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Testimonials
TO
JOHN TAYLOR & Co.,
Bell Founders,
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.



The New Tenor Bell of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.
Weight 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

TESTIMONIALS.

St. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN.

A new ring of ten bells. Tenor, $45\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

MESSRS. J. TAYLOR & Co. of Loughborough were commissioned to cast and hang the very fine peal of ten bells which was presented to St. Patrick's Cathedral, by Lord Iveagh two years ago. The weight of the tenor is $45\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., and that of the whole peal, $476\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

I have much pleasure in stating that the bells have given universal satisfaction, not only as regards tone and tune, but also as regards the admirable manner in which they have been hung, of which the experience of more than a year has led our ringers to form a most favourable estimate.

HENRY JELLETT, Dean.

Feb. 13th, 1899.

KENDAL TOWN HALL, Co. WESTMORLAND.

A new chime of eleven. Weight of tenor, $44\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

KENDAL,
Feb. 21st, 1899.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in stating that the chime of eleven bells erected in the Clock Tower of Kendal Town Hall in 1897 in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee give every satisfaction, and are a source of pride to the inhabitants.

The tenor, $44\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., on which the hour is struck is especially a fine deep toned bell, and its rich booming sound can be heard at a great distance. The other ten bells on which chimes are played every quarter-hour, and tunes every three hours, are very sweet and musical, and in correct tune with the Tenor, and are listened to with pleasure whenever they are sounding.

The bells are very ingeniously hung, the tower being rather small for them, and the workmanship seems very good and durable.

Yours truly,

J. WILSON, (Alderman),
Chairman, Town Hall Committee.

St. MARY'S, BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

A new ring of ten Tenor, 35 cwt.

St. MARY'S VICARAGE, BEVERLEY,
Jan. 25th, 1901.

DEAR SIR,

The peal of ten bells which you have cast for us and placed in the Tower of St. Mary's, Beverley, is in every way satisfactory.

The bells are very melodious, perfectly in tune, and very effective.

I am, Yours truly,

ROBERT FISHER.

NEWRY R.C. CATHEDRAL, Co. ARMAGH.

A new chime of eight. Tenor, $32\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

PAROCHIAL HOUSE,
NEWRY, IRELAND,
Feb. 5th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

The chime of bells that you fixed in the Tower of Newry Cathedral some short time ago, continue to give the utmost satisfaction to all who hear them. To hear them chiming is very pleasant.

THOS. MCGIVERN, Bishop.

IOWA STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, AMES, IOWA, U.S.A.

A new chime of ten. Tenor, 32 cwt.

[Copy of letter to S. C. McFarland, Esq., United States Consul,
Nottingham.]

CASTLE GATE, NOTTINGHAM,
Sept. 20th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in reporting to you the result of my visit to the Bell Foundry of Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, on behalf of the authorities of the Iowa State Agricultural College, as authorised by you.

The bells are in my opinion of quite unusual excellence; the tone is resonant, full and mellow. Even when quite close to them there is no element of harshness, while from a little distance they are very pure and sympathetic.

I tested them fully in many ways;—single notes, intervals of thirds (major and minor), fifths, etc., and testify that they are in perfect tune.

The proportion of copper and tin adopted by Messrs. Taylor & Co. is practically that specified by Lord Grimthorpe, the greatest authority on the subject. In this instance it is 13 to 4.

For chiming, the Ellacombe Apparatus is to be adopted. It was fully explained to me and seems admirable.

In concluding this report I must not omit mention of the courtesy and attention shewn me by Messrs. Taylor & Co., who were most anxious that I should test the bells in every possible way as regards tune; which I did to the full, and I have no hesitation in saying that these bells are among the finest I have ever listened to.

(Signed),

ARTHUR PAGE, F.R.C.O.,
Examiner to the Incorporated Society of Musicians;
Hon. General Treasurer and Member of the
General Council; Local Examiner for the Royal
College of Music; Organist and Choir Master of
St. Mary's Church, Nottingham.

St. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEDFORD.

A new ring of ten (except the 9th). Weight of Tenor, 28½ cwt.

St. PAUL'S CHURCH, BEDFORD.

Feb. 17th, 1899.

