

Many Carillons Are Coming From England

The carillon of 61 bells that is being installed at Trinity Methodist church is given honorable mention in a recent article in the London Daily Mail, in which it was stated that the United States is now a big buyer of English bells. They can be sent to this country with a duty of 40 per cent paid and still be sold at a lower price than bells produced in America. "Although English bells are cheaper," patriotically says the Times, "they are infinitely better in quality than the American ones."

"When a correspondent of the Times called at the bell foundry of Messrs John Taylor & Co of Loughborough, Leicestershire," says the Times article, "he found the workmen busy dispatching bells for the wonderful carillon to be erected at Mountain Lake, Fla. This carillon will consist of 61 bells, ranging from 14 pounds to the E flat bell which weighs 10½ tons. These bells, given by Edward Bok, will be placed in a beautiful white marble tower to be erected in the bird sanctuary by the American Foundation, inc.

"Another carillon in the foundry at present is almost similar to the Mountain Lake one and is for Springfield Trinity Methodist Episcopalian church, Massachusetts. A feature of this carillon is that it can be coupled with the organ keyboard by the operation of a stop and thus played by the carillonner."

The article says that a carillon of 52 bells is being prepared for Indianapolis, one of 61 bells for Philadelphia, one of 60 bells for the Albany (N. Y.) city hall and one of 59 bells for Cranbrook, Mich.

A 10½-ton bell recently cast for the new Nottingham (Eng.) exchange, is said to have a deeper tone than any other bell in England, even though Big Ben in London is three tons greater in weight.