Mrs. Brent-Spencers. Stone

Nov. 27. 1912.

To Mrs. W. H. Cory.
Summingdale,
29. Redland Grove.
Bristol.

Madam.

We were asked by Mrs. Cook to look at the Stone on Mrs. Brent's Grave at Woodbury Salterton and to write and let you know what it would cost to clean and paint it. it is in a very dirty condition and the ledger part of it is covered with moss. To clean it off and paint it, and re-letter the inscription will cost about One Pound, Five Shillings. (£1-5-0.) We shall be very pleased to receive the order to do the work

We remain
Yours obediently
Harry Stokes & Son
HS jr

Sent to Rev. Walter Sage
South Hill
Kingskerswell

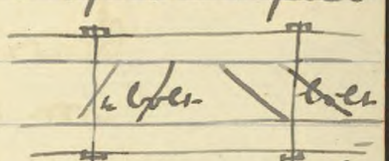
re Kingskerswell Church Bells

December 3. 1912

To the Vicar & Churchwardens
of Kingskerswell.

Gentlemen

We have at your request examined the abovenamed bells and we find that the frame which carries them is a pinned one and is very slight, to prevent its moving about when the bells are ringing it has been wedged to the walls. if this had not been done it would have been very difficult to ring the bells. we believe that if there were about 17 bolts put down through the frame thus:



and where possible let them go down into the main beams, and some angle irons and strap plates put to the joints of the frame and screw them all well up together that the frame would be more rigid and the wedges may be able to be removed from the walls. The fittings on the bells are got into a very bad state and are worn out and two or three of the bells are not in a fit condition to be rung. four of the bells, - the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 6th. - are worn very badly where the clappers have been striking for so many years and are become thin and you are liable at any time to get them cracked if you ring them as they are now, these four bells must be quarter turned so that the clappers shall strike opposite to what they do now. to do this there must be a false staple put in the bell. five of the clappers are worn and one or two of them must be renewed and the others repaired. the ironwork on the 5th bell can be

used again, none of the other fittings are fit to be used again.

Estimate

We will undertake to put about 17 long 3/4" bolts down through the frame and where possible let them go down into the main beams, put angle irons and strap plates where required to the joints of top part of frame and screw it all up together. We will also undertake to unhang the six bells and rehang them with new fittings as follows viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays Sliders, ground pullies, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons to be fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws, all new ironwork for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th bells, quarter turn and put new quarter staples to the 2nd 3rd 4th & 5th bells, provide two new clappers and put the others in proper order and properly hang them in the bells, leave the chiming apparatus in proper order, paint all the ironwork and stocks and fellowing part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of our material and travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of Fifty Five Pounds. Thirteen Shillings. (£55-13-0) All the old materials to be our property and you to have the clock and clock hammer spare to

We will supply a new set of six bell ropes for the sum of Three Pounds. Nine Shillings £3-9-0.

Harry Stokes & Son

To

Dec^r 3^rd 1912

Mr Philip. E. Browne
Tregony
Champions Rd
Cornvale

Sir

The price of a bell rope an ordinary one best make 60 feet long will be 11.2.-

yours obediently
A Stokes & Son

Bow Church Bells Dec^r 6^th 1912

To

Lieut-Col. Matthews

Sir

In adding a 6^th bell to the above we beg to say it would be a treble bell, and it would weigh 5 1/4 Cwt. It would when you have it have to go down in the under frame, where the present treble now is, and shift present treble into 2^nd place and put the present 2^nd up one which would then be the 3^rd bell if you could have got the 6^th bell and put it in when the others where being put up again it would save shifting the present 1st & 2^nd We enclose a sketch showing how the stones under the beams would have to be put in they must not be only 3" thick and the top part of them would have to be kept down to the level of the present setoffs to get as much room up one as possible for the top bell there would have to be 10 of these stones

H. Stokes & Son

re Credilon Church Bells

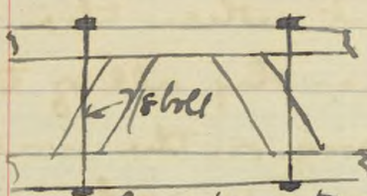
Dec. 9th 1912

To the Governors of Credilon Church

Gentlemen

We have examined the above bells and their fittings and framework, and we found that the main beams under the floor and frame which carries the whole thing shift about a great deal when the bells are ringing. the beams which run from east to west rest on two beams running from North to south and they all move about when the bells are ringing. the ends of nearly all of the beams which ought to be bearing on the walls are worn away and some parts of them are decayed, and the plinework around and under them has become loose through the constant movement of the beams, they also ride on the stunts which are up under them and which are partly the cause of the beams shifting and rolling about as they have no proper bearing in the walls. making good the stunts and putting them right will be no good unless the ends of the beams have a bearing on the walls. the only way that we can recommend to steady the beams would be to have all the loose masonry around them taken out and rebuild it and give the ends of the beams a proper bearing on a flat stone or corbel. if the beams are not kept rigid it would be useless to rehang the bells on the present frame. we would suggest that you call in your Architect or your Builder and let them advise you what to do to the beams

and masonry around them, if you had the bells rung in peal and let them look at it while they were ringing they would better be able to advise you as to what would be best to do. the beams must be firm and rigid or everything else goes wrong. The oak frame which carries the bells is in fair condition and if the beams are put right it could be bolted, strutted and strapped up together to make it go on for some years, we would recommend that about 44. 7/8" bolts be put down through frame thus :-



and let the bolts go down where possible into the main beams under; and put strap plates and angle irons to all the top joints of frame where required. The bells are sound but all want quarter turning except the tenor, they are worn very badly at the sound bow where the clappers have been beating for the last 138 years and they are liable to become cracked. some of the clappers in the bells are worn badly and must be renewed. The fittings on all the bells viz:- wheels, stocks, gudgeons, bearings &c, are in a bad state especially the 4th bell which in its present condition is not fit to ring as it may at any time when ringing fall out of its bearings, the fittings on all the bells must be renewed. We believe that if our suggestions about the beams &c were carried out, that the bells when rehung would go very well, otherwise if the beams cannot be kept from moving the only thing that could be done would be to clear it all out and replace it with new; there is an iron stock on the tenor bell put there in 1838 which we should not

use again. there is a difficulty with the gudgeons in this stock. we had something to do with this bell some few years ago. we should hang it with a wood stock we could make the bell go better with a wood stock than ~~the~~ we could with the present old iron one. We enclose to you an estimate for repairing the frame and rehanging the bells with all new fittings. but we should have nothing to do with the beams and masonry or the clock chimes. If you should think of putting in all new work viz:- steel girders and an iron frame and hanging the bells with all new fittings we should be pleased to give you an estimate for it.

Estimate.

We will undertake to put in where necessary between sills and top pieces of frame about 6 oak struts 9"x4" ea., about 44 long 7/8" bolts down through the frame as shown on sketch in report, and let the bolts where convenient go down through into the main beams under the frame. put ~~in~~ about 7 pairs of angle plates and 9 pairs of strap plates and angle irons to the top joints of frame and well screw and strain the frame together; unhang the eight bells and take off the fittings now on them and rehang them with the following new fittings viz:- wheels, wood headstocks of elm, stays and sliders, ground pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted

to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed and bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws. all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn seven of the bells and put new quarter staples in them. provide 3 new clappers and put the other 5 in proper order and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of best made bell ropes, and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber. paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels 3 coats. pay all carriage of material and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Three Pounds. (£123-0-0.)

You to have the beams first put right and do anything that may be required to the clock and chimes. All the old materials to be our property.

We remain Gentlemen

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son.

Sent to John Lyons Esq.
Solicitor
Crediton

re Bow New Bell

December 10. 1912

To Lieut. Col. Matthews.

Sir

We thank you for your letter received this morning. The approximate cost of a sixth bell all complete, with girders, frame and fittings will be about Seventy Three Pounds. (£73.). It would be hung in the under frame and one of the old bells would have to go up over, the top bell would have to have steel girders to carry it and be hung in an iron frame, as an oak frame could not be very well put up over the others. The present price of new bells is £7-18-8 per. cwt.

We remain &

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

re Tavistock Church Bells

December 20. 1912

To the Rev. H. G. le Neveu

Rev. Sir.

We have at your request examined the above bells and their fittings and framework, and we found that the ends of some of the main beams which rest on the pedestals under the floor and framework, and which carries the whole thing ~~have~~ got into a bad condition and are worm eaten and decayed. we could not see the ends of all of the beams owing to the under side of them being boarded over on account of some of the clock works being up under this boarding and fixed to it, but we expect that the ends of all of them are in the same condition, we should say that they were all put there at one time; as the ends of the beams get wasted away they ~~pitch~~ sink down and then the whole work up over comes down with them and gets out of level. The oak frame which carries the bells has been from time to time cut about a great deal to let the bells swing around, this cutting of the frame weakened it a great deal and 36 years ago we put in a lot of bolts down through it and some corner plates ⌐ to strengthen it, but and some of the pillars are decayed and wasted away, now the real strength of the frame is gone and there is a very great strain on it when the bells are ringing, and the frame owing to its not being rigid enough makes the bells go badly, nothing can now be done to it in the way of repairing it and it would be useless to attempt to rehang the bells on the present old frame and beams, what is required to be done and what we would recommend would be to take

out the present fittings. frame. floor and beams and put in either new oak beams or steel girders, and an iron frame, and hang the bells with all new fittings, the bells can then be made to go well. Owing to so many clock hammers and chiming hammers being fixed to the bells, and wires cranks. pulleys &c being fixed in the chamber under the bells it makes it rather complicated, because all this in connection with the clock and chimes would have to be removed before anything could be done in taking down the bells. fittings. frame and beams. We enclose to you a plan and estimate for hanging the bells, but for taking out the clock work and chimes and fixing it again you would want to get an estimate from your clockmaker as we have nothing to do with clockwork.

Estimate

We will undertake to take off the old fittings from the bells and lower down the eight bells and put them in the chambers under and if necessary lower some of them to the bottom of the tower; take out the old frame, floor and beams from the tower and provide and fix in the tower five steel girders 14"x6" ea. 52 lbs. per foot; paint the steel girders three coats, two coats before fixing and one after; provide, make and fix in the ~~tower~~ girders an oak framing bed to take the iron frame the oak bed to be bolted down to the girders; provide and cut in between the girders and lie on them a good red deal floor 2" thick well jointed; provide, make

and fix in the tower a cast iron frame for the eight bells the frame to be bolted down to the oak bed and into the girders and to be made and fixed clear from the tower walls and to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing. paint the iron frame three coats. two before fixing and one after. We will also undertake to hoist the 8 bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels. wood headstocks. stays sliders. ground pullies. steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings. the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks. the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages and fitted with iron hinged covers the carriages bolted down to the frame. all new ironwork to hang the bells with. provide eight new clappers and properly hang them in the bells. provide a new set of eight best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from the wheels to the ringing chamber with all necessary shutes. patrices. and thimbles. paint all the ironwork. stocks and fellowing part of wheels three coats. 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 for the sum of Two Hundred and Forty Seven Pounds, Seventeen Shillings. (£247-17-0).

all the old materials to be our property. You to have done any masonry if any is required after the tower is cleared out, or in levelling up the setoffs to take

the girders and to have the clock and chiming drum seen to and protected and the hammers, wires, cranks, weights &c in connection with the clock and ~~chimes~~ chimes taken down before commencing the work to the bells, and refixed after the bells are rehung.