We have great pleasure in testifying to the very great success attending the recent re-casting of the old peal of eight bells, and the adding of two new trebles, thus making a ring of ten for the tower of St. Paul's Church, Bedford. The work was undertaken and successfully carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The bells are much admired for their sweetness and quality of tone; and the peal is pronounced by several noted ringers, who have taken part in 'touches' on the bells since their completion, to be one of the finest in the country.

LAMBERT WOODARD, Vicar.
THOMAS BULL, Churchwarden.

NEWTOWN TOWN HALL, Co. MONTGOMERY.

Hour and four quarter bells. Hour bell, 28½ cwt.

NEWTOWN, NORTH WALES.

Jan. 24th, 1901.

DEAR SIR,

I am pleased to tell you that the bells provided by you for the Public Clock recently presented by Miss Briscoe to Newtown have given every possible satisfaction to the inhabitants, and are much admired by all who hear them.

Yours truly,

EDW. POWELL,

Agent for Miss Briscoe.

HEAVITREE, DEVONSHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Weight of tenor, 25½ cwt.

FORT VILLA, SOUTH WIMBORNE

26th December, 1897.

MR. J. W. TAYLOR.

"HEAVITREE PEAL OF EIGHT."

DEAR SIR,

The peal was rung most successfully at the Dedication Service, on Friday evening, and at its conclusion for two hours, and they gave the most complete satisfaction to every one who heard them, *then* and *since*. All are satisfied and delighted with the clear note of each bell, and of the whole when performed upon in change ringing, causing a universal pleasure and delight to the Parishioners. The ringers were selected from three sets, viz., St. Sidwell's, St. David's and St. Edmund's (Exeter) Churches, and they rang again yesterday (Xmas morning), and this evening 1½ hours before evening service, in the most faultless manner, bringing out the sweet melodious tones of the bells in occasional volume and rich cadence of music, alternately.

To me it has been an inspiration of gladness and joy to have heard everyone so delighted and full of praise of them, after my nine months of silent anxiousness and toil, and for all to have come to such a splendid and gratifying success.

Wishing you the compliments of the present season, and that the coming year may be a bright and prosperous one,

I remain, yours sincerely,

ALFRED BROOKING.

9, SALUTARY MOUNT, HEAVITREE, EXETER.

December 27th, 1897.

DEAR SIR,

As the Donor of one of the bells, I must write and thank you for the very fine and most beautiful bells which you have put up for us. I never heard any so beautiful and melodious for their weight; they certainly reflect the highest credit on yourselves. A Band of some of the Exeter guilds rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on them yesterday in 50 minutes, and it was a great treat. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours truly,

R. G. BAKER.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HULL, YORKSHIRE.

A new ring of ten. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

YORKSHIRE BANKING COMPANY, LD.,

YORK,

Jan. 22nd, 1901.

DEAR SIR,

During the time I held the position of Warden of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, I have the pleasure of saying that the old bells were recast and a new peal of ten hung in their place. The work was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., the well-known firm of Bell Founders, at Loughborough.

I am glad to say that for purity of tone I feel sure they cannot be surpassed. I have heard a large number of bells and have given considerable attention to all matters connected with them, but none, in my opinion, are to be compared to the 25½ cwt. tenor bell of this peal.

C. R. MOXON.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

A new ring of eight, also three extra half-tones. Weight of tenor, 23½ cwt.

FROM THE REV. CANON RUSSELL,

THE VICARAGE, TODMORDEN,

October 21st, 1898.

MESSRS. TAYLOR,

GENTLEMEN,

I shall always be pleased to speak most highly of the excellent work you did in the belfry of our Parish Church here. The bells and their fittings continue to give us all every satisfaction.

It is not merely the ease with which even the heaviest of the peal is swung, but the sweetness and fulness of the tone of them all, that ringers and their friends all alike admire.

I do not think that we could possibly have had the work better done than it was done by you, and I have no hesitation in saying so, or in allowing you to make use of my testimony.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD J. RUSSELL.

ARKLOW, Co. WICKLOW, IRELAND.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

FROM THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF CARYSFORT.

ELTON HALL,

PETERBOROUGH,

Jan. 29th, 1901.

DEAR SIR,

The peal of eight bells which you made for me for St. Saviour's Church, Arklow, has given the greatest satisfaction.

They have an excellent tone, which I think rather improves with use.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CARYSFORT.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, 21½ cwt.

PARKFIELD, HALLOW,

WORCESTER.

FROM MRS. C. WHEELEY-LEA.

Jan. 23rd, 1901.

