

## The Moses Carillon

It is not easy to appreciate the importance to Springfield of the gift from Mr and Mrs Horace A. Moses and their daughter to Trinity church of the carillon which will be dedicated with a special program this afternoon and during the week. It cannot be appreciated until, as time goes on, thousands of ears, learning to delight in the lovely tones of the bells which form the carillon, grow accustomed to listening for them and Trinity's singing tower sings for a widespread and attentive community audience.

A fact which stands clear in connection with the Moses's gift, if one seeks a historical perspective on it by studying "Carillon Music and 'Sing Bells in the Old World and 'the New,'" by Col William Gorham Rice of Albany, N. Y., is that the world over such carillons are rare—so rare that they add a notable distinction to the places in which they are located. In compiling a list of carillons Col Rice in 1925 listed only 10 for the entire United States. Three of these are in Massachusetts, that at St Stephen's at Cohasset, Phillips academy at Andover, and at the picturesque and celebrated Portuguese Catholic church in Gloucester, "Our Lady of Good Voyage," whence prayers go up for the captains and sailors courageous who sail from Gloucester to the fishing banks. It is significant of the care and thoughtfulness with which Mr Moses has made his gift, as well as its scale, that while the carillon at Trinity church consists of no less than 61 bells—one of the largest carillons ever made—that at St Stephen's has only 43 bells, that at Andover 30 bells, and that at Gloucester 31 bells.

Since 1925, when Col Rice compiled his list, the developments and possibilities of the carillon have evidently begun to catch the American imagination. The very carefully prepared program of the dedication of the Trinity church carillon this afternoon, and during the week, instead of listing 10, lists no less than 24 as being either in existence in the United States or under construction, with three others in prospect. It is noteworthy that only the carillon to be ready next May in the Scottish Rite cathedral in Indianapolis exceeds the Trinity carillon in the number of its bells, since it will have 62, while only one other, that at Mountain Lake, Florida, given by Edward W. Bok, will equal the Trinity church carillon with 61. The Rockefeller carillon, now being transferred from the Park-avenue Baptist church in New York to the Laura Spellman Rockefeller memorial tower has been increased to 57 bells, but will have space for 70 bells eventually.