If you should prefer to have oak beams ~~for~~ instead of steel girders we will supply and fix three oak beams 14"x12" ea. and two 14"x10" ea. instead of the steel girders for an extra sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings. (£5-5/-) There are two things to be said about the oak beams in preference to the steel girders viz:- that the oak beams will not require painting but the girders would in a few years time, but after all the clock work was fixed up they would not be able to be got at, also that it would be much easier to fix up the cranks, weights, wires &c to the beams than to the girders. In taking out the old materials from the tower, taking down the bells and putting in new materials all would have to come up or down on the inside of the tower, and a square hole would have to be cut in the floor of the ringing chamber the size of the middle plaster panel which shows down in the Church, this panel would also have to come out, the cutting out of the floor and panel before work was commenced and putting back again after completion of work you would have to get done.

We remain Rev. Sir
Your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son
H.S. per

Colaton Raleigh Ropes

Jan. 10. 1913

To Rev. W. O. Edwards.

Rev. Sir.

We see by the Papers today that you require a new set of ropes for your Church Bells. We shall be pleased to supply you with a set of six bellropes suitable for your peal of Bells, of best make, for the sum of £3-10-6 delivered to Otterton Station. They would be of the same quality, as the ones we put to the Bells when we hung them in the Tower in 1897.

We remain Rev. Sir.

Yours obediently

Harry Stokes & Son

H.S. jr

re Ottery St Mary Church Bells

Jan. 13. 1913

To the Ottery St Mary Church Corporation.

Gentlemen

We have at the request of Mr. Godfrey examined the Bells and their fittings in Ottery St. Mary Church Tower and we found that the piece of framing between the 1st and 2nd Bells is very loose and requires to be tightened up and made firm, some of the bearings are loose and out of level, and before they can be tightened and levelled up the bells would have to be lifted out of their places, five of the clappers want new leathers and one requires a new wood boss, there is one new ground pulley required and the other seven must be repaired as the holes the axles run in are worn badly, the chiming hammers are worn at the joints where they work and must have new joints and bolts put to them, all the ironwork on the Bells is rusty and must be cleaned off and have two coats of paint and the headstocks and rims of wheels want cleaning off and painting and the centres of the wheels a coat of linseed oil. To carry out the above mentioned work and leave the Bells in good ringing order will cost Thirteen Pounds, Five Shillings, (£13.5.0). The bellropes now in the Tower are worn badly and have been spliced several times and we will supply a new set (8 ropes) Nicholls' make for the sum of Five Pounds, Eight Shillings (£5.8.0.)

We remain ~~Your Sir~~

Yours obediently

Harry Stokes & Son.

Sent to H. Hartley Esq Solicitor Ottery St Mary

re Burrington Church Bells

Jan. 18. 1913

To Rev. M. D. Buckingham

Rev. Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16 inst: we beg to say with regard to iron framing that it is more rigid than oak and does not shrink and that is why a good many ringers prefer it, but it will require painting about every 6 or 7 years else it will rust, how long iron frames will last we cannot say as they have only come to be used in recent years. With regard to oak frames we believe that if they are well looked after and screwed up for three or four years after they are put in that they would be as firm + rigid as iron frames and we know that oak frames will last for 150 years or more, there is a plenty of room in your Tower to put in an oak frame + we can get a plenty of seasoned oak. With regard to the difference in the tone of the bells whether hung in iron or oak frames we believe that wood has a more mellowing effect than all iron + steel girders, but where an iron frame is put on oak beams + sills as we propose in our estimate we don't believe that there is any difference. We are not quite clear about your letter whether you mean returning or re-turning if re-turning we don't believe they require it, but if re-turning, yes, as the clappers have worn the bells badly + in rehanging they must be quarter turned. We shall now want to ~~put~~ add five per cent ~~to~~ to our estimates of April 11. 1911 as the prices of materials have advanced a great deal since then and are still going up.

We are now putting in an iron frame for six bells similar to what we proposed for your bells at Petrockstow and they are to be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Exeter on Feb. 4th. We are also making two oak frames one for Bow and one for Bradestone. We should be very pleased to receive an order from you to carry out the work and please bear in mind that it will take at least 3 ~~or 4~~ months to complete the work after receiving the order

We remain Rev. Sir
your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son.
N. Devon.

January 24th 1913

To

Mr. W. Wise

Chemist

Launceston

Sir

The cost of a set of bell ropes for the St Marys bells will be 12/6 each, same quality rope and by the same maker as the ones we put there in 1901 you to pay the carriage of them we find they are wanted 80 ft long an order from you will receive prompt attention

yours obediently

A. Stokes & Son

re Burrington Church Bells

Jan. 25. 1913

To Rev. M. D. Buckingham

Rev. Sir

Estimate for Oak frame

We will undertake to lower the six bells from the Tower, take out the old fittings, frame, floor & beams and provide and fix in the Tower four English oak beams 12"x10" each, provide, make and fix an English oak frame for six bells, the sizes of scantlings for frame to be the same as marked on the plan sent in April 1911, and bolt it together with about 43 long 3/4" bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through the frame and main beams, and secure all the joints with stout strap plates. provide and fix in between the sills of frame and resting on the beams and nailed to them 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 all new fittings complete as follows. viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays sliders. ground pullies, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings. the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks, and the bearings fitted into iron carriages and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws and screwed down to frame, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the six bells, and put new quarter staples in them. provide six new clappers for the bells, use the present set of bell ropes again and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary pulleys. patrices &c, repair

and repair the chiming apparatus and leave it in good working order, paint all the ironwork, stocks, and wheels three coats, pay carriage of all our materials and travelling expenses for our men to Southmolton Road Station, you to do all carting from and to the station & Church and also provide a large pole to go across the tower for lifting 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 the work or try the go of the bells for the sum of One Hundred and Thirty One Pounds, Three Shillings. (£131-3-0).

Estimate for Iron Frame with oak bed and beams.

We will undertake to lower the six bells from the Tower, take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams, and provide and fix in the Tower four English Oak beams 12"x10" each, provide and fix on the beams an oak framing bed the sizes of scantlings for same to be 8"x5", and provide and fix in between the oak framing bed and resting on the beams and nailed to them a good 2" red deal floor, also provide, make and fix on the framing bed an iron frame for six bells bolted down to bed and beams, the frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing and painted 3 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 frame and hang them with all new fittings complete as described in estimate for oak frame with the exception of the bearings which will be pedestal

carriages fitted with gunmetal bearings and iron hinged covers. You to do carting and find pole as stated in estimate for oak frame 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 the work or try the go of the bells for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Eight Pounds. Three Shillings (£148-3-0.)

Estimate for Iron frame with steel girders. If you prefer to put in steel girders and an iron frame and not put in any oak at all we will carry out the work as described in estimate for iron frame with oak bed and beams and not using oak beams or oak bed but using steel girders instead for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds. Three Shillings. (£150-3-0.).

If either of the foregoing estimates are accepted all the old wood, except wheels, is to be your property and all the old iron-work, wheels, and gudgeons and bearings is to be ~~yours~~ ours, you to have done any masons work that may be required in levelling in beams, we have nothing to do with the clock and we will visit the tower once a year for 3 years free of cost and screw up bolts &c on stocks & frame work

We remain Rev. Sir

your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

re late Miss Ebdon's Cottage.

January 28. 1913

To Mr. H. Ware.

Dear Sir,

We will distemper the walls and limewash the ceilings of three bedrooms, and back lobby, and limewash the parlour ceiling and the walls and ceiling of larder and paint two coats the woodwork of parlour, kitchen, back lobby and larder, ease the windows that are tight, and fasten the front door jambs for the sum of Three Pounds. Four Shillings and Sixpence. (£3-4-6.).

Or we will distemper the walls and limewash the ceilings of three bedrooms, staircase, and landing, and back lobby, limewash the parlour ceiling and the walls and ceiling of larder, and paint two coats the whole of the woodwork on the inside of cottage, ease the windows that are tight and fasten the front door jambs for the sum of Five Pounds. Two Shillings. (£5-2-0.)

Yours truly

Harry Stokes & Son

January 28th 1913

Mr J Counter
Sexton. Ide

Sir

The price of a set of 6 bell ropes for Ide Church Bells, will be 11/6 each, ropes 60 feet long, you to pay the carriage of them, which would be about 1/6 or 1/9 they would come direct from the maker.

yours truly
H. Stokes & Son.

Woodbury R.S.O
January 31st 1913

To
H. Merrick & Son
Glastonbury

Dear Sirs

We can supply you with 5 pairs of carriages and bearings 17-6 a pair or we can put new bearings to your old carriages for 12-6 per pair you to pay the carriage

yours truly
H Stokes & Son

Re Seaton Church Bells

February 3. 1913

To Rev R. S. Robinson.

Rev Sir.

We have as you know examined the beams, frame & fittings of the above bells, & we then told you that none of it could be repaired, & that it would have to be taken out & all of it put in new. We found that the tenor bell had one of its cannons, by which it is fastened up to the stock, broken off all the remaining canons  must be taken off & holes drilled through the head of the bell for bolts to be put through to fasten it to the stock, this will not be any detriment to the bell or alter its tone. The second bell is cracked & the crack extends down over the shoulder & part way across the head, this causes the bell to give a dull flat tone, nothing can be done to this bell except to recast it. The other two bells, the first & third are sound, they have very high canons on them, & in rehanging them we recommend that these high canons should be taken off & holes drilled through their heads, & bolt them to the stocks in a similar way to what we propose for the tenor bell, the bells can then be hung higher in the stocks, & made to ring much easier, the clappers of all the bells are worn out & must be renewed. Two of the wheels, two pullies.

& some other fittings we put in the tower some years ago, these can be used again, but the rest of it, ironwork, gudgeons, bearings, &c, we cannot use again as it is rusted so badly. There would be a little masonry required to the setoffs, & corbels after the bells are lowered & frame old beams & floor taken out, this we have not included in our estimate as we do not undertake any masonry.

Estimate No 1.

We will undertake to lower the bells, take out the old fittings, frame, floor & beams from the tower, & provide & fix in the tower four English Oak beams, two "12x9" & two "10x8"; provide, make, & fix an English Oak frame for four bells the sizes of scantlings for frame to be the same as marked on plan sent, & the frame to be bolted together with about 2q 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 & lie in between the sills of frame, resting on the beams & nailed to them a good 2" red deal floor. We will also undertake to hoist the bells again into their places in the new frame & hang them with the following fittings. viz. two new wheels & use again the two that are now on (wheels) the 2nd & 3rd bells, all new stocks, stays & sliders, two new pullies, & use

the two the two that are now the 2nd & 3rd bells, all new gudgeons, & bearings, new ironwork, new clappers, quarter turn the bells that require it provide a new set of ropes, & properly guide them away from wheels to ringing floor, provide & fix iron stays with turned hardwood blocks for ropes to work in, about 14" 0" from bottom of tower to take off the cannons from the 1st & 3rd & 4th bells & drill holes through their heads for bolts to go through, to fasten on the stock, use to have the old metal for taking it off & drilling the holes refix the chiming apparatus, & leave it in proper order, paint all the ironwork, stocks & following part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of materials & travelling expenses for men, & complete the work in a workmanlike & satisfactory manner & 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 Eighty Three Pounds (£83-0-0).

