Rydon Mills. Woodbury

May 27. 1909

To Mr. Wm Palmer

Dear Sir

The cost of the work at Rydon Mills Woodbury as per your specifications will be One Hundred and Six Pounds (£106-0-0)

Yours truly

Harry Stokes

W.C. Summerfield

The total of £106-1-0 for work at Rydon Mills is made up ~~of~~ as follows

	£	°	d
H. Stokes carpenters work & painting	53	7	0
W. Summerfield, masons work	35	4	0
Mill, shute & wheel	10	0	0
allowed for extras	7	10	0
	£106	1	0

Marlborough Church Bells

May 28. 1909

To the Vicar & Churchwardens

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

I have examined your peal of six Bells and I found that they have been badly neglected, very little attention, if any, has been given to them since they were rehung some 33 years ago, the ironwork has been allowed to get very rusty for want of painting, and the stocks on most of the Bells are very loose for want of screwing up, the clappers and staples inside 3 of the Bells are worn and got loose, and the other 3 clappers require setting right as they are worn in the bosses, all the wheels require new hoops & shrouding put to them and painting 3 coats of paint, ~~these wheels~~ if I did the work these wheels would have to be taken off & sent here to my place, the pulleys under the wheels want to be seen to and cleaned & oiled as they have not had much oil for some years. The gudgeons and bearings are in decent order with the exception of the tenor ones, which would have to be taken out and have the gudgeons turned off as grit has got into the bearing & cut the gudgeon badly, four of the bearing covers have become broken and must be replaced, and all the bearings will have to be tested to see that they are level. The framework is good but shifts about a little on the side where the tenor bell hangs, this can be remedied by putting 4 extra long bolts down through the frame on each side of the tenor bell and well strain up all the bolts before levelling up the bearings. The top frame

is wedged against the walls and the Rural Dean has asked me if the wedges could be taken out, I believe they could be if there were about 10 more 3/4" long bolts put down through the top frame and strain it well up together, in any case it would strengthen the frame and make it more rigid if the wedges could not be taken out but it can be tried. There are 2 stays and 1 slider wanted and 2 canons are broken off from the 1st bell and the bell as it now is cannot be put level, what is required is to take off the rest of the canons and drill 4 holes through head of her and bolt her up to the stock, and a good job cannot be made in any other way and it will not affect the tone of the Bell, two extra pullies are required on the floor for the ropes of the 3rd & 4th bells.

I will undertake to do the following items that are required to put your Bells in proper ringing order viz:- send to Malborough a special journey and take home the pit wheels and re hoop & re-shroud them, take out the tenor gudgeons and have them re-turned and put bearings right, and send down again and refix them and put 10. 3/4 bolts down through the top frame and four in the bottom frame, put 4 new covers to bearings, 2 new stays and sliders, put clappers & quarter staples right, take off head of 1st bell and drill 4 holes through her head and bolt her to the stock, 2 new clapper boxes, 2 extra pullies on floor, clean & paint all the ironwork 3 coats, also the wheels

and stocks. pay carriage of the thing to & from Woodbury & Kingsbridge and travelling expences for my men (you to do all the carting to & from Kingsbridge & Malborough and fetch men & tools) and leave the bells in good ringing order for the sum of Twenty Five Pounds. (£25:) the old metal or treble to be my property.

Harry Stokes.

Sent to Mr. J. Lakeman
Alpha House
Malborough.

June 1st 1909

To

Wm. Geo May

Churchwarden

North Tawton

Dear Sir

I cannot say what it would cost to overhaul the Bells it may take a man 2- 3 or 4 days and it may cost 30/- and it may cost £2=
I will not overcharge the Churchwardens for what may be wanted to be done to them I should not be able to attend to it for a week or two

yours truly

Harry Stokes

Stowford Church Bells.

June 9. 1909

To the Rector & Churchwardens

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

I have as you are aware examined the tower and the frame and fittings of the above Bells, and I beg to say that I found the frame in a very bad condition, and the Bells owing to the bad condition of the framework and fittings ought not to be rung again in peal, the frame is an old one and the timbers of it are very slight and some of it has been cut about a great deal to let the Bells pass around when ringing, some parts have been cut so that there is only about one inch of it left. The frame on one side of the 1st, 2nd, 5th & 6th Bells is put out on the walls to get room for the Bells. this ought not to be and it cannot be altered by again putting in an oak frame as I thought it could be when I was in the tower but I find on striking out the plan of frame that an oak frame cannot be put in without cutting it about to let the Bells pass and that I should not like to do, the only thing to be done is to put in an iron frame and the iron framework would be clear from the walls all around which you will see by the plan I have sent, the fittings on the Bells are all worn out and are no good and must be all put in new. The Bells themselves are alright except the 2nd which has one single canon broken off but this can be ~~put~~

right by either putting a bolt up through its head or putting a false canon into it, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Bells want quarterturning as they are worn badly at the sound bow. I do not think that the 1st, 2nd or tenor Bells would want it, the clappers of all of them are worn badly and must be put in new. There are two oak beams in the tower running from E to W which were put there some years ago to keep up the other beams running from N to S. these two beams I believe can remain and put the new ones across the other way resting on the two sound beams and the setoffs, there is wanted in bottom of tower a rope guide put up about 14 feet from bottom to steady the ropes when the Bells are ringing as it now a long draught (22 feet) and it is difficult to ring at such a distance. You now chime the Bells with the clappers tied which is a dangerous way as Bells are often cracked by chiming them this way. What you want is an independent chiming apparatus for chiming. the present chiming ropes are good and can be used again. What is wanted to be done to your Bells is to take them down and take out the old fittings, frame, floor and the old beams which run from N to S. and put in new beams and floor and an oak framing bed and iron frame for the six Bells and hang the Bells with all new fittings complete and fix an independent chiming apparatus.

Estimate

I will undertake to lower the 6 Bells from the tower and put them in some convenient place

take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams running from N to S., provide and fix in the tower five oak beams size 11x8 and provide, make and fix an oak framing bed for the six Bells and cut in between the framing bed and lie on the beams and nail to them a good red deal floor 1½" thick. provide, make and fix ~~an oak framing~~ in the tower an iron frame for the 6 Bells, the frame to be made and fixed the same way as plan sent and fixed clear of tower walls and bolted down through the oak bed into the beams with ¾" bolts and painted 3 coats 2 before fixing and one after, and frame to be of sufficient strength & ~~sub~~balance to resist the action of the Bells when ringing. I will also undertake to hoist the Bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays & sliders, pullies, steel gudgeons and gun-metal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks, and the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws and bolted down to the frame, all new ironwork to hang the Bells with, quarter turn the 3rd, 4th & 5th bells provide 6 new clappers and properly hang them in the Bells, provide a new set of best made bellropes and properly guide them away from wheels through floors with all necessary thimbles plates & patrices. provide and fix in bottom of tower about 14ft. up from bottom a light iron rope guide

with hard turned wood bosses fixed into them for ropes to pass through. paint all the ironwork, stocks & fellowing part of wheels 3 coats. pay all carriage of my materials from here to Stowford and travelling expenses for my men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and to the satisfaction of anyone you may like to appoint to inspect the work or try the go of the Bells, anyone that knows any thing about Church Bell work for the sum of One Hundred and Thirty five Pounds, Fifteen Shillings. (£135-15-0). You to have done all masonry that may be required and the old wood to be your property and all the old ironwork, bearings and ropes to be ~~my~~ mine.

I will supply and fix an independent chiming apparatus using the same chime ropes again for the sum of Seven Pounds (£7-0-0) if done the same time as the other work. In this apparatus a man does not require to go up amongst the Bells to attach or detach it, it is all done from the bottom.

East Worlington Bells

June 14th 1909

To

Revd H. A. Hill

Revd Sir

My amended Tender for the East Worlington Bells will be

		£	s.	d.
No 1 estimate		38.	16.	0
No 2	do	42.	5.	6
No 3	do	43.	2.	6
total		£124.	7.	0

all the work carried out the same as named in my estimate of June 13th 1908, except that if either of the new bells were anything over the weights specified any extra weight would be charged for at 1. 1 per lb I should go to Messrs Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry. London, for the 2 new bells, they are a little higher in price than some of the other Bell Founders but they are the best makers of Treble Bells in England. the totals of my estimate I sent you on June 13-14-1908 was £133. 0. 0

the totals now are 124. 7. 0

a difference of — £ 8. 13. 0

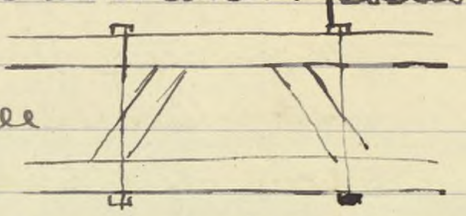
Bathealton Church Bells

June 28. 1909

To Major Gen. C. J. Maysey

Sir.

To put the frame and four Bells in order in Bathealton Church Tower the following work is required viz:- put in about six oak blocks between the sill of frame and floor and fasten them to give the frame a better bearing. put in about 11. 3/4 bolts down through the frame and where possible through the beams thies and screw the frame well up together. this will



tighten up the frame and make it more rigid. put two stouter iron bars at end of treble Bell. unhang the four Bells and put four new stocks to them. quarter turn the 1st Bell so that the clapper shall strike opposite to what it does now. put new pairs of steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings. the gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws. put all new ironwork to the four Bells (it will be best to put all new ironwork as the threads on the present ironwork are rusted so badly) put one new wheel to treble Bell and put new hoops and shrouding to the other 3. I should want to send up a man a special journey to take off the 3 wheels and have them here as the new hoops

and phrounding could not be put on in the tower. put four new pulleys. put one stay and slider to the treble. put new leathers to the clappers. alter the shute of the 2nd Bell in ringing chamber and try to improve it. paint all the ironwork stocks and fellowing part of wheels 3 coats. pay carriage of my material and travelling expenses for my men and carry out all the work that I have stated in a satisfactory manner for the sum of Thirty Pounds. (£30.) all the old bearings and ironwork to be my property. If you feel inclined to have all the wheels new I would make ~~the~~ 3 new wheels instead of new hooping and phrounding the old ones for the extra sum of One Pound Ten Shillings (£1.10/-). the fittings would then be all new and I should not then have to send a man to take off the 3 old wheels and bring them back here and I think it would be best to put all new ones

Harry Stokes
H.S. jr.

St. Thomas Mission Church Bell

June 28. 1909

To R. S. Booy. Esq.
Church House
Exeter.

