

# Country's Largest Carillon Being Installed at Trinity

## Form For Largest of the 63 Bells to Be Erected Today in New Tower of Church—Dedication to Come September 16

Installation of the great carillon at Trinity Methodist Episcopal church will start tomorrow with erection of the form for some of the largest bells in the newly completed tower. At the base of the tower is the entrance to Grace chapel. A 60-bell carillon was at first planned for Trinity church, but three more bells have been added. This makes the Trinity carillon the largest one in the country and one of the largest in the world.

Dedication of the tower and the carillon is planned for Sunday, September 16. The contractors hope to have the carillon completely installed and the opening that has been left in the tower for admission of the bells, closed the week before. The dedication program has not been completed but the final details will be arranged after the return of Rev. Dr. Fred Winslow Adams today from his month's vacation at Wilmington, N. Y. Dr. Adams is minister of Trinity church.

The carillon, when completely installed, will weigh with the forms of the bells, about 28 tons. The largest bell in the group weighs more than 7900 pounds and with its clapper will weigh more than four tons. The bells will be installed in groups of a few at a time, construction of the forms and installation of the bells going on at the same time.

Bryce Taylor, one of the leading bell founders of England, made all

the bells for the carillon. The contract for them was placed a year ago last April by Horace A. Moses, who is giving them to Trinity church, and through the church to the citizens of Springfield.

Mrs. J. Edward Snyder, Jr., organist at Trinity church, spent the spring and the early part of the summer at New York city with Miss Ruth Conniston, learning how to play a carillon. Miss Conniston has been the only woman carillon player in the country. She plays the 63-bell carillon at the Park-avenue Baptist church, of which Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick is pastor. For the past two weeks Mrs. Snyder has been practicing daily on the dummy keyboard for the Trinity carillon. This keyboard was sent here from the Taylor bell foundry at Loughborough, Eng.

The Trinity carillon is so constructed that it can be played by hand or by electricity. The electrical attachment will be so arranged that it can be set to play any specified tune at any desired time. The keyboard for the carillon will be placed in the church near the organ console.

Work on the church is progressing rapidly, the exterior of the building being practically completed. Wooden protective coverings for many of the Gothic arches over the windows are being removed and much of the scaffolding around the church is being taken down. But it will be another six or eight months before the church is actually completed.