All the old ironwork, metal, gudgeons, bearings, & ropes to be ours & the old wood to be yours, you to have done any masonry that may be required to the walls & setoffs, & corbels after the bell chamber is cleared out.

Estimate No 2.

We will undertake to lower the 2nd bell which is cracked down from the tower & get it recast, add what new metal is required to allow for waste in recasting. provide a new staple & clapper for it pay carriage of it to & from the foundry, & hoist it again into its place in the for the sum of Twenty Two Pounds. (£22-0-0.)

To reproduce the old inscription would be an extra cost, & any other inscription if you wished one would be 4 per letter

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

Mr. C. W. J. Bartlett—
Western Morning News
44 High Street—
Exeter

Febry 3rd 1913 Ordered an advertisement to be put in the Western Morning News 3 times a week at 8d per insertion for 12 months

1st advt Harry Stokes & Son, Church Bell Hangers, Woodbury R.S.O. Devon, Church Bells hung in Oak or Iron frames

Febry 8th 1913

To Revd J. J. Barrington Ward
Duloe Rectory. Cornwall

Revd Sir

In reply to your letter received this morning we beg to say we have no work at present your way but if you like for us to do so we could inspect and report on your bells on the following terms "viz" if you gave us the work to do that would be wanted to be done to your bells we should not make any charge for inspecting & reporting but if you did not give us the work we should charge our out of pocket expences

H. Stokes & Son

Febry 8th 1913

To Mr. C. M. Williams
Tottiscoy Farm. Southleigh

Sir

The cost of the bell ropes (best make) are 11s 6d each each rope 60 feet long you to pay the carriage of them which would not be very much

H. S. & Son

Burrington Bells

Feb. 11. 1913

To Rev. M. D. Buckingham.

Rev. Sir.

re Tuning of Bells

When our Mr. Stokes jr. visited your Tower on Monday last, with an Expert on Bell tuning. you heard what was said with regard to the tone of your Bells and their harmonies. the following is a copy of the report sent to us.

"The Bells are not nicely in tune, the Treble end is a little too flat and the 4th is a little too sharp, but these matters could easily be remedied in the tower. The harmonies or aftertones are not in perfect relation to the fundamental notes, but this, in my opinion could not be satisfactorily dealt with, even if the bells were taken to the Foundry and tuned by machine. The alteration of the harmonies would necessitate so much cutting of the bells, which are already on a thin scale that the tone would be seriously impaired. We would therefore strongly recommend that the main tones should be adjusted in the tower to make the Bells agree one with another. This will cost including railway fares to and fro Five Pounds. (£5.) and would greatly improve the character of the peal."

If you wish us to rehang your Bells and get them in ringing order by Whitsuntide you must please give the order as soon as possible as it takes some time to prepare the work before operations are commenced in the Tower

Harry Stokes & Son

H. S. jr

re S. Germans Church Bells

Feb. 15th 1913

To Mr. H. Polgreen.
Churchwarden.

Sir,

We have at your request examined the abovenamed bells and their frame fittings; we found that the bells were sound and in tune with the exception of the treble which is very flat, it has already been sharpened as ~~good~~ deal much as possible and to make a good job of it it ought to be recast; all the framework, fittings &c is in a very bad condition. Admiral Hadley who was with us in the tower asked if there was room in the tower for eight bells, & if so, to give a price for the extra framework for eight bells, and also for two new bells and hanging them, we beg to say that by putting in an iron frame and steel girders eight bells can be put in on the level, but not with an oak frame as you will see by the plans we have enclosed.

Estimate No. 1

Iron frame for six Bells.

We will undertake to lower the six bells from the tower, & take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams from the tower, and provide and fix in the tower five steel joists 10×6 ca. 42 lbs. per foot and fix in the tower under the girders a red deal floor & joists, provide, make and fix in the tower on the steel joists a cast iron frame for six bells, the frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to withstand the action of the bells when ringing and the frame to be bolted down and made secure to the joists, paint the joists and framework ~~three~~ two coats of paint before fixing and one coat after fixing. We will also undertake to

hoist the bells again into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fitting complete viz:- Wheels, headstocks, stays, sliders, ground pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks, the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages and bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, provide six new clappers and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing floor with all necessary patrices, thimbles and plutes, paint all the stocks and iron work and fellowing part of wheels three coats of paint, do all masonry that would be required in putting the joists into the walls 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 Sixty Six Pounds (£166.0.0.)

All the old materials we take out to be our property

Estimate No-2

Extra framing for two more bells.

We will undertake to provide and fix extra cast iron framing for two more bells to enable the frame to take eight bells for the sum of Seventeen Pounds. (£17-0-0)

Estimate No. 3.

Two New Bells

We will undertake to provide two new bells and clappers (a 1st and 2nd) to complete the octave the two bells together to weigh about 8½ cwts. and to be in perfect tune with the others, pay carriage of them to S. Germans and hoist them into their places in the tower and hang them with all new fittings complete as described in No. 1 estimate for the sum of Ninety One Pounds, (£91-0-0.)

Estimate No. 4

Recasting the Treble

We will take down the present treble bell pay carriage of it to the Foundry and back, and recast it, add what new metal is required ~~to be added~~ to it to make it sharper and hoist it again in its place in the tower for the sum of Sixteen Pounds. Fifteen Shillings (£16-15-0).

Estimate No. 5.

Oak Frame & Beams.

We will undertake to lower the six bells from the tower and take out the old fitting, frame floor and beams from the tower, and provide and fix in the tower five English oak beams, three 12"×9" ea and two 12"×8" ea; provide, make and fix an English oak frame for six bells, the sizes of scantlings for frame to be same as marked on plan sent and frame to be bolted together with about 40. long ¾" 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 and wrot. iron angle plates; provide

and cut in between the pills of frame and lie on the beams and nail to them a good 2" red deal floor. We will also undertake to hoist the bells again into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, headstocks, stays and sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages and fitted with iron hinged covers and screwed down to frame, all new iron-work to hang the bells with, provide six new clappers and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing floor with all necessary patrices, thimbles and shutes, paint all the stocks, ironwork and following part of wheels three coats of paint, do all masonry that would be required in putting the beams into the walls, 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, anyone that knows anything about Church Bellwork for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Six Pounds, Ten Shillings (£146. 10. 0.)

All the old materials we take out to be our property.

Your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son

To

February 13th 1913

Revd H. Hugh Breton
Shepton Vicarage
Tavistock

Revd Sir

Your P.C. has been sent to us by Mr Herbert Read, we can supply you with a set of 6 best make bell ropes and the cost will be 11/6 per rope you to pay the carriage of them. We expect the same ropes are now on the bells that we put them some few years ago when we rehung them when Revd H. L. Murray was Vicar.

Dec 1903

yours obediently
A. Stokes & Son

February 20th 1913

To

Mr H. A. West
Churchwarden. St Breward

Sir

The cost of 6 bell ropes for your 6 bells will be 12/- per rope you to pay the carriage of them and the next quality would be 13/- per rope you to pay the carriage of them, we only have 2 qualities, we know all about your bells we put them up, and we used to supply the ropes when Canon Kempe was Vicar, it would take perhaps 2 or 3 weeks before we could send them as we do not make them

yours truly
A Stokes & Son

re Black Torrington Bells

Feb. 25. 1913

To Rev. T. Buncombe.

Rev. Sir,

We have at your request examined the peal of six bells, in your Church Tower, and their fittings framework. We would recommend that the 1st. 2nd. 3rd & 5th bells be quarter turned as they are getting worn at the soundbow where the clapper strikes, and that new clappers be put to them. The 4th bell also requires a new clapper, but the 6th clapper of the 6th bell is good and can be used again. The framework which carries the bells is in a bad condition and sways about when the bells are ringing and it has also been cut about to allow room for the bells to swing. None of the fittings on the bells can be used again. The beams are decayed at the ends where they rest on the walls. What we would recommend is to clear out the old frame, floor and beams from the tower and replace it with new oak beams and an iron frame. The setoffs on the East & West sides are higher than the ones on the north & south sides and we would suggest that the north and south setoffs be built up to the level of the east and west ones so that the ends of the beams will rest on the stonework instead of being propped up on wood as now. Owing to the Clock taking up a great deal of space in the room below the bells, the old materials would have to go out and the new be taken in through the West window of the tower, to enable this to be done the mullion of the window and the louvres would have to come out.

Estimate

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 two 11"x8" sa. and two 11"x9" sa., provide, make and fix on the beams in the tower an oak framing bed for fix bells, the fixe of the scantlings for the bed to be 9"x5", and provide and cut in between the bed and laid on the beams and nailed to them a good 2" red deal floor, provide, make and fix on the bed a cast iron frame for fix bells, the iron frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing and to be painted 3 coats of paint, two before fixing and one after, and to be bolted down to the bed and beams. We will also undertake to hoist the fix 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 pedested carriages fitted with iron hinged covers and bolted down to frame, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th bells so that the clappers shall strike opposite to what they do now, and put new iron quarter staples in them, provide new clappers for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th bells, provide six new plunks for the ropes to work in use the present ropes again and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing floor with all necessary thimbles & patrices, put a new iron rope guide in the bottom of tower as the holes in the present one will not come in the right places, paint all the ironwork, stocks and following

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 Thirty Nine Pounds Ten Shillings. (£139-10-0.).

All the old woodwork to be your property & the old ironwork, bearings &c to be ours. You to have the window taken out and replaced and do any masonry that may be required, also have the clock hammers & weights repaired.

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

H.S. jr

re Newtoncunningham Church Bells
Londonderry. Ireland

Mar. 4. 1913

To Rev. R. B. Rankin,
"All Saints"
Newtoncunningham
Londonderry

Rev. Sir.

We have heard from Messrs. Drake, Stained Glass Works, Cathedral Yard Exeter that you are thinking of having a new Bell for your Church. We beg to say that we could supply you with a good bell weighing about 11½ cwt. Note 7#, and hang the same in your Church Tower in an iron framework resting on steel girders, and fitted with an iron headstock, wheel, stay, pulley, gudgeons bearings, rope, & clapper. paint all the ironwork three coats of paint, pay all labour in connection with the work, pay all carriage & travelling expenses from our works to the nearest railway station to Newtoncunningham, you to cart bell & materials to the Church and leave the bell in good ringing order for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Seven Pounds. Ten Shillings. (£147-10-0.)

This Bell would be of good tone and would on a clear day be heard a long distance, and would very well go into a Tower of the size given to us. It must be a very badly built Tower indeed if it will not stand the swing of a Bell of the size of this one. If you wish we shall pleased to give you any other particulars.

Trusting to hear further from you

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son.

re Claybrooke Church Bells.