TO MESSRS. J. TAYLOR & Co.

DEAR SIR,

It gives me very great pleasure to add my testimony to the excellent work which has been done for Hallow Church by you.

The peal of eight bells is satisfactory in every respect, and I hear on all sides of the vicinity unlimited praise of the fine sweet tone of the bells; while the interest and pleasure they give to the Hallow parishioners, the Cathedral ringers, and many others, proves to me that I could not have done better than entrust the work to you.

Yours faithfully,

AMY M. WHEELEY-LEA.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, $19\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

STANLEY GRANGE,
HOUGHTON, PRESTON,
Jan. 24th, 1901.

GENTLEMEN,

Mrs. Crook is very pleased with the peal of eight bells which she gave to Samlesbury Church, and it is remarked by many people that they are the best for miles around.

MITFORD, NORTHUMBERLAND.

A new chime of eight. Tenor, $17\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

MITFORD VICARAGE,
MORPETH,
Jan. 21th, 1901.

GENTLEMEN,

Mrs. J. P. O. Mitford has sent me your letter and asks me to express the opinion of the parish on the new peal of bells. I think that we all value the peal extremely, finding it a very great improvement on the old bells, possessing greater richness of tone and carrying much further.

Yours faithfully,
R. C. MACLEOD.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, $16\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THE VICARAGE,
MALVERN LINK,
Oct. 22nd, 1900.

DEAR MR. TAYLOR,

Now that our belfry seems to be complete with clock, chimes, and striker, it seems convenient that I should write to you to say how entirely pleased we are with the ring of eight bells you have made us. They have been rung twice in my hearing, and the tone and tune is very sound and sweet, especially, I think, the smaller bells deserving of high commendation. The treble and No. 2 speak out very fair and clear.

Yours faithfully,
ARCHIBALD DAY.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A ring of eight. Tenor, $16\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

HUGGLESCOTE VICARAGE,
LEICESTER,
Jan. 23rd, 1901.

In August last year our peal of eight bells was dedicated. One bell had been previously placed in the tower by Mr. Taylor: the seven were new. The bells are very beautiful, and are very much admired. As honourable men of business Messrs. Taylor are most pleasant to deal with.

HENRY E. BROUGHTON,
Vicar of Hugglescote and Rural Dean.

NORTON, Nr. SHEFFIELD.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, $15\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

NORTON VICARAGE, Nr. SHEFFIELD,
February 2nd, 1897.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in sending you cheque for enclosed a/c. The bells continue to give much satisfaction. Great credit is due to your firm for the excellent way in which the casting, tuning and hanging of the bells have been carried out.

Yours truly
G. W. HALL.

SEDBERGH, YORKSHIRE

A new ring of eight. Tenor, $15\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

SEDBERGH VICARAGE, YORKSHIRE,
December 4th, 1897.

DEAR SIR,

The bells are very satisfactory and give great pleasure.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS S. GUY.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

A new ring of six. Tenor, $14\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

THE VICARAGE,
BOLSOVER, CHESTERFIELD,
February 8th, 1899.

GENTLEMEN,

The new peal of six bells that you fixed in the belfry of Bolsover Church last August give unqualified approval. They are sweet in tone and admired by everyone who hears them. The steel frame and all belonging to it are simply perfect.

Although it was only twenty years before that you fixed a similar peal in the Church which was destroyed by fire in January, 1897, still these new bells and all relating to them are considered much superior, as you have made rapid advancement in the perfecting of the manufacture and fixing since then.

The North East Derbyshire and the South Yorkshire Bellringers Association have rung several peals on these new bells, and they are simply enchanted with them.

I shall be happy to be a reference to any intending applicant for the supply of your work. You send obliging and reliable men to fix your work.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CHARLES HILLS, Vicar

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

A new ring of five. Tenor, $11\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

WOODBOURNE,
BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX,
Jan. 6th, 1901

DEAR SIR,

You will be pleased to learn that our new bells at St. John's Church have been heard with great pleasure by the whole of the inhabitants, and that they are in every way perfectly satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,
A. F. HARDWICK

WERRINGTON CHURCH, DEVONSHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, $14\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

FITTLEWORTH RECTORY,
SUSSEX,
July 9th, 1898.

DEAR SIR,

I cannot let my visit to your Foundry, on Tuesday last, pass without a written word to you expressive of the great satisfaction and pleasure which I experienced.

