

Copy of letter sent to E. H. Harbottle & Son

Loxbeam Church Bells

Sept 22nd 1911

Sir

There is one thing in Mr. Fairbairns letter to you that we have not calculated for, and that is that he mentions in his letter that the very greatest care must be taken in lowering and re-hanging the bells, in the matter of lowering the bells down from the Tower, in your letter to us of August 25th you mention that you believe the bells are at present in the Churchyard, and we took it for granted that they had been taken down and placed in the Churchyard, ^{by} Mr. Fairbairns letter, the bells and old frame appear to be still in the Tower, we do not know if it is intended to put in new beams and floor to carry the frame & bells (you can please tell us this) but to take down the bells from the Tower and take out the old frame &c will be an extra to our present estimate of £48.16.0. We did not go to Loxbeam when you wrote us on August 25th because we had the measurements of bells and Tower several years ago with regard to the clappers, in our opinion we think new ones are wanted, there is nothing else in Mr. Fairbairns letter that we want to make any comment on, only to say we are not certain if we could complete the work this year but we would if we could possibly do so

yours obediently

H. Stokes & Son

P.S.

Mr. Stokes Sr^o thinks he will be in the neighbourhood of Trewaton in the course of a week or 10 days if so he would go out to Loxbeam and look around and would write you again

October 5th 1911

Loxbeam Church Bells

To

E H Hurbottle & Son

Sirs

The extra cost - to take down the above bells, and to take out the old fittings and frame from the Tower will be £1¹⁰ 10.0, there must be new clappers for the bells, there will be a little difficulty about the bell ropes owing to such a narrow space in the bottom of the Tower, owing to the 2 seats, one on North side and one on South side there is only 24¹/₄ in clear of these 2 seats, and we are afraid one of the ringers to ring the bell will have to stand in one of these seats we find also that the floor under the bells is not railed down, we can undertake to complete this work by Jan^{ry} 21st 1912, but if we can finish before that date we will do so

H Stokes & Son

To

Octoba 13th 1911

Rev^d H. G. Buller

Oakford Rectory
Bampton

Rev^d Sir

In reply to your letter received this morning we beg to say we shall be very pleased to go and examine and report on the condition of your Church Bells, and if you placed the work in our hands, that was wanted to be done to them we should make no charge but if you did not place the work in our hands we should make a charge of £5/-, we think we could go and examine them next week if you wish us to do so

We remain Rev^d Sir

your Obedt. Servants

H Stokes & Son

Oct-16th 1911

To

Rev^d H Newham

Farway Rectory

Rev^d Lu

The cost of the Bell Ropes will be 1/- each
you to pay carriage of them. We visited you
Towce in Dec^r 1909. Have you had the work done
that we suggested should be done to them?

H. Stokes & Son

Oct. 18. 1911

The Brewery

Told Mr^s T. Glanville that to put up
counter, door, partition, brace wheel
& glass in floor would cost about £6.

H. S. jr

To

October 19th 1911

Rev. C. C. Gillett

The Rectory
Fitchelock

Rev. Sir

The cost of providing and fixing the Ellacomb
climbing apparatus to the 5 bells in Fitchelock
Church Tower, all complete, and making the manual
at-bottom for 6- instead of 5 so that you could add
a 6th chime hammer at any time when you
wanted to do so will be £8=

H. Stokes & Son

* P.S.

To get the rope away from the wheel is
rather a complicated affair, but we think we
can get over it alright, we expect we shall have
to move 2 other ropes a bit to get them farther
away from rope of the new bell.

re Rattery Bell

Oct. 20. 1911

To the Rev. B. Packer.

Rev. Sir

We will undertake to provide a 5th bell (a treble) to increase your peal to five bells, the bell to weigh about $5\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. and to be in proper note with the other 4 bells, provide a clapper for ~~the~~^{it} and pay carriage of ~~her~~^{it} to South Brent Station hoist & it into the tower, and hang it in the place provided for it with new wheel, stock, stay, slides, pulleys, steel gudgeons & gunmetal bearing, the gudgeons fitted into iron saddle plates clip bolted to the stocks, and the bearing fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws, new ironwork to hang bell with, new rope and properly guide it away from wheel to bottom of tower, paint the stock, ironwork and felloeing part of wheel 3 coats, pay carriage of material to South Brent Station and travelling expenses for our men for the sum of Fifty Nine Pounds, If the bell weighs more than $5\frac{3}{4}$ cwt it will be charged for at £7. per cwt, if less it will be allowed for at the same rate. Any inscription put on the new bell will be 3^p per letter, and the Churchwardens have to do all carting from and to South Brent Station

We remain, Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

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To

October 23rd 1911

Mr W. J. Price

Churchwarden

West-Buckland - Wellington Town.

Dear Sir

The cost of providing and fixing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus to the 6 bells in West-Buckland Church Tower will be £9.5.0. This sum is for fixing the manual to chime the bells up in the ringing chamber.

yours truly

H. Stokes & Son

Nov^r 25th 1911

Dear Sir

The extra cost - to bring the chiming manual to bottom of Tower will be 10/- and if you want a door to it with lock & 2 keys it would be another 10/- We are not certain whether we could fix it by Xmas, but in any case you must let us know as soon as possible we would then try to do so

yours truly

Harry Stokes & Son

P.S.

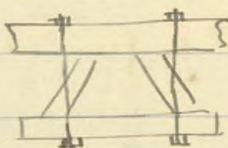
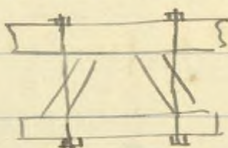
Please tell us when writing again what wood the Church Seats are made from Deal, Pitch Pine or Oak we are a bit busy up to Xmas

Oakford Church Bells

Oct. 28. 1911

To the Rev. F. G. Buller.

Rev. Sir.

We have thoroughly examined the peal of 8 bells in your Church Tower, and their frame and fittings, the frame when it was made was pinned together with oak pins and with only 4 bolts through it, ~~but~~ it is in very good condition but when the bells are ringing it vibrates a little, what we recommend would be to put ~~in~~ about 12 more long $\frac{3}{4}$ bolts down through it: -  and strain it well together this  would strengthen and stiffen it a great deal. The fittings of the bells which were put in the tower in 1825 when the bells were, are most of them worn out especially the gudgeons and bearings, the ones on the tenor are worse than the others this makes the bell very hard to ring which it ought not to be, the ironwork on the bells is very rusty and when once taken off it would not go on again, ~~the~~ some of the stocks are split are split out from where they are fitted on the heads of bells and they are also worn eaten, the pulleys under neath the wheels are worn out and the rim part on some of the wheels is worn eaten, the blocks, leathers and bolts on all of the clappers are worn out and the clappers require cleaning off and twisting around to let them strike on a fresh place, the pulleys which the ropes work on in the chamber under the bells want repairing and refixing, grooves are rubbed in the holes in the floor through which the ropes pass

these holes want a metal ring put over them to keep the ropes from working in a groove, the ropes would then last a great deal longer. The only thing that we can recommend is to entirely rehang the 8 bells with all new fittings and put in the bolts we recommend in the frame, it would then be a thorough good job and one that would give satisfaction, any patching or repairing of the present fittings is no good.

Estimate

We will undertake to put 12 long $\frac{3}{4}$ bolts down through the frame and where possible let them go into the beams under the frame, rehang the 8 bells with the following new fittings:— wheels, stocks, stave, sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons, gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted to 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 leathers, wood blocks, and bolts to the clappers, clean off the clappers and twist them around so that they shall strike on a fresh place, repair and refix the shutles that ropes pass through, provide and fix 8 metal rings on the holes in the floor, paint all the ironwork, stocks on the bells, and felloeing part of wheels 3 coats of paint, pay carriage of material from here to Bampton and all travelling expenses for men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of Seventy Pounds. (£70.) and all the old materials to be our property, you to have

done all the carting of materials, men and tools to and from Bampton station. We noticed that the bell ropes are nearly worn out and we will supply a set of best made bell ropes for Four Pounds, Sixteen Shillings (£4-16-0) extra to the aforementioned sum.

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes r/s on
11.8.11

Fremington Bells.

October 30th / 11

To

Arundell Clarke Esq.
Brookfield House.
Fremington.

Sir.

We have had your bells examined as you requested and we found that the fittings & framework require a thorough overhauling, several of the bearings are loose and the bells must be lifted out so that they can be tightened, several of the clappers want reboxing, & the tenor clapper especially wants altering it is much too long & knocks in the frame, it has evidently been tampered with by some amateur. All the ironwork is getting very rusty & wants cleaning & painting, also the stocks ought to be painted & the wheels have a couple coats of oil. The chiming apparatus requires new cords & new tubes. We could not say exactly how much this would cost, but it would probably take two men about one week to put it abright. You would want to let a man clear out the leaves & sticks that are in the tower before anything was done to the bells, also the wire netting in the

windows want repairing.

We remain

your obedient servants.
Harry Stokes & Son.

Dec. 22. 1911

To Arundell Clarke, Esq.,
Brookfield House
Fremington

Sir.

We should be very pleased to receive the order from you to overhaul the Fremington Church Bells in accordance with our letter of Oct. 30. last. We consider that the cost would be about £6. or £6-10-0. Trusting to be favoured with the order

We remain

Your obedt. servants
Harry Stokes & Son

To

Nov^r 6th 1911

Mr W. H. Lovell

Bawcombe

Beaumont. W. Lifford.

Dear Sir

Our charge for Bell Ropes, ^{up to} 60 feet long is 11^s 6^d per rope, you to pay the carriage of them, for every 10 feet over 60 feet it would be 1/- extra, so a 70 feet rope would cost 12^s 6^d. An order from you would be esteemed and would receive immediate attention

yours truly
Harry Stokes

Farringdon Rectory

Nov. 6. 1911

To the Rev. J. B. Housman
Rev. Sir

The cost of a Patent Earth Closet
similar to the one now at Farringdon
Rectory is about £25.0 this does
not include the piping

Yours obediently
Harry Stokes Esq

Apparatus 1A "Pullout" £14.6
Pail 5.6

Harborton Church Bells.

To

Nov. 10th / 11.

A. J. Parker Esq.

Sir

The cost of supplying and fixing a set of iron stays suitable for six bell ropes, similar to sketch enclosed the ropes to work in turned hard wood blocks (not in iron rings as they wear out the ropes quickly) all painted dead black will be Five Pounds, Fifteen Shillings (£5-15-0). We should not put eight guides now only six as we could not tell where the two new ones would come, and they can be easily added when the new bells are put up.

The cost of supplying and fixing three strong leather footstraps to the oak flooring for the 4th, 5th + 6th bells, will be Seven Shillings + sixpence. Three straps are enough none are required for the other bells.

The cost of supplying and fixing six good bellropes with 4" 0" sallows will be Four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings (£4-15-0)

Two extra bells (smaller ones) can be put over the cages of the present six bells by taking out the tie rods which are now in the walls and across the tower. We could not point out the positions where the ropes for the two new bells would go through floor, these holes can be easily made by the

Bellhanger when the bells are put up, there is one thing that ought to be done before the holes for the present ropes are made and that is to alter the stay and wheel now on the 1st bell and put them in each others place, and change the slider, slider board & pulley, now under the bell, if two new bells are at any time put in this would have to be done to make room for their ropes to come down between the present 1st and 6th ropes, it would be much better to do it now than to alter the holes at some future time. The cost of altering the wheel, stay, pulley, slider, &c on the present 1st bell if done at the same time as the guides &c were fixed will be One Pound Five Shillings (£1-50)

We would also call your attention to the sound of the bells in the bottom of the tower, we are afraid that when you have put down the floor of the clock chamber, and cased up the ceiling that the ringers will not be able to hear the bells distinctly enough to tell one from another, & we would suggest that some arrangement be made for lifting the traps in the floor, & ceiling a little when they are ringing, so that they shall be able to hear the bells properly.