March 11. 1913

To Mr. Richard Hine.
Churchwarden

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of March 5th we beg to say that if the present beams under the bell frame are found to be alright and the four beams that we have specified in our estimate are not required we will allow the sum of £7-12-0 for them out of our estimates, and for any of the 12"x9" ~~two~~ beams that are not required we will allow £1-19-0 each for them, and for the 12"x8" beam if not required £1-15-0. We would advise you to take off the match board ceiling before you give the order for the work and see how many new beams, if any, would be required, else if ~~it is not found out until~~ after all the framework is cleared out and then some new beams would be required you would have to pay mens railway fares & time going home & back again while the new beams were being got. A sixth Bell can be put up over the others by lowering the setoffs, which the beams rest on, about 10 inches or 1 foot before putting in the new frame &, it is rather a tight fit to put a bell up over without lowering the setoffs, a sixth bell would weigh about 5¼ to 5½ cwt. and the bell, clapper, iron frame, fittings, & steel girders to carry it, and carriage, fixing &c would cost about £71 or £72. Bell metal is now £8. per. cwt. It would have to be an iron frame and steel girders for the top bell, as an oak frame could not be put up over.

To

March 28th 1913

Revd C. Spring
Alwington Rectory
Fairy Cross. N. Devon

Revd Sir

The cost of the 6 bell ropes will be 13/6 each 7¼ lbs
you to pay the carriage of them Nicolls Ropes

H. T. & S.

March 31. 1913

To Mr. George Godfrey
Silver Street
Otterly S. Mary

Dear Sir

The china cords will cost 2/9 each and the rubber tubes 1/- each

Yours truly
Harry Stokes & Son
H.S. jr

April 11. 1913

To Mr. Charles Bate
Camelford

Dear Sir,

We are sorry to see by your letter this morning that you are going to repair the fittings of Tamleglos Church Bells We consider that whatever money you spend on repairs will be badly spent because in our opinion whoever repairs them will not give satisfaction. We do not care to give a tender for any repairing as it is no good & a waste of money. If in case you thought that the money (£119.10.0) could be raised we would take £60. on completion of the work and the remainder in nine months after completion

Yours truly
Harry Stokes & Son

S. Thomas's Church Bells. Exeter.

April 10. 1913

To the Rev. D. H. Prince.

Rev. Sir.

We will undertake to lower down the six bells from their places in the Tower and take out the old fittings, chiming apparatus, frame, floor and beams from the Tower and provide and fix in the Tower resting on the setoffs of walls four steel girders 10"x6" each 42lbs. per foot. these girders to be painted three coats of oxide paint two before fixing and one after; provide and lie on the bottom flange of girders a good red deal floor 2" thick; provide, make and fix in the Tower a cast iron frame for the six bells, five of which would be in the bottom frame which would be fixed and bolted down to the ~~bottom~~ 10"x6" girders, and one in a frame fixed over the five bells, this frame would be fixed on and bolted to two 8"x5" girders (27lbs. per foot) running from North to South and bolted to two 8"x6" girders (30lbs. per foot) let into the walls, all the iron framing 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 ~~all the framing~~ to have three coats of paint two before fixing and one after. We will also undertake to hoist the six bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz.- Wheels, stocks, stays and sliders, ground pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the gunmetal bearings to be fitted into iron pedestal carriages bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers &

thumb-screws, all new ironwork to hang the bells with. provide five new clappers for Nos. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6 bells. use the clapper of No. 1 bell again, properly hang all the clappers in the bells, leave the staples in the bells in proper order. provide a new set of bell ropes, take down the present shutes in the chambers under the bells and repair and refit them, repair and refit the present chiming apparatus and leave it in proper order, paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels three coats, do all masonry that may be required in fixing girders, pay carriage of all of our materials and all travelling expences 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 it or try the go of the bells, anyone that knows anything about Church Bellwork and Ringing for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Two Pounds. Eight Shillings. (£152-8-0.)

Estimate No. 2.

We will undertake to provide and fix extra cast iron framing and a girder for two new bells to complete the octave for the sum of Twenty Four Pounds. Five Shillings. (£24-5-0.)

Estimate No. 3. (Two New Bells)

We will undertake to provide two new bells a 1st and 2nd to complete the octave, the two bells together to weigh about 8½ cwts., provide new clappers for them and hang them with all new fittings complete as described in No. 1 estimate for the sum of Ninety Pounds. (£90.)

If the bells should weigh over 8½ cwts the extra weight would be charged for at the rate of £7-18-8 per cwt. ~~and if under would be allowed for at the same rate~~ Any inscription put on the bells would be 4d per letter. All the old materials to be our property. You to have the clock seen to and clock hammers and weights & taken off before the commencement of the work and refixed on completion. These estimates are for carrying out all the work at one time.

re S. Neot Church Bells.

May. 5-1913

To Rev. W. R. S. Majendie.

Rev. Sir.

With reference to the conversation between Yourself & Mr. Stokes, jr on Friday last re your Church Bells we beg to offer you the following terms for payment viz:- £70-8-0 on completion of the work £50-0-0 in twelve months and the balance of £20-0-0 in eighteen months after completion, you to pay us 5% for interest on the balance of £70 If these terms are acceptable to you please let us know as soon as possible as we could then complete the work by the last Sunday in August as you mentioned

We remain Rev. Sir

Yours obediently

Harry Stokes & Son

May. 7. 1913

To Rev. W. R. S. Majendie

Rev. Sir

We thank you for your letter of yesterday's date and we will accept the terms mentioned therein for payment for work to your Bells. Please send us a written order for the work with the terms of payment stated on it

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

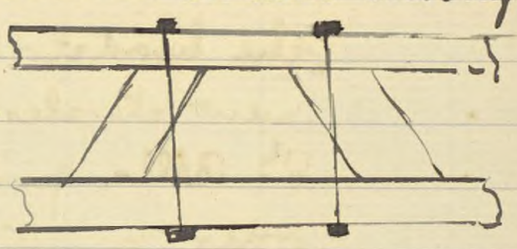
re Dulce Church Bells

May 7. 1913

To the Rector Churchwardens

Rev. Sir & Gentlemen

As you know our Mr. Stokes jr has inspected the Bells in your Church Tower & their fittings framework. The framework is in good condition but in three places is wedged to the walls this ought not to be and we would recommend that the wedges be taken out & about 22 bolts put down through the framework and where possible down through the beams also, and thoroughly screw it all up together, this would considerably strengthen the frame and make it firm also put a bar of iron across the frame between the 5th & 6th Bells. The gudgeons (or pins) and bearings are entirely worn out, several of the wheels are broken and the outside of them worm eaten. The 2nd, 5th and 6th Bells are worn badly at the sound bow where the clapper strikes and must be quarter turned and have new staples & clappers put to them. Two of the canons on the 2nd Bell are broken off and we would recommend taking off the remaining ones and bolting the Bell to the stock. All the pullies under the wheels are worn out and the iron work which the Bells hang by is very rusty.



Estimate

We will undertake to put about 22 bolts down through the frame and where possible let them go down through the beams also and

screw the frame well up together and we will also undertake to unhang the six Bells and rehang them with new fittings as follows viz:- Wheels, headstocks, stays & sliders, ground pulleys. steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the gudgeons to be fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws all new ironwork to hang the Bells with take off the remaining cairns from the 2nd Bell and drill holes for bolts to fasten it on the headstock with, quarter turn and put new staples and clappers to the 2nd, 5th, and 6th Bells, put the other 3 clappers in proper order, paint all the ironwork, stocks, and fellowing part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of our material and travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of Fifty Four Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence (£54-17-6). All the old materials to be ours.

We will provide six new chiming hammers and fit them, using the pulleys that are now there and the manual at bottom of tower for the sum of Four Pounds. (£4-0-0)

We remain

your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son

Sent to Rev. M. J. Barrington-Ward.

Written May 15th told the Rector that could complete the work in six or seven weeks after receiving the order.

May 8th 1913

re Ashton Church Bells

To

General Sir Richard Harrison

Ashton Manor

Sir Richard

We have examined the bell frame, which the above bells are hung on, and we find that in some places that the frame is wedged and butted to the tower walls, this we believe you already know, but it ought not to be, as it is a danger to the tower, we cannot recommend you to have the wedges taken out, as they keep the frame steady when the bells are ringing. The old frame being a very slight one and about 133 years old is not strong enough to resist the action of the bells when ringing and to keep it steady it had to be wedged and butted against the walls, if the wedges were removed, and the timbers that butt cut off, the bells would not be able to be rung as the frame would sway about too much, the sills of some parts of the frame are gone bad and are decayed, and the ends of the main beams are also gone bad, two steel girders having been put in under them to keep the whole thing up in its place, The only thing that can be done to make it a safe and a good job is to put in 4 new main beams and a floor and a new oak frame for the 6 bells and use all the fittings again which we put there in 1905, the new frame could then be put in position and fixed clear from the walls we strongly recommended the Revd J. C. Emmes in our report to him about the bells frame & fittings of Sept 15 1904 not to rehang the bells again on the old frame as he would have trouble with it before many years, but to have a new frame put in then, but he would not have one the present old frame has been repaired and bolted and patched up several times. If you should think of having a new frame put in we should be very pleased to send you an estimate for it.

A. Stokes & Son.

Ashton Church Bells May 14th 1913

To
Sir Richard Harrison
Ashton Manor

Sir Richard

We will undertake to carefully take off all the fittings from the 6 bells, and put them ~~away~~ in some convenient place, lower the 6 bells ~~down~~ from the bell chamber and put them out of the way, and take out the old frame floor and beams from the Tower, provide and fix in the Tower 4 English Oak beams two to be 11x8 and two 11x9 these 4 beams the ends of them would rest on the offsets on North and South walls, and also on the 2 girders which are now there, which are on the offsets of East & West walls, provide make and fix in the Tower an English oak frame for the 6 bells, the frame to be bolted together with about 40 long 3/4 bolts, and bolts where convenient to go down through into main beams, all the joints of frame to be secured with bolt strap plates, the frame to be fixed clear from Tower walls and the sizes of scantling ~~to be used~~ to be same as marked on plan sent, provide and cut in between sills of frame and lie on the beams and nailed to them a good red deal floor 2in thick. We will also undertake to hoist the 6 bells into their places in the new frame, and rehang them ~~again~~, with all the same fittings, making good any that may be damaged or anything that may be ~~wanted~~ to be made good, paint all the woodwork, and stocks, and fellowing part of wheels 2 coats paint, pay carriage of all our materials and travelling expences for our men from here to Ashton & back, and leave the bells in good ringing order, and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of £66-9-0. all the old material we take out to be our property, and you to have done any masonry that may be required to be done in leveling up the offsets of walls before putting in the new beams.

H Stokes & Son

re Cheldon Church Bells June 2nd 1913

To Rev. F. Hudson.
The Rectory.
Chawleigh.

Rev. Sir,

At your request we have examined the three bells and their fittings in Cheldon Church Tower. The framework. fittings and beams are in a very dilapidated ~~state~~ condition and must be all renewed and we would recommend that a new oak frame, floor and beams be put in and a match board ceiling put up under the beams to deaden the sound (which must be considerable) when the bells are ringing. we would also recommend that a guide for the ropes be fixed about 14-0" up from the bottom of the tower to steady the ropes as the distance is too long for ringing. The 3rd or largest bell seems to be a good one and is sound. the 2nd bell is cracked and its canons are broken off and it must be recast, and the 1st bell is a poor toned bell & very thin and must be recast. in recasting these 2 bells about 1½ cwts. of metal would have to be added to them to bring up their tones in harmony with the 3rd bell and also to allow for waste in remelting. we recommend that the 3rd bell be sent to the foundry with the others so that they could be all tuned together.