Sir

I think a 16 inch Bell weighing nearly 1 cwt. would be heavy enough to put in the Turret at the S. Thomas Mission Church and the cost of a Bell (a new one) that give hung all complete fit for chiming will be Twelve Pounds, Eighteen Shillings. (£12. 18. 0). I cannot get a second hand Bell. If on taking down the small Bell now in the turret which is only a 11" one I found that it was Bellmetal, which I do not think it is I will allow you 6d. per lb. for it

Harry Stokes

17.5.jr.

S. Thomas Mission Church Bell

July 1. 1909

To R. S. Bony. Esq:

Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I beg to say that dated, I think that the Turret would be strong enough to carry the 16" Bell. ~~I quoted~~ but I could put you in a 12" Bell hung all complete fit for chiming for (£7-10-0) Seven Pounds. Ten Shillings. This Bell would weigh from 40 to 45 lbs. Or I could put in a 13" Bell weighing about 50 lbs. for (£8-5-0) Eight Pounds. Five Shillings.

Yours obediently

Harry Stokes

W.S. yi.

Coleridge Chimes

To Rev. H. Gordon Lowe

Nymet Rowland Rectory.

July 1. 1909

Rev. Sir.

The cost of providing and fixing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus to the peal of 6 Bells in your Church Tower all complete will be £8-3-0. You to send and fetch my man and his tools & chiming apparatus from Lapford Station and take him and his tools back to the Station when the work is finished

Yours obediently

Harry Stokes

H.S. jr

Stoke-in-teign-head Mufflers

July 4. 1909

To Rev. T. Stevenson.

Rev. Sir.

I can supply you with muffles at 3/6 each

Harry Stokes

H.S jr

Hawkchurch Chimes.

July 9. 1909

To Rev. Hugh Markes.

Rev. Sir

The cost of providing & fixing the Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus to the peal of five Bells in your Church Tower all complete will be £7-5-0. You to send trap to Axminster station to fetch my man and his tools &c and take him back again when finished. I don't know if there would be any shutes required between the floor & ceiling if there is it will be an extra

yours obediently

Harry Stokes

H.S. jr

Lafford Guides

To

July 15th 1909

Wm T Woolway

Dear Sir

The cost of boarding and fixing an iron stay guide in Lafford Tower, with hard turned wood blocks fixed into the guide for bell ropes to work in, and painted 3 coats paint, bore 6 holes through floor to bring ropes through, and fix 6 turned wood patrices with holes in them up under floor, oak is on about 20 feet of rope to each rope (you to take off the ropes and send them carriage paid to Woolway road, will be £5.15/— If it was found that the partition inside west door caused any difficulty to bring any of the Ropes down, and anything extra in labor or material was required for it it would be charged extra for, because I have not calculated for any difficulty on account of the partition

yours truly

Harry Stokes

Mr. Northcotes. Cottage

Aug. 7. '09

To Mr. T. Stoeker.

Dear Sir

The cost of battening the wall and fixing 3/4 match boarding 3'-3" high around the front room at Mr. Northcotes and painting the same 3 coats will be £1-16-9. (One Pound Sixteen Shillings & Ninepence). The board would have to go down over the skirting as it ~~would~~ cannot be fixed on top of skirting as there would be no air able to pass between boarding & wall and would also have to cut about the mortar to let the battens in fair.

Harry Stokes

H.S.

Woodbury School

Aug. 11. 1909

To Mr. W. Summerfield.

Dear Sir,

I will do the painting, staining varnishing, repair the broken glass, fix hat pegs, locks &c at Woodbury School as per specification given me for the sum of Five Pounds, Twelve Shillings (£5.12/-).

Yours truly

Harry Stokes

W.S.J.

Romansleigh Bells.

Aug. 12. 1909

To Mr. H K. Adams.

North Down. Meshaw.

Dear Sir.

I will see what I can do to attend to your job, so as to do it as quickly as possible. I don't Know if I can take it down next week if not I will week after. I will send down Tolman but he is away not but he will be back very shortly. Please tell me which will be the best Station for you to send to Southmolton on Great Western or Southmolton Road on L & S W Rail. You will want to get nearly £25.

Yours truly

Harry Stokes.

To

August 13th 1909

Wm E. Shepherd

160 Sidwell Street Exeter

Dear Sir

The cost of new beams and floor under bells and an Oak frame for 8 Bells at Ugborough using same stocks and wheels if they are fit to be used would be about £150 to £160

The cost of new beams and floor under Bells and an iron frame for 8 Bells and hang the Bells with all new fittings complete will be about £235 to £245= The clock and any masonry if wanted would be an extra in either case.

yours truly

Harry Stokes

Elyford Manor

Aug. 14. 09

To Rev. W. S. Stayner,

Rev. Sir.

The cost of putting a cover roofing of galvanised iron over the cistern with plating to it and one half of the cover to come off to enable the cistern to be cleaned will be about One Pound, Fifteen Shillings (£1-15-0). This has nothing to do with the cleaning out of cistern. Please let me know if you will have the cover

Harry Stokes

H.S. jr

August 16th 1909

To

Revd P. W. Bates

Charles Rectory

Southwoldbm

Revd Sir

The price of the Bell Ropes are 11/- each, you to pay the carriage of them, which will be about I expect 1/6 or 2/- an order shall accede prompt attention

yours Obediently

Harry Stokes

Woodbury R. I. 6
August 18th 1909

To
Messrs Gaulon & Hines
The Wheel will cost— 15. 6.

Ashpington Church Bells

August 20. 1909

To the Rev. R. M. Carruthers.

Rev. Sir.

I have as you know examined the peal of five Bells in your Church Tower and I then told you that everything was in a very dilapidated state and that nothing could be done to it only to clear it all out and put in all new beams, floor, frame and fittings so I need not make any further comment on it.

The Bells are alright only they are rather a light peal and to make a good job of them it would be best to add a new tenor Bell and recast the 3rd Bell to make it a semitone flatter, the notes of the Bells would then be E. D. C. B. A. G., this would make a very pleasing peal of six, there is room in the Tower for them by putting the 2nd up over the 1st on two steel girders let in the wall but I could not put in an oak frame for them as I could not put it in stout enough, so I should have to put in an iron frame resting on an oak bed and oak beams, the 1st, 3rd, 4th, ~~and~~ 5th, and 6th would go in the under frame, the new tenor Bell would be 3-4 in diameter and would weigh about 10½ cwt.

The Clock would have to be taken out and put in some safe place, because it would be in the way of clearing out the Tower and then cleaned and re-fixed after the Bells were re-hung. The best thing to do would be to send down two or three men a special journey and take down the Bells and clear out the Tower and have the walls set right before putting in new work as the walls have been

cut about a great deal, and some of it in the worst places can I believe be filled up again with stone and cement.

Estimate

I will undertake to lower the five Bells from the Tower and put them in some convenient place take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams, and provide and fix in the Tower four oak beams two 12"x9" and two 12"x8", provide and fix on the beams an oak framing bed for the under five Bells, the size of scantling for the framing bed to be 8"x5", and cut in between the framing bed and lie on the beams well nailed to them a red deal floor 2" thick, provide, make and fix an iron frame for the five Bells, the frame to be fixed on the framing bed and bolted down through into the beams all the iron framing to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the Bells when ringing, and to be clear of the Tower walls all around.

I will also undertake to hoist the five Bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays & slides, pullies, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages bolted to the frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang the Bells with, put the clappers in proper order and properly hang them in the Bells, provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing

chamber with all necessary shutes, thimbles patrices &c. see that the wood guide in ringing chamber is alright and properly fixed, paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part- of wheels and iron frame 3 coats, pay carriage of all my material and all travelling expenses for my men and complete the whole work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and to the satisfaction of anyone you may like to appoint to inspect it or try the go of the Bells for the sum of (£119-8-0) One Hundred & Nineteen Pounds, Eight Shillings & Sixpence and all the old materials to be my property and you to see to the clock and have done what masonry would be required.

If you decide to have a new Tenor Bell I will undertake to send the 3rd Bell to the Foundry, London and get it recast, add what metal is required for waste in recasting and make her about 6 cwt. pay carriage of her from Ashperington to London and back put new clapper and staple to her for the sum of Eighteen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings (£18-18-0)

If you decide to have a new Tenor Bell to make the peal into five which I would strongly advise you to do. I will undertake to supply you with a new Bell to weigh about 10½ cwt. to match your present five by recasting the 3rd, provide a new clapper and staple for her, pay carriage of her from Foundry to Ashperington and provide and fix new iron framing for her and hoist her into her place in the Tower and hang her with all new fittings complete same as stated in

above estimate for 5 Bells for the sum of Ninety Eight Pounds. Eighteen Shillings (£98-18-0).

If the Bell should weigh over 10½ cwt. it would be charged for at the rate of £6-15-4 per cwt. and if under deducted at the same rate. Any inscription put on the 3rd or Tenor Bells will be 4d. per letter extra to the above named sums.

These prices are for carrying out all the abovenamed estimates at one time

I remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servant

Harry Stokes

Ebford Manor Garden frames

Aug. 23. 1904

To the Rev. W. S. Stayner

Rev. Sir,

The cost of making a Garden light and frame 5:0 long 3:0 wide, the frame made so that it can be taken to pieces & packed up and painted 3 coats will be One Pound. Twelve Shillings & Sixpence (£1.12.6

The cost of making a light & frame similar to the above but 4:0 long x 3:0 wide wide will be One Pound. Six Shillings & Sixpence. (£1.6.6.)

The cost of repairing the brickwork, making 3 lights 1¾ and putting a new deal frame on the ~~present~~ brick pit now in the garden and painting it 3 coats of paint will be Six Pounds. Seventeen Shillings & Sixpence (£6.17.6).

I remain Rev. Sir

Your obediently

Harry Stokes

H.S. jr

To Revd A Letts August 23rd 1909

Peterstapy Rectory

Revd Sir

I am sorry I cannot accept your terms about the chiming apparatus. I can give you 6 months credit for it from the time of fixing it and cannot give any more now these times, all my bills come quarterly and if I cannot stump up they soon after 3 months they soon begin to bother me

yours obediently

Harry Stokes

August 28th 1909

To

Major Haye

Sir

The cost of a split oak fence 6 feet high with 4 x 3 deal posts the ends ~~tarred~~ that go in the ground tarred and 2 deal rails 3 x 2 all fixed complete and given ~~it~~ 2 coats of carbolineum will be £8.17.0

The cost of a split oak fence for the front against road 3 feet high with 3 deal stays to same all fixed complete and given ~~it~~ 2 coats green paint will be £2.16.4

The cost of a 5/8 deal match board fence 6 ft high with 4 x 3 deal posts the ends ~~tarred~~ that go in the ground tarred and 2 deal rails 3 x 2 all fixed complete and given ~~it~~ 2 coats of green paint will be £6.14.0

The cost of a 5/8 deal match board fence for the front against road 3 ft high with 3 deal stays to same all fixed complete and given 2 coats green paint will be £1.19.6

The cost of a 3/5 deal match board fence 6 ft high with 4 x 3 deal posts the ends ~~tarred~~ that go in the ground tarred and 2 deal rails 3 x 2 all fixed complete and given ~~it~~ 2 coats of green paint will be £6.8.0

The cost of a 3/5 deal match board fence for the front against road 3 ft high with 3 deal stays to same all fixed complete and given ~~it~~ 2 coats green paint will be £1.18.6

Sept^r 6^th 1909 Told Miss Hallett that
Joseph Daley's Headstone would cost 14.6
to clean and paint it and letter it

St Thomas Mission Bell Sept 7th 1909

To

Mr R. S Bovy

Dear Sir

I saw the Bell at Messrs Willeys last Saturday and it will just go in the turret. I cannot say to a few shillings what it will cost to fit up and fix all complete for me as it is rather a job to fix it but it will cost about £4.10/— it may be a few shillings more Messrs Willey are sending the Bell here home today by our carrier because I have to fit it up here could not do it very well where it is

yours truly

Harry Stokes

P.S.