We remain

Yours obediently

Harry Stokes & Son.

Nov 16th 1911

To

Rev. P. Dundas Weston

The Vicarage

Compton Dundon

Somerset. Som.

Rev. Sir

The cost of fixing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus per bell to your peal of 5 bells would be from £1⁰ 10 0 to £1⁰ 15/- per bell they are not for ringing purposes but for chiming, and are fixed to strike the bell inside not outside, one person can chime any peal of bells from 3 to 12-

H. Stokes & Son

Bentley Church Bells. Hants.

Nov. 22. 1911

To the Rev. M. H. Moody

Rev. Sir.

We will undertake to lower the bells from the Tower and take out the fittings, frame, floor and joists, (the trusses around the sides of tower and which is built up from the bottom to remain as at present,) provide and fix in the tower five steel joists ea. 10" x 6. 42 lbs. per foot and make and fix an oak bed on the joists and bolted to them, provide ^{roof in between girders} a good 2" deal floor to take the iron framing; provide, make and fix an iron frame for the six bells, the frame to be fixed clear from the tower walls 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 into the steel joists, paint the steel joists and iron frame three coats paint, two before fixing and one after. We will also hoist the bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with the following fittings viz:- the present wheels after being cleaned and painted three coats, new stocks for all the bells, use the present ironwork and make good what is necessary, new gudgeons and bearings, the present ones would not do again as they will not fit on an iron frame, new ground pulleys, new stays & sliders, use the present ropes, quarter turn the bells as at present, put the quarter staples, some of which are loose, and the clappers in proper order, paint all the ironwork 3 coats, pay all labour

and carriage of our materials and travelling expenses for our men and complete the 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 knows anything about Church Bellwork for the sum of One Hundred + Forty One Pounds, Ten Shillings (£141.10.0).

You to have done any masons work that may be required in putting in the steel joists.

All the old wood to be your property, and the old gudgeons + bearings and any ironwork not required in the work to be ours.

If you should feel inclined to put in an iron frame for eight bells, the cost extra to the price for the six bell frame will be Fifteen Pounds. (£15.0.0).

We have enclosed plans for both eight bell and six bell frames also a photograph of one of our iron frames

The cost of providing and fixing five oak beams, three 12"x9", + two 12"x8", and a 2" deal floor, and providing, making and fixing an oak frame for the six bells, the frame bolted together with about 43 long 3/4" bolts, and hanging the bells with fittings, pay all carriage labour, travelling expenses &c as described in the estimate for iron frame will be One Hundred and Thirty Pounds, Sixteen Shillings (£130.16.0). We strongly recommend you to have steel joists and an iron frame they are far better than oak frames.

H.S.J.

re Bradford Church Bells

Dec. 8. 1911

To the Rector Churchwardens,

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

We have as you already know examined the above Church Bells and their fittings and framework, we then told you that the frame and fittings were got into a very bad condition and that they must be all taken out and replaced by new ~~work~~ ones. The bells are alright and sound but they are what is called an odd set having been cast by three different founders, the 1st & 5th were cast in 1811, 3rd in 1843 and the 2nd & 4th in 1891, they are fairly well in tune one with another; the 1st and 5th bells require quarter turning so that the clappers shall strike on a fresh place this will improve the ^{their tone} tone of them, these two bells having been in the tower 100 years and ^{the places} where the clappers has been striking all that time has become worn but in quarter turning, the clappers will strike on the full thickness of the metal. By adding a 6th bell (a treble) the peal will be improved. In putting in a new iron frame there is just enough room to put six bells on one level but the walls would have to be eased to get room for the 5th & 6th ropes to work, and the wall may have to be eased on the side where the 6th bell swings out but this will be no detriment to the tower. There is no trap door in the ceiling for taking things up and down & you would have to get one put in. The iron rope guides in bottom of tower will have to come out & be remodelled the wood blocks in them are worn eaten and worn out and as they are now fixed they are in the

way of taking things up & down.

Estimate No. 1

We will undertake to lower the five bells from the tower and take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams, provide and fix in the tower four steel joists 8x6 ea. 30 lbs. per foot; provide, make and fix on the steel joists an oak framing bed to take the iron frame, the bed to be bolted to the steel joists, cut in between & lie on the joists a good 2" red deal floor; provide, make & fix in the tower an iron frame for six bells, the frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing, the frame to be bolted to the oak bed & joists, paint the joists and frame three coats of oxide iron paint two before fixing and one after, we have enclosed plan showing how frame will be made.

We 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 & slides, 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 pedestal carriages bolted to the frame and fitted with iron hinged covers & thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the 1st & 5th bells, put the clappers in proper order and provide new ones where necessary and properly hang them in the bells, provide five new bellropes and properly guide them away from wheels to bottom of tower, repair and refix the present five shutters that ropes work in, remodel and refix the iron bellrope guide in bottom of tower, paint all the ironwork, stocks and felloeing

part of wheels three coats of paint, pay all labour and travelling expenses for our men, pay all carriage of our materials from here to Bradford and complete the 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 knows anything about Church Bell work for the sum of £127-5-0 (One Hundred & Twenty Seven Pounds, Five Shillings)

all the old woodwork to be your property, and the old bearings, ropes and ironwork to be ours. You to have done any masonry that would be required in levelling up setoffs or easing or cutting grooves in walls.

Estimate No. 2

We will undertake to supply a new 6th bell (a treble) to weigh 4 cwt. and to be in tune with the others, provide a staple and clapper for it, pay carriage of it from Foundry to Bradford for the sum of Thirty Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£30-10-0).

Any inscription to be put on it would be 4⁰ per letter extra. If bell should weigh over 4 cwt. the extra will be charged for at $\frac{1}{3}$ per lb. if under 4 cwt. it will be allowed for at the same rate.

Estimate No. 3.

We will undertake to hoist the ^{new} bell into its place in the frame and hang it with all new fittings complete same as already described for the five bells for the sum of Nine Pounds, Ten Shillings (£9-10-0). This sum is for doing the work at the same time as No. 1. estimate was being carried out.

re Bradford Church Bells
(Recasting)

Dec. 8. 1911

To the Rector & Churchwardens
Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

The cost of taking down the five bells from the tower, carriage of them to & from the foundry, recasting them, adding what new metal that would be required to allow for waste in recasting, providing new clappers and staples and hoisting them again into the tower would be about Ninety Six Pounds (£96). Inscriptions 4/- per letter extra.

We remain Rev. Sir & Gentlemen
Your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son.

Sent to F. S. M. Saunders Esq.

Bovacott.

Brandis Corner

re Powderham Church Bells

Dec. 21. 1911

To the Hon Rev. H. H. Courtenay.

Rev. Sir,

We have at your request examined the woodwork in the bellchamber of your tower and we beg to say that there is only one defect in it and that is that the sap on the sides of two of the beams has turned white this is not detrimental whatever as there is plenty of bearing on the solid oak still there. There is one thing that we would call your attention to and that is that the fittings on the bells require overhauling, they have been in the tower over 31 years and nothing has been done to them since they were put there, some of the bearings appear to be gone down out of level and they want to be put right, the clappers and pulleys want seeing to and all the bells want lifting out of their bearings and the bearings cleaned out, the ironwork and stocks want cleaning and have two coats of paint and the wheels want cleaning off and have the ^{rim} framing part given two coats of paint and the framing part a coat of linseed oil.

All the aforementioned items would cost about Six Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£6-10-0) inclusive of our fee for inspection, your bells would then go on again for a great number of years.

We should be very pleased to receive an order from you to carry out this work as it wants doing badly and we could attend to it in the early part of next year

H. Stokes Son.

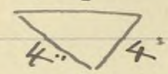
Mr. J. Downs. Mr. H. Glanville

Dec. 23. 1911

To Mr. Wm. Palmer

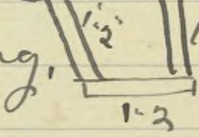
Dear Sir

re Mr. J. Downs

We have been to Mr. Downs this morning and looked at the fence between his garden & the adjoining gardens, it is blown down in some places and it all requires to be put up new, there are no new posts, rails or pales there. The following is required 8 posts 6×6 long ea. 5×4 , 14 rails 7×0 long ea.  and 120 pales 4×3 long ea. 3×1 , if you put $2 \frac{1}{2} \times 1$ pales you would want to spend 12 or 18 more. Mr. Down says he could fetch the timber as soon as ready.

re Mr. H. Glanville

We have been to Mr. Glanville and looked at the stables, in the large stable a lot of the rack staves are gone, three new mangers are required they have already been repaired, one of the stall boards is knocked over and must be put up, & the ladder to loft wants repairing. In the single stable a new manger, rack, post and bearer is required. The following is wanted for the large stable :- 48 rack staves 3×6 long ea. $1 \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$, 3 mangers 6×0 long ea. front board 1×2 deep, back do. 1×0 , and bottom 1×2 wide, and 2' 9" of $2 \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ for ladder.

Small Stable :- new rack 3×6 long,  new manger 3×6 long, new post 3×0 long 5×4 and new bearer 2×6 long 4×3 .

You would also want to send some 1" elm boards about 9" wide for backs above the mangers. There is also a good lot of rails

and posts required in the cowsheds & calves
house, and the peggers, feeding doors are
all to pieces but you had better see this
for yourself. Mr. Glanville would fetch
the mangers & rack timber any time
when ready.

W. S. jr

Wanstrom Treble Bell

Jan. 3. 1912

To the Rev. A. C. Scholfield

Rev. Sir:

We will undertake to provide a new treble bell (a 1st bell) provide a clapper for it, pay carriage of it to Frome or Cranmore Station the bell to weigh 4 cwt. and to be in perfect tune with the others, if the bell should weigh over 4 cwt. ^{the extra} it will be charged for at 1.3^d per lb and if less than 4 cwt. it will be allowed for at the same rate.

We will also undertake to hoist the bell into the tower and hang it in the place provided for it with all new fittings complete viz. wheel, stock, stay, slider, pulley, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, ironwork and rope, paint the ironwork and stock and felloeing part of wheel 3 coats of paint, pay carriage of material to one of the stations abovenamed, pay all labour and travelling expense for our men and complete the work for the sum of Forty One Pounds, Ten shillings. (£ 41-10-0).

We remain Rev. Sir
yours obed^t servants
Harry Stokes Esq.

January 12th 1912

Rev. Sir

We will supply and hang the new bell and make it an inclusive estimate, the bell to weigh 3 3/4^{cwt} for £40 = or we will supply a new bell and make it an inclusive estimate the bell to weigh 4^{cwt} for the same as we have already sent you £41.10/- Our bell & sundries bell as the bell ought to be 4^{cwt} and we are of the same opinion

P.S

There is a rise in bell metal this week.

re Duxworth Church Bells, Suffolk
January 6. 1912

To the Vicar
of Duxworth,
Suffolk,

Rev. Sir,

We could take out the old frame and fittings from the tower, provide and fix new oak beams to carry the frame and a deal floor 2" thick cut in between the sills of the frame laid on the beams and nailed to them, provide and fix a new oak frame for six bells, the frame to be bolted together with about 40 long bolts thus: -



and bolted to the beams where possible and all the joints secured with stout strap plates, hang the six bells with all new fittings complete, pay all carriage and travelling expenses and carry out the work in a satisfactory manner for the sum of about (£150) One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

We remain, Rev. Sir
yours obediently,
Harry Stokes Esq

Mr. J. Alford's, Eston Farm.

Jan. 13. 1912

To Mr. W. Palmer.

Dear Sir,

We will carry out the work at Mr. J. Alford's, Eston Farm, in connection with W.C., Water Pipes and Sewer as per your specifications of Jan 8. 1912 for the sum of Eighteen Pounds, Five Shillings (£18.5.0.). The tenant to do all carting of materials.