Estimate No. 1. (Recasting)

We will undertake to lower the 3 bells from the tower and send them to the

Foundry, London, and get the 1st and 2nd recast, add to them what metal may be required to bring them up in tone with the 3rd bell and also to allow for wastage in remelting, provide new clappers and staples for the 1st and 2nd bells, pay all carriage to & from the Church and Foundry and pay all labour for the sum of Forty One Pounds. (£41-0-0)

Any inscription put on the recast bells will be 4d per letter.

Estimate No 2. (Oak frame for 3 bells)

We will undertake to clear out the old frame, floor and beams from the tower and provide and fix in the tower five English oak beams, three 10"x8" ea. and two 10"x3" each and provide, make and fix on the beams an English oak frame for 3 bells, the sizes of scantlings to be the same as marked on plan, the frame to be bolted together with about 24 long ¾" bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through into the main beams, all the joints to be secured with plate strap plates, provide and cut in between the sills of frame and lie on the beams and nail to them a 2" red deal floor. We will also undertake to hoist the 3 bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays & sliders, pullies, steel gudgeons and gun-metal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks, and the bearings fitted into iron carriages and fitted with iron hinged covers and screwed down to frame, all new ironwork to hang the bells

with. provide a new clapper for the 3rd bell. provide a new pair of bell ropes. provide and fix an iron rope guide about 14'-0" up from bottom of tower. paint all the ironwork, stocks bellowing part of wheels 3 coats. pay all carriage of materials and travelling expenses of 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 Fifty Three Pounds. Five Shillings (£53-5-0).

The old ironwork, bearings, and ropes to be ours and the old wood yours.

Estimate No. 3 (Oak frame for 4 bells.)

We will make and fix an oak frame for four bells for £4-10-0 extra to No. 2 estimate

Estimate No. 4 (Ceiling)

We will provide and fix to the bottom side of beams a 3/4" match board ceiling for the sum of Two Pounds (£2-0-0.)

Estimate No. 5. (New bell.)

We will undertake to provide a new treble Bell & clapper, the bell to weigh about 4 cwt: and to be in tune with the others, pay carriage of it from Foundry to Church, hoist it in the tower, hang it with all new fittings complete for the sum of Forty Pounds, Fifteen Shillings. (£40-15-0.) If the bell should weigh over 4 cwt. the extra would be charged for at the rate of £7-18-8 per. cwt. Any inscription put on the bell would be 4d per letter. You to do any masonry if any should be required.

Galmpton Church Bells.

June 5th 1913

Rev. W. R. Heal.

~~Harb~~ Malborough Vicarage.

Rev. Sir.

We have as you know examined the tower and the abovenamed bells and we do not consider that the bells are as heavy as the weights you gave us. the canons are gone from the 1st bell, and it is very thin. and the canons and a piece are gone from the 4th bell. we consider that the four bells weigh together about 1 ton 2 cwt. 1 qr. made up as follows

1st canons gone	3 c. 3 qr. 0 lbs
2nd	5 c. 0 qr. 0 lbs
3rd	6 c. 1 qr. 0 lbs
4th canons & piece gone	7 c. 1 qr. 0 lbs
	22 c. 1 qr. 0 lbs.

What we strongly recommend you to do would be to add 3 lbs. of metal per cwt. to allow for the wastage in recasting, and also add 1½ cwt. of new metal and make the 4 bells about 1 ton, 3 cwt. & 3 qrs. they would be then the following weights and notes 1st 4½ cwt. E♭, 2nd 5¼ cwt. D, 3rd 6¼ cwt. C, 4th 7¾ cwt. B♭, this would make a little musical peal and we would not advise you to have the bells any lighter than the weights given above. If you should at any time wish to add a 5th bell it would be about 4 cwt. note F and it would make a capital peal of five. we should in any case strongly advise you to have the frame made and fixed for five bells. if you did not have the fifth bell when the other four were put in, it could be added at any time.

Estimate (No. 1).

We will undertake to take the 2nd bell down from the tower and take away all the four bells, pay carriage of them from Galmpton to the Foundry and get them recast, add 66 lbs. of new metal to allow for wastage in recasting and add 1½ cwts. of new metal to them to make them 1 ton, 3 cwts. 3 qrs. each bell to weigh about the following weights

	weight	size	note
1st	4½ cwts	2-5	Eb
2nd	5¼ "	2-6	D
3rd	6¼ "	2-8¾	C
4th	7¾ "	2-11½	Bb
Total	23 ¾ cwts		

pay carriage of bells from Foundry to Galmpton, provide clappers, crown staples and bolt ends for the four bells ~~about carriage of same~~. pay carriage of our gear for taking away the bells and all travelling expenses for our men for the sum of Eighty One Pounds, Fifteen Shillings (£81-15-0.)

Any inscriptions put on the bells would be 3d. per letter extra. If the bells did not weigh 1 ton 2 cwts. 1 qr. and it was found necessary to add any more than the 1½ cwts. of new metal the extra would be charged for at 1/5 per lb. and if they weighed over 1 ton 2 cwts 1 qr. and 1½ cwts. new metal was not required it would be allowed for at the same rate

Summary	£ s d
Recast 1 ton 2 cwts. 1 qr. at £2-2-0 per cwt.	46. 14. 6
66 lbs. new metal to allow for wastage at 1/5	4. 13. 6
1½ cwts. new metal at £7-18-8	11. 18. 0
Crown staples, clappers & bolt ends	7. 0. 0

	£	s	d
Carriage of bells to & from Kingsbridge	1.	0.	0
Carriage to & from Kingsbridge & Foundry	6.	19.	0
Mens time rail fairs taking down & loading bells, and carriage of gear &c	3.	10.	0
	£81.	15.	0

Estimate (No. 2)

We will undertake to provide make and fix in the tower an English oak frame for four bells, the sizes of scantlings for frame to be the same as marked on plan ~~for~~ for five bells, the frame to be bolted together with about 25 long 3/4" bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through into the beams now fixed in the tower, all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates and the frame fixed clear from tower walls.

We will also hoist the four bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, stocks, stays sliders, pullies, steel gudgeons and gun-metal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and 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, new bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing floor with all necessary shutes, thimbles &c, fix a light iron guide about 14 feet up from bottom of tower, paint all the stocks, ironwork and following part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of all our material from here to Galmpton and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and to the satisfaction of

* with turned hard wood blocks for ropes to work in, so that distance between bottom floor and top floor is not greater and the ropes pulled away about two inches when ringing

anyone you like to appoint to inspect the work or try the gr of the bells, anyone that knows anything about Church Bellwork for the sum of Sixty Eight Pounds, Three Shillings. (£68-3-0.)

If you should care to have a chiming apparatus fitted to the 4 bells we would make & fit one for Five Pounds. (£5.) if fitted the same time as the other work.

We will make and fit a frame for five bells, similar to plan enclosed for Four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings. (£4-15-0) more than the four bell frame.

Estimate (No 3)

We will undertake to provide a fifth bell (a Treble) the bell to weigh 4 cwt. provide it with a clapper and staple and pay carriage of it to Galmpton for the sum of Thirty Four Pounds, Twelve Shillings (£34-12-0.). Any inscription put on it would be 3d per letter. if bell should weigh over 4 cwt. it would be charged for at 1/5d per lb. and if less, allowed for at the same rate.

We will also undertake to hoist this bell into its place in the tower and hang it with all new fittings as described in No 2 estimate for the sum of Nine Pounds, Eighteen Shillings. (£9-18-0.).

We will make and fit a chiming apparatus for five bells all complete for Six Pounds, Five Shillings. (£6-5-0.)

We remain Rev. Sir

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son.

H. S. & Son

Cheldon Bells June 5. 1913

To Rev. F. Hudson.
Cheriton Rectory

Rev. Sir.

If you provide the timber cut to the sizes required for the beams, floor and frame delivered to Cheldon Church for the 3 bell frame (Estimate No. 2) we will allow you the sum of Seventeen Pounds. for it, and for the 4 bell frame (Estimate No 3). the sum of Twenty Pounds.

We remain Rev Sir
Yours obediently
Harry Stokes Son

Woodbury School House

June 12. 1913

Rev. R. H. Neely.

Rev. Sir.

We will carry out the work at the School House in accordance with the specification given us for the sum of Seven Pounds, five Shillings (£7-5-0)

We remain

yours obediently

Harry Stokes Son

Lapford Church Bells

June 14. 1913

To the Rector, Churchwardens & Bell
Restoration Committee.

Gentlemen.

We will undertake to lower the six Bells from the tower & put them in some convenient place, take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams from the tower and provide and fix in in the tower five steel joists 10"x6" ea. 42 lbs. per foot, provide and lie on the bottom flange of the joists a good red deal floor 2" thick; provide, make and fix in the tower an independent cast iron frame for the six bells the frame to be bolted down to the joists and the frame to be made similar to the plan enclosed. the weight of the framing exclusive of the joists will be about 2 tons 18 cwt. and will be of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing. and it will be painted 3 coats, two before fixing and one after. We will also undertake to hoist the six bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, headstocks, stay rolders, pulley steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings. the gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the stocks and the gunmetal bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers ~~and thumb screws~~, all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn all the six bells, provide six 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 floor with all necessary pulleys. thimbles and pattines, paint

all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels three coats, repair and refit the present chiming apparatus and leave it in proper working order, pay carriage of our materials from here to Lapford 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 gr of the bells, anyone that knows anything about Church Bellwork for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Nine Pounds. (£149.0.0.) You to have the Clock, weights and hammers ~~sent to~~ taken off & refixed, and to have any masonry done that may be required before putting in any new work.

All the old woodwork to be your property and all the old bearings, ropes and ironwork to be ours.

Estimate No. 2. (Oak frame)

Gentlemen.

We will undertake to lower the six Bells from the tower and put them in some convenient place, take out the old fittings, frame, floor and beams from the tower and provide and fix in the tower five English Oak beams two 11"x8" ea and three 11"x9" ea; provide, make and fix in the tower a well seasoned English Oak frame, the sizes of the scantlings for the frame to be the same as marked on the plan enclosed, the frame to be bolted together with about 4-3 long 3/4" bolts and where convenient put them 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 lie on the beams and nail to them a good red deal floor 2" thick. We will also undertake to hoist the 6 bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, headstocks, stays rolides, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates, clip bolted to the stocks and the gunmetal 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 all the pit bells, provide 6 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 floor with all necessary shutes, thimbles, patrices & stays, paint all the ironwork, stocks and fellowing part of wheels three coats, repair and refit the present chiming apparatus and leave it in proper working order; pay carriage of our materials from here to Tapford 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 going of the bells, anyone that knows anything about Church Bellwork for the sum of £133-10-0 One Hundred and Thirty Three Pounds ten Shillings You to have the Clock seen to & the weights & hammers taken off & refixed and to have any masonry done that may be required before putting in any new work. All the old wood work to be your property, and all the old ironwork, bearings and ropes to be ours.

Lapford Church Bells

June 14. 1913

To the Rector, Churchwardens
& Bell Restoration Committee

Gentlemen.

When our Mr. Stokes, jr was at Lapford he was asked to send an opinion as to the merits of metal and wood frames. With regard to iron frames and steel joists we believe that they are more rigid than wood and there can be no shrinkage or getting out of level, but in an exposed Tower they would require painting about every five or six years.

With regard to oak frames we believe that if they are looked after for the first two or three years after they are fixed and all the bolts kept tightened up that an oak frame will keep very steady and that the Bells will go well on it and we know that an oak will last 150 years or more.