It is a capital bell it was new in 1900 If you had to buy it new it would £13 or £14.

To

Sept^r 7^th 1909

Rev^d J. W. A Melville

The Vicarage

Broadwoodwidger

Rev^d Sir

The cost of providing and fixing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus to the 6 Bells in your Church Tower will be £8.12.0 you to send and fetch the apparatus and man and tools from Ashwater Station and send man and tools back to the Station again when he had completed the work

yours Obediently

Harry Stokes

September 17th 1909

Beaford Church Bells

To

Wm Harbottle Reed. F.R.I.B.A

Sir

I will undertake to provide and fix in Beaford Church Tower 4 English Oak beams and an English Oak frame for 6 Bells and provide and cut in and lie between the sills of frame in each pit a good red deal floor 2in thick, and nail same to beams, the frame to be bolted together with about 40 - 3/4 bolts and 2 1/2 bolts where convenient to go down through into the main beams, ale the joints of frame to be secured with cast strap plates with 3/4 nuts the sizes of beams and scantling for frame to be same as marked on sketch I have sent and I will hoist the 3 old Bells from bottom of Tower into their places in the new frame, and hang them with ale new fittings complete, "namely" Wheels stocks, stays & shides, pullies, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons to be fitted into iron bed plates, and clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages, and screwed down to frame with 1/2 coach screws and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws ale new iron work to hang bells with, gudgeons turn the 3 bells, and provide new clappers for them and properly hang them in the bells provide new bell Ropes and properly guide them away from the Wheels to bottom of Tower, provide and fix iron stay guides about 14 feet up from bottom of Tower with turned hard wood blocks fixed in them for ropes to work in paint ale the ironwork and stocks and fellocing part of wheels 3 coats paint pay carriage of my material and travelling

expences for my men and complete the work for the sum of £90.17.0

I will also undertake to supply 3 new Bells and Clappers to make the peal into 6. These 3 new Bells will be a 4th 5th and Tenor weighing about 8½ cwt- 10 cwt- and 14 cwt- (cannot add 2 trebles and a Tenor without recasting the present Treble, to make it a semitone flatter and this I understand is not wished to be done) pay carriage of Bells to Beaford, and hoist them into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete same as named in the estimate for 3 for the sum of.

£25.19.0

~~would not~~ The 3 old Bells are in very fair tune and need not to be sent to the Foundry

If Bells ~~when cast~~ should weigh more the weight specified it would be charged for at the rate of £6.15.~~0~~ per cwt and if under that weight it would be deducted at same rate

H Stokes

September 28th. 1909

To Mr Harbottle Reed. F.R.S. B.A

Re Beaford Bells

Sir

The cost of sending the present treble bell from Beaford to London and back, and recasting her, adding what new metal is wanted to her to allow for waste in recasting will be £15.15.0.

yours Obediently

Harry Stokes

To Mr Harbottle Reed Sept 28th 1909

Sir

You say on your letter which I received this morning, that the new bells to be all heavier than the present tenor, if this is the case there is no need to recast the treble the only thing in recasting her she would be more powerfull in her note.

yours Obediently

Harry Stokes

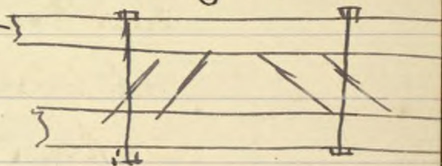
Tamerton Foliot Bells.

Oct. 12. 1909

To the Rev. Edward Roberts
Tamerton Vicarage
Crownhill

Rev. Sir.

I have at your request examined the peal of six Bells and the frame & fittings in your Church Tower, & what is really wanted to make a thorough good job of them is to lower down the Bells, take out the old frame, fittings, beams & floor and put it all in new, some parts of the pillars of the frame against the walls are beginning to decay also the ends of a couple of the beams. the frame when it was put in was too small and it had to be cut about to get room for the Bells to swing around. this has weakend it a good deal. The six Bells want quarter turning badly as they are worn very much at the sound bows where the clappers have been striking for so many years, they ought to have been quarter turned when they had new fittings put to them in 1880, to quarter turn them they would all want new stocks as the present ones could not be re-used because they would not fit the opposite way of the Bell, the gudgeons & bearings are all worn out also the ironwork which the Bells are hung with, and the ground pullies, the stays & sliders are a dreary lot and must be new, the only things that are fit to be used again are the wheels and some of those are twisted a good deal and are not the size they should be but by cleaning & painting them they

would last for some years yet. The only thing I can see that can be done to the frame (if you cannot have a new one put in) so that it can be made to last a few years longer would be to put in about 16 or 17 long 3/4" bolts down through it thus:-  bore the holes down through the frame and put the bolts down through and ~~the~~ let those that would go through the beams do so, then pull the frame well up together and this would stiffen & strengthen it a good bit. I can improve the go of the Bells and make them ring fairly well but they cannot be made to go ~~as~~ so easy in this old frame as they would in a new one.

Estimate

I will undertake to do the following work to the six Bells. unhang them & provide & fix ~~6~~ new stocks to them, put 6 new pairs of steel gudgeons & gunmetal bearings, all new ironwork to hang them with, quarter turn the 6 Bells and put new reverse staples in them, put the clappers in order and properly hang them in the Bells, provide & fix 6 new ground pullies, repair, clean & paint the 6 wheels and fix them again and put 2 iron stays to the bottom half of each wheel. provide & fix new stays & sliders where wanted. put 16 or 17 long 3/4" bolts down through the frame as shown & strain it well up together, paint all the ironwork & stocks 3 coats, pay carriage of my material and travelling expenses for my men and carry out all the aforenamed work for the sum of Fifty Three Pounds, Nine Shillings (£53.9.0). All the old bearings & ironwork to be mine

To

October 15th 1904

Revd H Newham

Hanway Rectory

Revd Sir

It would depend on the size of the Bell Wheel as to cost of same it would be from 30/- to 35/- and upward, this would be the prices here at my works I should want the exact size of the old one and the size of the eye where it would go down on the block you would I suppose want a man from here to fix it

yours obediently

Harry Stokes

To

Oct^r 16^th 1909

Rev^d J J. Mallock

Rev^d Sir

The cost of muffles for Church Bells are 3/6 each they are half muffles for muffling the Bells on one side these muffles are what is generally used now.

H. Stokes

S. Giles-in-the-Heath Church Bells

Oct. 18. 1909.

To the Vicar & Churchwardens
of S. Giles in the Heath

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen.

I have examined the peal of five Bells and the frames and fittings in your Church Tower, and the Bells, as you Know, through the Tower being so small are hung in two tiers, the 1st, 3rd and 4th are hung in the lower tier and the 2nd and 5th in the upper tier, this ought not to be, the large Bell (the 5th) ought to have been kept in the under tier, the frames which the Bells are hung on are very slight and are also wedged tight to the ~~tower~~ walls, this wedging to the walls ought not to be, but in this case it was bound to be done; to keep the frame firm else the frame would have oscillated so much that it would have been difficult to ring the Bells, the fittings on the Bells (gudgeons bearings, ironwork &c) are all worn out and the wheels are a clumsy lot and much too large.

The Bells themselves are sound, but the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th are worn at the sound bow where the clapper has been striking so many years, these 4 Bells must be quarterturned and new clappers put in them, the 5th Bell is alright and does not want quarter turning or a new clapper, but the clapper wants reworking and rehanging in the Bell. I thought when I saw the tower that an oak frame could not be put in again on account of the tower being so small, but I find on striking it out that I can put in a stout oak frame and make a good job of it I can put the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Bells in the under

tier and put the 2nd and 4th Bells in the top tier in an independent oak frame (not built up on the bottom frame like the old one) resting on two steel girders, these girders would be let into the walls and walled in. The pitch pine moulded beams and the floor which carries the three under Bells would not be touched they would still carry the bottom Bells, the oak frames would be all bolted together with 3/4" iron bolts and if there was any little shrinkage it could be always kept up tight together by screwing up the bolts.

Estimate

I will undertake to lower the five Bells and put them in some convenient place; take out the old fittings and frame from the tower and provide and fix new English oak frames for the five Bells, the frames to be made and the sizes of the scantling used to be the same as marked on the plan, the bottom frame for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Bells to be bolted together with about 26. 3/4" bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through into the pitch pine beams. all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates and the frame to be kept clear from the walls, the top frame for the 2nd and 4th Bells to be carried on 2 steel joist 8"x6". 30 lbs. to the foot, these 2 joist to be let into the walls and walled in, the top frame to be fastened down to the steel joist with clips and the frame to be bolted together with about 16. 3/4" bolts and the joints to be secured with stout strap plates and frame to be clear from the walls. I will also undertake to hoist the Bells again into their

places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- wheels, stocks, Slays sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons let into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks, the gunmetal bearing would be fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang Bells with, quarter turn the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Bells and put new quarter staples in them, provide 4 new clappers for the first 4 Bells, re-work tenor clapper and re-box it and hang it properly in the Bell, provide a new pair of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to bottom of tower, paint all the iron-work and stocks and following part of wheels three coats, pay all carriage of my materials and travelling expenses for my men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of (£95-0-0). Ninety Five Pounds. All the old materials to be my property and you to do any masons work that would be wanted to the tower walls and take out holes for girders & wall & them in

Harry Stokes

Sent to

Mr. J. A. R. Perkin
Highfield
S. Giles
Nr. Launceston

October 22nd 1909

To

Revd T. H Haslam

Week St Mary

Revd Sir

My charge for going to Week St Mary and examine the Bells, and give an estimate for changing them will be 25/- you to send a conveyance to Whitestone & Budgemle Station and fetch me and take me back again

yours obediently

Harry Stokes

To

Nov 4th 1909

Wm H Gunn

Corn Merchant

Rackenford

The cost of best-made bale Ropes are, up to 60 ft in length 11/- per rope 1/- for every 10 ft above that length you to pay carriage of them

S. Giles in the Heath Church Bells

Nov. 10. 1909

To the

Vicar & Churchwardens.