Yours truly

Harry Stokes Son.

January 17th - 1912

To

Rev. S. Sidon

The Rectory

Petrockstowe.

Rev. Sir

We shall be very pleased to go and examine and report on the condition of your Church Bells, one of us may be able to go down one day later part of next week, but we are not quite certain about it, we will write and let you know when we are coming and will give you a clear days notice, we should not make any charge if you gave us the work to do, if you did not we should charge you £1.5.0-

yours obediently
H. Stokes & Son

re Sampford Arundell Bells

Jan. 24 1912

To Rev. F.A. Fisher,

Rev. Sir,

We will undertake to take down the five bells now in Sampford Arundell Church Tower and get them recast, we calculate that their weight is about $29\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. and we will get them recast into a similar peal of five and add new metal to them to replace wastage of 3 lbs. per cwt. in remelting. The diameters and weights of the new bells would be as follows viz:—

5 th	3-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ dia.	8 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.	Note A ^b
4 th	2-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ dia.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.	" B ^b
3 rd	2-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ dia.	5 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.	" C
2 nd	2-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ dia.	5 cwt.	" D ^b
1 st	2-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ dia.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.	" E ^b

New treble 2-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ dia 4 cwt. - - 7

we will pay carriage of the five bells from the Church to the Foundry and back again and also provide new clappers and staples for the bells. We will also undertake to take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams from the tower and provide and fix four steel joists 8x6 ea. to carry the bottom ^{iron} framing and three steel girders to carry the top iron framing, provide and cut in between the bottom joists and lie on them a good 2" red deal floor, provide and fix iron frames for ~~the~~ six bells, four bells to be hung in the bottom frame and two in the top frames, the iron frames to be bolted to the joists, all the joists and framing to be ~~bolted~~ painted 3 coats two before fixing and one

* and provide and fix a deal floor and joists in the ringing chamber about the same height as the two joists and part floor now are the under part showing in ringing floor chamber to be stained & varnished

after, and we will hoist the five bells into the tower and hang them in their places in the frame with all new fittings complete viz: - wheels, stocks, stays, sliders, pulleys, gudgeons and bearings, ironwork and ropes, the ropes to be properly guided away from bells to ringing chamber, paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels three coats, provide and fix an upright ladder from ringing floor to the bell chamber. * pay all carriage of materials all labour, and all travelling expenses and complete the work in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner for the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds (£220).

Estimate No. 2.

We will also supply a new treble Bell, as before mentioned, to weigh 4 cwt. and provide a new clapper & staple for it, pay carriage of it from the Foundry to Sampford Arundell Church and hoist it into its place in the tower and hang it with all new fittings complete as mentioned in estimate No. 1. for the other five bells for the sum of Thirty Nine Pounds, Fifteen Shillings. (£39-15-0).

Estimate No. 3

We will supply and fix a chiming apparatus for the six bells for the sum of Nine Pounds. (£9-).

Estimate No. 4.

We will supply, and fix an oak door

to the chiming apparatus in the bottom of the tower and case in the chiming ropes with oak panelling up to the under side of floor of ringing chamber for the sum of Five Pounds. Fifteen Shillings. (£5.15.0)

(re estimate No. 2.) If the new treble bell should weigh over 4 cwt. the extra metal will be charged for at 1/4 per lb. and if under 4 cwt. it will be allowed for at the same rate

The old material we take out to be our property.

If the five old bells should not weigh 29 1/4 cwt. as calculated any new metal that had to be put to make the five recast bells 29 1/4 cwt. would be charged for at 1/4 per lb.

We remain Rev. Sir

your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

H.S. & S.

£ 220.0.0

£ 39.15.0

£ 9.0.0

£ 5.15.0

£ 274.10.0

Stoke-in-Tenr-head Church Bells

Jan. 27th 1912

To the Rev. K. A. Lake.

Rev. Sir

We have as you know examined your cracked tenor bell and also the framework, fittings &c of the five bells and we beg to say that the tenor bell must be recast and also that the framework and beams which carry the bells ^{has} got into a bad state. We strongly recommend you to have the whole thing, fittings, frame, floor & beams cleared out from the tower and replaced with new. You asked whether the tenor bell could be recast into two trebles to make the peal into six, it can be done but the present 2nd bell would have to be recast a semitone sharper but in any case if you want a peal of six bells you must have a new frame. What we strongly recommend you to have done is to recast the tenor and not put ~~it~~ it into two trebles, and add a new sixth bell (a treble) as it would make a very light peal if you had the tenor put into two trebles and we don't think that you or your parishioners would like the sound of the peal if you took away the tenor and had the present 4th bell for a tenor. Your present tenor is not a heavy bell we calculate that it is about 10½ cwt. and a peal of six bells with a tenor 10½ cwt. we call a light one.

Estimate No. 1

We will take down your cracked tenor bell from the tower and send it to the Foundry, London and get it recast, add what metal

is required to replace the wastage in remelting
3 lbs. per cwt. pay carriage of it ~~to~~ from
Stoke to London and back, and hoist it into
its place in the tower, provide a new clapper
and staple for it and hang it in the present
frame with the same fittings, making any
alterations that may be required to the iron-
work is for the sum of Thirty Eight Pounds
Eleven Shillings. (£38-11-0)

To take the cracked bell down from the tower
the 1st and 2nd bells would have to be unhung
and a piece of the framing taken out as the
trap door is under them, this we should do,
but you would have to get the ^{clock} shifted to
the westward as it is now over the bottom
trap door.

Estimate No. 2

We will undertake to lower the five bells
from the tower, get the tenor bell recast as
in estimate No. 1, take out the fittings, frame,
floor and beams from the tower, and provide
and fix four ^{English} oak beams two 12" x 9" and two
12" x 10". provide and fix an English oak frame
for six bells, the sizes of scantling for frame
to be the same as marked on plan enclosed
and bolt the frame together with about 40 long
3/4 bolts, the bolts where convenient to go
down into the main beams, all the joints of
frame to be secured with stout strap plates,
provide a 2" red deal floor cut in between the
sills and laid on the beams. We will also
undertake to hoist the five bells, viz:- the
recast bell and the other four bells 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, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, new set of bellropes, properly guide away the ropes from the wheels to ringing chamber put the clappers of four of the bells in proper order, paint all the ironwork, stocks and felloeing part of wheels three coats, pay all carriage of materials and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Five Pounds. (£145.)

You to have the clock shifted and all masonry done should any be required. All the old timber to be yours and the old bearings and ironwork to be ours.

Estimate No. 3.

We will provide a new treble bell and clapper, the bell to weigh about $4\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., and to be in proper tune with the others, deliver it to Stoke Church and hoist it in the tower and hang it in the place provided for it with all new fittings complete same as named for the five bells in estimate No. 2 for the sum of Forty Five Pounds Eighteen Shillings. (£45.18.0)

If the bell should weigh over $4\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. the extra weight would be charged for at $1\frac{1}{4}$ per lb. and if under $4\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. would be allowed for at the same rate.

Estimate No. 4.

We will undertake to lower the five bells from the tower send the cracked tenor bell and the 2nd bell to the Foundry, London, and get the tenor bell recast into two trebles to

make the peal into six, 1st about 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. and the 2nd about 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. & provide two new clappers and staples for them, and get the present 2nd bell recast a penitone sharper to be in harmony with the rest of the peal (the present 4th bell now being the tenor for the new peal) add what metal is required to replace the wastage in remelting provide a new clapper and staple for it, pay all carriage of the two bells to the Foundry and the three new ones back to Stoke and hoist the six bells into the tower and hang them in a new oak frame with new fittings as described in estimate No. 2 for the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Two Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£162.10.0)

Estimate No. 5

We will undertake to put in a cast iron frame for six bells with oak bed and steel girders, as shown on plan for iron frame, instead of oak frame & beams as stated in No. 2 estimate for the sum of Seventeen Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£17.10.0) extra to No. 2 estimate.

Estimate No. 6

If it was found that the present wood rope guides in the bottom of tower could not be used again after the alteration of the position of the ropes we would put in new iron ones with wood bosses for the ropes to go through for the sum of Two Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£2.10.0)

We remain Rev. Sir

your obed^t. servants

Harry Stokes Son.

re Petrockstowe Church Bells.

Feb. 3rd 1912.

To the Rev. F. Stidston

Rev. Sir.

We have at your request examined the peal of 5 bells and their fittings and framework in your Church Tower. We beg to say that the bells are alright but that the framework which carries them is in a very bad state and cannot be repaired, it has been already repaired and patched up from time to time, and when the bells are all ringing in peal the frame vibrates and twists about very badly, this ought not to be because it makes the bells very hard to ring. The fittings on the bells are none of them fit to be used again and the only thing that can be done is to clear it all out and put it in new. There is room in the tower to put in a sixth bell (a treble) but it can only be put there by putting in an iron frame for six bells, there is not room for it if the frame is in oak, what we would recommend would be to put in 4 oak beams, a 2" red deal floor, an oak framing bed and an iron frame for six bells fixed on the framing bed and bolted down to the oak bed and beams which would make it one solid piece of work. The last time that anything was done to the bells they were quarter turned and whoever did it put in wood staples for the clappers to work in these must come out and iron staples with turned iron pins must be put in in the place of the wood ones, three new clappers were then put in these can be used again but the other two are worn out and must be renewed the clappers strike much too far down the

bells and must be shortened, they do not now give out the full tone of the bells, new phutes are required in the chamber under the bells, and the rope stays in the bottom of tower through which the ropes pass must come out and a rope stay of a different make put in its place. The ventilator in the centre of the lath & plaster ceiling which shows down in the Church would have to come out and the hole made larger for taking the material up & down the tower.

Estimate No. 1

We will undertake to lower the bells from the tower, take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams and provide and fix in the tower four oak beams 11" x 8" ea. provide, make and fix on the beams in the tower an oak framing bed for six bells, size of scantling to be 7" x 4 1/2" and provide and cut in between the oak bed and laid on the beams and nailed to them a good red deal floor 2" thick, provide, make and fix on the oak bed an iron frame for 6 bells, the iron frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing and to be painted three coats two before fixing and one after. We will also undertake to hoist the five bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete as follows viz: - wheels stocks, stays sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages of an improved pattern fitted with iron covers and thumb screws and bolted down to the iron frame.

all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the five bells same as at present, take out the wood quarter blocks that are now in the bells and make and fix iron ones with turned iron pins in them for clappers to swing on. provide two new clappers and use three of the present ones, and properly hang them in the bells, provide five new shutters for ropes to work in, provide a new set of bell ropes and guide them away from wheels to bottom of tower with all necessary thimbles and patrices take out the present rope stays now fixed in the wall ~~at~~ bottom of tower and provide and fix an iron stay guide with turned hard wood blocks with holes in them for ropes to work in paint all the ironwork and stocks and jelling part of wheels three coats, provide all labour in connection with our work 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 anyone you may like to appoint to inspect the work or try the go of the bells, anyone that knows anything about Church Bellwork for the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds (£125-0-0)

All the old woodwork to be your property and the old ironwork and bearings to be ours. You to have any masonry done if any be required, and to make good the lath & plaster ceiling.

Estimate No. 2.

We will undertake to provide a new sixth bell (a treble) to weigh 4 cwt and to be in proper tune with the others, provide a clapper and staple for it, pay carriage of it from the

Foundry, London to Petrockstave for the sum
of Thirty Two Pounds. Eight Shillings (£32.8.0.)

if the bell weighed over 4 cwt.
it would be charged for at $\frac{1}{4}$ per lb. and if
under that weight it would be deducted at
the same rate, any inscription put on it would
be $\frac{1}{2}$ per letter extra.

Estimate No. 3.