We would suggest that the plaster ceiling over the Clock be done away with altogether, it is very rotten and hardly safe to stand upon, a hole would have to be knocked through it to get the material and Bells up and down, it is not required and it only prevents the sound of the Bells coming down to the Ringers.

We remain
your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son.

Sent to Mr. Henry Page.
Wood Cottage, Lapford.

re Castle Morton Chimes Gloucester

June 16. 1913

To Mr. Kenneth Trotman,
12 May Street.
Exeter.

Dear Sir

We beg to quote you the following prices for the Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus fixed complete (including railway fares) at Castle Morton

Five Bells. £1-14-0 per Bell
Six Bells £1-13-0 do.
Eight Bells £1.11-0 do.

with open manual not fitted with door.
Provided it is all wood floors to bore through for the ropes and not stone groined ceilings, and our man and materials to be fetched from the nearest Railway Station and taken back on completion of the work

yours truly
Harry Stokes & Son

re S. Michael Caerhays Bells.

June 25. 1913

To the Rev. C. D. Rosling.

Rev. Sir.

As requested by you we have had your Church Bells examined and their fittings and framework. The 1st 2nd and 3rd bells are in very good tune with each other but the 4th 5th and 6th bells are very poor toned and a good bit out of tune especially the 5th & 6th, the 6th bell is at least a quarter of a note ~~sharp~~ out, they are worn very little at the sound bow where the clapper strikes and quarter turning them would not alter their tone. What we recommend is to take down all the pit bells and send them to the foundry, London and recast the 4th, 5th and 6th bells & have all the bells tuned with each other, you would then have a very nice peal of bells. The framework which carries the bells has been cut away in several places especially at the ends of the 3rd & 4th pits and this weakens it a good bit and it has already been bolted together to try & keep it steady, it is also jambed against the Tower wall in places, this ought not to be. We would recommend that the framework and fittings be cleared out and a new cast iron frame be put in entirely clear from the walls, as you will see by the plan enclosed, and the bells rehung with new fittings. The beams are in very good condition also the floor, and these beams with the addition of one new one could be used again, the ends of the beams on the west side only ~~just~~ rest on a bit of brickwork about 3" wide, in repitching them they ought to be corbeled out under to

give them at least 6" bearing. On going into the tower our Mr. Stokes. jr. found that the bells were set up on stay and on enquiry was told they were always left like it, it is a very dangerous practice especially in a Church that is always open, as strangers are liable to come in + handle the ropes.

Estimate No. 1.

We will undertake to lower the six bells from the tower and send them to the Foundry, London and get the 4th, 5th, and 6th bells recast, add what metal may be required to allow for wastage in recasting. and have all the six bells put in perfect tune with each other, provide new clappers crown staples, and bolt ends for the 4th, 5th and 6th bells, pay carriage to and from the Foundry and either Grampound Road or St. Austell Stations and pay all labour and travelling expenses for our men for the sum of Seventy Two Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£72-10-0).

You to fetch new stools from the Station and cart the bells to from the Station: Any inscription put on the bells will be 3d per letter extra.

Estimate No. 2

We will undertake to clear out the old frame and fittings from the tower and provide and fix one English oak beam 12"x7" and move and refit the four beams now in the tower to in their new positions; provide, make and fit on the beams an oak framing bed for six bells the sizes of scantling to be 7"+4"+7"+4½", and cut in between the bed and lie on and nail to the beams the present deal floor making good any that may be required;

old iron work, bearings & nuts. You to do all carting to & from the Station & pitch men & tools, and do any masonry that may be required. The masonry will be paid up the ends of the beams unless you wish to do anything to the tower walls, after the bells are cleared out

provide, make and fix in the tower on the bed an independent cast iron frame for six bells fixed clear from the tower walls and of sufficient strength and substance to resist the action of the bells when ringing, and painted three coats of paint two before fixing and one after, the frame to be bolted down to the bed and beams. We will also undertake to hoist the six bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, headstocks, stays and sliders, pullies, 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 hinged covers and bolted down to frame, all new ironwork to hang the bells with use the present ropes again and the shutes through which they pass and properly guide the ropes away from wheels to the ringing floor, alter the iron rope guides in the bottom of the tower as may be required, repair and refix the chiming apparatus, paint all the ironwork, head stocks and fellowing 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 to and from our workshops and either of the aforenamed stations and complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner and to the satisfaction of anyone you may like to appoint to inspect the work or try the go of the bells, anyone that knows anything about Church bell work for the sum of One Hundred and Thirty two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings. (£132-16-0).

All the old woodwork to be your property and the

Caerhays Castle Bell

June 25. 1913.

To Mr. Kneebone,
Caerhays Barton,
Gorran S.O.
Cornwall.

Dear Sir,

The framework which carries the bell is worn out and we would advise that a new oak framework be made for it similar to the sketches enclosed and covered with corrugated iron or zinc to protect it from the weather, the bell ought not to be used in its present condition or probably you will break off the canons or loops by which it is hung. a new clapper is also wanted for it. We would suggest that if we do any work to the Church Bells that you should while our men were there at work, supply the timber required and let one of our men fit it up and hang the Bell, or you could let one of your men make the framework under one of our mens supervision and our man could hang up the Bell, we would send down the axles & bearings for it

Yours faithfully
Harry Stokes & Son

re Vestry Room

June 25. 1913

To Mr. T. B. Lear.

Churchwarden.

Dear Sir

We will color walls & whiten ceilings two coats & paint all the woodwork on inside one coat & stop in cracks &c in the Vestry Room and Anteroom for the sum of £2.2.0

Yours truly

Harry Stokes & Son

re Crediton Church Bells.

July 2nd 1913

To the Governors of Crediton Church

Gentlemen.

We will undertake to carry out the proposed work of repair to the Bell frame and the rehanging of the peal of eight Bells in Crediton Church Tower in accordance with the Specification sent to us for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings (£152-16-0.)

We remain Gentlemen

your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son.

Lapford Church Bells

To Mr Henry Page

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter received this morning we beg to say that we are sorry that we cannot guarantee the oak only about 5 years felled, we have been enquiring about oak since we wrote you on June 26th and can get nothing beyond what we state what we used at Burrington was an exceptional lot and what was left of it has been already cut up to scantling the 5 years felling will not hurt but will do very well for a bell frame, and especially if it were cut up at once and stacked for a little while, there is not many bell frames made from oak felled 5 years it would be more like 3 or 4 years, with regard to the ~~clock~~ extra 1 and 2 clauses which you name we agree to them, with regard to the clock, the weights, hammers cranks, wires, pulleys would have to be taken out from tower, and we think it would be best to remove the clock altogether, we can carry out our work with it there, but we would not be answerable for it, and there would come to be some dust and dirt get into it we received the registered parcel quite safe, should be glad to receive an early answer to this

yours truly

H Stokes & Son

re Galmpton Church Bells

July 5. 1913

Rev. W R. Heal
Malborough Vicarage

Rev. Sir.

re Estimate No. 1

We will undertake to lower the 2nd bell from the Tower, take away the four Bells, pay carriage of them from Galmpton to the Foundry and get them recast into four new Bells of the following approximate weights notes viz:-

1st	4-1-0	Note G.
2nd	4-2-0	" D
3rd	5-2-0	" C
4th	7-0-0	" Bb

and supply new clappers and staples for them and pay carriage from the Foundry to Galmpton for the sum of

£64-10-6 ~~the~~ Sixty four Pounds, Ten Shillings & Sixpence

If the old Bells did not weigh 22¼ cwt. as estimated any metal added to make the new Bells the specified weight would be charged for at 1/5 per lb

Estimate No. 2

We will undertake to provide, make and fix in the Tower an oak framing bed for the four Bells, sizes of the scantling for bed to be 7" x 4½", the bed to be bolted down to the beams and floor; provide make and fix in the tower on the oak bed an independent cast iron frame for four bells, the frame to be of sufficient strength and substance to withstand the action of the Bells when ringing and the frame to be bolted down to the oak bed and beams with ¾" bolts, the frame to be painted three coats two before fixing and one after. We will also hoist the 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 gun-metal bearings. the steel gudgeons 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 ~~and thumb screws~~, all new iron-work to hang the bells with, new bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing floor with all necessary, shutes, thimbles &c. fix a light iron tube guide about 14-0 up from bottom of tower. paint all the stocks, iron-work and following part of wheels three coats. pay carriage of all our materials from here to Calmpton 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 Eighty Five Pounds. (£85-0-0.)

Estimate No. 3.

We will undertake to provide a fifth Bell to weigh about 3 cwt. 2 qrs. Note. provide it with a clapper and staple and pay carriage of it to Calmpton for the sum of Twenty Nine Pounds. Nineteen Shillings. (£29-19-0.) We will also undertake to provide and fix in the tower a new oak bed and cast iron frame for this Bell and hoist it into its place in the tower and hang it with all new fittings as described in Estimate No. 2 for the sum of Sixteen Pounds. Sixteen Shillings and Sixpence (£16-16-6.)

Estimate No. 4.

We will undertake to provide a fifth Bell to weigh about 3cwt. 1qr Note G., provide it with a clapper and staple and pay carriage of it to Galmpton for the sum of Twenty Eight Pounds. (£28-0-0). We will also undertake to provide and fix in the tower a new oak bed and cast iron frame for this Bell and hoist it into its place in the tower and hang it with all new fittings as described in Estimate No. 2 for the sum of Sixteen Pounds. Sixteen Shilling and Sixpence. (£16-16-6).

The prices in Estimates 3 and 4 are to carry out the work at the same time as Estimate No. 2. Any inscriptions put on the Bells will be 3d. per letter. If either of these Bells should be heavier or lighter than 3cwt. 1qr. and 3cwt. 2qrs. respectively they would be either charged for or allowed for at 1/5 per lb.

Estimate No 5. We will make and fix the Chiming Apparatus for six Bells for Seven Pounds. Ten Shilling. (£7-10-0.)

The following are the Notes & Weights of the six Bells. and the Summary of Estimates

1st	3-1-0	Note	G
2nd	3-2-0	"	F
3rd	4-1-0	"	E♭
4th	4-2-0	"	D
5th	5-2-0	"	C
6th	7-0-0	"	B♭
tons	1-8-0-0		

Summary	£ s d
Estimate 1.	64-10-6
" 2	85-0-0
" 3	29-19-0
	16-16-6
" 4	28-0-0
	16-16-6
" 5	7-10-0
	£248-12-6

Chagford Church Bells.

July 11. 1913

To W. D. Carôe Esq.
3 Great College Street.
Westminster S.W.

Sir.