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

The cost of putting in an Iron frame for the 5 Bells with steel girders to carry top Bells. and hanging the Bells complete as stated in my estimate of Oct 18th last will be One Hundred & Eleven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings (£111-13-0).

If you raise the Tower and carry the Bells up a stage higher the extra cost for steel girders. floor &c will be Eleven Pounds, Eight Shillings. (£11-8-0)

The cost of a chiming apparatus for the 5 Bells fixed the same time as the other work will be Six Pounds. Five Shillings (£6-5-0).

Harry Stokes.

P.S

The cost of oak beams and floor if Tower was raised would be about the same as the steel girders and floor.

Nov^r 18^th 1909

To

Rev^d T. M. Pottle

Sutton Rectory

Brailes

Rev^d Sir

The price of my bell ropes are 11/- each up to 60 feet in length. 1/- for every 10 feet over that length you to pay carriage of them

yours Obediently

Harry Stokes

Week S. Mary Church Bells

Nov. 25. 1909.

To the Rev. S. H. Haslam,

Rev. Sir.

I have examined your peal of five Bells and their frame, fittings &c and I then told you that it would be a waste of money to rehang them on the present oak frame. The frame is a badly constructed one and it is also very slight, the timbers were not put in stout enough when it was made, it is also strutted against the walls to keep it steady, this ought not to be as it is dangerous to the walls. You could not remove these struts because if you did the frame would rock about when the Bells were ringing so that it would be very difficult to ring them, the frame could not be strengthened enough to resist the action of the Bells. The fittings on the Bells could not be used again as some of them are worn badly and the wheels are a lot too large for this size peal of Bells. What is wanted and what I should strongly recommend you to do would be to lower the Bells and take out the fittings and frame and put in a new frame for five Bells either in oak or in iron and rehang the present five Bells. You could then at anytime add a new treble Bell if you could not do it when the others were rehung. There are three girders each 10"x5" under the floor and some oak beams, some of these beams appear to be sound and also a good deal of the floor, by re-arranging the girders and using the oak beams that are fit. I don't think that you would want any more than one new beam and by taking the floor up

carefully a good deal of it could be used again and then make good what would be wanted, but the girders, beams and floor would all have to be taken out and re-arranged which you will see by the plan. I shall not estimate for any new beams or any new flooring as I cannot tele what may be wanted and you may be able to supply any oak beams and flooring yourself. I shall only estimate for labour in connection with it, the bell ropes can be used again by repairing the top parts of them. The iron rope guide in bottom of the tower through which the ropes pass is rather low down and would be better put higher (about 2 feet) and the holes that are in it want to be cleaned out as the ropes are cutting into them. The three old Bells which were quarter turned some years ago have what we call crock covers in them which the clappers swing on, these are kept in with wedges and they are all of them loose, I should put in a different thing from this all in iron and do away with the wood wedges.

Estimate No. 1.

I will undertake to lower the five Bells and put them in some convenient place take out the old fittings and frame and carefully take up the floor and use what can of it again take out the girders and beams, clean the girders and paint them 3 coats, use what beams that are good enough also the 3 girders, you supplying what flooring and also what beams that may be required fix the beams and lie the floor, provide, make and fix an English oak frame for six Bells, the sizes of oak scantling for frame to be the same as marked

on plan and bolt the frame together with about 42 long 3/4" bolts the bolts where convenient to go down through into the main beams, all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates. I will also undertake to hoist the five Bells again into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- wheels, stocks, stays and sliders, pullies, steel gudgeons, and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks, the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang the Bells with. put new quarter staples in 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Bells and do away with the crock covers and wedges. put the clappers in proper order and properly hang them in the Bells, use the present bell ropes and repair those that require it and make and fix shutes in chamber under the Bells for ropes to work in, shift the iron guide in bottom of tower about 1'-6" or 2'-0" higher as necessary ease the holes in it and clean them out smooth, and paint the guide any colour you desire, paint all the ironwork, stocks and felloeing part of wheels 3 coats. pay carriage of all my material and all travelling expenses for my men and complete the work in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of anyone you may like to inspect the work or try the go of the Bells for the sum of Ninety four Pounds, Twelve Shillings (£94:12:0)
All the old woodwork to belong to you and the

old ironwork and bearings to be mine, You to have done any masons work that may be required in levelling up the setoffs and taking out any holes that are necessary.

Estimate No. 2

A new treble Bell to increase the peal into six, weighing about 4 cwt: would cost all complete left fit for ringing Thirty Seven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings (£37-13-0). If the Bell was over 4 cwt. it would be charged for at £6-15-4 per cwt. and if under it would be deducted at the same rate. This estimate is for supplying and fixing at the same time as the other work was carried out.

Estimate No. 3

If you prefer to put in an iron frame for six Bells I will undertake to clear out the tower and re-adjust the beams and floor same as stated in estimate No 1., provide, make and fix an iron frame for six Bells and provide, make and fix an oak bed to take iron frame all bolted down to beams, the iron frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the Bells when ringing, paint the iron frame 3 coats paint and hoist and hang the five Bells with all new fittings as stated in estimate No. 1. for the sum of £110-15-6 One Hundred + Ten Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Sixpence. The masons work and old material same as Estimate No. 1.

I enclose plans of both iron and oak frames and also a photo of an iron frame which please return to me when you have done with it.

Week & Mary Church Bells

Dec. 2. 1909

To the Rev. S. H. Haslam.

Rev. Sir.

Whatever you do to the old Bells and frame, it would not be a satisfactory job. I have been into the matter a little bit and to make the Bells what I call anyway ringable you would want to spend about £35 about frame & Bells and then it is only a patch of a job and it would want to be done over again in a few years time. To add a new treble and frame & fittings for same would cost about £45 this together is £80. You can have a first class job for about £132. and after you had spent the £80 and had got the 6th Bell there would be for certain more ringing than now and the present old frame would soon get to rock & twist about more than ever. without it was strutted all around to the tower walls. I have had 40 years experience in Church Bell work and have hung over 300 peals and I would not wrongly advise you.

re Sydney Cottage. Woodbury

Dec. 10. 1909.

To F. C. Stokes. Esq.
Borough Asylum
Portsmouth

I have been through Sydney Cottage, and to put it in good tenantable repair the following work requires to be done viz:— Bedroom No 1. New ceiling, new grate, repair door, new lock, new window, painted and papered, a few joist in ceiling and one or two in floor to strengthen it.
Dressing Room. Clean & whiten ceiling, repair plaster on walls and ceiling, repair skirting, new window, painted & papered.
Bedroom No 2. Part new ceiling and joist, two new windows, new skirting, repair cupboard, repair walls & floor, whiten ceiling, painted & papered.
Landing. Repair floor, clean & whiten ceiling, painted and papered.
Bedroom No. 3. New window, repair walls, clean & whiten ceiling, painted and papered.
Bedroom No. 4. Repair floor and skirting, repair window and door, whiten ceiling, color walls & paint woodwork.
Bedroom No. 5. Repair window, repair walls & ceiling, whitewash walls & ceiling and paint woodwork.
Back landing. Repair window, repair stairs & put in some new treads, color walls & paint woodwork, & whiten ceiling.
Front Passage & Staircase. New jambs to front door new skirting, whiten ceiling, new bell to front door, & painted & papered.
Drawing Room. New tiled grate & hearth,

new window, new ceiling, repair walls, new lock, painted and papered.
Dining Room. New window, whiten ceiling, painted and papered.
Kitchen. New door, 2 new windows, new floor either cement or wood, new range, color walls, whiten ceiling and painting.
Back Kitchen. New outside door, repair stair door, whitewash walls & ceiling, remove old range, see to chimney & cupboard at side and painting. Sweep all the chimneys in the House
Coal and Pump House. New brick floor, new ceiling, new Force Pump and trough, clean out well, new window, new furnace and fittings & see to chimney, & whitewash and paint.
Larder. Whitewash, repair plaster, & and new shelves.
The W.Cs. will have to be taken out and new pans and flushing cisterns put in also a large cistern to be filled from the Pump for use in dry weather
The outside of House must have all woodwork and shuting painted, and walls colored where now done, new sills to windows, some new shuting, new side doors & posts, roofs repaired, a piece of wall over dining room window and at end of House rebuilt also a piece of wall at back of house against orchard, clear out the earth at back of house, build a pier to carry upstair W.C. and all drains cleared. The cost of carrying out the aforenamed works will be about £140. it may not cost as much and it may be a little more, as in repairing old houses you do not know what you are coming across and it is always best to leave a margin.

Copy sent Dec. 13. 1909

Farway Church Bells

Dec. 10. 1909

To Rev. F. Newham.

Rev. Sir.

I have at your request examined the three Bells & their frame & fittings in your Church Tower and I found that the frame was in good condition but that all the fittings were very dilapidated, much worse than I ~~first~~ thought on first looking at it, and the Bells are not in a fit condition to be rung. What I would recommend you to have done would be to put about 8 more bolts through the frame ~~and 8 wood struts~~ and down through the beams to keep it steady, and 8 wood struts and to put new wheels, headstocks, stays & sliders, gudgeons & bearings, pullies, and new ironwork to hang the Bells with, quarter turn the Bells so that the clappers shall strike opposite to what they do now as the Bells are worn very badly where the clappers have been striking for so many years and the Bells are liable to become cracked, put in new clappers, one new rope in tenor Bell, paint all the ironwork stocks, and fellowing part of Wheels 3 coats of paint. I will undertake to do all the afore-named work, pay all carriage of my material and all travelling expenses for my men and carry out the work in a satisfactory manner for the sum of Twenty Eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings (£28. 18. 0). All the old ironwork & bearings to be my property. If you would like to have the Ellacombe Chiming apparatus fixed, I would put it up for Three Pounds, Ten Shillings, if done at the same time as the other work, as the present Chiming apparatus is all to pieces and cannot be repaired.