We will also undertake to hoist the bell
into its place in the new frame and hang
it with all new fittings complete same as
described for the 5 bells in estimate No. 1
and leave it in good ringing order for the
sum of Nine Pounds. Twelve Shilling. (£9.12.0.)

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son
H.S. jr.

Clyst Hydon Church Bells

Feb. 22. 1912

To Rev. C. Sherwin,

Rev. Sir,

We have at your request examined the frame and beams, in your Church Tower, which carries the peal of six bells, and as you were present at the time, you know its condition and the only comment that we need make upon it, is to say that the beams and frame are worn out and past any repairing and that they must be taken out from the tower and replaced with new beams, floor and a frame for six bells.

We told you that the lath and plaster ceiling immediately under the bells would have to come down as it is fixed to the under side of the beams and if you thought of ringing the bells farther down the tower there would be no necessity to put the ceiling up again, but if the bells are rung again in the same chamber a lath & plaster ceiling would have to be put up again to deaden the sound ^{else} otherwise there would be too much noise in the ringing chamber. A good many of the fittings of the bells can be used again viz:- the wheels with some little alterations, two pairs of the gudgeons and bearings, some of the pulleys and ironwork, and ropes. We have in planning out the new frame put the tenor bell farther in the tower and the treble in the place where the tenor now is against the wall; to get the room for the 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th bells that are now across the tower to swing around

the frame had to be cut a great deal, and this cutting weakens it, now we propose to put the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 1st bells across the tower from east to west the frame would not then be cut, we also propose to put the five beams from north to south instead of four beams from east to west, the five new beams will then come under the five pieces of framing which carries the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 1st bells as you will see by plan, by putting the beams this way, the frame will be more rigid as the majority of the bells will be swinging the same way as the beams lie instead of across them.

Estimate

We will undertake to take off all the fittings from the bells, lower the bells to the next chamber, take down the plaster ceiling now up under the beams, and take out the old frame floor and beams from the tower, - it would have to go out of the window of bell chamber and the new be taken in the same way, - provide and fix in the tower five new English oak beams three 9x11 and two 8x11, provide, make and fix an English oak frame for the six bells, the sizes of scantlings to be same as marked on plan, the frame to be bolted together with about 42, long $\frac{3}{4}$ bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through frame and beams, all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates, provide and cut in between the sills of the frame and lie on the beams and nailed to them a good 2" red deal floor. We will undertake to hoist the bells again into their places in the new frame and hang them with the following fittings viz: use the

Amended estimate in sliding guides to
sent on June 27. 1912 is One Hundred and
One Pounds, Ten Shillings (£101.10.0).

~~same~~ present six wheels and do any alterations
to them that may be required, put new stocks to all the
bells, new stays slides, use two of the present
ground pulleys and put four new ones, use two
of the present ~~ground pulleys~~ sets of gudgeons and
bearings and provide four new sets, use what
ironwork can that is now on the bells and
make good with new. * use the present set
of bell ropes ^{and lengthen them to reach the bottom of tower,} and properly guide them away
from wheels to ringing chamber with all
necessary patrices and thimbles, use the
present clappers and put them in proper order
and properly hang them in the bells, paint all
the ironwork stocks following part of wheels
three coats, pay all labour connected with the
work. pay carriage of our material from here
to Elyst Hydon Church and all travelling
expenses for our men and complete the work
in a satisfactory manner for the sum of
Ninety Three Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£93.10.0)

All the old materials except old iron and
bearings to be yours. You to have any masons
work done if any is required ^{and take out & replace window}
the lath & plaster ceiling ^{and to put up} ~~again~~ ^{and to take down gallery} if required.

If you provide the beams, and the scantlings
for the frame cut to the lengths & sizes required
and deliver the frame timber to our workshops
and the beams to the tower we will allow
the sum of £25.5.0 for it out of the aforementioned
sum

* provide six b shutters in ^{present} ringing chamber for ropes
to work in and provide and fix rope guides in bottom of
tower about 14 or 15 ft. up from floor

re Bradstone Rope Guides

Feb. 22. 1912

To Mr. W. Lowell

Bawcombe

Bradstone,

Mr. Lipton

Dear Sir

We can supply you with a square iron stay guide with turned hard wood blocks for ropes to work in and clips to fasten same, painted, and delivered carriage paid to Launceston Station for Two Pounds, Twelve Shillings, (£2-12-0.)

We will send a man down to fix the guide for One Pound Eight Shillings (£1-8-0). You to fetch man from Launceston Station and take him back again when he had finished, he would go down one day and back the next, it would be by far the best for you to let us send a man to fix it. We shall be very pleased to receive the order from you and we could get it done right away

Harry Stokes Son

H.S. jr

re Mrs. Sarah Ann Hollands Cottage
March 8. 1912

To Mr. W^m Palmer.

Dear Sir,

The cost of taking down two ceilings in the two bedrooms of the above Cottage and providing and fixing two wallplates $4\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ ceiling joist 4×2 fixed 1-0 in clear, hanging joist to roof, putting up rafters in angle with 3×2 , casing over collar beam which shows in room and lathing & plastering the two ceilings all carried out to your satisfaction will be Six Pounds, Eight Shillings (£6-8-0)

Yours truly,
Harry Stokes Son
H.S.J.

To

March 20th 1912

Rev^d J. A. Pendergast -
Sudbury Vicarage

Rev^d Sir

The cost of the bell ropes will be 11⁰/₆ each you
to pay the carriage of them, they are the same price if
you take 3-4-5 or 6 an order would be welcomed
and would receive immediate attention

yours obediently
H. Stokes & Son

Copy sent to
Mr. French. May 16. 1914

re Lanteglos by Camelford Bells.

March 27. 1912

To the Rector & Churchwardens
of Lanteglos-by-Camelford.
Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

We have at the request of Mr. C. M. Harris of Camelford examined the peal of six bells in your Church Tower, & we find that the bells are sound, two of them were recast in 1883 & the other four date back to 1783, these four old bells want to be quarter turned so that the clappers shall strike on the opposite side, they having struck on one place for 129 years has caused the bells to become worn, to quarter turn them we should have to put new quarter staples in them, these four old bells also want new clappers, they would sound much clearer after they had been quarter turned & had new clappers in them. The fittings on the bells are all worn out, & are very shaky, & past any repairing, & they make the bells go very badly, & difficult to ring. The frame which carries the bells is a very old one & we should say that most of it was in the tower a great many years before this present peal was put there, if the deal top which is now on the top of the frame had not been put there some few years ago & wedged to the walls to keep

it in its place the old frame would have gone to pieces long ago, it is all got past repairing & the only thing that can be done is it to take down the bells, take out the old fittings, frame, floor, & ~~(new oak frame, &)~~ beams, & replace them with new oak beams, floor & new oak frame, & rehang the bells with all new fittings the bells will then go well & be a pleasure to ring.

Estimate.

We will undertake to lower the six bells take out the old fittings, frame, floor & beams from the tower, provide & fix four English oak beams two 12×10 & two 12×9 , provide make & fix in the tower an English Oak frame for six bells, the size of scantling for frame to be the same as marked on the plan enclosed, and the frame to be bolted together with about 40 long $\frac{3}{4}$ " 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, the frame to be made and fixed clear of the tower walls and not wedged to them. We 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 and sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bedplates 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, all new ironwork to

hang the bells with, quarter turn the four old bells and put new quarter staples in them provide four new clappers for them and properly hang them in the bells, put the other two clappers in order and properly hang them, provide a new set of bell ropes and new shutes in chamber under the bells and properly guide away the ropes from the wheels with all necessary patrices & thimbles provide a good red deal floor 2" thick cut in between the sills of frame and laid on the beams and nailed to them, take down the wood stays in the bottom of tower and fix a light iron stay guide with turned hardwood blocks fastened to the iron stay for the ropes to work through, paint all the ironwork, stocks and felloeing part of wheels three coats, pay all carriage of material to Camelford Station and all travelling expenses for our men, all the materials and tools to be delivered free from the Station to the Church, and tools and empties delivered back to the Station again when the work was completed, and we will complete the 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 anyone that know anything about Church Bellwork for the sum of One Hundred & Nineteen Pounds, Ten Shillings (£119.10.0) All the old woodwork and ropes to belong to you and the old bearings & ironwork to us. You to have any masons work done if any should be required to the walls and in levelling up the setoffs before any new work was put in.

H. J. jr

To Mr. W. J. Leonard
Synecocks Farm
Petrockstowe

April 1. 1912

Dear Sir,

As we have heard nothing about going to Petrockstowe again, we thought that we would write let you know what our price for recasting your 4th + 5th bells would be. The cost of recasting them, carriage to London and back again, allowing for wastage in remelting, providing new clappers and bells in perfect tune will be about £45-0-0 (Forty Five Pounds) This is for your own information as we thought that it might be useful to you

Yours truly

Harry Stokes son

Mr. W. Palmers Prices given us on Mar. 29. 1912 for
Masons work

2/- to 2/6 per perch for labour ~~material~~ for 9" brickwork

1/3 per yard for plastering + lathing plastering one
with the other labour material

1/6 per yard for lath plaster ceilings labour material

1/6 per yard for 2 coats of cement roughcast labour +
material

£10-0-0 per rod for brickwork

Agreed on March 6. 1912 to pull down part of
Postlake Cottage for £5-0-0

Agreed on March 29. 1912 to pull down remainder
of Postlake Cottage for £3-3-0

Blyst Hydron Bells

April 19th 1912

To

Rev. C. Sherwin

Rev. Sir

In reply to your letter received this morning respecting the above bells, we beg to say that our estimate does not include the cost of bringing the ropes down to the ground floor, and providing for ringing bells from there. If bells were rung from bottom floor there would have to be a set of guides made and fixed up about 13 or 14 ft from ground floor and the gallery floor would have to be taken down, if bells were rung from ground floor the lath and plaster ceiling under the bells would not be wanted to be put-up again

yours obediently
H. Stokes & Son

re Bampton Church Bells

April 22. 1912

To Mr. Rockett,
Pipshayne Farm
Bampton

Sir,

While we were at Oakford re-hanging the peal of eight bells we were asked by Mr. Penwarden of Bampton to inspect the Bampton Bells and see what they were like as he thought that they did not go as they should. We beg to say that we have thoroughly examined the bells and their fittings, and the framework which carries them, all the bells are sound except the first which has some of its canons broken off but this does not interfere with its hanging, the 2nd bell has had a good bit of its lip cut off to sharpen it to bring it in tune with the others. The clappers in the bells are all in fair order except the 3rd which requires to be new, the others require reworking or reboxing. The wheels are an odd and clumsy lot and they vary in size more than they ought, there is 6" difference between the 1st & 2nd and 10" between the 5th and 6th, the rest vary from 1½" to 3". The bearings which the bells swing on are worn badly and some of them are loose, this makes the bells go badly, ~~the larger bells~~ if there were deeper stocks ^{the larger bells they} on ~~them~~ could be tucked up more, as they are now they are hung out too long. The frame which carries the bells is struttled to the tower this ought not to be, but if the struts were removed it would be very

difficult to ring the bells, as these struts keep the frame together, some parts of the frame gives away a great deal when the bells are ringing especially between the 4th and tenor, the bells are very hard to ring and not in a fit state for good ringing especially scientific ringing and no repairing will make them any better. What we recommend is to lower the bells, take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams and replace it with new you would then have a perfect job and the bells would go well. We do not think that the clock would want to be moved only to take off the hammers which strike on the ^{and the weights} bells. The wood staircase that leads to the bells, would have to be taken down and we would recommend that it be replaced by a straight one with a hand rail fixed to it, there would not be a great deal of masonry required in the bell chamber only to put the setops right after the old work was cleared out and before putting in any new work.

April 26th 1912

Wheaton, Adams, + Northcote painting.

To

Mr. J. Stocker

Dear Sir.

