

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Irish Association.

At St. Saviour's, Arklow, Ireland, on March 11th, a peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

W. R. Washbrook ..	1	A. Tailyour ..	5
A. Shepherd ..	2	Isaac Myers ..	6
J. W. Washbrook (jun.) ..	3	Jas. W. Washbrook ..	7
Ferris Shepherd ..	4	Ralph Prestage ..	8

Composed and conducted by Jas. W. Washbrook. [*First peal of OXFORD BOB in Ireland, and first in the method by all the band.]

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. Barnabas's, Erdington, Warwickshire, on March 11th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 minutes. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Edmund J. Hyland ..	1	Thomas Miller ..	5
Alf Paddon Smith ..	2	Charles Dickens ..	6
Frank Fay ..	3	Bernard W. Witchell ..	7
George F. Swann ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Bernard W. Witchell.
* First peal in the method on the bells.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Pulham, on March 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur Roope ..	1	Frederick Roope ..	5
George Howchin ..	2	Henry Adcock ..	6
Charles Baker ..	3	Frederick Borrett ..	7
William Bason (jun.)* ..	4	William Roope ..	8

Composed by J. C. Jackson, and conducted by F. Borrett. [*First peal in the method.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on March 18th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Alfred J. Turner ..	1	Hubert Eden ..	5
Albert D. Stone ..	2	George A. King ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	George Williams ..	7
Arthur B. Bennett *	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by George Williams.
[*First peal of CAMBRIDGE.]

The Surrey Association.

At St. Giles's, Ashted, on March 18th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

John Wyatt ..	1	Arthur Dean ..	5
James D. Drewett ..	2	Alfred Winch ..	6
William H. Corbett ..	3	William S. Smith (condr.) ..	7
Harry Last ..	4	William Cook ..	8

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Peter's Society, Caversham.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, on March 20th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

H. S.monds ..	1	J. Hand ..	5
G. Irvine ..	2	E. W. Menday ..	6
C. Stone ..	3	G. Essex ..	7
R. T. Hibbert ..	4	T. Newman ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by T. Newman.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Battle. About thirty members were present, representing the following towers: Blacklands and St. Clement's, Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Battle, Eastbourne, and Tonbridge. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and good practice was had in various methods during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, who gave an appropriate address. An excellent tea was provided by

the Dean and churchwardens at The George Hotel, which was followed by the usual business meeting, the Dean of Battle occupying the chair, supported by his churchwarden, Mr. Sloan. Four new members were elected, and the question as to the next quarterly peal was discussed, it being arranged that it should take place at Bexhill, the method to be STEDMAN TRIPLES, and Mr. Frank Bennett to be asked to conduct. Mr. W. Franks also promised to get together as soon as possible a band for attempting the peal at Brightling, arranged for some time ago. After a long discussion, Mr. Hyland proposed and Mr. Franks seconded, that it be a recommendation to the Committee, that the Annual Meeting in 1905 be held at Hastings. This was carried.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (CENTRAL DIVISION).—At the last quarterly meeting held at East Grinstead, representatives were present from the towers of Brighton, Buxted, Balcombe, Cuckfield, Crawley, Horley, Lindfield, Withyham, and East Grinstead. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and at 5.30 p.m. forty members sat down to an excellent tea at the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Rev. C. W. P. Crawford, lay Rector of the parish. The chair was taken by the Vicar of East Grinstead (Rev. D. Y. Blakiston). A letter was read by the chairman from Mr. Crawford, expressing his regret in not being able to be present, owing to a cold. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and seven new members were elected. It was proposed by Mr. A. Tomsett, seconded by Mr. Dawe, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Lindfield, the method to be Bob Major. Mr. Tomsett undertook the arrangements for the peal, and several votes of thanks were accorded.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of this Society was held at Ecclesfield, and was attended by a fair assembly of ringers from Sheffield and district, including representatives from Wortley, Bolsterstone, St. Mary's, Parish Church Sheffield, and the local company, &c. As the meeting was the first held by the Society at Ecclesfield, the visit to this grand old historic church (built in 1111), with its fine peal of eight, was looked forward to with much interest. Through the kindness of the Rev. F. W. Pawson, the bells were available from 8 p.m. On arrival, the members were informed that the Vicar extended to them a hearty welcome, and wished them every success, whilst evensong was suspended in their favour. On reaching the ringing-chamber they found Mr. T. Kitson had everything in readiness, and the bells, which are in first-rate going order, were quickly set off to the tune of TREBLE BOB, whilst touches in all the Standard Methods were brought round by mixed bands during the day, a novelty being provided for those not already 'in the know' by the bell's going round the wrong way. An adjournment was made to the local company's meeting-house, where full justice was done to the inner man, the business meeting following. Owing to the absence of the president, who put in a late appearance, the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. James Dixon. Eight new members were elected, all belonging to the local company. A letter was read from the North Wingfield company, respecting the proposed special meeting to be held at that place on Easter Monday, in which the members were informed the Vicar had kindly granted the use of the bells on that date, and trusted they would have a successful and enjoyable meeting. At the suggestion of the secretary, the matter was held over until the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the Rev. F. W. Pawson for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

DEATH OF A KENTISH RINGER.—The death occurred on Tuesday, at the age of 80, of Mr. Thos. Taylor, a veteran sexton and bell-ringer. He was one of the ringers at Cranbrook Church on the occasion of Queen Victoria's coronation, and on every subsequent anniversary of her birthday. He also rang in the muffled peal at Queen Victoria's funeral.

NOTICE.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week. G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

MESSRS. JOHN NOBLE, Ltd., of 5 Brook Street Mills, Manchester, have issued their new Catalogue, 'What to Wear,' and in it will be found illustrated descriptions of all the latest styles for ladies and children. The firm are offering the 'J.N. Knockabout Frocks' which are excellently made and most reasonable in price—in Cheviot Serge, Vienna Cloth, and Cashmere. Messrs. Noble also, call attention to their new fabric, the John Noble Surprise Tweed, which is worth attention.

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