It is no small thing to have witnessed the realisation of an idea which has occupied no inconsiderable part of my time and attention for above 20 years. For this I have now to thank you.

The peal of eight bells which you invited me to test scientifically, is simply PERFECT. You may have made others as good; but, as far as my experience goes, this is the first and only peal in England of which I could say this much—

Each bell has its several tones in ABSOLUTE harmony.

And the several bells are in PERFECT tune with each other.

The PURITY of tone is not only remarkable as compared with the ordinary run of bells. It is PERFECT

Habit and prejudice are powerful hindrances to the appreciation of a novel excellence. But I am certain that no one who has once experienced the musical satisfaction of such a peal as this could ever be content with the very incomplete tuning which has hitherto passed muster.

I will not enlarge here on the share which I have taken in producing this result. You will, I am sure, acknowledge this to yourselves, and to others. I would rather speak of my admiration of the intelligence, skill and perseverance, on your part, which has enabled you to carry out these ideas to a so eminently successful practical result.

I heartily wish you all the commercial success which you deserve: and it shall not be my fault if you do not attain it.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

A. B. SIMPSON,

Rector of Fittleworth, and Canon and Prebendary of Chichester.

P.S.—Please to make any use you can of this letter.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

THE RECTORY,

BRIERLEY HILL,

Jan. 29th, 1901.

DEAR SIR,

I have had our new peal of eight bells thoroughly tested, and have much pleasure in sending you the enclosed, which is the testimonial of two good men who thoroughly understand bells and music.

I sign it with pleasure and perfect approbation.

Yours sincerely,

HERBERT H. DIBBEN.

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We have thoroughly and most practically tested the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church, and find them very well in tune. Their tone is most melodious, their fittings and hangings are on the best and most modern principle, and they are in fact all that can be desired.

We do not hesitate to say that we have one of the finest peals of bells within a radius of many miles. The ringers speak most highly of them, and one remarkable fact is that they pull off from the back stroke more easily than they do from the salley, proving that they are so nicely hung that the weight of the ropes alone makes this difference.

Fortunately to-day (Jan. 26th, 1901) there were between fifty and sixty members of various Associations of Bell Ringers from Worcestershire and the surrounding districts present, who spoke most highly in their praise, which is in itself a very good testimonial.

HERBERT H. DIBBEN, Rector.

R. B. GUEST

HENRY M. JACKSON, Organist of the Parish Church, Wollaston, Stourbridge,

MARALIN, Co. DOWN, IRELAND.

A new chime of eight. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

THE RECTORY,

MARALIN, Co. DOWNS,

IRELAND.

24th April, 1898.

GENTLEMEN,

The bells are a great success and everyone was pleased when they were rung after the Dedication Service on Easter Tuesday. Their tone is very sweet and they are in perfect tune.

Faithfully yours,

T. WILLIAM CLARENDON.

DEVYNOK, Co., BRECON.

A new ring of six. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

ABERSENNY,

SENNY BRIDGE, BRECON.

Feb. 14th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter I have much pleasure in stating that the work (consisting of re-casting four bells with old inscriptions, adding two new bells to form a peal of six, and re-hanging the same in new framework in the tower of Devynock Church) which your firm executed for us last year, has given entire satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,

MORGAN THOMAS,

Churchwarden.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EAST TYTHERLEY VICARAGE,

SALISBURY,

Feb. 6th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

I write to say that I am very pleased with the peal of eight bells you have placed in our new tower; and though that was a pretty peal you hung for me in Lockerley Church some nine years ago I think your remark when I consulted you about a peal for this parish, that you had made a vast improvement in the art of bell-casting since then, fully justified; for every one in the neighbourhood who hears the present peal, says: "What a very pretty-toned peal of bells you have at Tytherley." The hanging is all that could be desired.

Yours truly,

STAFFORD F. BOURDILLON.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, 14 cwt.

UNION BANK, THRAPSTON.

Feb. 4th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

The peal of eight bells recently fixed by your firm in Thrapston Parish Church has given great satisfaction to every one concerned, being both tuneful and melodious. The work of erection was carried out with great expedition and in a manner creditable to your firm. The quality of the bells is perhaps best shown by the fact that bell-ringers in the neighbourhood have been most anxious to come and ring them, and the universal opinion expressed has been one of unqualified approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN GRANT.

AMPTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.