We will clean off paint 2 coats, + stop in all the windows, doors, shuting, railing, barge boards, + yard doors at Mr. Wheatons, + the two adjoining cottages, star the barge + capping, door, outside of coalhorde + orchard gate that have already been tarred put new barges + cappings on house, washhouse, (3 altogether) + one piece on front linhay, put in one garden gate post, + make shang one new garden gate for the sum of Eight Pounds, Ten Shillings, (£8-10/-) There are several little repairs which we cannot estimate for viz: easing doors, putting some squares on 2 or 3 windows, scarfing a door jamb put in a new window sill, these items would have to be done day work if you came up we would point them out to you. We should be glad of a reply as soon as possible, as it is very fine now for outdoor painting.

Yours truly.

Harry Stokes & Son.

Langtree Ropes

April 30. 1912

To Rev. C. S. Burdett,
Langtree Rectory
Torrington

Rev. Sir

We thank you for your enquiry for ropes.
The ropes are required 70.0 long and will cost
12/- ea. you to pay carriage. The old pallies could
not be put to the new ropes. We supplied the present
set when the bells were rehung in 1905. In ordering
please state, which station you require them
sent to. An order for the above will be esteemed
to shall receive immediate attention

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obediently

Harry Stokes Esq

To the Rev. M. W. Mundy
Stoke Goldington Rectory
Newport Pagnell
Bucks.

May. 11. 1912

Rev. Sir.

In reply to your enquiry for catalogue of bell wheels, frames &c we beg to say that we have no printed ones, but the prices of bell wheels would vary according to their size, a 5-0 wheel to a 6-0 wheel would cost from £1-4-0 for the smaller to £1-11-0 for the larger wheel, and the price for the intermediate sizes would vary accordingly. The fittings for a bell viz. - wheel, stock, stay, slider, pulley, gudgeons & bearings, ironwork, rope, slider board 1s would be about £7-10-0, and if the bell wanted quarter turning and a new clapper it would be about £1-14-0 more. An oak frame for 6 bells would cost about £7-5-0 per bell. An independent cast iron frame would cost about £8-15-0 per bell, these prices are for bells of a peal with tenor about 12 cwt. and the heavier the bell the more it would cost. The above prices are at our workshops and does not include travelling expenses of or fixing. Trusting to ~~hear~~ ^{have} further enquiries from you

We remain Rev. Sir


Your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son

re Dawlish Church Bells.

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May 21. 1912

To the Vicar & Churchwardens,
of Dawlish
Rev. Sir Gentlemen.

We will undertake to put 25 long $\frac{3}{4}$ bolts down through the present oak frame which carries the six bells thus:-  and pull it well together and where possible let the bolts go through the beams, we will also rehang the six bells with all new fittings complete viz:- wheels, stocks, stays, sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the 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 five of the bells, (the 3rd is already quarter turned), put the clappers in proper order, paint all the ironwork, stocks & felloeing part of wheels 3 coats, properly guide away the bell ropes from wheels to iron stay guide with all necessary stay, pulleys and thimbles, pay all carriage of materials, travelling expenses, and labour and leave bells all complete and in good ringing order for the sum of Fifty Three Pounds, Five Shillings. (£53-5-0) all the old material we take out to be ours, If you did not feel disposed to have the five bells quarter turned we would carry out the work for Two Pounds, Ten Shillings less than the aforesaid sum.

Sydenham Damarell Bells

May 28. 1912

To Rev. T. C. Tanner

Rev Sir

We will undertake to supply a new treble bell to increase your present peal to six bells, the bell to weigh about $3\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. and to be in tune with the present five, provide and fix in the tower a new piece of framing to carry the bell the framework to be bolted together with long $\frac{3}{4}$ bolts and the end of framing to be kept in place with a piece of iron, hang the bell with all new fittings complete viz. - wheel, stock, stay, slider, pulley, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, all new ironwork, new clapper and rope, properly guide away the rope from wheel to bottom of tower, paint the ironwork and stock and felloeing part of wheel 3 coats, take wheel off from present treble & put it on the other side so as to get the ropes around properly, pay carriage of bell and materials to Sydenham Damarell and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a satisfactory manner for the sum of (£ 48-17-6) Forty ^{eight} ~~seven~~ Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence. Any inscription put on the bell will be 4^d per letter. If bell should weigh over $3\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. it would be charged for at $1\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{2}$ per lb. and if under $3\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. allowed for at the same rate

£48-17-6

May 31st 1912

To

Rev. W. Clarke

Clayton Rectory

Rev. Sir

In reply to your letter of 29th we beg to say that our charge for going to Clayton and inspecting the bell cage &c would be 15/- you to fetch us at Hemyock station and take us back again

yours obediently
H. Stokes & Son

Bradstone Church Bells.

June 3rd 1912.

To Rev. J. C. Dearden,

Rev. Sir

We have as you know examined the peal of five bells and their frame and fittings in your Church Tower, and we beg to say that we found it in a very dilapidated condition. ~~The 4th bell~~ the ironwork of the 4th bell is broken off and the bell is now lying across the frame, and we cannot understand how it is that you have not had an accident with some of the others before now, the other four bells are in a dangerous condition and must not be rung. The frame which carries the bells is a very slight one and rocks about very badly when the bells are ringing, and if it had not been wedged to the tower walls it would have come to ~~pieces~~ pieces long ago, it cannot be repaired. The fittings on all of the bells are worn out, and there is only one thing to do and that is to lower the bells out of the way and take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams and put it all in new, the only things that can be used again are the ropes. It is a very long distance in bottom of the tower for good ringing viz. 21' 3" and we recommend that a light iron ^{rope} guide be put in about 14' 0" up from the bottom of the tower, we shall include it in our estimate. The chiming hammers, pulleys, cords etc are all worn out and they would have to be taken out of the tower and none of them could be fixed again.

Estimate

We will undertake to lower the five bells and take out the old fittings, frame and beams from the tower, and provide and fix four new English oak beams two 10×7 and two 10×8 , and provide, make and fix in the tower an English oak frame for five bells, and cut in between the sills of frame and lie on the beams and nail to them a good red deal floor $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, the frame to be made similar to the plan sent, and the sizes of scantling to be used to be the same as marked on the plan, the frame to be bolted together with about 30 long $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts and the bolts where convenient to go down through into the main beams, all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates. We will 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 clip bolted to the stocks and the bearing fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers & thumb screws, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, put the clappers in proper order and properly hang them in the bells, use the present ropes, and properly guide them away from wheels & through the chamber under with all necessary stays, thimbles and patrices, provide and fix a light iron ~~rod~~^{rope} guide in the bottom of tower fixed about $14-0$ up from floor and fix in the iron guide turned hardwood blocks for ropes to work in, paint the iron guide 3 coats,

paint all the ironwork, stocks & felloeing part
of wheels 3 coats, pay all labour in connection
with our work and carriage of all our materials
from here to Bradstone and travelling expenses
for our men and complete the work in a work-
manlike and satisfactory manner and to the
satisfaction of anyone 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 Eighty Seven Pounds Five Shillings.
(£87-5-0). You to have done any masons
work that may be required to be done, and
all the old materials to be our property.

If you required a chiming apparatus put
up again we will supply and fix one for the
five bells for Five Pounds Five Shillings (£5-5-0).
if ~~done~~^{fixed} at the same time as the other work.

Miss Dunsombes, Woodbury.

June 4. 1912.

To Mr. W. Palmer.

Dear Sir,

We will carry out the repairs,
painting, papering, colouring &c at Miss Dunsombes
Woodbury as per the first part of your specification
of May 29. 1912 for the sum of Twenty Four
Pounds, Fifteen Shillings (£24-15-0). And we
will carry out the painting, colouring, repairing,
tarring &c to outside of house and buildings
as per the second part of your specifications of
May 29. 1912 for the sum of Eight Pounds,
Fifteen Shillings (£8-15-0). You to find us
the creosote

Yours truly
Harry Stokes for
H.S.

re Chulmleigh Church Bells

June 10. 1912

To Messrs. J. Hannaford & Son.

Dear Sirs

We have ^{at your request} inspected the bells in Chulmleigh Tower, and ^{we} found that the 5th bell has got some grit in one of its bearings (probably off from someones boot) which has ^{cut} the bearing almost out and we would advise putting two new gudgeons bearings to it so that they will work evenly, some of the other bells are out of level & want to be lifted out of their bearings and levelled up. Two of the chime hammers want new knuckles put to them and some of the balls of the other hammers want rivetting up, new chime cords are also required. Some of the clapper staples are loose & want new leathers. It would be a good thing to have the ironwork stocks cleaned off & painted & the wheels oiled while the men were there. We could not say exactly what it would cost, but to do the abovenamed work, paint ironwork, stocks & generally put the whole thing in good order would probably cost about ~~Ten Pounds~~ ^{or Twelve Pounds.} ~~or~~ Eleven Pounds. A new set of 6 bell ropes is required and we would supply these with an extra strap rope for the tenor for Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings.

H.S.P.

Cheddar Church Bells.

June 17th 1912

To the Rev. W. Y. Faussett, Vicar.

Rev. Sir.

We have as you know examined your Church Bells, and we found that the frame and fittings have got into a very bad and dilapidated condition, and that the bells are not very safe to be rung in peel, and as our Mr. Stokes ^{then} told you the less they are rung the better. There are four beams, under the frame and floor, which run from East to West three of which seem to be in a fairly good condition and by all appearances would be fit to remain, the other one which is against the wall on the north side under the tenor bell is in a bad state & must be renewed, the floor must also be put in new, there are two more beams under the four above mentioned ones running from north to south, these seem to be also in a fairly good condition and fit to remain. All the fittings and framework must be taken out from the tower and a new frame and all new fittings for the bells must be put in. The bell ropes come down in the ringing chamber in rather an awkward position, the clock which is in the ringing chamber makes it bad for the fifth bell to be rung but by putting in an iron frame which we would strongly recommend, (it would not take up as much room as an oak one,) the fifth rope could then be got farther away from the clock case and it would then be much better to ring, the 1st bell is up over the others in a frame which is built up ^{from} the bottom frame and when it is rung it shakes the

frame very much, this bell ought not to be hung in a frame like it is, and the best way is to carry the frame of it on girders, two fixed in the east & west walls with two more on the top running from north to south, the two top girders would carry the iron framework and the bell, it would then be independent of the bottom frame. The chiming hammers, pulleys & ropes with which the bells are chimed for services will all have to be taken out, and we are afraid that none of it will be fit to be fixed again. The 3rd & 4th bells are also very poor in tone.

Estimate

We will undertake to take down the six bells from the bell chamber and take out the old fittings, frame and floor, and one beam from the tower, the other ~~the~~ five beams to remain, but the three top beams may want to be shifted a little on one side, provide and fix ^{one} oak beam 14x12" on the north side, and provide, make, and fix on the beams an oak bed to take the iron framing for the under five bells, provide and cut in between the oak bed and lie on the beams a good 2" red deal floor nailed to beams, provide, make and fix an iron frame for the under five bells, the frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing and the iron frame to be bolted down through the oak bed into the beams wherever possible, provide and fix four steel girders two to be 8x6, 30lbs. per foot let into the walls and two 8x5, 27lbs. per foot resting on and bolted to the 8x6"

girders, these four girders are to carry the 1st bell which will be up over the bottom frame and independent of it; provide, make and fix an iron frame for the 1st bell, the frame to be bolted to the girders, all the iron framing and girders to be painted three coats of oxide paint two before fixing and one after. We will also undertake to hoist the six bells into their places in the new frames and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- wheels, stocks, stays and sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the gudgeons to be fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the 2nd bell so that the clapper shall strike opposite to what it does now, put two new quarter staples in 3rd and 4th bells, these two bells are already quartered but the old staples now in them are badly worn, provide a new clapper to the 3rd bell put the other clappers in proper order and re-leather and re-box those that require it, provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber, with all necessary shutles, thimbles and patrices, paint all the ironwork, stocks and felloeing part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of all our material and all travelling expenses, ^{for our men} from here to Cheddar Church and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Three

Pounds. (£183-0-0).