Sydney Cottage

Woodbury R. I. C
Decr 10th 1904

To

H. C Stokes Esqr

My Dear Sir

You uncle John has been over Sydney Cottage with me and seen what repairs is wanted I find it is in a very bad state, worse than I thought it was I have taken I think every particular that I think is wanted but some things anyone can scarcely tell about until begin to repair it. I have enclosed a list of what must be done to put it in tenantable repair also about what I think it will cost it may not cost so much and it may cost more but if you put it in my hands to do I will do the best for you and will do the same with it as if I was doing it for myself, when you come down at Xmas you must come out and look at it yourself you will then see for yourself what state it is in. If you want to let it at Lady day next there is no time to lose and the work ought to be put in hand at once, please write me as soon as you can about it. Your Uncle John was saying about the payment for the work how much can you pay when the work is completed please think this over and let me know same time

Yours faithfully
Harry Stokes

Holcombe Rogus Ropes

Dec. 13. 1909

To Mr. D. H. Runell.
Steer House
Holcombe Rogus.

Sir.

I thank you for enquiry for Bell Ropes. I could supply you with good Bellropes similar to those I put to your Bells in 1898 60 feet long, at 11/- per rope you to pay carriage. Please say to what railway station they should be sent. An order for same shall receive prompt attention

Yours obediently
Harry Stokes
Wks. pr.

Painting Rolle Estate Cottages.

December 15. 1909.

To Mr. W. Palmer.

Dear Sir.

I will clean off and paint 2 coats of paint all the woodwork and shutting on outside of Cottages and the front railings at Messrs. Miller, Hitchcocks, & Hollands, for the sum of Three Pounds. Eight Shillings (£3..8-0.)

Yours truly
Harry Stokes.
H.S. jr.

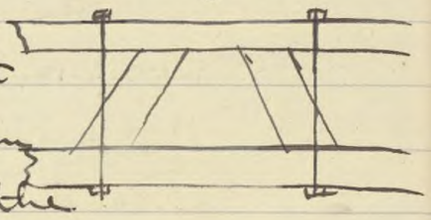
Week S. Mary Church Bells

Dec. 18. 1909

To the Rev. S. H. Haslam,

Rev. Sir,

What I should do for the £35. would be as follows:- put in about 12 more long 3/4" bolts down through the frame thus:



take the 5 wheels smaller and put new hoops and shrouding to them and paint them. I should have the wheels sent here. I should send a man down to take them off, you to fetch man from the station and when he had taken them off you to send man and wheels to the station. put 5 new head-stocks to Bells. 5 new pairs of gudgeons and bearings use the same ironwork again and make good what would be wanted, 5 new ground pullies, re-box the clappers that require it, wedge in the staples and covers in the Bells that the clappers hang in with new wedges. put a metal ring on the floor for each rope to work in, in the chamber under the Bells. clean out the holes in the rope guide in bottom of tower, paint the stocks and ironwork and put some more stouts from frame to walls of tower to keep the frame steady. use the same stays and sliders again. pay all labour, railway carriage, and travelling expenses for my men.

I hope you will not think of spending this £35. as I am sure you will not be satisfied with it, but hope you will go in for the larger job.

Beaford Church Bells

Dec. 20. 1909

To Mr. Harbottle Reed, F.R.I.B.A
Castle Street
Exeter

Sir,

I have had a reply from the Bell Founders (Messrs. Mears & Stainbank) about the recasting of the treble Bell, and they say as I have already stated that she is the proper note now for the rest of the peal but it would be a great advantage to recast her and add ½ cwt. of ~~more~~ metal to her, she would then be heard a great deal better in the peal of six when the 3 new heavier Bells were added. She is now a very thin Bell and she would then be made thicker at the sound bow. In my estimate for recasting her for £15-15-0 I did not calculate to add ½ cwt. more metal to her. I only calculated to make her the same weight as now. but the Founders say she must be made the ½ cwt. heavier in recasting to make the note more fuller so instead of my estimate being £15-15-0 it will be £19-2-6.

Yours obediently
Harry Stokes

19-2-6
15-15-0
3-7-6

Buckfastleigh Church Bells.

Jan. 4. 1910

To the Vicar & Churchwardens.

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

The cost of sending down men with ropes, winch &c. a special journey to take down the Bells and clear out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams from the tower so that all the masonry could be put right before putting in any new work; providing and fixing 4 steel girders 14x6 and cutting in and lying between the girders a 2" deal floor; providing making and fixing on the steel girders an oak framing bed to take the iron frame; providing, making and fixing an iron frame clear of the tower walls, weight of iron frame about 3 tons, and to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the Bells when ringing, hoisting the Bells into their places, quarter turning 3 of them, and hanging them with all new fittings complete all left fit for ringing, taking down the old wood rope guide in bottom of tower and providing and fixing a light iron one about 5-0 lower will be One Hundred & Seventy Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, (£170-13-0).

sent to Rev. H. F. Nesbit

Buckfastleigh Church Bells

Jan. 20. 1910

To the Vicar & Churchwardens

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

We beg to inform you that on examining the peal of six Bells in your Church Tower we found everything in connection with the Bells in a very unsatisfactory condition, the peal of Bells when they were put in the tower was cast too large for it and the walls of the tower were hacked and cut about to get them in, the frame was also cut about a great deal to get room for the Bells to swing around and thus weakened it a great deal. The fittings on the Bells are got very much out of order and the 3rd Bell ought not to be rung again in peal in its present state. The 1st, 3rd & 6th Bells have some of their canons broken off, these canons are what the Bells are hung by to the stocks which carry the Bells and in re-hanging the Bells I should propose to take off the remaining ones on the 1st, 3rd & 6th Bells and drill some more holes through their heads and put bolts to up through to fasten on the stocks, this is much stronger than trusting to the pound canons that are left on them. The 3rd Bell is already quarter turned and in re-hanging must be hung the same way again, the 5th & 6th Bells want quarter turning because they are worn thin at the soundbow where the clappers have been striking so many years, three or four of the Bells also want new clappers as they are worn badly. You could not very well put an oak frame in again because it

could not be put in stout enough to get room for the Bells to swing around without cutting it. so we should recommend to take out the old fittings. frame, floor and beams and put in four steel girders in place of the old oak beams. and an oak framing bed laid on the girders and hang the Bells with all new fittings complete. What is wanted to be done is to send down men and tackle and take down the Bells and take out the old fittings. frame, floor and beams. you could then build up some of the walls that were cut out before putting in any new work. An iron frame will not take up as much space as an oak one and it is much more rigid and stronger than an oak one and it would be put in so that it would not touch the tower walls, the old wood rope guide which is in the bottom of tower is fixed up too high and makes it bad for good ringing and it is a clumsy looking thing. we should recommend that it be taken away altogether and fix a light iron one five or six feet lower than the present one, the ringers would then find it a great deal better to ring the Bells.

Estimate

We will undertake to send down some men and tackle and take down the Bells and take out the old fittings. frame. floor and beams, take the men away again while the walls and setoffs were being put right. provide and fix in the tower when it was ready four steel girders 14"x6". cut in and lay between the girders a good 2" red deal floor, provide, make and fix on the girders an oak framing bed

to take the iron frame, provide, make and fix an iron frame clear of the tower walls, weight of iron frame to be about 3 tons and to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the Bells when ringing, the frame to be bolted down through the oak bed to the steel girders so as to make it all one solid piece of work, hoist the six Bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, headstocks, stays, sliders, ground pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks, the bearings fitted into cast iron pedestal carriages bolted to the frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws all new ironwork to hang the Bells with, quarter turn the 3rd bell same as she is now, and quarter turn the 5th & 6th Bells provide 3 new clappers and put the other 3 in proper order and properly hang them in the Bells, take off the canons from the 1st, 3rd, & 6th Bells and drill some more holes through the heads of them to take the bolts for fastening the stocks on them, provide and fix a new shutter in chamber under the Bells for the ropes to pass through, use the present set of ropes again and properly guide them away from wheels through shutter with all necessary thimbles and patrices, take down the old wood guide in bottom of tower and replace it with a

light iron one with turned hard wood blocks fixed in it for ropes to work in, fixed five or six feet lower than the old one, paint the iron frame 3 coats of iron oxide paint 2 coats before fixing and 1 coat after, paint all the ironwork, stocks, and fellowing parts of wheels 3 coats. pay carriage of all ~~two~~ materials and all travelling expenses for men. and complete the work in a workmanlike, satisfactory manner and to the satisfaction of anyone you may like to appoint to inspect the work or try the go of the Bells (Anyone that Knows anything about Church Bell hanging) for the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings. (£ 163-16-0) All the old metal, bearings, and ironwork, to be our property and the old timber to be yours You to have done all the masonry that is required

We remain

your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

Sent to
Rev. W. H. Williams

South Milton Church Bells.

Jan. 25. 1910

To the Vicar & Churchwardens

Rev: Sir & Gentlemen

The Cost of providing and fixing Two 6 X 3 joists one on South wall and one on the North wall resting on Corbel Stones and providing and fixing 7 joists 6 X 2 ea: running from North to South & resting on the 6 X 3 joists and laying the match board, now up under the beams, on the joists, to make a floor & making good what is required forming a trap door in the Centre as per sketch enclosed, the joists to be brought & champfered on edge, & the under side of joists & floor to be Stained, Sized & varnished will be Four Pounds, Ten Shillings, (£ 4. 10. 0)

You to get what Corbel Stones that would be required fixed in the walls to carry the joists & floor

We remain

Your obedient Servants

Harry Stokes & Son.

St Giles Church bells Febry 17th 1910

To

J. A. R. Perkins Esqr

Sir

Weare sorry we cannot reduce the price for the iron frame, it is a good bit more costly than an oak one and in this case we have to use 3 more steel joints for the top iron frame than for the oak one then there is 3 cwts of paint for the girders & joists and iron frame which is not required for oak we have then to make patterns for all the iron frame before it can be cast it being such a small tower we have no patterns small enough and the bearings and carriages are quite a different thing from what we use in oak frames and several other minor details the iron framing are quite different and more costly than for oak framing We hung the peal of 6 at Stowford the other side of Launceston just before Xmas in an iron frame also one used the cost was £135-15-0 and we are now hanging a peal of 6 in an iron frame at Southmoor near Kingsbridge at a cost of £138-10-0 so this will give you some idea about it and your Bells are in 2 tiers If you should be pleased to place your Bells in our hands we could commence them almost at once begin to make the patterns & gudgeons & bearings &c but we are afraid we could not promise to complete them until early part of June we should make everything here all ready for fixing and the actual work in the Tower would only take about 3 weeks, so the sooner you can give us the order the better if you intend doing so because we like to carry out our work as ordered first ordered first done we should not be able to get on else and we have several orders in now and we are in correspondence now, about changing 2 peals which will be settled in the course of 2 or 3 weeks

H. T. & Son.

February 14th 1910

re Pelynt Bells

To

W. D. Pearce Esqr

Churchwarden

Pelynt

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst respecting the questions you ask about the above named bells we beg to say that the approximate estimates will be as follows. viz

1- recasting a 5½ cwt Bell will be £12.13.0 and supplying two new Bells each 3½ cwt and 4 cwt respectively will be £6.15.4 per cwt and two new clappers and staples for same will be £2.18.0

2- Supplying and fixing suitable oak frame for the 6 Bells will be £52.10.0

3- Supplying and fixing suitable iron frame for 6 Bells will be £66.4.0

4 Taking down old Bells and frame and hanging 6 bells in an oak frame with all new fittings complete will be £71.16.0

Taking down old Bells and frame and hanging 6 Bells in an Iron frame with all new fittings complete will be £74.17.0

5- Carriage of 4 old bells to Foundry London from Looe Station and carriage of 6 bells from London to Looe Station, and carriage of frame and fittings from Woodbury to Looe Station will be £19.15.6.

yours obediently

Harry Stokes & Son

Heatherdeane Doors & Fence

Feb. 23. 1910

To Rev. Godfrey Bird

Rev. Sir

We will put in 2 new oak posts rehang the yard doors and make good the boarding at the side and paint the posts and boarding, one post to be 7"x6" and one 5"x5" as pointed out by you for the sum of £1.17.9.