A new ring of six. Tenor, 13¾ cwt.

THE RECTORY, AMPHILL.

Feb. 4th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in testifying to the excellent work done by Messrs. Taylor last year, in re-casting the peal of five bells in the Parish Church of Ampthill and re-hanging them in a new iron frame. The bells are very sweet in tone and the whole work was done expeditiously and well.

J. G. SCRYMSOUR SICHOLL.

Rector of Ampthill

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.A new ring of six. Tenor, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

NEW MILLS.

Feb. 7th, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

After fourteen months' trial and use of the new peal of bells fixed in St. George's Church, New Mills, Derbyshire, in November, 1898, we have to congratulate you on the success as well as the great satisfaction and pleasure which the bells have given to the whole Parish, and to many outside residents in the distance. We do not hesitate to say that they are pronounced to be the best peal of bells for beautiful tone and sound in the neighbourhood, taking a circuit of ten to fifteen miles from the Church as a centre. We have much pleasure in informing you that such a delightful peal in our midst bears testimony to the high character and esteem to which you as a Firm have raised yourselves, and we consider that the whole work will prove a lasting success.

We remain,

Yours very truly,

JAMES HIBBERT, J.P. (Donor).

FREDERICK W. NEWMAN, M.A.,

Vicar of New Mills.

EDWIN ARNFIELD,)
HENRY BARBER, J.P.) Churchwardens.

*Two smaller bells to complete the octave are now being added.
Easter, 1901.*

**St. IGNATIUS' CHURCH, SUNDERLAND,
Co. DURHAM.**A new ring of six. Tenor, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

4, THE OAKS, WEST, SUNDERLAND.

Apl. 14th, 1898.

MY DEAR SIR,

The bells you supplied to us were rung on Easter Day, and have given us great satisfaction. Their tone is most sweet and pleasant, and all the mechanism seems to work in a most admirable way.

I am,

Yours very faithfully,

EDGAR BOOTHINGTON.

BUCKLAND BREWER, N. DEVON.

A new ring of six. Tenor, 13 cwt.

THE VICARAGE,

BUCKLAND BREWER,

BIDEFORD, N. DEVON.

July 11th, 1900

DEAR MR. TAYLOR,

The bells give us every satisfaction. We have, and we receive, nothing but good words about them; they are very tuneful and ring well.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. HEYWOOD-WADDINGTON.

CHRIST CHURCH, WIMBLEDON, SURREY.

A new chime of six. Tenor, 13 cwt.

COLERYFIELD,

WIMBLEDON.

Jan 23rd, 1901.

MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & Co.

The six bells which you have recently supplied to Christ Church, Wimbledon, on fixed bearings, as necessitated by the nature of the tower, are very sweet in tone, and, when skilfully played, are very harmonious.

Yours faithfully,

F. C. PENROSE.

DEGANWY, CARNARVONSHIRE.A chime of six and an hour bell of 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

10, KING STREET, WEST,

MANCHESTER,

Jan. 23rd, 1901.

GENTLEMEN,

I have genuine pleasure in adding my testimony to that of many, so easy to imagine, in unqualified praise of the Chime of Six Bells and the Hour Bell placed by your firm in Degany Church Tower, near Llandudno, North Wales, now more than a year ago. Indeed after the unstinted personal attention of Mr. Taylor himself and his worthy men the entirely satisfactory result is a natural and delightful consequence.

Trusting that the head and members of so deserving and time-honoured a firm may enjoy continued and extended vitality and renown.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

CORNELIUS SEVER.

ROSSCABBERY CATHEDRAL, Co. CORK.A new ring of five. Tenor, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GLANDORE HOUSE, Co. CORK,

Feb. 13th, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

I am much pleased with the peal of five bells you have put up for me at Rosscarbery in the old Cathedral of St. Faughnan's, as also are my Vestry and Parishioners. Their tone is sweet and they are heard at a considerable distance.

Yours truly,

J. M. REEVES, Dean

**St. ELISABETH'S CHURCH, REDDISH,
LANCASHIRE.**

A new ring of eight. Tenor, 12 cwt.

St. ELISABETH'S RECTORY,

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

Feb. 4th, 1899.

The Rev. Edmund Oldfield, Rector of St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish, Lancashire, is very much pleased with the splendid and tuneful peal of eight bells recently placed in the tower of St. Elisabeth's by Messrs. Taylor & Co. of Loughborough. The bells are a delight to the whole neighbourhood; and the promptness and courtesy of the Messrs. Taylor and their workmen are beyond all praise.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

A new ring of six. Tenor, 12 cwt.

