

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The late Mr. J. W. Snowdon.

At a Committee Meeting of the Yorkshire Association, held at the headquarters, Bradford, on Thursday, December 3rd, and attended by ten members of the executive out of a possible fifteen, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

‘That this Committee places on record the great and inestimable services rendered to the Yorkshire Association by their late President, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, Esq. It acknowledges with thankfulness Mr. Snowdon’s indomitable zeal and energy in building up the Association, which will ever be a monument to his perseverance and abilities.

‘That this Committee, while recording the incalculable loss it has suffered by the death of its devoted and beloved President, tenders to Mr. Snowdon’s family its heartfelt sympathy with them in their bereavement, and trusts that it will in some measure tend to alleviate their sorrow by knowing how deeply he was esteemed by his brother-ringers, not only in our County Association, but throughout the whole country.

‘That these resolutions be entered in the minute-book of the Association, and an engrossed copy be sent to Mr. Snowdon’s family.’

Also, ‘That the Hon. Sec. (Mr. W. Whitaker), and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Robert Tuke), be requested to wait on William Snowdon, Esq., brother of the late President, asking him to take the office of President during the unexpired term of the office.’

In accordance with the last resolution, Messrs. Whitaker and Tuke waited on Mr. William Snowdon on Friday, the 11th inst., and after a thorough consideration of the matter, and taking fully into account the responsibilities of the office, Mr. Wm. Snowdon accepted the presidency for the remainder of his late brother’s term, which expires on July 31st, 1887, expressing himself gratified at the unanimous manner in which the Committee had passed the resolution. He assured them that he would endeavour, to the best of his ability, to fulfil the duties of his office, and to continue the work on the same lines as his late brother would have desired.

A Supper to Ringers.

THE Mayor of Basingstoke, Hants, lately gave a supper to St. Michael’s Guild of Ringers. After the cloth was cleared the captain of the band, Mr. G. Capron, proposed the toast of the evening, ‘Our worthy Mayor, the Donor of the Feast, Major May,’ which was received with great enthusiasm. The next toast, given by the captain, was ‘Mr. Neville,’ and Mr. H. White, secretary, then proposed ‘The health of our captain, Mr. G. Capron.’ The evening passed very pleasantly, and there were some capital songs and handbell ringing.

The Bells at Sherborne, Dorset.

THE bells were opened on Wednesday, the 9th inst., by the College Youths. They have been rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Warner & Sons; the four largest bells are hung with Goslin’s patent stocks and hangings; and the whole of the bells (eight in number) are mounted upon Goslin’s bearings, which are not let into the woodwork, so that the frame is left to its full strength in the top rails. The tenor is 48 cwt., and is easily rung by two men. The ‘go’ of the bells was good, excepting, to a small degree, the 7th, which is a very old and long bell, hardly suitable for scientific ringing. It is left intact, with its old cannons, which stand very high, necessitating a very deep stock, which militates against the sound being brought out, and the setting of the bell. The architect and the committee highly approve of the manner in which the work was carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and of the system adopted for hanging. The frame stands entirely free from the tower, so that there is ample space for freely passing round the frame, between the frame and the walls. When all the bells were being rung there did not appear to be the slightest vibration in the tower, and hardly any perceptible in the frame. It is strongly tied together by massive wrought ironwork, where the strain is thrown in ringing. The College Youths gave a variety of changes and touches during the day, and the local ringers rung in rounds for the service.

North Lincolnshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of this Association, for the purposes of ringing and the transaction of business, will take place at Gainsborough on Saturday, the 2nd January. Through the kindness of the clergy, the church bells at Lea (6), Gainsborough (8), and Corringham (5), will be at the disposal of members that day. All members and persons interested in change-ringing are earnestly invited to attend. Societies or individual ringers intending to be present will please communicate at once with the Hon. Sec., W. LUNN, Market Rasen.

The Sussex County Association.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the next District Meeting will be held at Chichester during the month of January. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.

OWING to the fact that it is inconvenient for the ringers of Wisbech to meet their brethren on New-year’s Day, the place of meeting is changed with the sanction of the Committee, and by the kind invitation of the Vicar will take place at Mildenhall, Suffolk, on January 1st, 1886. Members of the Association intending to be present are requested to send in their names without delay to the Hon. Secretary, K. H. SMITH, Cambridge Road, Ely.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary’s, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt’s Original) in

3 hrs. 14 mins. J. Fosdike, 1; W. Ward, 2; J. T. Howard, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; E. Sherwood, 5; A. Acfield, jun., 6; C. Ward, 7; Peto Meadows (conductor), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. John the Baptist’s, Erith, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Taylor’s Bob-and-Single Variation) in 2 hrs. 59 mins. G. Hayes (first peal), 1; G. Conyard, 2; W. Martin, 3; F. Hayes (first peal), 4; B. Spinner (first peal), 5; F. French, 6; W. Harper (first peal), 7; J. Garard, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At All Saints’, Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. Baron, 1; C. E. Malin, 2; J. Rogers, 3; W. Coppage, 4; H. Swain, 5; N. Alderman (first peal of Caters), 6; H. Hopkins, 7; H. S. Thomas, 8; H. Dains, 9; J. Mansfield, 10. Composed by Mr. J. Cox and conducted by Mr. Baron. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E.