You to have any masonry done that may be required and see to the clock. All the old ironwork, ropes & bearing to be our property and the old wood to be yours.

If it is found that the chiming apparatus cannot be put back again we will supply and fix a new one for Eight Pounds (£8.) if done at the same time as the other work

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

H.S. & S.

~~Clyst~~ Clayhidon Bells.

June 19. 1912

To Rev. W. Clarke,

Rev. Sir,

We have as you know examined your Church Bells and we found that the floor, frame and fittings have got into a ~~Every~~ very dilapidated condition and the bells are not safe to ring in peal, it is a very good thing that you have stopped the ringing ~~otherwise~~ ^{or} you would have some accident before long. The beams under the frame and which carries the frame and bells could not be thoroughly examined on account of the match board ceiling which is fixed to the under side of them, but we expect that most of the beams were put there at the same time as the frame, if so they are probably in the same condition as the rest, the only thing to be done is to lower the bells down and take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams and put it all in new, the bells are alright but require new clappers. In taking the bells & frame ~~is~~ down from the tower the match board ceiling which is fixed up under the beams would have to come off, and we do not see the necessity of putting it up again. There is a space left in the floor of the chamber under the bells large enough to let the bells down but this is ceiled over on the under side with lath and plaster this would have to be taken off the same size as the space in the floor, and we would strongly recommend you not to cover it over with lath & plaster again but to put a trap door there so that it could be opened at any time, we would also recommend you to put a trap door in the ringing chamber

so that it could be opened at any time for the purpose of taking things up or down inside of the tower. There is not space enough in the tower to put the bells in the same way again in a wood frame without cutting it to pieces like the present frame, and we could not put in an iron one the same way without putting it in very slight and that would not do. There is plenty of space the other way to put in a wood frame without cutting it or an iron one which you can see by the plans we have enclosed.

Estimate No. 1

We will undertake to lower down the bells and take out the old fittings, frame, floor, beams and match board ceiling from the tower, and provide and fix in the tower four english oak beams 3. 12×9 ^{ea.} and 1. 12×8 ; provide, make and fix in the tower an english oak frame for the five bells, the frame to be bolted together with about $3/4$ 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, provide and cut in between the sills of frame and tie on the beams a good 2" red deal floor nailed to the beams, the frame to be made and fixed clear from the tower walls, the sizes of scantling to be the same as marked on enclosed plan. We 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, straps and sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the 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 bells with, provide five new clappers and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary patrices and thimbles, use the shutes that are now in the tower and properly fix them for the bell ropes to work in, paint all the ironwork, stocks and felloeing part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of all our material and all travelling expenses for our men from here to Clayhidon Church and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of One Hundred and Twelve Pounds, Five Shillings (£112.5.0).

Estimate No. 2

We will undertake to lower down the bells and take out the old fittings, frame, floor, beams, and match board ceiling from the tower, and provide and fix in the tower, four english oak beams three 12x9 ea. and one 12x8; provide, make and fix on the beams an oak framing bed to take the iron framing for the five bells, provide and cut in between the oak bed and lie on the beams a good 2" red deal floor, nailed to beams, provide, make and fix an iron frame for the five bells the frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing and the iron frame to be bolted down through the oak bed into the beams where possible, all the iron framing to be painted three coats of oxide paint two before fixing and one after. We 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 and sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages fitted with iron covers and bolted down to frame, all new ironwork to hang bells with, provide five new clappers and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary patrices and thimbles, use the shutes that are now in the tower and properly fix them for the bell ropes to work in, paint all the ironwork, ~~and~~ stocks, and felloeing part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of all our materials and all travelling expenses for our men from here to Clayhidon Church and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Eight Pounds. Fifteen Shillings (£128.15.0.)

If either of the above estimates are accepted you are to have done any masonry that may be required and take down the lath and plaster ceiling the same size as space in floor above it and make it good again either with trap door or lath and plaster. All the old ironwork and bearings to be our property, and the old wood and ropes yours.

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

H. & S.

H. & S. jr.

To Revd J. C. Dearden
Bradstone Rectory
re Bradstone Church Bells

June 19th 1912

Revd Sir

In reply to your letter received this morning respecting the above bells we beg to say that cannot leave any space for a 6th bell to go in on the level with the other 5 - there is only just room for the 5. The 6th bell could we believe ^{be} put up over the others but you need not prepare for it now, because the framework could be put in when you thought of having a 6th bell as it would be quite independent of the bottom framework. The frame for the 6th bell would have to be carried on steel girders let into the walls, and it would cost several pounds. We shall be very pleased to receive the order from you to carry out the work about the 5 bells, and we would remind you that it would take between 2 and 3 months to complete it after receiving the order.

We remain Revd Sir

your obedient servants
H. Stokes & Son

Roseash New Bell

June 21. 1912

To Rev. E. D. Southcomb .

Rev. Sir.

We will undertake to provide a new treble bell weighing about 4 cwt. and a new clapper and staple for it and pay carriage of it from the Foundry to Roseash Church. We will also undertake to make alterations to the present old frame to take a 6th bell, same as shown on plan enclosed, the alterations to consist of shifting back the present 4th and 5th bells to the westward, and shortening the piece of framework between these bells using the two struts again and putting a new sill and top piece to it, and put in two new sills under the iron framing; provide, make and fix three pieces of iron framing, as shown in red ink on the plan, to take the new bell and the present treble, the iron framing to be bolted down to the sills, and paint the iron framing three coats, also hoist the new bell into its place in the tower and hang it with all new fittings complete viz:- wheel, stock, stay and slider, pulleys, steel gudgeon and gunmetal bearings, the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages and fitted with iron hinged covers and bolted down to frame, new ironwork to hang it with, new rope properly guided away from wheel to ringing chamber with shute and bosses; provide and fix a chime hammer to the new bell and make the chiming manual in the bottom of tower into six, alter and re-fix the

present 4th and 5th chime hammers, provide a new pair of gudgeons and pedestal bearings for the present treble bell as the ones now on it will not do again for the iron framing, paint the ironwork, stock and felloeing part of wheel on the new bell three coats, pay carriage of all our materials and travelling expenses for our men from here to Roseash Church and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and leave all the bells in good ringing order for the sum of Seventy Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings. (£75-16-0). Any inscription put on the bell would be 4/- per letter, and if the bell was over 4cwt. it would be charged for at £7-14-0 per cwt.

complete by Sept 22nd 1912

June 25th 1912

To

A Goodman Esq
Churchwarden

Sir

The cost of a set of 6 muffles for the South Tower
bells will be £11.6 delivered to you by Parcel Post
H. Stokes & Son

July 1st
~~June~~ 25th 1912

To

H. J. Coleridge Bales Esq.
Churchwarden
Rackenford

Sir

In reply to your letter of 23rd we beg to say we could not go and inspect the Rackenford Church Bells until after next week, we could not say at present which day it would be, but we would let you know later on, our charge for going to Rackenford inspecting and reporting would be £1.1.0.

H. Stokes & Son

To

August 1st 1912

Mr. R. Turner

Warkleigh

Wimblesley. R.F.O

Dear Sir

It was 10 years ago last December that the 2 new bells was put in the Tower, we shall be very pleased to go down and have a look at the Tower and see where could put a 6th Bell there. we could not go down until week after next, would let you know what day, would you kindly drop us a line, and tell us whether there is not a nearer way from Portsmouth Arms Station to get to Warkleigh, instead of going around Chittlehamholt, we fancy there is a nearer way now than there was 10 years ago.

yours truly

H. Stokes & Son.

August 12th 1912

To

Rev. W. P. Bates

Charles Rectory

Rev. Sir

The cost of providing and fixing the Ellacombe chiming apparatus to the peal of 5 Bells in Charles Church Tower will be £9.10.0, you to send an horse & cart, and fetch the apparatus, and man and tools from Hillleigh Station, and send man & tools ^{back} to Hillleigh Station, when he had completed the work, the above price is subject to 2½% ^{of discount} if paid for within a month ^{aff. m.} of its completion

H. Stokes & Son

P.S.

If you want this work done by your Harvest Festival, please let us know about it at once.

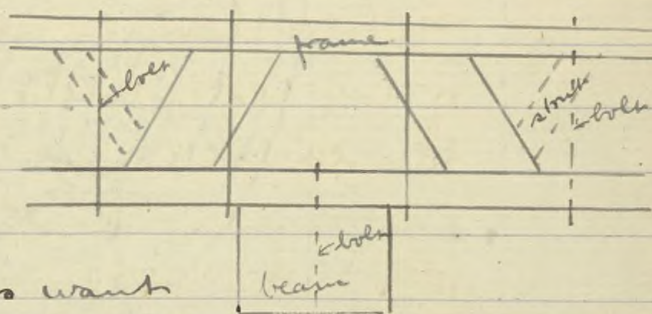
re Rackenford Church Bells

August 14. 1912

To F. J. Coleridge Boles Esq.
Churchwarden.

Sir.

At your request we have had the peal of bells and their fittings in Rackenford Church Tower examined and it was found that the 2nd bell is very badly cracked across the head and down over the shoulder and must be recast; it ought not to be rung again until it is recast in its present condition. The gudgeons bearings of this bell are worn & must be renewed when the new bell is hung. The frame which the bells are hung on sways about a great deal when one bell is ringing and it must be very bad when they are all going together, and we would recommend that 8 more $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts be put down through the frame and 4 bolts through the sill & beam also 8 oak struts under the 5th & 6th bells thus:-



and screw all the bolts well up together the frame would then be firm. All the bells want to be lifted out & their bearings put level, the pulley under the bells are worn & must be renewed, and the clappers have got very loose & must be put right, the chime hammers require repairing, also 3 new trunks are required to guide the ropes in the room under the bells.

All the ironwork, stocks & wheels, must be cleaned off & painted.

We would also mention that a piece of the floor under the bells about 10'0" x 6'0" is decayed

very badly and must be repaired as it is not safe in its present condition, it has evidently taken wet at some time

Estimate No. 1

We will take down your cracked 2nd bell from the tower and send it to the foundry, London and get it recast, add what metal is required to replace the wastage in re-melting (viz. 3lbs. per. cwt.) pay carriage of it to & from Twerton Station^{to} and London, back again, hoist it into its place in the tower provide a new clapper & staple for it, and hang it with a new stock, new gudgeons bearings and new ironwork, using the present wheel, the bell to be in tune with the other five bells for the sum of Twenty Three Pounds Ten Shillings. (£23-10-0.)

You to provide all carting to & from Twerton Station, including fetching new tools from W. Stone and taking them back again

Estimate No. 2

We will put about 8 long $\frac{3}{4}$ bolts (4 on each side of the 5th & 6th bells) down through frame, 4 short $\frac{3}{4}$ bolts through pillars and beams, and about 6 pairs of strap plates to the joints and ~~will~~ screw them and the old bolts now in the frame well up together, put eight oak struts in the frame, lift out the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th & 6th bells from their bearings and put their gudgeons true and their bearings level, put a new hoop & felloeing to the 1st wheel, put new pulleys under the wheels, repair the chiming hammers, and put them in proper order, make and fix 3 new trunks in the room under the bells, clean off paint 2 coats all the ironwork, stocks and wheels and leave the bells in good ringing condition for the sum of Seventeen Pounds, Seven Shillings (£17-7-0)

You to provide all carting to & from Twerton Station

Estimate No. 3

We will put in a new piece of deal flooring
2½" thick under the bells about 10'0" long by
6'0" wide for the sum of Two Pounds Two Shillings
and Sixpence (£2-2-6).