HARTFORD VICARAGE, CHESHIRE,

August 4th, 1897

MY DEAR SIR,

You will be pleased to hear that your bells are highly recommended by our neighbouring bell-ringers, who have all had a ring on them, and they all agree that they are the sweetest and best tuned bells about, and they give great satisfaction to all the parishioners.

Yours faithfully,

E. EDDOWES

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.A new ring of six. Tenor, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

Feb. 6th, 1899.

GENTLEMEN,

It affords me much pleasure to convey to you the thanks of the Committee for the excellent and satisfactory manner in which you have made and erected the beautiful peal of bells at St. Chad's Church, Tushingham, in memory of the late Hon. Edward Kenyon of Maccles, and to say how pleased both Mrs. Kenyon and the Committee are with the bells and the work generally.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours truly,

THOMAS G. WYCHERLEY.

Hon. Sec

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A new ring of six. Tenor, 10 cwt.

MANOR HOUSE,
GREAT ADDINGTON,
THRAPSTON,
April 3rd, 1899.

GENTLEMEN,

Lady Downe is quite delighted with the peal of bells which were well rung yesterday for the first time. The peal is full of melody and poetry and pathos, and I think the whole parish feel that it is a great enjoyment for themselves and their descendants.

Lady Downe had intended to write to you herself about the bells, to say how delighted she is with them, and how much obliged she is to you for letting her have them so punctually.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
SHDNEY L. LANE.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

A new ring of eight. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

THE VICARAGE,
RAMSBOTTOM,
MANCHESTER.
Nov 15th, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

The recast bells give great satisfaction.

Yours truly,
J. J. LEWIS.

Jan. 29th, 1901.

The bells continue to give great satisfaction, the chimes are so musical

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

A new ring of six. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

SANDHILL PARK,
TAUNTON,
Jan. 23rd, 1901.

DEAR SIR,

I have great pleasure in stating that your work in recasting the six bells of Ash Priors Church was, so far as I can judge, most perfectly done, and the tone and tunefulness of the peal leave nothing to be desired.

Yours truly,
W. PROCTOR BAKER.

WYKEHAM, YORKSHIRE

A new ring of five. Tenor, 9¼ cwt.

WYKEHAM, R.S.O.,
YORKSHIRE.
Feb. 13th, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

I should like to send you a few lines to tell you what satisfaction and delight your five bells (Lady Downe's generous gift to our Church) have given to the Parish generally.

The bells have been set in the tower in a very skilful and workmanlike way, and I should like, on my own account, to say a word of commendation of your two men, who did what they had to do quietly and well, and promptly, and seemed to spare no pains.

Thanking you for the prompt way in which your order has been carried out,

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. H. SAVILE.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A new ring of six. Tenor, 9 cwt.

SHARESHILL VICARAGE,
WOLVERHAMPTON,
Jan. 30th, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

The bells which you have made and hung in the tower of our Church to the order of H. L. Vernon, Esq., of Hilton Park, were opened and dedicated on Saturday, the 27th. Everything works well. The chiming apparatus is simplicity itself. The peal, six bells, is full of music and is much admired by all who hear them.

Yours faithfully,
E. RUSS.

NEWBOROUGH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A new ring of five. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

NEWBOROUGH VICARAGE,
BURTON-ON-TRENT,
Jan. 30th, 1901.

Messrs. J. Taylor & Co. have erected a fine peal of five bells in our new Church.

The whole of the work is excellently well done.

The tuning of the harmonies is well-nigh perfect, and gives a richness and wonderful charm to their musical effect.

I consider Messrs. Taylor as moderate moreover in their prices as they are thorough in their workmanship.

T HERBERT SPINNEY, M.A., Oxon.
Fellow Royal College of Organists.
Late Organist of Exeter College in
the University of Oxford.
Vicar of Newborough, Staffs.



STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

The tenor bell re-cast and two new trebles added to complete the ring of ten. The whole peal tuned and re-hung in an iron frame. Weight of tenor, 24 cwt.

12, MIDDLE HILL GATE, STOCKPORT,
December 19th, 1897.

The full peal was rung on Saturday afternoon last, and is a great success.