At St. Agnes’, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., a peal of 5105 Stedman’s Caters was rung in 3 hrs. 27 mins. G. Briggs, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; F. Coates, 3; J. Atthey, 4; T. Whitworth, 5; T. Lee, 6; J. Hale, 7; W. Coates, 8; A. Rodgers, 9; W. Hurst, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. [This peal is a corrected one of that which was rung on the 21st of November last.]

At All Saints’, Hertford, Herts.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association (also of the Hertford Society of College Youths) rang a peal of 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 23 mins. J. Cull, 1; J. G. Crawley, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; H. Phillips, 5; S. Knight, 6; H. Baker, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat. Composed by T. Day of Birmingham, and conducted by H. J. Tucker. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Mary the Virgin, Baldock, Herts.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung. T. Webb, 1; J. Phillips, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; Robt. Jackson, 5; Richd. Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Composed by W. A. Tyler, and conducted by J. Phillips. This is the longest length by any of the above, and also on the bells, which were opened in 1882. [Neither weight of tenor nor time given.]

At St. John the Evangelist, Wicken, Northamptonshire.

ON Friday, the 18th inst., a peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung. G. Green, 1; A. Tyrrell, 2; M. Read, 3; E. Read, 4; D. Read, 5. It was rung under the direction of J. Read, and it is half a century since the village ringers rang a similar peal.

At St. Peter’s, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 19th inst., a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, composed by John Thorp, was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Hopwood, 1; J. Harrop, 2; J. Sidebotham (conductor), 3; W. Smith, 4; T. Moss, 5; I. Schofield, 6; B. Broadbent, 7; G. Longden, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Mary’s, Bedford, Beds.

ON Saturday, the 19th inst., it being the first anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, six of the local members of the Beds Association rang a peal of 5040 changes, viz. 720 in each of the following methods:—WOODBINE, TREBLE BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, OXFORD BOB, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. S. J. Cullip, 1; J. N. Frossel, 2; T. Foote, 3; J. Atkins, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. Tenor, about 8 cwt.

The following is a summary of the complete 720’s rung on the bells, including the above, since Dec. 20, 1884:—PLAIN BOB, 13; GRANDSIRE, 6; OXFORD BOB, 7; COLLEGE SINGLE, 5; YORKSHIRE COURT, 1; COLLEGE LITTLE, 1; DOUBLE COURT, 1; OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 11; KENT TREBLE BOB, 11; WOODBINE TREBLE BOB, 5.

At Basingstoke, Hants.

ON Saturday, the 19th inst., several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung by the local company of St. Michael’s, with 6, 4, 8 covering, and the bells half muffled in token of respect to the late W. L. Selater, Esq., of Hoddington, aged 97 years. T. Higgins, 1; W. Tiller, 2; W. Sugg, 3; H. Poland, jun., 4; G. Capron, 5; H. Stocker, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; T. Wheeler, 8.

At St. Mary’s, Wimbledon, Surrey.

ON Sunday, the 20th inst., for morning service, a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung. G. Hyde, 1; E. F. Cole, Esq., 2; C. Hyde, 3; B. E. Battrum, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At All Saints’, Carshalton, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt’s Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. Burkin, 1; A. B. Carpenter, 2; E. Bennett, 3; W. States, 4; J. Plowman (conductor), 5; C. E. Malin, 6; J. Harris, 7; J. Cawley, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Monday, the 21st inst., ten members of the St. James’s (London) Society and the Yorkshire Association rang with the bells half muffled a peal of 5160 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 34 mins., as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Snowdon. J. W. Rowbottom, 1; F. E. Dawe, 2; C. F. Winney, 3; W. Hoverd, 4; W. Baron, 5; G. Newson, 6; R. French, 7; H. Swain, 8; H. Dains, 9; J. M. Hayes, 10. Composed by Mr. Harrison and conducted by Mr. Hayes. [* Mr. Hoverd was made a member of the Yorkshire Association before starting for the peal.]