You to ~~do~~ ^{provide} all carting to & from Twerton Station
The above estimates are for doing all the work
at one time except taking down the bell.

Harry Stokes & Son

Messrs. Darmanis, Millers, Dunscombes + Hollands
August 17. 1912

To Mr. W. Palmer

Dear Sir

We will clean off & paint 2 coats the doors, windows, shutters, porches & railings in front of the above cottages for the sum of Two Pounds, Fifteen Shillings (£2.15.0).

And we will also pick over and put in a $\frac{3}{4}$ " cement floor (you to find gravel) in Mr. J. Miller's kitchen for the sum of One Pound, Twelve Shillings (£1.12.0)

Yours truly,

Harry Stokes Esq
H.S.

re St. Michael's Church Bells Dawlish

August 17. 1912

To Mr. E. A. Border

Lansdown House
Dawlish.

Dear Sir

We will carry out the work of alterations and additions to the peal of six bells in the above Church Tower in accordance with the specifications sent us for the sum of Fifty Seven Pounds, Five Shillings. (£ 57. 5. 0.)

Yours obediently
Harry Stokes & Son
117. jr.

Postlake Dairy House. Painting

August 20. 1912

To Mr. W. Palmer.

Dear Sir.

We will clean down & colour the walls two coats, tar the plinths, creosote the back palings, put up about 18 new pales, repair the front gate and clean off, stop in, and paint two coats, the shuting, panes, porch, doors & windows on outside of house, and the front palings, all at the above named house for the sum of Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings (£8.15.0.)

re Postlake Cottage

We will clean off, stop in, and paint two coats the front windows and door, two WC doors, & the featheredge boarding, shuting, window and door of pump house at the above named cottage for the sum of One Pound, Fifteen Shillings (£1.15.0.)

Yours truly,

Harry Stokes & Son

H.S. jr

Cheddar Church Bells

August 20. 1912

To the Rev. W. G. Fausset.

Rev. Sir

We will undertake to take down the 3rd & 4th bells from the tower and send them to the Foundry, London, and recast them, pay carriage of them to London back, and hoist them again in the tower, add what metal is required to the 4th bell to allow for waste in recasting, and add 1 cwt. of new metal to the 3rd bell to allow for wastage and to bring ~~her~~^{it} up to its proper size as it is too small at present, take down the treble bell from the tower and send it to the Foundry as it would have to be tuned under the machine, pay carriage of it to and from the Foundry and hoist it again in the tower and tune the other bells in the tower, all the bells to be in perfect tune one with the other for the sum of Eighty Pounds. (£80.0.0.)

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son.
H.S. jr

August 27th 1912

Our estimates will hold good until the end of this year

Mr. W. Bunden
Abbotsbury.
Dorset

Aug. 24th 1912

Dear Sir

The price of Bell Ropes are 11/- each you
to pay carriage of them

yours truly
H Stokes & Son

re Stoke Climsland Bells.

August 31. 1912

To the Rev. C. B. Walters.

Rev. Sir,

We have as you know examined the Bells and their fittings and framework, in your Church Tower, and as we told you there cannot be anything done to it in the way of repairs as it is all worn out and the only thing that can be done is to take it all out and put in new, tho on examining the beams under the frame and which carries the whole thing we found that two of them which go through the centre of the tower are in a bad state, but the other two beams which are on the settops are in very good condition and have not been in the tower many years, these can remain and two new ones be put in in the place of the two bad ones, the beams and frame are now blocked up from the settops about 2'0", some are blocked up with stone and some with the old wood stocks that were once on some bells before this peal was put in the Tower, in putting in new beams and frame we should if we had the work, lower it down to the settops where it ought to be, and not keep it up on blocks as now. The Bells are sound but they all want quarter turning, as the clappers ^{are} worn ~~them~~ badly where they have been knocking for so many years and the Bells are liable to get cracked if they are not quarter turned. All the Bells want new clappers fitted to them.

Estimate

We will undertake to lower down the eight Bells and take out the old fittings, frame, floor and the two old beams that are bad, provide and

fix two new English oak beams, 12x14 each and level up and properly fix again on the setoffs the two sound beams that are now in the tower, provide, make and fix an English oak framing bed for the eight bells and bolt it to the beams the sizes of the scantlings for the bed to be 9x5 and 9x6, provide, make and fix in the tower a cast iron frame for the eight bells, the iron frame to be fixed clear of the walls and to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing, and to be bolted down through the oak bed and beams, provide and cut in between the framing bed and lie on the beams and nailed to them a good red deal floor 2" thick, the iron frame to be painted three coats, two before fixing and one after. We 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, stay, slides, 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 pedestal carriages bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers, all new iron-work to hang the bells with, quarter turn all the eight bells and fit new quarter staples in them provide eight new clappers and properly hang them in the bells, provide and fix eight new shutters in the chamber under the bells for ropes to work in, use the present bell ropes again and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing floor with all new thimbles and patrics, provide and fix a light iron guide in the bottom of tower for ropes to work in using the borses which are now in the bottom of tower and which the ropes

now work in, (as the present-boxes as they are
now fixed out from the wall are not stiff
enough they give too much) paint all the
ironwork, stocks, and felloeing part of wheels
three coats, pay all carriage of materials, 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 for the sum
of Two Hundred and Thirteen Pounds. Ten
Shillings (£ 213.10.0.).

You to take ^{and repair} off clock hammer and weights
and have done any masons work that may
be required. All the old ironwork and bearings
to be ours and the old wood to be yours.

We remain Rev. Sir

your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

—H.S. jr

Petrockstowe Church Bells. Sept 9th 1912

To

Rev. W. E. Cross Cross.

Rev. Sir

You already know that there is no cracked bells in the Tower and that you need recast any of them if you do not wish to do so, but the Tenor bell as you know is very poor in tone, and it is very flat, and it would be a very good thing to recast it, you would then by adding a new 6th bell (a Treble) have a thorough good peal of 6 bells if you do not have it recast it can be tuned to make it in better tone with the others but cannot alter the tone as it has a very dull and lubby tone, The 4th bell which was supposed to be cracked, is not cracked and it is the best toned bell in the peal

We will undertake to carry out the work as already named in our No 1 estimate to Rev. S. Sidron dated Febr 3rd 1912 for the sum of £124 = you to fetch our men and tools from Torrington station and send men and ^{their} tools back again to Torrington station when the work was completed all the materials would go down to Petrockstowe by motor waggon

We will undertake to provide a new 6th bell (a Treble) same as named in our No 2 estimate of Febr 3rd 1912 for the sum of £32-8-0, you to fetch this bell from Torrington station, this bell would be taken to Petrockstowe when men & tools went out, we cannot take anything off from the cost of this bell bell metal is gone up since Febr 3rd last.

We will undertake to hang the new bell same as named in our No 3 estimate of Febr 3rd last for the sum of £9-12-0

No 4 estimate

We will undertake to take down the Tenor bell from the Tower and send to London and recast it, add what

metal is required to be added to it to allow for waste in recasting provide a new staple for it (new clapper for it is allowed for in No 1 estimate pay carriage of it from Torrington to London and back, and hoist it again into its place in the Tower for the sum of £27.12.0 you to fetch men and tools from Torrington station and take men and tools, and bell back to Torrington station and fetch bell again from station when it was recast this bell to be recast in perfect tune with the others

No 5 estimate

If you do not have the Tenor bell recast we will have her tuned for the sum of £6.6.0

	£	s	d				
No 1 estimate	124	0	0	No 1 estimate	124	0	0
No 2 do	32	8	0	No 2 do	32	8	0
No 3 do	9	12	0	No 3 do	9	12	0
No 4 do	27	12	0	No 5 do	6	6	0

Total £ 193.12.0

Total £ 172.6.0

H. Stokes & Son

re Culm Davy Chapel Bells

Sept. 26. 1912

To the Rev. D. de B. Forbes.

Rev. Sir.

We have had the two bells examined at Culm Davy Chapel and it was found that they were cracked very badly. We would advise you to have them recast again into 2 bells and not into one bell, ^{because} as if you have them made into one bell you will have to considerably alter the turret to enable it to be fixed there, but if they are recast separately they can be put back into their place without altering the turret. We consider that the two bells together weigh about 2 cwt. 3 qrs. We have sent two estimates one for hanging the bells with wood stocks as at present, and one for putting iron stocks similar to sketch enclosed. We would advise you to accept the ^{estimate} one with the iron stocks (No. 2) as there would be nothing to get slack, and would only require painting occasionally.

Estimate No. 1.

We will undertake to get the two bells recast in tune with each other, pay carriage of them to the Foundry, London, and back to Fennyork Station, provide two new clappers, new wood stocks, gudgeons bearings, ironwork, chainropes to chime them with, put pipes in roof for ropes to work in and hang them again in the turret for the sum of Sixteen Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£16.10.0).

Estimate No. 2

We will undertake to get the two bells recast

in tune with each other. pay carriage of them to the Foundry, London, and back to Henyock Station, provide two new clappers, new iron stocks, levers, bearings re similar to sketch enclosed, chains & ropes to chime them with, put pipes in roof for ropes to work in and hang them in the turret for the sum of Twenty One Pounds, Ten Shillings (£21-10-0.)

You to send the bells away from Henyock Station and take the bells and material to Culm Davy Chapel when they come back and get a small scaffold erected against turret, and make good the plates in roof around the holes where the ropes would go through.

Any inscription put on the bells would be 4^d per letter.

N. S. 1 S.

\$ Nest Church Bells Cornwall

October 5th 1912

To the Vicar Churchwardens.

Gentlemen

We have had the bells and their fittings & framework in your Church Tower examined and found that the framework, floor and beams ~~were~~ ^{are} in a bad condition and cannot be repaired, when the bells were ringing the frame swayed a great deal especially under the 2nd and 5th bells and we do not see how it can be steadied as it has already been bolted together, the floor is in a very bad condition, practically the whole of it is decayed. What we would recommend is to clear out the frame, floor and beams and replace them with an iron frame and steel girders, which, as you will see by the plan can be put in the tower clear of all the walls, we would not recommend an oak frame as it could not be put in the clear of the walls without cutting it a good deal to let the bells swing around and this would considerably weaken it. The bells are sound and already quarter turned but they want new clappers fitted to them. The wheels are in good condition and can be used again also the pulleys through which the ropes pass, most of the ironwork by which the bells are hung can with some alterations be used again. We consider that the material would have to be taken up outside the tower in in through the west window as the trap door in the clock room floor is very small.

Estimate

We will undertake to lower down the six bells from the bellchamber and take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams and provide and fix in the

tower, four steel girders 10x6 ea. about 42 lbs. per foot, make and fix on the girders an English oak framing bed for the six bells, the sizes of scantlings to be same as marked on plan, and bolt it to the girders; provide, make and fix on the bed a cast iron frame for six bells, the frame to be fixed clear of the tower walls and to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing and to be bolted down to the oak bed and girders, the iron frame and girders to be painted three coats, two before fixing and one after; provide and cut in between the girders and lie on the bottom flange a good 2" red deal floor. We will also undertake to hoist the six bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with the following new fittings viz:- stocks, stays, sliders, pulleys, 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 pedestal carriages bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers, use the present wheels and paint them 3 coats, use the present ironwork as far as possible to hang the bells with and make good what is required, see that the quarter staples are in good order & put new clappers in the bells, repair the present shutles in the clock room, provide a new set of bellropes and properly guide them away from the wheels to the ringing floor, alter the rope guide now in the bottom of the tower and fix new turned wood boxes to it for ropes to pass through, paint all the ironwork and stocks 3 coats

pay all carriage of materials 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 for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Pounds, Eight Shillings. (£140.8/-)

You to have the clock hammers and weights taken off and refixed, and have any mason's work done that may be required in levelling up set-offs, or punch any fresh holes that may be required for ropes to work in, in the clock room floor, also take out and refix the louvers of west window if it be required.