Yours truly,
JOSEPH BLACKSHAW.

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36, HALL STREET, STOCKPORT,
May 27th, 1898.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in enclosing cheque in payment of balance of account.

I may say that the bells were well rung on the Queen's Birthday, and give every satisfaction to all who hear and see them.

Yours very truly,
GEO. LEAH.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The tenor re-cast and two new trebles added to complete the octave. The whole peal tuned and re-hung in an iron frame. Weight of tenor, 22 cwt.

RAUNDS-NR-THRAPSTON,
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,
June 6th, 1898.

DEAR SIR,

I have pleasure in forwarding you cheque in payment of the enclosed a/c, for the two new bells which kindly receipt and return in due course. I am pleased to say that the whole of your work thus far has given universal satisfaction and I shall be pleased to give you a full testimonial at any time you may wish or ask for same.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KINGSMITH.

MARGATE PARISH CHURCH, (S. JOHN), KENT.

The third bell re-cast and the ring of eight re-hung with new fittings in an iron frame. Tenor, 21½ cwt.

THE VICARAGE, MARGATE,
February 25th, 1900.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your a/c. I think that the Committee will inform you of their complete satisfaction with the way in which the work has been done.

I much regret that we did not ask you to take the matter in hand at the beginning. *Experientia docet.*

Yours very truly,
W. H. TRELAUNY ASHTON-GWATKIN.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

The ring of eight tuned and re-hung with new fittings in an iron twelve-bell frame. Tenor, 17 cwt.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX,
May 21th, 1900.

MY DEAR MR. TAYLOR,

I am very much pleased with the way the work has been carried out. I thought the castings of the frame were beautifully clear and well-done. The men did their work very quietly and very quickly. The bells move extremely well and can be rung with the greatest ease. They are greatly improved in tone, and are much clearer and more brilliant than they were. Everyone says how much better they are, and our organist was greatly struck with the improvement when he first heard them.

Yours very sincerely,
(REV.) F. B. JOHNSTON.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

Two new trebles to complete the octave. Tenor, 16 cwt.

PORTISHEAD,
8th January, 1898.

GENTLEMEN,

Herewith I have much pleasure in sending you cheque in settlement of your account. The new bells are everything to be desired and reflect great credit upon the manufacturers. As one of the ringers we shall be pleased to add our testimony to the satisfaction you have given us and thanking you for the able manner in which you have served us.

Believe me,
Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM GILLINGHAM

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

A new treble, fifth and tenor to complete the octave. The whole peal tuned and re-hung in an iron frame. Weight of tenor, 14 cwt.

STONEY STANTON RECTORY, HINCKLEY,
November 12th, 1898.

GENTLEMEN,

In reply to your letter dated the 4th inst., I have much pleasure in sending you the enclosed cheque. At the same time I desire to express to you my satisfaction, shared by my Churchwardens, at the way in which your work has been executed.

Yours very truly,
A. E. D. DISNEY

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

Three new trebles to complete the octave. Tenor, 14 cwt.

PULBOROUGH,
January 8th, 1898.

GENTLEMEN,

I have great pleasure in enclosing cheque. We are delighted with the excellent way that you have carried out the work. The new bells are beautifully toned and harmonise splendidly with the old five and the whole peal is now very sweet sounding. I hear nothing but praise of them from all our neighbours round. I must thank you too for the excellent new frame. We had no idea it would be so good.

Yours faithfully,
L. N. CORDEN.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Near LINCOLN.

Two new smaller bells added to complete the octave, and the whole peal re-tuned and hung with new fittings. Tenor, 42½ cwt.

4, VENTNOR TERRACE, LINCOLN,
September 22nd, 1896.

WASHINGBOROUGH CHURCH.

DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in sending to you the enclosed Banker's Draft for the amount of your account for the two bells presented to me. I heard the entire set of bells last Saturday, when our Cathedral Ringers went down to Washingborough and rang them for two or three hours to the great delight of the inhabitants. I have since seen one of the body and he told me that they all spoke in the highest praise of the bells generally, but particularly of the two new ones. I stood in the outskirts of the village, and was really charmed with the music from the church tower, and I beg that you will accept my thanks for executing my order in a way that gives general satisfaction.

I remain, dear Sirs,
Yours very faithfully,
J. N. WHALEY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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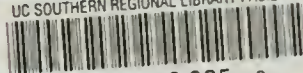
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