And will put in 9 deal posts 3½"x3" and tar them and fix 45'.0" run of corrugated iron 2'.0" high on boundary wall, the iron to be 24 guage for the sum of £2.9.0.

We could commence the work soon after getting the order

H. Stokes & Son

Stoke Fleming Church Bells.

Feb. 23. 1910

To Mr. T. Elliots
Cotton Farm
Dartmouth

Sir.

We found on examining the peal of six Bells in the above-named tower that the 3 beams which carry the frame and bells are got bad and very much worm eaten, especially the one on the east side the end of which resting on the south wall is very much decayed, we thought on first looking at the frame that the bells might be rehung on the present frame but on finding that the beams were gone bad we came to the conclusion that it would be only a waste of money to attempt to rehang them on the present frame beams. The frame itself is plight for the size of the peal and it is a pinned one and is wedged and stouted to the tower walls which ought not to be, the frame had to be wedged to the walls to keep it in its place, if this had not been done the frame would have rocked about so much that it would have made ringing very hard work, what is wanted to be done is to lower the bells and take out the fittings, frame, and beams and put it all in new. We should recommend to put in an oak frame again, a stouter one, as the tower being so wet we would not recommend an iron frame as it would rust so quickly and you would want to have it painted every 4 or 5 years and this is often neglected and forgotten but an oak frame would not

rust and would not require painting, we can put in a stout oak frame with about 45 bolts through it and keep it clear from the tower walls all around and it would be quite rigid, and put in 4 oak beams under to carry the whole thing instead of 3 as now. the clock would have to be seen to and weights, pulleys &c taken off and refixed after the bells were rehung but this would be a clockmans job.

Estimate

We will undertake to lower the six bells and put them in some convenient place take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams from the tower, provide and fix in the tower 4 English oak beams 12"x10" and 1 wallplate 5"x4", provide, make & fix in the tower an English oak frame for the six bells the frame to be made and sizes of scantling used to be same as marked on plan sent, and frame to be bolted together with about 45 long 3/4" bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through the main beams, all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates, provide and lie on the beams cut in between the sills of frame a good 2" red deal floor nailed to beams. We will also undertake to hoist the bells again into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays & sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clips bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame fitted with

iron covers hinged and thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang bells with, quarter-turn what bells that require it (about 3 of them) provide 3 new clappers and put the others in proper order and properly hang them in the bells, use the same bellropes again and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary patrices & thimbles, repair and re-fix the present 6 shutes, repair the chiming hammers and pulleys and re-fix them using the same chiming ropes and the manual at bottom of tower again, paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels 3 coats of paint, pay all carriage of our materials and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and to the satisfaction of any one you may like to appoint to inspect the work or try the go of the bells, anyone that knows anything about church bell work for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Pounds, Seventeen Shillings (£140·17·0)

All the old bearings and ironwork to be our property and the old wood to be yours, you to have done any masonry that may be required and see to the clock, all the material would have to go into the church and up through the tower and we have allowed for protecting the font in bottom of tower.

Loddiswell Church Bells. (Iron frame)

March 9. 1910

To Rev. W. Hodges.

Rev. Sir,

We will undertake to lower the six Bells and put them in some convenient place take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams, and provide and fix in the tower four steel girders 10"x6" ea., 42lbs. to the foot, to carry the five bottom bells and provide and fix four steel girders 6"x5" ea., 24½lbs to the foot, to carry the 1st bell which will go ~~up over~~ above the other five bells, provide, make and fix iron frames for the six Bells, the iron frames to be bolted down to the girders. provide and lie on the bottom flanges of the four under girders a good red deal floor 1½" thick, leaving a space in the floor to get through to the bells, hoist the six bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- wheels, stocks, stays & sliders, pullies, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and dip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang the bells with. put ~~new~~ the staples in the bells which the clappers hang on in proper order, also the clappers, and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels with all necessary patrices, thimbles &c. provide and fix new plinths for ropes to work in, provide and fix new iron guides at bottom of tower and put turned hard wood blocks into

them for ropes to work in. paint all the iron-work, stocks and fellocing part of wheels 3 coats, recast the 3rd Bell add what metal is required to allow for waste in recasting and cast her in proper note with the others. pay carriage of Bell from Loddiswell to foundry & back again. pay carriage of all our materials and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the whole work in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of anyone you may like to appoint to inspect the work or try the go of the bells, (anyone that know anything about Church Bell work) for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Five Pounds. (£145-0-0)
All the old ironwork, ropes, & bearings to be our property and the old wood yours, & you to see to the clock. This estimate includes everything connected with the bells, and for all masonry that we should require, but it does not include for any masonry for filling up the walls that have been cut out as we can hang the bells without filling up the walls and it is not necessary to fill them up. If after the tower is cleared out and you had seen the walls and thought you would like to have the walls filled out we should make an extra charge of £2-0-0. for our mens time and fares coming back here and going down again as they would not stay at Loddiswell while you were having walls filled up. If you had any inscription put on 3rd bell it would be 4d per letter. We have enclosed a plan showing how the girders & frame would be made.

Mr. Hearns railing

Mar. 9. 1910

Mr. F. G. Brand.
Bristol Inn
Exeter.

Dear Sir,

We have inspected the railings in front of Mr. Hearns. house and find that the posts & ~~pi~~ pills are rotten & require to be new also the small gate at the side of house is all to pieces. We will put in 7 oak posts 4 x 3½ sq. 6 deal pills 3½ x 3 inch make & hang small gate at side, and rehang one in front, and repix & paint the railings. & repair the brickwork under for the sum of £2.8.6

H & p

March 26th 1910

Dr Furnivalls Painting

Sir

The cost of cleaning off and taking out the loose putty from the lights in all the windows outside in your House and stopping in same and painting them all outside 2 coats of paint – cleaning off all the barge boards capping boards, and soffit boards skirting and down pipes around the outside of House and stopping in where required and painting same 2 coats of paint will be £11= If it is found that any of the wood work requires repairing it will be an extra charge for same

H. F.

Loddiswell Bells

To

March 26th 1910

Revd W Hodges

Revd Sir

In reply to your letter of 23rd we beg to say we could get the Bells completed by the 3rd week in September, and we will do any tuning to the bells if it is found necessary, and we have included the carriage of our materials to the Church also the Belt to & from the ~~Church~~ Station but we do not undertake to have anything to do with the Clock, neither the weights nor striking hammers, this is a Clock Mans Job and we never have anything to do with them we shall be very pleased to carry out all the rest of the work except the Clock

We remain Revd Sir

your obedient Servants

Harry Stokes & Son

Revd H A. Hill

East Worlington Bells April 4th 1910

Revd Sir

We are much obliged to you for your letter of April 3rd telling us to put the work in hand for East Worlington Church according to the Tender sent you on June 14th 1909 but there is one mistake but it is not a very big one it should be 1.2½ per lb to be allowed either way for the new metal Sorry we cannot carry out the work to be completed by 1st week in June it will be I expect latter part of July before we could complete we have our hands full at present and must complete what we have on order first am much obliged but cannot put up the chiming apparatus for less than £6.10.0 then it must be done at same time as the other work.

H. Stokes & Son

April 5th 1910

Woodleigh chiming appts

Revd Sir

The cost of providing and fixing a chiming apparatus to the 5 Bells in Woodleigh Church Tower will be £9.5.0.

yours obediently

Harry Stokes & Son

Packington Church Bells April 18th 1910

To

W. D. Carve Esqr.

Sir

On examining the Bells, frame and fittings at the above Church, we found that there are 4 beams across the Tower East to West under the frame and sills, two of these are old beams, one of these against the South Wall is decayed very badly, and there are 2 new ones, (one 12"×10" one 12"×6") put there in 1907, what we would propose to do, would be to take out these 2 old beams and let the 2 new ones remain, and put 4 new ones across the Tower North & South resting on the offsets and on these 2 1907 beams, the size of these 4 new ones to be 10×9, and then put the new oak frame down on these 4 beams and bolt frame and beams all together. We think that to take out the 2 old beams we should require to take down part of the match board ceiling which is up under the beams, and also a part of the floor, but this can be all made good again. We find that the 5 Bells swing all one way of the Tower. This ought not to be. The block rod which works the hands of the block, comes up where the Tenor Bell will hang, this rod will have to be shifted, this is a block makers work. We should have to put 5 new wheels, the present wheels are too small, they are close to the lips of the bells and some of them have been eased a bit so that they shall be clear from the bells, we can use the Gudgeons & bearings, Ironwork, pullies, slides, and ropes again but cannot use the Stocks as they will not be long enough to go into an Oak frame. There would be new stay bars wanted for the ropes in bottom of Tower the present one is very slight and it is loose, we should put something different to that one, there would be a little masonry wanted to be done to the offsets, to level them up &c. but we have not included in our estimate any masonry now for the alteration to the block rod.

Packington

We will undertake to lower down the 5 bells and put them in some convenient place take out the fittings & frame from the Tower also the 2 old beams, provide and fix in the Tower 4 English oak beams size to be 10 x 9. provide make and fix in the Tower an English Oak frame for 6 Bells, frame to be made same as plan out, and sizes of scantling for frame to be same as marked on plan, the frame to be bolted together with about 43 long 3/4 bolts, and bolts where convenient to go down thro' into the 4 new beams all the Joints of frame to be secured with steel strap plates the 4 new beams to be also bolted down to the ~~old~~ 2 1907 beams. which will be left in the Tower, We will also undertake to hoist the 5 bells again into their places in the new frame, and hang them with part new fittings, "namely" Wheels, Wheel stays, stocks, stays and slider boards and new guide stays for ropes at bottom, using again the present gudgeons & bearings, ironwork, pulleys, sliders ropes & clappers and making good anything that may be wanted ~~to be done to the ironwork~~, paint all the ironwork stocks, and fellowing part of wheels 3 coats of paint make good the floor under the bells ~~again~~ also the match board ceiling, as we shall want to make hole in it large enough to let bells down through pay carriage of our materials, and all travelling expences for our men and carry out the work to your satisfaction for the sum of ~~£ 41 15 0~~ £ 95. ~~0 0~~ 14. 0

This estimate includes sending men up to a special journey hanging the bells and bring Gudgeons & bearings and ironwork &c back here to our workshops to be fitted up.