All the old ironwork bearings to be our property, & old wood yours.

The bells are a bit out of tune and to tune them in the tower would cost about £8-0-0.

sent to J.C. Marshall Esq.
Tremadoc House
& Neot.
Cornwall

Wrote again on Feb. 11. 1913

Totnes Bells

October 5th 1912

To Rev. W. T. Wellacott,

Rev. Sir,

We have had your bells examined and we find that there are 4 or 5 of the bearings loose and that the bells must be lifted out to enable them to be tightened. There are some new leathers wanted in the clappers, also a bolt or two. It would take two men about 3 or 4 days to do the above work and overhaul the frames. We could send the week after next to do the work if you would let us know if it would suit. It was suggested that a chime hammer be fixed to the sixth bell to be used for services instead of pulling the bell. Shall we put one?

H. Stokes & Son

Oct. 10. 1912

Wrote Mr. Wellacott that hammer would cost £1-0-0. could commence on 15th if convenient

Frithelstock New Treble

Oct 8. 1913

To the Rev. C. C. Gillett,

The Vicarage,
Frithelstock

Rev. Sir,

We will undertake to supply a new treble bell and clapper to increase your peal to six bells, the bell to weigh about $6\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. and pay carriage of it to Torrington Station for the sum of Fifty Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings. (£53.15.0). If the bell was over $6\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. it would be charged for at the rate of £7.14.0 per cwt. and if less it would be allowed for at the same rate. Any inscription put on the bell would be 4^d per letter. You to have the bell taken from ~~the~~ Torrington Station to Frithelstock Church.

We will also undertake to hoist the bell into its place in the tower and hang it in the place provided for it with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheel, stock, stay, slider, pulley, gudgeons bearings, ironwork, rope, shute, clip & boss in rope guide, chime hammer, paint stock & felloeing part of wheel and ironwork, pay carriage of material to Torrington Station and travelling expenses for men for the sum of Sixteen Pounds, Fifteen Shillings (£16.15.0)

You to have material and tools carted from the Station to the Church and tools taken back on completion of work.

The cost of tuning the five bells in the tower will be Seven Pounds, Seventeen Shillings (£7.17.0) Since we rehung the five bells new bells have gone up from £7. to £7.14. per cwt. and there will be a further advance to £8. before long. The price of materials that we use has ^{also} gone up considerably.

Rackenfut Church Bells.

Oct 5th 1912

To

H. J. Coleridge Boles Esq
Esq

In reply to your letter of 5th we beg to say we could take away the bell some time in the week commencing 28th and we could get work completed in 6 or 7 weeks after receiving the order. The work about the bells ought to be done or nearly finished, before the block was put in because there will be some dirt and dust about, when the work about the bells is going on.

H. Stokes & Son.

October 28th 1912

To

Rev^d J. A. Hempe

St. Veryan Ordnance

Rev^d Lu

The cost of a set of 6 Bell Ropes will be £3.9.0.
Carriage paid to Town Station it will be the same
out of Rope as you have had from us before. The
makers have put up the price from what they were
3 or 4 years ago. The price of a set of muffers will
be £1.1.0. Carriage paid

H. Stokes & Son

Monkleigh Bells.

Nov. 9. 1912

To the Rev. C. H. Lornit,

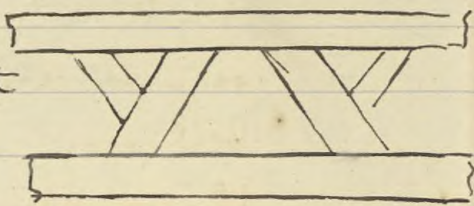
Rev. Sir

We have at your request had the bells & their fittings in your Church Tower examined, and we beg to report that the gudgeons and bearings of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th bells are badly worn and require renewing, the gudgeons bearings of the 6th bell seem alright & will go on for several years, the pulley under the wheels are worn and want renewing, the clapper of the 4th bell requires reboxing and the staple in the 5th bell on which the clapper hangs is worn out and a new one must be put in. We would also recommend that all the nuts on the long bolts now in the frame be taken off and thicker washers be put on to enable the bolts to be screwed up tighter, and also that 9 new long bolts be put down through the frame and where possible into the beams and that all the bolts be tightened up together, also that five pairs of strap plates be put at the joints, and ~~four~~ ^{two} oak stouts on each side of the 5th and 6th bells, these bolts, stouts, and strap plates would considerably strengthen the frame, new stays are required on the 1st, 4th, 5th & 6th bells, all the ironwork, wheels, & stocks want to be cleaned off & have two coats paint, the ropes have cut grooves in the first floor and some galvanized iron rings must be put on the floor to prevent it.

Estimate

We will undertake to unhang the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th bells take away their stocks & fit new

gudgens and bearings to them, and take them
back hang the 5 bells again in their places,
put six new ground pulleys, relose the
clapper of the 4th bell, fit a new staple to
the 5th bell and properly hang the clapper
put nine new long bolts down through the
frame and five pairs of strap plates at the
joints. put in eight oak stools
on sides of 5th and 6th bells. put
thicker washers under the
present bolts and screw up
all the bolts thoroughly to stiffen the frame,
put new stays to the 1st, 4th, 5th & 6th bells,
put six iron rings on the floor for ropes to
work in, clean off and paint two coats all
the ironwork, stocks, and wheels, pay carriage
of material and all travelling expenses for men
to Torrington Station (you to fetch men and
material from the station & take them back
again) and leave the bells in good ringing
condition for the sum of Twenty Five Pounds,
Eighteen Shillings (£25-18-0.)



We should have to make two journeys to
Monkleigh, one to unhang the bells and take
away the gudgens and bearings and one to put
them back again and do the other works.

We remain Rev. Sir,

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes Son

H.S. jr

Rev^d Sir

We will undertake to take out the old fillings, frame floor & 4 old beams which runs from E. to W., leaving the 2 beams which run from N. to S. and which ~~are~~ ^{are} now under the other 4. provide and fix in the Tower 4 steel girders 12x6 or 45 to the foot, fixed as shown on plan, and properly anchored in the walls and walled in, also provide and fix 3 girders 5x4 1/2 - 14 ^{lbs} to the foot as shown ^{on plan}. To take the 1st 2nd and 3rd bells, these 5x4 1/2 girders will be laid across the 12x6 ones, and bolted down to them, the 12x6 girders to be given a bearing on the 2 oak beams ^{which} running from N. to S. provide make and fix a cast-iron frame for 6 bells all on one level and fixed clear from the Tower walls, the frame to be bolted down to the girders, and to be of sufficient strength and substance to withstand the action of the bells when ringing, paint the steel girders and iron frame 3 coats paint - 2 before fixing and one after.

We will also undertake to rehang the 6 bells, with new fillings as follows; Wheels, cast-iron head stocks of toughened cast-iron, take the canons off and drill out the old crown staples ~~staples~~ from the 4 bells that are not to be recast - (all the 6 bells would have to be taken away) provide new crown staples and new clappers for all the 6 bells, new gudgeons and bearings, the bearings fitted into ^{iron} peddled carriages and bolted down to frame, all new ironwork and bolts that would be required for hanging the bells with stays & rollers, ground pulleys, and new ropes, and properly guide ropes away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary chutes, thimbles & patrices, paint all the stocks & ironwork and wheels 3 coats paint - pay all carriage of materials and all ^{labor and all} travelling expenses for 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 Two Hundred + Fourteen Pounds Ten Shillings.
all the old rowwork, clappers, ropes & bearings to be our property
and the old wood yokes. This estimate doesn't include any
thing to do with the chiming apparatus, or the floor that
would be wanted under the bells, nor the clock.

To fit-iron stocks to the bells, and to drive out the old staples
from the 4 old bells that would not be recast, all the
~~2~~ old bells would have to be taken away with the 2 that
would be recast and the 2 that would be turned, as
we could not fit-iron stocks to them in the Tower.
We ^{have} therefore ^{included} in our estimate for recasting &c have
included to take down all the bells and take them
away. We will undertake to take down the 6 bells from
the Tower, and send them to the foundry, pay carriage
of them from Sheddau to foundry and back, recast
the 3rd bell, and add sufficient metal to bring it
up to its proper size, recast the 4th bell and add
what metal is required to allow for waste in recasting
true all the bells that require turning and leave
them in proper tune, and hoist them again into
their places in the Tower for the sum of Ninety Five
Pounds. (£95-0-0)

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son
H.S. jr

Bow Church Bells

Nov. 19. 1912

To the Rector & Churchwardens.

Gentlemen

When our Mr. H. Stokes, ^{sen.} examined the framework, beams, floor & of the above named bells, he then told you that there was a certain amount of danger to the walls of the tower through the ~~walls~~ frame being wedged to it, the beams, floor & frame have got into such a bad condition that the frame has to be wedged to the walls to keep it steady, when the bells are ringing otherwise they could not be rung at all, the only thing that can be done now, is to take out the old frame, floor & beams and replace them with new, the frame to be fixed clear of tower walls, and in hanging the bells use what can of the fittings that are now on them and which were put in the tower ^{by us} in 1890. The bells are alright, but they would have to be taken down and put part in the chamber under and part in the bottom of tower. There are # five beams in the tower, four running from north to south and one beam ^{in the centre} under the four, running from east to west, we should replace these beams with new ones and instead of putting a plate on the setoffs under the four beams, we would advise putting a flat corbel stone under the end of each beam and projecting ^{beyond} ~~under~~ the setoffs (as they are rather narrow), the corbel stones bedded down in cement would be better than an oak plate. We will undertake to take down the 5 bells from the bell chamber, and take out the fittings, frame, floor

and beams from the Tower, provide and fix in the Tower
5 English oak beams, one running from E. to W. side
10x9 and 4 running from N. to S. two to be 11x9
and two 11x8, and give these 4 beams a bearing in the
centre on the under beam, you to provide and fix the
flat corbel stones that would be wanted to go under
the ends of the 4 beams these stones to be put in level
we will also provide make and fix in the tower an
English oak frame for the 5 bells. The frame to be made
and fixed clear from the Tower walls, and the sizes of
scantling for frame to be same as marked on plan
sent. The frame to be bolted together with about 34 long
3/4 bolts, and bolts when convenient to go down through
into main beams, all the joints of frame to be secured
with stout strap plates, provide and cut in between
the ribs of frame, and tie on the beams and nail
to them a good red deal floor 2" thick. We will also
undertake to hoist the 5 bells again, into their places
in the new frame, and hang them with the following
fittings, ~~use the~~ ^{the present} same wheels again, and repair, clean
and paint them 3 coats paint, all new head stocks
and stays & slides, new ground pulleys, use present
gudgeon plates again, and fit new gudgeons to them
put present bearing carriages in order, and put new
gunmetal bearings to them, use what can again of
the ironwork, and clean it, and make good what
is wanted, provide 3 new clappers, and use two that
are now there, and properly hang them in all the bells
provide 4 new bell ropes, and use one that is now ^{running} in the
tower, and properly guide them away from wheels to
ringing floor, with all necessary pulleys thimbles &c
paint all the ironwork, & stocks, and the iron ring rope
guide in bottom of tower 3 coats paint, pay all
carriage of our material, 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 £96. 4. 0 -
Ninety Six Pounds Four Shillings

all the old woodwork to be your property, and all
the rest of the old materials to be ours, you to have done
any masonry that may be required to be done.

This estimate includes an extra journey for our men
to go down and unhang the bells, and take away the
Wheels, stocks, Ironwork & Gudgeons & bearings, ^{all of} which
would want to be refitted up here.

H. Stokes & Son

sent to St. Ed. Matthews

Churchwarden

Cratton

Bever