We will undertake to take the eight Bells down from Chagford Church Tower and get them recast into a peal of eight Bells of the same total weight as at present which we estimate is about 3 tons 5 cwts. the new peal of Bells will be about the following sizes, weights and notes viz:-

1st	2-4¼	dia.	5 cwt.	Note 7
2nd	2-5½	"	5¼ "	" 6
3rd	2-6¾	"	5¾ "	" D
4th	2-8¾	"	6½ "	" C
5th	2-11¼	"	7¾ "	" B♭
6th	3-1	"	8¾ "	" a.
7th	3-4	"	11 "	" G.
8th	3-9	"	15 "	" F.

provide new clappers and crown staples for them and pay carriage of them to and from Chagford and the Foundry, we will guarantee that the new Bells will be in perfect tune and with perfectly concordant harmonies. We will also undertake to take out the old fittings, frame and floor from the tower, and provide and fix two English oak beams 12×12 ea. under the ends of the existing five beams; provide, make, and fix in the tower an English oak frame for the eight Bells, the frame to be made similar to the plan enclosed and bolted together with about 50. ¾ bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through the main beams also, the joints

* provide and fit a 2" read deal floor cut in between the bell frame and nailed to the beams.

of bottom part of frame to be secured with stout strap plates & bolts, and the joints of top part of frame secured with wrot. iron angle plates. the sizes of scantling for frame to be the same as marked on plan.* We will hoist the eight Bells into their places in the tower and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- Wheels, head-stocks, stays & slides pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, ironwork, ropes, shutes, patrices, thimbles, paint all the ironwork, stocks and felloeing part of wheels three coats, pay carriage of all our materials from here to Chagford and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the whole work to your satisfaction for the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Two Pounds, Eight Shillings and Sixpence (£352-8-6).

We will provide and fix a chiming apparatus to the eight Bells, using the eyeboard which is now in the bottom of the tower for the sum of

We will provide and fix in place of the five old beams now in the tower, five new English oak beams three 12"x9" ea and two 12"x10" ea. for the sum of Fifteen Pounds, Ten Shillings. (£15-10-0)

Neither of the aforenamed sums include ~~any masonry work, and we have not included~~ anything for making new iron rope guides or refixing ~~the iron rope guides~~ those now in bottom of tower, the guides now there would have to be altered or new ones made & we thought you would probably design something different for them, neither do they include for any masonry or anything to do with the Clock.

Chagford St- Michaels

July 11. 1913

To W. D. Caröe Esq.
3. Great College Street,
Westminster S.W.

Sir.

We beg to enclose our tender for the above Bells. On examining the fittings now on the Bells, we found that we could not use any of them again as they would not suit the Bells when they were recast. We strongly recommend you to have the five new beams put in, it would then be a perfect job, you would find that it would not be else, there is no shape in the old beams they are neither straight or square besides being very badly decayed at the ends

We remain
Your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son

Lansallos (old metal)

July 14. 1913

To the Rev. L. Wilkinson

Rev. Sir,

The old metal has arrived at the Foundry and the Founders return the weight as 10 cwt. Between the time we purchased the metal from you and its arrival at the Foundry there has been a great drop in the metal market and unless you can meet us we stand to lose £4-6-2 by the deal, instead of making a profit besides the expense of writing you twice to see the metal. We have enclosed the letter we received from the Founders yesterday morning so you can see what they pay. Please return the enclosed letter when you have done with it. Trusting to receive a favourable reply from you

We remain

yours obediently

Harry Stokes Son

Galmpton Church Bells.

July 23. 1913

To Rev. W. R. Heal,
Malborough Vicarage
Kingsbridge

Rev. & sir.

We thank you for your letter re above Bells. Our estimate of July 5th for metal frame for four Bells and hanging four Bells is £85-0-0, if you have the metal frame made for six Bells it will be £12-13-0 more making a total of £97-13-0. Recasting the Bells as per estimate of the same date is £64-10-6.

Our estimate for oak frame for four Bells and hanging four Bells is £68-3-0, if you have the oak frame made for six Bells it will be £11-15-0 more making a total of £79-18-0. This £11-15-0 is a good bit more than double the price for increasing the oak frame to five Bells on account of having to make a different kind and shape frame for the six Bells than we should make for five Bells.

The £16-16-0 per Bell for new 1st & 2nd Bells includes fittings for the Bells and hanging them also the extra framework

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

29th

Mr T. Woods. Cowsheds &c, July 29. 1913

To Mr. W. Palmer.

Dear Sir

We will carry out the work to be done at Mr. T. Woods. Bridgepit Farm, Woodbury as per your plan & specifications for the sum of Ninety Two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings. (£92-16-0.)

Yours truly

Harry Stokes & Son

		£	s	d
Excavate foundations	123-0 × 2-0 × 1-3	12 c.yds at 8/		8	0
do. for Building	35-0 × 20-0 × 2-0	52 c.yds. at 8/	1	14	8
do. for Yard	36-0 × 32-3 × 2-0	86 c.yds. at 8/	2	17	4
Concrete under floors	4 c.yds.	at 12/-	2	8	0
16½ perch of 9" brickwork at		8/6	7	0	3
110-0 run of double rounds on edge set in cement		4½	2	1	3
51 sq.yds. of brick flooring set in cement & sea gravel including gutters		at 2/3	5	14	9
8-0 of brick on edge steps in cement		4/		2	8
119-0 × 8-0 of studding & boarding & labor nails only				..	..
48-0 × 4-0 do. do. in gables				..	..
11½ squares at 10/6			6	0	9
21. ½" bolts for bolt down sills		at 6/		10	6
Roofing	12½ squares at	£1-8-0	17	10	0
30 crease at 4/				10	0
Hanging tiles 12½ sq. at 2/-			1	5	0
1100 Bridgwater Triple Tiles delivered on site		£1-0-0 per 100	11	0	0
Cart shed doors 10-0 × 5-6 = 75-0 at 7/			2	3	9
2 doors 7-0 × 4-0 ea. 56-0 at 8/			1	17	4
4 sets of hangings & handles			1	2	0
Hanging cart shed doors & put in post				7	0
do. 2 doors				6	0
		forward	£64	19	3

		£	s	d
forward		64	19	3
3 hit & miss windows 3'-0" × 4'-6" ea. 44 sf. at 2/1		4	11	8
30 yds. run of 4½" ½rd. gutter at 1/-		1	10	0
4 nozzles	1/3		5	0
8 stop ends	3d		2	0
4. 2½" × 12 swan necks	2/3		9	0
4. 6 ft. of 2½" R.W. Pipe	2/9		11	0
4 bars			5	0
fitting 42 yds. of gutter & R.W.P.	4/2		15	9
red lead for jointing			1	0
20 plinth cramps	4d		6	8
16 pipe nails & gutter bolts			1	0
making 4 cow bales, & nails			6	0
fitting cribbing, & nails			4	0
3 staples & rings for cow chains			3	0
make & fit manger, & nails			4	6
make & fit stall board			8	0
2 staples & rings				8
150 sq. yds. of creosote	2d	1	5	0
50 sq. yds of 3 coat painting	8d	1	13	4
1 extra partition 1¾ sq. at 10/6			18	4
	£	79	0	2
Excavate for boundary wall 42'-3" × 2'-0" × 1'-3" 5 c. yds	8d		3	4
Boundary wall 16 perch q" work at 8/-		6	8	0
Pebbles for filling back of wall, & earting			10	0
Excavate Roadway 43'-0" × 12'-0" × 3'-0", 57 c. yds.	8d	1	18	0
Fit in 2 posts & hang gate			6	0
1 set of gate ironwork			1	9
	£	88	7	3
add 5%	£	4	8	9
	£	92	16	0

re Chelsea Church Bells.

August 1. 1913

To Rev. F. Hudson,
Chawleigh Rectory,

Rev. Sir,

We thank you for your letter received this morning. We have been through our estimates and we are sorry that we cannot accept your offer of £100 to carry out estimates Nos. 1. 2 & 4. The prices we sent you were the lowest we could possibly do in order to carry out the work in a proper manner. With regard to extras the one ~~of~~ at end of estimate No. 1 for inscriptions we would cut out, ~~and the one at~~ and also the one at the end of No 5 estimate for masonry ~~would still remain~~ Our price will then be £106-5-0 without any extras.

We remain Rev. Sir
yours obediently
Harry Stokes & Sons
H. S. jr.

Yealmpton Church Bells

August 2. 1913

To the Rev. H. D. Warner.

Rev. Sir.

Our Mr. Stokes. Sen. met Mr. Jenkins in Yealmpton Church Tower and examined the frame and fittings of the Bells. he then told Mr. Jenkins and explained to him that the frame and fittings could not be fixed up again, and that the wheels might be fit to be used again but he could not say for certain until they were taken down from the Tower. We therefore enclose to you ~~two~~ three separate estimates one for taking down the Bells and the old fittings and frame and one for a new oak frame and fittings for six Bells and new sixteen wheels. We have not included anything for new oak beams and a floor for the bellchamber, this would be arranged for by the Architect, we have shown the position of the beams in our ~~frame~~ plan.

Estimate (No. 1)

We will undertake to lower the six Bells from the Tower and put them out into the Churchyard and load them in a waggon so that you can put them in some place out of the way. take down the old fittings. frame. floor and beams and put them out into the Churchyard. carefully taking off the wheels and the chiming apparatus for the sum of Nine Pounds. Five Shillings. (£9. 5". 0).

Estimate (No. 2)

We will undertake to provide make and

fit in the Tower an English Oak frame for fit bells, the sizes of the scantlings for the frame to be the same as marked on the plan sent and the frame to be bolted together with about 42 long 3/4" bolts, the bolts where convenient to go down through into the main beams. all the joints of frame to be secured with stout strap plates, we will also undertake to hoist the bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with new fittings viz:- Stocks, stays, sliders, ground pulleys, steel gudgeons, and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks, and the bearings fitted into iron carriages and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws and screwed down to frame. all new ironwork to hang the bells with. quarter turn the tenor bell, put the quarter staples now in the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th bells in proper order and put all the clappers in proper order and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of best made bell ropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary shutes, stays, thimbles and patrices, repair and refix the chiming apparatus and leave it in proper working order. paint all the ironwork and clocks three coats of paint. pay carriage of all of our materials from here to Yealmpton and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work to your entire satisfaction for the sum of One Hundred and Seven Pounds. Fifteen Shillings (£107.15.0.).

Estimate No. 3.

If after the pit wheels are taken down from

the tower it is found that they cannot be used again we will make and fit up new ones for the sum of Eight Pounds. Five Shillings (£8-5-0).

If in case the prices of materials be altered in anyway by the time that the tower was ready to ~~recive~~ take the bells we should then probably want to revise our estimates.

If you would prefer to have an iron frame, ~~and part~~ with steel joists under it and not use any oak at all we should be pleased to give you an estimate for it. You will have to take out of the tower before moving the bells. The Clock will

We remain Rev. Sir
your obedient servants
Harry Stokes & Son
H.S. jr

Dulce Church Bells.

Aug. 6. 1913

To Rev. M. D. Barrington Ward.

Rev. Sir.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of Cheque value £10. for which we thank you. With regard to the big bell going too far backward we take it that it "sets" in too far when the bells are up in play, if so, that can be easily remedied and we will let one of our men run over from S. Neots, we commence work there next week. With regard to the 3rd bell being out of tune it has always been like that since cast in 1869, it has nothing to do with the carillon, the bell was never a good match, and we do not tune bells which is a special work. We doubt if the bell could be altered without recasting, the bells do not sound nearly as bad when ringing as when the carillon is used

Yours obediently
Harry Stokes & Son.

