died on 1st January 1926 at Hinxton. He had requested to be buried in the churchyard facing his congregation. His grave is in the north east corner marked with a Celtic cross at the 'wrong' end of the plot.