Beaford Bells April 18th 1910

To

Mr Harbottle Reed

Sir

The Beaford Bells will not be ready to deliver tours until May 6th or 7th we hope to complete them by May 31st or thereabout — within a day or so, so can make arrangements for dedication anytime after that date. The cost of a chiming apparatus fixed all complete to the 6 Bells ready for use will be £7-10-0 if done at same time as the Church yours obediently

H. Stokes & Son

P.S

We called to see you the other day about the bellropes in the Tower we left instructions about what is wanted to be done to them will call again probably in a day or two.

Vennore Farm (bedroom partition)

Apr. 19. 1910

To Mr. W. Palmer.

Dear Sir

We will put up the 1" match board partition with two four panel doors as described by you all painted 3 coats for the sum of £8-5-0.

H. Stokes jr.

High Bickington Church Bells

April 22. 1910

To the Rev. C. V. Wansbrough.

Rev. Sir.

We have as you already know inspected the bells, frame and fittings in your Church tower, and we found the frame in a bad condition and very shaky when the bells were being rung. the frame has been cut about a great deal to get room for the bells to swing and it is also wedged to the walls to keep it steady when the bells are ringing. We cannot do anything to repair the frame as it is worn out and not strong enough to resist the action of the bells when ringing. The bells are sound but the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th want quarter turning as they are worn badly where the clappers have been striking for so many years - since 1773 -. these five bells also want new clappers, the rest of the fittings also want to be renewed, the chiming hammers want repairing and painting and refixing also new ropes put to them.

Estimate No. 1.

We will undertake to lower the six bells and put them in some convenient place, take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams from the tower and provide and fix in the tower five English oak beams three 10x9 and two 10x8 provide, make and fix in the tower an English oak frame for the six bells, the frame to be bolted together with about 42 long 3/4 bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through frame into the main beams, all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates

provide and put in between the pills of frame and resting on the beams and nailed to them a good 2" red deal floor, the frame will be made and fixed clear of the tower walls, and the sizes of the scantlings to be the same as marked on the plan enclosed. We will also undertake to hoist the six bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays and sliders pullies, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumbscrews all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th bells and put new clappers to them, put the 1st clapper in proper order and properly hang it in the bell, repair and repix the present shutes that ropes work in, use the present set of ropes again and properly guide them away from the wheels to the guides below; paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels 3 coats, pay carriage of our materials and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and to your entire satisfaction for the sum of One Hundred & Fourteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings (£114-13-0)

You to have done any masonry that may be required and also see to the clock. All the old wood to be your property and the old iron-work and bearings ours.

Estimate No. 2

The cost of clearing out the tower and

putting in new beams and floor same as already described in estimate No. 1. and providing, making and fixing an iron frame for the six bells, painted 3 coats, two before fixing and one after and hanging the six bells with all new fittings as stated in No. 1 estimate will be One Hundred & Thirty One Pounds, Fifteen Shillings. (£131.15.0).

You to have done any masonry that may be required and see to the clock. All the old wood to be your property and the old iron-work and bearings ours.

Eight bells one smaller and one larger than the present ones can be put in the tower by having an iron frame, but not in a wood one, to do this the present 3rd 4th bell would have to be recast.

April 22nd 1910

To

Mr J L Snow

Churchwarden

Braunton

Dear Sir

We will supply you with 8 Bell Ropes for the Braunton Church Bells for £4.12.0 same sort of Rope and same quality and by same maker as the last we supplied you, you to pay the carriage of them an order from you shall receive prompt attention

yours obediently

J Stokes & Son

P.S

The above price is the same as we charged you for last Oct.

Loose boxes. Vennore Farm.

April 28. 1910

To Mr. Harris.

Dear Sir.

We will erect a Shed in the field at Vennore, Woodbury on the site pointed out by you. The shed to consist of 3 loose boxes 14:0 x 15:0 in the clear 9:6 high in front, 7:6 high at back covered with 1" deal board and felting, the felting to be tarred on completion of the work, 5"x5" and 4"x4½" deal posts, the ends to go about 2:6" in the ground and to be tarred, and 4½"x3" heads sills and 4"x2" studs. the whole to be boarded around with feather edge deal boarding, each box to have a rack and manger and a 7:0 x 4:0 door in two parts, and hung with hooks & twists, & complete with latch, catch and guide. the whole of the outside to be tarred two coats for the sum of Fifty Two Pounds. Ten Shillings (£52-10-0)

Yours truly

Harry. Stokes & Son.

Mr. Summerfield £ 12-15-0

To

Revd G. M. Evans

Puckington Rectory

Ilminster

May 2nd 1910

Revd Sir

In reply to your letter of April 29th and to your questions contained therein we beg to say

1st we could not make any reduction for carting from Ilminster station because we should send the materials from here direct to Puckington Church by Motor Waggon

2nd we could not allow anything for the present wheels we could not use them again anywhere else. and they where not made large enough for your peal that is the reason we wish to replace them. and the gudgeon holes in them are not same as we put to our Wheels

3rd none of the fittings from present bells are fit to be used for the new 6th Bell. and our charge for fitting up the new bell with all new fittings complete and hoisting and hanging her in the new frame. the bell left complete fit for ringing will be £10-5-0

H. Stokes & Son

Kingsnympton Ropes

May 3. 1910.

To Mr. R. G. Hulland.
Hurxford.
Kings Nympton.

Dear Sir

We thank you for enquiry for ropes. We shall be pleased to supply you with bellropes 60 feet long with 3-6" sallys at 11/6 per rope. You to pay carriage. Th order from you shall receive our best attention

Yours truly
Harry Stokes & Son.
H.S. jr.

To

May 11th 1910

Revd A. C. Evans

Lanreath Vicarage

Revd Sir

We supply muffles but have none in stock but can get you a set from the makers a set of 6 will cost £1.1.4. the 4d is for postage by parcel post one single one would cost 3.9 the 3d is for postage.

H. S. & Son

May 12th 1910

To

Wm R H Moon

Carey View

Budge Park, Ashwater

Dear Sir

The price for bell muffles are 3/6 each and 4d for Postage by Parcel Post

H Stokes & Son

To

May 12th 1910

Revd H Ockland

Illogan Rectory. Redruth

Revd Sir

We are out of Muffles but we expect we could have a set sent on to you direct from the makers the early part of next week there has been a great demand for them this week and we have supplied a good many sets. The price is 3/6 each £1.1.0 for 6 and 4d for postage If you send a telegram tomorrow we could order them tomorrow evening and we expect you would have them on Tuesday. H. Stokes & Son

Bodmin Church Bells

May 13. 1910

Rev. H. Hugh King.

Rev. Sir.

We will undertake to take out the window or part of it on the North side of tower to take Bells, material &c in and out of bell chamber and make it good again when the work was completed, take down the 8 Bells from the tower and send them to the Foundry, London (Messrs. Mears & Stainbank) to be tuned in a proper machine and the treble & tenor Bells to be in perfect unison. take out the clock hammers, wires, springs, pulleys &c and the old fittings frame & floor and protect the clock. Provide, make, and fix on the old beams now in the tower a good 2" red deal floor and an oak framing bed for the 8 bells, the sizes of scantling for the oak bed to be 8½" x 5", 8½" x 5½" & 8½" x 6". provide, make and fix in the tower a cast iron frame for the 8 bells, the frame to be of sufficient strength & substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing and to be free from tower walls all around the weight of iron frame to be about 4½ tons and to be made similar to sketch enclosed. the frame to be bolted down through the oak bed into the old beams. paint the iron frame four coats. three before fixing and one after. Bring the bells back from the Foundry and hoist them into the tower and hang them in the new frame with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays & sliders, pulleys steel gudgeons & gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons to be fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks, and the bearings (not ball

or roller) to be fitted into cast iron pedestal carriages fitted with iron hinged lubricating covers & thumb screws and bolted down to the frame, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the first seven bells and put new quarter staples in them, rework the whole of the clappers and properly hang them in the bells provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber, make good any of the plaster that ropes pass through in the clock chamber and bring the ropes around in as good a circle as possible, paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels 3 coats, repair and properly adjust the clock hammers and leave the hammers, wires & springs of clock & chimes in complete working order do all the masonry that we think would be necessary to the walls of bell chamber before putting in any new work, pay carriage of bells to & from London and carriage of all our material and travelling expenses for our men make good any damage that may occur in carrying out the work and leave the tower & belfry in good condition for the sum of Three Hundred and One Pounds, & eighteen Shillings (£301-18-0).

All the old materials to be our property,

H. Stokes & Son.

May. 14. 1910

Rev Sir.

We enclose our tender and specification and plan for the Church Bells, the iron frame would be made similar to the photo enclosed. We can comply with all the conditions which you sent except one and that is the time we could not complete the whole work until end of October.

To

May 19th 1910

Revd E. P. Rowe

St Giles

Launceston

Revd Sir

We shall begin work in your town on June 6th and we hope to finish if we possibly can by 15th we may be 3 or 4 days after that date, but to make sure of your opening service you had better arrange for it after 25th June you will then be alright We have been delayed in a job we are doing at Beaford near Torrington we ought to have finished it this week but it will ~~take us~~ be nearly a fortnight before it is finished Please let us know when you have arranged the date

Yours Stokes & Son

May 24th 1910

To Revd C. C. Gillett-

The Vicarage

Frithelstock

Revd Sir re- Frithelstock Church Bells

In reply to your letter of May 12th, respecting the making of a Cage for 6 Bells and hanging the 5- We beg to say that we could not- make a cage for 6 Bells to go all on one level the 6th bell would have to go up over the others, and to do this would want- to lower the sittoffs of walls under the present- old beams and cage, when they ~~obt cage and beams &c~~ were removed to get- room for the top bell to swing around. To make an Oak Cage for 6 Bells, to take ~~cage for~~ 5 under and ~~cage for~~ one up over and hang the present- 5 Bells would cost- £139.12.0-

To make an iron frame for 6 bells ~~frame for~~ to take 5- under and ~~frame for~~ one up over and hang the 5 bells would cost- £15.9.18.0- you to have the work of lowering the sittoffs done- in either case.

yours obediently

H. Stokes & Son

wrote re- Lake

Nov- 24th 1910

To

May 24th 1910

Wm W. Isaac

The Barton. Thrapston

Dear Sir

The cost of 5 new bell ropes will be £2.17.6 they will be 40 feet long you to pay the carriage of them

The cost of hanging the 5 bells and making the frame for 6 was £91.3.0 this included the beams & floor but the beams and floor was given and I allowed £11.11.0 out of the £91.3.0 for beams & floor.