Aug. 12. 1913

Rev. Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. we beg to say that we have consulted an expert who does our tuning and he says that he could tune the bell in the tower if we let him have one of our men to help him with the cutting, the bell being almost a semitone too sharp it will take some time to get the note down. We could get it tuned, if done during the next three weeks while our men are at S. Neots for the sum of £6-15-0. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are likely to have it done

H. Stokes & Son

Lapford Bells

Contract made this 14th day of August One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen Between Messrs. H. Stokes & Son of Woodbury (hereinafter called the Contractors) of the one part and the Rector and Church Wardens of Lapford together with Messrs. A. England, J. Horrill, H. Page and W. Snell of Lapford (hereinafter called the Committee) of the other part — By Which the Contractors agree with the Committee to undertake to lower the Six Bells in the Parish Church of Lapford from the Tower and put them in some convenient place take out the old fittings frame floor and beams from the Tower and provide and fix in the Tower five English Oak beams two of which shall be 11"x8" ea. and the other three 11"x9" each. provide make and fix in the Tower a well seasoned English oak frame the sizes of the scantlings for the frame to be the same as marked on the plan attached the frame to be bolted together with about 43 (forty three) long 3/4" bolts and where convenient put them down through into the main beams all the joints of frame to be secured with stout straps plates provide and cut in between the sills of frame and lie on the beams a good red deal floor 2" thick The Contractors also undertake to hoist the six Bells into their places in the new frame and hang them with all new fittings complete viz:- wheels, headstocks, stays and sliders, pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates clip bolted to the

stocks and the gunmetal bearings fitted into iron carriages screwed down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers and thumb screws all new iron work to hang the bells with, quarter turn all the six bells, provide six new clappers and properly hang them in the bells provide a new set of Bellropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber floor with all necessary shutes, thimbles, patrees &c to paint all the ironwork stocks and felloeing part of wheels 3 coats, repair and refix the present chiming apparatus and leave it in proper working order to pay carriage of their (the Contractors) materials from Woodbury to Lapford and all travelling expenses for their men and to complete the work in a workmanlike and satisfactory manner for the sum of £133-10-0 (One Hundred and Thirty three Pounds, Ten Shillings)

All oak used to have been felled at least Twelve Years. The said Contractors also undertake that in rehanging the Bells they will replace them in the same position they now occupy so as not to interfere with the striking of the Clock. The said Committee undertake to have the Clock removed from the Tower and refixed also to have any masonry done that may be required before putting in any new work. All the old woodwork shall be the property of the Committee and all the old iron work bearings and ropes shall be the Property of the Contractors.

No work to be paid for as extra or day work unless such work is ordered in writing by the Committee or by anyone authorised by them.

The work herein mentioned is to be entirely completed within from the signing

of this Contract and if it shall not be so completed a sum of Four Pounds per week for each week beyond the stipulated time for completion shall be deducted as damages from the sum due to the Contractors

The Contractors must take upon themselves the entire responsibility of all means of carrying out the work for the contract and must run all risks of accidents to the Tower, the Bells, the work and workmen, all damage or failure of the work from whatsoever causes they may arise until the completion of the Contract and keep and leave the work in good repair.

The Contractors agree to keep the frames in order for one year after completion free of charge and will send once a year afterwards by being paid for a mans time and railway fares.

The whole of the work to be carried out and the go of the Bells to meet the satisfaction of Mr. Edwin Shepherd, 160 St. Sidwell Street, Exeter.

And on the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the said Mr. Edwin Shepherd the committee agree to pay the Contractors the sum of £120= and within 3 months of such payment the committee further agree to pay the balance due to the Contractors

In witness whereof the Parties have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written

for Harry Stokes & Son
H Stokes Jr

Witness
W. C Abbot
Ironmonger
Woodbury

Estimate (No. 4)

Yealmpton Church Bells.

Aug. 21. 1913

To Rev. H. D. Warner.

Rev. Sir,

We will undertake to provide and fit in the tower four steel joists 10"x6" ea. weight 42lbs. per foot, and make and fit in the tower a cast iron frame for the six bells, the frame to weigh about 5 cwts. and to be of sufficient substance to withstand the action of the bells when ringing, and bolt the frame down to the steel joists abovementioned ~~and which would be fixed in the tower~~, paint the joists and frame 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 new fittings viz:- stocks, stays & sliders ground pulleys, steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings, the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks and the bearings fitted into pedestal carriages bolted down to frame and fitted with iron hinged covers all new ironwork to hang the bells with, quarter turn the tenor bell, put the quarter staples now in the 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th bells in proper order, put all the clappers in proper order and properly hang them in the bells, provide a new set of best made bellropes and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary shutes, stays, thimbles and patrices, repair and refit the chiming apparatus and leave it in proper working order, paint all the ironwork and stocks three coats, pay carriage of all our materials from here to Yealmpton and all travelling expenses for our men and complete the work to your entire satisfaction for the sum of £ One Hundred and

Thirty Eight Pounds. Fifteen Shillings
(£138-15-0.)

If after the wheels are taken down from the tower it is found that they cannot be used again we will make and fit up new ones for the sum of Eight Pounds. Five Shillings (£8-5-0.).

If in case the prices of materials is altered in anyway by the time that the tower was ready to take the bells we should then probably want to revise our estimates

We would suggest that you have a floor and joists put in the tower about 2'-0" under the bottom part of the steel joists with a trap door under the 6 bells 3'-6 square so that anyone could get under the bells and framework for painting oiling &c. this floor joists are not included in our estimates.

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

Church-Seats Aug. 26. 1913

To the Rev. J. L. Fulford.

Rev. Sir.

The cost of seats for Wordbury Church made in best Austrian Oak will be as follows

Centre block

1 piece of front paneling 15'-6" long with paneling down to floor will be about £10-0-0

1 ordinary seat 15'-6" long with paneling down to seat only will be about £11-5-0

1 back seat 15'-6" long with paneling down to floor will be about £13-5-0

South block

1 piece of front paneling 9'-0" long with paneling down to floor will be about £8-4-0

1 ordinary seat 9'-0" long with paneling down to seat only will be about £8-15-0

1 back seat 9'-0" long with paneling down to floor will be about £10-16-0

North-block

1 front paneling 6'-9" long with paneling down to floor will be about £6-2-0

1 ordinary seat 6'-9" long with paneling down to seat only will be about £8-8-0.

Yours obediently

Harry Stokes & Son

Chagford. S. Michaels

August 28-1913

To W. D. Carôe. Esq.
3 Great College Street
Westminster S.W.

Sir.

We beg to submit to you as requested, our separate prices for the work in connection with the bells of the above Church.

		£ s d
No. 1	Protect clocks	1-10-0
2.	Recast the bells	168-6-3
3.	Inscriptions	No charge
4.	Fittings	65-7-4
5.	New frame beams	74-0-4
	Extra beams	15-10-0
6	Hanging the bells	40-18-7
7	Bell ropes	4-16-0
8	Chiming apparatus	10-0-0
9	Oak floor	8-12-6
		£389-1-0

In the above prices under No. 4 we have allowed for eight new wheels and eight new headstocks as we could not use any of the present ones again, because they would not come the right sizes

We remain

Your obedient servants

Harry Stokes & Son.

Gillbrook House (Painting) Aug. 30. 1913

To Mr. E. Ware,

Dear Sir

We will clean off all the woodwork of doors windows, barges &c take out all loose putty clean of shutting and paint all the woodwork, windows shutting &c on the outside of Gillbrook House two coats for the sum of £8-0-0.

Any repairs you may like to have done will be extra

Yours truly

Harry Stokes & Son

Yealmpton Church Bells Sep. 2. 1913

To Mr. C. H. Jenkin.
Manor Office
Yealmpton

Question	Reply
What amount must be added to your tender if it is decided to have the Bells retuned on the Canon Simpson principle?	Bells would have to go to London and the total cost of carriage and tuning will be £20-10-0
What amount have you allowed in your tender for repairing & refitting chiming apparatus?	£5-10-0

Thrushelton Church Bells Sep. 9. 1913

To Rev. E. T. Newman.
The Vicarage.
Marystowe,

Rev Sir.

Estimate No. 1

We will undertake to take the five bells and the old fittings, framework, floor and beams down from the Tower for the sum of Seven Pounds. (£7-0-0.).

Estimate No. 2

We will undertake to place four of the bells out into the Churchyard and put a shed around them and roof over them made of corrugated iron, using some of the old framework for corner posts, and we will also hang one of the bells up on some stretting so that it can be sounded for the services for the sum of Four Pounds, Five Shillings (£4-5-0.).

Estimate No. 3

We will undertake to provide and fix in the Tower four steel girders to carry the bottom frame and bells, these girders to be 8"x6" - 30 lbs. per foot, and provide, make and fix on these girders a cast iron frame for three bells - 1st, 2nd, & 5th - the frame to be bolted down to the girders with 5/8" bolts and to be of sufficient strength and substance to withstand the action of the bells when ringing, and fixed clear of the Tower walls as you will see by plan enclosed, we will also provide and fix on the lower flange of girders a good deal floor 2" thick, we will also provide and fix five steel girders 6"x5" ea. 24½ lbs. per foot - to carry the two top bells, the 3rd & 4th, - two of these girders run from N to W and would be let into the walls the other three would run from N to S and be bolted to the bottom two girders, provide, make and fix a cast iron frame to carry

the two top bells and bolt it to the three top girders. all the girders and frames to be painted three coats. two before fixing and one after.

We will hoist the five bells into their places in the tower and hang them in the frame with new fittings as follows:- Wheels. stocks, stays and sliders. pulleys. steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings. the steel gudgeons fitted into iron bed plates and clip bolted to the stocks. and the bearings fitted into iron pedestal carriages fitted with iron hinged covers and bolted down to frame, all new ironwork to hang the bells with. quarter turn all the bells and put new quarter staples in them. provide five new clappers and properly hang them in the bells, use the same ropes again that are now there and properly guide them away from wheels to ringing chamber with all necessary shute. patrices and metal thimbles. provide and fix a light iron stay guide for ropes in bottom part of Tower fitted with turned hard wood blocks for ropes to work in. paint all the ironwork, stocks, and fellowing part of wheels three coats 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 it for the sum of One Hundred and Seventeen Pounds. Ten Shillings (£117-10-0). All the old ironwork and bearings to be our property.

Harry Stokes & Son

Sept^r 9^th 1913

W^m S. Smedley
West Street
Ashburton

Dear Sir

The cost of the bell ropes (best make) will be
11.9^d each, 60 ft long carriage paid to Ashburton

H. Stokes & Son

Hemyock Louvres

2 pieces Oak 5"2 high 3 x 2½

26 - leaves 1"3 long ⅞ x ¾ Oak

15.0
1.0.0
12.0
5.0
2.12.0

138"12.0
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6.5.0
19"8.6

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Memorandum.

FROM **Harry Stokes & Son,**

CHURCH BELL HANGERS,

WOODBURY, R.S.O.,
DEVON.

July 7. 1913

To J. Moulton-Barrett. Esq.
Lowerfield.
Lapford.

Sir.

re Lapford Bells.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. We have today been to the sawmills of Mr. Edwin Harris at Clyst Hydon ~~where we purchased the oak that was used at Burrington. and where we have for a good many years past had all of our oak for bellframes.~~ and bought some oak of first class quality and which has been felled for twelve years or more.

By giving Mr. Harris ~~a few days or two~~ notice he will be very pleased to show the trees which are now lying in his yard. The reason why we only said 8 years was because we wrote to another firm & asked them how long their oak had been felled & they would only guarantee 8 years. Apologising for any trouble we have caused

Yrs Stokes & Son