H Hopes & Son

Brampton chimes May 16th 1910

To

Revd E R. Gollo

Revd Sir

The cost of providing and fixing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus all complete to the 8 Bells in Brampton Church Tower will be £12= provided there is no stone floors or ceilings to bore through. We are not certain what the bottom floor is, which shows down in the bottom of Tower but we believe it is wood not a stone groined ceiling.

H Ho Reed & Son

June 11th 1910

Revd Sir

Our charge will be 10/- extra for the enclosing of manual with door and lock & key shall we paint it, if so what color or shall we stain and varnish it.

H. H. & Son

High Bickington Bells May 30th 1910

To

Revd C. E. Wansborough

Revd Sir

In reply to your letter of 28th we beg to say that an Iron frame for 8 Bells will cost £18.14.0 more than the £131.15.0. Two new Bells a Treble and Tenor, Treble weighing about 3½ cwt and Tenor weighing about 9 cwt, clappers and staples for same. and carriage of Bells from London to Bickington, hung all complete with new fittings for ringing will cost £113.5.0 if the 2 bells did not weigh together 12½ cwt it would be deducted at the rate of £6.15.4 per cwt. if over the 12½ cwt it would be charged for at same rate, any inscription put on the Bells would be charged for at 4d. per letter To add a Treble and Tenor to your peal of 6. the present 3rd would have to be recast to make her a semitone tenor, to take her down from the Tower, and carriage of her to London and back to Bickington again, adding what metal is wanted to her to allow for waste in recasting, and to make her the right note would cost £18.14.0 any inscription put on her will be 4d per letter.

Totals hanging 6 bells & new frame	131.15.0
extra for new frame for 8 Bells	18.14.0
recast present 3rd	18.14.0
2 new Bells and hanging	113.5.0
	£282.8.0

H. T. & Son

St Andrews, Packington May 31st 1910

To

W. D. Caroe Esqr
3 Great College Street
Westminster

Sir

We gave you our reasons when we shut you the estimate of April 8th why we could not use the five wheels again, because they are too small and also that the gudgeon holes in wheels are not in the same position that we should put them The Revd G. M Evans the Rector wrote us on May 3rd on the same subject and we gave him the same answer. You mention about using the largest of the existing wheels & stock for the new bell this we could not do they would cost more altering than new ones We are and are that the present 5 wheels are in very good order but we cannot do anything with them We will make a good job of the bells if you place it in our hands and let us do what we have stated

yours obediently
A Stokes & Son

East Brent Bells

May 31. 1910

To Rev. F. P. Seale

Rev. Sir.

In reply to your letter of May 28 and to the questions you ask we beg to say:—
1st That the estimate includes a new floor close under the bells and resting on the 4 new beams.
2nd That the estimate includes a new frame for five bells and re hanging the five bells. The cost of additional framework for a 6th bell if it can be put on the same level as the five would be Fifteen Pounds (£15·0·0) but if it could not be put on the same level and had to be put up over the others it would cost Nineteen Pounds. Nine Shillings (£19·9·0) but we believe that it can be put on the same level as the five.
3rd That the cost of an additional bell 7¼ cwt. with clapper, staple and fittings complete for same and hanging the bell in frame provided, pay carriage of bell and leave it fit for ringing will be Sixty Six Pounds. Seventeen Shillings (£66·17·0), this price is for supplying the bell & fittings and hanging it the same time as the other work was in hand, if done at any future time it would cost about £5·0·0 more. If the bell was over 7¼ cwt. it would be charged for at £6·15·4 per cwt. if under that weight it would be deducted at the same rate.
4th We should want until sometime in November to complete the work, if we could

complete before we would, but we are very busy. Have you had any of the repairs done to the tower, masonry &c. if not you would want two before the new work was put in and the bells rehung. we could take down the bells and clear out old fittings and frame sometime the end of June or beginning of July so that all the masonry could be done before putting in the new work.
5th We are not sure our figures in estimate sent you are correct, they should be One Hundred and Sixty Nine Pounds. Fifteen Shillings (£169.15.0) including the removal of the two old beams and placing Two steel girders in their place. please let us know if these figures are same as on estimate sent

H.P. jr

Ugborough Church Bells

June 17th 1910

To

Capt.n the Hon.ble A Colborne

Sir

We have examined the peal of 8 Bells and their frame and fittings in the above named Church Tower and we find that the old frame is in a very bad condition and must be replaced by a new one the beams & ~~frame~~ the floor under the frame ~~would~~ will also have to be renewed, We can put in an Oak frame stronger than the present one and it can be so constructed that it would not want to be cut about to get room for the Bells to swing and it would be clear from the Tower walls all around, We could not use the fittings of the bells again, to do so would spoil the Job. as the Wheels and Stocks are getting worm eaten very badly through not being painted the ironwork is also getting very rusty through not having any paint, there are 2 sets of stays wanted in the Chamber under the Bells it is a very long draught and 2 sets of stays would steady the ropes a great deal better. To make a thorough good Job and one that would give you satisfaction, must take the Bells take out the fittings, frame floor and beams and put it all in new you will then have a perfect Job. The bells themselves are alright but the 1st 2nd & 3rd are not good ones they have been often in sharpening and flattening, it would be a good job if you could have them recast

Estimate No 1

We will undertake to take the 8 Bells and put them in some convenient place, take out the old fittings frame, floor & beams from the Tower, and provide & fix in the Tower 5 English Oak beams - two 14 x 9 two 14 x 12 and one 14 x 10 provide make & fix in the tower an English Oak frame for the 8 bells and cut and let in the beams between the frame a good 2" deal floor

and bolt the frame together with about 5 8 long 3/4-
7/8 & 1" bolts and the bolts where convenient to go down
through into the main beams all the top joints of frame
to be secured with angle plates and the bottom joints
with short strap plates the sizes of scantling for frame
to be the same as marked on plan sent. We will also
undertake to hoist the Bells again and hang them in
their places with all new fittings complete viz:= Wheels
stocks stays & stubers pullies steel gudgeons and gun
metal bearings the gudgeons fitted into iron bed
plates and clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings
fitted into iron carriages fitted with iron hinged
lubricating covers and thumb screws and screwed
down to frame all new ironwork to hang Bells with
provide one new clapper and put the other clappers
in proper order and rebox and releather them and
properly hang them in the bells provide a new set of
best made bell ropes and properly guide them away
from wheels to ringing chamber provide all thimbles
and pulleys for ropes to work in and fix two sets
of wood stays in chamber under bells do any alterations
that may be required to the stays in ringing chamber
repair & refix the chiming hammer paint all the
ironwork, stocks and felloeing part of wheels 3 coats
of paint: pay carriage of all our materials and
travelling expences for our men and complete the
work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner
and to the satisfaction of any one you may like to
appoint to inspect it or try the go of the Bells
anyone that knows anything about Church bell work
for the sum of £213—

You to see to the block and the weights and hammer
and to any masonry that may be required, all the
old materials except the bell ropes to be our property

Estimate No 2 Iron frame

We will undertake to lower the 5 bells from the Church Tower and put them in some convenient place take out the old fittings, frame, floor & beams from the Tower and provide and fix in the Tower 5 English Oak beams two 14×9 two 14×12 - 1-14×10. provide make and fix on the beams an English oak bed to take the iron frame and provide make & fix in the Tower a cast iron frame for 5 bells, the frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing the frame to be bolted down to the Oak bed and beams, the frame to be painted 3 coats - 2 before fixing and one after, we will also undertake to hoist the 5 bells and frame in their places in the new frame with the new fittings complete and carried out same as stated in No 1 estimate with the exception of the bearings and there will be pedestal bearings fitted with lubricating covers and bolted down to frame for the sum of £241.16.0

You to see to the clock and the weights and hammer and do any masonry that may be required all the old materials except the ropes to be ours

H. Stokes & Son

Black Hill House

June 25. 1910

To Mr. W. Palmer

Dear Sir.

We will do the Carpenters, Joiners, Painters work in building the new pulley at Black Hill House as specified by you for the sum of Eight Pounds (£8.)

Yours truly

Harry Stokes & Son

Summerfield £15=

Cornworthy Church Bells.

June 28. 1910

To the Rev. C. S. Hawker,

Rev. Sir.

At your request we inspected the bells of your Church and we found everything in connection with them in a very dilapidated condition, some parts of the frame are decayed very badly also the ends of the beams where they rest on the walls. The only thing that can be done is to take out the old fittings. frame. floor and beams and put it all in new. the bells themselves are sound but four of them require to be quarter turned as the clappers have beaten dents into them with so many years wear. the ropes which seem to have been put there quite recently are no good for bell ropes, we should put a different kind from those. The frame is now wedged to the tower walls to keep it steady, this ought not to be as it is liable to damage the tower.

Estimate

We will undertake to lower the six bells from the tower and put them in some convenient place, take out the old fittings. frame. floor and beams. and provide and fix in the tower four English oak beams two 12"x10, and two 12"x9 provide, make and fix an English oak frame for the six bells. sizes of scantling for frame to be same as marked on plan sent and the frame to be bolted together with about 42 long 3/4" bolts and the bolts where convenient to go down through

into main beams so as to make it one solid piece of work, all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates, provide & cut in between the sills of frame and lie on the beams and nail to them a good 2" red deal floor. We will also undertake to hoist the six bells again and hang them in their places in the new frame with all new fittings complete viz: Wheels, stocks, stays and sliders, steel gudgeons and gun-metal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates, clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th bells, provide 2 new clappers and re work the other four and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary shutes thimbles and patrices, alter the guide in ringing chamber and put in turned hard wood blocks for ropes to work in, paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellocing part of wheels 3 coats, pay carriage of our material from here to cornworthy and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and to the satisfaction of anyone you may like to appoint to inspect the work or try the go of the bells, anyone that knows anything about church bell work for the sum of One Hundred and

Twenty $ix Pounds. Ten $hillings.
(£126-10-0).

All the old material we take out to be our property and you to do any masons work that may be required, and see to the Clock, and re-pix clock hammers, weights &c.

We remain Rev. $ir
Your obedient servants
Harry $tokes & $on
H$ jr.